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From the Potentate



**Illustrious Sir
Edward D. Blum
Potentate 2020**

Illustrious Sirs, Members of the Divan, Nobles, Ladies and Friends, I hope this finds all of you safe and healthy. Hopefully, we will all be able to get together again soon and enjoy meetings and other events where we can shake hands with our friends and greet our Shrine Ladies with a hug.

It is difficult to believe that this will be my last communication in the FEZ as your Potentate.

Even though this has been a very difficult and uneventful year as far as getting together, the time has passed much faster than I ever thought it would.

We have been fortunate enough to have had a couple events since the COVID-19 pandemic closed us down in March. We held a combined LuLu Shrine and LuLu Yacht Club picnic back in August and it was fabulous just getting together with our members and families.



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It started out in the picnic area and courtyard but as it has become par for 2020, it rained and forced us inside to the Merrymac room. Overall, we had a great time, in spite of the weather, and the food was fantastic this year. In fact, one of our new Candidate's wife brought a Smoked Brisket which she made herself and another Shrine Lady brought Pulled Pork. We ate well and had great conversations, so in my mind it was a success!

On Saturday September 12th we held our Ceremonial which was originally scheduled for March 21st. We were able to install 15 new Nobles out of the 16 that were scheduled. We also had 8 of the candidate's Ladies here to witness the ceremonial and Fez their new Noble while spending time getting to see what we are all about. This year the Ceremonial team was made up of our own Divan and several additional Nobles. (See the attached pictures). Overall, there were about 50 people in attendance, so things are starting to open up here at LuLu. Hopefully, for our next Ceremonial we will be able to visit the Hospital with our incoming candidates and their wives.

In addition to these events, on Saturday, September 26th we had the pleasure of being able to visit our Universe and listen to beautiful live harp music as we traveled through space via many fantastic pictures. We had 32 people attend and it was a thoroughly enjoyable evening presented by Astral Harp productions. Thank you to all who attended!

Two other events that have taken place to raise money for our Hospital are the annual Charity Golf Outing and the Walk for Love. The golf outing was at LuLu Country Club in the newly rebuilt Club House. Of course, as fate would have it in 2020 it rained and the

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time on the course was cut short. That did not seem to dampen anyone's spirits because the bar was open! Thank you Noble Dave (Digger) Caddick for organizing a very successful outing this year. In addition, I'd like to thank your staff members Rene and Nicky, Nobles Mike Smith P.P., Joel Brookstein P.P. and Lady Marge, Hugh and Grace McGinniss, Bob Gold P.P., Jaime Green and my wife Jacquie for all their help. The preliminary figures are around \$40,000 that was raised. The Walk for Love was held at the Philadelphia Zoo this year in the hopes of having a 5K run in addition to the walk. Guess what, the run was canceled but the walk was a phenomenal success. The goal this year was \$100,000 and the amount raised was well over \$175,000.

Although many of our fundraisers and fun events have been postponed or canceled this year, it has still been very productive. We had the roof of the dome replaced due to storm damage along with many of the ceiling tiles in the Lobby and Ball Room. The remainder of the ceiling tiles were replaced as part of the lighting upgrade throughout a major portion of the building. New LED lighting has or is being installed in the Ball Room including the Dome, the Lobby, the Merrymac Room, all four bathrooms, the Potentate's Parlor, the Records office, the Courtyard, the driveway and the front parking lot. These improvements will help to make our facility much more desirable to renters looking for a place to have Weddings, Birthday Parties, Seminars, Trade Shows and for the Nobility.

Finally, the stadium painting is about 80% complete and should be ready for use next spring.

As we are looking forward to the Holiday season and the upcoming New Year, I know several parties have been planned and hopefully they will be well attended and everyone will enjoy them. As I come to the end of my year as Potentate, I want to wish our Divan much success in the upcoming years.

Lady Jacquie and I would like to thank you for all you do for LuLu Shriners and Shriners Hospitals for Children and for your support and hard work throughout this past year.

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Recorder's Recordings

By: III. Sir Bill Adamson, P.P.



Well, here we are again...time for elections. No, no, no, not the Presidential elections, but LuLu Shrine elections. Please, please, make sure you show up to vote and that you have a current 2020 paid dues card.

Several nobles are talking about having an in-person election and a Zoom election at the same time. The Election Chairman and I had a discussion regarding this, and I checked with the Imperial Recorder so here is the answer:

A Zoom election can be held if there is an uncontested election in all positions, otherwise an in-person election must be held. Sorry Nobles, but it's one way or the other but not both. With that in mind, again, please get out on election night and vote for your choice.

Our lighting project is on its way to getting started and should be completed no later than the end of November 2020, including all the ceiling tiles being replaced. So now we'll await the electric bill in January 2021 to see some reduction, and we'll see how it actually turns out. It is all very exciting!

Now we'll look at other projects as we move forward.

Please don't forget to mention to your lodge, family members and friends that LuLu has facilities available to rent for up to 500 people (once the pandemic lets up. Right now we can have up to 250 people. We'll gladly give anyone a tour of the facility and go over pricing for an upcoming event they might be having. Once additional upgrades are made the Ballroom is going to look even greater.

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Mounted Guard – A Year to Remember and Forget

By: Charles Roberts, Secretary

Howdy Pardner, LuLu Mounted Guard is still alive despite the Corona Virus. We, like most other units and clubs have had to cancel so many annual events and outings and although things look like they are loosening up, we still can't attend large group meetings, whether in churches or athletic events, or even parades. So, I guess we just have to sit back, observe the CDC precautions, and wait for this virus to go away.

We have been able to keep our group involved, however. At our September meeting, we had the election of officers for 2021. They are as follows:

President Ill. Sir Gary Davis, P.P.
Vice President Noble Gill Sumsky
Secretary Noble Charles Roberts
Treasurer Noble Jonathan McSurdy
Captain &
Drill Master Ill. Sir William C. Morwald, P.P.

As of this writing, all parades for the balance of 2020 are canceled. So hopefully we will have a St. Patrick's Day parade and a normal parade year in 2021. In addition, our Shriner organization competitions were canceled, so we will have a lot of practice to do in the Spring and early Summer in preparation for competition.

We are hopeful that our Annual Holiday Dinner at the Spring House Tavern on Saturday, December 5, 2020 will still be available. We usually have about 35-40 people attending so I am hoping they will be able to cater to us again this year.

