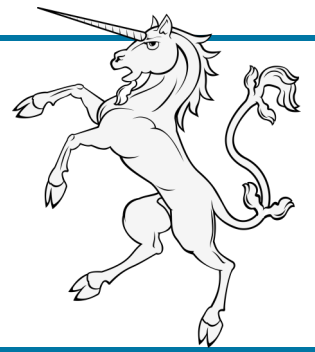


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Happy St. Patrick's Day

I am rushing this issue to press in time for **St. Patrick's Day Distribution**, on behalf of the Unicorn's, **I wish everyone a Very Happy St. Paddy's Day!** If you are indulging, **Please Drive Safely, better yet Call a Uber Ride, or have a Designated Driver.** We do not want to hear of any Tragedies to Report. Speaking of Reporting, inside this issue of the Horn, we will be covering several Events since our last Edition.

Several of the Unicorns, attended the **"Queen of Hearts" Event given by the Rock'n Rolls Sister's Priory**, where we had a jovial evening of fellowship. We also have reports of the **"Ranger's 28th Anniversary Event"**, a Special Feature on **"Friendship Pin Protocols"**, along with our usual **Columns, Up-coming Events, LGBT News and Politics.** So print out your copy, sit back in your favorite chair, or read it online with your morning coffee, however you do it, Relax and Enjoy, what our Leprechauns have written for you.

On a personal note, I would like to **Wish my Personal Leprechaun and Husband, Dennis Sherrill a Very Happy 50th Birthday**, today and Many, Many More...**"You are Magically Delicious, and I want to Keep you around for a Long, Long Time!!!"**



~ Editor, Jack Giles

February's Unicorn Meeting: We met in **'The Mysterious Hall of Rites, Runes, Relics, and Rituals'**, aka the Leather Stallion Clubroom. Once the assembled Brothers, had enacted the accustomed **'oaths and pledges'** required, A Ranger was summoned, Jim OV and granted entry into our midst. He spoke to us of the future, There is to be a Great Gathering, Tribes of our Brothers and Sisters from across the land are gathering to protest the Ill-fated and Hateful Policies of the Short Fingered Vulgarian who cast Evil, Vile Executive Orders from the Oval Office, and to celebrate DC Pride. This Gathering is known as the **National LGBT March on Washington.** Arrangement that are being planned for a contingent from the State of Ohio to join the March.

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A Word About Unicorn MC Charities

Each year the Unicorn Motorcycle Club holds several Fundraisers, and we always say the Donations and Proceeds benefit our Charities. People always want to know, who are those charities? Well the answer is, we Do Not Know, yet! During the Months of September and October, we accept Suggestions and Request, near the end of October the Charity Committee, Reviews these Request, Investigates them, and then makes a Recommendation to the club Members, who then Votes in November on the Committee's choices. The Fund's Collected are then split among the Charities, with Check being sent out in early December. So I can only tell you where last year's Funds went. The 2016 Recipients were:

Jon Brittain Food Drive

LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland

Malachi House Hospice

Pilgrim Congregational UCC Food Bank

Our First Fundraiser of the Year, being held on **April Fool's Day**, is fast approaching. Only two weeks away is sure to be a great time for those attending. The committee has been hard at work with their planning. At this point, I am not permitted to say everything, but Jell-O shots are being prepared, as well as Door Prizes, Give - always, and more.



So Plan on Coming Out Celebrating Being a Fool with the Unicorns!!

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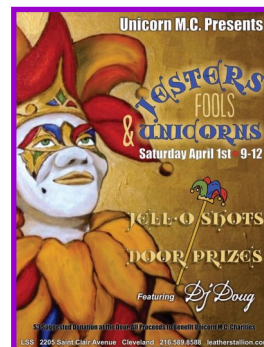
April 1st, 2017

9PM til' 12 AM

\$3 Donation at the Door Give Generously!!!



All Proceeds Benefit The Unicorn Charities Fund



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The Ranger invited the Unicorns to join the effort. After a brief period of inquiry, and with promises to advise, the Ranger was excused and the meeting resumed.

Condolences were extended to Sargent of Arms, Jim Broginski on the passing of his sister Cathy. Reports were given by the Club Officers. Plans are progressing for the **April Fools Day Fundraiser**, and Volunteers will be **gathering at the Stallion to make the Jello shots and decorate on March 31st at 4 pm**. Door prizes and giveaways are still being collected by Brother Jim H. And the **Wisest of the Wise**, Our Elders reported they are getting more **"Elder-able, and Tom needed a bowel movement."**

The transport of Archive Materials to the new Archivist is ongoing. Materials are being organized and inventoried at their new location. Plans are being made for **Welcoming Claw and promoting the Club during CLAW weekend, April 27-30, at the Downtown Westin**. Our website is progressing, but they are still investigating hosting companies and cost.

Of the unresolved issues still haunting us there is still no progress on **disposal of inventory** stored at **Freedom Valley Campground**, the cost for our Nametag badges has finally been resolved, and the committee is still investigating sources for purchasing a new supply of Backpatches.

New Business, **A section on Club Communications and Confidentiality** were added to the Membership Application Paperwork. They are now available via email in an easy to download PDF format for printing out and returning in person. We discussed the **National LGBT March on Washington**, and while we Support the efforts, we are going to investigate the becoming a **Co-Sponsor of the Locally Rally being held in conjunction with the March**, with the possibility of our **June Fundraiser being an After-party**, for those in Cleveland, not going to Washington. There was a suggestion for a Club Directory with Photos to be produced and an Idea for a Photo Shoot Fundraiser, where patrons can be photographed for a small donation or even free, to be held at one of our Events to help draw a crowd. The road Captain was instructed to Start planning the **Steak Roast for our July Meeting**, with that being the last order of business, we closed the meeting at 8:35 pm. After which those so inclined socialized with the Patrons of LSS. ~ Unicorn President Jack



"Queen of Hearts"

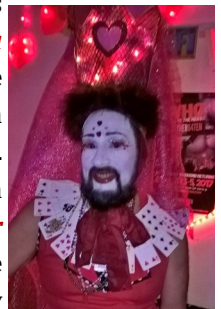


A Fundraiser Hosted by
the Rock'n Roll Sister's Priory



The Cleveland **'Rock'n Roll Sister's Priory of the Order of Perpetual Indulgence'** is a charity, protest, and street performance organization that uses drag and religious imagery to call attention to sexual intolerance and satirizes issues of gender and morality. The Order's inception in 1979, when a small group of gay men in San Francisco began wearing the attire of nuns in visible situations using high camp to draw attention to social conflicts and problems, and has grown into an **international network of Orders and Pories**, which are mostly non-profit charity organizations that raise money for AIDS, LGBT-related causes, and mainstream community service organizations, while promoting safer sex and educating others about the harmful effects of drug use and other risky behaviors. The fundraiser was held to continue this work within the Cleveland area.

