



# *Nur Shriners*

Newsletter

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Kevin Urick - Potentate

## Known Calendar Events . . .



If you have anything you would like to be included in any future calendar or newsletter, please send it to Rick Swalm before the end of the month prior to the month you want it published.

- Jan 01<sup>st</sup>, **Happy New Year** @ 12:00 a.m., EST,
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, **Ladies' Monthly Meeting** @ 6:30 p.m., Uniform Units Room,
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, **Annual Meeting and Divan Installations** @ 7:00 p.m., Main Hall (Cover),
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>, **Weekly Cash BINGO** @ 6:55 p.m., Main Hall,
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup>, **Pirates & Yacht Club Meeting** @ 1:00 p.m. @ 1:00 p.m., Delaware Room,
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, **Martin Luther King Day** @ 12:00 a.m., EST
- Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, **Introduction of Clubs, Units, and Officers** @ 6:00 p.m., Main Hall,
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup>, **Uniform Units Meeting** @ 7:00 p.m., Uniform Units Room,
- Jan 26<sup>th</sup>, **Nur Clowns Meeting** @ 4:30 p.m., Clown Unit Room,
- Jan 30<sup>th</sup>, **East – West Shrine Bowl Watch Party** @ 6:00 p.m., Bar.



## BINGO EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

Bingo continues to engage our community with excellent attendance. Ruben has it running on all cylinders and community support is as high as ever. Play begins with our early bird special starting at 6:55 pm and we typically finish with our blue strip special around 9:30 pm. Our

ladies provide refreshments for our Bingo Players and raise money for their projects. Talk it up with your friends and come on out for an evening of Fun and the possibility of winning some extra spending money to help you get ready for summer. Help support our weekly Bingo games and help turn around our financial situation and putting us back in the black. Come on out and join in the fun. If you can help by working the games, make sure to call Ruben Kelly and let him know.

## Potentate's Message



All I can say is thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sandy and I were honored to be your first lady and Potentate for 2024. We had a blast and I hope you enjoyed the activities and had some fun along the way.

The memories will last a lifetime and always remind me of the support and dedication we received from so many nobles and ladies. From the Balls to the parades and from Imperial to the Oasis nights, I cannot remember a time when we had so much fun. Did I say thank you? Well, I cannot say it enough but here goes nothing.



**Ruben and Sandy**



Dear Nobles,

On December 6th, 2024, I had the most wonderful and totally unexpected surprise. I was so very touched to receive "my Fez" as presented by the Uniform Units.

Now, each time I see the Endowment Tree, I will seek out "my Fez" and remember all the good times. Being part of the Nur Shrine has been an important part of my life as many of you are my friends -- just like family. I can't begin to express how meaningful it is to me to be part of the Nur Shrine. The support and friendship I have received through all the years have been invaluable. It is hard to believe that it will be 40 years in 2025! Many thanks to the Nobles and the members of the Uniform Units who contributed to this honor. It was kind and generous of you to do this for me, and I appreciate it more than I can say.

Forever thankful,  
Helga



# NUR SHRINE

January 6, 2025

*Annual Meeting /  
Installation of Officers*

*7pm*  *All*  
*In The* *Are Invited*  
*Main Hall* *To Attend*

Please RSVP to Helga @ 302-328-6100 Ext 1  
or Kevin Urick @ 443-838-6536  
NUR Shrine 198 S. Dupont Hwy, New Castle, De, 19720

**Light Hors d'Oeuvres will be served**

The Annual meeting will commence at 7 p.m. in the Delaware Room, for Shriners only. Upon finish of Business it will recess and reconvene for Installation of Officers in the Great Hall, where it will be open to all. No Charge.