We canceled our Annual 50/50 Raffle for 2020, but plan to resume it in 2021. This raffle not only makes contributors aware of the Shriners, and LuLu in particular, but it helps us fund all the repairs we need every year, whether it be barn and facilities, or vehicles. Our members pay for their own feed, farrier, and veterinarian costs, as well as transportation costs; however, we periodically have major expenses

at the stable. For example, this past year we had a tornado go through Perkiomenville which downed major trees, lifted the roof on both the implement shed and the barn, and caused a lot of damage to fencing, etc. So, we certainly do appreciate all the support we can get and believe me, the people really enjoy our competitions, and parade events.

Recently LuLu held a ceremonial, and we had several new LuLu members voice interest in the Mounted Guard. We certainly hope we can make some of these new members of the Mounted Guard. We always need help for parades to drive the Chuck Wagon for pickup of road apples. And we can get horses if individuals really want to become a part of our unit.

We have had two trail rides recently and will probably have two each month just to keep the horses fresh. We ride on the Perkiomen Trails and up at the Water Reservoir in Green Lane. Following the rides, we have a barn party. This really isn't a traditional party though. We do have dogs and burgers and beverages, but the focus then is on jobs needed at the stable. They usually involve cleanup of paddock areas as a minimum. But no matter what, it is good fellowship, and we have our laughing moments too. The last ride was a little challenge, when on horse slid into a bee's nest and we had to clear the area as fast as we could. No major injuries, but a new experience for our group.

We are always looking for new members and you do not need to own a horse to join us. Simply contact Illustrious William Morwald, or any of the Mounted Guard members. Even better, join us for dinner on the 4th Tuesday of each month before our regular monthly meetings. We will resume dinner at Phil's Tavern on Butler Pike in Broad Axe. We usually arrive around 6:00 p.m. so, come out and join us. There is always lots of laughter and good times.

So please stay healthy and safe, and Happy Trails to You Until We Meet Again!!

The COVID-19 Pandemic

By: Dave Gingras, Chief Rabban

In 1918 the world had the Spanish Flu Pandemic and the World Health Organization (WHO) said around 500 million people were infected and that was about a quarter (25%) of the world population. 40 million people died, and Philadelphia County alone had 100,000 deaths! The major outbreak was traced to a Victory Parade in November 1918.

As schools opened again in September, we can monitor what effect that will have on both the youth and adult populations. Governors are obviously concerned and we (Masons/Shriners) need to adhere to their advice and rules. Restaurants and bars have been identified as the sources for recent outbreaks.

Colleges and universities are also often residential, and we have heard of the issues at Penn State and Temple in less than a month. Penn is virtual (online) through the Fall 2020 semester with no sports or other extra-curricular activities until January of 2021.

History shows that Pandemics come in waves. The Spanish Flu had three waves. It started in the Spring, subsided in the Summer with a second wave in the

Fall of 1918 followed by a third in 1919. The FDA spokesman, Dr. Fauci is aware of this history and the risk. That is why the Covid-19 Phase 3 trials are so important to approve a vaccine. Hopefully, we are months away from an approved vaccine.

What does all that mean to us? This has changed the way we have meetings and activities. We have had Zoom meetings throughout the summer, and they have been successful. Many Nobles have said they can participate in Zoom type meetings more often because they do not have to travel to the meeting. The LuLu Divan has now opened the Business meetings to Zoom and we will continue to use that option. Since this is a change in the way we conduct business it is important the word gets out to the Nobility as to how to attend a Zoom meeting as it requires some planning. This option can be combined with social gatherings.

The Imperial Shrine slogan for 2021 is "Havin' Fun in 21" and we will do our part to make that happen! Stay Safe and Be Happy.

IN MEMORIAM

*Nobles that are
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with the
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LuLu Shriners Ladies' Luncheon

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12:00 PM

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We Walk and Care! The Philadelphia Shriners Hospital "Walk for Love"

On the first Saturday of October 2020, it was a bright and brisk morning. The sun was shining and there was little traffic. We arrived at the Philadelphia Zoo at 7:30 am. We were greeted with about 25 smiling faces working hard at the registration booths. We were given a green (Eagles' green) t-shirt, a bag of cookies, a bottle of water, and a backpack to hold it all. We were all asked to meet at 9:00 a.m. for a presentation from the Shriners Hospital staff. To enter the zoo, everyone had to be scanned and pre-checked in online for Covid-19. We were double checked at the zoo entrance. We were made to feel as safe as could be expected with the Covid virus.



Fezzy Bear was on stage to greet everyone along with Dr. Scott Kozin, Stephanie Byrwa, Terry Diamond, Patricia Super, Joy Young and many others from the hospital. Without going into titles and rolls at the hospital, they all work hard and contribute far beyond what might be expected of them. As I understand it, they had to bring all the supplies to the zoo the night before and be ready for walkers at 7:00 am. A lot to ask of anyone. Several awards were given out, some recognitions, and pictures were taken. This day was not about awards, recognitions, or pictures. This day was about the many children that we were walking to help and those we care about.

This was the sixth Philadelphia "Walk for Love". It was a simple idea that started with a simple plan with many parts. It has grown to a signature event in six short years. Our hospital staff deserve a pat on the back many times over for bringing this event to the level it is today. Last year we had about 600 attendees and registrations. There were Shriner from many neighboring states and from other states. This year that number was 1,400. At our last look we had raised over \$181,000. More is expected.

We want to also express appreciation to the many families, teams, clubs, organizations, and companies

that raised funds. On the shirts and bags were a listing of names. It is outstanding that so many wanted to help. During the morning you could see Shriners, families, Masons, and many others that helped with funds for this "Walk for Love". We enjoyed greeting the many friends as we walked. As a member of several lodges and clubs, it is appreciated that two of them gave a significant donation to the Walk. Other clubs and organizations gave what they could afford.

On another level, my wife and I attended as grandparents. Our son brought his two-year-old son. This is what we enjoyed the most. We walked the circle around the zoo seeing several birds, turtles, lions, lambs, giraffes, penguins, and other animals. Since it has been several years since we have visited the zoo, it was wonderful to see it through our grandson's eyes. We know that many have had similar experiences, but it is nice to realize them when they occur.

Yes, we saw many of the children that have health issues. Those that are part of the hospital family. In every child we saw, they all had a smile on their face. That is what today was all about. Thank you for your part in making today's "Walk for Love" a success. We hope to see you next year. Stay healthy and safe.

