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## BEJA SHRINE CIRCUS

**The Circus Is Coming To Town!!  
May 4th & 5th, 2024**

**Resch Center  
Green Bay, WI**

**5 Great Show Times**

**Saturday, May 4th  
11:00am • 3:00pm • 7:00pm**

**Sunday, May 5th  
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**Sun June 2, 2024**

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Burgers - Brats - Beer - Soda - Sides  
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## Save The Date

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2024

BEJA OPEN MEETING

### CAKE & PIE AUCTION

June meeting we are having our Annual Pie & Cake Auction! As always, we will need people to bring their yummy homemade pies, cakes, or other desserts to be auctioned off.



*Let's Get Cooking....*

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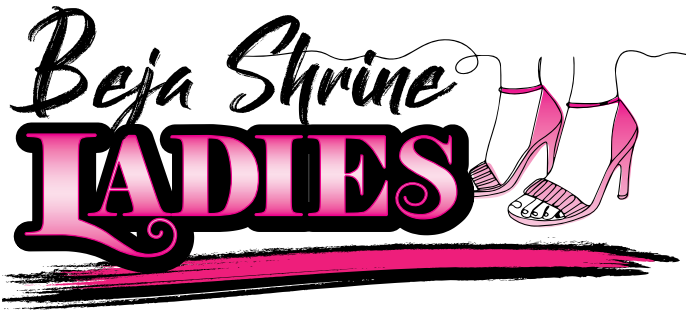
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Floyd L. Meyer*	1986	William "Bill" Wenzell *	2005
John R. Martinez*	1987	Jim Slezak	2006
Hobart De Caster *	1988	Kent Pauli	2007
Donald C. Wiggins *	1989	D. Eugene Badgley *	2008
Bruce J. Carlton *	1990	Bradley Ottum	2009
Charles Awen*	1991	Edward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

\* Deceased



Greetings! After cancelling the April dinner due to a spring snowstorm, we are ready for some beautiful weather. The May monthly meeting features Dave Schroeder, sports anchor/reporter for channel 2, WBAY Green Bay news channel. I have known Dave for a number of years, his wife is Dr. Katie Abata, my colleague at Valley Eye Associates.

They have two beautiful children and live in Green Bay. It should be a great night.

Tom has been traveling a great deal, down to Manitowac for a VFW presentation and gift to Shriner's transportation fund. He attended the Potentate Ball in Sioux City, Iowa for Colin Ross. He arranged the baseball game at Timber Rattlers on April 17th. Tom and John Sage travelled to the Chicago Shriner Hospital for a Board of Governors meeting. Tom then made another trip with to the hospital with Tim and Joy Theirs and Bobby Allen for a tour of the hospital. It is a state of the art facility.

We look forward to everyone's participation at the circus, May 4th and 5th, which is our largest fundraiser.

On a personal note, our daughter and son in law, Katie and Trevor, had a baby boy March 11th. I have had the pleasure of watching little Theo a few times and we had a great visit with most of the family at Easter. The twins remain busy with all the spring events, rehearsals and concerts at school. Spring is a busy time for all.

Looking forward to seeing you for the events this coming month.

*Sincerely, Elizabeth Melchert*

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## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles, Ladies,  
Family and Friends,

The month of March was a fun filled busy month. Thank you, Beja Nobles and Ladies, for your participation and Volunteering at being part of the world's best Philanthropy. Having Fun Helping Kids!

Have Fez will travel. I'm honored to be representing the Beja Shrine as your Potentate. I'm enjoying my time traveling around and spreading the word on what we do for the Shrine kids. It's heartwarming talking to newcomers about what the Shrine does and about our hospitals and clinics and the dedicated medical and employee staff that we have.

Gathering information for an updated Circus Insurance included working with George Carden from Carden Circus, Stephanie at McClone Insurance, Scott at PMI (Resch Center) plus I reached out to several of my counterparts on how their Temple handles having proper insurance throughout the year for their Temple and having additional insurance including their Circus event.

**Golf in July:** Are you looking for fun in July? Come out and participate or volunteer in our Beja Golf Outing held on July 16th. If you don't golf join us for dinner and the world's best golf raffle.

**Aluminum Cans:** I'm happy to announce that I appointed Jeff Eilers (known as pokey the clown) to oversee the collecting of aluminum cans at the Beja Shrine. Jeff has already announced that Lumber Jack Johnnies of Green Bay & Appleton will donate their aluminum to Beja. He is also working with our maintenance person Jeff Anderson for storage of the cans. If you would like to participate, start saving your aluminum cans in plastic bags and tie up the top. Jeff will have more information coming up. Thank you, Jeff, for volunteering and taking the lead with this project.