# 2025 Elected Divan

Potentate	Kevin Urick	(May)	<a href="mailto:lawyerkevin@aol.com">lawyerkevin@aol.com</a>
Chief Rabban	Christopher DeAngelo		<a href="mailto:deangelo.chris@ymail.com">deangelo.chris@ymail.com</a>
Assistant Rabban	Mark Button	(Heike)	<a href="mailto:buttnit@hotmail.com">buttnit@hotmail.com</a>
High Priest and Prophet	Scott Christensen	(Jennifer)	<a href="mailto:hooahscott@gmail.com">hooahscott@gmail.com</a>
Oriental Guide	Steve Salvatelli	(Kathryn)	<a href="mailto:shsalvatelli@comcast.net">shsalvatelli@comcast.net</a>
Treasurer	Tom Dilworth	(Rose)	<a href="mailto:tdil1@aol.com">tdil1@aol.com</a>
Recorder	David M. Parker		<a href="mailto:davidp0821@gmail.com">davidp0821@gmail.com</a>

Congratulations  
III. Sir Kelly

2024  
Potentate  
Nur Shrine



# 2025 Appointed Divan

1 <sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Master	Bud Skinner	(Rita)	<a href="mailto:bskinner@maintenance-tech.net">bskinner@maintenance-tech.net</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Master	John Marriott	(Florence)	<a href="mailto:rthles4u@aol.com">rthles4u@aol.com</a>
Director	Jeff Lank	(Tina)	<a href="mailto:jtlink@gmail.com">jtlink@gmail.com</a>
Marshall	Jack Crystal	(Bobbi)	<a href="mailto:jbjessie@att.net">jbjessie@att.net</a>
Captain of the Guard	Art Bartholomew		<a href="mailto:bart129@aol.com">bart129@aol.com</a>
Inner Guard	John Malmstrom	(Lynne)	<a href="mailto:bubblestheclown@comcast.net">bubblestheclown@comcast.net</a>
Outer Guard	Chuck Porter	(Bernadette)	<a href="mailto:chuckporter304@aol.com">chuckporter304@aol.com</a>
Chaplain	Jon B. Cottrell	(Ginnie)	<a href="mailto:jongtc1940@gmail.com">jongtc1940@gmail.com</a>
Director General	Barry Gommer	(Helena)	<a href="mailto:delawareacupuncture@gmail.com">delawareacupuncture@gmail.com</a>
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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Mar 10, Jun 09, Sep 15, Dec 08 ..... Business meetings
- Every Tuesday evening ..... BINGO
  
- January 06..... Annual Meeting/Installations
- January 25..... Introduction of Officers
- February 22..... Commodore’s Ball
- March 14..... Brotherhood Night
- March 20-22..... Spring MASA (Hershey, PA)
- March 23..... Children’s Easter Party
- April 02-12 ..... Houghton Carnival
- April 19 ..... Potentate’s Shrimp Feast
- May 26..... LOH Wreath Laying Service
- June 29-July 03..... Imperial Sessions
- July 26..... Potentate’s Ball
- August 3-10..... Potentate’s Cruise
- September 04-07 ..... Fall MASA
- October 24-26 ..... Sea Witch Festival
- November 01 ..... Fall Ceremonial
- November 01 ..... Harvest Ball
- November 08 ..... Ladies` Craft Show
- November 20 ..... Nur Memorial Service
- December 20..... Children’s Christmas Party
- January 05, ‘26 ..... Annual Meeting/Installations



## PARADES

St. Patrick`s Day.....	Dover .....	Sat., Mar. 15
Hillbilly Days .....	Pikeville.....	Sat. Apr. 26
Dover Days .....	Dover .....	Sat., May 03
Memorial Day.....	Newark.....	Sun., May 18
Separation Day.....	New Castle .....	Sat., June 07
Imperial.....	Atlanta, GA .....	TBA, July
4th of July.....	Smyrna-Clayton .....	Fri., July 04
MASA .....	Virginia Beach, VA.....	Sat., Sep. 06
Sea Witch .....	Rehoboth Beach .....	Sat., Oct. 25
Christmas .....	Wilmington.....	Sat., Nov. 29
Christmas .....	Northeast, MD .....	Sat., Dec. 06