Hospital Rounds

By: Noble Thomas A Spoltore, Secretary, Board of Governors

Well it shouldn't be a mystery to anyone that we are still in a Holding Pattern concerning our in person meetings and activities. However at Shriners Hospital Philadelphia it is full steam ahead. They are definitely not letting any grass grow. The level of services being provided is now at pre- pandemic levels. By the time you read this article the "Walk for Love" which is the signature hospital fund raising event will have taken place. Judging by all indications it will definitely be a big success. We have over 1200 people signed up to be either walkers or virtual walkers. To put that in perspective, our highest attendance in previous years was 650 walkers/virtual walkers. The hospital staff and volunteers work very hard at promoting this event and the rewards for that hard work is evident. So I would like to offer up a Big Thank You to all of them, especially Terry and Stephanie.

For nearly a hundred years Shriners Hospital for Children has adapted to the ever changing Health Care Industry. At the same time our Shrine Centers

have undergone changes in an effort to adapt to a declining membership which I believe is the result of technology advancements that impacts us both negatively and positively. In the upcoming months you will be made aware of some subtle changes that will be introduced from the corporate level. One of those changes, as you may already know, is the number of Hospital providing inpatient care while others are considered Outpatient centers. Our Hospital was fortunate to have Ed Myers at the helm as Administrator along with our Chief of Staffs who properly positioned our hospital to remain as an inpatient facility. The Philadelphia Shrine Hospital is one of the top hospitals in our system. Another exciting opportunity for us is that we now will have a footprint in the Bucks County area. We now have an on site location at Doylestown Hospital and will be seeing patients at that location several days a week. In the upcoming additions of the Fez I will keep you abreast of the development of that satellite site.



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LuLu Activities Club

By: Mike Feldsher

As we all know being able to hold in person activities has severely limited our engagement as Shriners and especially us at the LuLu Activities Club. Being together is difficult so say the least. When you are giving lemons, we are all empowered to make it sweet lemonade. Over the past several months we have managed to hold a Phillies opening day viewing party, which was the first activity that was held post Paramedic. The attendance could have been better, but it was a symbolic gesture. We are Shriners and we pride ourselves on being a strong cohesive unit that cares for one another. We always will stand tall!

Also, throughout the fall football season we are planning on holding outdoor Philadelphia Eagles viewing parties when the weather permits. During these games we will have individually wrapped hoagies, a large projection screen and an outdoor fire pit. We will make sure that all of these activities are completely safe and follow all proper medical protocols. During these activities all seats will be at least 6' apart. Everyone's health is of our utmost importance. If we have any viewing parties inside, we make sure to follow all proper procedures.

I also want to let everyone know that during this pandemic we have held monthly virtual zoom parties for the children at the hospital, always with entertainment. We wish we could see the kids in person and would love nothing more than to see their smiles. Unfortunately, we all know that is currently not possible. At least we all know that we are doing our best to bring some light to difficult times for the kids.

During our September 30th hospital zoom party Carmela Kociuba

played music for the kids. Carmela played landslide from Fleetwood Mac, New York State of Mind from Billy Joel and many other songs. Carmela's singing voice could be compared to Christina Aguilera but softer. I know the children at the hospital enjoyed the music. About an hour after the zoom party our President Illustrious Sir Douglas Fink received a phone call from one of the parents whose child is recovering at the hospital. The mother said, "my daughter had a very painful and difficult day in therapy, but for that brief 40 minutes during the zoom session she forgot about the pain". When the members of the club heard about this phone call it almost brought tears to our eyes. This news made us all feel good about our mission as Shriners. Hopefully soon, in the coming months we can again meet at the hospital and see these wonderful young faces smile.

Even during these difficult times, we are always open to new ideas for activities that we can host whether it be virtual or in person. If you have an idea please reach out to us by contacting our President Finky or emailing us at luluactivities@gmail.com. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact us. We look forward to seeing everyone soon. We are all praying for your help, safety and wellbeing.



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COVID-19 VIRUS – PART III

By: Noble Harry Speth, Historian – September 2020

Toward the end of August with cases and the death rate declining slowly, the Governors of PA and NY began to reduce restrictions by allowing restaurants, hair salons, gymnasiums to open with restricted capacity (i.e. 25-50% of legal indoor capacity. Even the Grand Lodge, starting September 1st, permitted limited use of the Masonic Lodge Buildings with restrictions on attendance but prohibiting conferral of Masonic Degrees, until the Schools of Instruction could modify the instruction to maintain social distancing.

Labor Day Weekend – Caused a spike in cases mainly in NJ and DE due to young people gathering on beaches, large parties, etc., without masks. A restaurant and a gymnasium were shut down and heavily fined for disobeying the guidelines.

The Public Schools in Philadelphia originally were to choose between “in person or virtual learning” and opening early in September. They chose a mixture, but within a week with pressure from parents and teachers, returned to all virtual through the first marking period (Mid-November).

The Governor of PA issued a ban on all Elementary and High School contact sports until Spring 2021. Meanwhile, several Colleges opened with all learning in person, but some found it necessary to offer either in person or virtual learning in the Fall Semester. Meanwhile, the Public School Boards throughout PA were permitted to make their own decisions about the methods of Instruction.

Mid-September – Major League Ice Hockey, Basketball and Football plus College Sports, were permitted to play a “shortened Season” but without fans being present! By this time, the CDC and several pharmacies reported that a Virus vaccine for Covid-19 could be available by late 2020 or sometime in 2021.

September 25, 2020 – During the middle of September, though cases and deaths in the U.S. began to decline

slowly, several States were considering reducing restrictions, but that did not last.

By late September, due to Public Schools, Colleges, Professional Sports activities, conventions and weddings where many young people were not wearing masks, nor distancing, the disease spiked upwards in some 32 States and the U.S. counted over 1,000 deaths a day and the U.S. total deaths reached 205,000.

LuLu Shrine and the Masonic Lodges in PA were advised to maintain prior restrictions. The Lodges could meet, restricted, but could not confer Masonic Degrees until advised otherwise.

September 30, 2020 – Philadelphia reduced the restrictions for indoor dining from 25% to 50% of capacity. The NFL was ending its Season with Playoff games, still with no fans in their Stadiums. Two NFL Football Teams postponed their games due to Virus infected players and staff. New York City was considering closing its Public Schools because Covid-19 in children increased from 2% to 10% of persons tested. The Grand Lodge of PA issued a Directive permitting Lodges to confer 1st and 2nd Degrees but not 3rd Degrees. All of these changes still require masks and social distancing. It will be an interesting Fall this year.

