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From the Potentate



**Illustrious Sir
David A. Gingras
Potentate 2021**

As of this writing the Divan and I are preparing to attend all our February Club and Unit Meetings by Zoom.

I would ask that you please continue to monitor our Constant Contact email communications. You might also ask your Club or Unit Officers what they have planned for communications on the format for meetings. We expect this to

continue through March and maybe into April or until there is a reduction of restrictions.

We need to be more creative in programming for our Club and Unit meetings and to even have a formal program for Zoom meetings. Several of our Clubs have had guest speakers via Zoom and held a special game night with programs like Trivia Pursuit and Sports Trivia. Many of these have been in addition to their regular meetings and provide our Nobles and



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families an opportunity to socially interact while staying safe at home.

As many of our Nobles are 65 and older, I would hope that they try to get signed up for the Covid-19 Vaccine. You will most likely need to be very proactive and get some guidance from your Primary Care Physician on how to get it.

To stay on the safer side, we have suspended most of LuLu Shrine's Social Events until further notice. That includes annual events like the Valentine's Day Party, the Saint Patrick's Day Party, and our Women's History Month Celebration. Trying to stay positive, we hope we can revise the Spring and Summer calendar months as soon as the restrictions are lifted by the state. To that end I am postponing the Potentate's Ball to October 2nd. Currently we are planning on holding family weekend at Ocean City on June 4th through June 6th.

We will continue to host Masonic Blood Drives and hold our Business Meetings as listed. Our monthly Divan Meetings will continue to be followed on Zoom. Our Chairmen are trying to reschedule the January Grand Master's Breakfast for later this Spring and hold our summer picnic. I have authorized putting together a 50/50 Temple Raffle that will be drawn at our September Business Meeting. To start, you can ask any Divan member for a ticket.

There is a lot to be thankful for and I would ask that you all stay safe until we can meet again in person. Until next time...

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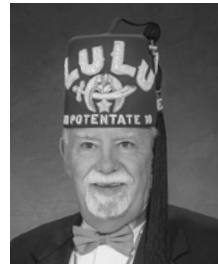
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Recorder's Recordings

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



I know this is March but Happy Valentine's Day to our ladies and since it is March, Happy St. Patrick's Day even to those who think they're Irish. No parades yet but we will get there.

We are doing very well at the Shrine itself. Lots of phone calls inquiring about rental space for later during the year. Most of the calls we turn into a tour of the facility which usually turns into a rental. Of course, the question that is always asked is "how many people can we have?" Well, I am happy to inform you that we just received our certificate from the state allowing us to have up to 50% of our capacity at an event. So, that is somewhat better. That is right at 250-260 in our Ballroom. Though the real question is "how many people will come out to an event" even though we can be open? I am just forwarding you the information anyway. Everyone can take it from there.

I hope everyone is well and got through the snowstorm without too much trouble. I heard they are expecting another storm shortly. Most of it is because Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. Keep your shovels handy as well as the phone number for the plowman. Some of us are getting a bit up in years to be out there shoveling. Make sure your snowblower is in good working order so when you need it, it works!

Well, I'm still looking forward to seeing everyone sooner than later. Take care and get your vaccine ASAP so we can get together in person. See you soon!

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LuLu Klownz and Sharing the Love with Children

The LuLu Shrine Klownz have for many years visited the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital on the second Saturday of each month. This has been a joy to share some time with the children while they get the medical care they need. We all put on our smiling faces, costumes, makeup, and we also bring some trinket for the children.

We all know that this year has been difficult for everyone. Back in March we were no longer able to visit the hospital or even stop by outside and do a skit. Illustrious Sir Finky and Stinky have long supported a program of having little party for the children on the last night of each month. Each club and unit of LuLu Shrine would pay for pizza, juice, water, and soda for the children and staff. Also, the clubs and units all brought gifts for the children. This was an exciting time for everyone. Each visit also included entertainment.

When the visits were no longer able to be done, Illustrious Sir Finky and Stinky decided to do the next best thing. They scheduled zoom meetings on the last night of the month. Again, each club and unit were the sponsors. These zoom meeting included the sponsoring club or unit membership on zoom with the children and staff from the hospital. It lasted about 45 minutes and a great time was enjoyed by all. The entertainment was also wonderful. Since we could not visit on Christmas as we normally do, we held a zoom meeting for the children and staff with a wonderful singer.

Many of us have visited our local hospitals and put a smiling face of those we visit. This makes the patient and the visitor feel outstanding. We just wanted to share an idea that has been working for us. We want to wish everyone all the joy of being there for others with or without a costume or makeup, you can make a world of difference in another person's life.

Hospital Rounds

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

As we begin the year, we are looking forward to many challenges and opportunities that may lie ahead in 2021. Shriners Hospital of Philadelphia is working very hard to maintain the highest level of care to our children. At the current time, our surgical procedure volumes are at or near pre-pandemic levels. This may sound great, but we cannot be lulled into thinking this will suffice in the future. To continue being identified as a one of the premier hospitals in the system, our surgical procedure volumes must be increased. It is incumbent upon all of us to make sure we support and accomplish this. You may be wondering how this can be achieved. The answer may sound like a simple solution: we need to act upon every opportunity to share our mission with others.