## UNITS AND CLUBS

<u>UNIT / CLUB</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>MEETINGS</u>
Cabiri	President	Jeff Draper, PP	Business Mtg @ 6:00
Caravan Club	President	Dan Bargelski	As needed
Car Club	President	Tom Dilworth	3rd Wednesday @ 8:00
Clowns	Boss Clown	Jeff Lank	Last Sunday @ 4:30
Fife & Drum	Director	Charles Maass	As needed
Golf Club	President	Jim Stevens	3rd Thursday @ 9 am
Hillbillies	Rabban of the Clan	Dave Hutchiins	3rd Thursday @ 7:00
Legion of Honor	Commander	Darin Lorenzen	4th Monday @ 7:30
Mini-Choppers	President	Matt Biggs	2nd Thursday @ 7:00
Mini-Corvettes	Captain	William Maston	4th Wednesday @ 6:00
Motorcycles	President	Dave Gamble	2nd Sunday @ 2:00
Pirates	Captain	Pat Brown	2nd Sunday @ 1:00
Red Wagons	Wagon Master	Dave Hutchins	As needed
Ritual	President	Thomas Sullivan	2nd Wednesday @ 7:00
Shepherds	President	Curt Cole	As needed
VeNURable Shiners	Cellar Master	Jeff Lank	1st Thursday @ 6:30
Yacht Club	Commodore	Ed Reynolds	2nd Sunday @ 1:00
Shrine Club of DE	President	Jeff Lank	2nd Friday @ 6:30
Southern DE Shrine	Club President	Jamie Locklear	As needed



January 2

*Ill. Sir Kevin Urick & Lady May  
Invite You To The  
Introduction To Officers  
And Units  
At The Nur Shrine Temple  
New Castle Delaware  
Cocktails Begin At 6PM  
Cost is \$25 pp*

**25TH JANUARY 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Num.of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# NUR SHRINE



## Mini Choppers

Once again this year the Mini Choppers will be celebrating their Ladies Appreciation Dinner. The event will take place on Saturday, January 18 at the Symrna Firehouse. While we appreciate our ladies every day, we pay special tribute to them on this day. Without their continued support, we could not function as a cohesive unit.

So on this day, we offer a special THANK YOU to all of our ladies





# MAASYC Commodores' Ball

## February 22, 2025

Kent Island Yacht Club, 117 Yacht Club Drive, Chester, MD 21619

Cocktails 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar

"Steak & Cake" Dinner 7:00 p.m.

\* If non-meat option is preferred, let Mike Hart know ASAP.

Followed by music and dancing, with Frank "Elvis" Raines

*Dress: Dark Suit or Uniform. Gown/Cocktail attire for the Ladies.*

Hospitality at Hilton Garden Inn: Friday Snacks 4 - 10; dinner on your own.

Saturday Pot Luck Lunch 12 - 2, and Saturday After the Ball

★ MAASYC Meeting 2 pm Saturday (in Hospitality Room) ★

HILTON GARDEN INN, 3206 Main Street, Grasonville, MD 21638

Group Rate \$149 nitely, Fri., Sat: all rooms water view & balcony (rate deadline: Jan.22,'25)

*Please call directly to make reservations: Phone: 410-827-3877 Code: S25*

Questions? Call Michael T. Hart, RAJAH/NUR PC on 717.203.1865; email cmdr40@aol.com



### MAASYC Commodores Ball Reservation Form



**Ball / Dinner Deadline: Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2025**

Cost: \$125 per person. Make checks payable to NUR Shrine Yacht Club.

Mail to: Michael T. Hart, Treasurer, 81 Candlewyck Drive, Quarryville PA. 17566.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lady \_\_\_\_\_ No. Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Shrine Center \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_



**WE WANT YOU!**

To join the Shrine Club of  
Delaware -the oldest shine  
club in the world, circa 1907.

The annual dues are only \$10.00.

Support your Shrine by supporting  
the Shrine Club.

