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From the Potentate



**Illustrious Sir
Hilary A. Kaufman**
Potentate 2026

I am writing this at the close of January, and already much has happened at LuLu Shriners.

We proudly installed a new Divan and administration, united in a renewed focus on strengthening the vitality of our clubs and units. The Potentate’s Reception and the Installation of Clubs and Units was an elegant and magnificent evening.

The ambiance and cuisine were exceptional.

We also celebrated the 34th Annual Masonic Breakfast honoring our new Right Worshipful Grand Master, Robert D. Brink. This outstanding event was truly a team effort. Noble Bob Ochnoty and the Stewards did an exceptional job feeding hundreds of hungry Masons and their Ladies. The Grand Master’s address was enlightening and inspiring, and the presentation by Shriners Children’s—Philadelphia, along with that of Illustrious Sir Doug Fink in his role as Finky the clown, added greatly to the spirit and success of the event. My sincere thanks also go to my Chief Aide, Illustrious Sir Doug “Finky” Fink, for his tireless support and assistance at every turn. I would be remiss if I did not personally thank Illustrious Sir Gary Davis

for shepherding and masterfully serving as Master of Ceremonies, ensuring everything ran smoothly.

Looking to the future, what follows are my remarks from the Potentate’s Reception & Installation of Clubs and Units, January 10, 2026. I laid out our growth strategy for LuLu.

Tonight, we celebrate a new year at LuLu—one filled with new leadership, new opportunities, and yes, new and familiar challenges. But we face them together, with optimism and purpose.

LuLu has a beautiful face. Look around our building, our grounds, our illuminated trees, and our modern digital sign, and you’ll see who we are and what we do. These are not accidents. They reflect a united Divan, a dedicated Recorder, and, most importantly, a committed Nobility. We work together for the common good. And to those who may question whether LuLu is functioning as a team, this room and this Temple stand as the answer. But beauty alone is not enough. LuLu also has a strong heart. And you are that heart.

Our clubs and units give this Temple life. Without you, LuLu would be beautiful—but empty. The fellowship, the activities, the shared purpose—you pump the lifeblood through this Temple. Without you, LuLu would not simply struggle; it would not survive. This year, my mission is clear: to support our clubs and units, not just to survive, but to grow. When your club grows, LuLu grows. When your unit thrives, LuLu thrives. That is the only path to lasting success. In economics, there is a simple truth: what we expect becomes what we create.

If we believe we cannot grow, we will not. If we embrace optimism and act, we will flourish. So let us move forward with confidence. Let us choose solutions over complaints, collaboration over isolation, progress over doubt.

Every club and unit here has strengths—unique, meaningful, and valuable. Share them. Promote them. Celebrate them. I believe in cross-pollination.

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Beautiful gardens and strong orchards grow through connection, not isolation.

The same is true here. When clubs and units work together, share ideas, and support each other, something greater results: a stronger LuLu, with deeper fellowship and more participation.

Andrea and I are excited—truly excited—for the year ahead. Not just for what we will accomplish this year, but for the foundation we build for the years to come. We will support you, cheer for you, and stand beside you. Together, we will build a future worthy of LuLu's history and full of pride in its direction.

And finally, remember this: you are our ambassador. Every Mason you meet who is not yet a Shriner is a potential Noble of this Temple. When you speak proudly of your unit or club and share your enthusiasm, that spirit attracts others. Each of your units and clubs has something special. Let the world see it. So let us go forward with purpose.

Let us build, celebrate, grow, and enjoy the fellowship that makes this Temple great.

Andrea and I are looking forward to you, your lady, and family joining us at the many enjoyable events in March and April, including the St. Patrick's Day Party on March 14th, Bingo on the 15th, and for your children and grandchildren, the Bunny Breakfast and Egg Hunt on April 4th. Followed by Bingo on the 19th and Night at the Races on the 25th.

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Recorder's Ramblings

By: Ill. Sir Gary Davis, P.P.



