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Breakfast With The Easter Bunny

Family, friends and children are invited to attend.
This event is open to the public. Bring your camera or
get your photo taken for free with the Easter Bunny.

Join Us On Sunday,
March 29th, 2026
8:30am-11:00am

At Beja Shrine Center
1950 Bond Street
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Breakfast includes:

- Pancakes
- Scramble eggs
- Pork sausages
- Apple sauce
- Coffee, Milk & Orange juice



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Dinner and Drinks!

**GUN RAFFLES
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* Deceased

Peninsula Shrine Club

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JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

The Peninsula Shrine Club will officially going dark for the months of January and February.

Fraternally,

Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer
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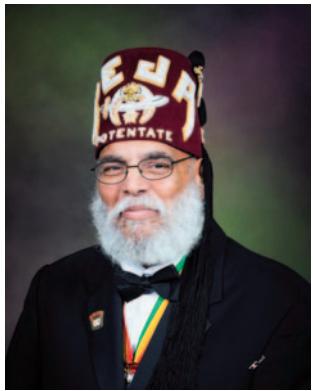
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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



**Es Selamu
Aleikum**



Welcome to February, I have been re-elected to be the Potentate of Beja Shrine for 2026. My hope is to increase our membership and with your help we will succeed. If each Noble or Lady talks to someone and let them know the benefits of Shrine and what we do. How we help kids with malformations, burns cleft palettes, Spina Bifida. Let them know what our doctors are capable of doing to help these kids lead a more normal life.

Like our PP Scott Maxon, I'm inviting all the Clubs and Units the opportunity to earn money for their members. Last year the Clubs and Units earned close to \$3000 doing the monthly meals. This was a great fundraiser because each club brought something different for the members to eat. From a simple meal to a full plated meal. Each club will earn the money from moneys collected that evening, minus \$2.00 per plate which will go to DeMolay, our future Nobles. If you are interested please contact me and let me know which month you'd like to serve dinner. I need clubs for March, May, October & December. Our meal for the February meeting will be Chicken & Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, rolls & a dessert. \$20/person.

Also, I would like to note, due to a lack of reservations, the Lady & the Tramp Valentine Dinner has been cancelled.

Lastly I wish to say that I am not here to divide the members, I am here to bring us together and have fun. I am available to any Noble or Lady that would like to talk about what is happening at Beja Shrine.

Fraternally, Ill Sir John Van Lanen
Beja Shrine Potentate 2026
920-200-6398
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Roll Call of All Clowns!!!

Please respond to our Chaos Coordinator, Pro tem, Neddy, at Kristoffer.Pillar@gmail.com

Please respond with:

Clown Name: _____

Secret Identity (Real Name): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Will You Be At The Circus: YES | NO

Can you walk or ride in a Parade: YES | NO

The Clowns are still searching for a donated car for the unit. Please contact the Clown Unit Boss, Pokey (Jeff Eilers at 920-737-3653) if you have a line on a car for the clowns.

Clowns, we are also looking at filling our Officer Roles for this coming year. Please consider throwing your name in the ring for office. Our Clown Unit for YOU is what YOU put into it.

*Fraternally, Kris Pillar,
Oriental Guide, Beja Clown Unit
kristoffer.pillar@gmail.com*



Our very own Beja Clown Frank "Hammy" Pernack clowning around and promoting Shriners Children's at an event in Florida

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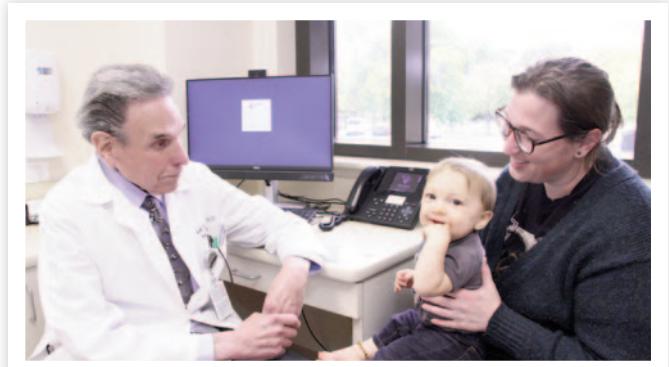
\$1M endowment to support SCC's craniofacial care

A generous donor created a new \$1 million endowment for Shriners Children's Chicago's nationally recognized care program for children with cleft lip and palate, and other craniofacial syndromes and conditions of the head, face and neck. The endowment's donor wishes to remain anonymous, but their impact will make a lasting difference for many families.

