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From the Potentate – The Gift of Participation



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

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

For those of us who are Masons and Shriners, our fraternity is one of life’s greatest blessings. Masonry and the Shrine provide a moral foundation, enduring

friendships, and opportunities for fellowship, service, and personal growth. These experiences enrich our lives and help shape the men we become.

LuLu Shriners brings these principles to life through our clubs, units, activities, and events. Yet these opportunities have value only when we participate. Active engagement is essential—not only to the success of our programs, but to the strength, vitality, and future of LuLu itself.

Friendship and camaraderie cannot be manufactured. They are built through shared experiences, mutual respect, and time spent together. Our clubs, units, and events are where these bonds are formed and strengthened, transforming membership into meaningful fellowship. Over the years, I have observed that our clubs and units of ten operate

independently, focusing primarily on their own activities. While each has its own identity, history, and purpose, we all share the same mission: to foster fellowship, provide enjoyable experiences for our members and their families, and support the extraordinary work of Shriners Children’s.

When our clubs and units work together, everyone benefits. Cooperation encourages greater participation, strengthens friendships, increases attendance, and creates a more vibrant LuLu. We are not merely a collection of clubs and units—we are one Temple, united by a common purpose and a shared commitment to our fraternity and our philanthropy.

I hope you are a member of one or more of our clubs or units. If you are not, I encourage you to become involved. LuLu offers fourteen units and five social clubs, each providing unique opportunities for fellowship, service, and fun. You will discover new friendships, rewarding experiences, and meaningful ways to contribute to our fraternity.

Looking back over the first half of this year, LuLu has provided countless opportunities to strengthen our brotherhood—from the Potentate’s Reception and Installation of Clubs and Units in January to the LuLu Family Picnic and Barbecue in August, and the many memorable events in between.

None of these events happened by accident. They were made possible because dedicated Nobles and Ladies generously shared their time, talents, energy, and enthusiasm. They are the true gift-givers of participation, and LuLu is stronger because of their commitment.

I encourage every Noble to make the most of God’s gift of life by becoming an active participant in LuLu Shriners. Join a club or unit. Attend our events. Invite another Noble to come with you. Volunteer your talents, share your enthusiasm, and extend your friendship to others.

Participation is one of the greatest gifts we can give—to ourselves, to one another, and to our fraternity. Together, we will continue to build a stronger LuLu, deepen the bonds of brotherhood, and ensure that future generations enjoy the same priceless gift of fellowship that we cherish today.

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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE

**Notice is hereby given that
LuLu Shriners will hold a
Stated Meeting on**

**Wednesday,
September 23, 2026
6 PM Dinner – 7 PM Meeting**

for the transaction of such business
that may come before the temple.

Please RSVP a week before so we
have an accurate count for dinner.
Remember to bring your dues card
so you can be scanned in.

By:

Ill. Sir Hilary A. Kaufman, Potentate

Attest:

Gary Davis, P.P., Recorder

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*We would like to thank everyone who has submitted
articles and photos.*

Recorder's Ramblings

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



Let's hope for a break from the heat and some slightly cooler weather as we move into September. You have to admit that there have been a lot of events for our Nobility to participate in so far this year.

June saw the 110th Daughters of the Nile Supreme Session in Victoria Island, BC. This was followed by our Imperial Sessions in July held in Tampa, FL. The Family Picnic, Heritage Night and Bingo followed in August. We solidified plans for Fall MASA at Virginia Beach. This year we returned to the Holiday Inn Express at 26th Street September 10th through the 13th.

July's Special Meeting brought the final vote on the dues increase. It was far less controversial than I thought and it easily passed. After all, it was the first increase in ten years for the Temple portion. Now that Imperial also passed an increase, I can report that the total shrine dues for 2027 will be \$179, which is a \$24 increase over 2026. That works out to be \$2 a month or less than \$0.50 a week. The surprising thing is that LuLu and International both recognized the need for an automatic escalator so that small increases annually will help keep us financially more stable. In my humble opinion, dues should not be the driving factor on belonging to Shrine. Look for and read the article found in this

issue titled "What the Fez Really Means" and you will understand.