Shriners Hospitals offers cutting-edge spinal surgeries and procedures that many other facilities are unable to perform because of their limited expertise or budgetary concerns. As I have alluded to in the past, our orthopedic surgeons are nationally and internationally recognized for their expertise. We need to raise awareness in our Blue Lodges, Consistory and Shrine Clubs and Units.

You can also serve as an ambassador by graciously and politely offering our services when encountering parents of children with disabilities. I realize that our many television commercials do a fine job of raising funds, however, many people "tune out" of commercials while watching television. The public, as well as many Shriners, are not truly aware of the advanced technology and services we are offering at no cost to patients and their families. In many cases, the cost of these services would be prohibitive to hospitals whose bottom line is to bring in revenue.

We as Shriners are committed to providing the highest level of care, but we do it out of the goodness of our hearts. Our reward is seeing reduced stress levels in the parents while seeing joy and happiness as they realize a brighter future for their child with immense possibilities.

As a Past Master, Club and Unit President, I know how hard it can be to get speakers. Let me know if you need assistance with locating speakers. I will try to have one of our many Shriners Hospital experts present a talk either in-person or via Zoom.



A Happy Goodbye to 2020

By Noble Hilary A. Kaufman, Membership Chairman

I am sure, most or all of us would say a happy goodbye to 2020, given the hardships and even deaths of loved ones we experienced.

From a LuLu membership standpoint, the year was not too bad. Let me just review how membership fared through the pandemic. We must always keep in mind, that every membership number is not just a number, but represents one of our friends at LuLu.

We started out in 2020 with 1,047 members. By the end of 2020, we had 1,006 members. So, why the decline? We had 16 new Shriners join LuLu, 8 former members were restored, 45 members were lost to the Black Camel, 20 members were suspended for not paying their dues.

Why am I boring you with these numbers? We need your help. The 45 members taken by the Black Camel, is about average for LuLu over recent years. **We need your help with bringing in new members, encouraging former members to come back, and keep the members we now have.**

During 2020, under the leadership of Ill Sir Edward D. Blum, P.P. our Divan, Membership Committee and the leadership of the Clubs and Units worked diligently to provide reasons for our membership to remain loyal to LuLu.

To keep in touch with our members during this trying time of Covid, our Potentate organized a telephone squad comprising the Divan, Past Potentates, and the Membership Committee, to call every one of our

members. We were inquiring of their wellbeing and if they needed any help we could provide. We all received heart felt, positive responses, from all we were able to contact.

To stem the tide of suspensions, our Potentate, with the assistance of our Membership Committee, sent letters in January, May, and October, to members who were in jeopardy of losing their Shrine membership. This was followed up by phone calls to members that had not responded. As a result of this effort, suspensions resulting from nonpayment of dues were 20 in 2020. We would like the number to be zero.

Creation of new Shriners is especially important for the growth and survival of LuLu. Early in 2020, when we had no Covid restrictions, the Divan, with stage assistants, created 16 new LuLu Shriners at a LuLu Ceremonial. This was a great achievement, since the Ceremonial Team was then reborn, for the future when we can all get together in the Auditorium, in person, for future Ceremonials.

In 2021, the membership incentive program provides that all who participate by bringing in new members can win. Not just one winner, but many winners. This was spelled out in our January 2021, Fez and can be found on our website www.lulushriners.org as "What's Your Number".

The life blood of LuLu is its members. As the sky clears, and the sun shines on a new year, in 2021, we look forward to you helping your LuLu Nobles have our membership grow.

LuLu Shepherds Unit

By: Chris Mason, Secretary/Treasurer



We are (at present) 13 qualified Noble drivers who are tasked with transporting 'our children' from locations within LuLu's Oasis to Shriners Hospital Philadelphia for their scheduled appointments, maybe to and from a local hotel or even Philadelphia International Airport and then back home again. We are also 14 other Nobles and Ladies who act as 2nd seaters or 'shotgun', as all transports MUST have two qualified persons; at least one being a Shriner. LuLu's Oasis includes Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Bucks, Chester, and Lancaster Counties.

Our van is a Mercedes Benz 'Sprinter' vehicle that has been modified with a wheelchair lift to transport wheelchair bound or ambulatory children. In December 2020 we logged 28 transportations with almost 200 man/hours of volunteer time. For January 2021, we also logged 28 runs but volunteer man/hours increased to almost 250. I might add, we are trying to raise funds to purchase a 2nd vehicle as our patient transportation load has increased; we sometime have multiple transports in one day.

To qualify, a Noble or Shrine Lady must be a member of the Shepherds Unit and have a current PA or NJ Drivers License; have or get a PA State Police Criminal Background Check and PA Health & Human Services Child Abuse Certification, both of which are valid for five years and get the FBI Fingerprint Registration.

Our 2021 Officers are Nobles Greg Haas, President; William Staneruck, Vice President and Chris Mason, Secretary/Treasurer. We meet every 3rd Tuesday, LuLu Shrine, MerryMac Room, at 7:00 PM (COVID-19 restrictions permitting) ~ face masks and proper social distancing are required. To join the Shepherds Unit, please contact Chris Mason at masoncs@comcast.net or 215-828-2154 for a petition to join and the procedures to apply for the necessary certifications.

IN MEMORIAM

**Nobles that are
now traveling
with the
Black Camel:**



Gary Papazian December 22, 2020
William Hagmeier . . . December 30, 2020
John Soloway December 31, 2020
Harry L. Reiter, P.P. . . . February 8, 2021
Edward Myers February 8, 2021

"May your soul be bound up in the bond of eternal life".

