



Nur Shriners

Newsletter

April 2026

Vol. 73 No. 4

NUR SHRINE CARNIVAL 2026

DATES: APR 15 - 19 & APR 22 - 25

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

NURCARNIVAL.COM

ADVANCE TICKETS:
HoughtonCarnival.com

All proceeds benefit the Nur Shrine

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.



- Apr. 6th, **Monthly Meetings**, @ 6:00 p.m., DE Room,
- Apr. 6th, **Ladies' Monthly Meeting** @ 6:30 p.m., Uniform Units Room,
- Apr. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th, **Weekly Cash BINGO** @ 6:55 p.m., Main Hall,
- Apr. 15th-17th, **Houghton Carnival** @ 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Back Lot,
- Apr. 18th, **Houghton Carnival** @ 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Back Lot,
- Apr. 22nd-24th, **Houghton Carnival** @ 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Back Lot,
- Apr. 19th, **Houghton Carnival** @ 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Back Lot,
- Apr. 25th, **Houghton Carnival** @ 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m., Back Lot,
- Apr. 29th, **Uniform Units Meeting** @ 7:00 p.m., Uniform Units Room,
- May 2nd, **Dover Days Parade** @ 8:00 a.m. L/U & 9:00 a.m. S/O, Dover.



BINGO EVERY TUESDAY EVENING

Bingo continues to engage our community with excellent attendance. We have had 5 straight weeks of over 100 players. Ruben has it running on all cylinders and our 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.

Imperial Sessions 2026



July 12 – 16
Tampa, Florida

If you plan to attend this year's Imperial Sessions and what to take advantage of Nur's housing block you need to contact Noble Jeff Lank by Monday, April 6, 2026 @ 5 pm. His deadline to finalize arrangements is that week so do not delay.

Jeff can be reached at 302-545-1650

or

jtlank@gmail.com

Stepping up to support our Shrine

It's April already and spring is in the air. This month, let me tell you about some of our nobles and thank them for stepping up and helping our Shrine. Tom Ryan, for example is taking on the responsibility of Director General. After attending a parade, he emphasized the need for improvement and expressed his intention to ensure that future parades are conducted with a higher level of professionalism. I also thank all the nobles who have stepped forward in helping at our Divan meetings by taking the minutes while our recorder is out sick. Addition thanks for all the nobles who came to help with bingo when I put out a call for help and Brain Lingenfelter for calling our new nobles and getting information on what they are about and what their interests are in the shrine and then composing the "BEHIND the FEZ" articles you will read later in the newsletter and reading the information at the Divan meetings to make sure all our nobles know about our new nobles.

We have a core group of volunteers, but we can always use more volunteers. We have our carnival coming up soon and could use the help, even two hours would help. May 26 and 27th we are having a circus at our shrine, the first one in a long time, and could use some volunteers.

To all our volunteers I express my sincere gratitude for their ongoing support of our shrine.