Contact Jeff Lank to get involved. (302) 545-1650.

# PLEASE JOIN US NUR SHRINE IS HEADING BACK

ALL UNITS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN  
ON BEHALF OF NUR SHRINE CARAVAN  
FRED BOWEN HAS BEEN WORKING HARD GATHERING INFORMATION  
FOR THIS EVENT



Hampton Inn - 606-432-8811  
831 Hambley Blvd.  
Pikeville KY 41501

Rate: 2 Queen bed \$243/night, 1 king \$243/night, 1 king studio \$262/night (Does not include Tax)  
**Will not block rooms for this event, Call ASAP too make resrvations**

Holiday Inn Express & Suites - 606-433-1800  
476 South Mayo Trail  
Pikeville KY 41501

Rate: King Standard \$405/night, Standard room \$418/night, 2 Queen \$419/night, King Suite \$420 /night (does not include Tax)  
**Still trying for Group rate**

Hatfield & McCoy Lodge- 606-432-2188  
1066 South Mayo Trail  
Pikeville KY 41501

Rates: Double \$110/night, King \$105/night, Queen \$100/night, Single \$95/night (Does not include Tax)

**Will not block rooms for this event, Call ASAP too make resrvations**

**City of Pikeville RV Park: SOLD OUT**

Pikeville Farmers Market Area Rate: \$30/night, Gravel parking area, 30 amp electric  
130 Adams Lane Pikeville KY 41501 & water only. Third party pump truck \$25/pumpout

**To book an RV Site contact FRED BOWEN 302-381-5131 or email request to fmbowen58@gmail.com**

THE EVENT IS THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY. SOME OF US ARE MAKING A WEEK OUT IT AND SPENDING SOME TIME CAMPING IN NATURAL BRIDGE VIRGINA ON THE WAY

**QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION, CALL OR TEXT DANNY B @ 302-892-2818 OR FRED BOWEN @302-381-5131**



Brethren,

I invite each and every member of NUR and his Lady to join me and my Lady May next August 2025, on a sea cruise. Or, I should say, a rip-roaring Shriners Cruise!

August 3, 2025, Royal Caribbean's Symphony of the Seas will set sail from Cape Liberty New Jersey and return August 10, 2025. It will be packed with Shriners.

Two years ago, at Imperial's Tampa Training, a group of Mid-Atlantic Assistant Rabbans met and being gregarious got to talking. And as I recall there may have been some libations.

But from the cacophony one good idea arose. It was suggested that the various Shrines' 2025 Potentates come together as a group and sponsor a joint Potentates' trip.

Now, much blood, sweat, and tears later, and with some additional libations, there are commitments from Lulu, Crescent, NUR, and around ten other Shrines to sail together.

Please register as soon as possible as space may be limited as more people sign up. Your registration can be cancelled, with full refund, up to the date the final amount is due.

The attached flyer gives further details.

*Kevin Urick*





# Getaway Vacations Chief Rabban Kevin Urick and Lady May

INVITE THE NUR SHRINE  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON A

## 7 NIGHT BAHAMAS CRUISE

### AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025



Cruise Round Trip from Cape Liberty NJ to  
Port Canaveral, Nassau, and  
Perfect Day at CocoCay



ABOARD ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S

# SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS

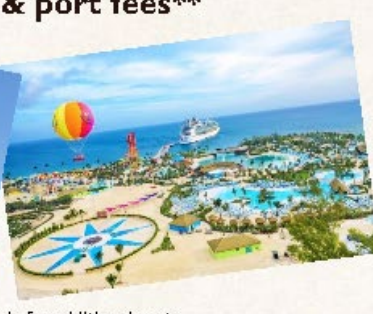
Ships Registry Bahamas

## \$500 DEPOSIT PER CABIN!

- Balcony - \$2115\*
- Central Park Balcony - \$1806\*
- Interior - \$1323\*

Price includes:

- Cruise, Food, & Entertainment
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\*Price is per person based on double occupancy. Optional insurance available for additional cost  
\*\*Taxes and fees subject to change. Additional terms, conditions, and/or itinerary changes may apply.

