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# THE VALLEY CLIPPER




## Spring 2010, Valley of New Castle Reunion

The Spring 2010, Valley of New Castle Reunion is just around the corner! The Officers and Valley Ambassadors are working hard to make this a fantastic Class. The Valley office already has petitions received for this Class.

The reunion will begin on Friday, May 7, with the 4<sup>o</sup>, followed by dinner and entertainment. The reunion will conclude on Saturday, May 15.


Many exciting changes are happening in the Masonic Fraternity. Now is the time to share the light and spread the cement of Brotherly love. We encourage each of you to talk about this Class with your Masonic Brethren and urge them to join the Scottish Rite Masons - *The Fraternity of Choice!*



### *The 21st Century Masonic Renaissance*

On behalf of the nearly 5000 Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of New Castle, we congratulate our Illustrious Brother, Thomas K. Sturgeon, 33<sup>o</sup>, Active Member of the Supreme Council, on his election and installation as the Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The 21st Century Masonic Renaissance, with many exciting changes for the Fraternity, began on December 28, 2009. We look forward to the opportunities these changes will afford!



The Valley of New Castle is proud to host the One Day Masonic Journey on October 30, 2010. This is an excellent occasion to invite interested, quality men to join Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine Freemasonry all in one day!

Sincerely, Fraternally, and Respectfully,

The Officers and Members of  
The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,  
Valley of New Castle



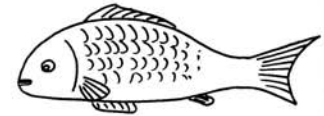
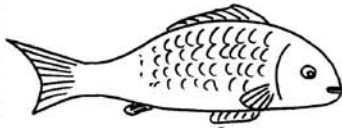
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The Valley of New Castle is now on Facebook. Just log in to your account and search for "Valley of New Castle" to join the Group.

### ALLEGIANCE

The Body of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of New Castle, State of Pennsylvania, acknowledges and yields allegiance to the Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is Lexington, Massachusetts, and whose Officers are:

- III. John William McNaughton, 33<sup>o</sup>, Sovereign Grand Commander
- III. William L. McCarrier, 33<sup>o</sup>, Deputy for Pennsylvania



# Annual Stag Fish Fry

**Friday, March 12, 2010, at 6:30 pm**

- Great Entertainment

with Guest Speaker: Jack Bogut "...a Magical Storyteller"  
(Pittsburgh area Radio Personality, Storyteller, Author, Recording Artist)

- Fantastic Fish Sandwiches,
- THE BEST Fellowship!

**ALL FOR \$ 5 PER PERSON**

*Bring a Blue Lodge Brother that is not a  
Scottish Rite Member or bring a friend so they  
can enjoy the fellowship of  
Scottish Rite Freemasonry.*

Questions?

Call 724-654-5800

Or Visit: [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org)

Tickets Available In Advance

By Mailing A Self-Addressed Stamped  
Envelope With Your Check Payable To:

*A.A.S.R.*

To: Valley of New Castle  
110 East Lincoln Avenue  
New Castle, PA 16101  
Attn: Fish Fry



## *Election and Open Installation of Officers*

On March 17, 2010, at 7:30 pm, the Valley of New Castle will elect officers in the New Castle Lodge of Perfection, New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem, and the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix. This meeting will include an open installation of officers. Also, we will honor the Fall 2009 Class and their recommenders.

Dinner will be served continuously from 6-7 pm. The election will be completed at approximately 8 pm. The ladies and guests will then be invited into the Lodge room to view the installation service and passing of jewels. Refreshments and fellowship will follow. We hope to see *YOU* there!

We need men who are interested in Scottish Rite to become Officers. To recommend someone as an elected or appointed Officer in any of the Valley of New Castle Bodies, please submit names for consideration of the Officer Review Committee to [secretary@valleyofnc.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofnc.org) by February 15.

## *Hospitaller Program Expanding!*

The Hospitaller Program, to provide home medical equipment for the use of our Brothers and their families and continues to expand throughout the Valley of New Castle into outlying areas.

The Valley's Hospitaller, Brother Levi R. Harding, III, 32°, MSA, and the Hospitaller Committee have established satellite sites where Brothers can pick up canes, crutches, walkers, wheel chairs, bedside commodes, shower seats, hospital beds, etc. This has been accomplished through the efforts of Brothers in various areas of the Valley. These satellite sites provide four additional locations for storage and will allow easier access to those not located near the New Castle Cathedral.

