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From the Potentate



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

As I write this our Nobility has just enjoyed Passover and Easter. The Rights of Spring have brought rain and sunshine to officially start the season throughout our Oasis. Our new 2021 Membership Book has been printed and is available at the Shrine office.

We are starting to meet in person and by Zoom with some Clubs and Units meeting in small

groups, all using recommended social distancing.

Our Rod and Gun Club has sold out for their Chesapeake Spring Striper trip in May. Northeast Shrine Club has booked the Tahiti Motel for Ocean City Weekend, June 4-6, 2021. Contact them if you are interested.

Because of events beyond our control, we are not having the Circus and Rodeo this year. We have



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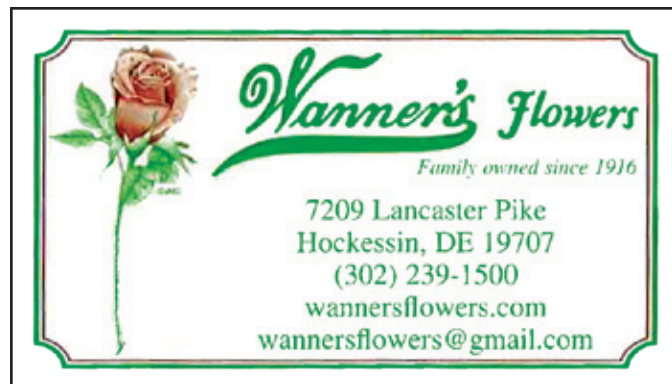
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decided to bring back and host the FEZtival of Trees and Lights on November 17-20, 2021. Noble Mike Feldsher is the Chair, and his committee is working to bring back a super event just before Thanksgiving.

The Annual International Shrine Imperial Session will be held in Houston starting July 3, 2021 and your Divan will be going as your elected Delegates to represent LuLu with other Shrines from around the world. It is an exciting trip that any Noble may attend. Please contact Assistant Rabban Dan Sheetz if you are interested in going.

Membership is the key to success for our Temple 2021. With the membership numbers falling to just over 1,000, now is the time for LuLu to shine. As Masonic lodges opening, get ready to introduce your Brethren to Shrine by having petitions signed.

We are anticipating getting back to our social schedule this summer with Heritage Night and our Family Picnic so stay tuned to the LuLu Website and Constant Contact for updates.



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Recorder's Recordings

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



"It's a wonderful day in the neighborhood!" As of Easter Sunday Mr. Rodgers would be correct. The weather is starting to get better every day. We can now start to look forward to a relaxing afternoon on the porch or deck, having an iced tea or coffee, listening to our favorite

music, basking in the warmth of the sun. Start getting some fresh air, if you haven't already started and build up the vitamin of the sun and the warm weather.

Relax a little and look forward to the coming days when we'll be able to meet together for our meetings and social events, and again enjoying each other's company. Keep paying attention to the procedures to be followed, wear your mask, and social distance and the more of us that get vaccinated, the better. I'm certainly looking forward to seeing all of you (in person) real soon!

Our recent membership drive that led to our virtual ceremonial was a big success. Many of our new Nobles have selected a club and/or unit to join and are participating members. Keep looking for more candidates and I'm sure our Potentate will be glad to conduct another ceremonial as soon as possible.

Our new Nobles want to be involved so start looking for things they can do or a committee they can serve on. The sooner they get involved the faster they will learn and be able to help out in more areas. GREAT JOB so far so let's keep it up. Encourage our new nobles to seek out their friends to become candidates. If they have questions, they should contact either Hilary Kaufman, the Membership Chair, Assistant Rabban Dan Scheetz, or just call the office. All of us will be sure to answer questions and point them in the right direction. Keep up the good work everyone!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Best regards to you and your family. Enjoy the weather!