2026 started off nicely. Our Club & Unit was well attended. Unfortunately, the Daughters of the Nile Bingo had to be re-scheduled due to the snow. The Masonic Breakfast and a rental closed January. February brought us more snow and even colder temperatures. The Motor

Unit's Superbowl party and our first Sunday Afternoon Bingo followed. Rentals will pick up in March and hold strong for the rest of the year.

One of the most common questions I get regularly is "what do I wear?" So, here is the simple answer. If the invite says, "Black Tie" or "Formal," it means Tuxedo. Ladies may wear gowns or After-5 style clothing. If the invite says "Black Tie or Suit" then either a Tux or suit with a tie would be expected. Ladies could wear a dress or dress slacks. Business casual does not mean jeans. It means dress slacks and a collared shirt with the possibility of a sport jacket. When attending a function other than Club & Unit, uniforms probably are not the best choice. Ask yourself, "what would you wear to a Lodge meeting?" as a guide.

While any member can request a key card to access our building, many may not be aware that these are available or of the procedure. Simply drop me a note and one will be prepared. We pass the cost of the card on so there is a \$10 charge but the card is good seven days a week from 7 am to 11 pm on any of the

three entrances. There are a few instances where the cards allow 24/7 access and if you fall into one of those categories, your card will be set accordingly.

I would like to address the door timers. Each entrance has a timer that can be set to unlock the door for up to an hour. Please be aware that if you unlock a door and walk away to another part of the building, you have effectively cancelled all security at that entrance. Unfortunately, we have had some issues recently with vandalism and unauthorized access. So, I implore you to be responsible when unlocking any entrance. Should this practice continue, we may be forced to disable the timers.

Also, there seems to be a need to discuss the building temperatures. We must all understand that a good part of the building is unoccupied with the unit rooms used perhaps once a month. The unit rooms are kept at 56 degrees with the exception of room 5 which is set at 60 degrees and used more often. The unit hallway sits between 61 at room1 down to 59 degrees at room 10. The Office, Lobby, Parlor, and Merrymac are set at 64 degrees and the ballroom holds at 63 degrees. This seems to be fairly comfortable during working hours and the temperatures are adjusted upwards to 66-68 degrees when planned use is known. With this being said, our utilities (gas and electricity) run upwards of \$9,000 a month. I include electric because the unit rooms and hallway are electric PTAC units. We are not complaining but what other options do we have. Considering that there are water pipes running throughout the facility, we cannot

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just let rooms freeze. Conversely, no room can be brought from 56 degrees to say 68 degrees in an hour. One possible solution would be to let the office know that your unit or group is definitely planning to use a specific room at a specific period of time and we can adjust the temperature allowing for that room to reach a comfortable temperature. There is the SAR (Special Activity Request) form that should be used for anything other than a unit using their own room. Having that gives us a heads up to accommodate. Don't assume that we know so please give us a call or send an email the day before giving us a heads-up. If you are the last out, please be sure that the trash is taken to the dumpster, lights are out, and the building is secure.

Finally, we sure have had our share of snow and cold temperatures in January and February. The cost of plowing and salting from a contactor is \$4,400 at the writing of this article. There was just too much for our guys to handle alone. I would also thank Noble Dave Caddick who sent a crew over to hand shovel our steps and entrances. It was so cold that water froze under the concrete entrance to our Merrymac room to a point where it prevented the doors from opening, forcing us to close that entrance. Also, I would thank Noble Lou Dolente who brought over a concrete heating blanket. We are hopeful that this will again allow access via that entrance.

We are really blessed with Nobles that care and offer what they can when called on. By now you have all received the assessment request letter. It is a voluntary request but please send in what you can. In the meantime, if you happen to be at the Shrine on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, stop by the office and say hello.

The Gift of Participation

By Ill Sir Hilary A. Kaufman, Potentate

God has given each of us many gifts, foremost among them the gift of life. Through it, we develop our talents, build relationships, and contribute meaningfully to our families and communities.