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Much Appreciation and Thanks is extended to my wife, Mary, who has been typing for me for 68 years, even while in College. This effort includes deferring my scheduling, correcting spelling, maintaining Protocol Titles and correcting sentence structure and also reading my chicken scratch. Thanks, Mary, for many hours spent assisting me and for the benefit of our LuLu Shrine.

Bucks County Shrine Club

By: Mike Feldsher, Past President

Fall Happenings

Normally during the fall months, the Bucks County Shrine club has great meals, programs, and wonderful conversations. We typically have an amazing ladies night every November. Unfortunately like most activities in the country we have been forced to postpone the ladies night until it is safe to meet in person. We are hopefully before the year is out, we can meet.


Even though we cannot meet in person we have still had our monthly get togethers via zoom along with our board meetings. These digital meetings have been well attended by our members. Although we are confined to a phone or computer screen, we are all happy to be able to see how everyone is doing.

We are now in the fall months and it will be thanksgiving soon. During the fall months everyone always loves our mixed nuts and dried fruits. We still have these for sale! Deluxe mixed nuts without peanuts, giant salted whole cashews, colossal natural pistachios, whole salted almonds, honey roasted cashews and dark chocolate cranberries. They all taste great and are a wonderful way to support the Bucks County Shrine Club Washington Crossing the Delaware Float, while also still enjoying something tasty. The mixed nuts are also a great gift for family members for thanksgiving and Christmas. If you are interested in purchasing some of our NUTS please contact our President, elect Ill. Sir Joel Brookstein, P.P. at (215)639-2695 or email him at aragorn2@msn.com

Also please support the Bucks County Ladies Auxiliary by purchasing some of our Honey Baked Ham gift cards. These ham gift cards are a great gift for someone for thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, they save you all of the trouble of cooking! Go online to purchase a gift card for yourself or for someone else. Various denominations available — Our auxiliary will receive 20% of the sale. Use this link to go online and order... https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/Bucks_County_Shrine_Club_Ladies_Auxiliary

During the most recent LuLu ceremonial on September 12th the club gave a nice talk about what the club is about. After the talk president Ray Bloemker spoke to many of the new nobles individually. Nine new Nobles have expressed a strong interest to join the club and become active. We are very hopeful that some of these new nobles will become the future leaders of the club. They are all great guys, and it is important for all of LuLu to show them a good time. As Shriners we all should reach out to them and foster friendships.

As a club we are extremely excited about the 2021 program that Ill. Sir Joel Brookstein, P.P. will offer to the membership. I am sure we will continue to grow in participation and attendance. If you are interested in joining the Bucks County Shrine Club please email us at buckscountyshrineclub@gmail.com or call our President Ray Bloemker at (215)669-1388.



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Northeast Shrine Club of LuLu Shrine



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Northeast Shrine Club

By: Dennis C. Gold

Northeast at its Best!

Dear Nobles and Ladies. As you know we write these articles well before they are seen in the FEZ. So many times, we write about history or what to expect in the future. This article is similar, but it differs in that we have not met in person because of the virus. We have been using Zoom, a meeting technology over the internet. We have seen many of you at these meeting, but others have yet to attend. We have missed you. We have missed all the personal camaraderie, the great meals, and our speakers and other reasons for the meetings.

In this article we thought it important let know about some of the behind the scene happenings because you may not have been at a recent meeting.

First you should know that Northeast Shrine has made a sizable donation to the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital "Walk for Love" Walk-A-Thon. This was held at the Philadelphia Zoo on October 3rd. Tom Spoltore, Northeast President, is on the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital board and has worked hard for this event. Also, Dennis Gold, 1st Vice-President of Northeast, suggested the idea of the Walk-A-Thon. Shriners Hospital expanded on the idea and it is now continuing throughout the county for many years.

Second, Northeast Shrine shared funds from an investment account with LuLu Shrine. This has been an ongoing financial arrangement for many years.

Third, the board has held several meetings with Zoom, planning for the future. You can see all these events in the flyers and in this FEZ. We hope that the Covid-19 virus allows us to attend these events. As part of this discuss we understand that all members must beat to their own drummer. Most of us have or had some grey hair. So, with that comes many life experiences and we tend make decisions based on our health. It is understandable that many may choose to stay home until there is a vaccine, and it seems to be safe to be



in your company at large meeting. We still care about you. Wishing that you are presently safe and health.

Fourth, we wanted to discuss the November elections. It does not matter what side of the aisle you are on. It does not matter who you want to be the winner. It does matter that you make the effort to vote either in person or by mail. Planning for that now is extremely important. Please remember that many of our members have served for your freedom to have the opportunity to vote. We thank those that have served to make voting possible. It is your responsible to make the effort. Remember Tuesday, November 3, 2020 is the date for the election.

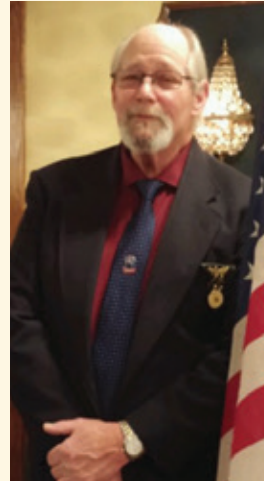
Last, we wanted you to know that it is important to let us know how you are doing. We want to stay in touch with you and your lady. We have been living in very unusual times for at least the last six months. We believe that keeping in touch is especially important. Several members have had health and family issues since we have held a meeting in person. So please contact a board member and let them know. We are here for you. Looking forward to seeing at the next meeting in person. Make sure you follow all the recommendations to be safe, be healthy, be happy.

Delaware County Shrine Club

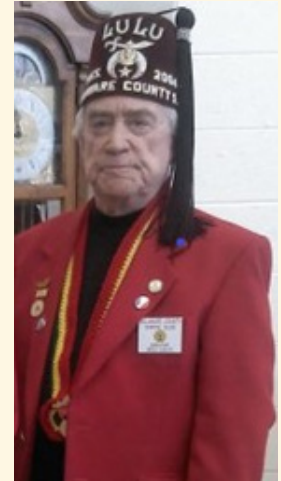
By: Chris Ricciuti

Delaware County Shrine Club continues to adapt and overcome all obstacles. We are in this together as Shriners, Masons, Brothers and Sisters. In times like these that try our patience and our very souls, we rise up together to meet the challenges. As much as we can, it is good to reach out to our members even if it is a short note on an email or a phone call. It is good to know that there is someone on the other side, better yet to answer. Unfortunately, we did lose good men along the way. Noble Wes Davis Past President and Noble James C. Walls, Past President. Good men doing good deeds. We shared the laughter, the losses but mostly we shared the time together, the most precious that we possess. We continue to hold executive board meeting by way of the online Zoom platform. We wonder who still their pants on during the meetings but who knows, the work continues. We are in the process of brainstorming the future ahead.

