Illustrious Sirs,
Members of the Divan,
Nobles, Ladies and
Friends, I hope this
finds all of you safe and
healthy. Jacquie and I
are doing well and
trying to stay busy
while spending many
hours alone together
at home as are many
of you. Just please be
smart and stay safe!

Due to the COVID-19
pandemic this hasn’t
been a very exciting year thus far. As all of you are
aware, many of our events have been canceled and it
looks like quite a few in the future will also go by the
wayside. I’m truly hoping that things will turn around
shortly so we can at least salvage the latter part of
this year. Unfortunately, the Ocean City weekend was
canceled, our ceremonial that was rescheduled for
June 20 has been canceled and so has the July
Imperial Session in Kansas City. We are still waiting
to see what the protocols will be for any events that
were originally planned for July. Hopefully in August
we may be able to have our Family picnic and the
Commodore’s picnic. We will keep you informed as
things progress.

On a positive note, many virtual meetings have been
taking place and many more are being scheduled.
Quaker City Shrine Club has been holding a weekly
game night on Zoom and it has proved to be fun
and successful. We have held several Zoom Divan
meetings, Investment Advisory committee and
Finance committee meetings, and they have worked
very well. Bucks County, Northeast and Quaker City
Shrine Clubs have started holding regular club
meetings via Zoom which have proven to be enjoyable
and have given us a chance to at least see and
communicate with our Shrine Family.

Fall MASA in Virginia Beach is tentatively still on. Our
hotel deposits have been sent in to hold rooms for
our members, so if you are planning to attend, I hope
you got your deposit in to Illustrious Sir Gary Davis
on time. We are still looking forward to our Ball on
Saturday October 10th and hopefully leaving on our
trip to Hawaii on October 14th.

In closing I would like to say that Jacquie and I miss
all of you and can’t wait to be with you in person
again soon. We are hoping and praying that the virus
will come to an end very soon so that we can get back
to being normal fun loving, and up-close Shriners
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Thinking of today and what’s going on in our world.

The pandemic has been a devastating crisis with what may seem like a never-ending time in our lives. So many people passing on with many holes left in our hearts and wondering how we can help those left behind.

Added to the pandemic crisis is now the upheaval of the many protests (peaceful ones are okay) which in many places have turned into looting, riots and fires ultimately destroying many, many communities in so many cities throughout our country. Again…where does it all end (or how?)!

Reflecting on a book I just listened to, it started with a very great quote: “Be nice and kind to everyone.” Abraham Lincoln’s mother, Nancy Hanks, told this to him upon her death. In these times of medical and human crises, let us all go back to our own Masonic roots of “Brother to Brother”.

We have our “social distancing” and we’re for the most part, adjusting to that. When will that change, we are all wondering, but it will, eventually?

Back in 2010 when I was Potentate, my theme was “Unity and Harmony.” I tried hard to accomplish this, but not so sure I succeeded. It is still not a bad idea. Maybe ten years later in 2020 things might be different.

Maybe we could accomplish unity and harmony not just within each Club and Unit, but maybe across the lines and include each other between the clubs/units. Various people in the Shrine are trying to include members from the other clubs/units with theirs. They are at least making everyone aware of what’s happening in each giving everyone the opportunity to visit or participate with each other instead of separately. GREAT IDEA!!

How can we keep this kind of effort up? One example that I know of is to let folks know what your club/unit is doing. But you need to spread the word to everyone at least two months ahead. If you are having a speaker that one of the other clubs or units have had and other Shrine members are interested in having announce it so folks can prepare the schedule thus being able to attend. It would be good to intermix with each other, clubs and units. Just one idea! And we need to work harder at getting Shriners that have not joined a club or unit to maybe take that first step with a visit if one of us would invite and take care of them on their visit. You never know they might decide to join and keep participating. What do you think?

How about this? Another axiom: “If it’s meant to be, it’s up to me!” I am trying to do this and I’m hoping I might convince the rest of you to do it as well. Apply this saying to our Shrine by recruiting at least one new member this year. If all of us could get at least one, we’d be on our way to increasing our membership…which of course would be wonderful.

After Covid-19 ends people will be looking for things to do and what better way to become a Mason and Shriner.

Please take the above phrase to heart along with me and go get ONE!!