For those of us who are Masons and Shriners, our fraternity is one of those gifts. Masonry and the Shrine provide a moral foundation, enduring friendships, and opportunities for fellowship, service, and personal growth. These values enrich our lives and shape who we are.

LuLu Shriners brings these principles to life through its clubs, units, activities, and events. However, these opportunities exist only through active participation. Engagement is essential—not only to the success of our programs, but to the strength and vitality of LuLu itself.

Friendship and camaraderie cannot be manufactured. They grow through shared experience, mutual respect, and time spent together. Our clubs and units are where these connections are formed and strengthened, turning membership into meaningful fellowship.

Over the years, I have observed that clubs and units operate independently, often looking inward rather than outward. While each group has its own identity, history, and purpose, we share common goals: fellowship, fun, and unwavering support of Shriners Children's.

By encouraging collaboration and inviting participation across clubs and units, we can strengthen camaraderie, increase attendance, and enhance the overall LuLu experience for our Nobility and their families. Viewing LuLu as a single unified Temple—rather than a collection of isolated groups—benefits everyone.

I encourage every Noble to take full advantage of the gift of your God-given life by actively engaging with LuLu Shriners, its clubs, its units, and its shared mission.

CIGAR, WHISKEY & CARD NIGHT

LuLu Shriners

6:30 PM
At LuLu Room 5
(Game Room)

2026 Event Dates

Friday, February 27
Friday, March 20
Friday, April 24
Friday, May 29
Friday, June 26
Friday, July 31 Friday,
August 28 Friday,
September 25 Friday,
October 30 Friday,
November 27



\$20 — check or cash

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Location

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Plymouth Meeting, PA

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Lulu Shriners St. Patrick's Day Party

March 14, 2026

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00 PM

Irish Buffet | Desserts | BYOB | Irish Music
Fun & Games | Casual Dress

ADULTS \$40, KIDS UNDER 12 \$15

Please Submit Reservations and Checks by March 1, 2026

Mail to : LuLu Shriners, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
Make check Payable to LuLu Shrines and Note: St. Patrick's party

For questions call Event Chairs
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Noble _____ Lady _____
Address _____
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Check enclosed for _____ person (s) Adults \$40, Kids under 12 \$15 Total
\$ _____

Motor Unit News

By: Carl Levin

As we approach a new year, we find our Motor Unit still alive and well. Our Superbowl Party was a great event and we thank everyone for their support. We decided to hold it in the Merrymac Room to make it easier so us aged members and guests did not have to climb the steps to get down to our room in the basement. Those who attended, even though our Eagles are not repeating, had a great time.

This year we will be scheduling more car and motorcycle shows and events, including some day trips to races and open houses hosted by various dealerships. We invite all Shriners to our meetings to see what we are about and to see if our common interests match. Our meetings are in Our Motor Unit Room on the second Thursday at 7:30 of each month. We hope to see some of you visiting there.



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Imperial Parade in 2027 in Philadelphia – Will Lulu Be There?

Parade participation by LuLu units/clubs in parades has been decreasing in the past several years and we would like to have LuLu well represented in the Imperial parade in 2027 which is in our backyard. Now is the time when units/clubs need to prepare their floats or vehicles representing them and to ensure they are looking good. For our current floats, such as the Shepherd's sign, Hell's Bells, and our float with benches, we hope to have them looking fresh with paint or updates as needed. But we lost some of our major attractions in the parade – Crossing the Delaware from Bucks County and the Mounted Guard horses – with no replacement. Our local parades have included the Shepherds, NE Shrine Club, Klownz, Motor Unit, Montgomery/Philadelphia Club, and a few riders on the LuLu float. We have the Tin Lizzy and other small motor cars which are not used and would draw attention as witnessed when other Shrines have them in parades. Other units/clubs could be in the parades showing off their activity and we need to get them involved. The Rod and Gun Club could have nobles on a truck with fishing poles and a fake fish flopping, or the Scouts could have a tent and fake firepit. The mounted guard still has the chuck (pooper scooper) wagon that could be used. Bucks may downsize their prior float and still do a Crossing the Delaware. Nobles say they are too busy or involved with other units, but where are they in helping the existing parade participants? As a unit/club member and a LuLu noble, you have a commitment to support both. We need to show the public and other Shrines that LuLu is alive and still working to show ourselves off which could potentially lead to an interest in others to join our Shrine. Let's make LuLu shine in the Imperial Parade in Philadelphia in 2027, and now is the time to start planning.

