

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite,
Valley of New Castle,
Northern Masonic Jurisdiction



Ambassador Handbook

Scottish Rite
~ *The Fraternity of Choice* ~

Rev. 08/13/13

Valley Ambassador Responsibilities

Always have a petition for New Castle with you when attending your Blue Lodge

Offer to any new Master that Scottish Rite can do a Program for the Lodge

Be aware of any Scottish Rite events from The Valley Clipper

Make sure yourself, or sometime you think best to do the asking, offers Scottish Rite membership to any new Master Mason, at the appropriate time; perhaps his recommender would be the best person to ask him

Know that the normal initiation fee for New Castle is \$150 and then dues are due on the normal cycle in the Spring. **During this anniversary year, let it be known that they will receive an anniversary badge when completing their 32 Degree and that for the Fall 2013 Reunions the fee is \$100.**

Make yourself a contact person for those wishing to reinstate; and do the leg work for them. New Castle's number is 724-654-5800 to see what they would owe.

A good time to make events known is during Closing when the Master asks for comments from any Past Master or any other member. You don't need permission when you are just stating facts about another body.

Descriptions of the Lodge of Perfection Degrees

4° Master Traveler - Here is the introduction to Scottish Rite Masonry. This degree provides us with a preview of the moral truths we shall witness on our journey through the Scottish Rite.

5° Perfect Master - This degree teaches us that selfish thoughts and unworthy ambitions will corrupt and destroy a man.

6° Master of the Brazen Serpent - We learn from this degree that we must have faith in ourselves, faith in each other, and faith in God.

7° Provost and Judge - Justice should be impartial and tempered with mercy. This degree teaches us that we should not judge hastily.

8° Intendant of the Building - We are reminded in this degree that each new honor is a step toward moral perfection. Each honor earned requires attention to a particular duty.

9° Master of the Temple - The message of this degree is that mutual belief in a Supreme Being should bind all men together in a worldwide brotherhood.

10° Master Elect - We learn in this degree that a person who violates his obligations, regardless of his station in life, will not go unpunished.

11° Sublime Master Elected - This degree dramatizes the importance of good citizenship, that honesty and respect for others should be rewarded.

12° Master of Mercy - Exemplified in this degree is the quality of forgiveness, not just to forgo the opportunity for revenge, but to cease to feel enmity or resentment toward the transgressor.

13° Master of the Ninth Arch - This degree teaches us that difficulties and dangers, however great, should not deter us from progressing toward moral and ethical improvement.

14° Grand Elect Mason - As the summit of Ancient Craft Masonry, this degree impresses us with the holiness of God and the reverence due His Holy Name.

Descriptions of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem Degrees

15° Knight of the East - The lesson of this degree emphasizes the importance of loyalty to our beliefs and fidelity to our obligations.

16° Prince of Jerusalem - This degree exemplifies fidelity to duty and devotion to truth.

Descriptions of the Chapter of Rose Croix Degrees

17° Knight of the East and West - We learn from this degree that we must seek truth in our way of life and that we should learn from and avoid repeating the errors of the past.

18° Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M. (Heredom) - The message of this degree reveals the new law of love. We should prepare a Temple in our heart, where God is worshiped.

Descriptions of the Consistory Degrees

19° Grand Pontiff - This degree dramatizes the perennial conflict between good and evil that will end in the triumph of righteousness and peace in the hearts of men.

20° Master ad Vitam - In this degree we learn that the challenge of disloyalty and treason must be confronted. We should condemn all who conspire against the security of the nation and the happiness of its people.

21° Patriarch Noachite - This degree teaches that Freemasonry is not a shield for wrongdoing and that justice is one of the pillars of our fraternity.

22° Prince of Libanus - The dignity of honest labor, the nobility of work and the disgrace of idleness are the subject of this degree.

23° Knight of Valor - Based on the incident of "The Four Chaplains," this degree teaches us that faith in God will find expression in love for our fellow man, even to the ultimate personal sacrifice.

24° Brother of the Forest - In this degree we discover that a Scottish Rite Mason should not judge any man by his race or by anything except his own acts.

25° Master of Achievement - Dramatizing events in the life of Brother Benjamin Franklin, this degree shows us that an industrious life benefits not only ourselves but also humanity.

26° Friend and Brother Eternal - From a true incident during the American Civil War we learn that partisan strife does not dissolve our Masonic obligations and that the virtues of brotherhood give rise to good citizenship.

27° Knight of Jerusalem - The lesson of this degree illustrates the importance of a free church in a free state, each cooperating toward the common good.

28° Knight of the Sun - Reminding us that Freemasonry provides a meaningful moral philosophy, this degree points out the importance of overcoming the vices and superfluities of everyday life.

29° Knight of St. Andrew - This degree emphasizes the Masonic teachings of equality and toleration.

30° Grand Inspector - This degree teaches us to be attentive, impartial, and equitable in judging others.

31° Knight Aspirant - In this degree we learn that service to humanity should be our response when God calls us to labor.

32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret - As the culmination of Scottish Rite Masonry, this degree celebrates the triumph of individual integrity and our obligation to serve humanity.