Well folks, these are just some ideas and thoughts rumbling through my head as I sit at home during this time. I truly hope all is well with each one of you and your families. I look forward to seeing you in the future at one of our events. In the meantime, take care, be safe and know that I am thinking about you and wishing you well.
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Membership Progress Report

By: Noble Hilary A. Kaufman, Membership Chairman

Baby it’s cold outside so let’s stay inside. The cold Everyone at Lulu has been diligently working for you and the betterment of LuLu. One of the major areas is retention of members. Communicating with the nobility is an important part of Membership Retention. In this effort, your Divan, Past Potentates, and the Membership Committee attempted to contact by phone the entire nobility. The objective was to let the nobility know that LuLu is concerned about the well-being of each member and their loved ones. We have received many positive responses by the nobility from these calls.

Non-Payment of Dues which results in membership suspension is a very important and serious issue that is constantly addressed by the Divan and Membership Committee. To this end, the Membership Committee sent a letter from the Potentate to the ninety-five members who had not paid their current Membership Dues. Since then, we have been receiving favorable responses to this letter. Covid19 will eventually be behind us and we will be able to resume our normal lives. We look forward to all of our members being in good membership standing, so they can enjoy the fun and camaraderie found at LuLu and its Clubs and Units.

You will note in the Fez, that there continues to be an advertisement of the current Membership Incentive Program. If any noble brings in two or more candidates, that noble’s name will be put into a drawing for a $500 Amazon gift certificate. The drawing will be held in November of this year. So far, we have many nobles who are eligible for the drawing. We hope you will join them to win the prize.

In the beginning of each month, the Potentate sends out, via email, a very colorful birthday greeting. If you have a current email address recorded with LuLu, you should be receiving your greeting. If you did not receive a greeting for your birthday month, please contact the Recorder at (610) 828-9050 and make sure we have your current email address.

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Lulu Activities Club

By: Illustrious Sir Finky, President 2020

The Covid-19 pandemic has forced all of our regular Shriner’s activities to remain closed. We were forced to cancel all of the LuLu Activities Club’s planned activities. I was looking forward to seeing everyone at our annual NCAA tournament viewing party and or the events that we had planned. I was also thoroughly looking forward to the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise along the Delaware. I also know several of the members and ladies were anticipating attending the play at the Hatboro playhouse “Tell Tale Farce”. Hopefully in the fall we can reschedule these events.

Although the monthly hospital visits were temporarily postponed due to the Covid-19 Pandemic we still managed to hold a virtual hospital party for the children. We arranged Olivia to come and sing for the children. We also had several members of the club attending and saw lots of smiles. Hopefully soon we can be back visiting the kids in the hospital bringing smiles.

Come the fall every Sunday, we plan on watching every Philadelphia Eagles game. The location of our viewing parties will depend on the restrictions that we are currently dealing with during the pandemic. All of this information will be broadcast via the LuLu Shrine Office and constant contact.

On September 13th we will have our end of summer bash at my house. All members of the club are invited; we are requesting everyone bring an item. Please call me to coordinate what to bring.

We are also planning on several bowling parties with the LuLu Buffalos in the fall. On Friday Night, October 30th, the Activity club will be hosting a costume party for all of Lulu nobility with family and friends welcome. If you can’t bring food items, the cost is only $10 per person. For more information please contact me at finkyclown@aol.com or email us at luluactivities@gmail.com. You can also call me at (610) 633-3333. Reservations are required a week before the event.

In early November we are planning on having brotherhood night on a Monday night in Room 5 at LuLu.

Also, on November 15th at 7pm, we will also be having the 1st annual LuLu Activities Club comedy roast at Parx Casino Liberty Bell Gastropub. This birthday comedy roast is for the Fink brothers. All of the jokes and insults will be at the expense of my brother and myself. We will be good sports about it, but my brother Stinky may be in tears. Please only bring your insulting jokes and do not bring any presents.

I am hoping that everyone has a warm and enjoyable summer and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall. I hope everyone stays safe!
MARCH 2020
COVID-19 Affects Pennsylvania, the United States and the World

COVID-19 Disease Origin and Challenges

Early in March 2020, the President of the United States, Donald Trump, announced to the world that this disease had arrived in California, originally discovered in China. Allegedly, China knew about this unknown disease as early as December 2019, and began stockpiling Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as face masks, ventilators, medical gowns, etc. Symptoms of this disease are high body temperature (over 100.4 F), sore throat, difficulty breathing and very tired.