Chris DeAngelo / Potentate





APRIL 4 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2026

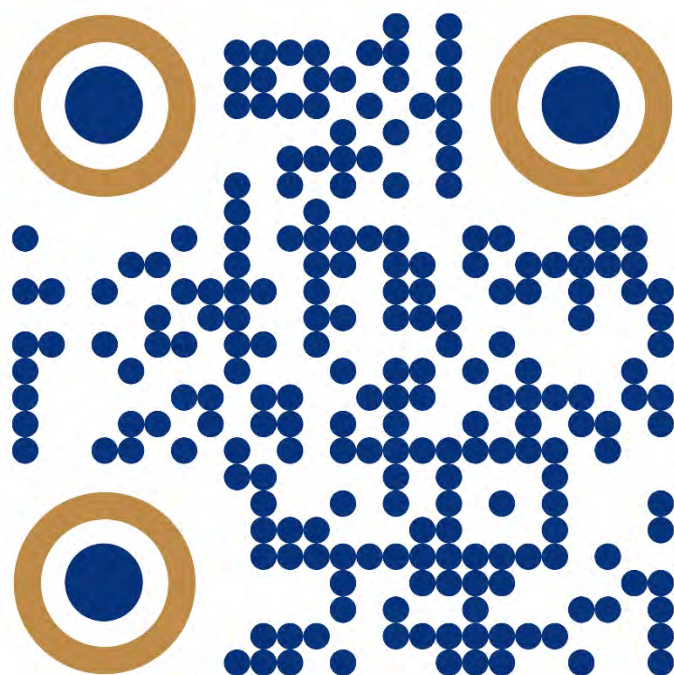


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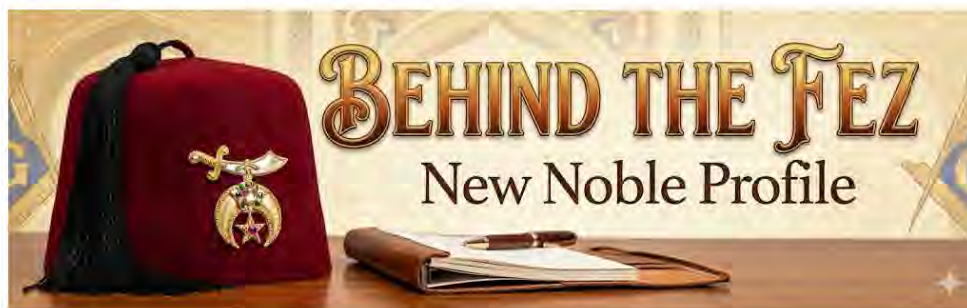


MAKING HISTORY
This April ultramarathoner Patrick Atkinson will run 333 miles from Wilmington, Delaware, to Lexington, Massachusetts, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States and to raise funds for the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum & Library.

AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY
Patrick's route will take him through many places associated with the American Revolution—Wilmington, Philadelphia, Princeton, Mamaroneck, New Haven, and Lexington. Patrick is running 50 to 60 miles a day to highlight the museum, to mark the events surrounding the founding of the United States and—most importantly—to connect with people, history, and Freemasons on this extraordinary journey.



run.srmml.org



Behind the Fez: Meet James K. Fields



Welcome to "Behind the Fez"! Here at Nur Shrine, we regularly welcome fantastic new Nobles, but simply seeing a new name on a roster isn't always enough to spark a true connection. The real strength of our Shrine lies in our fellowship and brotherhood. That's why we are excited to introduce Behind the Fez, a brand-new section of the Nur News designed to help us all get to know the men behind the newest fezzes. Below, you'll learn about their families, their hobbies, and what drove them to join our great mission. We strongly encourage every Noble to take a few minutes to read these profiles, find some common ground, and use the contact info provided to reach out and give our newest Nobles the warm welcome that Nur Shrine is famous for!

Please join us in giving a warm Nur Shrine welcome to James K. Fields! Jamie comes to Nur with strong Masonic roots, holding memberships in Jackson Lodge #19, Independence Lodge #76, and Temple Lodge #11. Family is truly at the heart of his life; he and his Lady, Yvonne, are celebrating a fantastic milestone this year with their 35th wedding anniversary! Together, they are the proud parents of three children and

doting grandparents to eight grandchildren.

Professionally, Jamie keeps things running smoothly as an Operations Excellence Manager. When the weekend rolls around, you can usually find him and Yvonne unwinding at their camper down by the beach or hitting the open road on their Spyder. A true local sports fan, Jamie loves cheering on the Phillies and the Eagles. We are also incredibly proud to share that Jamie is a U.S. Navy Veteran, and we thank him for his service to our country.

Jamie decided to become a Shriner because he connects deeply with our core mission: raising money for a worthy cause and having a great time doing it! He is jumping right into the fellowship and has already joined the Mini Choppers. Looking ahead, he plans to get involved with the Caravan and the Pirates next, and is keeping the Legion of Honor in mind for the future.

Nobles, let's make sure Jamie feels right at home. Take a moment this week to shoot him a welcome text or give him a call at **302-743-2242**. Whether you want to talk Philly sports, swap Navy stories, or just say hello, reach out and show him the hospitality Nur Shrine is famous for!



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Please join us in giving a warm Nur Shrine welcome to our newest Noble, Thomas Ventura Jr., who goes by the nickname "Digger Jr." Thomas comes to us from St. John Lodge #2 and is a devoted family man. He and his Lady, Sue, are the proud parents of two sons, Thomas III and Larry Wright.