When we first arrived we were met by a glorious sight **'Leather Stallion's very own, Sister Hoosia Daddy.'** After giving a Donation, Patron's were asked to *'pick a card, any card,'* just a magician would say, some of these cards were even magical. They were marked **WINNER!!!** The other Two in my party both won. Noel, is now the **'proud owner of his very own portable spotlight'**, since he craves attention constantly, and Dennis, the country music fan, chose a John Deer Green Bandana with a Tractor on it. All night long he was singing to himself, **"You Think My Tractor's Sexy!"**




We also got a Fabulous Welcome by everyone's Favorite Bartender David, when asked by Noel, **"How are you doing tonight?"** Dave replied, **"Better now, that you are here."** Dennis said sarcastically, **"So, now you are lying to him?"** To which the reply was, **"Everyone, All the Time, Every Day, what ya having?"** Dave must have enjoyed the repartee' because he produce three of the strongest **RUM and Coca-Colas**. I turn to find a seat, and there sat another of the Unicorns, Uncle Bunt, himself! Imbibing his usual **'fermented grape juice of the white variety'**. And he was in a very Jovial Mood, overjoyed to see us, he couldn't stop acting like a **'Roam' in with Rush' In hands'**, all throughout our conversation he kept using **'vivaciously scintillating innuendo,'** while playing with my personal **'Dinner and Dessert!'** I really do not know how long he had been there, or how much of that **'grape juice'** he had enjoyed, but he did cash out his tab and said he was on his way!

Finally, we made our way to the **'Tent of No Redemption'** on the patio, that's when the party really got interesting. One thing about the LSS, they do attract a lot of **'Hot Customers'**, even the famous **'World Traveler'** and

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Sometimes I
wish I were a
UNICORN
so I could
stab idiots
with my
HEAD



Memberships Available
See any Member for Details

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owner, Ken was **'In the house tonight'** Also a number of Ranger's, and a smattering of Local Title Holders, the usual crowd. We began working the room, holding friendly conversations with those we already knew, and promoting the *April Fools Day 'Jesters, Fools, & Unicorns'* Fund-raiser. I also shared a conversation with Ranger President, Warren Stauffer about the possibility of reinstating the All Club Picnic, he seem enthusiastic about the idea, we also talked about the up-coming March on Washington, and some National Politics. **'Sister Nadia Heddensmile, Abbess of the Rock'n Roll Sisters'**, also joined our Conversation about Washington and shared their plans for going to Washington.

It was about this time that Unicorn, Dave R, made an appearance and he began to show off the Jock he won the pervious week, at the Fundraiser, Leatherboy Mitch Ghent, had hosted for the **'Leather Heart Foundation'**. Dave told us he got to strip it off of Mr. Cleveland Leather, Josh Cleveland. I must say, **"The Jock was fully packed, from what I could tell from caressing it,"** but then Dave's nipples are **'hard-wired'** and Dennis was giving them a workout through Dave's shirt.

Speaking of being **'hard-wired'** I found out, so is Mitch Ghent, while chatting to him about the Unicorns, telling him more about the Club and our Up-coming Events. Someone, I forget who asked him about, **"what he had on under his kilt."** his reply referred to the fact he goes **'Commando'**, they then wanted proof and he granted permission to check him out under the kilt. The person was behind him and reached while caressing his nipples at the same time. He also gave me permission to check the impressive bulge that appeared, where his sporran should have been. **Wow...**

While we were talking wouldn't you know it, but Uncle Bunt who said he was leaving about an hour earlier, made an appearance in the Tent. He was all flustered, seems he had been to the men's room and put on quite a show. He said, **"While at the urinal he couldn't find his hole."** What? He explained that evidently he had put his **'Duluth Trading Company Buck-naked panties'** on backwards while dressing to go out his afternoon, and could not find the opening because of it. I told him, **"He should have just looked for the skid-marks so he could see which way to put them on,**

but evidently they had been a Christmas present, because there were no skid-marks, they were new." Guess he had some **'grape juice'** before he came to the Club for **'Cocktail Hour.'** **(Do not get angry at me. Dennis says this is payback for the Cyclops remarks)** All in all, we had an enjoyable night at the event, **Thank you to the Sisters for hosting it.** ~ Jack Giles, Editor



A Refresher Course in Proper Leather Protocols

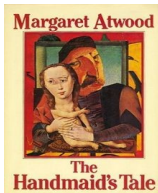
Today we begin a Series on Proper Protocols on Attire. Each month we will take a closer look at what to wear, while attending Formal and informal Events, which items a person of Leather should have in their Leather wardrobe, their proper care, and the protocols of wearing them. This month we are starting with one of the basics, **Bar Vest (aka Covers):**

Leather Vests are very common within the Leather Community. Often you will see pins as well as colorful patches or information on them. Most often, the back of a vest is reserved for two distinct purposes: First, The identification of one's association to a particular organization or business. This patch is known as the Club's Colors and identifies a person to that Club or Organization. **It is considered Leather Courtesy to greet someone wearing Colors from out of town by a member of the local Club.** Remember, the leather community is a small tight knit group of like minded people. So we must strive to be open and friendly to our fellow Tribesmen who may wander into our neck of the woods. And Second, The identification of a person who may be holding, or held, a particular title from a contest or an honorary designation. **Vests with Club Colors are to be worn only by the member. Allowing another t wear you club vest is considered a Violation of the Club Colors, and is subject to the Removal of the Club Colors.** One's Colors may also be removed, **should one grievously Violate any of the Rules of the Club.** These rules **are listed in the Clubs By-laws.** Or when a member quits or leaves the Club, as **The Colors (backpatches) always remain the Property of the Club.**

Vest Fronts, Are often covered with pins, and often smaller patches. **Usually the left side of a vest is reserved for affiliation with specific organizations, runs that one has participated in, events, etc.** They are worn on the left side to show their connection to the person's heart. **The right side is often reserved for pins which do not have a particular affiliation such as events you may have not participated in, but have received a pin, a Friendship pin, etc.** Friendship pins, which are given to an individual, usually by a person affiliated with a Club/Event/or Title holder. **These pins symbolize that a Club/Member of a Club/Organization felt that you merited the honor of wearing their Clubs' Friendship Pin.** Members of a Club are encourage to introduce themselves whenever they see their Clubs' pin on a person's vest. A fellow Club member gave this person the honor of wearing the Club pin and it is common courtesy to introduce yourself as a member of the Club. **Receiving a pin is usually considered an honor, therefore it is considered improper etiquette to ask for a Friendship pin.** It is an item that is always given as an act of friendship.

(Edited by Jack Giles, Unicorn MC President)

Hulu's Production of *The Handmaid's Tale* Premiers April 26th



Hulu announced in 2016 that it will produce a 10-episode series of the novel, *The Handmaid's Tale*, written in 1985 by Margaret Atwood, at the beginnings of the New Right and the rise of Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority of 1980s.

At that time, they were preaching against the feminist movement, arguing that feminists **'encourage women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians'**, as explained by former minister Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition, in a letter to his congregation. Women such as *Phyllis Schlafly*, founder of *'Eagle Forum'* and *Tammy Faye Bakker*, former *'Televangelist'* and *'Drag Queen Inspiration'*, built their careers preaching against feminism, telling women to **"return home, to let their husbands provide, and to use their femininity and feminine wiles as the core of their success and fulfillment as women"** (*today's favorite target of the Right is the LGBT movement and immigration*).