CONTACT DEBBIE FOR DETAILS  
267-288-5699



debbie@getawayvacations.net  
getawayvacations.net

Brethren,

On behalf of Right Worshipful Richard M. McTheny, SGW – DGM elect, and his lady, Marianne, I am pleased to share with you information about the 2026 Grand Lodge of Delaware Masonic Cruise.

The cruise on the beautiful Carnival Magic will depart Miami, Florida on Saturday, March 7, 2026. The itinerary includes four relaxing days at sea and stops in the sunny ports of Aruba, Curacao and Amber Cove (Dominican Republic), before returning to Miami on Sunday, March 15, 2026.

Registration is now open. By booking this early, there is nearly a year and a half to make payments as final payment is not due until November 1, 2025. There are multiple cabin options to fit any need you would like.

If you heard about the many fun times on the Masonic Cruise in 2018, you will definitely not want to miss this one.

To make your reservations, please contact Aaron Jackson from Dreams Fulfilled Travel at (302) 858-7841 or by email at [aaron.jackson@DreamsFulfilledTravel.com](mailto:aaron.jackson@DreamsFulfilledTravel.com). If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at (302) 270-4391.

Fraternally,  
Chad Robinson, PGMAR.



# Carnival®

## CHOOSE FUN®

**Grand Lodge Cruise  
Carnival Magic  
March 7 - 15, 2026**



## 8 Day Southern Caribbean



Day	Port of Call	Arrival Time	Depart Time
Sat	Miami		03:30 PM
Sun	Fun Day At Sea		
Mon	Amber Cove	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Tue	Fun Day At Sea		
Wed	Aruba	09:00 AM	10:00 PM
Thu	Curaçao	08:00 AM	05:00 PM
Fri	Fun Day At Sea		
Sat	Fun Day At Sea		
Sun	Miami	08:00 AM	



**Rates are per person double occupancy**

**not included: insurance, tax, port fees, gratuities, airfare, transportation, hotel stays, excursions**

Deposit of \$500 per cabin due at booking

Final Payment due November 1, 2025

Optional Travel Insurance is available, quote provided after booking

Third and fourth guest rates are available along with other cabin options.

Valid Passport recommended for cruise travel outside the US



**Interior @ \$724  
Ocean View @ \$884  
Balcony @ \$1,109**



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# 2025 Potentate Shirts Order Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to appear on shirt:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:**

	Short Sleeve Includes: Shirt Logo (right chest) Name (left chest) NUR Logo (back collar) <b>**LIMITED QUANTITIES**</b>	Long Sleeve Includes: Shirt Logo (right chest) Name (left chest) NUR Logo (back collar)
X-Small	\$77.00	\$80.00
Small	\$77.00	\$80.00
Medium	\$77.00	\$80.00
Large	\$77.00	\$80.00
X-Large	\$77.00	\$80.00
2XL	\$81.00	\$84.00
3XL	\$83.00	\$86.00
4XL	\$85.00	\$88.00
5XL	Not Available	\$90.00
6XL	Not Available	\$94.00