LuLu Activities Club

By: Noble Ben Litman

While this past year has been challenging for us all in every aspect of our lives, The LuLu Activities Unit has tried to persevere in the goals of Freemasonry in general and Shrinedom in particular. We hosted Eagle's game watch parties with a great spread of food. We hosted a Halloween movie night with plenty to eat and brought smiles to children's faces during this difficult time. All our events were run at cost but had plenty of food and fun. We had fellowship and we gave children the opportunity to see a movie or Eagles game like a drive-in theater. All our events were socially distanced, and we consistently had 20-30 attendees. Please join us at any of our upcoming events.

Upcoming Events:

April 2nd: Phillies vs. Braves Watch Party

April 16th: Movie Night outside of the Picnic Grove

All movie night featured films are determined by a poll. Movie poll options are coming soon. Suggestions are welcome.

Bucks County Shrine Club

By: Mike Feldsher, Past President

Looking Forward to the Spring and Better Days Ahead

Even though we are still living in the Covid-19 restricted world there is a light at the end of the tunnel. By this point several of our members have already received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines. We are hopeful that sooner rather than later we can be together in person again.

Early in January our new officers were sworn in and took their oaths of office. These were administered by our new LuLu Potentate, Illustrious Sir Dave Gingras. Our officers for this year are as follows: Ill. Sir Joel Brookstein, P.P., President, Noble Sean Dougherty, 1st VP, Noble Mike Feldsher, Past President, 2nd VP, Noble John Casanover Past President, Treasurer, and Noble Ted Elke, Secretary. We wish all our new officers much success for both themselves and our club. We are also happy to congratulate our own Noble Sean Dougherty on being elected Oriental Guide.

Twenty-twenty one, will be a better year, I am sure of it. We have an exciting schedule planned for the spring when we are hopeful to meet in person. Some of the programs we are planning are, the history of the American flag and a trivia night. Later in the year we hope to have a ladies' brunch as well as a memorial service for our departed Nobles and our Noble of the Year presentation.

One of the Bucks Country Shrine Club's highlights every year, is a performance by the young ladies at the Fitzpatrick Irish School of Dance. These amazing dancers always put on quite a show for the club. This will be a meeting that you will not want to miss. We will make sure to have the LuLu office broadcast out the meeting information once we get closer to the date.

I also would like to let everyone know that we are holding a virtual happy hour meeting during our normal 1st Tuesday of the month meeting. We have been doing this since the pandemic started. This is a great way for everyone to say "Hi" and see how everyone is going. Bring a coffee or the adult beverage of your choice to your living room or wherever you are logged

in. Just make sure you don't spill it. I have learned that lesson the hard way. Since the pandemic I have destroyed 3 keyboards and mice due to coffee spills.

I would also like to remind everyone that the club is still having our nut and dried fruit sale. These nut and fruit sales are one of the chief fund raisers for our Bucks County parade float "Washington Crossing the Delaware". These nuts and fruits are always a great gift to give to someone and or just enjoy at home. If you are interested and would like more information please see our new nut ordering form on our webpage or call our President, Ill. Sir Joel Brookstein, P.P.

I would like to remind everyone that we are selling very handsome club polos for both men and women. These white polos are made of a quality blend of cloth materials with the Bucks County Shrine Club insignia over the left side. These club polos are great to wear in the spring and of course to our club meetings.

We look forward to seeing everyone on-line and hopefully soon in person, at our dinners at the VE club. If you would like more information about the Bucks County Shrine Club, please approach any of our members and or the club's leadership. You can also like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/Buckscountyshrineclub.

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Northeast Shrine Club

By: Dennis C. Gold

Northeast Shrine “Shared The Love” in 2020

WOW!!! 2020 is in the history books. It has been one of the hardest years in many many years. We have all known someone or family affected with the Covid Virus. By the time you read this we will have started giving the vaccine to many. Most of our meetings have been held using zoom. A skill that many of us have had to learn. The Northeast officers have had many hurdles to overcome with the pandemic. This is true of the Shrine and all clubs and units. We want to commend all the officers for their hard work and efforts in keeping everyone informed and together using zoom. Those that have taken advantage of the zoom meetings appreciated the camaraderie with brothers we are able to share.

With all the hardships for everyone Northeast Shrine Club, the “Home of the Happy Shriner”, has helped “Spread the Love”. We have done several things to share our love for the membership, hospital, and LuLu. We have made over \$11,000 in donations to the Shriners Hospital. This included a \$10,000 donation to the “Walk for Love” and \$1,000 donation for a paper drive. We also make donation in memory of our members visited by the Black Camel to Shriners Hospital. In addition, we gave to a few other places. We supported the LuLu Shrine golf outing with a sponsorship of a hole. We also helped LuLu this year.

Our good and welfare chairman, Noble Hugh McGinniss,

also “Spreads the Love”, by keeping us informed of those having medical issues. We always stay in contact with those members that are having medical issues.

So, the big question is where do we go from here? Shriners has been around since 1870 and LuLu since December 31, 1883. Northeast Shrine Club will be 100 years old in 2022. We are planning a celebration at Merion Caterers. We want to continue “Sharing the Love”. We want to support our members and find ways to be the “Home of the Happy Shriner”. We would appreciate any input that would help our club continue for the next 100 years meeting the needs of our membership, LuLu Shrine, and Shriners Hospital.