Shriners Chicago has earned

distinctions for cleft lip and palate and craniofacial care as an approved team in both from the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association. Up to 12 specialists see a child with cleft lip/palate during team visits.

The Chicago location's team of nine pediatric plastic surgeons



performed nearly 400 surgical procedures in 2024. They also manage an annual outreach program in Puerto Rico, performing surgical treatment on the island.



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GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB CRAIG LAES – PRESIDENT

The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill located at 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay.

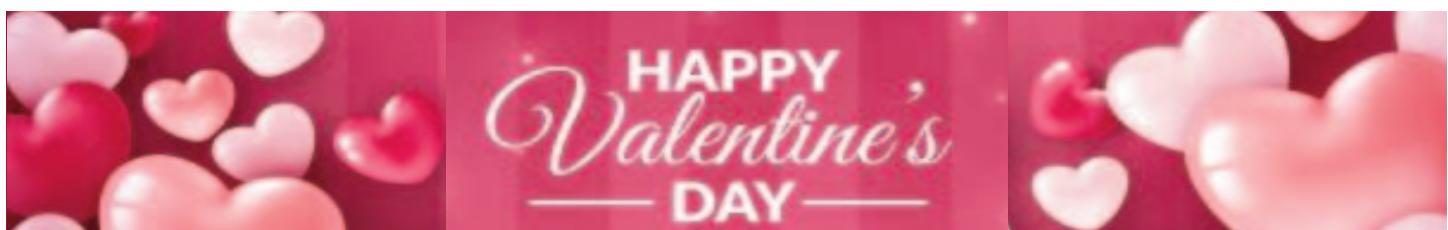
Social time begins at 11:30am.
Hope to see you there!

Fraternally, Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.
greglhabeck@gmail.com or 920-371-9050

OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th, at Wouters Front Pub & Grill, Suamico, WI at 6:00pm

Fraternally Yours,
Nick Brosig, President
Vernon Vander Leest, Secy/Treas.



MEMBERSHIP

is the Best Value

Membership – You Belong Here

January reminded us of an important truth about our fraternity: membership is always moving—sometimes forward with new beginnings, sometimes paused as we honor those who have laid down their working tools. This past month, we proudly welcomed a new Noble into Beja, while also saying farewell to two Brothers who have been called from our labors. We honor their lives, their service, and the legacy they leave behind.

At the same time, we are reminded why our approach to membership matters.

At Beja, we believe membership isn't about recruiting—it's about **belonging**. Men don't join because they're handed a petition. They join because they experience fellowship, purpose, and connection. They join because, at some point, they realize: **I belong here.**

That's why February and March present such an important opportunity. Both months feature open meetings, offering a relaxed, welcoming environment for friends, family members, and prospective Nobles to see what the Shrine is truly about. Open meetings aren't formal presentations or sales pitches—they're moments of real fellowship. Laughter around a table. Conversations that matter. A chance for good men to see good men doing good things.

If you have a friend who's ever been curious about the Shrine, this is the perfect time to invite him along. No pressure. No expectations. Just an open door and an open seat.

Membership grows when men feel welcomed, valued, and included. And every Noble plays a role in that—by showing up, by engaging, and by extending a simple invitation.

As we move through the early months of 2026, let's continue to honor our past, celebrate new beginnings, and most importantly, remind others—through our actions—that you belong here.

Your Membership Team

THE YOUTH CORNER



The Youth ADVENTURES

I hope everyone is finally enjoying the start of a new year. As I've said before, sometimes writing these articles and where they're timed out is sometimes confusing. As we start the second month of this year. We start getting back into the normal groove of everything after all of the holidays.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to start by saying thank you again to Beja Shrine for the opportunity to serve for the dinners. They will be looking to add new members this year and be changing up the officers list. Please look for their announcements for new events and activities.