Satellite sites are established in the following areas:

Beaver Valley	contact Ill. Jeffrey J. Heasley, 33°	724-601-3229
Greenville	contact Ill. David H. Marvin, 33°	724-588-3677
Kittanning	contact Ill. Jeffery P. Jackson, 33°	724-543-2523
New Castle (original)	contact Levi. R. Harding, III, 32°, MSA	724-699-1175
Parker	contact Mark E. Viertel, 32°	724-399-4921

You may also contact the Valley Secretary for more information at:  
724-654-5800 or [secretary@valleyofnc.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofnc.org)

## *Hiram's Riders Motorcycle Club*

Attention riders! Bro. Victor Fredrick, the first Hiram's Rider will be visiting the Valley of New Castle on February 20, 2010, at 10 am. We will meet in the Supreme Council Lounge behind the Valley Secretary's Office on the mezzanine level of the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral.

We will go over all of the requirements of membership and have an open forum for any subject that will help the Valley of New Castle become one of the best Rider's Clubs in Pennsylvania.

We look forward to seeing all of you who have already shown interest in becoming a member, and any Scottish Rite member who would like to learn about our Club is welcome.

Come one, come all and enjoy our informal organizational meeting and become a Charter Member.

Free lunch will be served at Noon.

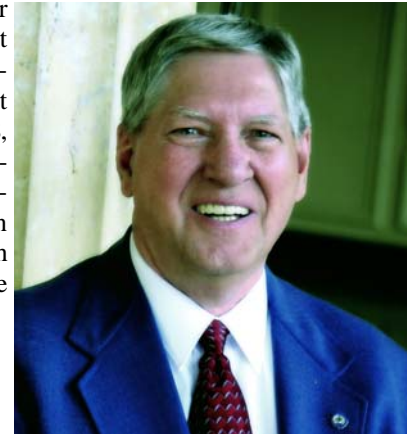
Jeffrey J. Heasley, President

## *Your Cathedral Foundation News*

Greetings, Brothers, and our prayer is that you have a healthy prosperous year in 2010. By now, you have received our new three-year fund raising campaign appeal letter.

The East and West Dining Rooms remodeling project is now complete, and our goal is to finish the remodeling of the ladies restroom and lounge in February. Other previously mentioned projects are ongoing and are dependent upon each Brother's donation pledge in this new campaign. Our other fund raising income is "BINGO" and we could sure use you volunteer workers. Contact any board member for information to do this.

The Cathedral Foundation truly relies on income from events. It is extremely important that our membership subscribe to our packages to attend Pittsburgh Symphony concerts and the buffet dinners prior to each concert. Each concert ticket sold returns \$1.00 to the Cathedral Foundation. If we had 2,000 attend each concert, we would receive \$2,000. We can reach this amount when we each encourage and promote each other to join us. The next concert date is March 8, 2010. Tickets can be purchased at [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org), or 800-743-8560. Pre-Symphony dinner reservations prior to the concert can be made by phoning 724-654-6683, option 3, then option 2, or by e-mailing [info@cathedralnewcastle.com](mailto:info@cathedralnewcastle.com). We need the subscription support of as many members as possible to assure the PSO continues performing at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. You can also be a donor of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra series at the Scottish Rite Cathedral by gifting to the ANNUAL FUND by phoning 412-392-3310.



*James Kunselman*

LET THERE BE LIGHT AND LET US  
MAKE IT SHINE BRIGHT!

Jim Kunselman, President  
Cathedral Foundation

## *Meet the Fall 2009 Class*

Alan Joseph Baldarelli of Hermitage, PA, Lodge No. 389 - Rodney Eugene Boarts of Kittanning, PA, Lodge No. 244  
Clinton A. Bonetti of Butler, PA, Lodge No. 272 - Melvin Neil Castelucci of New Brighton, PA, Lodge No. 457  
Dennis Eugene Hall of Wampum, PA, Lodge No. 243 - Keith David Harry of Hermitage, PA, Lodge No. 389  
Carl George Klecha of Hilliards, PA, Lodge No. 540 - William Henry Kohl, Jr. of Jamestown, PA, Lodge No. 290  
Dennis Patrick Lennox of Hillsville, PA, Lodge No. 243 - William John Lunn of Ellwood City, PA, Lodge No. 243  
Gerlad Chamler McCoy of Ambridge, PA, Lodge No. 701 - John K. Schwarz of Beaver, PA, Lodge No. 457



