



### Empire City MC at Mid-Atlantic Leather

ECMC was at Centaur MC's Mid-Atlantic Leather Contest over Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in Washington, DC. Here is a pictorial review of the event:



## SAVE THE DATES – ECMC'S 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MOTORCYCLE WEEKEND! 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of May 2020

A long weekend of fun, frolic and adventure including accommodations, three gourmet breakfasts and dinners, riding in the fingerlakes region of New York State and more all for only \$40 per person.  
This is a private motorcycle-only event: You must arrive only by motorcycle!

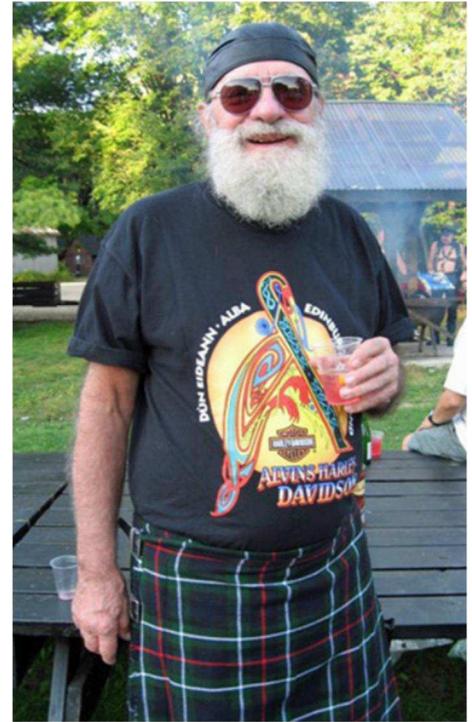
## Bob Kirsop – Get Well Soon!

As we all grow older, we all grow a little frailer. Bob has been in several motorcycle accidents over the years, including being t-boned in a four-way stop intersection in rural Ohio a number of years ago. As bikers, these accidents come back to haunt us later in life, making us more susceptible to falls and other issues.

A few weeks ago, Bob fell outside a restaurant in Cleveland and managed to tear and bruise some leg muscles. Thankfully, there were no broken bones; however, he needed to be admitted to hospital for physical therapy.

He is now recuperating and rebuilding, doing exercises and doing nicely at the Cleveland Clinic Rehabilitation Hospital, 3025 Science Park Drive, Beachwood, Ohio 44122. He is in room 1071. If you know Bob and would like to call him, please contact Chaz Antonelli at [ChazAntonelli@gmail.com](mailto:ChazAntonelli@gmail.com) to obtain his direct line in his room at the hospital. We are not publishing it publicly for his privacy.

Bob Kirsop is a member of the Unicorn MC, based out of Cleveland, OH and is a long-time friend of Empire City MC, as well as the gang at The Ranch (Al and Dan's home – the place we hold our Annual Motorcycle Weekend every Memorial Day Weekend.) All the members of Empire City MC wish him a rapid recovery and encourage folks to reach out to him and encourage his recovery.



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## The Mask and Wig Club

Our member in Philadelphia, Gary P reports that he obtained tickets to the show entitled “Our Father Who Aren't in Heaven!” at the Mask and Wig Club. You might be asking yourself W.T.F. is the Mask and Wig club? Well, here's a little information about what they are and where they came from:

The Mask and Wig Club is a private club in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, founded in 1889, is the oldest all-male collegiate musical comedy troupe in the United States.

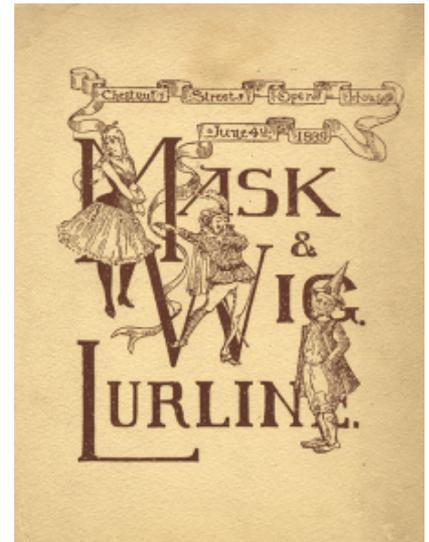
Once upon a time in 1888, a small group of Penn undergraduates, led by Clayton Fotterral McMichael, were interested in the stage and were feeling restless. Here were talented and ambitious young men of prominent Philadelphia families with no proper outlet for their artistic pursuits. Those interested in the Classics went to that department for productions of Euripides; Shakespeareans went to the English department. However, McMichael and his cohorts wanted something different: a troupe that would produce humorous theatrical pieces. What was a college man to do? Get up in frocks and spoof everyone and everything, naturally.