By trade, Thomas is an appliance repair technician, keeping things running smoothly for folks in our community. When he's off the clock, you can usually find him out on the water. He is an avid fan of fishing and boating, making the most of his weekends. He's also a dedicated Dallas Cowboys fan, which is sure to spark some great conversations—and maybe a little friendly rivalry!

Thomas joined the Shrine with a strong, service-oriented mission in mind. He takes great pride in supporting veterans, helping children in need, and giving back to those who could use a hand. He is already proving to be an incredibly active and enthusiastic member. In fact, "Digger Jr." hasn't wasted any time getting involved; he has already jumped right in and joined the Mini Choppers, the veNURables, and the Pirates!

Nobles, let's show Thomas the true meaning of our brotherhood. Take a few minutes this week to shoot him a text at **302-766-0620** or drop him an email at **Venturajr2003@yahoo.com** to say hello, talk some football, and welcome him to the Nur Shrine family.



No doubt you've seen the popular scene of the Shriner carrying the handicapped girl (pictured left). What many people don't know is that it is based on an actual event in 1970. It is Randy Dieter's original photo of Shriner Al Hortman (formerly of Evansville, Indiana, now living in Georgia), carrying a girl named Bobbi Jo Wright. The older girl on the left in the photo is Hortman's daughter, Laura, who was a patient at Shriners Hospital in St. Louis. After Laura began receiving treatment at Shriners Hospitals For Children, Hortman himself joined the Shrine.

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is probably one of the best recognized symbols of Shriners Hospitals, yet it was taken almost by accident. Randy Dieter, the photographer, recalled that in 1970, he had been on assignment covering Hadi Temple's annual outing for handicapped children at the now-defunct Mesker Amusement Park in Evansville, Indiana.

"I was taking shots of the midway and was using my telephoto lens," Dieter said. "I saw a local Shriner walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other. My camera wouldn't fire. Then they were too close for my lens. I ran past them, but the camera jammed. I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to think about it, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you."

"It still seems unreal," said Bobbi Jo Wright, the little girl in the photo. "I have many wonderful memories of the years I was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and remember all the fun activities. I was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopedic problems that made walking difficult. I had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital. They greatly improved my ability to walk."

Bobbi Jo received her B.A. in English from Anderson University. She is active in her church and teaches Sunday School. "I use a cane when I go shopping," she said. "If I'm walking on grassy areas, I use crutches."

Today, the famous photo is an integral part of the Shriners Hospitals logo, and has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacs, pins, and in statues. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the International Shrine Headquarters building in Tampa. Photographer Randy Dieter presently serves as graphics editor for the Kentucky Post.

NOTE: Noble Albert Lanier Hortman, the man in the photo carrying Bobbi Jo, passed away on December 6, 2009, two months shy of his 81st birthday. He lived a full life and was one of the fortunate ones to make a place in history that will live in time immemorial. You can read Noble Albert Lanier Hortman's complete obituary here: <http://www.tributes.com/show/Albert-Hortman-87308399>

So, what does this mean to a Noble of Nur Shrine?

Your Chief Rabban, Noble Mark Button is starting a capital campaign to purchase this 9 1/2 foot statue and place it at the front of our Temple. This statue is made of tough fiberglass and can withstand the outdoor elements. The statue is a "soft grey" color that resembles stone and has a rough chisel-cut appearance. Production time for this piece is 8-12 weeks. The maker, Jose Serra is a professional sculpter and a Mason and Noble.

Our Goal? \$20,000.00

The scope of this project is not small. The statue itself will cost approximately \$12,500.00 (includes Nur on the Fez). We will need two Nobles to drive with a trailer to Kentucky to pick up the statue (weighs about 350 pounds). This will require gas and an overnight stay. Additionally, we plan on building a small wall, doing some new landscaping, moving the Shrine flag pole in front of the building (not the US Flag flagpole), building a pedestal, running electricity for lights, etc. Any additional funds received above the \$20,000 threshold will be placed into the Nur Shrine Legacy account.

How can I help?