The disease spread quickly to most U.S. States, England, Italy, Spain and other countries. By late March, early April, it was realized that the best way to reduce the spread of the disease was to curtail large gatherings of people (sports events, conferences, conventions, fraternal gatherings, etc.), to wear face masks in public places (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.), to stay at least 6 feet away from strangers, and to not travel by car, train or airplane unless absolutely necessary for work or emergency.

Several state governors have opened selective activities while still requiring social distancing and wearing a face mask (golf courses, beaches, bowling alleys). It is unknown if this will work.

Unemployment in the United States has grown to over 30 million, even higher than the Great Depression of the 1930s. The Congress has authorized “Stimulus Payments” to wage earners, but delayed payments are normal. Bankruptcies and closures are common day events. World price of petroleum has dropped from $50 to $12 per barrel. Several airlines have gone bankrupt.

Chronological List of Changes and Effects of the Virus

Thursday, March 12, 2020 – The R.W.G.M. of Pennsylvania, Bro. Thomas Gannon, IV, issued a directive cancelling all lodge activities, social functions, schools of instruction, Stated and/or Extra Meetings as well as all other gatherings that would be held in a Masonic Temple. This directive included all related Fraternal Bodies starting immediately through April 30, 2020.

All Masonic Related Bodies in Pennsylvania were advised by their Presiding Officers to have no meetings or gatherings through at least April 30, 2020.

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – LuLu held a St. Patrick’s Day Party in the Great Hall. The entertainment had already been paid for and over 100 had signed up to
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attend. All 80 who attended, many in Irish costumes, had a great evening.

Monday, March 16, 2020 – LuLu Ceremonial, originally scheduled for March 21, 2020, was postponed until June 20, 2020.

Friday, April 3, 2020 – Circus was cancelled for 2020.

Saturday, April 11, 2020 – Potentate’s Ball, originally scheduled for April 18, 2020, was postponed to October 10, 2020.

Thursday, April 16, 2020 – The R.W.G.M. cancelled the Quarterly Communication that was scheduled for June 6, 2020 in Erie, PA.

Saturday, April 18, 2020 – Spring MASA Meeting was held by “conference call”. Some 160 Supreme Officers and Temple Officers participated.

Friday, May 1, 2020 – The R.W.G. M. of PA extended the closure of all Masonic Related Activities until July 1, 2020. The Grand Lodge is constantly watching the ever-changing conditions of this disease and may revise this decision around June 1, 2020.

Early May 2020 – Status – Around April 15, 2020, President Trump announced that he would decide when all 50 U.S. States (and Territories) could re-open. Several State Governors objected and formed a Purchasing Group for PPE. Originally three states joined (PA, NJ, & DE). They determined it was cheaper and better to buy in volume (especially DE). This was effective and four (4) more States joined the Buying Group (NY, CT, MA, RI).

No cure has yet been found for this disease. Eight pharmaceutical companies are working on a vaccine, two in the U.S. and six overseas.

Monday, May 4, 2020 – In accordance with the directive from the Grand Master, Ill. Sir Ed Blum advised all members of LuLu Shrine that the Annual Ocean City Weekend, scheduled for May 29-31, had been cancelled for this year. Also, the Ceremonial (virtual) that was scheduled for June 20, 2020, was cancelled. This occurred when Imperial advised that all Ceremonials must be performed “in a tiled room” with a full audience of Shriners present, in the Temple.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 – LuLu members were advised that the donation suggested by Noble Dennis Gold netted $2,500. It will provide a luncheon for the physicians, nurses and staff at the SHC, Philadelphia. Thank You, Nobles!

Mid May 2020 – Reacting to pressure from small businesses, President Trump advised the respective Governors to reopen states, counties and businesses by Color Code: Red meaning areas where COVID-19 cases have not peaked; Yellow where cases have levelled off and even may begin to reopen or limited reopening; and Green where all restrictions may be lifted. However, in all cases, the Governors may selectively require wearing face masks and practicing social distancing.

The Governors of PA, NJ, and DE, where cases are declining, each authorized the Classification of YELLOW for several counties, particularly for shore areas by Memorial Day. Restaurants on the Boardwalk were open for phone orders and pick-up only.