September brings a Business Meeting and Ceremonial on the 23rd, our 29th Annual Charity Golf Outing on the 21st followed by a second Night at the Races on the 26th. The Amazing Care Affair and our final Bingo of the year will be held in October.

Everyone would say that there were plenty of events and activities to choose from. Of course, you have to attend in order to enjoy any of this. So, I might suggest that being a Shriner is more than supporting Shriners Children's, which we all do in one way or another. It is also participating in the fun side of getting together, simple as that.

So, take a moment and check your emails. Are you receiving our weekly Constant Contact notices? How about the Black Camels? If you are not, then please drop me a line or give me a call and I will put you on our list. There is also a "Sign Up Now" button on the front page of our website. Go to www.lulushriners.org and scroll down to the bottom right-hand side of the page. Please sign up and stay in touch!

In the meantime, I hope you stay cool and healthy as we go into the fall. If you happen to be at the Shrine on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, stop by the office and say hello. Short of that, perhaps we will get to say hello at one of our future events.

**Know Someone
Who Would
Really Enjoy
Becoming
a Shriner?**

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Shriners Imperial Session

By: Illustrious Sir Hilary A. Kaufman

Most of us know Shriners International through LuLu, our fellowship, and our support of Shriners Children's. Few members, however, have the opportunity to see how our fraternity is governed. The annual Imperial Session brings together representatives from around the world to make decisions that guide the future of our fraternity.

Our Assistant Rabban, Chief Rabban, and I recently attended the **2026 Imperial Session** in Tampa, Florida as representatives of LuLu.

This was not a vacation. It was an intensive working session attended by approximately 1,000 representatives from more than 200 Shrine Temples throughout the United States, Central and South America, the Philippines, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Panama, and other countries where Shriners International is represented.

I have often said that we Shriners are the "stockholders" of our fraternity. We govern our organization and make the major decisions that shape its future. While the nobility at LuLu makes the major decisions at our Business Meetings, the Imperial Session is where those decisions are made for Shriners International each year.

The representatives at the Imperial Session vote on a wide variety of issues. Some are relatively routine, such as approving the relocation of a Shrine Temple—a simple change of address. Others have a significant impact on every Shriner. This year, one of the most important issues was the amount of International Dues. After considerable discussion and debate, the representatives approved a **\$5.00 increase in Shriners International dues**, effective in 2027. Because this amendment to Shriners International bylaws required a two-thirds vote, its passage reflected broad support among the delegates.

Just as the Nobility of LuLu elects its officers each year, the representatives at the Imperial Session elect the officers of Shriners International, including the Imperial Potentate and the other members of the Imperial Divan.

Many Shriners are unaware that **Shriners International** and **Shriners Children's** are governed by two separate corporations. Although they work closely together and many of their leaders serve both organizations, they are distinct legal entities with different purposes.

Shriners International is incorporated in Iowa and is commonly referred to as the **Iowa Corporation**. It governs the fraternity, including LuLu Shriners and every other Shrine Temple. Shriners Children's is incorporated in Colorado and is known as the **Colorado Corporation**. It governs the worldwide Shriners Children's healthcare system and is responsible for the charitable mission of providing specialized pediatric care regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Maintaining this legal separation is essential. It protects the charitable assets of Shriners Children's, ensures that each corporation has its own governance and financial responsibilities, and requires each to file separate tax returns.

This distinction also affects every LuLu fundraising event. If an event is not properly identified as a fraternal fundraiser, the proceeds may legally be required to be treated as a charitable contribution to benefit Shriners Children's. That is why you will often see the following statement at the bottom of LuLu event flyers:

"Proceeds are for the benefit of LuLu Shriners and are not tax-deductible as charitable contributions."

It is a brief statement, but it serves an important legal purpose.

If you are planning or chairing a LuLu fundraiser, please remember the importance of including this statement. It helps ensure that the event complies with the requirements governing our fraternity while protecting both LuLu Shriners and Shriners Children's.

You and Your Lady are Cordially Invited to

LuLu Shriners Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of The United States of America

Hosted by Illustrious Sir Hilary A. Kaufman and Lady Andrea
Master of Ceremonies, Illustrious Sir Gary Davis, P.P.