We will have 3 levels of support with an engraved tile appropriate for each level:

- \$1,000.00 - 12x12 tile (8 lines, 20 characters per line)
- \$500.00 - 6x6 tile
- \$250.00 - 4x8 tile (3 lines, 20 character per tile)
- Less than \$250.00 (a plaque with additional donors will be created and placed with the tiles)

How do I pay?

You can mail a check made out to Nur Shrine, to 198 S. Dupont Ave, New Castle, DE 19720, or you can hand your check off to your Chief Rabban who will ensure it gets posted in a timely manner. All donations will receive a thank you letter from the Shrine. Any funds raised above the threshold will be put into the Nur Shrine Legacy fund. Additionally, you can call Helga in the Nur office and pay by credit/debit card (there is a small card fee), 410-838-7301.

Who is spearheading this effort and who is my point of contact?

Mark Button, 443-303-9058, buttnit@hotmail.com. I will personally contact each and every donor, coordinate what you want your tile to say, and ensure you receive the proper recognition.





Nur Golf Club

Spring is almost here; next outing for the Nur Shrine Golf Club is April 16, 2026

We will be playing on the 3rd Thursday of the month starting: April 16/2026. Dates as follows: 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17 and 10/15.

Tee time for April starts 10:30 am.

Place: Del Castle Golf Course, 801 McKennan's Church Rd, Wilmington, De—302-998-9505

Cost: \$40.00 includes \$5.00 voucher for lunch which includes a hot dog, chips and soda. If you prefer something else you would only have to pay the difference of a \$5.00 credit.
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One Time Registration fee of \$25.00

Total for April is \$40.00 plus \$25.00 registration fee, Total \$65.00

Format: 9-hole Scramble

Please send your reservation and check to me no later than one week before as I have to give a count to the course for tee times.

Thanks and see you soon

Jim Stevens

7 Anderson Lane, Newark, De 19711 302-545-6937

All are welcome and bring a friend

Checks payable to Nur Golf Club (please no last-minute calls)

Total Enclosed _____, Let's have fun this season



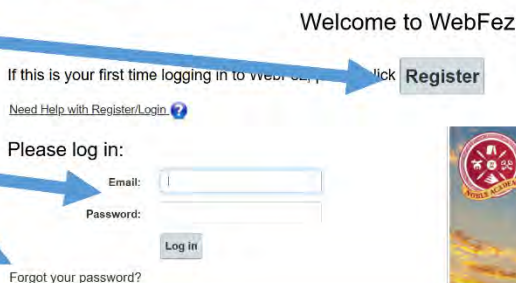
Are you like me and don't think about your Dues until you get that notice?

Would you like to make automatic monthly payments instead of a lump sum payment? If so, see below...

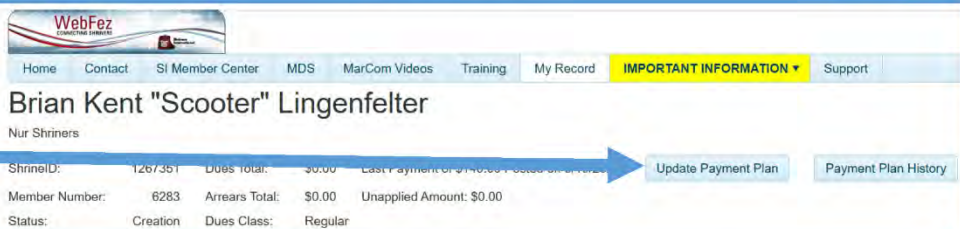
Take the stress out of dues season by setting up automatic monthly payments on WebFez. It's a quick set-up that keeps you current without the year-end lump sum. See the steps below to get started today. **Need assistance?** Contact me: Brian Lingenfelter (blingen@comcast.net | 717-578-7656) or we can meet at the Nur Shrine for personal assistance.

Go to: webfez.shrinenet.org

- If your first time: Click Register
- If you already have a login, enter your information here.
- If you forgot your password click here.



Click on Update or create your Payment Plan



Once enrolled, your card will be charged monthly with a 3% processing fee. This is the standard credit card fee and is identical to what you would pay for a single annual transaction—meaning there is no extra surcharge for choosing the convenience of a monthly plan.