I have often thought that the novel was quite prophetic as, *The Handmaid's Tale* is set in the Republic of Gilead a theocratic military dictatorship formed within the borders of what was formerly the United States of America.

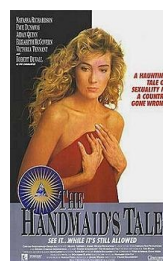
Though the circumstances may differ, if you wanted to seize power in the US, abolish liberal democracy and set up a dictatorship, how would you go about it? What would be your cover story? It would not resemble any form of communism or socialism: those would be too unpopular... **Nations never build apparently radical forms of government on foundations that aren't there already.** Thus China replaced a state bureaucracy with a similar state bureaucracy under a different name, the USSR replaced the dreaded imperial secret police with an even more dreaded secret police, and so forth. **The deep foundation of the US was not the comparatively recent 18th century Enlightenment** structures of the republic, with their talk of equality and their separation of church and state, but **the heavy-handed theocracy of 17th-century Puritan New England, with its marked bias against women**, which would need only the opportunity of a period of social chaos to reassert itself. **Like any theocracy, this one would select a few passages from the Bible to justify its actions, and it would lean heavily towards the Old Testament, not towards the New.** Under the guise of **"Making America Great Again"**, the parallels are thought provoking.

Beginning with a staged attack that kills the President and most of Congress, an extreme Christian movement calling itself the **"Sons of Jacob"** launches a revolution and **suspends the United States Constitution under the pretext of restoring order.** They are quickly able to take away all of women's rights, largely attributed to financial records being stored electronically and labelled by gender. The new regime, the Republic of Gilead, moves quickly to consolidate its power and reorganize society along a new **militarized,**

hierarchical, compulsory regime of Old Testament-inspired social and religious fanaticism (Biblical Law as opposed to Sharia Law) among its newly created social classes. In this society, human rights are severely limited and women's rights are unrecognized as almost all women are forbidden to read.

The story is told in the first person by a woman called Offred (**literally Off Fred**). The character is one of a class of women kept for reproductive purposes and known as **"handmaids"** by the ruling class in an era of declining births due to sterility from pollution and sexually transmitted diseases (**HIV/Aids, was a baffling disease with little know about it at the time**). Offred describes her life during her third assignment as a handmaid, in this case to Fred (**referred to as "The Commander"**). Interspersed in flashbacks are portions of her life from before and during the beginning of the revolution, when she finds she has lost all autonomy to her husband, through her failed attempt to escape with her husband and daughter to Canada, to her indoctrination into life as a handmaid. Offred describes the structure of Gilead's society, including the several different classes of women and their circumscribed lives in the new theocracy.

There have been several adaptations of *The Handmaid's Tale* over the years, including The 1990 film based on a screenplay by Harold Pinter and directed by Volker Schlöndorff. It stars Natasha Richardson as Offred, Faye Dunaway as Serena Joy, and Robert Duvall as The Commander. The final cut of *The Handmaid's Tale* is less a result of Pinter's script, as he contributed only part of the screenplay. He **"abandoned writing the screenplay from exhaustion."** Although, he tried to have his name removed from the credits because he was so displeased with the movie, he said **"that this was due to the great divergences from his script that occur in the movie"**, his name remains as screenwriter.



While the film was being shot, director Volker Schlöndorff, called Pinter and asked for some changes in the script. However, **"Pinter recalled being very tired at the time, and he suggested that Schlöndorff contact Atwood about the rewrites"**. He essentially gave the director and author carte blanche to accept whatever changes that she wanted to institute. Not only did Atwood make changes, but so did many others who were involved in the shoot.

The novel does not include the murder of the Commander, and Kate's (**Offred's real name**) fate is left completely unresolved, the van waits in the driveway, **"and so I step up, into the darkness within; or else the light."** The escape to Canada and the reappearance of the child and Nick are Pinter's inventions for the movie version. As shot, there is a voice-over in which Kate explains (**accompanied by light symphonic music that contrasts with that of the opening scene**) that she is now safe in the mountains held by the rebels. Bolstered by occasional messages from Nick, she awaits the birth of her baby while she dreams about Jill, whom she feels she is going to find eventually.

This new adaptation by Hulu should be interesting **even though Margaret Atwater is serving as a Consulting Producer. She has shown, in the past, that she plays loose even with her own creations.** Perhaps we will see some creative updating which will include today's politics. In any event, I am still looking forward to it.

(researched and edited from Wikipedia)

Donald Trump spends millions of tax payer dollars on unusual tree for the US.

By Jim Broginski AKA Bad Boy from Detroit



Mrs. Giovanni, Harvesting Pasta near Tuscany, Italy. 2015

Donald Trump is bringing to the US a tree that grows pasta. The pasta plucking President swears it will decrease the unemployment rate, by providing jobs for millions, planting trees that will provide food for millions. The picture on the left demonstrates how a woman in Italy is harvesting the mature

pasta off the trees. The trees will arrive in the US this spring ready to plant like grape vines say the Italian Ambassador.

There was an April Fools hoax similar to this, broadcasted in England in 1957. I just put a Donald Trump twist to it. The BBC broadcast the story to a population unfamiliar with the making of pasta. The report showed a family gathering a bumper spaghetti harvest after a mild winter and "virtual disappearance of the spaghetti weevil". Footage of a traditional "Harvest Festival" was aired along with a discussion of the breeding necessary to develop a strain to produce the perfect length. At that time seven million of the 15.8 million homes in Britain had television receivers. Pasta was not an everyday food in the 1950's Britain, and it was known mainly from tinned spaghetti in tomato sauce and considered by many to be an exotic delicacy. Hundreds phoned in to question the authenticity of the story or ask for more information about spaghetti cultivation and how they could grow their own spaghetti tree. The BBC reportedly told them to "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best".

The origins of April Fools Hoaxes dates to the late 1500's. Before 1582 the Julian (Roman) Calendar was used that had only ten months, but it had an error in it, because it added a leap year (with an extra day every four years), with NO exceptions. The length of the Julian year was exactly 365.25 days (365 days and 6 hours), but the actual time it takes for the Earth to go around the sun once, is closer to 365.2425 days (about 365 days, 5 hours and 49 minutes). This difference added about eleven minutes each year.

This made the seasons get off track, since the real first day of Spring, (the day when daylight and darkness are equal), in Western Europe was happening earlier before the traditional March 21, as the centuries went by. By the 1500's, the first day of spring was starting around March 11th, ten days 'too soon according to the calendar. To make a long history story short, the ten month Julian Calendar was changed to the twelve month Gregorian calendar and February as a leap month every year ending in 00. In the Julian (Roman) Calendar the festival for the New Years began on March 15th, (the Ides of March: the day Julius Caesar was assassinated) and culminated on April 1st, the first day of the New Year and the festival day of the Roman God Hilaria. To those Romans, everyday was a holiday. The Gregorian Calendar moved the New Years Day from April 1st to January 1ST.