IN MEMORIAM

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now traveling
with the
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William Rice January 1, 2021
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Hospital Rounds

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

As I contemplate the direction of this article, I'm reminded of our journey through the ordeal caused by the pandemic restrictions over the last year. In the last Fez article, I provided an update on how the hospital adapted to the restrictions while moving us to a state of normalcy. We are currently approaching pre-pandemic patient encounters, which is a result of the effort and hard work of a dedicated team. Kudos to the medical, clinical, and ancillary staff who were unified in their efforts to ensure patient care was provided in a safe, timely, and efficient manner. They never wavered despite the potential dangers to their own wellbeing. Our hospital Board of Governors has continued to meet albeit, by Zooming. I have always been impressed with their dedication and hard work related to fundraising and brainstorming innovative ideas to help solve hospital issues. The plan moving forward for the near future is to continue with Zoom meetings in April, May, and June. In July, we will again have in-person Board meetings. Zooming, as we are all aware, is a useful tool to conduct much needed business. However, there is no substitute for the camaraderie and interpersonal relationships that are nurtured and developed with-in person meetings. This is especially important for the newest members of the Board. Our nominations last year were also conducted via Zoom and so for now, many new members are unfortunately a voice on a computer screen. I thought it may be interesting for you to know just how dedicated some of these gentlemen are in their participation. When in-person meetings resume, some of these Board members may travel more than 5 hours in addition to an overnight hotel stay. They will make these efforts for at least 9 years, at their own personal cost. In my time serving on the hospital Board, I have never heard anyone complain. I'll never complain about my hour commute again, I promise! Remember, you are always invited to attend one of these meetings. They usually take place on the third Thursday of every month. The standard attire is a suit and tie. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.



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Motor Unit Report

By: Carl Levin, Secretary

It sure feels nice to be able to function once again and be able to meet in person. We had pizza at our last meeting and had a half decent attendance. We will try it once again at our May meeting and we should get a better turnout as the word has spread. The hour or so we spent conversing and enjoying each other's company and brotherhood was great and we got to know one another better because of that. So far most of our events and parades have been either cancelled or postponed due to Covid 19; such as, our Ladies Night, our Superbowl Party, some Parades, The Grand Master's Breakfast, etc. Hopefully, this is almost finally over and we can return to our normal lives. Our new officers have been doing a good job, all considered. We will be working on our mini cars and trying to recruit Nobles who can fit in them as they are tight inside. They do attract attention at parades and events. We have just acquired some memorabilia from the family of George Leopold who may have been an original member of Our Unit. We can't thank then enough as these archives are invaluable to our history and memories. Our Ladies day has been postponed until in the year depending upon when the restaurant restriction on the amount of people allowed in the rooms are totally lifted. Our membership is expanding and we are finally getting some younger Nobles coming in. If you are reading this article and own a Motorcycle or a collector vehicle, you should join this unit. You have much in common with us and will enjoy the functions and conversations we have before and after the meetings. We meet the second Thursday of the month in our Motor Unit Room at 7:30 PM except for July and August.



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Bucks County Shrine Club

By: Mike Feldsher

Bucks County Shrine club is officially back to meeting. On Tuesday May 4th we will be back at the VE club and hold our Bucks County Shrine Club Noble of the year award. The recipient is still a secret, so I cannot announce it. We are expecting to have a nice attendance for the meeting. We also will be holding a memorial service for the nobles who have passed away this past year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we were unable to hold this meeting in 2020. Everyone is really looking forward to getting back to normal. Most of our members are now completely vaccinated.

We have held our meetings via zoom for over a year now but most of us has zoom fatigue and would love to see everyone in person. One of the highlights meetings that we are going to hold when we come back is the Fitzpatrick Irish dancers. The young ladies always put on a great show for us, and I am sure their new program will be a showstopper. Please keep a look out via email for the details of that meeting and all our communications.

I also wanted to let everyone know that we had a phenomenally successful virtual hospital visit on March 30th. The event's master of ceremonies was Illustrious Sir Finky. I had the pleasure of donning the Easter Bunny costume for the children and speaking in a squeaky voice for them. Also, we had Lady Charmaine Lutz aka Miss Petunia, who read the children's story book Peter Cotton Tail. The musical entertainment was provided by Mike & Olivia. Over 40 people logged into the event. Several children in the hospital logged in along with the staff. We also had some of the grandchildren of the Shriners watching. Everyone left the event with a great feeling! We cannot wait to do another event in the future hopefully in the hospital.