If virus cases increased after that weekend, the classification could revert to RED. Total deaths nationwide on May 15, 2020 was over 80,000 and is expected to reach 100,000 by June 1, 2020.

Unemployment in the U.S. on May 14, 2020 was reported at 36.5 million, or 52%. The available work force (per Moody’s Analytics) of 70 Million. Hardest hit states were GA and KY at 36%. PA rate was 27%. Some specialists estimate that unemployment may peak at 20%. Moody’s number may include part-time workers.

Friday, May 15, 2020 – The Grand Master of Pennsylvania modified his previous directive, that now, all Masonic Activities will adhere to Gov. Wolf’s Red, Yellow, and Green phases by counties and the Governor’s specific guidelines. Two weeks after the Governor declares a Yellow or Green phase, specified activities may be opened.

In the Yellow Phase, limited Masonic activities are permitted, but no Stated, Extra or Special Meetings allowed, and no more than 25 folks may be in the meeting place. Social distancing is required. All Governmental Regulations must be strictly enforced.

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Home of the Happy Shriners

Northeast Shrine Club

And The

Ladies Auxiliary

Presents

Past Presidents’ Night

at

Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein

Monday, October 5, 2020

Cocktails & Hors d’oeuvres 6PM ** Dinner 7PM

Sit Down Dinner
Italian Wedding Soup
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Meal Choices
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Northeast Shrine Club

By: Noble Dennis Gold

Northeast Shrine Club is approaching its 100th anniversary. I have been a member for about ten years. We all have seen the slogan for many years. Have you ever questioned what it really means? Every club and unit does an outstanding job with activities, events, meetings, etc. I want to discuss what I think being a Happy Northeast Shriner means to the membership.

1. A Northeast Shriner is part of a club of approximately 100 nobles that believes that camaraderie is important. So much so that at every meeting there is a social hour with camel milk and soda included. Several of the meetings include appetizers. We also suggest that every member wear a bright red shirt with the Northeast logo on it. On more formal events we wear our red jackets. Everyone can interact with fellow nobles during a meeting.

2. At Northeast we hold interesting meetings from September through June. We honor veterans, past presidents, our ladies, our departed members, and have several guest speakers. In January we have a wonderful installation brunch. All our meetings are held at Cannstatter Volksfest-Verein Club. Each September we invite all members of LuLu Shrine to an inter-club and unit members event. This helps build relationships among our nobles and clubs. During the latter part of fall we honor our ladies.

3. During the last weekend in May, we have a very special time at the Tahiti Motel in Ocean City, New Jersey. Most arrive on Friday and stay until Sunday. We have an outstanding hospitality room with all that you expect to make your stay enjoyable. We also have entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. We welcome all your family members as well. This is a family weekend for all to enjoy. On Saturday afternoon LuLu shrine has a parade on the boardwalk. Northeast has its “Hells-bells” in the parade every year. Again, Northeast Shriners believe that participating is the key to the “Happy Shriner”.

4. Another key part of being a “Happy Shriner” is caring about others. We care about our nobles and ladies going through difficulties. We communicate with them often. Additionally, we care about the Shrine Hospital children. As other clubs and units, we sponsor a party for the children in the hospital. We also give to several charities during the year including the Philadelphia Shrine Hospital.

5. Periodically, Northeast Shriners has a trip for families and members. In previous years we have been to the Statue of Liberty and Cape Cod to name a few. Our continuous goal is creating activities and events for our nobles and ladies to be “Happy” and enjoy life together.

6. I wanted to mention our ladies auxiliary which meets the first Monday of the month while our board is meeting. Both groups enjoy a wonderful meal and hold their separate meetings.

I could go on and write a much longer article. I believe, you have been given some things to think about. We are the “Home of The Happy Shriner”. Northeast Shriners meet the third Monday of the month. We welcome you and your lady to enjoy being happy with us. Please contact Dennis Gold at: 215-429-9003 or denniscgold@gmail.com and become a “Happier” Shriner.

Are you the next Happy Northeast Shriner?
Northeast Shrine Club
of
LuLu Shrine

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Build Unity Within Your Unit or Club

Clearly, building meaningful relationships in your club or unit can have a positive impact on personal satisfaction and, as a result, success to the unit.