**Membership:** I know we have all been trying to find new members to join the Shrine and I want to thank you for your efforts. Personally, I've been told people are overloaded with family life, outside clubs, church, school and kids' activities. So, keep on trying to bring them in one at a time. Invite a Masonic brother and lady to our open meetings and let them enjoy the fun of being a Shriner.

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**Update:** The May 24th GB Blizzard indoor football game at the Resch Center has been changed to June 14th 2024. It is Military Appreciation Night Game time 7:05pm - More details to come!

**Volunteers:** Are the backbone of any organization and I want to say thank you again for stepping up and doing what you do. Certainly, a thank you is very deserving. You volunteer your kindness from the heart to help out because you are a Shriner. The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Sportsman Night had many wonderful hard-working volunteers. Thank you, Beja, for your kindness and your participation.

**Beja Trip Coordinator's:** Elizabeth and I pondered the idea but the short answer is we are not Travel Agents. After doing some research I did find is my friend from El Zagal Travis & Meghan Will used the Star & Compass Travel for there 2024 East/West Shrine football trip. Star and Compass handled everything for them. I'm not promoting to use Star & Compass as Beja's Travel Agent but it's good to know this option does exist for us. If any Nobles or Ladies are interested in group travel, we could start a committee of Trip Coordinators or more. Example: Plan trips to the Chicago Hospital, Minneapolis Clinic, Summer MSA, Imperial and visits to other Shrines. This would be a wonderful addition to Beja. Stay in touch, let us know if you are interested in becoming a Beja Travel Agent. You can take a look at Star & Compass [www.starandcompass.com](http://www.starandcompass.com)

**January Public Installation update:** I've appointed OG Mike Moen to design a detailed layout and seating chart for our installation for the incoming Potentate can use at their discretion. Under the direction of the 1st Ceremonial Master all of the appointed divan will be responsible for the complete setup of our January Public Installation. This will take away any confusion that we have had in the past. Thank you, Mike, for volunteering and your continued support to Beja.

**April Meeting:** The snowstorm made us change a few things on the menu and it was all for the better. We ended having a variety of delicious tasting Gallagher's Pizzas, garlic bread, sauce and salad. Thank you, Ann Mumm, for that suggestion and help. The fun began and Congratulations to Ralph Papesch and Greg Habeck for throwing a bull's eye at the magnetic dart board game. They both won a beverage of choice. Other winners included Craig Laes the Polish bottle of Vodka, P.P. 2022 John Van Lanen hockey jersey, AR Tim Thiers baseball bobble head. Having Fun Helping Kids!

**Beja Rocks:** P.P. 2013 John Sage continues to demonstrate his teamwork in a very quiet way, and is always looking forward to Beja's success. AR Tim Thiers

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also gets the team concept as he is connecting and sharing for a strong Beja. Both guys have stepped up and are doing a wonderful job lending me a helping hand. And thank you Dennis Korth for all of your Circus work.

*Fraternally, Ill. Sir Tom Pflugardt  
Beja Potentate 2024*



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).

Mark's Eastside continues to support Beja by purchasing 500lbs of the Vidalia sweet onions. Thank you, Alex, for your continued support.

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



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*Happy Mother's Day!*



Happy May 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.

If I may, first and foremost, let us wish all Mothers a happiest of Mother's Day!!!

Whether we'll admit it or not, our elders are a great source of wisdom. It is interesting how timid we can be to ask for/receive help as parents and children. This reminds me of the Sistine Chapel's fantastic artwork. Please see the image below (*The Creation of Adam* by Michelangelo) God is depicted as an elderly white-bearded man,



wrapped in a swirling cloak while Adam, on the lower left, is completely naked. God's right arm is outstretched to impart the spark of life from His own finger into that of Adam, whose left arm is extended in a pose mirroring God's.

Have a blessed month.  
Let's "ROCK THE FEZ" this month!

**We Pray:**

Supreme Architect of the Universe, we thank You for the gift of Your wisdom. May we seek enlightenment from Your knowledge bespoke in The Book; Utilizing Your gift in accordance with Your will and intent, forevermore. Perpetually reminding us to reflect Your likeness in all that we do, say, and think.

*"Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness" (Gen. 1:26, NIV).*

**AMEN**

**Joke of the Month:**

What did the digital clock say to its mother?

**Look, Ma! No Hands!!! :-).** (say this joke to our Illustrious Sir, Thomas Pflugardt, for a free meeting raffle ticket).

