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## Please Join The Potentate At The Timber Rattlers Game



### Wednesday, April 17th, 2024

Game starts at 12:00pm (Noon) 11:30am - Meet in front entrance Seniors 55 & older and active or retired military personnel will receive a box seat ticket, souvenir item, beverage, and brat or hot dog for just \$25 In case of cooler weather we will head upstairs and sit inside and watch the game

RSVP to Potentate Tom Pflugardt With \$25.00 Call (920) 636-6707 or Email: tpflugardt@hotmail.com



Scan QR Code to Purchase tickets in Advance for Breakfast With the Easter Bunny

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Greetings! As we go through the month of February with warm temperatures, we are grateful for our friendships made through the Shriners. First, I would like to give a large thank you to Dawn and Gene Reece for stepping in to make the February dinner. It was well done, and their experience in the kitchen was most welcome. Scott Maxon did a great job of filling in for my husband (who was home not feeling well).

We are all working together for a common goal, helping kids through fun and fellowship. We will look forward to many more gatherings at Beja.

### Sincerely, Elizbeth Melchert



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Nobles, Ladies, Family and Friends of Beja, starting the 2024 year Lady Elizabeth and I have been busy and we could not have done it without you. The Beja Shrine Family. Thank you for Rocking the Fez with us!

Our 2024-year meeting playbook is full of fun activities such as a guessing game, throwing darts, card playing and shaking

dice, We invite all of you to play along, show that Shriner smile and have fun supporting the kids all year long. So, what is your number one reason for being a Shriner Noble or Lady Shriner?

Here is our recap of our January Beja Shrine happenings.

1. Thank you, 2013 P.P. John Sage. John stepped up and reserved the shelter at Bay Beach for our **Beja Shrine - Bay Beach Party** held on August 17th, 2024.

2. January 8th The **Beja Circus Committee** met with PMI / Resch Center on preparing for the 2024 year. Thank you, 2004 P.P. Dennis Korth and 2009 P.P. Brad Ottum. You guys really Rock the Fez! Last year's Circus brought in **\$39,000 to the Beja Shrine**.

3. January 11th, we met with **Bobby Allen Entertainment** at Beja as we prepare for our February 7th open meeting. Thank you, A.R. Tim & Lady Joy Thiers.

4. January 17th The **P.P. Dr. John Ottum Memorial Golf Committee met at the Beja Shrine**. Get into your golf swing, prepare a foursome and join us for the fun and fellowship. Thank you, Chairman Noble Don Borowicz, for your guidance and dedication. Committee Members include 2009 P.P. Brad Ottum, 2013 P.P. John Sage, 2022 P.P. John Van Lanen, Ann Mumm, Noble Dean Oscarson, Illustrious Sir Tom.

5. The January 21st **Green Bay Gamblers Game** was a huge success. We received many positive comments from the fans on what we do as Shriners. We also handed out 200 foam stress Hockey Pucks to the fans that had our information on it. I rode the Zamboni and that was extra special as the Beja Shriner name came across the scoreboard. Thank you to the 40 people who attended for the fun and fellowship. Rocking the Fez! First and ten let's do it again?

6. The good folks at Imperial offered (for a price) and shipped a box full of football swag for our February 1st **East / West Shrine Game Watch Party**. Thank you - A.R.

Tim & Joy Thiers, Noble Nic Schuh & 2022 P.P. John Van Lanen for Rocking the Fez! Also, thank you Imperial for making such an offer to all the Shrine Temples!

7. **Kelly Miller Director of Philanthropy** at the Chicago Hospital stopped in at Beja to say Hello. Kelly is vibrant, dedicated and an awesome spokesperson for the Chicago Hospital. Thank you, Kelly, for all that you do! It is greatly appreciated.

8. January 28th - February 1st, It was fun attending the East/West Football Shrine Bowl game along with 2004 P.P. Dennis Korth, Noble Lyle Buettner & Lady Beth. We had a nice time speaking with past Imperial Potentates Sir James Smith 2021, & Sir Kenny Craven 2023. Thank you, Imperial, for all that you do! Keep Rocking the Fez!