Saturday, October 10, 2026
6:00 PM Cocktail Hour
7:00 PM Dinner
Lulu Shriners Ball Room



Butler Served Hors D'Oeuvres and Dinner

Gourmet Menu

- Large variety of hot and cold delicious Hors d'Oeuvres
- Appetizers: Caesar Salad, Homemade Cheese Ravioli, Penne Pasta in Vodka Sauce

Choice of Entree:

- Filet Mignon - Pan-sauteed, finished with a red wine reduction (sauce on the side)
- Grilled Salmon - Marinated with Italian herbs, finished with olive oil and lemon sauce
- Chicken Piccata - Pan-sauteed in white wine, finished with a lemon butter sauce
- Vegetarian Lasagna



Please submit your Reservation and Payment by October 3, 2026
Mail to: LuLu Shriners, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462,

Note: Pote's Ball

Nobles: Jacket/Tie, Ladies: Semi-Formal Attire

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LuLu Shriners Ladies' Luncheon



Honoring First Lady Andrea Kaufman

Sunday November 8, 2026

12:00 p.m.

LuLu Shrine Ballroom

5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

Delicious Buffet Luncheon

Enjoy musical entertainment provided by Bennett Wartman and Friends!

Nobles Welcome!

Doors Open at 11:00 a.m.

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Amount enclosed: _____ Number of Reservations: _____

Help for Our Heroes: Baby Shower

By: Dennis Gold

Region One Freemasons and others celebrated “Help for Our Heroes” on the last Saturday in June. The event was sponsored by LuLu Shrine, giving back to the community. There were about 42 expecting couples, many Masons, Shriners, DeMolay and The International Order of the Rainbow.

Help for Our Heroes held a baby shower for the expecting couples. Sam Freeman, District C Deputy Grand Master, has helped the organization from the beginning and was one of the Masters of Ceremony for the event. Sam was humorous and continued to interrupt speakers. Each time he did this, there was a wrapped gift for each couple. At the end of the event, each couple was given a baby carriage with a gift card. All together each couple received significant gifts with many of the items to help them with the baby.



The National Sojourners, Inc. Benjamin Franklin Chapter #16 did the salute to the Flag in colonial uniforms. It is a very moving experience. These men visit many organizations and present the United States flag.

Help for Our Heroes started in 2008 and gave out telephone gift cards for those stationed overseas. Support for the military has changed over the years as their needs have changed. Without going into detail, if you are in the service and have a need you can't take care of, Help for Our Heroes will support you. At each Masonic meeting there is a collection taken. So, far they have raised over \$1,759,000.

Supporting those that make this country a better and safer place to live is an incredible act of caring. Think about those that have helped you have the freedom you enjoy today.

Photos: By Al Serota

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Hospital Rounds

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

The summer is drawing to a close, however, many things have been happening here at Shriners Children's Philadelphia. On Sunday July 26th the Philadelphia Centurions Motorcycle Club arrived at the hospital for their 30th annual Christmas in July toy drive. There were approximately 490 motorcycles that came and presented toys and a sizable donation. The lifetime donation from the Centurions has reached an amazing **One Million dollars**. You can see the new plaque on the wall in the lobby.

The bikers came in force and everyone had a terrific time. LuLu was represented with numerous members present and those shown are just a few. There were about 30 children on the sidewalk watching the event taking place. Each child was visited by Klownz, the Centurions, and others to put smiles on their faces. Many great pictures can be seen on Facebook under LuLu Nobles.



Nominees for a few positions on the Board of Governors have been interviewed and now they wait to see who the lucky ones will become voting members of the board. There were 16 nominees competing for two open appointments and six reappointments. Good luck to all the candidates.

As a point of information about our hospital, here in Philadelphia, we have treated patients from 49 of the 50 states and 79 countries from around the world. That just lets you know that we are one of the best pediatric orthopedic hospitals in the world, and we should all be proud to say we are a part of this fantastic hospital system. Remember, we offer "The most amazing care anywhere".



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UPCOMING DEADLINES:

JAN/FEB: DEC 1, 2026 • MAR/APR: FEB 1, 2027

LuLu Klownz in Action for the Last Six Months

Finky Style Edition

Breakfast With the Easter Bunny – Teamwork on Full Display

The LuLu Klownz and their ladies once again demonstrated what true teamwork looks like during the annual Breakfast With the Easter Bunny. From preparation to cleanup, the unit delivered with energy, pride, and unmistakable LuLu spirit.