*Be Kind, Greg Scanlon, BEJA Chaplain*



As May approaches and the Circus is here let's take a look at clowns,

### What makes a clown a clown?

Clowns are entertainers who wear makeup and strange humorous clothing and perform tricks and stunts to make people laugh, Clowns are known mostly for their appearances in circuses and carnivals, where they act foolishly to entertain both children and adults.

### So what makes a shrine clown different?

Shrine clowns are often the most visible of the shrine organization. Shrine clowns have fun with a purpose, they know how to put their game faces on , you may notice clowns in makeup or (IN FACE) as known in the profession will never address each other by name they only use their clown name to keep with tradition, culture and code.

The clowns of Beja have a main purpose of bringing a smile to children, but it doesn't have to just be at the circus, we can be active in the communities in which we live as well as at social shrine events and gatherings and I would like to see this happening more often as the years go on.

### Famous clown quotes:

- Clowns are the pegs on which the circus is hung
- When the heroes go off the stage the clowns come on
- All people are sad clowns
- Writers are a little below clowns and a little above trained seals
- Clowns can either look happy or sad, but their job is to make people happy
- Greek clowns wore padding to look larger

**One last fact:** The word clown has uncertain roots and is thought to derive from Scandinavian dialect In Swedish Kluns means a clumsy fellow as does the Icelandic word Klunni. In english the word clown is believed to have been first recorded in the 16th century as Clowne or cloyne meaning A MAN OF RUSTIC OR COARSE MANNERS A peasant.

The word clown can be used as a verb in He was Clowning around and as a noun where it refers to anyone who performs in a clownish way. Professional clowns use the word to refer to their character, not the performer themselves.

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With this information I invite all shriners to get out their costumes, makeup their face and have as much fun as possible helping kids ...It is after all what we do .

I can honestly say I AM PROUD TO BE A SHRINE CLOWN (**POKEY**)

*Clowing around for Beja,  
Pokey The Clown*



Whow, parade season has started with a great parade in New Dublin (New London). We get a lot of attention from bystanders. Some still would like us to "arrest" some one but it is no longer possible.

Next we are looking at the LONG parade in DePere on Memorial Day as our next appearance . WE DO NEED MORE SHRINERS TO BECOME KRAZY KOPS. If we could find some of our men to help us out it would be a more impressive showing for Beja. The old jail is very impressive and a good group of Shriners add to that. If you could help even for one parade we would welcome you with open arms. Just call Chief Dick Andres and tell him you would like to help.

Proud to be a Shriner.

*Fraternally, Dick 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.  
greglhabeck@gmail.com or 920-371-9050*

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| 5/1, James Wade       | 5/14, Bob Guenther   |
| 5/1, Rodney Ketchum   | 5/20, Ronald Hoffman |
| 5/2, Jim Herman       | 5/20, Michael Angus  |
| 5/3, Avram Berk       | 5/23, Lon Swedberg   |
| 5/3, Craig Clotier    | 5/24, Jason Kroening |
| 5/4, Billy Gault      | 5/25, Bruce Gary     |
| 5/4, Leonard Pederson | 5/27, Jason Giese    |
| 5/5, John Clark       | 5/30, Nelson Hassel  |
| 5/5, Jeff Andersen    | 5/30, Stephen Rabach |
| 5/7, Les Johnson      | 5/30, Elliot Collier |
| 5/8, Richard Peterson | 5/31, Charles Smith  |
| 5/8, Paul Gagan       | 5/31, Richard Zanon  |
| 5/10, Arthur Gans     |                      |

Beja Shrine  
**MENU**

**MAY**  
MEETING MENU

Dinner provided by Gallagher's  
Spaghetti & Meatballs, Baked Mostaccioli  
Three kinds of Salads Garden, Greek,  
Anti-Pasto and Garlic Bread  
\$15.00 per person  
Call Ann at Beja to RSVP by April 28th  
(920) 498-1985



FOR MORE  
**ZOR**  
2024  
MSA

*Save  
The Date!*

**Zor Shriners will be hosting the  
2024 Midwest Shrine Association  
Summer Session  
in La Crosse, WI  
August 7th – 10th, 2024.**

Beja Vets Of Valor  
and  
**PATRIOTS**

VETS & PATRIOTS

Memorial Day  
**BBQ**

**MAY 27 - MONDAY 1PM**

EVERYONE IS INVITED!  
BRATS, BURGERS, SIDES - \$10 PP  
RSVP - [CLAES@NEW.RR.COM](mailto:CLAES@NEW.RR.COM)



# Beja Shrine Oriental Guide

Nobles,  
I recently attended the OG School in Tampa. What a wonderful time as well as an incredible learning experience.