Stay informed, Read the <u>Weekly and Monthly</u> Buglers and support the upcoming Beja Shrine events. Thank you, Editor in Chief Noble Gary Fehl, and Coordinator Vicki Cravillion.

**February 29th March 1st & 2nd** Winter MSA Session La Crosse, WI, as always, all **Beja Nobles** are invited to attend this event.

March 8th our very own sold-out Beja Sportsman's Night. Another successful year is in the makings. Rocking the Fez!

**March 15th Tripoli's Sportsman's event**. For information and tickets contact Illustrious Sir Potentate Gerry Arnholt (414) 460-7548.

**March 24th,** We have our very own **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.** Bring the family, your friends and come on down for a delicious Shriner breakfast and don't forget to wear your bunny ears and Rock the Fez with Host 2021 P.P. Ben & Lady Stephanie!

## April - Start thinking Timber Rattler and G.B. Rocker baseball!

**May 4th & 5th** Prepare to volunteer for the Beja Shrine Circus being held at the Resch Center. Last year the Circus donated \$39,000 to Beja! Thank you - now that's Rocking the Fez! Nobles and Ladies did you know by purchasing your Noble Circus tickets, you have the option of reselling them individually to family, friends and neighbors to support the Beja Shrine and did you know: If 300 Nobles purchased their book of 8 tickets that would equal to a \$24,000 profit to the Beja Shrine. So, I challenge you to this: If we get 300 Nobles or 300 books of 8 sold, we will have a special celebration for achieving the \$24,000 profit. Now that's Rocking the Fez!

Relax, Smile, Having Fun Helping Kids. Thank you, Beja, for supporting these events! Fraternally, Ill. Sir Tom Pflugardt Beja Potentate 2024





Happy March Nobles:

BEJA Shriners, Ladies, families, and friends, I pray this message finds you all doing well. Being involved in the Shriners, means we are blessed with our noble cause of changing and improving lives. This work is best accomplished with purity of heart and love for our fellow man.

Please consider what these words mean in your heart and mind. Reach out to those who you feel you may not have enough lately and just say hi. You'll be amazed how much better you'll feel afterwards.

March is an eventful month in which we are reminded of Easter (March 31st). "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Other notable events in March include and are not limited to: Palm Sunday (24th), Ramadan (11th), Holi (25th), St. Patrick's Day (17th), The Ides of March (15th), Good Friday (29th), and March Madness!

The Ides of March is the 74th day in the Roman calendar, corresponding to March 15th. It was marked by several religious observances and was a deadline for settling debts in Rome. In 44 BC, it became notorious as the date of the assassination of Julius Caesar, which made the Ides of March a turning point in Roman history.

On a lighter note, March Madness (a 68-team single elimination NCAA Division I basketball tournament) offers yet another opportunity for fellowship. (Ask our Illustrious Sir, Thomas Pflugardt, for information on picking your brackets)

Here is the schedule for March Madness, 2024, which begins with Selection Sunday on March 17, 2024:

Selection Sunday:	Sunday, March 17
First Four	March 19-20
First round	March 21-22
Second round	March 23-24
Sweet 16	March 28-29
Elite Eight	March 30-31
Final Four	Saturday, April 6
at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, A	Arizona.
NCAA championship game	Monday, April 8
at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, A	Arizona.

#### Let's "ROCK THE FEZ" this month!

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#### We Pray:

Supreme Architect of the Universe, we thank You for the beautiful gift of Your one and only son. We pray for Your help in sustaining and growing our relationships so that we may always be surrounded by mercy, love and peace. Send us Your spirit of joy and understanding so we may always work together to create a robust and lasting bond.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." (1 Peter 1: 1-3, NIV).

#### AMEN

Joke of the Month:

What do you call 10 rabbits marching backward? A receding hareline. (say this joke to our Illustrious Sir, Thomas Pflugardt, for a free meeting raffle ticket)

#### Be Kind, Greg Scanlon , BEJA Chaplain



On Sunday, we decided to check on the jail to prepare for parade season. As we neared Dave's barn, we heard music playing. The jail was keeping time as Dave was leading the group with the oil dipstick waving.