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If you are a member of LuLu Temple and live in or near Delaware County, you should consider joining Delaware County Shrine Club. Tentatively, we are looking to resume our dinner meetings held the third Thursday of each month at Charlotte's Restaurant 3207 West Chester Pike Newtown Square, PA 19073. (610) 356-7100. Please come and join us in good fun, food, and fellowship.

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Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club

By: Michael Feldsher, President

Autumn is officially here, leaves are changing, before we know it gust of the winter wind will be upon us. This fall the Quaker City Montco Shrine club is officially 61 years old and I am sure this has been one of the most bizarre years in its history. Lucky, because of the forward-thinking nature of the club we never missed a beat and as all of you already know we moved to a digital platform. Quaker City-Montco was the first to go online and we held meetings before the Covid-19 pandemic situation. Over the past six months we have had an incredibly positive response to all of our Zoom meetings. Our last meeting the featured speaker was Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub. Matt spoke about his time in the district attorney's office and about some of his difficult cases like the "lost boys case", which had four young men murdered on a farm in Solebury Township, Bucks County. He also spoke about the Opioid epidemic and how his office is dealing with the drug problem in Bucks County. He gave us information about how everyone can get a free Narcan, which is the lifesaving drug that can revive an overdosed person. This meeting was very thought provoking and interesting

On October 1st we were pleased to have a representative Doylestown infectious diseases department to speak to us. Bridget McEnrue BSN, RN, CIC. Bridget is a nurse who has 38 years experience with career focus divided between the Operating Room and Infection Control & Prevention. Bridget spoke about the steps doctors place to ensure the operating rooms are clean environments. She also explained what doctors offices and hospitals are doing during this pandemic to make sure we are safe while having medical procedures done. Bridget also told us the steps we need to do to make sure we are safe and the percentages of what activities increase the risk of possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus. She also spoke about the steps senior citizens can do to make sure they are safe.

On Saturday October 10th we played the not so newlywed game. We had three couples face off to see who knew the most about each other. A few of the questions got a bit risqué but were also very funny. One of the couples even divulged the strangest place they have done "woopie". One of the funny questions that stumped the participants was what was the first

thing that they noticed about their partner. Of course the men's answers were entirely different than the ladies! Everyone had a great time and we are going to schedule it again in the future.

On October 31st at 10:30am we will be meeting outside at Lulu in the rear parking lots picnic area to hold our 2021 election of officers. Every club member in attendance will get a FREE bagel with cream cheese (your choice of bagel and cream cheese) along with a coffee. Each bagel will be individually wrapped and in a separate brown bag for your safety. YOU MUST of course be a member and R.S.V.P. beforehand if you want a bagel and coffee. Also, we would love to have you in the club!

Our November Meeting is already planned and scheduled. I am excited to announce that hollywood producer and composer Mike Verta will speak about the Star Wars film legacy digital restoration project. Mike has been restoring the 1977 original Star Wars movie. This film restoration is so much more than we have ever seen on the DVD's or blu ray videos that they have put out. Mike has found many interesting nuggets along the way. If you are interested to learn more about the project before our meeting you can checkout this link: <https://vimeo.com/channels/starwarslegacy>.

If you are free on the 1st Thursday Night of every month and or some Saturday nights, please check us out. Please see our facebook page and or the LuLu Shriners announcements. If you wish to be added to our mailing list please email us at quakercityshrine@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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Sightings from the Crow's Nest



By: The Old Salt

Well we are sailing into Winter and are in Dock or winterized on land not sailing open water waters now. Hopefully Covid-19 will end so we can leave our dock/port. The storm had us in port/dock for months and I hope as a crew we have been safe during the storm.

Our crew continued docking at our Pier Phil's for our September and October Dutch treats, cocktails and dinner on land in lieu of being port anchored or docked during Covid-19 storm.

The crew of 20 plus mates enjoyed socializing even though our crew had to follow social spacing in Phil's Pier. We had a great time being together. On August 23rd we enjoyed a port/land get together for the Yacht club commodore picnic and memorial service. Our Potentate requested we have LuLu Shrine family picnic combined with our Yacht Club picnic. This was great to do during our Club 60th anniversary.

Our crew will be docking again at Pier Phil's in the winter, with our ladies (First Mates) at sunset on the second Tuesday.

Hopefully, there will be no major problem with

the storm Interfering with our NFL football party / Reverse Raffle, Commodore's Ball and our Holiday Party. Please review our newsletter/chart issued by our Navigator (secretary) to our crew for logging their charts for upcoming winter months

Call our Rear Commodore Harris Brody (215-675-1184) if you plan to anchor or/raft with us at Pier Phil's and our upcoming events.

We are planning to dock in the future, holidays etc. so review our Newsletter (Chart) issue.

Note: Mates, our crew Bridge (Board) meetings in Oct. and Dec. are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at LuLu Club room #10 at 7 pm.

If you are interested in being a crew member by boating, sailing, social activities contact Noble (Mate) Harry Speth P.C. at 215-682-0450.