Many believe we will continue with zoom meeting well into the spring. Please join us for these meetings. We want to stay in touch with our membership. One way we did this in 2020 was to send each member a gift card to WaWa. The feeling was that since we could not buy our membership a cup of coffee in person, we would give them the means to get one at WaWa. This was a remarkably successful program towards the end of the summer. At this time, we do not know when we will be able to see you in person, but **PLEASE** do what you need to do to stay safe, healthy, happy, and be there for your family, Northeast Shrine Club, LuLu Shrine, and Shriners Hospital. ***That is what Shrinedom is all about!***

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Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club

By: Michael Feldsher

The previous year in many ways was trying and difficult but celebratory because of it. I know this statement is odd, but I'll explain. On Jan 5th, Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club was awarded LuLu's Club of the Year for 2020. Perhaps we won this prestigious award because we adapted and managed to hold meetings continuously during the year.

One of strengths of the club's executive board is its ability to adapt to changing times. In many ways Quaker City-Montco is frequently ahead of the curve. Recognizing the difficulty that some of our members attending board meetings because of work and conflicting schedules, we moved our meetings to weekend breakfast events. Most of the members would agree that they would rather have the board meetings on the weekend because it's an excuse to get lox, bagels and cream cheese.

Way before the pandemic occurred, we held conference call meetings and even had a few virtual ones. We did this when the weather was inclement and or it was difficult to get everyone together.

Back in early January of 2019 the board approached the possibility of holding a type of virtual meeting. In early January, at a meeting at Ill. Sir Doug (Finky) Finks, P.P.'s house, we actively discussed holding entire meetings on the computer, so we would never have to cancel one.

We can proudly say that during the 2020 Shriners year Quaker City-Montco doubled our meeting schedule from the previous year as we held meetings during every month including the summer.

Our goal in 2021 is the same. We want to engage and entertain our members. We know that we may not have in-person meetings until mid to late spring at least, but we will always make sure great meetings are provided.

On January 7th, we hit the ground running with a highly informative meeting about the vaccine approval process. Our presenter was Jason Binder, son of our current President, Arthur Binder. Jason currently works in pharmaceutical regulatory operations. Jason spoke about how drugs are developed and the regulatory

process behind it. One of the astounding facts is that he told us the cost of creating a drug from start to finish can be close to a billion dollars in net cost. He also said that it typically takes 10 years for a drug to get approved. Jason also spoke at great length about how the Covid-19 vaccine was created and fast tracked to the public for emergency usage. One of the attendees PP Fred Ruderick said, "I found it interesting hearing how the COVID-19 vaccine is shipped frozen and injected at room temperature". Another attendee was my wife Dana who said, "We all hear about these drugs and typically don't realize all that goes into the development". Hopefully, everyone found the program interesting.

Luckily in 2021 we have new leadership that is committed to growing our club and its reach. Newly elected president Noble Arthur Binder has an interesting and energetic program scheduled. Our February meeting will feature Tasha Goldberg who is a writer, reporter, video producer, and ethnobotanist. She has travelled the world reporting at United Nations negotiations and events on the topic of sustainable development over the last decade. Tasha is also an ongoing contributor to the Economist Intelligence Unit, focused on the topics of food sustainability and ocean sustainability. More information about Tasha can be found on her YouTube channel and website www.evidenceofhope.com.

In March, our featured speaker will be Pennsylvania State Representative Jared Solomon. Jared will speak about what the state is doing for Covid-19 relief and the process of getting the vaccines to the public. Jared will also field questions from the audience.

In May we will have our SHOA Holocaust remembrance meeting. We will be featuring a Holocaust survivor from the Ester Raab and Goodwin Holocaust center. Last year our featured speaker was Fred Berherd who gave us a very inspirational talk.

All our meetings are open to all Nobles and their families. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email us at quakercityshrine@gmail.com. For more information about the club please go to our website at www.quakercityshrine.com and or check out our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/quakercity.montco/.

Greetings from the Mounted Guard

By: Gary Davis, P.P., President

Covid-19 or not, our horses do not care. While it is true that we have not had them in parades or exhibitions, they still require the same care regardless of lockdowns and limitations. LuLu's Mounted is fortunate to have Ill. Sir William Morwald, P.P. as a member and for that matter, so is our entire Shrine.

As for our unit, four of our horses are boarded at Bill's farm. Add Bill's two and you have six horses stabled together. This is both a blessing for us and sometimes a curse for Billy. Most folks may not realize that horses require quite a bit of care. Every day starts the same at the farm with Bill going out to grain the horses. While they are enjoying breakfast, he goes out to the field and loads their hay bales, checks on the water troughs, then returns to the barn. The critters all get a treat or two before they are turned out in the field for the day.

That is when the work really starts. All six stalls need to get mucked (that means shoveled out) then new shavings laid down. Each water bucket needs to be emptied, brushed clean, rinsed, and refilled with fresh water. Every stall gets two laps of hay except for Liberty who only gets one, and then the barn is swept. It is now ready for when the horses return to their stalls for more grain at supper time and spend the night.