It literally is like trying to drink from a fire hose with all the information they provide to us. The classes start at 8:00 am and end at 5:00 pm every day. Your brain just spins with so much excellent new information.

I made lots of notes in my work book so I could digest all of this information at home. Especially the Masonic law section. All of the instructors were incredible teachers. It was also wonderful and exciting to meet lots of my counterparts from all over the country and especially the Midwest. We will all be going through the line at the same time.



Having fun and rocking the fez,  
*Fraternally,*  
Mike Moen, *Oriental Guide*

The Northwoods Shrine Club February meeting at McNaughton Pub & Grill was a very special and meaningful meeting. Our Shrine Club got to meet Kyah and her mother Michelle.

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

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

November 14th, 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



Having Fun Helping Kids with the Tripoli Shriners.  
Imperial Sir James Smith, Illustrious Sir Gerry Arnholt &  
AR Tim Thiers. Rocking the Fez!

# Beja Spring 2024

## CEREMONIAL

### Class Honoree John Sage



John Sage's Inspiring Path in Masonry and Shriners.

Explore the extraordinary narrative of John Sage, an esteemed figure whose journey through Masonry and Shriners is truly remarkable:

#### *The Genesis of Fellowship:*

Approximately four decades ago, John found himself amid the serenity of a family camp near Eagle River, WI. Among his fellow campers were Dennis Seiwert, Gary Cornelissen, whose camaraderie he greatly admired. Prompted by his admiration, John expressed his desire to join their esteemed group. Without hesitation, either Gary or Dennis (lost to the mists of time) presented a petition, marking the commencement of John's transformative journey.

#### *Master Mason and Lodge Leadership:*

In 1986, John was raised a Master Mason. A decade later, his unwavering dedication saw him ascend to the role of Master of Theodore Roosevelt Lodge #322, a pivotal moment in his Masonic tenure.

#### *Exploration of Knowledge:*

York Rite and Scottish Rite:

Driven by a profound thirst for wisdom, John immersed himself in the mysteries of York Rite Masonry for eight years. Yet, it was within Scottish Rite Masonry that his passion found its true home. For the past 18 years, John has proudly embraced the mantle of a Marshall within the esteemed Scottish Rite fraternity.

In 1993, John's commitment to community welfare led

him to join the Beja Shrine. Concurrently, he became an integral part of the Vets and Patriots unit, serving as a parade driver for an impressive three decades. His exemplary leadership skills were showcased during his two-year tenure as commander. Furthermore, John's devotion extended to the Green Bay Shrine Club, where he served as President for three terms.

#### *Ascension to Leadership:*

John's unwavering dedication and leadership qualities did not go unnoticed. Joining the Divan as the Oriental Guide (OG) in 2008 marked the beginning of his ascent. This journey reached its zenith with his appointment as Potentate in 2013, a testament to his exceptional leadership.

#### *Advocacy Beyond Borders:*

Shriners Children's - Chicago:

John's commitment to service transcended geographical boundaries. In 2012, he became an Associate Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Children's - Chicago. Two years later, he earned the esteemed position of a voting member. His invaluable contributions as Chairman of the Research, Medical, and Human Resources Committees have left an indelible mark on the institution.

#### *Compassionate Service:*

Behind the Wheel for Healing:

For a decade, John has exemplified boundless compassion, serving as a hospital driver, ensuring that children received the vital care they needed at Shriners Children's.

John Sage's journey—from humble campfires to esteemed boardrooms, from Masonic lodges to hospital corridors—embodies the essence of service, brotherhood, and compassion inherent in the Masonic and Shriner traditions. His enduring legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire generations to come.



# *Beja Spring* 2024 CEREMONIAL

## *Class Honoree Tim Thiers*



Tim Thiers, a respected member of the fraternal community, was born on July 13, 1965, in Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He began his involvement in the Masonic fraternity on March 2, 2002, by being initiated as an Entered Apprentice Mason in Manitowoc Lodge 65, eventually progressing to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 2, 2002. Throughout his years of service, Tim has consistently shown dedication and commitment to the principles of Masonry.

In 2019, Tim became a member of N.E.W. Daylite Lodge 360, where his passion for Freemasonry continued to grow. His leadership abilities and exceptional character were recognized when he was elected as Worshipful Master in 2023, guiding the lodge with wisdom and integrity.

Tim's involvement in the Beja Shrine further highlights his commitment to service and philanthropy. He joined the Shrine on June 14, 2003, and quickly became an integral member of the organization. In 2022, Tim was elected to the progressive line, currently serving as the Assistant Rabban, playing a significant role in the Shrine's efforts to support children in need of medical care.