Bethel 32 Jobs Daughters is also looking to make some changes and add a new advisor and new members. Please reach out to them and help them in anyway you can.

Thank you again for supporting the youth. If that is just by participating in a fundraiser or offering suggestions and your time. Thank you.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage
Youth Committee Chairman*



Greetings from the Appleton Shrine Club,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets at Mark's Eastside 1405 E. Wisconsin Ave. Appleton, WI at 11:30am on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

*Fraternally, Tom Pflugardt P.P., President
Noble Lyle Buettner, VP
Dennis Korth P.P., Treasurer
Noble Mike Moen, Secretary*





Shriners Children's™ Chicago

Clarifying Roles. Strengthening Care. Moving Forward Together.

Shriners Children's continues to evolve to ensure we provide the very best care to more children, in the right places, with greater value—always guided by **Vision 2035**. Recent updates to Shriners Children's rules and regulations help clarify how that work happens by more clearly defining the roles of governance and management across our healthcare system.

In successful healthcare organizations, boards focus on governance—setting direction, establishing policy, and ensuring accountability—while management teams lead day-to-day operations. Shriners Children's is unique because of the deep personal commitment our fraternity brings to the mission, and these clarifications are designed to strengthen that partnership, not diminish it.

Under the updated structure, local Boards of Governors continue to provide governance for their hospitals, while operational leadership is handled by Shriners Children's professional staff. This clarity allows each group to focus on what it does best, working together in support of our shared mission.

As part of this alignment, Shriners Children's is transitioning to a regional structure across three regions—East, Central, and West—to enhance coordination and consistency across the system.

Leadership Updates

Shriners Children's recently announced that Craig McGhee, who has been serving as Administrator for Shriners Children's Chicago, has accepted a promotion to Regional Administrator – West Region, effective immediately. Craig's leadership in Chicago—combined with his clinical background and experience across multiple Shriners Children's locations—made him well suited for this expanded role.

Nobles can take pride in knowing that leadership developed here is now helping shape the future of Shriners Children's across the West.

To ensure continuity, Matt Lucas has been appointed Interim Administrator for Shriners Children's Chicago. Matt will work closely with the Chicago leadership team to keep the hospital focused on its 2026 goals in support of Vision

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2035, with Craig continuing to provide support during the transition.

What This Means for Chicago

For patients, families, staff, and our fraternity, the mission remains unchanged: providing the most amazing care anywhere. These changes are about clarity, collaboration, and long-term strength—ensuring Shriners Children's Chicago remains well positioned to serve children and families now and into the future.

We are grateful to our Board of Governors, fraternity members, hospital leaders, and staff for their continued dedication. Together, we are changing lives—and helping children reach for their dreams.

Gary Fehl – Board Member, SC-Chicago

Ben Rodgers, PP – Board Member, SC-Chicago

Jay Andres – Associate Member, SC-Chicago

John Sage, PP -- Emeritus, SC-Chicago

A Note From Trustees

Nobles and Ladies,

The Trustees are updating the Donor Board in the entrance of the Shrine Center. We are asking for assistance from everyone. If you know of someone or a group that has made a significant money donation to the improvement of our Shrine Center such as NEW Masonic Center contributing to the cost of the carpeting, or Washington Lodge covering the cost of the new sign, Please notify Jeff Andersen, our Building Manager so he can include them in the Donor Board. We want to acknowledge our donors so that they can be properly recognized.