A week before the event, the team gathered for the Great Egg Stuffing Operation, transforming hundreds of empty eggs and mountains of candy into ready to go treasures in just two hours. The efficiency and coordination were a perfect example of what happens when the Klownz and their ladies work side by side.

The day before the event, the Klownz returned to transform the room — not simply setting up tables, but creating a space filled with color, excitement, and anticipation for the children.

On event day, the Klownz were everywhere:

- Cooking and serving breakfast
- Registering guests
- Selling tickets
- Decorating
- Assisting the Stewards in the kitchen

Fuzzy and Dozer arrived in full makeup, filling the room with balloons and laughter. Finky provided ten games for the back room, keeping nearly 200 attendees entertained throughout the morning. Stinky, dressed as the Easter Bunny, visited every table and posed for photos from 9:00 AM to noon with only one short break.

It was a complete team effort from start to finish.

Clowns Continue Bringing Joy to Shriners Hospital

Over the past six months, our LuLu Clowns have continued their heartfelt mission at Shriners Hospital, visiting both the clinic and the sixth floor playroom. Each visit has been filled with laughter, balloons, and the gentle magic that only our clowns can bring. Their presence lifts spirits, eases worries, and brings comfort to children and families during challenging moments. These visits remain one of the most meaningful traditions of our unit.

Clowns Support the Potentate on Bermuda Cruise Trip

From May 14th to May 21st, five LuLu Clowns and their wives proudly supported the Potentate on his annual trip — this year, a cruise to Bermuda. Their presence showcased the values of our unit: loyalty, visibility, and dedication. Whether at hospital visits, community events, or the Potentate's Trip, the Klownz continue to represent LuLu Shrine with pride and purpose.

May Shriners Hospital Visit – Hopper and Fuzzy Bring the Joy

During the May visit, Hopper and Fuzzy brought tremendous joy to approximately ten children. Their humor, energy, and one on one interactions created a warm and uplifting atmosphere. It was another clear example of the positive impact our clowns make every time they walk through those hospital doors.

Hoopes Park Event – Full Klownz Crew in Attendance

At Hoopes Park in West Chester, the Klownz turned out in full force: Fuzzy, Finky, Pistol Pete, and Dozer. Families enjoyed live music and a beautiful day while our clowns entertained for hours, making balloons, interacting with children, and spreading smiles throughout the park. It was a strong and proud showing for LuLu Shrine.

June 14th Murder Mystery Night – Clowns Shine on and Off the Stage

On June 14th, the LuLu Clowns supported the Murder Mystery Show, and the evening was a tremendous success. Pistol Pete and clown lady Jen Boz participated in the performance and were awarded a certificate for **Best Actors of the Night** — a proud moment for our unit.

But the night represented more than entertainment. It showed who we are: a group that shows up, supports the Shrine, stands behind the Potentate, and represents LuLu with heart, humor, and pride.

The Storm & The Save – July 11th One Hour Before the Clown Party

On June 11th, just one hour before the annual clown party at the Finks' house, a massive storm tore through the area. In the chaos, a large tree crashed directly onto Kim's car, blocking the driveway and threatening to shut down the event entirely.

Without hesitation, **Pistol Pete** and **Dozer** jumped into action — in the pouring rain, soaked from head to toe. Pete grabbed the chainsaw from his truck, and together they cut and cleared the fallen tree enough to open the doorway and restore access. Their quick thinking and teamwork saved the day and kept the party alive.

The Party Continues

Despite the storm and the scramble, the annual clown party was a huge success. Pete and Dozer cooked all the hamburgers, chicken, and food outside in the rain, refusing to let the weather dampen the spirit of the event.

Once the skies cleared, everyone moved outside and the celebration continued in full force. About thirty clowns and ladies enjoyed the afternoon together, turning what began as a near disaster into one of the most memorable clown parties yet.

Autism Family Bowling Day

The very next day, many clowns and ladies came out again for the Autism Family Bowling Party. It was another wonderful event filled with connection, joy, and community spirit.