As an active member of the Vets and Patriots Unit within the Beja Shrine, Tim exemplifies a strong spirit of community service and patriotism. His participation in the Appleton and Green Bay Shrine Clubs demonstrates his commitment to fostering fellowship and camaraderie among fellow Shriners.

Tim Thiers' impressive journey through Freemasonry and the Shrine reflects his character, leadership abilities, and consistent dedication to making a positive impact on the lives of others. As he is recognized as the Class Honoree for the Beja Shrine Spring Ceremonial, his contributions serve as an inspiration to all who have the privilege of knowing him.



## VOLUNTEERING AT THE CIRCUS

**SHRINERS/LADIES:** There are many ways to volunteer during the circus; ushering, selling programs, and saying thank you to our customers as they leave to name a few. Having Nobles in their Fezzes with the Ladies helping provides the face to the Shrine Circus. As a volunteer, you are seen as a source of information for the people attending. To assist, below are a couple of very important things to be aware of.

**1.** Should you be approached by someone or you personally witness an accident, please keep the person with you. Determine if there is a need for medical treatment and immediately notify one of our circus lead people who are in radio contact with our emergency response people and the representatives from PMI. It is critical we get our Lead staff and PMI involved. When you arrive at the circus, in our Shriner Hospitality room, a list of the Lead people will be available. If someone is hurt or having a medical crisis and needs immediate medical attention, dial 9-1-1 and request medical response. Our on-site emergency medical team will assist with the situation, but medical treatment is provided by an ambulance response. Do not forget to notify a Lead person even if the incident is very minor. It is more helpful and better for our protection to get PMI and their staff involved.

**2.** Amber Alerts – lost children – as with many events involving the attendance of small children, adults will get lost. Meaning a small child or parent may approach you saying they are lost or their parents are lost.

**A.** In the case of a lost child and you have the lost child, keep the child with you. Immediately contact one of our Lead people or a staff member from PMI. They have radios and can immediately start the process to find the parents. This usually is process, but your involvement will help resolve the issue for the child and parent.

**B.** In the case you are approached by a parent who is reporting a lost child, please keep the parent with you and immediately contact a Lead person or a staff member from PMI. This is an extremely serious and many steps are taken to find the child. Step one will include the announcement of an Amber Alert. During the Amber Alert, NO ONE can leave the arena. As Shriners, we have assigned members of our ERT to cover doors, but we need all hands-on deck. Go to an exit and help the ERT

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member stop people from exiting. No exceptions. As the person who has the parent, it is extremely critical you stay with them until a Lead person or PMI staff member arrives. The best way to find a lost child is to get a good accurate description of the child, their clothes and where they were last seen. This must come from the reporting party. Once obtained will be sent out over the radio and those members not manning doors become part of the search team. Once the child is found notification will be sent over the radios cancelling the amber alert and then we can go back to having fun and helping kids.

**3.** Request for information by the media. All comments to the media or other groups should be handled by our PR staff. If the media approaches you for a comment, simply share with them that you will get a member of our PR staff to discuss and answer any questions they may have. Volunteering is a wonderful way to share your time with our guests and enjoy the 2024 edition of the Beja Shrine Circus. Wearing your FEZ, greeting, and thanking our visitors is what makes this great experience for all. Do not be shy, there are plenty of us who have volunteered for years willing to take you under our wings and make you an experienced volunteer. Remember, you FEZ gets you FREE parking at Lambeau Field lot, as well as entrance into the circus. Come out and join us at any or all the shows. The doors open one hour before the show, we ask that our volunteers are there at least 30 minutes before the doors open so we can be prepared to welcome guests. On behalf of all of us at Beja, thanks for volunteering and on with the SHOW!!!

*Fraternally, Dennis Korth P. P. Circus Chairman*  
dmkorth75@gmail.com

## 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 camaraderie.

*Fraternally, Rusty Mitchell*  
*Intercity Shrine Club President*  
Phone 715-823-3515  
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# The Youth ADVENTURES



I hope everyone is finally enjoying what we can maybe think of as spring time of year, that may lead to summer someday. As I've stated before, the weather is always an interesting change in our area to begin with. That being said, by the time this is published I hope everyone will be looking forward to the Circus.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to announce a few of the past events that have transpired. They of course welcome people to attend their meetings and learn more about the organization. I would also like to announce that a couple of the brothers were able to compete in the ritual competition held at the state level. It was called Dairyland Ritual Competition and they placed quite well for themselves. Feel free to ask some of the members how they did, I'm sure they would like to talk about it. As for state events, they will be looking forward to attending their yearly convention that was called Conclave. It will be held in Green Bay at the UW Green Bay College campus.