The process repeats every day. There is no holiday or vacation save when we take them to Fall MASA or Imperial and then the work is spread out among all our riders. The only real change in the schedule occurs every six weeks when our farrier arrives to reset or replace their shoes.

This work was normally done by Billy and his son Bill. Recently Bill, Jr. had wrist surgery. While he is on the mend our guys have set up a recurring barn detail. Pretty much every four days we rotate who goes up to the farm. It is a fair amount of work, but many hands make light the work. I can honestly say that without Billy and his son, there would not be a Mounted Guard. I should also mention that it is well worth the time, money, and effort.

There is something about the outside of a horse that is great for the inside of a man. I purchased Bandit when he was seven and he is now coming up on twenty-five. We all have stories about our critters and perhaps we will share some in future articles. For now, let's just say we all look forward to participating in parades again when it is safe for us all. Until then, remember, life is better on a horse!

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Legion of Honor

By: Gary M. Portnoy, PC

The From the Commander:

I would like to say, "welcome all to 2021". I truly hope that this will be a better year for all of us than 2020 was for us.

Unfortunately, I believe our first several meetings will be via Zoom but, when we are able we will meet in person and I'm sure it will be a very joyous meeting.

I am looking forward to a good year once this pandemic is over and most of all I look forward to our Tomb trip in November.

Until we are able to meet in person and break bread together once again, please stay safe, vigilant, and healthy.

The Legion of Honor continues to meet by Zoom. Please look to your emails for the dates and times of the meetings. We can expect to meet at 7 PM, 1900 hours, little hand on the seven - big hand on the 12 (you know who you are) on the fourth Monday of the month.

1921 to 2021 Centennial Celebration

LuLu Legion of Honor is celebrating 100 years in 2021 and what a year to reach 100 years old. LuLu Legion of Honor is the "Mother Legion", the first in Shrinedom. Your commander and staff will be planning a celebration as soon as it is safe to meet in person. Commander, Ill Ed Blum PP has designed a challenge coin for distribution at the Centennial event. The finish is antique brass, so this illustration does not do it justice.

National Guard and Reserve Deployments

As many of us served in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the reserves of all the armed services we want to extend our appreciation to all those who were deployed to Washington and all the state capitals. As Past First Lady Jacquie Blum pointed out to Ill. Ed Blum PP and me these deployments went a long way to quell the disturbances in the national capital and the state capitals. Much more violence may have been avoided by their deployments and continued vigilance.

Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip

The Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip for 2021 is scheduled and approved by Arlington National Cemetery for Sunday 7 Nov 2021. I expect to release a flyer during the March time frame. The Legion will keep the cost to \$95.00 per person. We will attempt to use the trams to tour the entirety of Arlington as was planned for this year. Our plans are to have a Mission BBQ dinner at Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge # 195 in Rockville, Maryland as was planned for this year.

Dues

Thank all of you who have remitted your 2021 dues and hospital donations. Seventy out of one hundred-three members have submitted their dues. We have collected \$730 for the hospital which is well above average for this time of the year. Tom Spoltore PC has delivered our last year's contribution to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital which happens to be \$730 as well.

Members

A number of our members and their spouses have recently been diagnosed with COVID-19 and in some cases were hospitalized. One couple was recently hospitalized. We hope and pray for their recovery. Please stay safe so we can all meet in person at some time next year.

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



Sightings from the Crow's Nest

Ahoy Mates and Welcome Aboard 2021

By Past Commodore Ill. Sir Matt Hallowell, P.P.



Well, we are not sailing open seas this winter as we are docked and winterized.

The Covid-19 storm still has our mates land locked. Hopefully, the storm will end so we can leave dock and get back to sea. In the

meantime, our new crew can socialize and meet in our cockpits and on land. My hope is that the crew stays totally safe during the storm.

Our mates are continually docking, socializing, and meeting at Phil's Pier for our cockpit treats of cocktails and dinner on land in lieu of being port anchored and docked during Covid-19 storm.

Even though our crew have to follow safe social distancing at Phil's Pier, we've had 20 plus mates, including our first mates (wives), enjoying each other's company.

We have a great time getting together at sunset on the second Tuesday of the month. Call our Rear Commodore, Ill. Sir Ed Blum, P.P. (302-745-4600) if you plan to anchor or raft with us at Pier Phil's or plan to join us at any upcoming events. We are planning future docks like Change of Watch so check our newsletter/chart issue for updates.

Note Mates, our Bridge/Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at LuLu Club Room #10 at 7pm. If you are interested in being a crew member by boating, sailing, or joining in social activities, please contact P.C. Matt Hallowell, P.P. at 215-620-1741.

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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 hold monthly Zoom based meetings for the foreseeable future. When weather permits we get together weekly to shoot: Trap, handgun, and Sporting Clays. Some members now meet at the newly refurbished Conestoga Gun Club to shoot pistols. Conestoga Gun Club 820 Street Road, Southampton, Pa 18966 (215) 355 9484. www.ConestogaGunClub.org Stu Konefsky is also fielding a 22 caliber red dot pistol team aimed at competition. The shooters practice at Conestoga.

Plans are underway to schedule the annual Cast and Blast at Throphy Mountain. The schedule may include fishing at Raystown Lake and local waters on Tuesday

12 Oct 2021. Overnight at the TMHC Lodge followed by Sporting Clay on Wednesday 13 Oct 2021. The Field Pheasant Hunt will be conducted Thursday 14 Oct 2021 in the the morning with most people returning home after that.