The clowns:

- Mingled with families
- Made balloons
- Bowled with the kids
- Spread laughter and joy throughout the day

The autism organization, the families, the ladies, and the clowns all deeply appreciated the support. Together, we created a warm, welcoming environment that meant a great deal to everyone who attended.

What This Weekend Showed

This wasn't just two events. It was a reminder of:

- **Community strength**
- **Clown teamwork**
- **Resilience under pressure**
- **Commitment to autism families**

Even with a storm, a crushed car, and last minute chaos, everyone came together and made magic happen. It was a powerful display of what the LuLu Klownz truly are — dedicated, dependable, and always ready to bring joy no matter the circumstances.

Christmas in July at Shriners Hospital – What a Day!

Christmas in July at Shriners Hospital was nothing short of spectacular. Children filled the clinic and sidewalks — smiling, laughing, and soaking up every bit of magic the LuLu Klownz brought with them.

Our clowns — **Sparkles, Scotty, Dozer, Hopper, Chuckles, Fuzzy, Zada, Finky, and Stinky** — were out in full force. They entertained long before the bikers arrived, performing antics, doing tricks, and spreading joy everywhere they went.

And then the bikers arrived... **over seven hundred of them**, lining Broad Street from end to end. Engines rumbling, crowds cheering, and hearts wide open. The Centurions and many other motorcycle groups showed up strong, each rider carrying unwrapped gifts for the hospital and for the children gathered along the sidewalks.

Every year this event grows and every year it gets better.

It was one of those days where you could feel the spirit of giving in the air. Clowns making kids laugh, bikers delivering generosity by the truckload, and the entire community coming together for something bigger than all of us.

Closing Note

The last six months has been a powerful reminder of what makes the LuLu Klownz exceptional: **teamwork, service, visibility, joy, and unwavering dedication to the Shrine**. Our unit continues to lead with heart — and the impact is felt everywhere we go.



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NOVEMBER 1, 2026



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- Arrive at LuLu ~ **0700 AM**. Bus Departs LuLu Temple at **07:30 AM**.
- Coffee and pastries at LuLu. Box Lunch Included for Bus Trip.
- Dinner at Mission BBQ Ellicott City, MD: Buffet – Sliced Brisket & Sliced Turkey + sides.

NOTE 1 Hour Earlier than previous years. ↑↑

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Mail check payable to **LuLu Legion of Honor** and send this form to:

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Saturday, November 21...10AM—8PM
Sunday, November 22.....10AM—4PM



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LuLu Shriners, 5140 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462
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Proceeds benefit LuLu Shriners. Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions. *Includes local amusement tax.

News from the Yacht Club

By: Noble Dr. Harris Brody, Commodore

September and October are months that we wind down with our boating activities and are getting ready to pull our boats out of the water and store them for the winter. However, there are still many activities that the yacht club promotes throughout the year. There is a fellowship dinner held the second Tuesday of each month at the Metropolitan restaurant. On Sunday October 4 we will hold our famous reverse raffle with lunch served. We watch the football game during our event and reverse ticket numbers are called with the possibility to win money. This event helps to support the yacht club as well as having good fellowship and a hearty lunch. To get tickets contact noble Dan Rose at 267-446-3113, email: drose18944@gmail.com. Then, on the fourth Tuesday of each month held in our yacht club room in Lulu we have our business meeting. We discuss future events as well as boating needs and education. This is the place to learn more about boating whether you have a sailboat, motor boat, or kayak or if you just want good fellowship with Lulu boat Shriners. On December 8 instead of meeting at the Metropolitan restaurant on the second Tuesday in December we will hold our holiday party at the Spring House Tavern in Ambler.

Boat education is very important for personal pleasure

as well as boat safety. If you have any questions regarding boating feel free to contact the yacht club. In the region where we live we get winter freezing temperatures, and with inadequate boat preparation it can lead to cracked engine blocks, burst plumbing, mold growth, and a host of other costly repairs. This happened to me once with my first boat. I did not realize that the outboard motor should have been stored in a vertical position in winter time to drain. It was a costly lesson. We also recommend when storing your boat in the winter to remove all valuables and electronics from your boat. This prevents theft and damage from condensation. Electronics should be stored in a dry, and climate-controlled environment. Also, remove cushions if possible and store them in a dry and well-ventilated area. Remember to drain all water systems. Fully charge all batteries, disconnect and remove them from the boat if possible. It is a good idea to clean the boat before storage and apply a protective wax to the hull. Remember to remove the drain plug and make a note to reinstall it in the spring. Most people will cover their boat with a well-fitted tarp or a custom canvas cover or have their boat shrink-wrap. The yacht club is here to help you with your boating needs. Feel free to join us with our various activities.

