



Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite  
of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

## *Valley of New Castle*

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### Why Become a Scottish Rite Mason?

You took the necessary steps to become a Master Mason. You earned the right to become a part of the oldest and greatest fraternal organization in the world. Now you have an opportunity to expand upon your knowledge of Masonry, to widen your circle of acquaintances, and to serve humanity in unique ways.

Although there is no higher degree than that of a Master Mason, the twenty-nine degrees of the Scottish Rite serve to enrich the philosophy of the Symbolic Lodge. A Master Mason who chooses to further his Masonic experience by becoming a 32° Scottish Rite Mason will be expanding upon the fundamental principles of Freemasonry. The moral and ethical lessons will allow him to be constantly reminded of his duty to God, family, country, and fellowman.

One of the things that set Freemasonry apart from other civic and social organizations is the opportunity for family involvement. As you have no doubt discovered through your travels thus far, the Masonic community holds a very special place for all members of the family unit to participate. While Dad and Grandfather are off to Lodge, the ladies and children can participate in the numerous activities designed especially for them.

Scottish Rite provides a capstone to your family's Masonic experience. While the Scottish Rite Degrees encourage Master Masons to practice self-improvement through moral reflection, Scottish Rite activities also encourage self improvement by providing a host of social and family activities geared toward promoting a spirit of unity and togetherness.

We encourage you to look through the upcoming activities that are being promoted by the Scottish Rite, Valley of New Castle. Even if you have not yet decided to petition the Scottish Rite, we hope that you will take advantage of the various activities that are being offered to strengthen your familial and fraternal relationships. If you are already a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, but for one reason or another have lost touch with your Scottish Rite brethren, please consider rekindling those relationships at an upcoming Scottish Rite activity.

To discover the benefits of membership in the Scottish Rite, to learn more about our charities or to begin your journey in the Scottish Rite, please visit us online at [www.valleyofnc.org](http://www.valleyofnc.org) or call us at 724-654-5800.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

Your friend and brother.

*Scottish Rite ~ The Fraternity of Choice ~*