Sitting on the hood was a mouse doing it's own thing. Well at the sight, or should I say the sound, all I could understand was that the parade season is near Hooray, Hooray!! See you on the parade route.

Fraternally, Díck Andres, Chief Kop Theda Andres, Chief Kop Wife andresdt1@att.net or 920-358-7195

## 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. gregIhabeck@gmail.com or 920-371-9050

Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class" JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Greetings all!

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting on March 12th at Mackinaws on the east side of Green Bay. We meet at 5:30pm and will be ordering off the menu. All are welcome to join us.

Fraternally,

Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer greglhabeck@gmail.com or (920) 371-9050

## OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's meeting will be held on February 8th, at Wouter's Front in Suamico (3171 School Ln). Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. We hope to see you there.

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



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Hey! Many people actively participate in numerous necessary plans to bring the circus to Northeast Wisconsin. To those hard-working people "THANK YOU." Much has been done, but much more is required before May 4 & 5, 2024.

In keeping with Potentate Pflugardt's saying "Doing more in 2024" Beja makes changes. Beja with the Resch Center PMI's assistance are doing circus promotions. All profits benefit Beja.

Come, have fun! Everyone please sign up for some hours to work two circus days.

#### Two money makers everyone can participate:

1. Purchase your Noble tickets as soon as you get them.

2. Sell 3 or more quarter page ads or larger ads for our circus program. Ann can supply you with a packet that contains all the details and easy instructions. Remember, your Club or Unit receives 15% of your sales results.

Please, we do need everyone's help in these areas. All Adult Noble tickets allow a child to a free circus entrance with a Bogo ticket. We are ready. We have 40,000 Bogo tickets to deliver to schools and businesses through out Northest Wisconsin. **More ticket delivery drivers volunteers are needed.** Call the Beja office to volunteer (920) 498-1985.

A new 2024 change. Beja is mailing donation request letters to businesses asking for assistance in providing happy kids our high-quality family experience. In short, as our Potentate might say "we are looking for lots of Nobles and Ladies to step up to the "<u>plate</u>" for a successful circus. Step up you are needed. Let's make a great circus!

Fraternally, Dennís Korth P. P. Círcus Chaírman dmkorth@tds.net

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Hello to all! Hope everyone is enjoying the crazy winter weather we all are experiencing. I am sure we are all looking forward to spring soon.

Green Bay Chapter Order of Demolay would like to Congratulate the new State Sweetheart that was elected in February in Milwaukee at Sweetheart weakened. They would also like to congratulate the brothers that received their degrees at Sweetheart Weekend. The boys will be attending "Go to Church Sunday " in the month of March.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters would like all know they are still working forward. They are in the mist of many changes to help accommodate some of their members. As most of you know Hope is having some medical issues. We all wish Hope the best.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage Youth Committee Chairman



Welcome Nobles and Ladies,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Mark's Eastside starting at 11:30am (order off the menu).

#### Fraternally, Greg Scanlon, President Tom Pflugardt, Vice President Dennis Korth, Treasurer

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Greetings from Ajeb Temple No. 156...

I hope everyone is enjoying this mild winter. Ajeb Temple No. 156 presently is "dark" right now...we will officially meet again on Sunday, March 17th, 2024, at 2 PM for our monthly stated meeting. At that time, an election will be held and a new slate of officers will be in place for the coming year.

Installation of the new officers will be held on Sunday, April 7th, 2024, at 2 PM with a dinner following the Installation Ceremony. Our temple is planning our fundraising events for the coming year. Hopefully our 2nd Annual Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Outing will take place in late summer up in Door County. We look forward to engaging in activities that will enable our temple to raise money for Shriners Children's and the Daughters of the Nile Foundation. We appreciate all of you who help support our cause.

