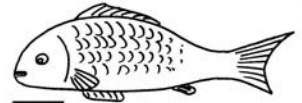
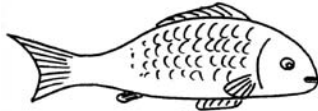




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AASR, VALLEY OF NEW CASTLE

# THE VALLEY CLIPPER



## Annual Stag Fish Fry

**Friday, March 11, 2011, at 6:30 pm**

- Great Entertainment

with Guest Speaker: S. Brent Morris, 33°  
(Author of: *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Freemasonry*)

- Fantastic Fish Sandwiches,
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To: Valley of New Castle

110 East Lincoln Avenue

New Castle, PA 16101

Attn: Fish Fry



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### 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:

Ill. John William McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill. William L. McCarrier, 33°, Deputy for Pennsylvania

## *Lodge of Perfection*

I would like to thank the Brothers and this Fraternity for giving me the opportunity to serve as Thrice Potent Master during this past year. The time has gone quickly and the friendships created with the other Officers will be cherished for a long time.

The Octoberfest was a success based on the feedback and information I received. Special thanks to all that worked hard to make it a great event.

I wish to encourage others to join with the new Officers, to be elected and installed, to manage the events of this Valley. You will forge new, life-long friendships and have a good time doing so.

Kevin A. Griffin, 32°,  
Thrice Potent Master



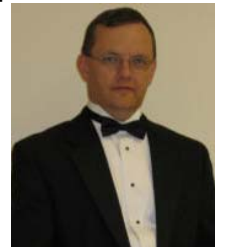
## *Princes of Jerusalem*

To each of the Princes of Jerusalem council officers, Past Sovereign Princes, and the other New Castle bodies, I extend my sincere appreciation for all of their dedication and assistance.

I wish to thank all that attended and helped with the Stag Steak Fry this past year and once again made it a great success and a wonderful time.

May the Valley of New Castle continue forward on the path of growth and strength which has been set. And may the Valley always be blessed with dedicated brethren whose vision and love of our fraternity can assure our survival in decades to come.

Mark A. Lewis, 33°, MSA,  
Sovereign Prince



## *Rose Croix*

As my year as Most Wise Master comes to a close, I want to say THANK YOU to each and every member of the Valley of New Castle for their support. A new line of officers will soon take over and I ask that you continue to support them in their efforts. We must all band together if we want our Valley to continue to go forward and prosper. Times do not seem to be getting much easier, but our fraternity still has a very bright future, so please support the Valley of New Castle in any way that you can. One of the best ways to show your support is to attend the stated meetings and the various functions that our Valley plans for its members. Remember that we need petitions for our Spring Reunion, and again I say THANK YOU to each and every one of our Scottish Rite brethren.

Keith E. Parkinson, 32°,  
Most Wise Master



## *Consistory*

### WHAT A GREAT FRATERNITY

As I get ready for my last meeting (March 16th) as Commander in Chief of the Valley of New Castle Scottish Rite, I am looking back on the last two years and wondering why time flies so fast when we are doing something that is so enjoyable.

There is a direct correlation between the time spent on anything we do in life and the rewards we receive. Freemasonry has one of the best rewards of all and that is the number of truly great friends. The amount of help and support over the last two years has been an unbelievable and humbling experience. I want to thank all of the officers, committee members and friends who have worked tirelessly to make all of our events a huge success.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the Valley of New Castle Scottish Rite. This has been one of the best times in my life.

Jeffrey J. Heasley, 33°,  
Commander-in-Chief



## *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 [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) on the "Resources" page.

*Brethren: The applications must be received by the Valley Secretary before April 1, 2011!!!*

## *Lou Rotunno Memorial Scholarship Rigatoni Rally*

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

**Sunday, April 3, 2011, 12:30 - 5:30 pm at the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral**

**\$ 7 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: [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org)

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

## *Other Masonic Scholarships*

Please visit the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation website 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.

## *Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club Valley of New Castle*

We would like to wish all of you a happy and prosperous New Year! As you may know, we have many exciting trips and events scheduled for this new year. Our next Club meeting will be held at the New Castle Scottish Rite Cathedral in the Supreme Council Lounge behind the Valley of New Castle Secretary's Office on March 28th at 6:30 pm. We are planning a repeat trip to the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon, as well as several new trips and events to support our New Castle Learning Center for Children with Dyslexia.

Please keep in mind that Thursday, July 7, 2011 will be the New Castle Learning Center Bike Night. This is an exciting event where we meet up with the other Hiram's Scottish Riders Clubs from across Pennsylvania.

For details about joining us, see any member or visit [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) and click on the "Links" page to learn more about the New Castle Chapter of the Hiram's Scottish Riders Motorcycle Club.

*Jeffrey J. Heasley*

Jeffrey J. Heasley,  
President, New Castle HSRMC



## *Election and Installation of Officers*

On March 16, 2011, 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, New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix, and the New Castle Consistory. The election will be completed at approximately 8 pm and will be followed by an open installation of officers. The ladies and guests will be invited into the Lodge room to view the installation service and passing of jewels. A no-cost dinner will be served continuously from 6-7 pm for the members and their ladies.