Payment Number	Dues Amount	Date
1	\$14.44	02/15/2026
2	\$14.44	03/15/2026
3	\$14.44	04/15/2026
4	\$14.44	05/15/2026
5	\$14.44	06/15/2026
6	\$14.44	07/15/2026
7	\$14.44	08/15/2026
8	\$14.44	09/15/2026
9	\$14.48	10/15/2026



Nur Shrine Potentate Ball

Masons, Shriners & Guests - Join Us & Enjoy the Merriment

Illustrious Sir Chris DeAngelo
requests your presence at

NUR SHRINE CENTER
198 S Dupont Hwy, New Castle, DE 19720

Saturday 16 May 2026 | 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

\$55 PER PERSON • \$110 PER COUPLE

Beer, wine, and soda included. | Cash bar for spirits only.



****Ticket Information:**
Call (302) 328-6100,
or Scan to Purchase Online.



*(Processing Fees Apply to All Credit Card Transactions)

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PROCEEDS DO NOT GO TO THE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

NUR SHRINERS: SERVE & PROTECT OUR KIDS

COMING TO THE NUR SHRINE CENTER



SAVE THE DATES

TUE
26TH
MAY

WED
27TH
MAY

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NUR SHRINERS

Nur Shrine Mini-Corvettes



The Mini Corvettes will be raffling off a 35 quart Yeti cooler that will be full of Cheer and Cigars.

Only **200** tickets will be sold and the drawing is to be held at the stated business meeting on:

Monday, June 8, 2026

Proceeds benefit the Nur Shrine Mini-Corvettes

Tickets are \$5.00 each

For tickets contact: **John Marriott (484)688-3584**



Shrine Club of Delaware's *Shrimp Feast*

Friday, June 12th, 2026

Nur Shrine Center

198 S. Dupont Hwy.

New Castle, DE



Advance Price: \$45.00

Includes roast beef, sides, beer, wine, soda

6:00PM - 9:00PM



NurShrine.org

Proceeds benefit Shrine Club of Delaware and the Nur Shrine

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COUNTRY
FOR CHILDREN'S

June

SA 27TH
5:00-9:00PM



Nur Shrine Center

198 S. DUPONT HWY,
NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

SAVE THE DATE
TICKET

PROCEEDS BENEFITING



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Philadelphia





Saturday, July 18th 2026

5th Annual NUR Shine / 5PM - 11PM

Buccaneer Pirate Ball

**Join us for a night of fun and adventure
All you can eat Pirate Buffet, Free Miller Lite, Soda & Wine.**

Adults and Children are both invited

Children under 12 Yrs old get in free

Dig out your best Pirate Costume or favorite Beach wear



Admission \$60.00

For tickets reach out to

Captain Barry Gommer

302-251-9703

198 S. DuPont Hwy. New Castle, DE 19720





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CARE *affair*

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOPE & HEALING

Shriners Children's Philadelphia

The Union League of Philadelphia
140 S. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
October 3, 2026 | 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

*Sponsorship
Opportunities*



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Children's™
Philadelphia





Evening Sponsorship Opportunities

Centennial Presenting Sponsor

(1 available) — **\$100,000**

- Opportunity to speak during program
- Exclusive event banner and premium branding on select marketing, print, and event website
- Opportunity for Shriners Children's patient or executive leadership to join your table
- Ability to partner with an activity at the hospital
- Verbal recognition during event
- VIP Swag bag
- Logo listing on event signage, website, program
- (4) social media posts with logo and/or outgoing event email
- Hospital tour post event with member of our Shriners Children's Philadelphia leadership team
- (16) tickets to attend the event

Hope and Healing — \$50,000

- Opportunity for SC patient and executive leadership to join your event table
- Ability to partner with an activity hosted at the hospital
- Verbal recognition during event
- VIP swag bag
- Logo listing on event signage, website, program
- (4) social media posts and/or outgoing event email
- Hospital tour post event with member of our Shriners Children's Philadelphia leadership team
- (14) tickets to attend the event

Changing Lives — \$25,000

- Listing on event signage, website, program
- (3) social media posts and/or outgoing event email
- Opportunity for matching gift during our "fund the mission" portion of the event
- Hospital tour post event
- (12) tickets to attend the event