As the parade schedule starts to open back up, we are planning on having our Washington Crossing the Delaware float prominently in the parades. I know the members cannot wait to see General Washington and the other soldiers paddling their oars down parade routes. We love being the public and seeing all the hands waving! If you would like more details about our parade float please contact our President Ill. Sir Joel Brookstein, P.P.



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We could use your help. If you would like to assist with the blood drives, contact Chuck Lankert at 215 896 3309 or celankert@gmail.com

Lulu Activities Club

By: Ben Litman

So far, this year holding activities has been a great difficulty, but we are expecting to come out of this with a bang. The Activities Club Unit has done its best to provide fun and fellowship for all Nobles.

On April 30th, we held a successful Fellowship Night with a great crowd. We played pool, shuffleboard, video games, watched sports games on the projector, smoked cigars and drank camel's milk. It was such an experience to simply hang with fellow Nobles and enjoy each other's conversation. This human interaction is something all of us have deeply missed and look forward to getting back to normal!

In the coming months we plan to hold more social

fellowship events in the future. We will be holding more movie nights and outdoor sporting event viewing parties. We also will have separate wine, spirits and whiskey tasting experiences at local area establishments. In addition, we will be holding a mini golf tournament and going to an ax throwing facility. We are always open for more suggestions on new ideas for activities. The cost for our membership is only \$10 and all of our activities are run simply at cost. Our only goal is to get members out and have a good time. Families are welcome at our events. For more information about the LuLu Activities Club please email us at luluactivities@gmail.com and check out our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/luluactivitiesclub>

Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club

By: Michael Feldsher

Summer is officially here and hopefully very soon we all will be vaccinated. We are hoping by the summer all our members have been vaccinated and we can safely return to our dinner meetings. Until that point, we have continued to hold all our stated meetings virtually with speakers.

On Thursday April 1st we held such a meeting. The featured topic was the upcoming spring and warmer weather holidays. Several of the members were reminiscent of their childhood days experiencing the holidays. For some people it was a special easter basket. For others it was finding the Matzah during a Passover seder. Our president Noble Arthur Binder started off the meeting saying how he was raised to appreciate everyone's culture around him. He spoke very fondly about his experiences during the Passover Seders. Arthur said, "If I close my eyes, I can still smell my grandmother's Matzo Ball soup and see them floating in the chicken soup".

Noble Fred Ruderick spoke about how he loved waking up on Easter Morning getting an Easter Basket with his favorite coconut cream easter eggs". Also Fred said, "for Easter my wife Terry went all out spoiling with the kids with as much candy as possible, which then followed a dentist visit." Fred remembers getting the easter candies from Blasies Chocolate in Frankford. Also, Illustrious Sir Ed Blum spoke about how

special Easter was for him growing up because his Aunt was a Nun.

Noble Bart Davis spoke about growing up in South Philadelphia and his experiences there. Bart said, "In South Philly in some places there was a Synagogue on every corner".

During the meeting, the ladies in attendance shared their holiday recipes. Marilyn Gold shared a Passover noodle recipe. One of the additional areas of conversation was what they added to their chicken soup recipes to make them unique.

The meeting was well attended on-line, and everyone really enjoyed telling the holiday stories. Of course, every said "next year this would be great, and we can swap more stories and recipes"

The next few meetings for Quaker City will remain online, but we are currently taking a poll of our members to see when is good to come back. Some of the upcoming meeting's topics are as follows: A Holocaust survivor, Court TV producer, Blockbuster video story, Parx Casino, Tastykake, Goldenberg's peanut chews and a lot more. If you are interested in getting our newsletter or attending one of our meetings, please email us at quakercityshrine@gmail.com and <https://www.facebook.com/quakercityshrine/>.

