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Breakfast

Hosted by the Beja Shriners

With The Easter Bunny

Join Us On Sunday,
April 12th, 2025 From 8:30am-11:00am
At Beja Shrine Center
1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

**The Circus Is
Coming To Town!!
MAY 17 & 18th
2025**



Join us on Saturday, March 1st
**BEJA'S WATERFALL WALK AT
FONFEREK'S GLEN BROWN COUNTY PARK**

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Floyd L. Meyer*	1986	Jim Slezak	2006
John R. Martinez*	1987	Kent Pauli	2007
Hobart De Caster *	1988	D. Eugene Badgley *	2008
Donald C. Wiggins *	1989	Bradley Ottum	2009
Bruce J. Carlton *	1990	Edward "Rusty" Mitchell	2010
Charles Awen*	1991	Gary Shriver	2011
Donald P. Doherty *	1992	Dave Oshefsky	2012
Robert Squires *	1993	John Sage	2013
William Asmus *	1994	Nick Brosig	2014
A. Wayne Paschke *	1995	Kent Pauli	2015
Archie H. Mauk*	1996	Eugene Reece	2016
Peter R. Scheinert	1997	Greg Habeck	2017
John Ottum M.D.*	1998	Clint Compton	2018
Donald Badgley	1999	Mike Belanger	2019
Denis E. Bay*	2000	James VanDeHey	2020
G.W. "Jerry" Capelle	2001	Benjamin Rodgers	2021
Fred Beyer	2002	John Van Lanen	2022
John M. Derenne *	2003	Jacob Sylvester	2023
Dennis Korth	2004	Thomas Pflugardt	2024
William "Bill" Wenzell *	2005		

* Deceased

Important Reminder: Submitting Articles to the Beja Bugler

Hello Contributors,

This is a friendly reminder regarding article submissions for the Beja Bugler. We've recently encountered some challenges that have affected our publishing schedule, and we need your help to keep things running smoothly.

Please keep the following in mind:

• **Submission Deadline:** All articles must be received by the 10th of each month—not just sent on that day. Please plan accordingly to avoid delays.

• **Avoid Duplicate Topics:** Before submitting, check with fellow contributors to ensure your topic hasn't already been covered. This helps us maintain a diverse range of content.

• **Accepted File Formats:** To ensure easy editing and compatibility, please submit your articles as **Microsoft Word (doc/docx) files, PDF or simply type it as the body content of your email.** Other formats will not be accepted. If you wish to submit photos or images, please attach the original image.

• **Proactive Submissions:** The publisher shouldn't have to chase down articles. Your timely contributions keep the Beja Bugler informative and engaging—please submit on time!

• **Event Submissions:** Your article submissions should answer the 5 W's: **Who, What, Where, When and Why.**

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. We appreciate your contributions and look forward to your submissions.

Gary Fehl

Beja Marketing Director

Editor-in-Chief, Beja Bugler

Beja Bugler Articles

Please submit your articles to:

vickic93@centurytel.net

Articles are due on the 10th of each month

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electronically and placed on
Beja's website.

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings, Everyone!

Thank you for engaging with our publications and our fraternity. I am truly honored and blessed to serve as the Potentate for Beja in 2025. As we embrace our theme, "Coming Alive in '25," I want to express my sincere gratitude for the strong attendance at our February meeting. For those

who couldn't make it, we had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Morris, who provided an excellent program highlighting some of the vital support our fraternity offers within our hospital system.

I'm looking forward to upcoming events and seeing more Nobles and their families join us for fun and fellowship. Whether it's enjoying shared interests or exploring new opportunities, let's continue to grow together. This brings us to our current battle cry: "We've never done that before!"

As we prepare for the 2025 Beja Shrine Circus, we are finalizing Noble tickets (Daddy Books), which serve as a key fundraising component for the event. I encourage all Nobles to support this effort by purchasing tickets and helping us showcase our commitment to our mission—helping kids.

Our March meeting promises to be a great time, with the Hillbillies preparing a delicious meal (vittles) and live music for entertainment.

Also, would anyone be interested in a scheduled Breakfast with the Potentate on select Mondays at Beja? If there's enough interest, let's make it happen!

Additionally, Fez Red Beja winter hats are now available for purchase—\$20 each, with or without a tassel.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

*Fraternallly, Ill. Sir Scott Maxon
Beja Shrine Potentate 2025*



Announcing the Super Bugler - The Annual Printed Edition of the Beja Bugler!

Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of Beja,
Exciting news! The April edition of the Beja Bugler will be our **Super Bugler**—our special annual printed issue that reaches every member. This is your opportunity to **showcase your club, unit, or group** and let everyone know what you do, why you do it, and how others can get involved.

We are calling on all **clubs, units, and affiliated organizations** to submit articles that highlight your group's mission, activities, and **upcoming events**. This is the perfect chance to promote membership, encourage participation, and build excitement for the year ahead.

What to Include in Your Article:

- A brief history or purpose of your club/unit
- Recent accomplishments or activities
- A calendar of upcoming events
- A call to action-how members can join or support your group

Let's make the Super Bugler the **best edition yet** by sharing the amazing work being done throughout Beja!