The Following Brethren are also Members of the Venango Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Oil City

Timothy James Berry of Franklin, PA, Lodge No. 316 - Lou D Carbaugh of Seneca, PA, Lodge No. 363  
James Earl Collins of Lucinda, PA, Lodge No. 550 - William Charles Lamberton of Oil City, PA, Lodge No. 363  
Leif Ray Logue of Sligo, PA, Lodge No. 363 - Stephen Arthur Mazik of Strattonville, PA, Lodge No. 550  
Thomas Paul Sherman of Polk, PA, Lodge No. 316

## *Abbott Scholarship*

Named for Leon M. Abbott, Sovereign Grand Commander from 1921 to 1932, the Scholarship Program provides financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each state of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Eligibility: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for the program:

- A currently enrolled freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at an accredited college or university.
- A minimum grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. (Freshman scholarships will be distributed after an acceptable GPA is submitted, following the first semester.)
- A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of one of the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Applications for the Abbott Scholarship can be obtained from the Valley Office or at [valleyofnc.org](http://valleyofnc.org) on the "Resources" page.

*Brethren: The applications must be received by the Valley Secretary before April 1, 2010!!!*

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## *Lou Rotunno Memorial Scholarship Rigatoni Rally*

### **\*Proceeds to Provide Scholarship Funds\***

**Sunday, February 28, 2010, 2 - 7 p.m. at the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral**

**\$ 6 Per Person—Children 5 and Under Eat Free!**

**Bring your friends and family to enjoy great pasta and good fellowship.**

Questions? Call 724-654-5800 or visit: [valleyofnc.org](http://valleyofnc.org)

**Tickets Available In Advance**

By Mailing A Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope With Your Check Payable To: **A.A.S.R.**

To: Valley of New Castle  
110 East Lincoln Avenue  
New Castle, PA 16101  
Attn: Rigatoni Rally

Applications for the Lou Rotunno Memorial Scholarship can be obtained from the guidance counselor's office at local area high schools.

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## *Other Masonic Scholarships*

Please visit the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation web site at: [www.pmyf.org/scholar/](http://www.pmyf.org/scholar/) or contact your Lodge Representative to the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation for information on several other Masonic scholarships available to our youth.

## Christmas Party 2009



The New Castle Legion of Honor and the Valley of New Castle teamed up, in the true spirit of Brotherhood and brought to you a wonderful Family Christmas Party!

If you were not there on December 18, 2009 you missed a truly wonderful event. This is just the first of many years to come, sharing fellowship, breaking bread, and spreading the spirit of Christmas throughout our great fraternity. We were grateful to have spent this time with our Brethren, family, friends, and, oh yes, Santa was there too!

Special thanks to Santa Claus and the Griffin family for making this a memorable experience for the children of all ages!

Many thanks to Michael R. Matis - Commander of the Legion of Honor, James R. Glovier - Thrice Potent Master, Russell H. Moore, Jr. - Sovereign Prince, Richard J. Grossi, Jr. - Most Wise Master, Jeffrey J. Heasley - Commander-In-Chief, for making this day possible.



## Electronic Editions of the Valley Clipper

Greetings Brethren,

Did you know that full color editions of the *Valley Clipper* are available on the Valley web site? In fact, you can view archived color editions of the *Valley Clipper* dating back to July 2008. Just visit [valleyofnc.org](http://valleyofnc.org) and click on the "News" page.

Are you interested in receiving a full color edition of the *Valley Clipper* via email? If so, please email [webmaster@valleyofnc.org](mailto:webmaster@valleyofnc.org) and ask to be placed on the email list. Doing so will ensure that you be among the first to receive the *Valley Clipper*, before it is even printed and mailed to the rest of the members! Also, as more and more members request this method of receiving the *Valley Clipper*, it will reduce printing and mailing costs for this publication, allowing more efforts to be placed into increasing the quality, and content of your Valley newsletter!