LuLu Shrine Celebrates National Women's History Month

LuLu Shrine Merrymac Room
5140 Butler Pike
Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462



Sunday, March 22, 2026
12:00 to 3:30 p.m.

\$20.00 per person
Bring your Friends!

*Our guest will be
Betsy Ross sharing her
stories as an Upholsterer,
Flag Maker and Patriot*



Come and join us for camaraderie, fun, and food.

Event Chair: Dimitra Seiler Kohler, 267-872-5363

LuLu Shrine National Women's History Month Event
Please make checks payable to: LuLu Shrine and mail by March 10th to:
LuLu Shrine, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

of Tickets _____ @ \$20.00 per person \$

Please write in check memo section Women's History Month Luncheon

LuLu Klownz

By Finky

Hello to all our readers! Step right up!

Before we get rolling, let's give a big clown horn honk of congratulations to our incoming officers.

Lou "Dozer" Delente will be serving as our new King Klown (President). May his shoes be big, his makeup even, and his patience limitless. He's gonna need all three.

And of course, a huge thank you to **Harry "Chugg" Snyder**, who served as King Klown for two years. Chugg did a fantastic job keeping us in line—no small task when half the unit can't even walk in a straight line without tripping over their own oversized shoes. We're sad to see him step down but thrilled to see Dozer carry the torch for the next two or three years... or until he runs out of balloons, whichever comes first.

A Year Packed With Fun, Laughter, and Mild Chaos

Our hospital visits—**third Wednesday of every month at 10:30 a.m.**—continue to be the highlight of what we do. The kids love us, even when our noses fall off or our wigs slide sideways. Their smiles remind us why we do this... and why we keep spare noses in our pockets.

Dozer's monthly meetings—**second Monday of each month**—will now include special classes at the end. Topics include:

- **Balloon magic** (for those who can't yet make a dog that doesn't look like a worm)
- **Regular magic** (for those who can't yet make a coin disappear without dropping it)
- **Clown makeup techniques** (for those who still look like they applied theirs during an earthquake)

And other skills to help us become even better entertainers

A Message From Dozer

(Translated by Fuzzy and Finky)

If you've ever thought about joining our group, now is the perfect time! You'll learn the art of clowning, make great friends, and bring joy to kids who need it most.

For more information, contact our director, **Tom "Fuzzy" Yarnell**, at thomasyarnall2013@hotmail.com. He'll steer you in the right direction—usually.

The Clown Party: A Night to Remember

Our Clown Party on the 28th was a blast. The clowns and their wives filled the room with laughter, stories, and enough bright colors to make a rainbow jealous. A huge congratulations to Pistol Pete, our Clown of the Year! Well deserved. He earned it fair and square—no juggling bribery involved.

And let's give a big round of applause to Fuzzy, who received a wonderful award. Without him, the unit would wander off in 12 different directions like a herd of confused penguins. He keeps us on the straight and narrow... or at least as straight as a clown unit can be.

Chugg also deserves a shout out for doing a fantastic job as King Klown. And **Rose (Mrs. Chugg)** absolutely out did herself by giving every clown lady a gift. What a thoughtful idea—and what a brave woman, handing out presents to a room full of clowns.

And finally, hats off to Chugg again for giving all of us elf names instead of our regular clown names. Nothing says "holiday spirit" like a room full of grown men answering to names like "Jingle Toes" and "Sprinkle Muffin."

Let's Make This Year One to Remember

Here's to a year filled with laughter, friendship, service, and just the right amount of clown approved mischief.