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Plymouth Meeting PA 19462-1202

Date order received _____ Amount Received: _____ Check # _____

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Legion of Honor

By: Gary M. Portnoy, PC

Ladies Night 2026

The LuLu Shriners Legion of Honor will celebrate our Ladies on Monday 28 September 2026 at 1800 hours (6:00 PM) to 20:00 hours 8:00 PM. A fabulous buffet dinner will be proved by Lindinger's Catering including hot dishes, sides and cold cuts. Please plan to attend. A flyer will arrive by email shortly.

LuLu LOH Members Representing Benjamin Franklin Chapter #16 National Sojourners and 2016 Masonic Baby Shower

Cmdr Anthony Carroll, Chuck Holloway, PC and Allen Dick present the "Toast to the Flag" to 45 expectant mothers, families, guests, Nobles and Brothers. After a catered lunch each family received thousands of dollars in gifts to help with the baby's first year.



2026 Arlington National Cemetery Tomb Trip

1 November 2026 (Confirmed)

The 2026 LOH Arlington National Cemetery Tomb Trip is scheduled for Sunday 1 November 2026. We will be visiting the **Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center Air and Space Museum**, which we could not do last year because of the government shutdown. We will once again have dinner at Mission BBQ in Ellicott City, MD which is basically on our way home. It's a long day but well worth it.

Enter this URL for flyers in Word or PDF Formats:

<https://sites.google.com/site/lulushrinerslegionoffhonor/arlington-national-cemetery-tomb-trip>

Upcoming Events

- Legion of Honor Meeting Dark in July-Aug
- LuLu Ladies Night 28 Sep 2026, 1800, hrs.
- Legion of Honor Mtg 26 Oct 2026, 1900, hrs.

To visit our website, scan this QR Code with your cell phone.



2026 LEGION OF HONOR OFFICERS

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Steward		Open
Photographer		Davis Phelps/Al Serota
Chaplain		Tom Spoltore

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



By: Gary M. Portnoy

Star Fishing Charters Trip 5 June 2026



The StarFishing is a custom-built 36-foot class vessel. She is powered by twin Cummins diesels, giving her a comfortable cruising speed. At the helm, she is equipped with two GPS systems, Two fish finders, marine band and short wave radios.



Above left, President Ray with a double.

Above right, John Palumbo with keeper Sea Bass.

Beside, Jim Rowdon with a nice catch.



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



Barry Rothman at Branch Valley Fish and Game / Ruger Precision Rifle.

"Keep your lines wet and your powder dry!"

Scan with your Cell Phone



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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

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SAT. DECEMBER 12, 2026

American Music Theatre

Christmas Show • Winter Wonderland

\$150.00 Per Person



INCLUDES

American Music Theater Christmas Show

Buffet Lunch @ Shady Maple Smorgasbord

Round-trip Motorcoach Transportation via JC Tours

All Taxes and Gratuities (Except Driver)

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8:00 AM — DEPART: Plymouth Meeting, PA., 5140 Butler

Pike @ LuLu Shriners Temple

9:45 AM — Arrive at theatre

10:30 AM — Showtime

1:00 PM — Depart for restaurant

1:30 PM — Buffet Lunch

4:00 PM — Depart for home

5:30 PM — Approx. arrival home

Chairpersons: Dominic and Margo Pergolino

Questions? 215-833-6784

**RSVP: Please complete the reservation below by
October 1, 2026 and make payment to LuLu Shriners.**

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Note: Christmas Show

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Name of Noble and Lady

Street Address:

\$150 per Person. Amount enclosed \$ Cell:

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What the Fez Really Means – a Shepherd’s Story

By: Noble Michael Abraham

Last night changed the way I look at wearing my Fez.