📧 **Submit your articles by March 10th** to ensure inclusion in the Super Bugler. Send submissions to vickic93@centurytel.net

Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

On Tuesday, March 11th we will be meeting at the Club Chalet located at 4642 Nicolet Dr, Green Bay, WI 54311 off of Highway 57 north Green Bay. Meet at 5:00pm and eat shortly after.

Everyone is welcome. Just let me know if you will be joining us.

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

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April 12th, 2025 From 8:30am-11:00am
 At Beja Shrine Center
 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

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.

Breakfast includes:

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

\$8.00 for adults
 \$5.00 for children 3-12
 2 and under are free



Rose Parade Highlights



Although Shriners Children's has participated in the Rose Parade for 14 years, 2025 was special as our ADA-compliant float, Hope Shines On, was the grand finale of the procession. Float riders included International Patient Ambassadors Paige and Grayson, patients (and fan favorites from our television spots) Alec and Kaleb, Shriners Children's and Shriners International leadership, and other special guests.

Our float received the judges' Queen's Award for the most outstanding presentation of roses, which is a testament to our 400+ volunteers' more than 110 hours of labor.

Shriners Children's Signature Sporting Events



Shriners Children's Clearwater Invitational will be held at Eddie C. Moore Complex, February 13-16 and will host a total of 40 women's college softball games. The 16-team field features 14 teams that qualified for the 2024 NCAA Tournament, including three teams that advanced to the

Women's College World Series. Shriners Children's patients will be in attendance to throw out the first pitch and to share their stories of hope and healing. Watch the games on ESPN Networks.



The 2025 Shriners Children's College Showdown will take place February 14-16 and feature six teams – Arizona, Clemson, Louisville, Oklahoma State, Ole Miss and Texas. The event kicks off 2025 college baseball season. Home Plate

Reserved premium tickets and general admission tickets are on sale now. Following the Showdown, Globe Life Field will host two weekends of the College Baseball Series benefiting Shriners Children's, plus mid-week games. Stream the games through FloSports



The NASCAR Cup Series Shriners Children's 500 will take place Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. MT, at Phoenix Raceway in Avondale, Arizona. Discounted tickets are available for members of

the military, first responders and educators (verification required). Watch on television on FS1 or listen on MRN (Motor Racing Network). Shriners Children's patients will make special guest appearances at the event.

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Get ready! The circus is returning to the Resch Center on May 17th and 18th, 2025! We need everyone's help to make it a success.

The Circus Committee has been working hard with Brett Carden to prepare, and now we need your support. Here's how you can help:

- Sell Ads: This is our biggest need! Pick up an ad packet at the office or contact Mike Moen to start selling.
- Volunteer at the Circus: We'll need everyone's help on May 17th and 18th for ushering and other duties.
- Support the Noble Ticket (Daddy Book) Campaign: Watch your mailboxes for the Noble tickets. This is an easy way to contribute! You can send in money, return the books for donation, or do both. It's a small effort that makes a big difference.

Keep an eye on your mailbox for the Noble Books – they'll be arriving soon!

Thanks,
The 2025 Circus Committee



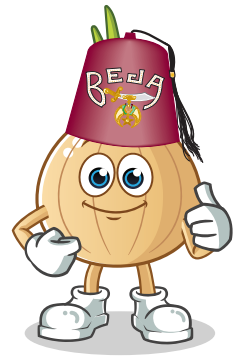
Shining Masonic Light in Tittletown! Green Bay's only Daylight Lodge! Perfect for those working nights or enjoying retirement. Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Beja Shrine Lodge room (except July & August) at 10:00 AM. All Masons welcome to experience our fellowship. Come see what we're all about!



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

TIME TO SELL SOME ONIONS



The Vidalia Onion Season Is Upon Us Again. You are all encouraged to participate in the onion sale program. Best of all, there is no price increase! For each bag of onions, you sell, your club or unit will receive a \$2.00 commission. This is a fantastic way to help your unit!

Regular Size

- 10# Bag -- \$12.00
- 40# Box -- \$40.00

Jumbo Size

- 10# Bag -- \$13.00
- 40# Box -- \$45.00

All orders should be in by April 15th for delivery during the first or second week of May. The harvest depends on the growing and harvesting conditions in Georgia. Turn in your orders to Ann or me.

Pay when you pick them up from the Shrine.
Checks payable to: Beja Shriners

Good luck, have fun, and get Gear'd Up For Our Kids!! Support Potentate Scott in this fundraising project.

I am working on Vidalia Onion salad dressing to sell as well. We had a taste last year and it is fantastic. More information when I have those prices!

MICHAEL MOEN, Onion Sales Chairman
920-508-0606, bejaonions@yahoo.com

Thank you,

Michael Moen

MICHAEL MOEN, ONION CHAIR.
920-508-0606
BEJAONIONS@YAHOO.COM

MESSAGE FROM THE BEJA TRUSTEES

The trustees are asking all Past Potentates and Past Officers to return their keys to the Shrine Center to Ann, so they can be accounted for. If you still need access to the building see Jeff Andersen for a replacement fob.