Communications traveled slowly in those days and some people were only informed of the changes several years later. Still others, who were more

rebellious refused to acknowledge the change and continued to celebrate the first day of the year on April 1st

These people were labeled "fools" by the general populace, were subject to ridicule and sent on "fool errands", sent invitations to nonexistent parties and had other practical jokes played on them. The butts of these pranks became known as a "poisson d'avril" or "April Fish" because a young naive fish is easily caught. In addition, one common practice was to hook a paper fish on the back of someone as a joke, the origin of the "Kick Me" sign. In addition to the lack of communication, religious barriers existed. The new Gregorian Calendar was developed in Catholic Italy and France, and named after the then, current Pope Gregory XIII. April Fools went international when the Protestant British Empire, along with its colonies (thirteen in the US) stayed with the ten month Julian Calendar and did not adopt the Gregorian Calendar until 1752, twenty four years before our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain.

To bring us closer to Modern Times, in 1933 The Madison Capital Times published an article that Wisconsin's Capital Dome had collapsed, caused by the buildup hot gases from the "verbose debates".

In 1962 Sweden's Sveriges Television broadcasted a report in technical terms, that nylon could bend light waves, and black white televisions could project a color picture by merely stretching a pair of panty hose over the screen. No one knows how many panty hose were sacrificed, for no color, before the hoax was discovered.

In 1976 The BBC Radio astronomer Sir Patrick Moore claimed that at 9:47 on April 1st, Pluto and Jupiter would align and reduce the gravitational pull on the earth. Sir Moore told listeners to jump at that specific time to experience a once-in-a-life-time feeling. Listeners called in at 9:48 claiming to have had a floating feeling, only to have crashed to Earth when the April Fools' Hoax was revealed.

In 1985 George Plimpton published an article in Sports Illustrated claiming a baseball pitcher was discovered that could pitch a ball at 165 mph. Plimpton interviewed a Sidd Finch, who was a devoted student of so called "yogic mastery". Sidd Finch turned out to be nothing more than a teacher who was part of the hoax.

In 1996, freedom doesn't ring as sweet when Taco Bell is footing the bill. America was outraged when the fast-food chain took out a full page ad in six major news papers, claiming it had purchased the Liberty Bell and was naming it the Taco Liberty Bell. But, no worries-they planned to leave it on display. The prank's real victims were hapless National Park Services employees manning the phones at the Liberty Bell. Unaware of the media blitz, they spent their April Fools' Day reassuring Americans that no, their national monument hadn't been sold off to the highest bidder.

In 1998 Burger King put an ad in USA Today that it was offering a Left-Handed Whopper. Thousands of customers lined up behind lines of Right-Handed patrons who were making sure THEY got the right hamburger.

I hope you have a great April Fools' Day and join us at our Unicorn Bar Night at the Leather Stallion on Saturday April 1st. And the best hoaxes are the ones that hurt NO one.

Recipes from our Naked Chef, will appear in the May Issue of the Horn, when we cover preparing for Summer. Traditional Pasta Nest Pictured Here.

~Editor





Unicorn's Turn Out to Congratulate the Ranger's Upon Their 28th Anniversary!

By: Pledge Elijah Ortiz

On March 11, 2018, A cadre of Unicorns attended The Rangers 28th Anniversary party taking place at the Leather Stallion Saloon. Upon arrival it was apparent that this was a very well organized Event. Our compliments to whomever was in charge of planning and execution. When we arrived, we were



Unicorns Mugging for the Camera

Welcomed by two of the Rangers who explained the different activities and entertainment being presented for the evening. There was a display of Prize Baskets to be Ruffled, Jell-O shots, games and a lot of fun planned for the whole night.

Most of the Activities were presented on the patio where the DJ played great dance music, while the crowd continued to swell. About an hour after our arrival, Contestants for the Music Trivia Contest began to sign in. The Prize consisted of a 50\50 split of the entry fees (a Jackpot of \$65). Six teams competed; Don, Librarians, Khaleesi, Pussy Control, Butt Stuff and Smart asses. Nine rounds of music, was presented in 10 second bites of which the contestants had to Identify the Title and Artist. Each Round was also a different Musical Era.

After Round One, the top three teams were; Don at 35 points, Librarians at 25 points, and Khaleesi with 20 Points. During Round Two, The competition stiffened, as there were a lot of close hands going up to try to gain the points for their teams. But the final outcome of the Round found Team Don with 55 points, Khaleesi taking 2nd place with 50 points, and Librarians taking third with 45 points.

There was a short break in the action so teams could confer and revived themselves (*get drink refills*). Rangers then pulled the first two Prize Basket tickets of the evening. A Coffee basket which was won by one of the Rangers own members, and the second basket was everything you needed to make Kentucky Bourbon Balls which was won by Boy Morgan. They also announced they have "special entertainment" lined up for after the music trivia contest.

When the competition resumed, Round 3 found a creative a rule twist. Teams would now lose points for each wrong answer given. A great twist to help give some of the other teams a chance to catch up without answering, if the winning teams got the answers wrong. The round was fun watching the teams get a few wrong and by the end of the round the teams scores were Khaleesi with 65 points, Smarty Asses with 60 points, the Librarians with 55, Don with 45 Pussy control with 20 points. Trumpeters, a new team registered, who got 5 points, and Butt stuff dropped out, at this point in the contest.

After the Final Round of the contest, which was very close and the competition was fierce. The final scores found the Librarians declared the Winners with 100 points, Followed by Khaleesi with 75 points, and the Smarty Asses with only 70 points. They didn't announce the rest of the scores but it was a great time had by everyone involved in the contest, and for those

who observed.

Following the contest, Daddy Gregg Lakota, founding member of the Rangers gave a short welcoming speech, during which he recognized the Unicorns as the one of the Oldest Leather Clubs in Ohio with the Rangers being the second. He also thanked us for our attendance and support. The remaining Prizes and Baskets Raffles were drawn, the Freedom Valley Gift Certificate was won by Mr. Cleveland Bear Mark Robert Snyder-Schulte. The Basket that had everything to make Manhattans in it, won by Ben Feathers. The CLAW 17 package was won by a patron of the bar, and Moscow Mule Basket was won by one of the Rangers present. All of the Items in the Baskets were donated by members of the Rangers.

Finally, it was time for the special entertainment, Miss Veranda L'Ni, the very First International Winner of the International Drag Flag Contest, which was held at Austin International Drag festival 2016. She performed two numbers and made a very special announcement. As the 2016 Winner, she will be Headlining the 2017 International Drag festival while representing all of Cleveland down in Austin, Texas. The Leather Stallion Saloon also has the First Flag for Drag flown in Ohio, as they are now the Oldest gay establishment in Ohio, still in existence. As an encore she performed, "Dark Lady" by everyone's Favorite Diva, Cher.

After Veranda's encore, she declared the celebrations to continue. Which the DJ start to spin the beats and the crowd danced the rest of the night away! Everyone in attendance had a great time. There was Huge turnout of support for this great group of Leather Brothers and Sisters, as they Celebrated their Anniversary!



From Our Friends in NYC Announcing 2017 Memorial Day Weekend Run

With the help of many dedicated ECMC members, they are excited and pleased to announce

another great Memorial Day Weekend Riding Experience. Including some meals, Room Accommodations, and more. Won't you join the ECMC for Motorcycle Weekend?