Watch Me Warriors — \$12,000

- Listing on event signage, website, program
- (2) social media posts and/or outgoing event email
- Opportunity for matching gift during our "fund the mission" portion of the event
- Hospital tour post event
- (10) tickets to attend the event

Community Champion — \$5,000

- Listing on event signage, website, program
- (1) Social media post and/or outgoing event email
- Opportunity for matching gift during our "fund the mission" portion of the event
- Hospital tour post event
- (4) tickets to attend the event





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Shriners Children's Philadelphia

October 3, 2026 | The Union League of Philadelphia

Evening
Sponsorship
Opportunities

Non-Ticketed Sponsorships

Cocktail Hour Sponsor – \$10,000 (1 available)

- Premier Cocktail named after sponsor

Dessert Sponsor – \$7,500 (1 available)

- Name announcement prior to dessert

Entertainment Sponsor – \$7,500 (1 available)

- Name announcement during music/dancing

Hall of Hope Sponsor – \$7,500 (1 available)

- Name listing on life sized patient cutouts

Silent Auction Sponsor – \$5,000 (1 available)

- Name mention prior to auction

Swag Sponsor – \$5,000 (1 available)

- Name mention at closing



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Children's
Philadelphia

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF HOPE & HEALING

Shriners Children's Philadelphia

October 3, 2026 | The Union League of Philadelphia

2026 Sponsorship Agreement

Sponsorship Level Selection *(check box)*

- Centennial Presenting Sponsor — \$100,000 (1 available)
- Hope and Healing — \$50,000
- Changing Lives — \$25,000
- Watch Me Warriors — \$12,000
- Community Champion — \$5,000
- Cocktail Hour Sponsor — \$10,000 (1 available)
- Dessert Sponsor — \$7,500 (1 available)
- Entertainment Sponsor — \$7,500 (1 available)
- Hall of Hope Sponsor — \$7,500 (1 available)
- Silent Auction Sponsor — \$5,000 (1 available)
- Swag Sponsor — \$5,000 (1 available)

Sponsor Information

Name: _____ Primary Contact Name & Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

How should we acknowledge your sponsorship? (Company Name, Individual Name(s), Temple name, etc.)

Total Enclosed: \$

Authorized Signature: _____

Return this form to:

Shriners Children's Philadelphia
 ATTN: Office of Philanthropy
 3551 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140
 or
 Email: tdiamond@shrinenet.org | Phone: 215-430-4055
 Email: Karen.McNamara@shrinenet.org | Phone: 215-430-4046

Tax ID: 36-2193608

Celebrating 100 years of hope and healing—made possible by the generosity of sponsors like you. Thank you for your support.



Shriners Children's
Philadelphia



Nur
HARVEST BALL

UPDATED DATE

NOV
21



DECEMBER

18

AT 6:00PM

Nur Shrine Center
198 S. DuPont Hwy, New Castle, DE

SAVE THE DATE

WE'RE HIRING!



JOIN OUR TEAM

INQUIRE
NOW!

Various NEW 2026 Opportunities:

- Asst. Business Manager
- Asst. Bar Manager
- Asst. Event Prep Manager
- No Experience necessary
- Training provided

EMAIL FOR INFO OR TO APPLY
NurBusMgr@gmail.com

Nur Shrine Center

* Must meet minimum physical restrictions



NUR SHRINE LEGION OF HONOR



VETERANS, ACTIVE AND PRIOR SERVICE MEMBERS OF ALL BRANCHES OF MILITARY SERVICE

The Nur Shrine Legion of Honor "LOH" is one of the oldest and most active units in Nur Shrine. How we obtained that status is quite simple – it is the bond formed through having served in the military. We know how to have fun and get things accomplished by working together.

In addition to our monthly meetings, we have several social functions every year all of which include our Ladies. They are Past Commanders and Ladies Night, Commanders Banquet, Memorial Day Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by a picnic. We partially defray the cost of these functions through the two gun shows we work at and sponsor each year. Members participate in various community parades as well as the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association annual parade. Some members travel to Legion of Honor functions at other Shrine Centers.