Fraternally,
Jay Andres , Beja Trustees Chairman

Sweet and Ready to Eat.....

SWEET VIDALIA ONIONS

A new year has come upon us again and it is time to start thinking about onion sales. The onions are planted and if they keep on growing like they are, they should be ready this spring. Remember, this is an agricultural product, so the availability of the onions is all dependent on Mother Nature. Onions sell in various size bags. They are delicious and if taken care of properly will last for months.

Pre-selling onions is easy to do, you can put up a flyer at a local business, your church, they sell themselves. By pre-selling you help us as well in making sure we cover your orders. Simply print this page or order form flyers are available at the Beja Office. Please contact Ann at 920-498-1985 to get yours today.



We ask that all pre-sold flyer/orders be turned in by April 15th so we can make sure we cover all our pre-sold orders. Onions not purchased through pre-sold orders will be sold on a first come first serve basis so pre-orders confirm your onion availability. Remember, when you buy a bag for yourself take 4 more to sell to your friends and neighbors. A great way to help. Remember, \$2 of every bag sold goes directly to the club or unit of your choice. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Beja (920) 498-1985.

Pre-Order Today Before They Are Gone!

Make checks payable to: Beja Shrine Temple

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Regular 10 POUNDS - \$12 BUCKS
Regular 40 POUNDS - \$40 BUCKS

Jumbo 10 POUNDS - \$13 BUCKS
Jumbo 40 POUNDS - \$45 BUCKS

PROCEEDS FROM THIS SHRINE ACTIVITY BENEFIT THE BEJA SHRINERS OPERATIONS ONLY. THEY DO NOT BENEFIT THE SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN.

Calling All Beja Nobles Who Are Past Masters!

Are you a Past Master seeking a new and meaningful way to contribute to our fraternity? Beja Shrine is exploring an exciting opportunity to bring together our most experienced brethren to form a dedicated Past Masters Unit. This initiative will focus on mentorship, ritual excellence, and fostering Masonic education across our lodges and districts.

Our Vision

The goal of this unit is to:

- **Create a Fellowcraft Degree Team:** Assemble a skilled and experienced group of Past Masters to deliver high-quality and inspiring Fellowcraft Degree presentations.
- **Support Local Lodges:** Offer our services to lodges in need of assistance with degree work, enhancing their ability to advance brothers with dignity and precision.
- **Provide Mentorship:** Share your knowledge with new Masons, helping them deepen their understanding of the Craft and its lessons.
- **Promote Fellowship:** Strengthen the bonds among Past Masters by working together in a shared endeavor.

Why the Fellowcraft Degree?

The Fellowcraft Degree represents the advancement of a Mason's journey and emphasizes knowledge, understanding, and the pursuit of enlightenment. By focusing on this degree, we can ensure that our candidates experience a memorable and inspiring transition, strengthening their connection to the Craft.

Strength in Numbers

To make this vision a reality, we need to ensure that we have enough participants to cover every position in the degree team, with backups for each role. This will allow us to always be ready when called upon, ensuring reliability and flexibility for the lodges we serve. By building a deep roster of committed Past Masters, we can guarantee that our team is available to assist whenever and wherever we are needed.

Why Join the Past Masters Unit?

- **Preserve Our Ritual Traditions:** Play a vital role in ensuring that the foundational rituals of Freemasonry are passed down with care and excellence.
- **Inspire the Next Generation:** Leave a lasting impact on new Masons by helping them begin their journey on a strong and meaningful footing.
- **Give Back:** Use your experience to strengthen and grow the fraternity we all hold dear.

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- **Build Fellowship:** Collaborate with other Past Masters in a spirit of camaraderie and shared purpose.

Interested?

If this idea excites you and you'd like to learn more, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact W Brother Gary Fehl, garyfehl@gmail.com, (920) 562-8086 or speak with him at the next meeting.

This is your chance to share your knowledge, enhance the Craft, and work together with like-minded brethren to ensure the future of Freemasonry remains strong and vibrant. Let's make this vision a reality—together!



WGA4KIDS Beja Shrine Chapter

I would like to thank all of our members who volunteered at the Rascal Flats concert on February 28th. This was a fun event, and we made money for our great cause. I also want to thank our members who volunteered working a wedding event at the Manawa Masonic Center. Between the money paid for volunteering by the Lodge as well as the donation from the family, we made \$1140 for our WGA4Kids fund.

Our next regular meeting will be held at the Beja Shrine Center on Saturday March 29th at 9:30. Our meetings are approximately one hour. We discuss current issues as well as fund raising opportunities. A group of us will be attending the annual WGA4KIDS meeting in the Twin Cities on April 27 and 28th. Tours of the clinic will be held on the 27th and the general meeting and banquet on the 28th. This is open to all members to attend. If you are interested, please give me a call at 920-585-0993.

WGA4KIDS - Beja Chapter will be cooking dinner for the Beja open meeting in June. This is the same night as our annual Beja Cake and Pie auction. Dinner will be a picnic style event. If you are interested in helping us out for dinner, please let me know.

Membership in WGA4KIDS - Beja Chapter is open to all who are interested. You do not need to be a Shriner or a member of a Shriners family to participate. Membership is open to both Men and Women. Annual dues to be a member are \$10per year.