Possible Cape Cod and Solomon's Island striper fishing trips. We are waiting for updated tide tables since the tides, particularly on the Bay of Cape Cod determin when boats can leave the dock and when they can return.



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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.

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COVID-19 VIRUS – PART III

By: Noble Brandon Copeland, Historian – January 21

COVID-19 Not Under Control – The impact of the virus is still affecting the way we conduct business and gather socially. To date, there have been approximately 25,615,268 reported cases in the US and 431,619 deaths attributed to the virus. California, Texas, Florida and New York have reported the most cases (3.3, 2.35, 1.7 and 1.4 million, respectively). Pennsylvania currently has the eighth most reported cases with 840,000.

Keeping up with the tradition of brotherhood, social interaction, good-spirited fun and providing care for children and families in need, has been difficult, not just within our organization, but all professional and social groups nationwide. Companies scurried to find a vaccine that will curtail the spread of this deadly virus. On December 11, 2020, the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID 19 vaccine.

To date, approximately 27.9 million vaccines have been administered. The School District of Philadelphia has transitioned from 100% digital learning to slowly introduce a mix of in-person and digital learning (i.e. hybrid learning). Pennsylvania business have suffered as well due to COVID restrictions. Though business can reopen, telework must continue unless impossible and all in-person businesses may operate at 75% occupancy (with some restrictions according to the Department of Health's event occupancy calculator) and following all worker and building and safety requirements for employers.

July 31st, 2020 – Vincent James performed for the children at the Shriners hospital via Zoom party.

August 23rd, 2020 – Combined Family and Yacht Club Picnic. Masks and social distancing in full effect.

August 8th, 2020 – Scavenger Hunt 2 hosted by the Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club.

August 19th, 2020 – Special Meeting was called via

Zoom regarding Lighting upgrade throughout the Temple and sign upgrade on Butler Pike.

September 12th, 2020 – LuLu Installation Ceremonial. Continental breakfast served in the Merrymac Room. The candidates and their ladies invited.

September 29th, 2020 – Charity Golf Outing: \$60 for program boosters, Hole Sponsors \$250 or \$60 for just dinner in person.

October 2nd, 2020 – Hosted a blood drive at the LuLu Shrine by appointment.

October 3rd, 2020 – Due to COVID-19 and the inability to host fans for baseball games the Philadelphia Phillies reported financial losses of \$145 million and announced the resignation of general manager Matt Klentak, who served as GM from October of 2015. He was the 11th GM in the team's history. Notable moves during his tenure include Bryce Harper's signing to a \$330 million dollar deal

October 4th, 2020 – Eagles vs. 49ers Outside Tailgate on projection screen with fire pit to roast marshmallows, hot dogs and Cowboys gear (smile).

October 9th, 2020 – COVID-19 mitigation announcements for Pennsylvania included the maximum occupancy for indoor and outdoor events utilizing the maximum occupancy calculator (0-2,000 people allows for 10% of maximum capacity; 2,001 – 10,000 people 5% of maximum occupancy or no events over 500 people).

October 30th, 2020 – The Night before Halloween movie night outside. Screening of Ghost Busters and Indiana Jones.

November 10th, 2020 – LuLu Shrine Building Restriction implemented. No live events to be held inside or outside the Shrine until November 17, 2020. Building sanitized.

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Scouting Association

by Emil Gambosi

LuLu has a scouting unit that is open to all members. We encourage you to join us as we are open to anyone who is interested in Scouting, past, present, or future. You do not need to be registered as a member of any Scouting Unit or Council.

We support the following Councils that are in LuLu's oasis: Cradle of Liberty (Musser Scout Reservation and Resica Falls Scout Reservation), Chester (Camp Horseshoe), and Washington Crossing (Camp Ockanickon).

The Scouting Unit grants specific camp needs as requested by the respective councils such as radios, portable fire engine, ropes course equipment, telescopes, and volleyball equipment. Funding is raised by both our \$10 yearly membership dues and with individual or lodges donating to our Scouting Unit.

In the past we have had a Campmaster and Staff that we could reinstitute if Nobles show interest. Please contact Bob Swan our Scoutmaster at 215-674-1935 or email swantown@aol.com.

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November 19th, 2020 – Shriners International Education Foundation presented The Membership and Marketing Conference & Masters Class which is a conference series comprised of four virtual webinar sessions and a three day in-person conference held in Tampa, Florida. This series is part of the Shriners International Education Foundation's (SIEF) Noble Academy. Participants can bring what they learned back to their temples, sharing ideas and best practices.

November 29th, 2020 – LuLu Shriners Ladies' Luncheon honoring First Lady Jacquie Blum. Included delicious buffet luncheon, surprise entertainment and Nobles welcome.

December 2nd, 2020 – First ever Grand Lodge of PA Virtual Quarterly Communication streamed live on YouTube. The Annual Grand, Quarterly (business meeting) is held every two years, for the purpose of installing a new Grand Master.

December 12, 2020 – An announcement was made that due to the COVID-19 restrictions put in place by Governor Wolf, no meetings can be held at the Shrine until January 4, 2021.

December 16th, 2020 – Shriners International launched 150th Anniversary Member Directory.

December 24th, 2020 – LuLu Shriners hosted the Santa Reding the Night Before Christmas at the Hospital. Event held virtually via Zoom.