Membership Requirements:

- Be a Master Mason
- Be a member of Nur Shrine
- Present proof of military service, DD214 or Military identification card

If you do not meet the first two requirements, ask us and we will help you through the process. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Honor please return this to: **Legion of Honor, Nur Shrine, P.O. Box 10085, Wilmington, DE 19850-0085**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ EMAIL _____

JOIN US!

The purpose of our club is to promote social intercourse among, and to provide recreation for its members and for that purpose to arrange for the facilities required to do so.

Contact Jeff Lank to Join

**SHRINE CLUB
OF DELAWARE**

Oldest Shrine Club in the World





VeNURable Shiners
TAPROOM NO. 37

The purpose of VeNURable Shiners is to provide an opportunity for the Nobles of Nur Shrine to explore the hobby of home brewing in all its facets and to increase the awareness of the quality and variety of home-made beverages.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month.

We have a social quarterly that include guests and our ladies at a local brewery.

Our annual dues is \$20.00, if you want to be part of this club come on out to one of our monthly meetings.

We are part of the International Association of Shrine Taprooms.

For more information contact our Cellar Master, Jeff Lank at jtlank@gmail.com.



I'm **John Marriott.**

I am a veteran and
I need a kidney transplant.



Would you consider
becoming a living
kidney donor?

You don't need to be a match for me, you just have to be healthy enough to donate. Your donation will generate a voucher for me, helping me receive the best possible match for a living donor transplant. To prevent any financial hardship from donating, you can be reimbursed for lost wages, travel expenses, and dependent care costs.



**Scan the QR code or
visit www.nkr.org/DYT898**
to learn more about becoming a
donor or to share my story.

You can help save my life!

January 16, 2026

Brethren All,

On behalf of Right Worshipful Matthew W. Thompson, Deputy Grand Master, and his lady, Robbin, I am pleased to share with you information about the 2027 Grand Lodge Cruise.

The cruise on the beautiful Royal Caribbean Vision of the Seas will depart San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday, February 28, 2027. The itinerary includes beautiful ports of call in St. Thomas, Antigua, Martinique, Grenada and St. Vincent, as well as one day at sea. The cruise returns to San Juan, Puerto Rico on Sunday, March 7, 2027.

Please note you do not need a passport to fly to San Juan, however, one is always recommended when traveling outside the United States. Also, there are many flight options from BWI and Philadelphia to San Juan.

Registration is now open. Please see the attached flyer with more details. Final payment is not due until November 30, 2026. There are multiple cabin options to fit any need you would like.

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

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Chad Robinson, PGMars.





Delaware Masonic Cruise Feb 28 to Mar 7, 2027

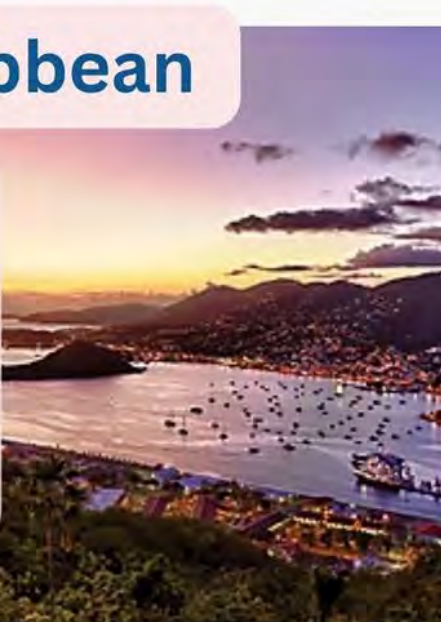
8 Day Southern Caribbean

Round-trip from:

San Juan, Puerto Rico

Visiting:

- Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas
- St. Johns, Antigua
- Fort De France, Martinique
- St. George's, Grenada
- Kingstown, St. Vincent
- San Juan, Puerto Rico



not included: insurance, gratuities, airfare, transportation, hotel stays, excursions

Deposit of \$500 per cabin due at booking

Final Payment due November 30, 2026

Optional Travel Insurance is available, quote provided after booking

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

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NUR SHRINE 2027
BUCCANEER BEACH & GOLF RESORT
ST CROIX, UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS
Sunday, May 2 – Friday, May 7, 2027**