Because colleges at the time were open only to young gentlemen, any production was limited to an all-male cast. These organizations naturally saw burlesque, which was quite popular in that era, as the perfect genre. The overblown characterizations, loose plotting, musical interludes, and parody of high art made the style perfect for a group of young, well-educated, amateur men, especially since the drag tradition came “built-in.”

Founder McMichael combed the local bookstores for a story to produce and found it in Henry Byron's The Nymphs of the Lurleyburg. With a little pirating and a bit of imagination, Lurline, the Club's first production, hit the boards at the Chestnut Street Opera House on June 4, 1889, for one night only. The show was a spectacular success financially, socially, and historically. From that night onward, the Club, supported by a strong network of alumni now known as the Graduate Club, produced an annual show. The runs were extended and the Club established a fine tradition among Philadelphia's theatre-going society.

<http://www.maskandwig.com/>

The Mask and Wig Club  
310 S. Quince Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19107



## A Public Service Announcement

A man died from a heart attack whilst at the Centaur MC's Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend as per the article here:

<http://j.mp/maldeath>

Rumours are that he was mixing Viagra and Poppers (Amyl Nitrate). If true, this was a tragic and completely preventable death.

It's important to remind everyone that mixing Viagra and poppers is extremely dangerous! It's dangerous because they both cause a person's blood pressure to drop. The combination can result in fainting, stroke, heart attack, and/or death.

While it's not clear the exact time-frame in which it is safe to take Viagra after doing poppers (and vice-versa), it is recommended that poppers and Viagra are not used within 24 hours of each other.

Poppers are a recreational drug commonly used in sexual encounters for enhancing sexual sensation, creating a giddy high, relaxing the muscles, and decreasing inhibitions. Poppers can be made of a few different chemical compounds, including amyl nitrate (a chemical often used as a fuel additive), or amyl nitrite (a prescription heart medication), among others. Sold in sex shops often as "VCR head cleaner," "leather cleaner," or deodorizers in small bottles, they are consumed by inhaling or "huffing" the fumes (never by ingesting). The "high" lasts for no more than a minute, after which people will often sniff more, because the effect wears off so quickly.

Viagra carries few risks if you wait for 24 hours before taking poppers. Poppers carry more risk, but are safer if used in moderation and if not combined with Viagra (again, observe the 24-hour rule). However, even on their own, poppers can be quite dangerous. Minor side effects can include slurred speech, sores around the nose and mouth, nosebleeds, red eyes, and a lack of coordination. With prolonged use, more serious affects can include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headaches, or fatigue. In severe cases, memory loss, damage to ears, kidneys, or the heart, experiencing hallucinations, or falling into a coma, can occur.

If you're going to use poppers, a few safety tips:

- Never ingest them. If you do, contact poison control immediately. Do not allow it to come into contact with your skin.
- Avoid "forced" huffing if your nose is stuffed. This can cause ear and sinus problems.
- Keep poppers away from cigarettes, candles, lighters, etc. as they are highly flammable.
- Use in moderation.
- Avoid entirely if you have a suppressed immune system (poppers reduce immune functioning for several days after use).
- Avoid if you are pregnant, have a heart condition, high blood pressure, anaemia, or history of cerebral haemorrhaging.
- Poppers may impair judgment, so don't your safer sex precautions (condoms, dams, etc.) *before* you use poppers.
- And as noted, never use them with Viagra or similar vasodilators.

Viagra (sildenafil), a prescription erectile dysfunction medication, is often used recreationally by people who don't have trouble getting erections. It poses no direct harm by itself, but the combination of Viagra with poppers (or any drug that lowers inhibitions) has the potential to increase the risk of contracting an STI. People can sustain more sexual encounters for longer periods on Viagra, so there is the potential to have more sexual partners. Add in the decreased inhibitions, and there is a much greater likelihood for risky sexual behaviour. Poppers also decrease pain sensation and dilate blood vessels. Therefore, those who participate in anal sex may consume poppers in order to have more anal sex for longer periods of time. This has the potential to result in more bleeding, plus a higher risk for contracting STIs.