For more information about our club, please feel free to reach out to me.

*Sincerely,
Dawn Reece
President WGA4KIDS-Beja Chapter*



Beja Nobles, Ladies and Guests,
The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday at Mark's Eastside 11:30am. Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 28th.



The Beja Appleton Shrine Club was represented at the 100th East-West Shrine Bowl football game held January 30th, 2025 at the AT&T Stadium located in Arlington, Texas home of the Dallas Cowboys. Dennis Korth. P.P. and Tom

Pflugardt, P.P. attended the game. The pregame festivities were unforgettable and the all you can eat buffet was the best we ever had and our seats were located on the 50-yard line.

This game brings together the best college football players to show off their skills in front of NFL scouts, coaches, and executives from all 32 teams.

The Hall of Fame Banquet was well attended. Congratulations to the newly elected Hall of Fame Induction of Jane Slater NFL Network, Eddie George 1996 East-West Shrine Bowl (Ohio State) and Andrew Whitworth 2006 East-West Shrine Bowl (LSU).



Pictured above (L-R) Illustrious Sir Tom Pflugardt P.P., Imperial Potentate / CEO Richard Burke, Illustrious Sir Dennis Korth P.P.

A big thank you to the dedicated Imperial staff, members and employees who work so hard making the East – West Shrine Bowl a success each year. Imperial Sir Matt Sturlaugson from El Zagal Shrine Temple Fargo, ND is the Game Committee Chairman.

Fraternally,
Tom Pflugardt P.P., President
Noble Lyle Buettner, VP
Dennis Korth P.P., Secretary/Treasurer

Attention all funny people this is your next and final reminder of our upcoming meeting which will happen before the April Stated Beja Meeting, please mark your calendars now and plan to attend as we will be able to discuss Emeritus status for our very own Jimbo and also discuss the upcoming year, such as parades and other events we can do to keep the clowns in the light of the shrine and let the nobility know we aren't just Circus clowns, even though that is our biggest event we can and hopefully will be able to do other events this summer and fall as well.

I have been working diligently with our Circus committee in hopes of having a great circus year this year, with that said I would like to also get any photos anyone has from other circuses that we may be able to turn into a coloring page this year in the program which would also give us a great autograph page as well as the clowns usually autograph several programs over the course of the shows.

If any of you have any suggestions of things you would like to do this year, or opportunities we may be missing out on please bring them with you to the meeting being held before the stated April meeting so we can get the info on the books and maybe on the calendar.

I would also like to let everyone know we do now have a moveable wardrobe in the unit building which i intend to supply with clown apparel and accessories to be loaned out as needed so if you have extra items you would like to donate please get them to me and I will get them into the wardrobe and If anyone needs anything to change up their look or add to it lets let them know of this so we can maybe get more clowns active and not cost a lot to do so.

As we continue into 2025 Geared up for our Kids please keep smiling and clownin around.

*Clowing around for Beja,
Pokey The Clown*

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The jail is coming out of storage, our Kops outfits out of the moth balls and the Kops are stretching their muscles preparing for our first 2025 parade.

The Krazy Kops will be parading in New Dublin (New London) on Saturday, March 22nd at their annual St. Patrick's Day parade. This is a civic parade and permission has been obtained to allow non Shriners and family members to ride in the jail. Help us entertain the crowd and promote Beja Shriners and Shriners Children's. Kops will be distributing burn prevention coloring books to the kids in the crowd.

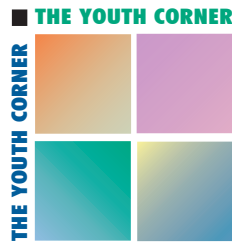
Shriners who want to join us In the parade, we have extra Kop suits for you to join in. We also have a few convict suits for those who want to be on the wild side.

It's a great opportunity for fun and fellowship. An after parade oasis will be held at the home of our Assistant Chief, Gene Reece, Irish stew, and soda bread will be on the menu. N4706 Kettner Rd, Shiocton, WI. All those Beja unit members and family members parading in New Dublin are invited to join us at the oasis. Please RSVP to Gene at greecejr@aol.com or 920-585-0994 so we have enough food. Let's have fun helping kids.

*Fraternally,
Eugene Reece, Asst. Chief*

All Beja Shriners and their families, Krazy Kops is one of the oldest, if not the oldest units in Beja. I can remember way back when the entertainment they provided for a Star reception for Carla Badgley where Dick Andres and his dog sang a duet. The Krazy Kops were the entertainment for P.P. Bill Wenzell's Wife Gwen. The memories of "arresting" many from those watching the parade was a BIG thing. The cry of "here comes the jail" was loud. So many memories with so many Beja Shriners. Now here we are looking at a summer of parades with very few dedicated Beja Shriners on our roster. It has been so hard to lose dedicated Kops, Dale, Dick, Bill, Todd and others, so using the Uncle Sam commercial WE NEED YOU! Families are now part of the unit as they ride in the jail and help the walkers. More Beja Shriners are needed to ride on the jail, walk with the jail and be Krazy Kops. Be proud to show you are Beja Shriners and contact Assistant Chief Gene Reece and let him know you can help at a couple parades.