III. Sir Matthew Hallowell, P.P. Commodore
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Leroy O McClellan	11/1	Johnny J Delia	11/11	John E Dorsz II	11/20
James G Vernon.	11/1	Andrew J Wahn.	11/11	James G Kotz	11/21
Nicholas G Palladino	11/1	Santo J Bocchinfuso.	11/12	Levi E Hosband	11/21
Darren E Massey	11/1	John P Casanover	11/12	Edward F Collins Jr	11/21
J Day Jr	11/2	John J Gigliotti.	11/13	Edward F Collins Jr	11/21
Daniel Veloric	11/3	Eric A Rosen	11/13	Paris Washington.	11/21
Dean C Soderberg	11/3	Joseph J Szafran Jr.	11/14	Richard T Claus	11/22
William James Rice	11/4	Ovidio G Vitale	11/14	David L Moss	11/22
James A Rowdon	11/5	William R Wendel	11/14	Robert H Parkinson	11/22
Harry L Borst.	11/5	Robert L Gleason	11/15	Robert D Duffy	11/24
David M Turner	11/5	Walter H Gentry Jr.	11/16	Harold A Herr	11/24
James E Knott	11/6	Rodney W Hackman.	11/16	Bruce W Sunderland	11/24
Dale W Estus	11/6	William H Clinger III	11/16	Alan R Gold	11/24
Thomas G Shepherd	11/7	Wayne E Lewis	11/16	Robert T Girling.	11/25
William F Stephenson	11/7	Kenneth L Brier	11/16	Scott F Rother	11/25
Christopher M Hines	11/7	Timothy D Cowperthwaite	11/16	Jesse P Richardson	11/26
David K Beaulieu	11/8	William R Whartenby Jr.	11/16	Thomas V Johnson	11/26
Guy T Schnabel	11/8	George P Bennett Jr	11/17	Jeffrey G Myers	11/16
Raymond F Deane	11/9	Ian M Kennedy.	11/17	Robert E Forst	11/27
Ernest N Perilli.	11/9	Russell K Gibson	11/17	Frederick N Koehler.	11/27
Bruce T Sullivan.	11/9	Douglas H Fink	11/18	Arthur S Kafrissen	11/27
Francis A Norbeck	11/10	Donald M Fink	11/18	James A Huddy III	11/27
Raymond J Sharp.	11/10	James D Bishop Sr.	11/18	Edward R Bell	11/28
Charles V Roberts	11/10	William C Morwald	11/18	Richard J Kuzman	11/28
D. Mike Smith P.P.	11/10	George W Richardson	11/19	Frank J McKee Jr.	11/28
Larry R Christenson.	11/10	Charles F McCleary	11/19	Leonard A Juliani Jr	11/28
Dennis E Hawk	11/10	William D Enright	11/19	George B Scheerbaum	11/29
John R Schumann Jr	11/10	Robert J Burns.	11/20	Donald E Abney.	11/29
Timothy G Reekie.	11/11	David Tansey	11/20	Paul Elanjian	11/30
Scott D Simkins	11/11	Rodney C Anderson Jr.	11/20		

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Thomas Gifford12/1	Leonard A Kaufman.12/10	John E Riddell Jr.12/21
Carl J Dunlap12/1	Emanuel Iglesias P.P.12/10	Donald S Rosen12/23
Albert S Barkov12/1	John C Smith12/10	Peter J Cistone12/24
Walter P Keely Jr12/1	David S Spangler12/10	Charles K Moritz12/24
Frank Viscomi12/1	Charles W Boyd Jr12/10	George J Robinson Jr.12/24
Walter Paul Johnson12/2	Daniel R O'Leary Jr12/11	Gerald R Farrell.12/25
Mark Weinstein12/3	John R Dougherty12/12	Russell K Schulz.12/26
Paul A Lahm12/3	Nathan Cooper.12/13	Richard Huber12/26
David C Mabrey12/3	Bernard Samuels12/14	Norman R Greene III12/26
Ernest N Webb.12/4	William L Goldman Jr12/14	Robert L Wehrmann Jr12/26
Harry L Reiter P.P.12/4	Jonathan Warren.12/14	Robert N Pressman12/27
Joseph E Mc Quillin Jr12/4	Kirk E Muller12/14	Harvey A London12/28
Raymond B Bloemker Jr12/4	Howard C Fury12/15	Charles D Filson.12/28
Richard E Ciccotelli12/4	Francis L Harrold.12/15	Albert B Miller Sr.12/29
Robert T Shubert Jr12/4	Stephen Gardner12/15	Richard H Bradbury Sr.12/29
Kirk D Petrill12/4	Richard L Pruitt12/16	Sean P Dougherty.12/29
Gary Papazian12/5	Alan H Czako12/17	Michael J Hopper Jr.12/29
Larry D Miller12/5	John Feldman12/17	Douglas M Pomietlarz12/29
Lawrence J Good12/5	Ralph E Geary12/18	Jason S Spangler12/29
Keith L Feldman12/5	Carl J Fierimonte12/18	William H Elliott Jr12/30
Todd D Lewis.12/6	Richard H Graham.12/18	Robert M Blechman12/30
Samuel G Hall12/7	George S Gardner12/19	Edward T Lewis.12/30
John K Delp12/7	Frederick S Bernhardt12/20	James R Suny.12/30
Timothy N Bossert12/7	Michael N Lawrence Sr12/20	Murray S Eckstein12/31
Harry S Frajerman.12/9	Richard G Jones.12/21	William C Soloway12/31
Albert C Smith12/9	Albert Y Herr12/21	Joseph D Gehringer12/31

Thank You for Your Help

By: Noble Hilary A. Kaufman, Membership Chairman

Without saying, we all know and have felt that this has been and is a very strange year. Especially, if you or a loved one has been impacted by Covid, it has been a very bad year. Hopefully, all have or will come through it with good health.

Membership is impacted by three basic issues—Creation of New Nobles, the Black Camel taking our friends, and Suspensions when members do not pay their Dues. As of this article, we have had a total of 17 new Nobles created this year, the loss of 31 taken by the Black Camel, and unfortunately, many members who have not fulfilled their Shriners' obligation of paying their dues.

New Nobles are created when they attend a Shriner's Ceremonial. We are fortunate, that this year, our Divan and supporting nobles, conducted a Ceremonial at LuLu in which 16 Nobles were created. This was the result of two things. First, the support of our members to introduce to the Shrine worthwhile individuals who completed their membership petitions and paid the initiation fees, thereby becoming Candidates. Second, the time and effort of our LuLu members to become proficient in performing the work to have the Ceremonial. Candidates and the Ceremonial could not have been accomplished without YOUR EFFECT. Thank you.



From October 2019 through November 2020, LuLu has conducted a membership incentive program. If a member brought in two or more Candidates during this period, the Noble's name would be in a drawing for a \$500 Amazon Gift Certificate. Through September, we have had three members eligible for the drawing: Ill Sir Jerry Jay (PP), Noble John Green

(AR), and Noble Daniel Scheetz (HP&P). Many others brought in one Candidate. Again, thank you all.