Bethel Job's #32 would also like to inform everyone that they have had some changes to their meetings and have tried to make it more accommodating for several of their members. Please feel free to reach out to some of the members and inquire if you are interested in participating in some of their activities.

I would also like to inform you that there will be some different and new activities coming up from both of the youth groups so keep your eyes peeled for some of the new activities and fundraisers that they will be participating in. Thank you again for supporting the youth in any of the activities.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage  
Youth Committee Chairman*

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## AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Hello and a warm welcome from AJEB Temple Daughters of the Nile! We had our installation on Sunday, April 7th. What a great day it was. I was blessed to have six of my grandchildren take part in the ceremony, making the day so special. The installation was followed by a great meal at 1951 Restaurant.

Now our work begins! We are already working on our 2nd Annual Fran Bagley Golf Outing, scheduled for September 7th. PQ Terry and I are looking forward to attending Supremes Session in June. Our official visit with our Supreme Queen is August 19th. Much more work and fun times ahead of us.

Please consider joining us at our events that are open to the public, and better yet, join us in becoming a member of Nile.

We would love to have more members. Please contact any member for more information on membership and events.

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*Hope to see you soon,  
Mariellen Haen, Queen*

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# Zor Shriners

**News Release: Zor Shriners 16 April, 2024**

Get ready for an electrifying experience at the highly anticipated Midwest Shrine Association Summer Session, "MSA 2024" set against the stunning backdrop of historic La Crosse, Wisconsin, from August 7th to 10th! Hosted by the Zor Shriners, this event promises to be an unforgettable extravaganza, meticulously crafted over four years to ensure an abundance of excitement and entertainment for all attendees.

Picture yourself diving into the festivities as we kick off the session with a Grand Welcome party at the renowned La Crosse Center on Wednesday evening, August 7th. Indulge in cuisine, and refreshing beverages, and be prepared to be wowed by the uproarious comedy stylings of the one and only Randy Riggle, a beloved brother Shriner, with his iconic Nostalgia Show. It's a spectacle you simply do not want to miss!

But wait, there's more! Dive deeper into the thrills by exploring our jam-packed schedule of events and activities. Just a quick Google search for 'Zor Shriners' will lead you to our website, where the MSA 2024 section unveils a treasure trove of exciting happenings, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Registration couldn't be easier - simply hop online and follow the seamless steps to secure your spot and sign up for any special events that catch your eye. Your safety and security are our top priorities, so rest assured that the process is smooth and hassle-free.

After weathering the storm of the 'Covid Train Wreck,' the time has finally come to rekindle the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship that we hold dear. Let's seize this opportunity to reconnect, share laughs, and create cherished memories that will last a lifetime.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact your Temple representatives, who are standing by to guide you through the process and help you secure accommodation. Each temple has curated a list of hotels conveniently located near the heart of downtown La Crosse, ensuring easy access to all the action.

Spaces are filling up fast, so don't delay! Mark your calendars, rally your friends, and join us for the ultimate summer celebration at the MSA Summer Session 2024. Get ready to have a blast and experience the time of your life - it's going to be 'Fun with Zor in 2024'!

Thank you for your enthusiasm and support.

Excitedly yours,  
Gary Cuskey, PP  
MSA President



## MIDWEST SHRINE ASSOCIATION 2024 SUMMER SESSION SCHEDULE

(Events and times subject to change)

[zorshriners.com](http://zorshriners.com)

### Wednesday, August 7th

**Noon - 6:00 pm** Registration

Radisson Hotel - 1st Floor Wisconsin Rooms 1 & 2.

After 6 pm & before 8 pm - La Crosse Center Ballroom

**Noon - 4:00 pm** Marketplace Set-up – Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

**6:00 pm - 10:00 pm** Welcome Reception

La Crosse Center - South Ballroom (Separate ticket required) open to all registered attendees - "Nobles, Ladies, and Families are encouraged to attend!" Counterparts & Past Potentates meet & greet.