Northeast Shrine Club

By: Dennis C. Gold

Words Tell It All

Nobles
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Astounding
Sociable
Tremendous

Nobles and ladies these are some incredible descriptive words depicting the membership of Northeast Shrine Club. What words would you use? Northeast Shrine is approaching 100 years young and has remained a keystone organization of LuLu Shrine. We are a fantastic club of noble and ladies willing to lend a helping hand to others and encouragement to many.

So as all organizations and club have had a difficult year with the Covid virus, Northeast was no different. We have been able to continue meetings on Zoom and


keep in touch with our membership. It might be nice to see how everyone's lives are different over the past year and where you expect to be in a year. It is our hope that meetings will be in person and the camaraderie and relationships will be there for all.

By the time you read this our early summer weekend in Ocean City should be upon us. We want to thank all those that have or will attend. We also want to thank persons that made it possible. It will be one of the first get togethers that will enable you to see others from LuLu Shrine. That is especially important. You all know that the Shrine Organization is known as the fun place to be. We hope that continues to be true for everyone.

While we start to feel comfortable in group activities, we should all take a moment to remember those that are not with us. Unfortunately, that number continues to grow. This brings up membership. All clubs need new members. Please bring along another noble to the next meeting you attend. We hope to see you and your friend at the next in person or zoom meeting.

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Legion of Honor

By: Gary M. Portnoy, PC

From the Commander:

Hello Brother legionnaires! I'm assuming all is well with everyone and we are all in the process of getting our Covid !9 Vaccinations. My wife (Jacquie) and I were fortunate enough to get both our shots down in Delaware. I'm hoping that all of us will be vaccinated soon and we will be able to meet in person again. In fact, we are anticipating having our April meeting in the Merrymac room. I'm truly looking forward to shaking hands with all of you and being able to spend time with each of you.

As you are all painfully aware, many of our events have been postponed or canceled. We are looking forward to having our LOH Ladies night in May and our flag retirement again in June. I believe our 100th anniversary coins should be available by our May Ladies night, so I'm looking forward to distributing them to all our members at that event.

Remember, if any of you are uncomfortable meeting together in person, we will also provide the meeting via Zoom so you can still be with us.

1921 to 2021 Centennial Celebration LuLu Legion of Honor

LuLu Legion of Honor is celebrating 100 years in 2021 and what a year to reach 100 years old. Commander, Ill Ed Blum PP has designed a challenge coin for distribution at the Centennial event. The coins are now on order and should be available in a month or



so. The finish is antique brass, and this illustration exemplifies the beauty of the challenge coin.

A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion, containing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the group's members. This can be used, to prove membership when challenged and to enhance morale.

Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip

The Arlington Cemetery Tomb Trip for 2021 is scheduled and approved by Arlington National Cemetery for Sunday 7 Nov 2021. The flyer is now available and is posted on our web site. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N7Pre008WPs1jWbT8ilUBxpRQ7FLvPPO/view>

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.

April Meeting

The April meeting of the Legion of Honor will be held in the Merrymac Room at 7:00 PM-1900 hours on 26 April 2021. We will also meet on Zoom from the Merrymac room as well. If you are uncomfortable meeting in person, please join us by Zoom. Pizza dinner will follow the meeting.

Members

As we go to press most of our members have been vaccinated for COVID-19. We should see meetings beginning to open but staying safe is still on everyone's mind. We remember those we lost recently from COVID-19 or other causes including Mary Speth, III. Harry Reiter PP, Ed Myers former Phila Hospital Administrator.

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 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.

Trophy Mountain Cast and Blast



Plans are underway to schedule the annual Cast and Blast at Trophy 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 morning with most people returning home after that. Costs should be similar to last year.

Solomon's Island Striper Fishing Trip



The Solomon's Island our May16-17 trip. striper fishing trip is sold out with a waiting list. There are two boats reserved with 9 on the first vessel and 6 on the second. The waiting list contains a several of people. The charter fishing boats: Boat # 1 is configured at 9 and Boat #2 is Coast guard approved for 6.