As a Shepherd, I had been assigned to meet and transport a tiny 13-year-old girl arriving from Mexico with her mother. She was traveling to Philadelphia for yet another surgery and would be staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, New Jersey. The young girl was in a wheelchair. She spoke only limited English, and her mother spoke even less. I don’t speak Spanish.

My instructions seemed simple enough: wait outside Customs in Terminal A at Philadelphia International Airport and meet a small girl in a wheelchair traveling with her mother.

What could possibly go wrong?

I had never been to that part of the airport before. Outside Customs is a long, narrow hallway, and I assumed there was no way they could get past me without being seen. I wore my white shirt, my Fez, and carried a small LuLu Shriners sign.

We had been communicating by text while they traveled, but then I received an unexpected phone call. I had been given the wrong phone number. We were flying blind!

I had been texting the wrong family.

Immediately, my confidence disappeared.

Knowing that passengers requiring wheelchairs are often among the last to leave the aircraft, I patiently waited. Nearly an hour passed. I began wondering if I

had somehow missed them. Maybe I was standing in the wrong place. Maybe they had come down another escalator while I was looking elsewhere. The thought of a frightened family, unable to speak English and trying to find me in a crowded international airport weighed heavily on my mind.

Finally, convinced I needed to search another level of the terminal, I started briskly toward the escalator.

Just a few steps into my walk, I heard someone call behind me.

“Hello! Hello!”

I turned around and saw a tiny girl in an oversized wheelchair coming toward me, her mother enthusiastically waving.

I smiled and asked, “Are you looking for a ride to the Ronald McDonald House in Camden, New Jersey?”

They both smiled and nodded.

Then I asked if they were the family whose names I had written on the paper in my pocket.

Again, they smiled.

“Yes.”

The relief I felt at that moment is difficult to describe.

I immediately texted my fellow Shepherd, who had already brought the wheelchair-accessible van around, to let him know we had found our family.

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Together we helped them comfortably into the van and began the short drive to the Ronald McDonald House.

The ride itself was quiet.

But when we arrived, something happened that I don't think I'll ever forget.

As we helped them from the van, the little girl looked up at me and, in a tiny voice with broken English, repeatedly said, "Thank you... thank you so much."

Her mother expressed the same heartfelt gratitude.

Those simple words reached places in my heart that are difficult to describe.

As they entered the Ronald McDonald House, the building suddenly came alive. It was nearly 10 o'clock at night, yet joyful screams and laughter echoed through the halls. Several children ran to greet the little girl. I can only assume they had met during previous treatments and had formed friendships through their shared journeys.

Watching those children celebrate seeing one another was one of the most beautiful moments I have ever witnessed. In a place associated with illness, surgery, and uncertainty, there was overwhelming joy, hope, and friendship.

I also had the privilege of serving alongside another LuLu Shepherd that evening. Throughout the entire experience, I watched how he treated the family—with patience, kindness, humility, and quiet compassion. He never sought recognition. He simply served. It reminded me that this is what our

fraternity looks like at its very best.

As I reflected on the evening, I realized something I had never fully understood before.

For years I had thought of the Fez as a colorful traditional symbol of our history and our fraternity.

Now I understand it is much more than that.

To that little girl and her mother, the Fez wasn't simply a hat.

It was a promise.

It was the sign that someone had come for them.

In a foreign country, unable to speak the language and facing another frightening surgery, they weren't searching for a stranger.

They were searching for the man wearing the red Fez.

When they saw it, they knew they were safe.

For the first time, I truly understood what it means to wear the Fez.

It is not about me.

It is about what the Fez represents to the people who need us most.

That little red hat carries something far greater than tradition.

It carries hope.