Come out and support your new Officers, help us congratulate the retiring Officers, renew acquaintances and make some new friends! We hope to see *YOU* there!

## *2011 Scottish Rite Dues*

Brethren, it's almost that time of year again to pay our dues. When a Scottish Rite Mason pays his annual dues, he supports a cause in which he believes. He is helping this organization, this fraternity of free men who believe in moral character, love of country, and in building a temple in the life of a man and in the life of a nation. This is important to remember. A Mason builds a heritage for those who come after him – the annual dues for Scottish Rite are a small contribution to so great a cause. Statements will be sent out to you soon for your 2011 dues. We thank you in advance for your prompt payment! You have our congratulations on continuing your membership in this wonderful organization and we hope to see *you* at many of our upcoming events.



Save a stamp, save time! Pay your Scottish Rite dues online! Visit [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) click on the "Resources" page then click the picture on the left.

## News From the Sewickley Masonic Homes



October 30, 2010 at New Castle Consistory.

Masonic Village at Sewickley had six retirement living residents and two staff who were members of the one day class who became Master Masons.

The residents were Thomas Robertson, Leon Whipple, Walter Borsett, Duane Combs, John Ferguson, and Henry Shockey.

The two staff were security officer William Chickos and food service worker Micka Ed.

Masonic Village at Sewickley.

Retirement - living resident David P. Rihl was installed Worshipful Master of Doric Lodge No. 630 in Sewickley, PA on Thursday December 9, 2010.

Twenty-Five Masonic Village Brethren and three staff traveled to Doric Lodge to witness the installation of their fellow resident.

Tracy H. Miller III, P.M., 32°

Wm. Slater Master Mason's Club Activity Committee Member  
Masonic Village at Sewickley



## Your Cathedral Foundation News

Greetings, Brothers. My hope and prayer is that each Brother and his family have a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year in 2011. We have made several improvements to the Cathedral building in 2010. We completed the entire re-roofing project; an additional parking lot was created; hand railing on the west side kitchen entrance as well as an air curtain at the kitchen entrance were installed; the freight elevator was overhauled; and the ladies restroom and lounge were updated and made handicap accessible. We were able to accomplish these projects while providing general maintenance to sustain operation of the building. The cost to operate the Cathedral is \$1,200 per day. Our next project is to install a new men's restroom adjacent to the west ladies restroom and lounge.

Strategic plans are being created by the Cathedral Foundation Board to assure stability of the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Please revisit your past pledges and donations. Be as generous as your means allow when contributing to our fund appeals.

The next Pittsburgh Symphony performance is a classical concert Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM. The pre-symphony dinner will be at 12:00 noon.

Symphony tickets can be purchased at [www.pittsburghsymphony.org](http://www.pittsburghsymphony.org), or 800-743-8560. Pre-symphony dinner reservations 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.

Your attendance at these events helps fund improvements to your building. The Cathedral Foundation Board of Directors thanks you and appreciates your support.

Jim Kunselman, President Cathedral Foundation

## Hundreds Attend 2011 Pancake Dinner

Hats off and many thanks to the members and families in making the Pancake, Buckwheat, and Sausage Dinner another successful event. The cooks and dining room crews once again met on the 3rd Saturday in January, served over 400 hungry patrons to help raise funds for the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children! Although the timing of the Steelers play-off game affected our attendance, the Steelers fans that did attend were surprised to find a huge inflatable TV screen. Many stayed to the



end to watch the Steelers advance in the play-offs.



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 New Castle and Steel City Chapters for their efforts in setting up, serving, and cleaning.

David Smith, Committee Chairman

The following was received from a first-time attendee to the Valley of New Castle Annual Pancake Dinner.

*My family and I attended the pancake dinner sponsored by The Scottish Rite Masons on January 15, 2011. Growing up, I attended pancake dinners sponsored by the Scottish Rite with my grandfather. Now that he has passed away, I wanted to continue the tradition with my children and give my support to the Learning Center.*

*Approaching the New Castle Cathedral, my children were in awe of the size of the building. They commented on the many steps leading to the entrance, but - being children - they opted to run up the ramp. I marveled at their wonderment of it all. Upon entering, they were impressed with the huge chandeliers and the size of the rooms. They were equally excited to go down all the steps leading towards the smell of pancakes. "Mommy, Mommy, I can smell pancakes!" They could not get to their seats fast enough. The ladies selling tickets were pleasant and friendly. Quickly two male volunteers directed us to available seats. The children liked seeing all of the pancakes on the grill. The pancakes and sausage were so very, very good that they cleared their plates. They of course wanted to go back for seconds. All the volunteers were busy refilling syrup, getting drinks, and clearing plates. A very nice volunteer offered to hold my infant while I was eating. I thought that was very nice (I wish I had her name).*