Thank you! Your Valley Clipper Staff

## From the Membership Chairman's Desk

Greetings Brethren,

This is an exciting time for Freemasonry and Scottish Rite Masons in particular! As we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century many positive changes are happening in the Fraternity. You are a keystone, bridging us from the past to the future. Whether you are one of our newest members, a Scottish Rite Ambassador, or one of our most senior members, it is brethren like each of you that will be integral parts of these changes as our fantastic organization moves into the future!

Watch our great Fraternity grow! Together we can make it happen! With the Spring 2010 Class, and the Grand Master's One Day Masonic Journey on October 30, 2010. It is our responsibility to invite our brethren and fill those classes. We will have many opportunities to share our fellowship with others at all of the Valley's upcoming events. Please tell us what **you** would like to see your Valley do! After all, this is **your** Fraternity!

Brethren, let us join together as a Band of Brothers and share with a friend the experiences we have all had. Tell them that you are proud to be a Freemason! **And very proud to be a Scottish Rite Freemason!** Do **you** carry petitions with you?

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Your Membership Committee

## Hundreds Attend 2010 Pancake Dinner

Hats off and many thanks to the members and families in making the Pancake, Buck-wheat, and Sausage Dinner another successful event. Once again the cooks and dining room crews met on the 3rd Saturday in January, served over 850 hungry patrons to help raise funds for the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children!

Advanced ticket sales are the key to our success. The Pancake Committee thanks each of you for your efforts. If you are willing to sell tickets in your area for next year's dinner, please contact ticket chairman John R. Seltzer at 182 Brewster Rd., New Castle, PA 16102, or 724-667-8863. We never ask you to sell more than ten tickets, unless you ask for more! Unsold tickets can be returned to be sold at the door. This dinner is the best deal in the county! Help us spread the word!

The Committee gives special thanks to the New Castle Rainbow Girls and DeMolay from Steel City Chapter for their efforts in setting up, serving, and cleaning.



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Please mark January 15, 2011, on your calendar for the next Pancake Dinner.

David Smith,  
C o m m i t t e e  
Chairman



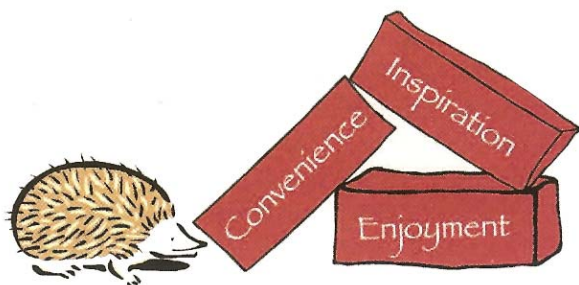
**We are looking for your pictures and stories to publish in the Valley of New Castle Clipper and to post on the Valley web site: [valleyofnc.org](http://valleyofnc.org)**

Please send your articles, pictures, and ideas to the Valley office before April 1. Email: [webmaster@valleyofnc.org](mailto:webmaster@valleyofnc.org) or mail to: AASR, Valley of New Castle, 110 E. Lincoln Ave., New Castle, PA 16101-2492

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### *The Valley of New Castle 2010 Schedule of Events*

February 28	Lou Rotunno Rigatoni Dinner <i>Proceeds to Provide Scholarship Funds</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	2-7 pm
Marsh 8	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 pm
March 12	Annual Stag Fish Fry <i>Guest Speaker - Jack Bogut</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
March 17	Stated Meeting <i>Election and Installation of Officers, Dinner from 6-7 pm</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
May 7	Spring Reunion Begins with 4 <sup>o</sup> <i>Dinner - Entertainment</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6 pm
May 15	Spring Reunion Concludes	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 am
June 16	Stated Meeting	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
June 18	Meeting in the Hills <i>Uncle Hiram's Picnic - 30th Masonic District</i>	Dawson, PA	6 pm
July 9-10	PA Council of Deliberation	Hershey, PA	
August 11	Stag Steak Fry <i>New Castle Council Princes of Jerusalem</i>	Tall Cedars "Coffee" Grounds	6 pm
September 15	Stated Meeting	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
October 30	One Day Masonic Journey <i>Blue Lodge - Scottish Rite - Shrine, One Day Class</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	8 am

We need your help with various committees to make the above listed events possible. Contact the Valley office at 724-654-5800 or [secretary@valleyofnc.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofnc.org) if you would like to volunteer for a committee. Visit the Valley web site at [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) for more details and the most up-to-date schedule of events.