On Friday May 26 ~ Ride with us to "The Ranch" in Hemlock NY, through the scenic Hudson Valley Region and the Southern Tier of New York State, with multiple stops and pick-up points along the way.

Saturday May 27 ~ We will Explore the Finger Lakes Region of Upper New York.

Sunday May 28 ~ We continue to Explore the Finger Lakes Region, and...

Monday May 29 ~ We ride back into NYC!!

Registration is now taking place. This is a Bike Only Even and is open to Bikers from MC's all-over. Information is available by contacting the Empire City MC, also available in their February/ March 2017 Newsletter. You may also contact the Editor for an electronic copy of the ECMC Newsletter.

In additional news from ECMC they will be Hosting a Bar Night alongside the Potomac MC at the D.C. Eagle, 3701 Benning Rd. NE, Washington D.C., on Saturday, June 10th, starting at 9 PM. The Potomac MC will be on the west side of the bar (by the pool tables) and Empire City will be on the east side in the backroom. Both Clubs will have draught beer specials and Jell-O shooters, Empire City MC will also have \$8 Buzz-cuts (by a professional) so you can look your best on Sunday, during the **National LGBT March on Washington**, and the **D.C. Pride Festival!!!**

While the Unicorns will not be attending for numerous reasons, we fully support the Effort and the Horn will have reports from our colleagues in the **Ranger's** and **Cleveland's Rock'n Roll Sisters**, who are attending!



SCOTUS Senate Confirmation Hearings Begin on March 20th

(By a Concerned Gay American)

Senate Confirmation hearings on the **Crown Prince of Politwits**, Donald Trump's, Supreme Court nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch are set to begin Monday, March 20th. It is imperative that we get Honest Answers to many Questions before there is a Vote! Most important among them being His Attitudes toward the LGBT Community.

It wasn't that long ago. And I remember the moment so vividly—and I know you do too. It was June 26th, 2015 and the Supreme Court had just confirmed what we'd always known to be true: the commitments our families make to each other are protected by the Constitution. Marriage equality is the law of the land.

Less than two years later, those who oppose us are already trying to pull us back into the past. Under the banner of so-called "religious freedom," they're asking courts for a free pass to exclude, debase, and discriminate against us- our families, our marriages, our right to use the bathroom and our very right to exist and be who we are.

As a religious person myself, it seems almost silly to state the obvious: **Religious freedom is not the freedom to hurt others.** But Trump's Supreme Court nominee Judge Neil Gorsuch's record tells us that he doesn't agree. It's the Senate Judiciary Committee's job to ask the tough questions and get answers before the full Senate votes.

They must ask Judge Gorsuch: **"Would you have voted for marriage equality?"**

Senator Grassley and Senator Feinstein are the leading members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and are in charge of Judge Gorsuch's hearing on March 20th. **Call Senator Grassley at 202-224-3744 and Senator Feinstein at 202-224-3841 and insist they ask Judge Gorsuch whether he would have voted for equality.**

I'm afraid we won't like the answer, John. Judge Gorsuch's opinion in the disastrous Hobby Lobby decision at the 10th Circuit allows employers to meddle in their employees' health decisions. He called providing health coverage that includes coverage for birth control... **"complicity...in the wrongdoing of others."** It's this kind of judicial philosophy that will lead to an erosion of our hard won rights. Judge Gorsuch is only 49, and if confirmed, he's likely to serve for decades. **There's too much at stake to let him on our nation's highest court**

Also call your own Senator!! We know that you care about money in politics, and **Politwit's** Supreme Court nominee Judge Gorsuch has a longstanding record of defending money in politics as free speech. **A Koch brothers-linked pro-money in politics organization, the Judicial Crisis Network, even launched a \$10 million multi-state campaign to pressure senators to confirm Gorsuch.** Between his close relationship with an **ultra-conservative billionaires** and his decisions that have **avored corporations and harmed workers and consumers**, it's clear that the majority of Americans who want to **save our democracy** from the influence of big money have a lot to worry about when it comes to this nominee. **That's why we need you to call your senators now as part of today's nation-wide Supreme Court call-in day! Dial 1-888-877-2040 and you will be routed directly to your senator's office.** It only takes a few minutes to make a call and ask your senator to OPPOSE Judge Gorsuch – **but the impact this has could be enormous.**



We Congratulate 'Ohio's Oldest Gay Club' The Leather Stallion Saloon 47th Anniversary!!!

We ask Our Members, Guest, Alumni, Associates to stay after Our March Meeting to Help Celebrate the 47th Anniversary of Our Home Bar. The Leather Stallion Saloon has been a stalwart institution in Cleveland's Gay scene, providing a secure safe establishment for Gay Motorcyclist, Leather Levi Enthusiast, and most recently Bears for more than a Generation.

Being a recent transplant to the Cleveland area, I have had to learn the Bar's History by listening to the many Patrons who have spent their lives here, socializing, cruising, breaking and having their hearts broken. Building Family and making the Stallion their Home away from Home. One could spent an entire lifetime just being regaled by these stories.

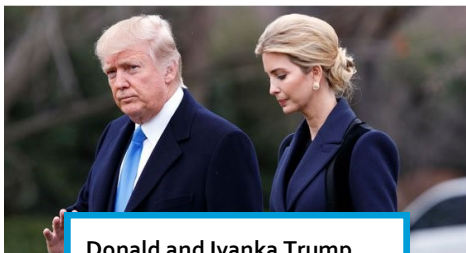
The Leather Stallion Saloon was opened by the late Al Brightman, in 1970, a year later he also Founded the Unicorn Motorcycle Club. The Unicorn MC has been as much a part of the Stallion ever since. It surely is Our Home, and even though the LSS has passed through several owners, we have always maintained a good repose with management and we are grateful that we have always been welcomed.

We Congratulate the current owner, Ken Myers, Jr, Bar Manger, Michael Dominquez, and all of the Bartenders and Staff on this Special Occasion of the Club's 47th Anniversary!

The LSS is now the Oldest LGBT Business Establishment in the State of Ohio since the recent demise of the Paradise Club in Columbus OH.

“There’s no Such Thing as a Silent Ally”

(excerpted and edited from the Advocate)



There is no such thing as a silent ally, but Ivanka Trump would like very much if you’d forget that. She and her husband, Jared Kushner, want credit for scuttling an anti-LGBT executive order

that was under consideration by her dad, the president of the United States, The Donald went through all the Drama of drafting up an executive order that would’ve overturned President Obama’s ban on discrimination against LGBT employees by federal contractors.

Luckily, Trump’s executive order never got signed. And the strong implication from news reporting is we’re supposed to thank Ivanka. “Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner Worked to Sink LGBT Order,” read the headline at *Politico*.

This is becoming a regular thing. during the transition, Al Gore praised Ivanka for trying to raise the issue of climate change with her dad, who pals around with those who claim it’s a hoax. The first daughter got lots of good press, once again sparked by *Politico*, that seemed to distance her from her dad. Then the president chose a climate denier to head the EPA. And the agency scrubbed government website of information about it.

This latest episode reminds me of when trump mentioned LGBT people during his RNC speech. He told the crowd he opposed mass murder of LGBT people. Sorry if I didn’t jump up in my seat to cheer. I guess I didn’t realize my murder was an “*issue*”, with two sides.