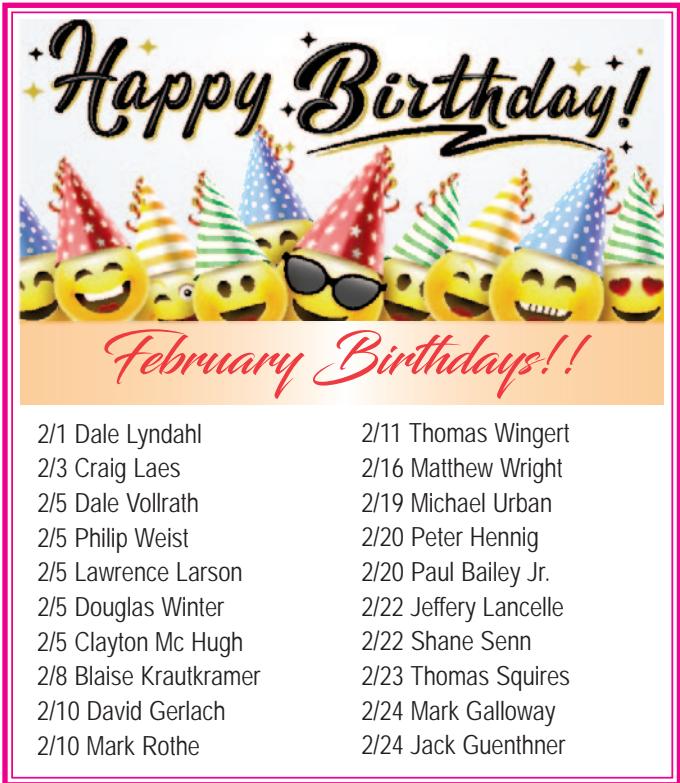
The Trustees have also purchased additional security cameras that are being installed in locations that will allow camera monitoring throughout the building and around the unit building. Your safety is important to us.

*Fraternally, Jay Andres
Beja Trustees Chair 2026*

**STAY INFORMED ABOUT ALL EVENTS AT BEJA
AND MUCH MORE**

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BEJA SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Last year with your help, we hosted over 120 guests and 30 volunteers for our wonderful event, our annual Beja Sportsman's Night. Providing \$25,000 to the Beja operation fund. We also sponsored 20 fishing poles to a youth fishing event and an award-winning tree at the Beja Feztival of Trees.

This year's event planning is underway. In fact, we are sold out of sponsored tables and have some individual seats left for sale. **This year's event is on Friday, March 6th at the Beja Shrine Center. Doors open at 5:00 for VIP entry. The event runs until 9:00pm.**

Even if you can't volunteer, you can still make our event a success. Donate an item for our silent auction new or slightly used we can make money off of it. If you don't have an item for the silent auction, consider donating a bottle of booze or a bottle of wine, we used these to make baskets to auction off. Please bring your items to Beja by the February open meeting.

I have had a number of people already volunteering but I'm sending this out as our official request for volunteers. **Volunteers** need to arrive at the Shrine Center by 4:00pm. I also have some later shifts for those not available at 4:00pm. These start at 7:00pm or later helping clean up after the event is over.

As a volunteer you can enjoy our VIP appetizers, drinks at the bar, purchase tickets for all raffles, our silent auction and enjoy the evening with our guests. All we ask of you is to man your assignments as our guest enjoy the fun. We have jobs for all levels of ability and physical ability. Each area has two volunteers so you can cover for each other. Many volunteer spots are finished by 7:30pm should you want to head home.

Volunteers can also purchase an event Beja cash card for \$150 which is worth \$200 of raffle money for the evening. We also have super saver packets which include tickets for 5 specific raffles worth \$100 for \$80.

Also, for all Volunteers and their guest, we will be holding a Sportsmen's Night **Volunteer recognition dinner on Friday, March 13th at 5:00pm**. This will include dinner, games and prizes a cash bar will be available.

If you are interested in volunteering or know of someone who is interested. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Call or text Gene to become a volunteer (920) 585-0994.

Thanks in advance for considering helping out.
Gene Reece

FEBRUARY MEETING MENU

Chicken & Tips, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable, rolls and dessert.
\$20/person.

Please RSVP required by January 28th to Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985

In Memoriam

Of our beloved Brethren who have carried on to a new and more glorious life. We carry their memory in our hearts and their influence in our lives. They are remembered.