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THE HISTORY OF THE SHRINE & LULU TEMPLE – 16 CHAPTER XCII (92)

COVID-19 VIRUS – PART IV

By: Noble Brandon Copeland, Historian - February/March '21

COVID-19 Vaccines have been ramping up – At the time of this article, the United States has administered approximately 150 million doses and approximately 55 million citizens are now fully vaccinated (which is around 17% of the population).

Worldwide, approximately 597 million doses have been administered and 130 million people are now fully vaccinated (just under 2% of the population).

Currently, the three vaccines that are authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19 are 1) Pfizer-BioNTech 2) Moderna and 3) Johnson & Johnson /Janssen. As of February 27, 2021, there are two large-scale COVID-19 clinical trials that are in progress: 1) AstraZeneca and 2) Novavax. The CDC recommends you get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as you are eligible.

If you are a Veteran, Congress passed a new law that allows the VA to offer COVID-19 vaccines to more Veterans and some spouse and caregivers of Veterans. The VA's Veterans Health Administration is the largest integrated health care network in the US with 1,255 health care facilities serving 9 million enrolled Veterans each year.

Coronavirus cases are rising in and around

Philadelphia. To date there are 1,024,857 total cases (+4,557 from day before) and 25,093 total deaths (+44 from the day before). *Totals as of March 31, 2021.

February 2nd, 2021 – The CDC announced guidelines that required masks on planes, busses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the US.

February 28th, 2021 – Hospital Zoom Party – Great fellowship and live music from the Side Chicks.

March 13th, 2021 – Completed our first Virtual Ceremonial and we were happy to initiate twelve new Nobles into our family. Congratulations, and welcome brother Nobles!!

March 31st, 2021 – Hospital Zoom Party – Petunia the story book reader read an Easter story and had live music by Mike Raymond, Jr., and Olivia Weiss.

April 1st, 2021 – Opening Day for Major League Baseball. The Phillies won their first game, a 3-2 win over the Atlanta Braves. It was the first time that fans have passed through the gates to attend a live game since 2019. The Phillies and the city came to an agreement to allow 8,800 fans into the stadium for now (capacity is 43,035).

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Skunky Beer

By: Michael Sherlock



I've always been warned about skunky beer, but I have never encountered it myself. The urban legend was that if one had chilled beer, allowed it get warm, and then chilled it again, then it would become skunky.

That's false. If one brings beer from near-freezing to near-boiling temperatures several times, then, yes, the flavor will suffer. Otherwise, it's going to be fine. Only three things mainly kill the taste of beer: sunlight, oxygen, and bacteria. Given modern brewing and bottling techniques, one doesn't have to worry about oxygen and bacteria, so let's focus on sunlight.

One of the key ingredients in beer are hops. Hops are a vining plant (I'm told raw hops are poisonous to dogs, FYI) with green, pine cone-shaped flowers. Hops were put into beer thousands of years ago primarily for their preservative properties, but they also impart a bitter taste and aromatic smell. They impact the flavor/smell, more or less, depending on the type of hop and technique used. The beer style IPA, or India Pale Ale, is an extremely bitter, hoppy beer. The British were shipping beer to their colonies in India and had to ensure it would survive the long sea voyage. Thus, they jacked up the beer with a heck of a lot of hops to preserve it. That's how we got ultra-hoppy India Pale Ale. It was simply out of practicality.

In modern brewing, we don't really need hops for their preservative properties since we know about pasteurization and refrigeration. Rather, we want hops for the aromatic and/or flavoring properties. Every strain of hops (and there are many) have their own profile; some more bitter and some more aromatic, with a variety of profiles. And their effectiveness depends on which stage of the brewing process they are introduced to the beer.