*After we were finished eating, the children noticed the books for sale. Each child picked a book and I was happy to contribute to the Learning Center. We noticed an Amish family next to the book table. They had a nice array of soups, jellies, baked goods, and quilts. We had to choose some as we were preparing to leave. All in all, we had a very good time! My husband did not even complain about missing the kick off of the Steelers play-off game. All of the volunteers were helpful and friendly. The children cannot wait to come back. Good food, friendly volunteers, full bellies, what more could you ask for?*



### *The New Castle Legion of Honor wants you!*

If you are an honorably discharged Veteran, we would like to encourage you to join the New Castle Legion of Honor. Membership is JUST \$9 per year! Remaining events scheduled for 2010-2011 include: Strawberry Social - June 4, 2011; Family Picnic - August 13, 2011; Corn Roast - September 10, 2011. For more information about these events or joining, please contact the Valley of New Castle office at 724-654-5800.

## Christmas Party 2010

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 11, 2010, you missed a truly wonderful event. This event is still growing, and we can expect to see an increase in participation for 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, Dennis Wallace, and the Griffin family for making this a memorable experience for the children of all ages!

Many thanks to Kevin A. Griffin, 32° - Commander of the Legion of Honor, and Keith E. Parkinson, 32° - Most Wise Master of the New Castle Chapter of Rose Croix for making this possible.



## Masonic Village at Sewickley - "Enchanted Evening"

The William Slater, II, Master Mason's Club at the Masonic Village at Sewickley sponsored the 4th Annual "Enchanted Evening" Wednesday, January 26, 2011. Ninety-eight ladies residing in the Star Points Personal Care and Valley Care Masonic Center attended a very special evening consisting of an elegant meal and musical entertainment. "Victorian" was the theme this year.

Excitement had been building with the selection of eveningwear, manicures, and jewelry. As the ladies were escorted to the dining room by the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay Boys, each lady was presented with a wrist corsage and a photo was taken.

The dining room was elegantly decorated with special lighting and various flower arrangements. Victorian ambiance was provided by Patti Peer. Music was provided by Mark Venneri. Special invited guests were as follows:

William Prazenica, CFO Masonic Homes of the Pa. Grand Lodge and his lady, Kathy  
Gordon Hensel, DDGM of the 53rd Masonic District and his lady, Roberta  
Richard Fitzsimmons, DDGM of the 24th Masonic District and his lady, Jeannette  
Eric Gross, Executive Director of the Masonic Village at Sewickley and his lady, Brenda

While the ladies were dining on Surf and Turf, twenty-five men from Star Points and Valley Care were enjoying their "Pizza and Beer" party in the personal care dining room sponsored by the Brethren of the Valley of New Castle. Several helpers from the Slater Club and outside lodges helped with the games for the men. All the ladies and men wish to extend their thanks to all contributors for a lovely and enjoyable evening. Plans have already started for the 5th Annual Enchanted Evening to be held January 25, 2012.

Tracy Miller, P.M.,  
Co-Chairman

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

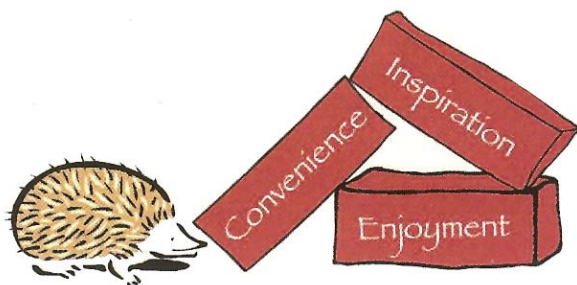
Please send your articles, pictures, and ideas to the Valley office before March 14. Email: [webmaster@valleyofnc.org](mailto:webmaster@valleyofnc.org)  
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## Valley of New Castle 2010-11 Schedule of Events

March 11	Annual Stag Fish Fry - \$8 - <i>Guest Speaker Brent Morris</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	6:30 pm
March 16	Stated Meeting - <i>Election &amp; Installation of Officers</i> ( <i>Dinner for members and their ladies, free of charge, served from 6-7 pm</i> )	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
March 26	Ham Dinner - \$8	Wilmington Lodge No. 804	4-7 pm
April 3	Lou Rotunno Rigatoni Rally - \$7 ( <i>Benefits the Lou Rotunno Memorial Scholarship</i> )	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	12:30-5:30 pm
April 10	Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - <i>Garrick Ohlsson</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	2 pm
May 13	Spring Reunion Begins - <i>Dinner</i>	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	
May 21	Spring Reunion Concludes	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	
June 15	Stated Meeting	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm
July 9-10	PA Council of Deliberation	Seven Springs, PA	
August 10	Annual Stag Steak Fry ( <i>Council of the Princes of Jerusalem</i> )	Tall Cedars "Coffee" Grounds	
September 21	Stated Meeting	NC Scottish Rite Cathedral	7:30 pm

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 website at [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) for more details and the most up-to-date schedule of events.

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