*Sincerely,
Theda Andres, Krazy Kop Queen*



Hello and welcome to the official middle of winter. I'm sure by now, even though it is just hitting us now, we are all tired of the snow. I look forward to spring in the changing of seasons.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to welcome some of the new State Officers. In February, one of the state activities was the Sweetheart Weekend held down in the Wisconsin Dells. At this event the state elected a new State Sweetheart. The other event for Green Bay Chapter was the formal full degrees performed for members and Squire members, which Green Bay Chapter has a new Squire member. A big congratulations to Rodger. Please look forward to other new events that the chapter will be participating in along with some upcoming fundraisers.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters is also in a time of change. They are looking for help from anyone who would like to step in. Please see an advisor and ask questions on how you can help.

As always, thank you for all you do for the youth. And however, you can support them. Thank you.

*Fraternally,
Charles Clarage
Youth Committee Chairman*



**STOP BURN
INJURIES**

The Stop Burn Injuries Unit is gearing up for the parade season to distribute educational materials to the Public. Thank you to Gary Fehl and Gene Reece for doing Facebook posts with Stop Burn Injuries information. Thank you for the support of the Mayors of Green Bay and Appleton for making proclamations about Burn Awareness Week in their cities. We are always looking for members to join our group in the battle to stop burn injuries.

*Fraternally, Jay Andres
Beja Stop Burn Injuries Chair
jaylori60@yahoo.com*

**ANNOUNCING A ONE-DAY
WISCONSIN STATEWIDE
Shrine Ceremonial**



The newly installed Potentate's of the Wisconsin Shrines;

BEJA, TRIPOLI AND ZOR

**Are excited to announce a Statewide Ceremonial
to occur May 17th, 2025**

At the Holiday Inn

Stevens Point Convention Center

Address: 1001 Amber Ave, Stevens Point, WI 54482

Phone: (715) 344-0200

This exiting weekend will begin on Friday evening with a "Get to Know You" " Wisconsin Tailgate Dinner" with a cash bar. Entertainment will be typical Tailgate Games to encourage some friendly competition. The evening will conclude with Shrine hospitality.

Saturday morning you may enjoy breakfast on your own. Candidates and their families are all invited Saturday morning to see the Statewide Ceremonial, commencing with Opening of the Temple by a joint Divan. Beja, Tripoli and Zor's Directors Staffs/Ritualistic Divans/Nexgen will then present the Wisconsin Ceremonial, a collection of the Arch and Knickerbocker Degrees along with the 1st section then ending with Shriners' , Ol' Red Fez, and Fezzing Ceremony. There will be an intermission for lunch. Both a men's and ladies' luncheons will be available. Saturday evening we will honor Illustrious Sirs Scott Maxon - Beja, Alan Soriano Tripoli and Brian Dunham – Zor with a Potentates Black-n-White Ball.

A block of rooms has been reserved in the Holiday Inn. The room rate is \$129 + Taxes. Guests are encouraged to book their reservations online 24 hours a day by using the following link: Zor Shriners 2025 Ceremonial. When making reservations, you are asked to reference the group name for Zor Shriners 2025 Ceremonial and the Group Block Code: ZOR. The room block will be available April 15, 2025.

Each attendee must complete an on-line order vi Ticket-Spice for meals. **See Next page for reservation forms.**

**AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156
DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE**



Mariellen Haen, Queen

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Sarah Mobroten, PQ

ajejbtempleno156@gmail.com

Mary Habeck, Princess Banker

Mhhabeck@gmail.com

Greetings to all our Princesses. I hope you are enjoying the winter, wherever you are. Some are loving the snow and winter landscapes, some in the sunny south. Wherever we are in the world, let's keep promoting our mission. The Shriners's KIDS!!

The February Beja open shrine meeting was attended by a good number of our members. Dinner was provided by the Inner City Shrine Club, and served by the Demoly. We listened to Dr. David Morris, Chief of Plastic Surgery at Shriners Children's Chicago. So interesting, and informative. Great work being done with our KIDS. Thank you to our Shriners for having an open meeting so that the Ladies feel welcome. We appreciate it.

Our Take A Jab committee had a fun afternoon for us. We had guests, members, games and food. That means that we all had a great time! Thank you to all who made the afternoon a success.

Please mark your calendar for March 23, 2025, 1950 Bond St, Green Bay, WI. Our AJEB meeting will be at 1:30, and I hope to see a great turnout. We will have some business to take care of, and some friends to welcome back.

September 6, 2025 is our Annual Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Scramble. We have flyers, and handouts advertising our golf outing. Please get in touch with anyone on the committee if you are willing to post some flyers, and hand out information to golfers and businesses. We are hoping to double the amount this year that we give to the Foundation. Plus, we are ready to register golfers. Hole sponsors availability, so we need to fill it. Let's rock this fundraiser!

Please consider being installed as an officer for the upcoming term. Belonging to this organization dedicated to helping Shriners Kids is so rewarding. We need officers, and it is a privilege to be in service with all of you. Thank you for prayerfully considering serving.