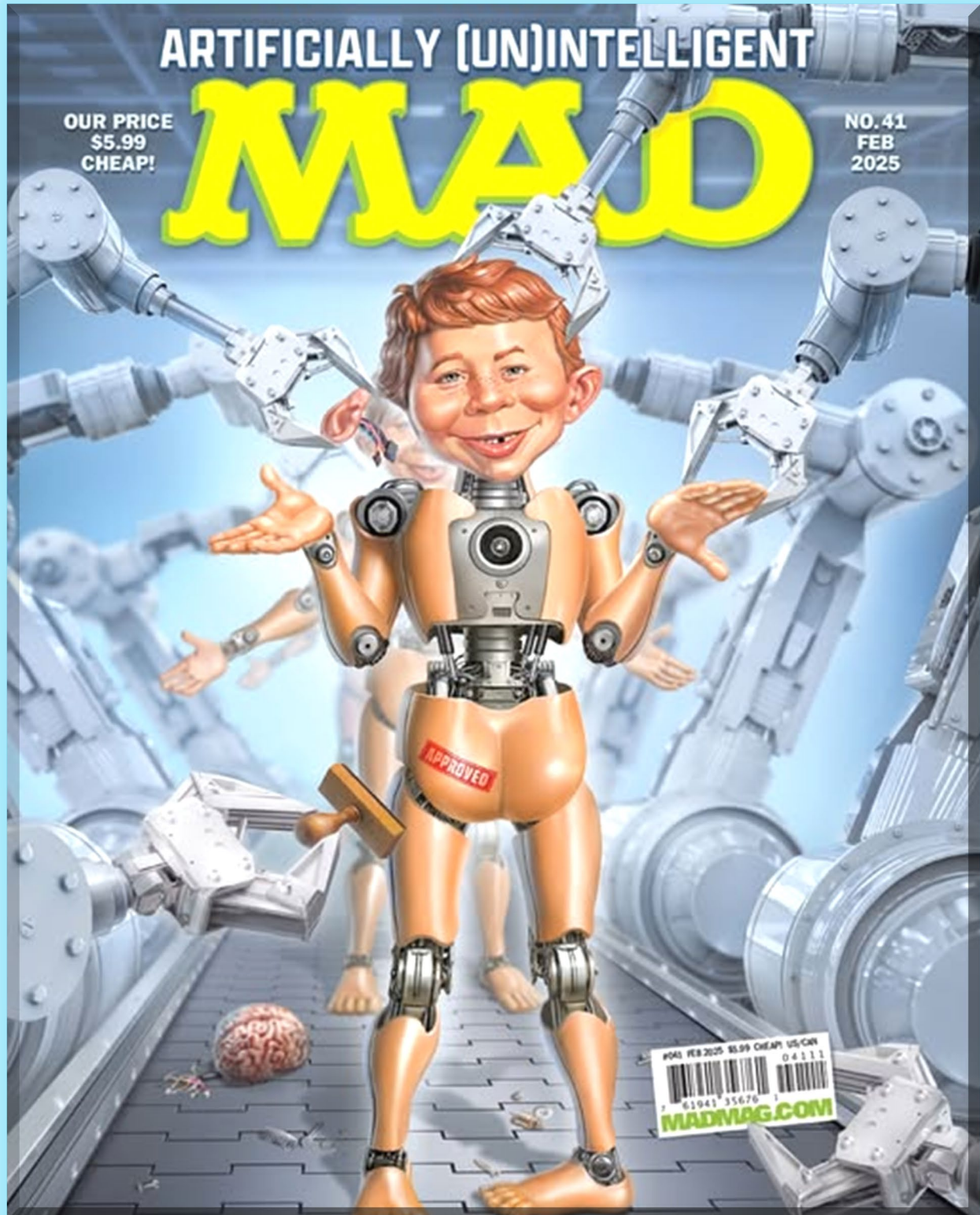
**Add: (Left Arm)**  
**Masonic Symbol \$7.00**  
**Past Master Symbol \$11.00**  
**PA Past Master \$11.75**  
**Ladies Heart \$7.00**

Shirt Costs Includes: Logo (Right Chest) Name (Left Chest) NUR Logo (center back neck)	\$
Add ons: Left Sleeve	
Masonic Symbol	\$
DE Past Master Symbol	\$
PA Past Master Symbol	\$
Ladies Heart	\$
<b>Total Shirt Costs:</b>	<b>\$</b>



Kevin Urick - Potentate

# Monthly Dose of Mad Magazine





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**Listen. I wish  
I could tell you it  
gets better. But,  
it doesn't get better.  
You get better.**

**JOAN RIVERS**