On average, I would say our nobles spend about 20 or more hours a month performing duties for the club or unit. So, it’s important to like what you do and who you work with. Accordingly, our Noble volunteers who identify volunteers as friends (or even best friends) are seven times more likely to be engaged in their tasks. They are more likely to be satisfied and productive. Fortunately, building club unity just takes a little work ... here is a formula to driving a successful unit.

Step 1: Teamwork. “Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision.” It is important that every member of the unit knows and understands the goals. Without a clearly defined finish line and plan to reach the finish line, everyone will ultimately run in a different direction.

Step 2: Clearly Define Goals. “Too many cooks spoil the broth.” This is just as true in the club or unit. Without clearly defined roles, productivity comes to a standstill. Too many leaders — too many voices — slows progress, leads to missed opportunities and unproductive behaviors, errors, and ultimately failures.

Step 3: Establish Trust. “To be trusted is a greater compliment than being loved.” Trust is essential to an effective relationship and an effective team. We must trust our co-workers, our teammates. We must trust that they will do their jobs. We must trust that they will pull their own weight and add value to the unit. But building trust is not always easy. “Learning to trust is one of life’s most difficult tasks.” Trust must be earned, and this can take some time.

Step 4: Establish Open Communication. The ability to communicate is critical, and yet it is something that many units take for granted. Keep in mind that blaming a lack of collaboration is just another way to escape unity and the unit fails. The general consensus of the club officers is that effective communication skills are more important now than ever before for the club’s success.

Step 5: Practice Teamwork – Unity Takes Practice. Sometimes, it is best to step outside of the clubs to improve productivity. Visit other clubs and witness their dynamics. Stop, think, communicate, adjust your plan of action on the fly, and ultimately fail once or twice before succeeding. Practice makes perfect. Continue to have fun!

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Despite not being able to physically meet, the club still held weekly virtual meetings via Zoom. We not only held our business meetings but also some virtual get-togethers.

We also hosted several comedy hours that hopefully brought some laughter to everyone’s lives. For several Saturday nights, we have had a weekly Quiz Night program. Lastly, we have held virtual stated meetings via zoom with Shrine Protocol.

Early in the month of June, we held a stated meeting via Zoom. Our speaker was Holocaust survivor Fred Behrend who spoke about his personal experiences. Fred’s talk was especially poignant considering what we are all currently dealing with in the world today, whether it’s the riots or Covid-19. His speech was moving, and it made a deep impression upon our minds.

The last few months have been exceptionally long and trying. It honestly seems like eons ago that I was sworn in as the club president back in early January 2020 with a lavish brunch at the Bella Tori mansion. Our annual Chinese dinner in February also seems like a faded memory. The same can be said of the meeting at the Ivyland Fire department, even though it was an interesting meeting. Looking back, I also can’t forget about the senior citizen’s forum meeting that we held in early March. The one thing I can proudly say is despite everything that has been going on we have provided some good times for our members before and during the pandemic.

I am looking positively at the upcoming months ahead. Whether we will be together in person or virtually, we will still have a jam-packed fall. We are also committed to trying to hold weekly get-togethers during the summer months. The information about these get-togethers will be posted by our Quill newsletter editor Bart Davis and also broadcast by the LuLu Shrine Office. If you have any questions about our events please email me at mfeldsher@gmail.com, check out our Facebook page at https://m.facebook.com/quakercity.montco/ or our webpage at www.quakercityshrine.com

During the fall months, our program will be very interesting. On the first Thursday of September 3rd, our guest speaker will be the Bucks County District Attorney, Matt Weintraub. This will be Matt’s second visit to the club, he previously came as Assistant District Attorney. In October we will have the Keystone Spirit Seekers Ghost Group come and give us a presentation. November we will have State Senator Steven J. Santariero who will speak about some of the bipartisan measures in the Pennsylvania state assembly. Lastly, in December we are having Brother Lou Kahn speak about Freemasonry and the Old Testament. If you wish to keep informed about our club’s events, please contact me and I will make sure to include you on future communications.

I look forward to seeing everyone in one in the fall. If there is anything that we can do to help, aid, or assist you please reach out to us and let us know. As a community of Shriners, we will overcome this and be stronger!