Peace, Grace, Love, Terry Schneider, Queen 2023-2024

### INTER-CITY SHRINE CLUB President - Rusty Mitchell



Brat Fry

We have scheduled a Brat Fry For May 3rd and 4th. Please join us for some fun at the New London Walmart

You can visit or help out We have fun!

We are also looking for New

Members and would welcome Shriner's who like to have fun and enjoy great comradery.

Fraternally, Rusty Mitchell Intercity Shrine Club President Phone 715-823-3515 Email address rustymi@charter.net



#### Why Your Membership Program Probably Won't Work

Yesterday I was asked by a friend to provide some material so they could do a short presentation on the value of building relationships with business customers. The lesson they were to provide was that positive relationships built by a business's employees with customers will create a satisfied, long-term customer.

As I was searching my library, (there is tons of stuff on this subject), I begin to think about the three words the Masonic fraternity uses and refers to as "Membership;" Recruitment, Retention, and Restoration.

We have all witnessed a membership program initiated to bring in new members, so it focuses on recruitment. The cry is, "we have to work on membership" or a newly installed officer will say, "my focus this year will be on membership." Some of these recruitment rallying cries have been successful, some have not.

So, much of the time when someone says, "we have to work on membership," you assume they are talking about recruitment. Some recruitment efforts may be successful in the short term, but they don't fare well in the long term.

So why don't they?

It's because they ignore, avoid, or otherwise never deal with the one thing that will make and keep a long-term, engaged member of the fraternity: focusing on building and maintaining a POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP.

By establishing a relationship with the new Mason as quickly as possible, and then nurturing and building on it over time, an almost unbreakable connection is created. Why would someone leave an organization that cares for them, provides for their needs and is truly designed to do what we say we do – make them a better man?

Maybe we all just don't know how to establish relationships. Here is what I gave my friend.

The Seven Bs of Relationship Building – The Fred Factor – Mark Sanborn

1. Be Real – don't try to impress someone by trying to be someone you are not.

2. Be Interested – when you are interested in people you attract appreciation.

3. Be a Better Listener – when you take an interest & listen, people, will share information you can use to create value for them.

4. Be Empathic – by carefully listening, you will better understand how a person feels. This is empathy. The need to be understood is one of the highest human needs.

5. Be Honest – say what you'll do and do what you say. Don't make promises you can't keep.

6. Be Helpful – lots of small things cumulatively make a huge difference.

7. Be Prompt – helping people save time by being prompt & efficient is a gift of great value.

If you want a successful membership program, focus on the most important R-word, Relationships.

If you do, you won't need to recruit – the good word will spread; you won't have to worry about retention – as long as you concentrate on relationship building, who would want to leave; and finally, the need to restore goes away.

Start your new membership program today – start building relationships.

Have a Great Masonic Day! (Borrowed from masonsleadbetter.com)

Your Membership Team





In a significant leap towards enhancing patient care and overall healthcare efficiency, Shriners Children's is gearing up for the Epic Inpatient Roll-Out, scheduled for April 2025. John McFarland, CIO of Shriners Children's, along with a team from HQ and Epic, visited on Feb 1 to strengthen our collaboration and ensure a smooth integration of the Epic Inpatient system. The journey towards this milestone began in 2024, with meticulous data collection and discipline-specific workgroups collaborating to ensure a seamless transition into the Epic system.

Discipline-specific workgroups, including registered nurses (RNs), physicians, and radiology experts, have been actively involved in the preparation process. For instance, the RN group has been diligently evaluating Care Plans, setting the stage for a comprehensive and tailored implementation of the Epic Inpatient system.

Imperial Sir Mark Hartz, Chairman of the Joint Boards Building & Equipment Committee, undertook a security camera assessment in Chicago in January. This initiative aligns with our commitment to ensuring the safety of patients and staff. Contingency capital has been approved for additional lighting, fencing, and gates, underlining our commitment to providing a secure environment for all.

Planning is underway for the installation of the approved 2024 Capital Items, including crucial equipment such as Mini C-Arm, OR Corridor Doors, and MRI/CT machines.

Planning and Business Development is actively recruiting two new market physician liaisons in NW Indiana and Davenport, Iowa. These professionals will play a crucial role in developing and maintaining relationships within the physician community.