January 6th, 2021 – Potentate and Divan Installations. Divan members met in the Potentate's Parlor in full attire. Closing remarks, awards and installation of incoming Potentate. Potentate Dave Gringas installed the remainder of the Divan and gave his remarks.

January 8th, 2021 - Bureau of Labor Statistics announced unemployment rate in December was unchanged at 6.7%. "The decline in payroll employment reflects the recent increase in COVID-19 cases and efforts to contain the pandemic."

January 9th, 2021 – Club and Unit Installations meeting held virtually via Zoom. All Club and Unit Presidents and their officers were installed. Officers donned their Fez's during the installation.

January 11th, 2021 – After a disappointing season and financial losses reported upwards of \$109 million, the Philadelphia Eagles fired head coach Doug Peterson. Peterson led the Eagles to a Super Bowl victory over the New England Patriots in 2018.

January 29th, 2021 – A message was received from Imperial Potentate Imperial Sir Jim Smith and First Lady Alice regarding their Danube River Cruise scheduled for October 8, 2021 and returning on October 18, 2021.

January 30th, 2021 – 30th Annual Masonic Breakfast was postponed.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



John T Braun	3/1	Amer Samdani	3/11	Michael J Bane	3/21
Mark L Johnson	3/2	James S Wylie	3/12	Rick L Marschall	3/21
Ronald E Stoud Sr.	3/3	Bernard Homer	3/12	John C Brower III.	3/22
Eleazar Hernandez	3/3	H Benjamin Lehman Jr.	3/12	Dennis L Robinson	3/22
John K Frawley	3/3	David A Widmeier	3/12	Charles L Johnson Jr.	3/23
Robert L Wasko	3/3	Edward J Howley	3/12	Robert W Bailey Jr.	3/23
Vincent Gravina	3/4	Timothy O Wilson	3/13	Larry Conway Jr.	3/23
Richard D Stentz	3/4	Louis C Kahn	3/13	Anthony C Cebula	3/24
Anthony C Nocito	3/4	Seth M Foster	3/14	Rollen W Cobb	3/24
Victor G Rondeau	3/4	Rudolph Pellegrini	3/15	Gerald W Schmidt	3/24
Charles R Wallgren	3/5	Barry C Leiber	3/15	Robert R Mc Que Sr.	3/26
Eugene K Albert	3/5	Barry A Fessler	3/15	Zalig H Stein	3/26
Gaetano J Mazzoni	3/6	Frank E Ehrenfeld III.	3/15	Oscar Stevenson	3/26
David A Jay	3/6	Robert L Meals Jr.	3/15	Dan A Rose	3/26
Daniel J Kelly	3/6	John H Tettermer	3/17	David W Woodhead	3/26
John H Buckwalter Jr.	3/6	Edward L Klopp	3/17	Charles A Butler	3/26
Wister S Baisch	3/7	Earl E Ebling	3/17	Gerald D Powlus	3/27
Harvey R Turner Jr.	3/7	Albert Leonberger	3/17	Ronald Gruno	3/27
Matthew B Weisberg	3/7	Alan J Rubert	3/17	Lamont A Hudson	3/27
David B Creelman	3/8	David A Gingras	3/18	Baron Rowland	3/30
Peter Gergo III	3/8	Jesse R Johnson Jr.	3/18	Emil J Gombosi	3/30
James G Mc Lean	3/9	Mitchell J Cole	3/19	Bransby W Bushey	3/31
Stephen M Goodley	3/9	Robert G Banner	3/20	Charles G Getzoff	3/31
Wesley A Ruppel	3/10	Vincent J Fazio	3/20	David A Schad	3/31
David Thomas Reppert	3/10	Harris B Brody	3/20	James J Crawford	3/31
Robert C Jackle	3/11	Robert J Smilk	3/20	David Y Sharp	3/31
Steven Rashkow	3/11	Warren H Barnhart	3/21	Brandon R Copeland	3/31