By: Michael Feldsher, President
Ahoy Mates and welcome aboard.

Well we are going into Spring and will be sailing the open waters of social events as soon as this Coronavirus storm ends.

Our crew will be docking for our informal dinner with our Ladies (First Mates) at sunset on the second Tuesday. At “Pier” Phil’s tavern, in the cockpit for our Dutch treat cocktails and dinner. Call our Rear Commodore Harris Brody (215-675-1184) if you plan to anchor or/raft with us at Pier Phil’s.

At time to time our land dinner is held at a public restaurant when we want to be more formal in lieu of our pier dock dinner. We are planning docking at major ports in the fall, so review our Newsletter/chart issued by our navigator (Secretary) to our crew for logging their charts for upcoming months.

Note: Mates our crew (Board) meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at LuLu Club room #10 at 7pm.

If you are interested in being a crew member by boating, sailing, social activities contact Mate Noble Harry Speth, P.C. at 215-682-0450.

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What is your ultimate trust, your ultimate hope? Functionally speaking there are no atheists in this world. Everybody prizes something more highly than anything else. All of us have some reality we consider most important and around which we organize our life. All of us prize something more important; whether it is that you are an American, or your job, your family, investments, fraternity, education or your racial identity or your good looks.

If I am a student of our human nature and the problem in our thinking is that we think for too little about who we are and about the life we have been given. I believe that most people have the feeling that the way they have come into history was something that was not good.

It is the feeling of “low self-esteem.” It is that we don’t feel like we have any worth. Many people’s first argument is with the very first thing God did for you; and that was to create you. How many of us like our body or feel good about our set of mental capacities? People feel insecure about themselves, despising about the way God gave them their birth.

For one to understand what really your true nature is, is to be able to reperceive the event of your birth as something good and absolutely precious; as something everlastinglly grand. Why? Because you came from the hand of God. Yes you! It means going back to the first chapter of Genesis and coming to the conviction that the words you find written all through that passage are not just about creation of the world millions of years ago, but about the words that were spoken about your creation; yes yours! Do you remember seven times, in that wonderful account, God looked on what He had created and says: “it is good, “it is so good”, “it is very, very good.”

Those words were also spoken the moment when God created you. That evaluation is God pronouncing His excitement about your creation. “You are good,” “You are so good,” “You are so very, very good.” If you could see yourself through the lens of God’s great affirmation of you and realize that the way He gave you that gift, then that will be something incredibly precious and good! If you find that out about yourself, you could begin to love yourself in a very healthy way; to love yourself for God’s sake and that could make all the difference in the world with the feeling that your life is good as it is. Instead of self-despising, endemic in our culture, you could believe that as you are, you are good! Why? Because God is good. And that sense of goodness is the gift for your life. It will begin to overflow in you, and, in turn, you could give goodness and blessing to all people you touch. God does not condemn you but open your eyes to see what He has given you in the gift of your birth, which is so incredibly good.

So the reason that I mentioned at the opening of my column is to suggest for you to have the opportunity to re-perceive your beginning event of your life as something incredibly good: You are so special in God’s eyes!

To believe, to the bottom of your being, that you have been given a most precious gift. When God created you He called you “My beloved.” You are so loved, you are so valued, you are like an exquisite gem, precious and priceless.

Would you trust that? Would you accept that? Let God’s evaluation of you become your own. You are good, you are so good, you are so very, very good!

Amen
Thursday, May 21, 2020 – The Governor of New Jersey lifted restrictions for the beach coast counties (Atlantic City then Cape May) effective this date, permitting beaches, boardwalks, take-out food, etc., but still recommending social distancing and the use of face masks.

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 – After the Memorial Day Holiday, the NJ Governor advised the public that two businesses violated his directive over the weekend. A church held inside services and a fitness center remained open. He intends to sue both organizations. Social distancing and wearing masks was moderately maintained. PA Governor was quiet and still plans to change about 12 Counties from RED to YELLOW, including several counties around Philadelphia, on June 4, 2020.

Also, this date, President Trump announced a ban on non-U.S. citizens coming in from Brazil. Brazil has more COVID-19 cases than the U.S., where nearly 100,000 deaths have occurred.

June 1, 2020 – For more details on COVID-19, refer to the History of the SHRINE & LULU, Chapter LXC (90), PART II.

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