No one is celebrating now as the president promises not to overturn the Obama order and instead focuses on whether to turn my marriage’s existence into a mirage. The Trump administration has drafted yet another order, this one on “*religious freedom*,” and again leaked it to the press so everyone would know it happened.

This order won’t ban same-sex marriage. President Trump can’t do that from the Oval Office. Instead it would make my marriage’s existence optional. Whether I’m married would depend on who I am talking to in the federal government.

The way these “*religious freedom*” laws work is twisted. Basically, if you sincerely believe Jesus was a bigot, then you can opt out of recognizing that I’m married to my husband.

Signing a ‘*religious freedom*’ order would be several levels worse than undoing Obama’s executive order

This trump thing is a little like a bully threatening to take your lunch money,

then wanting a pat on the back when he decides against it. And that analogy really only works if your lunch money is worth as much as your civil rights. And if the bully still reserves the right to steal from you whenever he wants.

Allies speak up for you, and they want everyone to hear it. If all of your support happens behind closed doors, then you want credit where credit isn’t due.

If the first daughter wants to be seen as a hero for LGBT rights (and even that is unconfirmed) then she ought to say something in public about how opposed she is to discrimination against LGBT people. She ought to say on the record that it’s immoral to fire anyone for displaying a wedding picture on their desk. She ought to support the Equality Act. Because without her father signing that legislation, it will still be legal in 29 states to be fired for being LGBT. It is also legal to be turned away when trying to rent a home, and more.

If Ivanka Trump wants to be an ally, then she must at least say so.

Dissention in the Ranks:

Dire Warning About Gorsuch

(from JoeMyGod.com)

AFA radio host Bryan Fischer, pointing to a *Daily Mail* report about the church attended by SCOTUS nominee Neil Gorsuch. They write: He has been described as ‘*the heir to Scalia*’ and is a religious conservative whose appointment to the Supreme Court was greeted with jubilation on the pro-gun, anti-abortion Right. But *DailyMail.com* can reveal that Neil Gorsuch’s own church, in Boulder, Colorado, is a hotbed of liberal thinking. And is led by a pastor who proudly attended the anti-Trump Women’s March in Denver the day after the Inauguration.

In a twist that may surprise religious conservatives who welcomed Gorsuch’s appointment, church leader Rev. Susan Springer, 58, has said she is pro-gay marriage and offers blessings to same-sex couples. The church, which trumpets it’s ‘*inclusive*’ ethos on it’s website, also operates a homeless outreach program that includes an LGBT center and a sexual health clinic in a pamphlet setting out the best places for those in need of help.

Leaders of the church have also organized opposition to a local gun rights ordinance and spoken out against Trump’s immigration ban. Over the weekend the *Huffington Post* reported that Gorsuch once gave his blessing to a gay staffer’s marriage.

When former law clerk Joshua Goodbaum married his partner in 2014, he got effusive and emotional reassurance from his former boss, Neil Gorsuch. Now an attorney in Connecticut, recalled fondly their conversation on the week of the wedding: “*He said, This is a wonderful thing. You’ll see how your relationship grows.*” Goodbaum added: “*I have never felt the least whiff from him of homophobia or intolerance toward gay people.*”

Be advised: Gorsuch attends a church that is rabidly pro-gay, pro-Muslim, pro-green, and anti-Trump. (*This isn’t to say, these are Gorsuch’s Positions*)



Spring is Sprunging... At the moment of writing March, aka. *Broom of the Year*, is a big help in my sweeping up a plethora of straight skinny to meet the deadline for submission set by our President and Editor Jack. What with fending off the passionate admirers of his husband, Dennis, quelling the officious antic of their ward Noel, and attempting to shorten the length of our meetings (I have already suggested replacing his very handsome gavel with a yard-long piece of steel pipe!), Jack probably needs no additional grief from me. That I am reserving for Mother Nature who, spending so many days playing yo-yo with the weather, is hereby given notice that if one crocus, daffodil, or tulip is frost bitten, she gets it right in the butt with either Jack's steel pipe or my Joan Crawford "Come Stomp Me" Combat Boots. And as a gentle reminder, Daylight Savings Time, ever earlier resetting itself, has begun which gives us one less hour of play time. Hell's Fire, at my age, no matter what time I hit the pads, I'm lucky to even get up by dawn.

Social Notes from the Home Watering Hole... Our world-famous Diva Amanda Reconwith, has been visited by a mysterious throat infection which has rendered her speechless, able to emit only an occasional croak. She has been forced to cancel her Spring appearances at Milan's famed La Scala Opera House where is is an usher.

.....Speaking of the lambent, plangent, and unquenchable, our star bass, Edward Powell recently sang in performance of Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* at St. James Anglo-Catholic Church, on East 55th. I've had the pleasure of competitively singing Baroque music duets with Mr. Powell, late night at LSS. Our lionhearted version of arias from Handel's *Riccardo Primo*, was taken very seriously by some enraged Philistine *amateurs* of questionable pop culture, who fled in horror. We are happy to report that last week Mr. Ed performed quite brilliantly as soloist and in ensemble for the superior music making of the St. James Choir and Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Garret Law. St. James, by the by, is noted for its singularly brilliant acoustics which make a pin drop sound like cannon fire. In a brief introduction to the evening's centerpiece, Mr. Law explained that M. Faure's *Requiem* is, to him, less a paean to death than an affirmation of life. The noise was joyful indeed.

.....Can one believe that Glen Gusick, aka. *Glenda*, is a day over thirty? We were stunned indeed to learn from Sister Mary Michael, evil Prioress of the LSS, that glen is now seventy! He was feted with a deliciously naughty birthday cake in the shape of an enormous penis, lovingly crafted by jack off all trades, John DVRK, and posed, from life by John's partner Steve. Luckily I arrived in time for a scrap of scrotum.

....The most recent highlight, a farewell party for Cleveland Mikey, Captain of the Mustangs, championship team of our local Gay Softball League, sponsored by the LSS with great support from two of our favorite people, Bruce-the-Bad and Bill Retzer. Mike has found a new job and new love in Pittsburgh, but we still esteem the man and remember his great support of the Unicorns last summer at our *Flea Circus*. During the week after his Great send-off, Mike kept popping into the bar for a cocktails and shed a tear or two. The Leather Stallion has that unique affect on people. Long may she pour.

Shades of Pluto... A number of cinemas in Alabama, the state which also graciously lent us Jeff Sessions, (Boob, U.S. Attorney General, civil abomination, and last choice of anyone who passed Civics 101) are banning Disney's newest version of *Beauty and the Beast* because of two homosexuals depicted in the film... Could it be that they lifted the tails of cuddly squirrels and bunnies only to discover they were both males before they lynch

them? Perhaps Alabama's cinema owners could scissor them out of the film altogether, then re-splice it like they used to do with Lena Horn's numbers in those classical MGM musicals. What a shame Louis B. Myer stood for it, but anything for a buck even in Confederate money.