Each strain of hops has an IBU (International Bitterness Unit) rating. This rates the bitterness of the hops as a percentage of alpha acids to overall weight. The alpha acids in hops are what one is really looking to extract for either flavor or aroma. So, for example, if one is going to brew a really bitter IPA, one may toss in a lot of high IBU hops early in the process. If one is making a sweet, dark ale, one may toss low IBU hops in later in the process.

But I was talking about skunky beer. Beer gets skunky when the alpha acids in hops interact with sunlight. One very common type of alpha acid in hops, called isohumulone, is particularly reactive to sunlight (ultraviolet, or UV). When hit with UV light, isohumulone produces riboflavin, which smells and tastes like a latrine. Since this alpha acid is so common in most hops, that's why beer is normally bottled in brown, blue, or green glass (or cans/kegs). The colored glass (or aluminum) blocks the UV light and allows the brewers to stop it from interacting with their beer.

Corona, famously, is packaged in clear bottles. They do this intentionally for marketing purposes, of course. The hops they use do not contain isohumulone, so they don't have to worry about their beer going skunky in the sun. Pretty clever given their beach-centric marketing, 'eh?

Within the last several years, Samuel Adams started packaging their six packs in very tall cardboard holders. Other manufacturers have followed suit. This is designed to shield sun exposure in addition to their use of brown bottles.

If I can't get draft beer, then I'd rather have it canned over bottled. Metal is a conductor while glass is an insulator. That doesn't just go for electricity, it's for any form of energy (including heat). So there's zero risk of sun exposure to canned beer and it chills very quickly. Some folks think cans impart a metallic taste to the beer, but I never noticed that.

We're starting a Taproom; which is becoming popular across Shrinedom. It's just a social club for mirth, merriment, fellowship, and frivolity 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

Sláinte!



MAY BIRTHDAYS



Claude W Ely Jr	5/2	Robert J Taylor	5/17	Richard E Rodzvic.	5/25
William Mackey	5/2	Robert S Green Sr	5/17	Frank Kibler Sr	5/25
William J McCarthy	5/2	Robert R Cassel	5/18	Edward Vincent Russell.	5/25
Daniel T Yarnall.	5/2	William H Herrmann Jr	5/18	Joseph H Cain Jr	5/25
Marvin Mandel.	5/3	James D Amos	5/18	Alfred F Hagerty	5/27
Edward C Stendel	5/3	Edward D Neifeld.	5/19	J. C. Rickabaugh	5/27
Joel C Wolfert.	5/3	Aaron L Weinstein.	5/19	C. L Metzger Jr.	5/27
Jeffrey F Templeton.	5/3	Gary Davis P.P.	5/20	William J Lion	5/27
William G Hyndshaw Jr	5/4	Joseph J Spera.	5/20	David J Kleinguenther	5/27
Richard P Weber Sr	5/4	Rodney Maranville.	5/20	Otto Lolk	5/28
Louis A De Cenzi	5/4	Richard T Moll	5/21	John B Morton	5/28
H. L Dubs Jr.	5/6	James Schmidt Jr.	5/21	Joel L Ward P.P..	5/29
Jacob B Adams III	5/7	Henry Ford	5/21	Joseph A Arnold.	5/29
Richard D Fitch	5/7	Edward J Campanella	5/21	Carl Goldstein	5/29
Walter E Mehl Jr	5/7	Jonathan L Guba	5/21	William H Karasch.	5/30
David C Garrett	5/9	Robert C Fennimore.	5/22	Charles C Beck	5/30
Carl R Burich	5/10	Leonard Brownstein	5/22	William E Bean	5/30
Steven Cohen	5/10	Scott R Loev	5/22	David W Caddick	5/30
Joshua D Scoll Dpm	5/10	Thomas W Smith Jr	5/23	John K Saltzgueber	5/30
Chester H Atkins	5/11	Erik S Litt.	5/23	William B Atkinson	5/31
Michael B Lehman.	5/11	Hilary A Kaufman	5/24	Richard L Bowman	5/21
Jack O Ashcraft	5/13	Jeffrey P Lees.	5/24	Jerome Miller.	5/31
Charles Steinberg.	5/14	Bruce Blum P.P..	5/24	William M Patrick	5/31
John J Duffy.	5/14	Bradford Gajkowski	5/24	David E Bischoff.	5/31
Edwin S Foody.	5/15	Jay A Fuggiti	5/24	Leonard L Paskel	5/31
Stuart J Visnov.	5/15	Eugene J Mc Govern Jr	5/24	James K Swartz	5/31
Jack I Laveson	5/16	Martin J Palumbo.	5/24	Anthony C Grosso	5/31
Kenneth Leider	5/16	Raymond Godfrey	5/25	Domenic C Marcellino Jr	5/31