Upcoming dates : March 23rd Stated Session
April 13th Stated Session
May 3rd Take A Jab (hint...giddy up horsey!)
May 17th -18th Shrine Circus

Nile Love, Mariellen Haen, Queen

Reservations & Meal Selections



Noble Name: _____

Lady / Guest: _____

Children Names & Ages:

(Name Badge will be made from the spellings you provide above.)

Cell Phone No: (_____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

Friday, May 16th 2025

Wisconsin Picnic Buffet No. _____ @ \$ 36 = \$ _____

Child's Meal (4-10 yrs) No. _____ @ \$ 20 = \$ _____ (select below)

Select 1 per Child: _____ Chicken Fingers or _____ Mac & Cheese

Saturday, May 17th 2025

Men's Lunch Buffet No. _____ @ \$ 36 = \$ _____
Soup and Sandwich Buffet

Ladies Lunch No. _____ @ \$ 28 = \$ _____
Raspberry Chicken Salad Plated

Child's Meal (4-10 yrs) No. _____ @ \$ 20 = \$ _____ (select below)

Select 1 per Child: _____ Chicken Fingers or _____ Mac & Cheese

Banquet (Includes Desert)

Chicken Cordon Bleu No. _____ @ \$ 49 = \$ _____

Salmon w/Dill Sauce No. _____ @ \$ 49 = \$ _____

Pork Ribeye No. _____ @ \$ 49 = \$ _____

Child's Meal (4-10 yrs) No. _____ @ \$ 20 = \$ _____ (select below)

Select 1 per Child: _____ Chicken Fingers or _____ Mac & Cheese

LATE FEE* - - - - - No. _____ @ \$ 20 = \$ _____

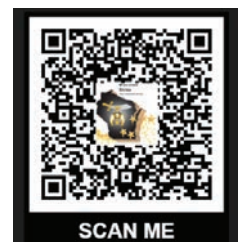
*\$ 20 per person for meal reservations made after May 1st, 2025

TOTAL DUE - - \$ _____

Meal Reservation Deadline: May 1st, 2025

Make Checks Payable to: Beja Shrine

Mail Meal Reservations to: 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303



Special Dietary Needs: Contact Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985

<https://msa24.ticketspice.com/wisconsin-shriners-ceremonial-and-black-and-white-ball>

The password is: JointCeremonial



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| 3/4, Ray, James | 3/18, Clabots, Stephen |
| 3/6, Dey, Kurt | 3/20, Mikich, Arden |
| 3/8, Schmidt, David | 3/20, Mitchell, Edward |
| 3/9, Hannemann, Richard | 3/21, Chernick, Richard |
| 3/9, Schuh, Nicholas | 3/22, Grahn, Kyle |
| 3/10, Aude, Lynn | 3/24, Grunewald, Todd |
| 3/10, Voight, Dale | 3/26, Booth, Daniel |
| 3/11, Hull, Jay | 3/26, Pottratz, Herman |
| 3/11, Korth, Dennis | 3/26, Vollrath, Thomas |
| 3/14, Moore, Richard | 3/28, Schlosstein, Bradley |
| 3/15, Cornelius, Franklin | 3/31, Tulenko, Jr., John |
| 3/15, Young, Christopher | |

Beja Shrine
MENU

MARCH
MEETING MENU

Hillbillies will be preparing a delicious meal (vittles). BBQ Pulled Pork, BBQ Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Corn Bread, Coleslaw, Navy Beans with Ham, and Dessert will be a Sunday Bar.

\$20.00 per person

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

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LAYER PROTECTION Stay up to date with vaccinations, when you have symptoms and mask when reports of illness are high in the community. These are steps YOU can take to help keep our community safe.

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Occupational Health/Infection Prevention Team
Mary Lou Bisinski | Emina Cirik

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Beja Travel Events

Need Help With Accommodations?

As Beja's Housing Chairman, I am responsible for making arrangements for those that are considering going to Imperial (Atlanta, GA, June 29th - July 3rd), MSA Summer Session (August 20th - 23rd) in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

If you are planning on attending the State's big Ceremonial in Steven's Point (May 16th-17th) see the registration form inside this Bugler.

Please let me know if you fancy yourself and the folks you like to be with, if these activities are something that tickles your interest. I don't have detailed information on all of these events as of yet, but I will pass it on as I receive it.

Let me know your desires, we would like to know who will be attending these great events, so please contact me if you will be attending. Call or email with attendance or questions (920) 471-2361 or john.sage01@gmail.com.

Looking forward to acting as your (no charging) travel - booking agent.

*John Sage, P.P.
And otherwise nice guy*



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Join Imperial Sir Richard and Lady Judy Burke

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Fonferek's Glen Conservancy Area is a unique 75-acre county park with magnificent views. Plenty of trails and beautiful view of the waterfall. This geological gem features a 30-foot waterfall, dolomite cliffs, and stone archway, which are all part of the larger Niagara Escarpment. The park also includes 30 acres of former agricultural fields that have been planted to native trees and prairie. The waterfall can easily be viewed from a designated overlook constructed in 2019.