Shriners Chicago is maintaining its focus on several key areas:

- Joint Commission follow-up items
- Sterile Processing Equipment
- Operating Room Instrument Documentation
- Strategic Planning, including an Affiliation Matrix with Chicago's Strategic Planning group
- Intake Project for new and established patients,

Shriners Children's Chicago is excited to announce the availability of the 2024 Capital Items for funding. The Donor Development team will be reaching out to individuals, temples, clubs and units for support, emphasizing the crucial role these items play in advancing healthcare services. If you are interested in donating toward a specific item, contact one of the board members. As we march towards an innovative future, the commitment to excellence, safety, and patient-centered care remains at the forefront of Shriners Children's mission.

Shriners Children's Chicago places the highest priority on welcoming new patients. If you are aware of a child who could benefit from the services provided by Shriners Children's, please encourage the child's family to reach out to Shriners Chicago directly at (773) 385-KIDS (5437) or they can call the national referral number at (800) 237-5055. We are here to help and support those in need of our services.

John Sage PP - Member, SC-Chicago Board Gary Fehl - Member, SC-Chicago Board Ben Rodgers PP - Associate Member, SC-Chicago

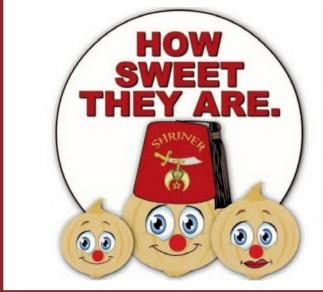
## A MESSAGE FORM BEJA'S CHIEF RABBAN

Nobles and Ladies, thank you for your engagement within our ranks, I am excited to write about some of what is yet to come although I don't actually enjoy writing. I will be reaching out to our divan to discuss where you would like to be in 2025. Plans are being developed to continue some activities we currently enjoy while adding new opportunities for fellowship and fundraisers. Let's talk about your ideas for fellowship or fundraisers. We are preparing for our breakfast with Easter Bunny, Beja Sportsman's Night and our Circus all coming soon.

Fraternally yours, Scott Maxon Chief Rabban Beja 2024



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Thank you, Michael Moen, Onion Chairman Tom Pflugardt , Assistant Chairman

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## Shriners Children's Chicago helps Brady drive toward his racing dreams

The work of the Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) team allows patients like Brady to pursue their passions regardless of obstacles along the way.

Brady, 20, can be seen racing three nights a week in stock car #64. In most ways, Brady is just like any other young adult. But when he was 3, Brady was involved in a lawnmower injury and lost part of his foot. He came to Shriners Children's Chicago as a young teen with a very bowed leg and a foot prosthesis.

Brady had surgery in 2017 when he was 13. They were able to fit Brady with a slightly larger, below-knee prosthetic, which gave him more functional options for a prosthetic foot, allowing him to do the things he enjoys, like racing.



We're here to provide the most AMAZING CARE anywhere for every child with orthopedic needs!



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#### Shriners Children's Chicago

• Pinnacle of Excellence - Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### **Hands-On Training**



Shriners Children's Chicago nurses received hands-on training this month. Our Education and Talent Development Team reviewed the annual nursing skills competencies with our employees. These nursing competencies are important because they verify that the nurse's clinical skills use the most current guidelines for care. Clinical competence influences the well-being of patients, improves the safety and delivery of medical care, and increases the nurse's satisfaction with their work.



Jeff Andersen, PM, Worshipful Master (920) 366-4575

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N.E.W. Daylite 360 is Green Bay's only daytime Lodge. We meet once a month on the second Thursday at 10:00. We always have refreshments following the meeting.

We welcome Brethren from all Lodges. If you work the second or third shift or are at the point in your life where you don't like to drive at night, consider N.E.W. Daylite Lodae!

Brothers, if you need a ride to our meetings, please let us know, and we will ensure that you get to Lodge! We want to see you!