Suspensions of members for non-payment of LuLu Dues, is the one major hindrance to LuLu's survival and growth. LuLu is not brick and stone, but you, our members. Even members who are up in age or ill, or those who have moved to warmer climates most often still pay their dues. They realize it is important to support our great fraternity and all that LuLu and its clubs and units do for our members and our great Shriners Hospital for Children. The problem is with our other members, who just have turned their backs on LuLu and have forgotten the obligation they had taken at their Ceremonial. There are some things in life we should take very seriously, including family, faith, country, and the obligations we have sworn to fulfill. I ask those who have not fulfilled their obligation to pay their dues, to do so, so they can continue to be a part of the great work of our Shriners fraternity.


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Legion of Honor

By: Gary M. Portnoy, PC

The Legion of Honor is still meeting by Zoom at this point. Although there is little real business to conduct we are still moving forward with our programs like supporting the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia. Later this year Past Commander and hospital board member Tom Spoltore will present a check to the hospital board consisting of contributions made by Legion members. These contributions are collected with our dues. This year we will contribute greater than \$700.00.

Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip

The Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip is cancelled for this year. Arlington is still closed, at this point, to all visitors except those with passes visiting loved one's graves and internments. We were faced with very few reservations, no social distancing on the bus and no place available for dinner. Please join us next year.

Dues

We have also paid our dues to the International Association of Legions of Honor, (IALOH), and MASA Legions of Honor. We have also purchased the IALOH Yearbook as we do each year. As always we purchase a \$100.00 plaque supporting the hospital and contribute to the hospital in honor of our outgoing commander, this at the Change of Command ceremony.

IALOH

Several registered members of our unit can participate in the annual meeting of the International Association of Legions of Honor, (IALOH), which will occur virtually this year. Decisions concerning this organization which regulates the individual units are made at this meeting. A remembrance Necrology Ceremony usually takes place as well.

In October we will be collecting our dues and hospital contributions for 2021. Despite a fractured year our expenses, as partially explained previously, still continue. Look for your dues notice in the mail and please be generous to our hospital campaign.

Elections/Officers

Also, in October we need to develop our slate of officers for the next year. We will do that at our next Zoom meeting. Having advertised our slate for one month the election will be held in November most probably by Zoom.

We all look forward to the time when we can continue our normal activities. Please stay safe and we hope to "see" you at the next Zoom meeting which we will schedule for October. Look for the email.

The Legion of Honor meets on the 4th Monday of the month in the LuLu MerryMac Room.



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Across the Sights and Along the Lines of the LuLu Rod and Gun Club



By: Gary Portnoy

The Rod and Gun Club continues to function during this pandemic. We held one recent Zoom meeting. We also get together weekly to shoot: Trap, handgun, and Sporting Clays. Our monthly meetings are still by Zoom but outdoor shooting continues.

On Friday 02 October 2020 a team of eight members shot Sporting Clays at Warrington Sporting Clays of Wellsville, PA, south-west of Harrisburg. MKT Metals Manufacturing sponsors this yearly event. Each shooter fired a total of fifty 12 Gauge rounds at fifteen or so different presentations. The course is very challenging and they do not have the golf carts that we are accustomed to. Lehigh Valley Sporting Clays has golf carts available and we prefer the luxury of zooming around in the carts. Last year this event raised more than \$15,000 for the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital. Our shooters included the President Ray Swenson, Laird Bevitz, Bob Ochotny, Ray Bloemker, Gary Portnoy, Ill. Joel Brookstrein PP, Tom Spoltore, John Green Asst. Rabban.

Four members are heading for the “Cast and Blast” event at Trophy Mountain Lodge planned for 7-9 October 2020. They will be shooting a half day pheasant hunt and may shoot at Shenecoy Pro. Sporting Clays Club. They may also participate in some catch and release fishing.

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The Rod & Gun Club meets at LuLu Shriners at 7:00 PM in Room 5 (Activity Room) on the 4th Thursday of each month.

“Keep your lines wet and your powder dry!”

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Shriner International By-Laws Regarding Elections

Article 25

Officers; Their Election or Appointment

325.1 Officers

- a. **List.** The officers of a temple are:
1. Potentate
 2. Chief Rabban
 3. Assistant Rabban
 4. High Priest and Prophet
 5. Oriental Guide
 6. Treasurer
 7. Recorder
 8. First Ceremonial Master
 9. Second Ceremonial Master
 10. Director
 11. Marshal
 12. Captain of the Guard
 13. Outer Guard

325.2 Election and Qualification

- a. **Election Order.** The first 7 officers shall be elected annually, in the order in which they appear in 325.1, by ballot and constitute the official divan. Candidates for elective office in a temple must be members in good standing of that temple.
- b. **Term Limit.** A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple for more than 2 years. However, a Noble may serve as Potentate for an additional 2 years if he has served in office or offices on the official Divan other than Potentate, for at least 2 years subsequent to his previous terms as Potentate and there are no other eligible candidates offering for election to the position of Potentate.
- c. **Qualification.** A Noble may not serve as Potentate of any temple unless he shall have first served at least one term as either Chief Rabban or Assistant Rabban of a temple.
- d. **Dispensation.** Upon a showing of good and sufficient cause, in writing and at least 60 days prior to the temple election, the Imperial Potentate may waive the provisions of subsection (c) with respect to candidates for the office of Potentate of such temple election.

325.3 Appointment. The other officers named in 325.1 shall be appointed by the Potentate.

325.4 When Elected. Each temple must elect its officers and representatives at its annual meeting in January unless its bylaws allow the election to occur at the temple's stated meeting in December.

325.5 Ballot.

- a. **Separate Ballot.** Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. When there is more than one candidate for election to a particular office, a separate written ballot is required. A blanket ballot is prohibited.
- b. **Retention.** The ballots cast in any contested election for temple office shall be retained in the custody of the Recorder for a period of 90 days following the election, after which they may be destroyed unless the Imperial Potentate otherwise orders.
- c. **Void Ballot.** Blank ballots or ballots containing any markings other than the name of the candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

325.6 Time of Election. Nominations must commence not later than 9:00 P.M. and when that hour arrives all other business must cease, and none may be transacted until the election is concluded.

325.7 Other Officers. The temple may elect such other officers as its bylaws provide.

325.8 Nomination. Candidates for office and Representative must be placed in nomination from the floor.

325.9 Leadership Search Committee. The Board of Directors may appoint a committee consisting of not more than five (5) Nobles to study the qualifications of possible candidates for elective office in the temple. This committee may report their findings to the Board of Directors and/or to the temple members in the form of a nomination at a temple election. This committee may also consult with the Chief Rabban on his appointments if so requested.