Yacht Club

By: Noble Dr. Harris Brody, Commodore

This is the time of the year that boat shows are being held. The Atlantic City Boat show is from February 25 to March 1, 2026, at the Atlantic City Convention Center. Parking is available, but an additional cost. The Annual Greater Philadelphia Boat Show is March 13-15 at the Expo Center at Oaks. Parking there is free. There are many things that you can learn by attending either show. It is not just about buying a boat, but attending seminars, purchasing boating and fishing equipment, and contacting boating and fishing organizations.

Every year as a Coast Guard Auxiliary member I work at the Atlantic City boat show helping people with their boating needs. It may be with scheduling a boat inspection, giving information about joining the active or Coast Guard auxiliary, or just about answering boating questions. The Atlantic City boat show is larger than the Oaks boat show with more vendors and more boats displayed for sale. However, both shows have something to offer and is well worth attending.

At the Atlantic City boat show there are many free seminars that are offered at the show. There is a casting pond showing how to perfect one's casting. If you are into paddlesport a water demo is offered. A boat and engine seminar will be given. There are fishing seminars to rig for big game to offshore angling. There is a table for children to build a toy boat, and a ball-pit pond for kids to learn fishing. There are many more activities that are being offered.

If you are looking to buy a boat these shows have good discount prices, and it is a time that you can speak directly to the distributor about your boating needs or the type of boat you are interested. There are many vendors that can help you with all kinds of boat repairs or fishing needs. Perhaps you have an engine problem, need boat repairs, looking for a boating slip, have boat insurance needs, want a boat captain license, need navigation equipment, etc. You can also renew your Sea-Tow or Boat US membership at the Atlantic Boat show with a nice discount.

Sea-Tow also gives a free tee shirt when you renew at the Atlantic City boat show. If you are a boater, you should consider getting one of these memberships. If you break down or get grounded, they will come out and get you to safety or tow you where you need to go at no additional cost. It is included in your membership fee. It is well worth the cost. Without a membership towing can be very expensive. Sooner or later most boaters get grounded or break down. So, for the fraction of the cost, you can have peace of mind.

I always enjoy walking around the show looking at the new boats, and the new boating and fishing items the vendors offer for sale. My wife always tells me when I am at the show not to buy another boat. I often see new items at the show that I may never have been aware that they exist, and how they can make my boating or fishing more pleasurable or safer.

Some people who attend the Atlantic City boat show will take advantage of staying overnight eating at the casino restaurants, taking in a casino show, or visit the local stores. It is a good time to get away doing something during the colder months.

Attending the boat shows helps us to better prepare for the upcoming boating season. We can get the things we need ahead of time at a discount or be better educated to have a good and safe boating and fishing season.



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A business card for DoitForMeInsurance.com. It features a red diamond logo and lists services: Health & Medicare Products, Life, Disability, & Long Term Care, Dental & Vision, Home & Auto, Business, and Annuities. Contact information for Joseph L. Covell is provided: NPN: 16623825, Independent Insurance Broker, JosephLCovell@gmail.com, 616 Easton Rd., Willow Grove, PA 19090. Phone: 267-374-0975, Fax: 215-830-0908. The hashtag #DoitForME is also present. A red banner at the bottom states "Pennie/GetCoveredNJ/Healthcare.gov Certified".

A business card for Homer Group. It features a logo with a stylized 'h' inside a blue circle. The text reads "Homer Group" and "INNOVATIVE PRINT MEDIA". The website www.homergroup.com is listed. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 2605 Egypt Road | Trooper, PA 19403 | 610.539.8400 | homer@homergroup.com.



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Advance Tickets

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For advance tickets or questions:

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Eggs • Bacon • Waffles

Cereal • Juice • Coffee • Tea • Milk

10 Carnival Game Tickets for **\$10**

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Hospital Rounds

*By: Ill. Sir Edward D. Blum, P.P.,
Board of Governors Member*

Hello Illustrious Sirs and Nobles. As we continue to fly through the new year, many new things are happening here at Shriners Children's Philadelphia. The new board members have been elected and installed, which includes Illustrious Sir. Ed Blum as a voting member and Illustrious Sir Gary Davis as an Associate member.