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Fraternally, Gary Fehl



News From Around Shriners Children's

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Shriners Children's 2023 Press Ganey Awards

#### Shriners Children's Boston

• Guardian of Excellence - Patient Experience, Medical Practice

#### Shriners Hospitals for Children Canada

- Guardian of Excellence Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric
- Pinnacle of Excellence Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### Shriners Children's Chicago

• Pinnacle of Excellence - Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### Shriners Children's Ohio

- Guardian of Excellence Patient Experience, Medical Practice
- Pinnacle of Excellence Patient Experience, Ambulatory Surgery

#### Shriners Children's Greenville

- Guardian of Excellence Patient Experience, Medical Practice
- Pinnacle of Excellence Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric
- Pinnacle of Excellence Patient Experience, Ambulatory Surgery

#### Shriners Children's Hawaii

• Guardian of Excellence – Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### Shriners Children's Lexington

Guardian of Excellence – Patient Experience, Medical Practice

#### Shriners Children's Philadelphia

Guardian of Excellence – Patient Experience, Inpatient
 Pediatric

#### Shriners Children's Portland

- Guardian of Excellence Patient Experience, Inpatient
   Pediatric
- Pinnacle of Excellence Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### Shriners Children's St. Louis

• Guardian of Excellence – Patient Experience, Inpatient Pediatric

#### Craig D. McGhee, MPT, MHA, FACHE

Midwest Market Administrator Phone: 773-385-5445 craig.mcghee@shrinenet.org



The Northwoods Shrine Club would like to invite Nobles and Ladies that may be looking to meet other Shriners around the area to enjoy some fellowship and great Northwoods hospitality. Our Northwoods Shrine club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. Below is the 2024 schedule for our club meeting's dates, time, and locations. If you and guest would like to attend any of the clubs events; please contact Noble Bill Jacobs at (715) 891-5574. (Please leave a message if necessary.)

#### Our meeting schedule for the 2024 year: Camels Milk at 5:30pm • Dinner/Meeting at 6:30pm

March 21st, RHINELANDER CAFE 33 N Brown St., Rhinelander, WI

April 20th, NORWOOD PINES 10171 WI 70, Minocqua, WI

May 16th, HEID OUT BAR & GRILL 1298 E Dollar Lake Rd., Eagle River

June 20th, CABARET COVE 1540 Pueblo Drive, Rhinelander, WI

July 20th, PICNIC AT RIVER VIEW PARK, Eagle River Across Hwy 45 from River Stone

August 15th, HOLIDAY ACRES 4060 S Shore Drive, Rhinelander, WI

September 19th, NORWOOD PINES 10171 WI 70, Minocqua, WI

October 17th, KICKBACK GRILL 10171 WI 70, Minocqua, WI <u>November 14th,</u> HILLSIDE RESORT 2474 S Shore Rd., Phelps, WI December 12th, ERIN'S PUB N' GRUB

933 N Railroad St,., Eagle River, WI

January 11th, CHRISTMAS PARTY AT EAGLE WATERS 3958 Eagle Waters Road, Eagle River, WI

Fraternally, Bob Smith, President 715-360-2390

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## Message From The Beja Treasurer

At the September stated meeting, Potentate Sylvester led a town hall style discussion on the potential need for a dues increase. At the January stated meeting, detailed financial information was distributed to the nobility followed by a general discussion led by CR Scott Maxon. The discussion revolved around several areas:

1. The last dues increase took place in 2016.

2. The Divan, Recorder and Office administrator have done well keeping costs in line except in two areas out of their control:

- a) Since 2016, annual insurance premiums have increased by \$8,200.00.
- b) Since 2016, annual cost of living adjustments for the office administrator has increased by \$6,500.00.
- c) These increases cannot be offset by decreases in other areas.

At the completion of the discussion, a motion was made to increase dues by \$16.00 per year. The proposed increase would raise the Beja portion of the dues from \$49.00 to \$65.00 which is in line or lower than other Shrines in our geographic area.

To remain in compliance with our by-laws, the proposed increase could not be voted on at the January meeting causing the motion to be carried over to the April 3rd stated meeting. This will allow all the nobility to have a chance to participate in this important vote.