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John T Loughran Jr 9/2	Charles M Pierro 9/9	Nicholas Zarvalas. 9/18
Gary M Portnoy 9/3	Edward L Malantonio 9/9	Michael I Phillips 9/18
Sean P O'Laughlin 9/3	Robert J Crotts 9/10	Lee Teetsel. 9/19
Nicholas A Blanck 9/3	George Monaghan 9/10	Michael J Sherlock. 9/20
Edward D Blum P.P. 9/4	Edward J Donnelly. 9/11	Louis B Foglia 9/22
Jack Lewis 9/4	Dr Michael J Mandarino . . . 9/11	James N Katsaounis. 9/22
Ronald R Keil. 9/4	Ernest J Barile III. 9/11	Karl P Forsberg 9/23
Michael V Clinger. 9/4	Raymond A Reitz 9/12	Robert L Esposito. 9/24
Robert C Trader Jr. 9/5	Davis G Phelps Jr. 9/13	Kenneth E Farabee 9/25
Emanuel Morales. 9/6	Kyle E McGarry 9/13	Alfred E Hawthorne. 9/27
Irvin Saltzman 9/7	Donald S Litman 9/14	James W Snively 9/29
Thomas R Collins. 9/7	Mark B Merion. 9/14	Erwin P Kaucher 9/29
Gary G Samples 9/8	Jonathan Self. 9/16	Matthew T Hirsch 9/30
Kenneth W Kirkpatrick 9/8	Scott W Malantonio 9/17	

LuLu's Chat with Friends Zoom Meeting

Noble Hilary Kaufman and Lady Andrea Invite You and Your Lady

Bring LuLu members together for friendly casual conversations

Monthly on the first Wednesday, Noon to 1 pm.

- Go to <https://zoom.us/join>
- Enter Meeting ID: **862 8413 6115**
- Enter Passcode: **LuLu**
- Click "Join"

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Francis I Stewart Jr	10/1	Ronald E Meredith	10/10	Harry R Glaeser	10/21
Charles B Hyman	10/1	Mark L Freed	10/10	George E DeJager	10/22
Leon Werb	10/1	Melvyn Breslow	10/11	Kenneth A Rubin	10/23
Samuel T Miller	10/2	Raymond W Conger	10/11	John A Vautier	10/24
Barry W VanRensler	10/2	Robert D Mervine III	10/11	Stanley R Pannella	10/24
Edward DeValle	10/2	Leo T Middlemiss Jr.	10/12	Bruce L Castor Jr.	10/24
Earl W Laney	10/3	Daniel J Fierimonte P.P.	10/12	Jonathan P McSurdy	10/24
William G Young Jr	10/3	Ellis Adams	10/13	Alan T Kirk Jr	10/25
Kenneth W Nelson	10/3	David J Baskin	10/13	Joseph M Grey	10/25
Albert C Bailey Jr.	10/3	Steven S Ryave Md.	10/13	Arno C Vorwerk	10/25
Robert Anderson	10/5	James A Armenti	10/13	Leroy D Cartwright	10/26
William D Hartman	10/6	Robert E Boeckle	10/14	Walter A Marshall	10/26
Michael John Gallagher	10/6	Richard F Kirchner	10/14	Philip J Janusz	10/27
Edward Katchur.	10/6	George B Park III	10/14	Barry M Kauffmann	10/27
Frank W Gerhart	10/6	Kyle A Coppola.	10/14	Raymond N Bracken	10/27
William E Marion Jr.	10/7	William G Rech	10/15	Joseph R Bullock Jr.	10/27
Michael C Chaykowski	10/7	Mark J Perlman	10/15	Kevin S Bonney Sr	10/28
Dominic J Pergolino	10/7	W. C Biehl	10/16	James R Coulon	10/29
James A Shillingford	10/7	Kevin J Sundra.	10/16	Jeffrey S Greene.	10/30
Gary W Broughton	10/8	Eugene H Rifkind	10/18	Milton E Coll	10/30
Winfield S Culp	10/8	Jon J Gold	10/18	Norman E Miller Jr	10/31
Russell Bland	10/8	Frank J Spoltore	10/19	James R Bauer.	10/31
William H Metz	10/9	Richard R Beddow Jr.	10/19	Michael F Houck Sr	10/31
Clifton H Hamilton III.	10/9	Fred W Wichterman	10/20	William Jon H Taylor	10/31
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Saturday, September 26, 2026

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Advance Tickets: \$25 • Tickets at Door: \$30

NO ONE UNDER 21 ADMITTED



Refreshments provided

Hamburgers • Chili • Hot Dogs • Salads
Beer • Wine • Soda

ADVANCE TICKETS: AT TICKETLEAP



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