**6:00 pm** Social,

**7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** Buffet Dinner

**8:00 pm** Entertainment: Randy Riggle - Comedian / Nostalgia Show

### Thursday, August 8th

**8:00 am - 4:00 pm** Registration – Radisson Hotel - 1st Floor

Wisconsin Room 1 & 2

**8:00 am - 4:00 pm** Marketplace Open – Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

**8:00 am - 1:00 pm** MSA Golf Outing – Forest Hills Golf Course

**9:00 am - 3:00 pm** Motorcoach Ladies Tour Activity - Space Limited  
(1st come 1st served)

**All Day** Poker Run - Walk the block to local businesses

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm** Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms - Driftless Axe & Arcade

**4:00 pm** Parade Line-up – Onalaska, WI

**6:00 pm** Parade Step-off

**7:00 pm - 10:00 pm** Oasis – The Omni Center, Onalaska, WI

- "A Wisconsin Tailgate Party"

- BBQ Chicken or Pulled Pork, Hosted Beer & Soda - Cash Bar

- Entertainment – Joe Cody - Strummin' Guitar Player

### Friday, August 9th

**8:00 am - 4:00 pm** Marketplace Open – Radisson Hotel - Ballroom

**8:00 am - ? pm** Competition as established

- Clowns – La Crosse Center South Hall

- Motor Corps – First Free Church, Onalaska, WI.

- Horse Patrol - TBD

- Chanters - TBD

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm** Poker Run - Walk the Block to Local Businesses

**11:00 am - 2:00 pm** Ladies Luncheon - La Crosse Center - South Ballroom

- Plated Lunch (Roaring Twenties Theme) – Entertainment – Raffle

**11:00 am - 3:00 pm** Axe Throwing & Escape Rooms - Driftless Axe & Arcade

**Noon - 4:00 pm** Badger Smoke-Out (Cigars) Cash Bar La Crosse Center - Riverside Terrace

**2:00 pm - 4:00 pm** Packerland Hillbilly Clan (Moonshine Tasting)

**6:00 pm - 11:00 pm** MSA 2024 Shrine-a-Rama

La Crosse Center - South Hall

Buffet Stations - Cash Bar

Entertainment, The Dweebs "America's Favorite Party Band"

### Saturday, August 10th

**9:00 am** Parade Line-up – La Crescent, MN

**10:30 am** Parade Step-off

**11:00 am** Grab n Go Lunch, Soda or Water.

# MEMBERSHIP

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As we step into the heart of the year, it's crucial for us to reflect on our membership journey thus far. With the passing of two Brother Nobles to the Black Camel and only one new Noble initiated, we are reminded of the delicate balance between honoring our traditions and propelling our fraternity forward. Despite the inevitable visits from the Black Camel that we may anticipate in the coming months, we must unite our efforts to cultivate growth and vitality within Beja Shriners.

The strength of our fraternity lies in the collective spirit of our members. Each one of us holds the power to ignite curiosity and enthusiasm for the Shrine in those around us. Whether it's through conversations with Master Masons in our Blue Lodges or by extending invitations to friends who are not yet part of our esteemed fraternity, every effort matters in shaping the future of Beja Shriners.

I urge you to engage in dialogue with your fellow brethren. Share with them the profound sense of camaraderie and purpose that defines our Shrine. Encourage them to take the next step and join our ranks, where they can experience the FUN and fellowship, the rich traditions and meaningful philanthropy that Beja Shriners embody.

For those of us with friends who have yet to embrace Freemasonry, let us extend a warm invitation to them. Highlight the invaluable bonds of brotherhood, the opportunities for personal growth, and the joy of giving back to our communities that characterize our fraternity. By inviting new members into our fold, we not only enrich their lives but also strengthen the foundation of Beja Shriners for generations to come.

Together, let us embark on a journey of renewal and growth. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and enthusiasm, we can overcome any challenge that comes our way. Despite the shadows cast by the Black Camel, let us emerge resilient and triumphant, with a prosperous year in membership that reflects the unwavering spirit of Beja Shriners.

*Yours in Fun and Fellowship,  
Your Membership Team*

# OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

The Oconto County Shrine Club's meeting will be held on May 9th, at Wouter's Front in Suamico (3171 School Ln). Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6pm and dinner at 7pm. We hope you can join us.

We will be having a Brat Fry on Saturday, June 29th at Festival Foods in Howard on Lineville Road, We hope to see you there hungry!



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

## *Peninsula Shrine Club*

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The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting in May on the 14th at Old Mexico in Sturgeon Bay. Cocktails at 5:00pm and ordering from the menu at 5:30. You don't have to be a member to attend our dinners. Anyone interested in joining us please contact me so we can let the restaurant what to expect.

*Fraternally,  
Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer  
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**BEJA SHRINERS VOLUNTEERING AT THE SUAMICO KIDS FISHING DAY ON APRIL 20th**





We bid a heartfelt farewell to Mary O'Gara, who retired as Director of the Cleft/Craniofacial Department after 17 years of dedicated service. Mary leaves behind a remarkable legacy in our plastics program. Although she's retiring, we're delighted that Mary will continue to contribute as a part-time Speech-Language Pathologist during this transition period.