If you are concerned about mixing Viagra and poppers, you may want to speak with your health care provider about your personal risk.



**Empire City MC Members (Full and Associate), please take note that it is time to pay your annual dues! If you have not received an e-mail about this, please contact [Treasurer@EmpireCityMC.com](mailto:Treasurer@EmpireCityMC.com) with your revised contact details.**

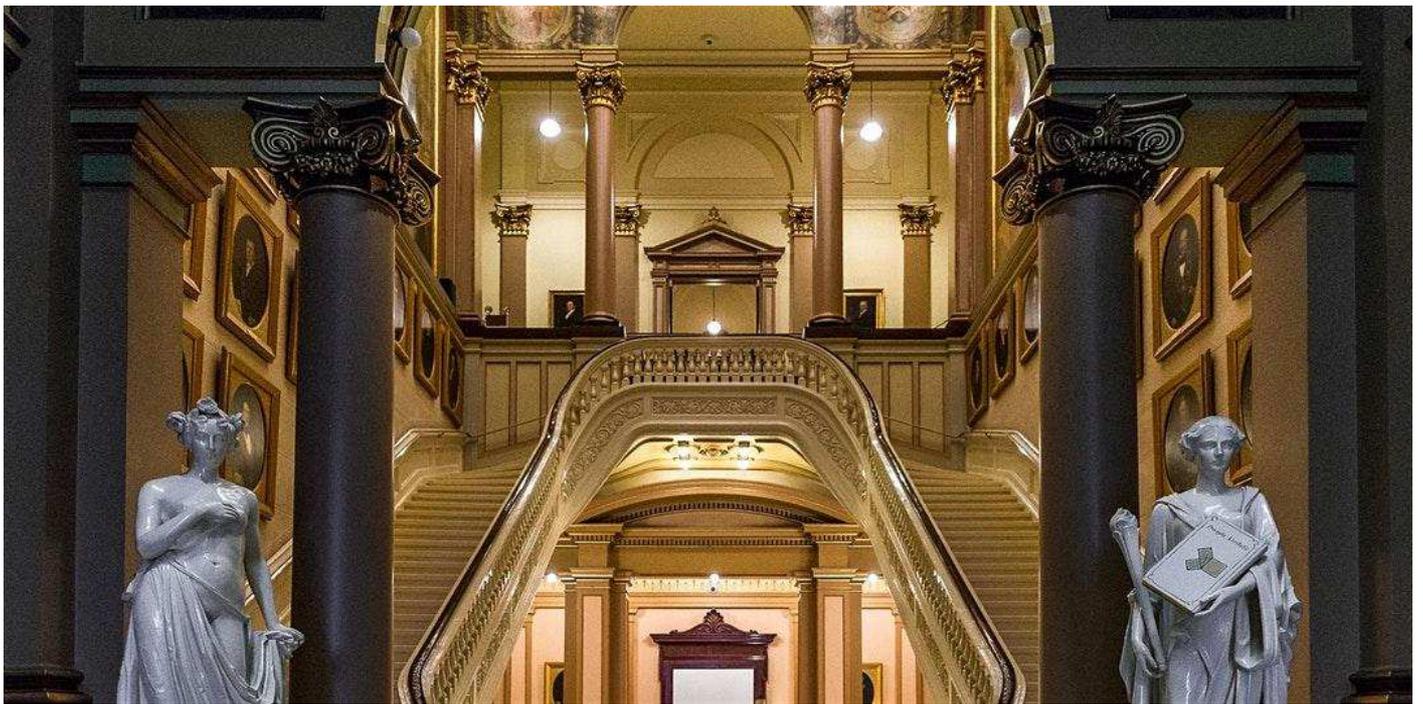


## In Closing...

The elegant Masonic Temple is a historic Masonic building in Philadelphia. Located at 1 North Broad Street, directly across from Philadelphia City Hall and serves as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons.

The Temple features the Masonic Library and Museum of Pennsylvania, and receives thousands of visitors every year to view the ornate structure, which includes seven lodge rooms, where today a number of Philadelphia lodges and the Grand Lodge conduct their meetings.

Gary P, our full member in Philadelphia (and Mason) was there in attendance at the Masons Ball this past Valentine's Day!



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