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Jerome D Udell4/1	James P Nawn4/12	Murray K Saltzman4/24
Thomas Howard Kennedy4/1	Carlo P Malantonio Sr.4/13	Donald Glassman4/24
Calvin E Williams Jr.4/1	Alan D Call4/13	Joseph R Morgan Jr.4/24
Richard J Lamontagne P.P. . . .4/1	Joel H Brookstein P.P.4/13	Marc S Stein4/24
Daniel J Snyder4/1	Karl R Mayro4/13	James G Guba4/26
Arthur Loev4/2	Robert N Self Jr.4/13	William E Rhydderch4/26
William R Zimmerman4/2	Perry A Gaber4/14	Robert J Hartman4/27
Norman A Fox4/3	Stanley Novick4/15	Joseph R Waters4/27
Robert D Fighera Jr.4/3	Henri C Levit4/15	Harry E Snyder4/27
Mark T Johnston4/3	Joseph P Simek4/16	Nikola Trivic4/27
William A Marchesani4/3	Frederick A Tucker4/16	Zachary P Hulayev4/27
Dennis C Miller4/3	Carl R Loudenslager4/16	Max Hards4/27
Bradford D Houchins Jr.4/3	Yasser A Al-Khatib4/16	Gilbert W Belsky4/28
Rudolph Stroh Jr.4/4	Vincent Bocchinfuso Jr.4/18	Ernest F Padovani4/28
Gerald I Jay4/4	Raymond W Blaisse4/18	Mark R Pfeiffer4/28
Carl A Emilius III4/4	Reaves C Lukens Jr.4/19	Arthur J Jervis4/29
Robert Lankin4/5	Stuart E Konefsky4/19	Walter R Clark4/29
Brad Seecof4/5	Bryan L Emilius4/19	Elwood E O'Brien4/29
Donald P Cornagie4/5	John K Richards4/20	Charles A Lusch4/29
Brian M Winokur4/6	John H Ratzke4/20	Arnold H Gelman4/29
Raymond Cardona4/7	William K Carney4/20	Gregg Alan Strom4/29
Bryan C Werner4/7	Paul A Huss4/21	Benjamin R Gimbel4/29
William H Bromley4/7	Thomas J Schmidt4/21	Benjamin G Baird P.P.4/30
David W Caddick II4/7	Kevin M Evans4/21	Robert Gale4/30
David C Thompson4/9	Sheldon L Groner4/22	Arthur E Scena Jr.4/30
Rodney H Kirkner4/9	Robert M Porter4/22	Paul J Feigl Sr.4/30
Lee E Grover4/11	Thomas O Felke4/22	Ira M Feldman4/30
Nathan L Duncan4/11	Gary H Lippen4/22	
Frederick J Fedak4/12	Joshua C Winokur4/22	

It's the Law

By: Michael Sherlock



Every modern country has regulations around the production and sale of alcoholic beverages. Even the earliest example of written law, the Hammurabi Code (~18th century BC), had regulations regarding brewing. Currently, in the US, this is primarily relegated to the FDA, ATF, and some state/local agencies. But France has strict rules around what one may call “Champagne.” Ireland regulates what constitutes “Whiskey.” For a long time, Potcheen, a.k.a. Irish moonshine, was produced in Ireland for export only since it didn’t meet their standards for domestic sale (although it’s available there now). Scotland regulates “Scotch Whisky” (note: Scots and Canadians spell it without the “e”). Even in the US, one may only call their liquor “Kentucky Bourbon” if it is made in the state of Kentucky, with at least 51% corn mash, distilled at no more than 160 proof, aged in new, charred oak barrels, and bottled at a minimum of 80 proof. Fun fact: over 90% of the world’s Bourbon is made in the state of Kentucky.

Prior to the 16th century, folks in Germany and the surrounding area were fermenting all kinds of nonsense and calling it “beer.” Since there were no big commercial breweries that shipped beer far and wide, people were stuck with whatever was made in their local town. In 1516, Germany adopted Der Reinheitsgebot, literally, “The Purity Order.” OK, I know, that sounds absolutely terrifying. But all it said was that beer could only be made from the three following ingredients: water, barley, and hops. It was eventually amended to include a fourth ingredient: yeast.

Then everything was swell for hundreds of years of brewing and the Germans firmly established themselves as the masters of beer making. Many terms used in the brewing process to this day are German in origin.

Then things changed in the late 1980’s, early 90’s. There was a lot of legal wrangling from importers that wanted to sell their non-compliant beers in Germany. Domestic German brewers felt their hands were tied due to the legal restrictions and feared importers were going to take their market share. America had started opening microbreweries like crazy and German consumers wanted more diverse brews. They couldn’t be one-upped by the Americans. Der Reinheitsgebot got blown away. A few years later

after the regulations were cancelled, an updated version, Vorläufiges Biergesetz (the less-scary sounding, “Provisional Beer Law”), which was not quite so draconian, was passed in 1993. So, the insanely strict beer laws stood for nearly half a millennia!

Sometimes the government does the will of the people and sometimes the people go nutty and take matters into their own hands. In 1842, folks living around Prague (in what’s currently the Czech Republic) were pretty unhappy with the lousy local beer. How unhappy were they? Well, they were so unhappy, that they stormed the local brewery and smashed the casks, Elliot Ness-style, and demanded better quality beer. The brewers, who were probably fearing for their lives, quickly went to work crafting a tasty new brew. Thus, the town of Plzen opened the Pilsner Urquell (“Pilsner from the original source”) brewery soon after, which is still cranking out their spicy, straw-colored beer to this day. And this style has been knocked-off by every major manufacturer and is the most popular style of beer in the US (most American light beers are technically Pilsners, like Budweiser, Coors, and Miller).

So, in addition to health regulations, pasteurization requirements, age limits, and restrictions on when/where alcohol may be sold, folks have come up with clever ways to make it more complicated to sell booze. One may make beer at home in Pennsylvania for personal consumption, not for sale, but no more than 300 gallons annually. If someone can actually produce and consume 300 gallons of beer in a year, I’d tip my fez to them. And I would also give them a phone number to get some help. Let’s be reasonable, yeah?

But you, dear reader, do not have to go through all that effort. Pennsylvania has about 350 microbreweries, not to mention multiple distilleries and wineries. And the Lu Lu Shriners Brewmeisters are looking to visit as many as possible. We’re starting a Taproom, which is becoming popular across Shrinedom. It’s just a social club for mirth, merriment, and fellowship where we visit various locations and taste what they have to offer. Ladies are welcomed. We’re looking for regular members and charter members. So, if interested, contact me, Michael Sherlock, at mjsherlock@gmail.com.

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