325.10 Representatives.

- a. **Single Ballot.** Where a temple elects more than one Representative, all candidates must be balloted for on one written ballot. *(continued on page 26)*

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- b. **Complete Ballot.** Each member voting must vote only for the total number of Representatives to be elected, otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- c. **Majority Vote.** A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- d. **Election.** Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- e. **Successive Ballots.** Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- f. **Highest Vote.** If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- g. **Void Ballot.** Blank ballot or ballots containing any markings other than the name of a candidate nominated from the floor are not votes and are not to be considered for any purpose.

325.11 Election Regulations.

- a. **Electioneering.** A candidate for an elected office in a Shrine temple may print, publish and circulate during the year he is seeking the elected office, a resume consisting of his educational background, his vocational history, and his Masonic and Shrine record. Except as provided in the prior sentence, the printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets, email or other devices, by a unit, club, Noble or group of Nobles, suggesting, recommending, opposing, or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the temple is prohibited.
- b. **Expenditures Prohibited.** The expenditure of money for gifts, favors or entertainment on behalf of a candidate for elected office is prohibited.
- c. **Violation.** For any violation of (a) or (b), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- d. **Notice.** At least one week prior to the annual meeting, the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

325.12 Postponed Election. If it is impossible to hold the election as required, or if it appears to the Imperial Potentate proper, he may grant a special dispensation changing the date of the annual election.

325.13 Vacancies. An office becomes vacant in the event an officer or Representative dies, resigns, is suspended, is expelled, is adjudged mentally incompetent, is physically incompetent, is convicted of a felony or of any criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

325.14 Filling Vacancies in General.

- a. **Special Election.** A special election may be held without a dispensation to fill a vacancy in elective office; and if the vacancy occurs before July 1, a special election to fill it shall be held within sixty days after it occurs, unless a special dispensation for a later election is granted by the Imperial Potentate.
- b. **Advancement.** Any vacancy that may occur by the promotion of any officer at any special election may also be filled at that election.
- c. **Appointive Office.** Vacancies in appointive office shall be filled by the Potentate.
- d. **Declining.** A Noble cannot be compelled to accept an election or appointment to office.

325.15 Filling Vacancies in Particular Offices.

- a. **Representative.** If the vacancy is in the office of an elected Representative, and time is not sufficient to call a special election, the Potentate shall appoint a Representative, and notice of the appointment, by letter or fax, must reach the Imperial Recorder's office before 9:00 A.M. on the 5th day preceding the opening of the next Imperial Session of Shriners International, in order to qualify the Representative.
- b. **Treasurer or Recorder.** If the vacancy is in the office of Treasurer or Recorder and results from any of the causes state in 325.13, the Potentate shall appoint a member to fill the vacancy until a successor has been elected and installed.

325.16 Report of Election. The result of any election shall be reported forthwith to the Imperial Recorder.

What Kind of Beer Do You Like?

By: Michael Sherlock, LuLu Shrine Brewmeisters

Technically, there are only two kinds of beer in the world; lager and ale. Of course, that's an oversimplification. It's like saying there are only two kinds of automobiles; automatic and standard transmission. Naturally, we all understand there are way more nuances to both arguments.

Not unlike automobiles, scientifically and practically, ales and lagers are very different, but there are more differences. Ales ferment at warmer temperatures quickly as the yeast is considered "top fermenting," because one may see the fermentation process happening at the top of the liquid. Lager ferments at cooler temperatures over a longer time as the yeast is called "bottom fermenting."

Lager beers, although not universally, tend to be lighter and crisper, while ales tend to be more malty and flavorful. I'm wildly generalizing. Yeungling Traditional Lager, for example, which is very popular in the area around LuLu Shriners, is rather sweet and thick in mouth-feel, despite the fact that it is, technically, a lager. Yeungling uses a significant amount of corn in its brewing process to impart this distinctive flavor. So, it's rather unlike other lagers. Consider how Miller Lite (also a lager) would compare against Yeungling Lager. Would you think they're in the same category?

Personally, I prefer Pilsner-style lagers; light, crisp, spicy but not bitter. This style came from the town of Plzen in what's now the Czech Republic. I love this style so much I took a trip to Prague years ago with the intention of visiting the Pilsner Urquell brewery which is located in the Prague suburbs. These folks invented Pilsner, which is currently the most popular style of beer in the USA.

Hundreds of years ago, in Germany and the Bohemia area in general, there were lots of breweries. Each town had their own brewery. And every town made only their own local beer and that's all one could get. Imagine going into Philadelphia and the only beer available at any bar was "Philadelphia Beer." The



beer was made with local grain, hops, and water (they didn't really know about yeast yet). The common naming convention was to add "ER" at the end of the name of the town for their own beer. So beer made in Plzen was "Plzener," which became the style known as "Pilsner." So, in the Philly example, you'd only get "Phillier" or "Philadelphiaer," or something like that.

Urban legend has it that Adolphus Busch (of Anheuser-Busch fame) wanted to make a mass-marketable beer for Americans. He visited the Bohemian town Budweis (pronounced BOOD-vees) that made a beer they called Budweiser (BOOD-vees-er). The story goes that he

knocked off their recipe and even stole the name. There was a lawsuit and some settlement was made, but the beer we now know as Budweiser is sold as "Bud" over in the Czech Republic and the beer they make is sold as "Czechvar" over here in the USA. For the record, I think Czechvar is actually pretty good. But, again, it's a matter of taste.

And everyone has different tastes. I sincerely like lighter beers. My girlfriend drinks way heavier beers than I do. She likes stouts (with thick chocolate and peanut butter flavors in them), which I find disgusting. I like spicy, bitter, and sour beers (I've even enjoyed pickle beers and jalapeno beers), and some folks find that gross. No judgement, to each his/her own.

I don't mean to turn your stomach. The LuLu Shriners Brewmeisters are starting up a Taproom! It's a trend across Shrinedom; social units to encourage camaraderie, mirth, and merriment. We'll visit local brewpubs, breweries, distilleries, and just generally hang out and have fun. We're all brothers and nobles, so we'll make sure no one gets out of hand. We can all enjoy responsibly. It's for nobles and their ladies.

The unit is looking for charter members and members in general. If you would like to join, please let me know as said bylaws are currently being written. You may reach me at mjsherlock@gmail.com or 215.901.4713.

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