Melania Redux... Perhaps Cyclops over-praised our reclusive First Lady, Melania Trump, last month in a piece decrying the media's dishing her inaugural duds (With them or without she's dynamite in that department, even though her glinting eyes reveal a certain hunger to succeed the late Felicia Wildenstein as Manhattan's Panther Lady.) She's been a bit mute since that purloined GOP Convention speech until last week when she seemed to freshen up echoes of Mary Baker Eddy, founder of Christian Science. Decrying the enormous cost of Government footing the cost of medical bills for those receiving welfare or otherwise unable to pay their Affordable Care insurance premiums, she suggested the poor turn to natural healing revealing something holistic in her head! However, lest we forget, she comes to us an immigrant (Horrors!) from Romania, a socialist nation once a member of Europe's Soviet Communist Block and before that, a staunch supporter of Nazi Germany, supplying Hitler and his gang with all that oil from Ploiesti. Perhaps silence is the better part of value; probably all a part of what her *fuehrer* tenderly and tastefully calls the pre-nup... Green cards please.

State of Grace for 2017... Gentle readers, the season of Lent is upon us, a serious Christian season of prayer, fasting, and self examination (ugh!). Based upon Christ's forty days of wandering about the wilderness resisting Satanic temptation. Some people are in a furor over Satanic temptation; others simply choose to ignore it, because of insufficient evidence. There are also those, and I know who *we* are, who positively adore it. Half a century ago, when I was in college at Philadelphia, I learned to drink alcoholic spirits and became a member of the Episcopal Church, acts which often go hand-in-hand. In an annual outpouring of devotion, Philadelphia's Episcopalians, of which there are more than in any other U>S> city, abandon spirits as a Lenten sacrifice, then sensibly head for their sherry decanters, especially those of antique Pennsylvania Stiegel or south New Jersey Glass, about the necks of which hung little silver labels reading "Sherry". "Gin" or "God Is Love". Well, this year I find things loosening (or louche-ing) up a bit. Our Unicorn President and Editor, Jack sent me a news bulletin about a church with a large LGBT congregation mixing magenta glitter into the ashes, little blobs of which are dispensed onto the foreheads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday, the opening day of Lent. If those people don't wash before hitting the bars that night, they'll be aglow, stand-outs on the black-lighted disco floors. That is, unless one is in Philadelphia where you'll be home glumly lit, clutching that old sherry bottle. In Bedford Ohio, the local United Methodist church offered drive-through dispensation of ashes. (Don't ask, don't tell, but be afraid, very afraid!) Incidentally, Bedford is also the home of out brother Bob Kirsop, one of our famous and feared Council of Ancients, who calls that church the *Untied* Methodists. Even more bizarre, he is the one man I know who actually looks forward to Lent. The reason for his curiosity is that Lent is the season NOT for self-examination (Double Ugh!) but rather, is the time when hot cross buns are available at Heinen's and similar sacred pilgrimage sites. Bob has long been ranking which Heinen's store is most generous with the frosting, piping a cross on the buns, using a pastry bag with a star tip. (Bill Metzger uses a single-tail to do this!) Despite serious generosity from Brecksville branch, the Rocky River Store is this year's winner, lavishly, squeezing great globs of the stuff in cruciform, or for the more penitential among its gloomy old ladies, leaving it off entirely. Rocky River's buns are miles ahead of the Twinsburg Heinen's which is unusually parsimonious considering that they lavish frosting on just about everything else including croissants and for all I know, the toilet seats in the men's room. Well, it looked like frosting!

SICCALL... Because a few of you asked for clarification of the initials *sic* used in last month's article about Beachwood *sic* and that city's Beachwood (*sic*) Place shopping center. According to the *Oxford English Dictionary*, 10th Edition, Revised, *sic* is used generally after citation or quotation

and means: "written exactly as it stands in the original" or more succinctly, that's how it was written and/or spelled, correct or not. Next month, is Beachwood misspelled?

Roberts' Notes on Boot Care, 1827... That's Robert Roberts, not our Robert Moeller, who in the opening quarter of the nineteenth-century wrote *Roberts' Guide for Butlers & other Household Staff*. (Our Robert only looks that old!) In coming issues I will share more ideas of Mr. Roberts for those domestically inclined. "On Cleaning Boots and Shoes": "As these things are often wanted in a hurry, therefore you should always have them in readiness, if possible. In this operation, you should always have good brushes and good blacking. These are implements that are indispensably necessary: without which, no credit will be given to the operator. In the first place, you must remove all the dirt from your boots or shoes, with your hard brush. When perfectly clean you must stir up your blackening with a stick, then apply a little on your black blush, and apply it lightly and smoothly over your boots or shoes, then apply your polishing brush quick and lightly over them, and in a few minutes you will have a beautiful polish. Should any brown spots appear, which often do, by not putting the blacking even, then apply your blacking brush lightly over it a second time, and by this process you will have a beautiful polish..... You will have find it necessary, once in a while, to grease gentlemen's boots and shoes, especially in winter time, as the leather is apt to crack from wet and cold." (Note, Toronto's internationally famous bootblack, and all-round leather man, Jack Pearce swears by Huberd's Shoe Grease for this chore.)

ADDENDUM: Mr. Roberts' receipt for The Best Liquid Blacking....."Take two quarts of sour beer or porter, the latter is preferable, eight ounces of best ivory black, three ounces of molasses, one ounce of sugar candy, half an ounce of gum-Arabic, half an ounce of oil of vitriol. And one ounce of sweet oil. Let your ivory black be well rubbed, to become fine and free from lumps; mix the oil with the black and dissolve the gum-Arabic in some warm beer, then mix all the ingredients well together, keep it corked tight in a jar or what you choose to put it in, shake it well three or four times a day for two or three days, then it will be fit for use; and if used as the directions are given in boot and shoe cleaning, it will produce a brilliant jet black, and is not in the least any way injurious to leather." (Note: making a batch of this glop would be an even finer Lenten penance than abandoning martinis for sherry!)

The aforementioned Mr. Kirsop, devotees of Lent and hot cross buns, is recovering handily after his hip replacement, and is about to discard his walker for a handsome new black cane, a replacement after I mistakenly bought a pink one, tricked by the florescent lighting of Drug Mart into thinking it was plain stainless steel. A number of very generous volunteers have been joining me in a much needed titivation of his residence, formerly, we are happy to say, called *Mildew Manor*. Among the vast array of materials removed from his house are piles of old *New Yorker* magazines kept about for collection of news-breaks, or mis-prints and boo-boos from other publications, printed as found (*sic.*) followed by a witty remark from the *New Yorker*, back when it was more humorous than it has become. Here's an example, from the *Greenfield* (Mass.) Town Crier: "Formerly the Hilltop Lounge, *The Olde Place* will feature live music Friday and Saturday nights starting with their grand opening this Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Their celebration will feature live music by "Cripple Creek" with Eddie Call sitting in a Family style spaghetti dinner, drink specials, and more." (The *New Yorker's* response: Sounds like family fun.).....And another, from the *Buffalo News*: "Meanwhile, Dr. Robert J. Barbera, E.F. Hutton's chief economist, points out that the stock market has accurately predicted 'nine of the last five recessions.'" (The Reply: "We never fail to marvel at the stock market.") My own personal favorite newsbreak came from a Columbus, Ohio paper, under religious affairs and stated that next Sunday's offertory at St. John's Episcopal Church in Worthington would be "Blast This House", to which the *New Yorker* replied: "Brahms Away!"