Your St. Croix Tour Includes

- Roundtrip motorcoach transportation between NUR Shrine and Philadelphia International Airport (inclusive of driver gratuities. 2027 rates are estimated)
- Roundtrip air transportation between Philadelphia and St. Croix, United States Virgin Islands (inclusive of air taxes, government fees and current fuel surcharges – subject to change at the discretion of the airline. Rates are ESTIMATED based on projected May 2027 rates and are subject to change once May 2027 rates are confirmed)
- Roundtrip transportation from St. Croix Airport to the Buccaneer Beach & Golf Resort (inclusive of driver gratuities. Transfer rates are ESTIMATED based on projected May 2027 transportation rates which are subject to change once May 2027 transportation rates are confirmed)
- **FIVE (5) NIGHTS'** hotel accommodations: **BUCCANEER BEACH & GOLF RESORT** in **ST. CROIX** in a **GREAT HOUSE MOUNTAIN VIEW** room category, including daily **Full American Breakfast at The Terrace**
 - **RESORT AMENITIES** include:
 - Daily Maid Service
 - Complimentary Wireless (WIFI) Internet Access throughout the Hotel's guest rooms and public spaces
 - Welcome Cocktail at Check-In
 - Beach Chairs and Umbrellas
 - Non-motorized watersports: use of snorkeling gear, kayaks, paddleboards and floating mats
 - Daily Guest Activities
 - Complimentary 24-Hour Fitness Center
 (group amenities are provided by the hotel and are subject to change without notice)
- Baggage handling for one (1) bag per person
- All hotel taxes, bellman, breakfast and housekeeping gratuities & fees
- **SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL BOSCOV'S TRAVEL TOUR DIRECTOR** (based on a minimum of 30 full paying passengers at double occupancy)

RATE PER PERSON*

**GREAT HOUSE
MOUNTAIN VIEW ROOM**
\$2,744

**GREAT HOUSE
OCEAN VIEW ROOM**
\$3,069

*Rates are based on double occupancy.



The Buccaneer

SINCE 1947

The Buccaneer, the first hotel in St. Croix built and operated by an island family, is the most iconic luxury resort in the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Armstrong family has owned and operated the resort since they opened their doors in 1947.

Overlooking the Caribbean Sea and Christiansted Harbor with three soft white sand spectacular secluded beaches, The Buccaneer is the most legendary resort in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. It's tranquil with stunning views in every direction and 340 acres of an oceanfront playground encompassing an 18-hole golf course, eight tennis courts, three beaches, two pools, a water sports center, a spa, a 24-hour fitness center and three oceanfront restaurants.

Merging timeless elegance with modern luxury and an enchanting setting on the beach, The Buccaneer is the most unique and distinctive hotel in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

All rooms are designed and furnished to be an intimate retreat surrounded by the beachfront beauty of St. Croix. Each room features a private patio or balcony for maximum enjoyment of spectacular views and cooling breezes.

Conveniences include air conditioners, small refrigerators, safes, hair dryers, telephones, television, irons and ironing boards, coffee makers, shower or shower/tub combination, double sinks and ceiling fans. Some rooms have soothing whirlpool tubs. In addition, all accommodations offer ADA accessible rooms suitable for physically challenged guests.

DINING AT THE BUCCANEER (For an Additional Cost)

• **THE TERRACE**

This al fresco fine dining venue has 180-degree views of lush fairways, the Caribbean Sea, and romantic nightlight vistas of Christiansted harbor. Experience sustainable sourced foods and live music

• **THE MERMAID**

Savor freshly crafted cuisine at the beachside venue, celebrating local flavors, and specials from its brick oven kitchen • Beauregard's on the Beach The venue is located a few feet from the ocean, and boasts a thatched roof and mahogany tables and the menu includes a selection of sushi, sashimi, poke bowls, gourmet tacos, and tasty cocktails

• **MARTEL LOUNGE**

The lounge is a popular spot for after-hours cocktails, and savory tapas, offering the perfect setting to take in St. Croix's most stunning sunsets

• **SUGAR MILL**

An excellent landmark outdoor venue for cocktails, themed parties, and weddings offering expansive ocean views

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