Fraternally, Brad Ottum, P.P.

### CONSIDER ADVERTISING IN THE BEJA BUGLER!

Shriners and friends! If you own a business your company should consider advertising in the Beja Bugler. It reaches all Beja Nobles in the state of Wisconsin and we offer very attractive rates.

If your interested, contact Ann in the Beja office (920) 498-1985 or email bejashrine@new.rr.com.



At the January stated meeting, a motion was made and seconded to raise the Beja portion of our annual dues by \$16. In accordance with the Beja bylaws, this motion was held over by our Potentate Jake Sylvester until the next stated meeting. In our case this item will be taken up under old business at our April closed meeting.

The vote will be taken after a period of discussion called for by our Potentate Thomas Pflugardt. The vote is a majority vote by those members present who are current on their 2024 dues and qualified to cast a vote. The vote will be conducted by a ballot as requested for by the divan when this item was discussed during their divan meeting discussing the item of dues increase.

All members of Beja will be receiving a letter by mail identifying the motion, voting process, and the information as requested by members regarding the numbers supporting the dues increase numbers. This mailed notice is required by our bylaws when proposing a dues increase to provide proper notice to all Beja members.

Please read the article from our Treasurer in this edition of our Bugler, which outlines the numbers and information which was used to base the proposal for dues increase of the Beja portion of your annual dues.

I encourage you to attend our April stated meeting and ask questions for clarification before this critical important vote.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally, Gene Reece, Beja Shrine Recorder

# Coming to Shriners was the best move we've ever made



According to an early prognosis, six-year-old MiKenli was never supposed to walk or use her arms. But thanks to her loving family, her team at Shriners Children's and people like YOU, MiKenli is making incredible strides. Meet MiKenli.

See the story at: https://bityl.co/Niim



As a result of the resignation of Past Potentate Mike Belanger as a Trustee, there currently exist a vacancy in the Trustee position. A special election will be held under new business at the April stated meeting.

Candidates will be placed on the ballot with nominations being taken at the April meeting. A written ballot will be held and the candidate who receives over 50% of total votes cast based on the number of voting members present will be elected. Candidates for the Trustee position must be in good standing. The special election will fill the remaining term of 2024-2025. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally, Gene Reece, Beja Shrine Recorder



Calling all Nobles,

We would like to thank the Mayor's of Appleton and Green Bay for making a proclamation of support for Burn Awareness Week on February 4th - February 10th.

The Stop Burn Injuries unit is always looking for new members. To find out more about our unit, contact me at jaylori60@yahoo.com.

Our unit is also looking for Nobles to assist in handing out Burn Prevention books at the Circus as people leave after each show. Please consider helping us. We could use about 15 people after each show. Ladies are also welcome to help. Thank you in advance.





3/2, Mark Behr
3/4, James Ray
3/8, David Schmidt
3/9, Richard Hannemann
3/9, Nic Schuh
3/10, Lynn Aude
3/11, Jay Hull
3/11, Dennis Korth
3/14, Richard Moore
3/15, Franklin Cornelius
3/15, Chris Young

3/17, Fred Beyer

- 3/20, Rusty Mitchell 3/21, Richard Chernick 3/21, Bob Dionne 3/22, Kyle Grahn 3/24, Todd Grunewald
- 3/26, Dan Booth

3/18, Sam Young

- 3/26, Herman Pottratz
- 3/28, Brad Schlosstein 3/31, John Tulenko





Zor Shriners will be hosting the 2024 Midwest Shrine Association



Summer Session in La Crosse, WI August 7th – 10th, 2024.





31 DAYS TO AMAZE: YEAR IN REVIEW

Thank you to all our partners who made 31 Days to Amaze a success in 2023. Over 115 businesses helped raise funds in support of Shriners Children's. Read more about the campaign and learn how you can participate this year. Learn more at <u>https://bityl.co/NiiG</u>

## Put The FUN In Fundraising

Are you looking for a fun way to help Shriners Children's send Love to the rescue this year? We've got you covered. In just a few simple steps, you



can support an existing campaign or set up your own to offer life-changing support in 2024.