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Episode Expected To Air In Spring 2025
*Behind the Mystery™ Filmed Special Episode
Honoring Shriners Children's Chicago***

Celebrity Designer Jennifer Bertrand led a heartwarming renovation while capturing the inspiring story of a Chicago patient. Vivian, a teen with osteogenesis imperfecta, has experienced nearly sixty fractures. She has not let her condition define her. Vivian is a competitive swimmer and multi-ability state champion in several events.

Known for raising awareness of rare and genetic diseases, the 30-minute episode of *Behind The Mystery* will highlight the extraordinary work of Shriners Children's Chicago while transforming two recreational spaces into vibrant, welcoming spaces for young patients and their families. "Having a child with a rare disease as well, this project couldn't be more important to me. Seeing how my designs can uplift both patients and staff is incredibly rewarding," Bertrand said.

Dozens of staff and representatives from Chicago companies who donated to the effort were able to participate in the 'reveal' filmed in mid-January.

Behind The Mystery airs weekday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on Lifetime®, where each episode inspires empathy and advocacy for better research, treatments, and support systems. We'll share the airdate of our episode when we receive it.

On the heels of our highly successful "Watch Me" campaign, Shriners Children's Chicago is proud to announce the 2025 patient acquisition effort, **Empowering The Extraordinary**. Shining a light on Shriners Children's world-class care, this creative work draws inspiration from the ribbon of DNA that makes every patient at Shriners Children's unique and highlights the amazing care and

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possibility that **Empowers** kids to achieve **The Extraordinary**.

This campaign works together with our continued tagline, The Most Amazing Care Anywhere.

While our distribution and tactics continue a multi-layered media approach, the primary goal is driving patient acquisition through awareness. Visually, our story is told through compelling messages combined with bold and vibrant colors for captivating visuals from social media to outdoors.

OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on March 13th at Wouter's Front in Suamico (3171 School Lane). **We have changed the meeting time.** Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm, and dinner to follow. We hope to see you there!!

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

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MEMBERSHIP

is the Best Value

It is with a heavy heart that we acknowledge the passing of **Noble Bill Hesser**, who was taken by the Black Camel. His presence, friendship, and dedication to our fraternity will be greatly missed. His well-attended funeral was a reflection of the many lives he touched.

In addition to this loss, we have seen three Nobles resign from Masonry, putting us in a difficult position as we begin the year with a decline in membership rather than growth. This is a challenge we must confront **together** if we want to ensure the future strength of Beja Shrine.

To achieve positive growth, we need to:

- **Welcome 15 new Nobles** (5% increase)
- **Restore 6 members who have left** (2%)
- **Keep suspensions to 6 or fewer** (2%) – and we are already halfway there.

These numbers may seem daunting, but they are **absolutely achievable**—if each of us makes a commitment to membership. **Every Noble can make a difference.** We must be proactive in talking to Masons in our Blue Lodges, sharing our passion for the Shrine, and inviting worthy men to join our ranks.

One of the best ways to help is by serving as an **Ambassador** for Beja Shrine. Be the voice that educates and inspires potential members. Many good men would make great Shriners—they just need someone to personally invite them and share what the Shrine is all about.

Additionally, **several Nobles have not yet paid their 2025 dues**, which were due on **December 31, 2024**. If you are among them, please take a moment to submit your dues as soon as possible. Staying current ensures that you remain in good standing and continue to enjoy all the benefits of Shrine membership. If you need assistance, please reach out—we are here to help.

The clock is ticking, and our success depends on action, not words. **Be the reason Beja Shrine grows this year.** Together, we can build a stronger future for our fraternity, but it starts with you. **Will you step up?**
Yours in Brotherhood,

Your Membership Team



Greetings Cuzin's, Ladies and Nobles all!

Packerland Hillbilly Clan #181 and Club are alive and doing great! First and foremost, I'd like to take a moment and welcome our newest Hillbilly Mike Moen who I had the pleasure of handing him his membership card and welcoming him into the Clan at our Winter Rendezvous on Saturday, January 25th deep in the woods at the Reese's Hillbilly Shack. We had a blast, with Cuzin Gene manning the still, and Cuzin Dawn serving vittles an awesome time was had by all. I want to thank everyone who attended and brought something to share. Mike will be formally initiated at our summer Reunion on Saturday, June 21st once again at the Reese's Hillbilly Shack deep in the Shiocton woods where the still is well hidden and operational. It will be my pleasure to proudly hang Mike's portrait firmly on the outhouse wall adding to the collection of Cuzin's we all know and love. Fun, games and fellowship will be the highlight of the day, not to mention incredible food to sustain us.

Packerland Hillbilly Clan will also be serving a most delicious and traditional Hillbilly dinner for our March open meeting, including but not limited to a special Moonshine tasting. Hopefully all you Nobles and Ladies will enjoy our offerings and spark some interest in joining the Clan!