Join us in extending warm congratulations to Sarah Richard, our new Director. Sarah brings with her six years of invaluable experience as a Speech-Language Pathologist, and we are thrilled to welcome her to this leadership role.

During the Leadership meeting held in early February in Tampa, Florida, we celebrated the solid financial health of our system and applauded the outstanding efforts of our donor development team. With the steadfast support of our system and Joint Board Leadership, our aim is to expand patient care. To achieve this goal, we're collaborating with the healthcare management consulting firm Kaufman Hall to develop strategies for future growth.

We're delighted to report the success of the 5th Annual Shriners Children's State of Research Conference on Muscle and Bone Health, which took place in Atlanta in February. The event featured 44 oral and 39 poster presentations and drew over 100 attendees, both in-person and virtual, including representatives from various Shriners Children's facilities, alongside researchers from Georgia Tech and Emory. This conference underscores the growing research collaboration within our network.

Dr. Mark Miller, our new Midwest Physician Lead, has initiated a quarterly Midwest Orthopaedics indications meeting aimed at fostering education, collaboration, and care in our region. Patient access and referrals remain a top priority, and we're pleased to announce the addition of two new physician referral liaisons, Kathy Mangel (NW Indiana) and Jessica Myers (Silvis, Illinois), to enhance patient referrals.

In our ongoing efforts to enhance patient care, our operating rooms have begun utilizing the pre-op Bair Hugger on surgical patients. The Bair Hugger system is a convective temperature management system that helps maintain a patient's core body temperature before, during, and after surgery.

*Continued in next column*

Preparations are underway for the 2024 Chicago Hospital Leadership Conference, previously known as Divan Day, scheduled for June 21.

Recently, Shriners Chicago celebrated Certified Nurses Day, recognizing the dedication of over 25 members of our care teams and administration at our pediatric specialty hospital. Certified nurses play a crucial role in ensuring the best possible outcomes for our patients, delivering unparalleled care and comfort.

At Shriners Children's Chicago, we prioritize welcoming new patients. If you know of a child who could benefit from our services, please encourage their family to reach out to us directly at (773) 385-KIDS (5437) or through the national referral number at (800) 237-5055. We're here to offer support and assistance to those in need.

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



## **Cone Beam CT (CBCT)**

Shriners Children's offers specialized facial and dental imaging for craniofacial conditions at certain times in a child's growth. The painless process helps surgeons and specialists understand each child's unique facial anatomy.

The Chicago hospital's new CBCT installed in early March is smaller than regular a CT machine and uses less radiation. It moves around the child using a coned-shaped X-ray beam. CBCT provides doctors with a 3D image of the child's mouth, jaw, airway, neck, teeth and ears, nose and throat.

"Quality imaging is essential in order to accurately plan and time surgical procedures," said David Morris, MD, medical director of the craniofacial/cleft team in Chicago.

# May 2024

# Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>April 30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
		5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	7:00 pm Washington Lodge	11:30am GB Women 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<i>Beja Shrine Circus</i>
<b>5</b> 1:00pm Job's Daughters <i>Cinco De Mayo</i> <i>Beja Circus</i>	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	<b>9</b> 10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	<b>10</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	<b>15</b> 1:00 pm Daughters of the Nile 5:30pm Scottish Rite	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	<b>17</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<b>18</b> <b>ARMED FORCES DAY</b>
<b>19</b> 2:00pm Job's Daughters	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Roosevelt	<b>22</b> 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City meeting 7:00pm Palestine	<b>24</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30am	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots BBQ <i>Memorial Day</i>	<b>28</b> 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	

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# UPCOMING 2024 ACTIVITIES

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## May 2024

- May 1st - Beja open meeting (speaker WBAY)
- May 3-4th - Inter-City - Brat Fry - Walmart, New London
- May 4-5th - Beja Shrine Circus at Resch Center
- May 25th - Jacksonport Parade - MaiFest
- May 27th - De Pere - Memorial Day

## June 2024

- Jun 2nd - Brewers Game with Tripoli and Zor Shriners
- Jun 5th - Open Meeting - Pie Auction / Door - Haunters Guild
- June 8th - Appleton Parade - Flag Day
- June 14th - Green Bay Blizzard Football at Resch Center 7:05pm
- June 16 - Chilton Parade - Father's Day
- June 23 - Reedsville Parade - Firefighters Picnic
- June 29th - Oconto Shrine Club Brat Fry - Festival, Lineville Rd

## July 2024

- Jul 1- 4th - Imperial Session - Reno, NV
- July 6th - Manawa - Rodeo
- July 16th - John Ottum Golf Outing



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## REMINDER

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