Start Sending Love Today! Start here: <u>https://bityl.co/Niiv</u> Join us on March 8th, 2024 Sport Related Raffles, Silent Auctions, Dinner and Drinks! GUN RAFFLES • STEAK DINNER • OPEN BAR

### Attend The Event Doors open at 6:00pm • VIP at 5:00pm 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin 54303 These options include entry to the event.

For more information call Beja Sportsman's Committee (920) 585-0994 or purchase online at BEJASPORTSNIGHT.COM

#### **DINNER TICKET \$85**

One seat at the table. Entry at 6:00 PM. You can upgrade to VIP for additional \$15

#### **BRONZE TABLE \$1,000**

6 VIP Dinner Tickets, 1 Table Gun, 6 Door Prize Tickets, Program Mention

#### SILVER TABLE \$1,600

8 VIP Dinner Tickets, 8 Super Saver Packages, 1 Table Guns, 8 Door Prize Tickets, Program Mention

#### **GOLD TABLE \$2,500**

8 VIP Dinner Tickets, 8 Super Saver Packages, 2 Table Guns, 8 Door Prize Tickets, 8 Table Prizes, Program Mention, Banner in Main Hall

#### **PLATINUM TABLE \$4,000**

8 VIP Dinner Tickets, 16 Super Saver Packages, 4 Table Guns, 8 Door Prize Tickets, 8 Table Prizes, Program Mention, Banner in Main Hall

#### RAFFLES

Pre-Purchase your tickets to some of the raffles at the event. Super Saver Raffle Package \$80 Tickets to 5 Raffles for the Price of 4!

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Help us support us by advertising at the event

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You'll be everyone's favorite person if you sponsor the Bar! Banner with your name/business at the Bar!

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Your support of a gun or other event board will "shoot" to the top with a banner

#### **Sponsor the Silent Auction \$250**

Support the silent auction and your banner will silently attest to your support

#### Sponsor the Program \$100

Advertise in the program and show your support

About Us - Beja Shrine is a 501c10 Fraternal Organization. We are devoted to fun and fellowship. Proceeds from this Shrine activity benefit the Beja Shriners operations only. They do not benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children

Purchase Tickets At: bejasportsnight.com

## March 2024

## Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> WINTER MSA 11:30am GB Women 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	2 WINTER MSA
3 1:00pm Job's Daughters	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	5 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	<b>6</b> Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	7:00 pm Washington Lodge	8 Beja's Sportsman Night 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	9
<b>10</b> <i>DayLIGHT</i> <i>SAVINGS BEGINS</i> April Bugler Articles are Due Today	11	5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	<b>13</b> 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	<b>14</b> 10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	16 New Dublin Parade
<b>17</b> Happy St. Datrick's Day 2:00pm Job's Daughters	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Roosevelt	20 1:00 pm Daughters of the Nile 5:30pm Scottish Rite	21 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	22 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30am	23
24 BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY 31 Easter Surday	25 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots Meeting	26 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	27 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	28 6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City meeting 7:00pm Palestine	29 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Greed Friday	30





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April 17th - Timber Rattlers Game April 27th - Beja Spring Ceremonial

### May 2024

May 1st - Beja open meeting (speaker WBAY) May 4-5th - Beja Shrine Circus at Resch Center May 24th - Green Bay Blizzard Football at Resch Center

**April 2024** April 3rd - Beja closed meeting

March 1st - Winter MSA - La Crosse, WI March 16th - New Dublin Parade March 24th - Breakfast with Easter Bunny at Beja

March 8th - Beja Sportsmans Night March 15th - Tripoli Sportsmans Night, Milwaukee

**UPCOMING 2024 ACTIVITIES** 

## For More Details: www.bejashriners.com

## February 2024

Feb 29th - Winter MSA - La Crosse, WI

### **March 2024**

March 6th - Beja open meeting (speakers from Valley Eye Assoc.)



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March 10th, 2024

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