Finally, the Hillbilly's will be hosting a Moonshine Tasting event at the summer session at MSA in Moosejaw. Nobles and Ladies, if you love to have fun, love to dress up like the Clampett's and love to try different Moonshines than why not consider joining Packerland Hillbilly Clan #181 for a great time, fun and fellowship, not to mention raising money for the kids. By the way the only way you can ever try Cuzin Gene's Shiocton Famous (not quite world famous yet) beans and ham cooked in a cauldron over an open fire or take a step back in time to get a glimpse of what it was like in the famous feud of the Hatfield's and McCoy's you should consider joining us!!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Blaine Goldner,
Rabban of the Clan*



Together, we will ensure that Shriners Children's Chicago continues to be a beacon of hope and healing for children and families for generations to come.

*Gary Fehl - Board Member, SC-Chicago
Ben Rodgers PP - Board Member, SC-Chicago
Jay Andres - Associate Member, SC-Chicago*

2025: A Pivotal Year for Shriners Children's Chicago

Shriners Children's Chicago stands on the cusp of a transformative era. The Vision 2035 strategic plan, recently confirmed by the leadership team and the executive committee of the Board of Governors with advisors from Kaufman Hall, sets the stage for unprecedented growth and impact. This collaborative meeting has reinforced our commitment to achieving specific performance goals, ensuring the long-term fulfillment of the Shriners Children's mission.

Focusing on Our Core Mission

At the heart of our strategic plan lies our unwavering mission: providing the best care to more children in the right places. As one of the world's largest pediatric specialty healthcare systems, Shriners Children's is poised for remarkable growth in patient volumes and market share. This ambitious vision will require the collective effort and dedication of every Shriner supporting the Chicago location.

Looking Ahead: The Next Decade

Over the next ten years, Shriners Children's has ambitious plans that will significantly impact pediatric healthcare:

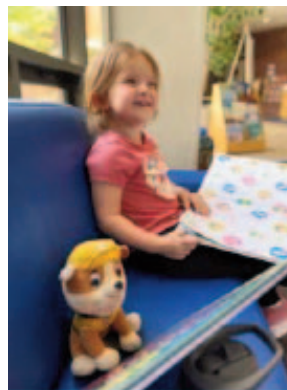
- Investing in a prominent research institute
- Implementing market-based performance standards
- Building a standardized framework for affiliate relationships
- Developing comprehensive plans for market growth in:
 - Pediatric orthopedics
 - Cleft lip and palate care
 - Burn care

These initiatives will be coupled with efforts to elevate efficiencies across our entire healthcare system.

A Collective Journey

As we embark on this historic growth journey, it's important to reflect on the profound impact these changes will have. Countless more children's lives will be transformed through our collective efforts. Every Shriner plays a vital role in building the foundation for our next century of service.

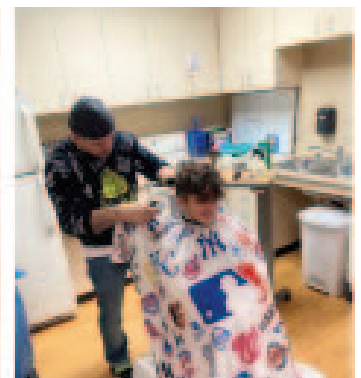
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STAFFER USES RAFFLE WIN TO HELP A PATIENT

Just before the holidays the mom of a patient contacted us to say her daughter left a prized stuffed animal in the lobby the day before. Sadly, Rubble was not found. But then one of our wonderful employees in patient access stepped in. She used a gift card from her winning raffle basket to order a replacement animal, sent with love from "Shriners Children's Patient Access." That's Amazing Care!

A Cut Above & Beyond



When Emanuel needed a haircut, Hector, the father of another patient and a professional barber, generously offered his services. Bringing his tools to Shriners Children's Chicago, he provided Emanuel with the haircut of his dreams, leaving him with newfound confidence and joy. This act of kindness highlights the strong sense of community among our patients and families.

March 2025

Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Waterfall Walk - Fonfericks Glen
2	3 7:00pm Order of Demolay	4 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	5 Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	6 7:00 pm Washington Lodge	7 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Beja Sportsmen's Night	8
9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	10 Bugler Articles are due	11 5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	12 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	13 10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council 6:00pm Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	14 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	15
16	17 7:00pm Order of Demolay <i>St. Patricks Day</i>	18 6:30 pm Roosevelt	19 5:30pm Scottish Rite	20 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	21 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	22 New London Parade
23 NO Job's Daughter Daughters of Nile 1:30pm	24 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots	25 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	26 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	27 6:00pm Crazy Kops & Inter- City 7:00pm Palestine	28 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30am	29
30	31					

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UPCOMING 2025 ACTIVITIES

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March 2025

March 1st - Waterfall Walk - Fonfericks Glen
March 5th - Beja Open meeting
March 7th - Beja Sportsmen's Night

April 2025

April 2nd - Beja closed meeting / Dinner by Demoly
April 12th - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

May 2025

May 3rd - Beja Bird Watch Walk / Ken Eueres Nature area
May 4th - Beja's NWTC gathering for Car Show
May 7th - Beja open meeting / Dinner by SBI Program
May 16th-17th - Wisconsin Spring Ceremonial - Beja, Tripoli & Zor
May 17th-18th - Beja Shrine Circus
May 26th - De Pere Memorial Parade and Picnic - Beja Shrine Center

June 2025

June 4th - Beja Open Meeting - Pie/Cake Auction



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