In Conclusion... As some of you might notice, I've been pretty easy on the current Federal Government in this issue. That is because I find that for all

their self-suspected cleverness and idiotic spin, Mr. Trump and his cronies are no longer a laughing matter. Rather I see them as a great national sadness. One can cringe and humbly acknowledge the perception of Senator Claire McCaskill, Democrat from Missouri, who last week stated on CNN, that Donald Trump is in a life and death struggle with Truth.

Hope your Saint Patrick's Day was snow free and libation wise, bottomless. Ride Easily and unplug your microwave ovens, cell phones, Cuisinart food processors, electric irons, vibrators, stick blenders, space heaters, electric blankets, chain saws, any any other wiki-whacky devices that might get you in trouble with the CIA, CDC,FBI,PTA,MGM, PBS, NPR, NKVD, BBC, MSNBC, A&P, COPD,CNN,TWA, AARP, RTA, LSS or the Mucus Monster or that cunning Overactive Bladder BalloonHugs and Smacks, *CY*



S. Dakota Becomes 1st State To Pass Anti-LGBT Bill Under "Our Dark New Reality"

Now that the Trump Administration is here, the future looks bleak for further progress on LGBT issues, in Fact the Back-sliding or regression we feared under his Fascist Republican Regime has begun. While successful in fending off the *Anti-LGBT EO*, the Door is still open for mischief from the Legislators and there is still the promise of the Dreaded "*Religious Freedom*" *EO* to come. In Fact we haven't had to wait that long to *see the Big-ots climb out of their sewer infested hiding holes*, more than 100 Anti-LGBT Bills have been introduced so far this year in the various State Legislatures around the country. South Dakota is just the first one out of the gate.

South Dakota Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard on Friday signed a "*religious freedom*" adoption bill, making the state the first to enact anti-LGBT legislation in 2017.

The bill allows taxpayer-funded adoption and foster care agencies to refuse services to LGBT people — *such as by declining to place children with same-sex couples — if it would violate their sincerely held religious beliefs*. Senate Bill 149 also *opens the door to religious-based discrimination against single parents, interracial couples, non-Christians and others*.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest LGBT advocacy group, reported this week that it is now tracking more than 100 anti-LGBT bills in state legislatures this year.

"This is the first anti-LGBTQ bill that any state has signed into law this session," HRC Legal Director Sarah Warbelow said in a statement Friday. *"Governor Daugaard's action not only puts the best interests of the more than a thousand vulnerable children served by South Dakota's foster care system at risk, it signals the potential of a dark new reality for the fight for LGBTQ rights."*

The ACLU of South Dakota said *"It is already exploring legal challenges to SB 149, encouraging families and children who are negatively affected by the law to come forward."* The group also alluded to potential economic backlash. *"In a state facing a labor and talent shortage, this bill has sparked national interest and local questions as to whether South Dakota welcomes diversity and values the rights of individual citizens."*

According to the Associated Press, Daugaard said before signing the bill that he was *"concerned private child-placement agencies acting in the best interest of a child could be subject to a lawsuit when denying placement to someone in a 'protected class,' such as members of the LGBT community."*



*This Month's Political
Action Report:
What You can Do*

(by Jack Giles)

I know this sounds repetitive , but even you, a single Citizen can pick up the phone, make a call, or a pen and paper, write a letter, go on-line to sign a petition, maybe even get in your car and attend a Rally or visit your Congressman and/or Senators. It really isn't difficult, I promise, I do it every day. So this month, I am going to provide you with places you can start. Use this as a reference guide to find address, who is your Congressman, who is your Senator, what Bills, Laws, Resolutions, etc. they are working on, what hearings they are holding and when, even where Legislation is in the process. An informed Citizenry, who staying in touch with their Representatives in Washington, can be heard and can make a difference. It work's, no matter what political party you belong to. If the Tea Party could do it,so can you!

So, get on your computer and do a little research, if you haven't one, your Public Library does, in most cases you can use it for Free. My First recommendation is reading an Article found here:

<http://www.atn.com/stories/12768/former-congressional-staffer-explains-how-to-make-congressman-listen>

Next you can Look up your Congressman Here:

<http://www.house.gov>

And What Legislation they are working on here:

<https://www.congress.gov/help/search-tools-overview>

Now your Senators, also provides link to Senate Legislation, and can be found here:

<https://www.senate.gov>

***A Few Progressive Organizations to Contact
For Information to Write About***

The Human Rights Campaign: <http://www.hrc.org>

People for the American Way: <http://www.pfaw.org>

Lambda Legal: <http://www.lambdalegal.org>

We Won't Go Back: <http://www.wewontgoback.us>

All of these Organization have places to **Sign up for Important Updates, Actions that Can be Taken, or Petitions to be Signed.** They also are doing **Important Work on Behave of the LGBT Community** and could use your assistance, so if you are in a position to do so, **Consider Donating Generously! Thank-you.**

Cartoons!



**Thought we had Freedom of the Press, but this Cartoon was 'Banned' for being Subversive.*



"Boris, darling. Call Putin We own Him NOW!"



**The Whitehouse, isn't Happy about this one, either.*

It is Pointing out 'Trump's Immigration Directives, his wife still hasn't provided her Papers.

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A Closer Look

April 1, 2017 - 6 PM - **“Unicorn Meeting”**, Leather Stallion Saloon Clubroom, Pizza, Fundraiser set-up.

April 1, 2017 - 9 PM - **“Fools, Jesters, & Unicorns”** Leather Stallion Saloon, Fundraiser for Unicorn Charities, Entertainment, Raffles, Door Prizes, & More, \$3 Donation at the Door.

April 6 - 9 - **All Weekend. “Bears, Bikers, & Mayhem”** The Eisenhower Inn and Conference Center, Gettysburg PA, for more Information and Registrations, See bearsbikersandmayhem.com

April 8, 2017 - 9 PM - **“Mr. Cleveland Leather Fundraiser”**, Leather Stallion Saloon

April 9, 2017 - **“Palm Sunday”, Holy Week Begins**

April 13, 2017 - **“Maundy Thursday”**

April 14, 2017 - **“Good Friday”**

April 15, 2017 - 9 PM - **“Cleveland Leatherboy, Mitch Ghent, Host a Fundraiser for GLSEN”**, Leather Stallion Saloon

April 16, 2017 - **“Easter Sunday”**

April 17, 2017 - **“Tax Day”**, IRS Filings must be Postmarked no later than Midnight to avoid Penalties.

April 22, 2017 - 6 PM - **“Arktos Bears Bowling”**, Bill White’s Bowling Center, 2911 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron

April 26, 2017 - **“The Handmaid’s Tale” Premiers on Hulu**, New Series based upon Margaret Atwater’s 1985 Feminist Dystopian Novel.

April 27, 2017 - **“Dave Reed’s Birthday”**

April 27 thru 30, 2017 - **CLAW**, Downtown Cleveland Westin Hotel, watch for Special Events at all area LGBT Clubs nightly.