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Richard L Learn	6/1	William C Hophan	6/11	Harold M Vansant	6/23
Eugene H Braeunig Jr	6/1	Harry E Wanner III	6/11	Thomas J Lardani Jr	6/23
Andrew C Featherman	6/2	Harry M Schwartz	6/12	Daniel A O'Rourke	6/23
Scott W Woehr	6/2	Andrew F Pincus	6/12	Dennis S Ziemba	6/24
Daniel C Marschall	6/3	Craig S Shivers	6/12	Samuel Carlisi	6/24
John E Tharp	6/3	Joshua D Henderson	6/12	John Hophan	6/24
Laird S Bevitz	6/3	Wesley Light	6/12	Michael F Janoski	6/24
Herbert Alfred Schmidt	6/3	William G Savage	6/13	Louis T Dolente, IV	6/24
Seamus P McCaffery	6/3	Vincent D Delaney	6/13	Gazlind Hysko	6/24
John H Green Jr	6/3	David Jacoby	6/13	Thomas J Scaricaciottoli	6/25
Richard E Parks	6/4	David L Klauder Sr	6/14	Norman S Pfeiffer	6/25
Olafs Gaibiselis	6/4	Francis X O'Malley	6/14	Americo J Santella	6/25
Melvin C Stein	6/4	Chris D Schneider	6/14	Jeffrey T Rowlands	6/25
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Frederick L Muller III	6/4	Bart Davis	6/15	William N Schrope	6/26
Arthur D Becker	6/5	Joseph S Canaris	6/15	Thomas A Spoltore	6/26
Adam M Patrick	6/5	David G Graefe	6/1	Frank Jones Jr	6/26
William C McGarvey	6/6	Gordon L Bell	6/17	Carl Levin	6/27
Robert J Bateman	6/6	Michael W Vandorick	6/17	Ronald L Young Sr	6/27
Harry M Turner Sr	6/6	Theodore A Ehlke	6/17	Joseph A Auteri	6/27
Robert C Duckett	6/7	John R Douglas	6/17	Louis A Meier	6/28
Charles T Cummings	6/7	Timothy J Curran Jr	6/17	Donald A McMillan	6/28
John J Warner Jr	6/7	Joseph John Schuck	6/18	Dennis C Gold	6/28
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Jack Ayoub	6/10	Carl A Currey	6/22		
Stewart N Krevolin	6/11	James J Diem	6/22		

Sightings from the Crow's Nest

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



Ahoy Mates! Well, we are going into Spring and welcome aboard. We will be sailing into open waters of our social events, as this Coronavirus storm has settled down. Our crew will be docking again for our informal dinners with our First Mates (Ladies)

at sunset on the second Tuesday at Pier Phil's tavern. If you plan to anchor or raft with us for our Dutch treat cocktails and dinner call our Rear Commodore Ed Blum (302-745-4600) to advise.

From time to time our shore dinner is scheduled at a public restaurant. When we want to be more formal in lieu of our Pier dock dinner, we plan

docking at a major port. So, review our NEWS letter/chart issued by our navigator (Secretary) to our crew for logging there charts for May and other upcoming months.

Note: Mates our crew (Board) meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at LuLu Shrine in our Club room #10 at 7pm. If you are interested in being a crew member by boating, sailing, social activities contact Mate (Noble) Ill. Sir Matt Hallowell, P.P.P.C. at 215-620-1741.

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