Our New Chairman is Illustrious Sir Paul DiGaetano who was sworn in at the January board Meeting. He took his oath which was given by one of our patients as he was a very joyous moment for all. (See photo to the right.)

In addition to three new members being installed as full voting members (Ill. Sir Ed Blum-LuLu, Ill. Sir Mike Smith- Zembo, Ill. Sir Randy Colyer-Jaffa) our own Noble Tom Spoltore was installed as an Emeritus member. The entire new board is pictured below. (Ill. Sir Gary Davis is missing).

Along with the new board, Mario Salvati has been named as the interim Administrator replacing Greg Passanante.

On the healthcare side, the new Seamans radiology



machine is complete, tested and now in full use.

Dr. Scott Kozin has been Named as the Chief Medical Officer of Shriners Children's, Dr. Amer Samdani has been named as Chief of Staff for the Philadelphia Hospital and Dr. Steven Hwang has been named as the Chief of surgery here at Shriners Children's Philadelphia.

Congratulations to all of our incredible Doctors for providing the best care anywhere and for all of your well-deserved promotions.



LuLu Shriners

presents

Sunday Afternoon



**3rd Sunday - February through October
2026**

2:00 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM)

LuLu Shrine, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

\$25.00 entrance fee

Includes 10 Regular \$100* Bingo Games and door prize ticket

Extra Regular Bingo Games packet available for \$10.00

3 Special \$120* Bingo Games packet for \$15.00

****Cash Prizes - Multiple winners split the pot.***

Minimum prizes listed - Adjusted based on players.

BYOB (Outside food/drinks permitted). Snacks/soft drinks for sale.

Bring friends, family, and neighbors for an afternoon of FUN!

Walk-Ins welcome! Questions call 610-828-9050

Purchase tickets online at <https://lulu-shriners.ticketleap.com/>



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LuLu's Chat with Friends Zoom Meeting

Bring LuLu members together for friendly casual conversations

Monthly on the first Wednesday, Noon to 1 pm.

Zoom Meeting

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pwd=bjUzUVVJdTjdNcFRIUnpEdlpYY0gyQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86284136115?pwd=bjUzUVVJdTjdNcFRIUnpEdlpYY0gyQT09)

Meeting ID: 862 8413 6115

Passcode: LuLu

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Passcode: 139512

LuLu is inviting you to a relaxed conversation among LuLu members and friends via a scheduled Zoom meeting.



Knights of Mecca
Past Masters Unit



by order of the Potentate

we will be reforming the LuLu Past Masters Unit

contact the Potentate for more information

hilarykaufman@msn.com

(917)742-6620



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 - Current & past staff
 - Community members
- Donors, Shriners, & others

EVENT DETAILS

- Casual, family-friendly event to highlight what we do
 - Self-guided tour
 - Meet and greets
 - Activities

 **Saturday, April 18, 2026**
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

 **Shriners Children's Philadelphia**
3551 North Broad Street
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In advance of the actual 100th Anniversary, in June, we will be hosting a special **open-house event** to celebrate this historic milestone. Visitors will be able to see presentations from members of our staff in normally restricted hospital areas, as well as hear from patients and staff members. The event will also feature a few **activities for all ages**.

This is a drop-in, open house-style event. Attendees may arrive at their convenience throughout the scheduled time, before 2 p.m. No formal program, it is a free-flowing event.

More information to come!

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A Ceremony of Honor

By: Dennis Gold

During the first week of February this year Marilyn and I were on a cruise. We have been doing this yearly for several years since we have been retired educators. As we usually do, we went with friends, who happen to be Veterans and Shriners. Royal Caribbean has a history of a "Ceremony of Honor" on their cruises. The entertainment director is the MC of the Ceremony. The ship's staff arranges the environment. The Veterans, First Responders, Police, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical, and others were honored.