Charles W. Gordon, Marinette, WI, 9/5/2025
Richard D Peterson, Eagle River, 12/19/2025
Kenneth McLellan, Appleton, WI 12/11/2025
John Ambrose (Assoc), Oshkosh, WI, 1/14/2026

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Greetings from AJEB

Upcoming Stated Sessions:

February 22nd, 2026 - Stated Session

March 22nd, 2026 - Stated Session

April 26th, 2026 - Stated Session



Nile Love,
Mariellen Haen, Queen AJEB

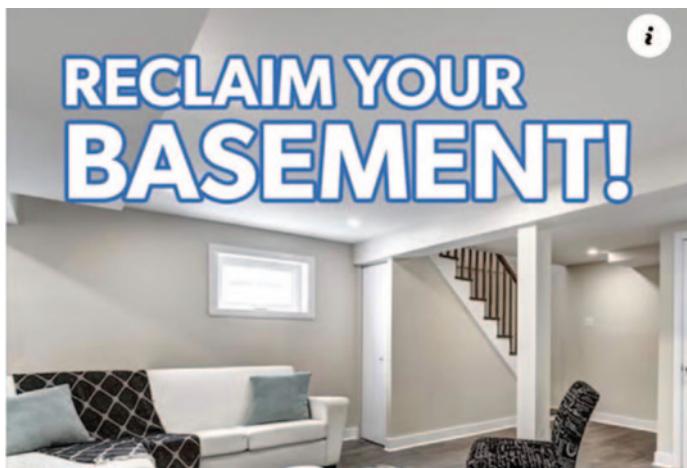
Kem Temple hails from sunny



Grand Forks, ND

Check out what Grand Forks has to offer in this video from the Grand Forks Visitor's Center

<https://msa2026.org>



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150 Years of Fun and Fellowship

The history of Shriners International is the story of individuals who came together in the spirit of fun and fellowship, who would lay the foundation for a worldwide fraternity and establish a globally recognized pediatric specialty health care system.

In 1870, a group of 13 Masons would regularly meet at the Knickerbocker Cottage in New York City. Often, discussion turned to forming a new fraternity for Masons, based on the tenets of Freemasonry but with the added elements of fun and fellowship.

Walter Fleming, M.D., and Billy Florence, an actor, were among the members of the group. Florence had been on tour in Europe and attended a party given by an Arabian diplomat. The exotic style, flavors and music of the Arabian-themed party led Florence to suggest this as the theme of the new fraternity, while Dr. Fleming and other members of the group then drafted the ritual, designed the emblem and costumes, formulated a salutation and declared that members would wear the red fez. The name of this new fraternity was the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

While the fraternity's first official meeting was in 1871 at the Knickerbocker Cottage, a meeting in 1872 established the first chapter, Mecca Shriners, on September 26. Today, there are more than 195 chapters in countries around the world.

Founded as the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the organization has grown and evolved over the decades. In the late 1900s to early 2000s, the fraternity was referred to as Shriners of North America, given that chapters were in the U.S. and Canada. In 2010, a resolution was passed to replace the name with Shriners International, reflecting the fraternity's worldwide presence.

Source: <https://www.shrinersinternational.org/en/who-we-are/history-of-the-fraternity>

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Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 7:00pm Order of Demolay	3 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	4 Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	5 7:00 pm Washington Lodge	6 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	7
8	9 DARK NO 5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	10 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	11 10am NEW Daylite 6:00pm Oconto 7pm Warren Council	12 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Meeting 11:30am Appleton Shrine	13 <i>Happy Valentines Day!</i>	14
15	16 7:00pm Order of Demolay	17 6:30 pm Roosevelt Lodge	18 5:30pm Scottish Rite	19 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	20 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	21
22 1:30pm Daughters of Nile	23 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots	24 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	25 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	26 7pm Palestine 6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City Meeting	27 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Meeting 11:30am Appleton Shrine	28

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February 2026

February 4th - Beja Open Meeting, Bring the Family - Special Guest
February 7th - Lady and The Tramp Valentine's Dinner CANCELLED

March 2026

March 4th - Beja Open Meeting - St Patricks Day Theme
March 6th - Sportsmans Night
March 14th - New Dublin Parade, New London
March 21st - St. Patrick Parade
March 29th - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 2026

April 1st - Beja Stated Meeting

May 2026

May 2nd - Spring Ceremonial
May 6th - Beja Open Meeting - Conco De Mayo

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