The Ceremony starts with a small round table. As you can see, the table is set with several items with symbolism for each item. It basically is set up to remember those that did not come back or have passed away. The MC is speaking from the top landing of steps in a Centrum, the main room of a ship. They have asked each member of the services, Police, Fire Fighters, Emergency Medical, and others to gather in the area and on the circular steps. A significant number of others gather around to observe. Many of the passengers are standing on several levels above looking over the railings. The view of our heroes is incredible.

At the beginning of the ceremony, we sing the National Anthem. Draped from the higher floors are the United States Flags. The MC reads each service group, being honored. Then we hear a medley of the **Armed Forces Salute** of the six services. We listen to several meaningful poems. Representatives holding the flags of each of the six services.

The ceremony continues with representatives standing near a three by five-foot flag of small cupcakes making the United States Flag. The picture was taken from above. In the middle of this picture is Thomas Spoltore, a veteran, a Shriner, and former Police officer followed by a career as nurse at Shriners Hospital. Thomas is a



wonderful example of those being honored. There were other veterans and Shriners we know on this cruise. Kenneth Leider was standing next to me participating. Gary Portnoy has also participated in the past at these ceremonies. Daniel Robbins was also at the ceremony to name a few you may know. All are veterans and members of the LuLu Legion of Honor.

We want to commend those that were remembered, honored, and served our country. It is an emotional and valuable experience to see and be a participant. Royal Caribbean is an international company that takes time to appreciate those that made sacrifices to allow our daily lives to be what they are today. While the crew of the ship were from over 60 different countries, and the passengers also from many countries, everyone was appreciative of this ceremony.

We must continue to think about those that help make our freedom possible. My father, uncle, and cousins served many years ago. I am sure each of us has someone close that served. Think about those in our memory, our family members, those we don't know, and those you see often while shopping, eating in a restaurant and at other activities. They continue to assist in keeping the United States of America the land of the free and the home of the brave. A thank you is always appreciated.

Who is Betsy?

By: Dennis Gold

Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club members and ladies had the pleasure of a visit by Kira Coviello know as Honest 2 Betsy and her husband at Rey Azteca in Warminster. During dinner, we learned that they live in Bucks County and have three daughters. Betsy came wearing a costume consisting of a white dress with black circles all over the dress from about 70 years ago. She wore a beautiful red belt. To continue the theme of the costume she had a vintage red hat, a velvet red coat, and a patent leather handbag pinched many times to make a circle as you can see in the picture.

Betsy is known for her vintage music, social satire, and let's not forget her humor. She can be seen



online, you tube, and live in our area and following her visit to Quaker City-Montco Shrine Club, she performed at Union Stage in Washington, DC. You can see her live on May 5th at Philadelphia's Live Casino.

Betsy sang a song specially made for Shriners. She was personable, answered many questions and expressed that she thinks independently, speaks her mind, and has strong views and is not afraid to share them in her online and in social media. To her credit, she volunteered to support Shriners and the work we do. We donated to the Shriners Hospital in her honor. It was a very entertaining evening.

The Root of Brotherhood

By Noble Gregory D Haas

At the 34th Annual Masonic Breakfast on January 24, 2026, honoring Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Robert D. Brink, LuLu Shriners presented

him with a commemorative gift. By all accounts, it was a magnificent bowl, commissioned at the direction of Illustrious Sir Hilary A. Kaufman, with the hope that the Grand Master would always think of LuLu Shriners whenever he viewed it.

I had the honor of creating this piece from the root of a wild Pennsylvania crab apple tree. The work reflects the idea that even a root—something often overlooked or discarded—can be transformed into a meaningful, God-given work of art. It was Illustrious Sir Kaufman's intention that this gift symbolize the enduring brotherhood shared between LuLu Shriners and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

For that reason, I entitled this artistic endeavor ***The Root of Brotherhood.***

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