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A vibrant, colorful poster for the Beja Shrine Circus. The background is a pink and white spiral pattern. At the top, there are several balloons in yellow, purple, green, and orange, along with three red stars of varying sizes. On the left, a clown's head with a large red nose, white face paint, and a wide smile is visible. In the center, a black banner with yellow text reads "BEJA SHRINE". Below this, the word "CIRCUS" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a red outline. To the right of the banner is a red and white striped popcorn bucket with the word "Popcorn" on it. At the bottom, the text "The Circus Is Coming To Town!!" is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below this, the dates "MAY 17 & 18th, 2025" and the location "Resch Center, Green Bay, WI" are listed. The show times are also provided: "5 Great Show Times", "Saturday, May 17th", "11:00am • 3:00pm • 7:00pm", "Sunday, May 18th", and "1:00pm • 5:00pm". There are also balloons in the bottom corners: green and orange on the left, and purple and red on the right.

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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
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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
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Dennis Korth	2004	Thomas Pflugardt	2024
William "Bill" Wenzell *	2005		

\* Deceased

## Peninsula Shrine Club

*"The Club with Class"*

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Peninsula Shrine Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at various restaurants in Door County. Our meetings are open to all. The social hour starts at 5:00 pm with dinner following.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 13th at Greystone Castle, 8 N. Madison Ave, Sturgeon Bay.

*Fraternally,*

*Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer*

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## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies, Spring is in full swing, and so is Beja! With the statewide Spring Ceremonial and our Shrine Circus just around the corner, I hope you've had a chance to register for one—or better yet, both. I know I have!

We're always looking to welcome new Nobles into our great fraternity, and there's no better time than now. We've rolled out an incentive program for top-line signers, so if you've got a potential candidate in mind, let's talk! And hey, how often do you get the chance to say the Potentate second-lined your petition? Let's start those conversations in our Lodges and share the family-friendly fun and purpose of what we do.

We've also got some great events on the horizon. On May 3, stretch your legs and join us for a relaxing bird-watching walk. The next day, May 4, we'll be gathering at the NWTC Car Show, and of course, our open Beja meeting follows on Wednesday, May 7—bring a guest!

Speaking of May, I'm especially excited about this month's meeting, where we'll give you a little taste of my hometown near Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore—and a sneak peek at what's in store for our August Potentate's Trip. You won't want to miss it!

How are you enjoying our new approach to dinner? I've been loving the fresh flavors and the opportunity it gives our Clubs and Units to raise a few extra bucks while showing off their culinary skills. It's a win-win!

Let's stay "gear'd up" to support Beja's mission: having fun while helping kids. Together, we're making a difference—and having a blast doing it.

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

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and much more

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Recently, Shriners Children's Chicago hosted more than 130 physicians, clinicians, data scientists, engineers, and researchers from across the country at our 7th annual Shriners Children's State of Research conference. This year's conference focused on muscle and bone health and featured more than 30 presentations on cutting-edge research.

### Key topics included:

- Early-stage research into a new compound that could lead to the first oral treatment for osteogenesis imperfecta.
- Comparative studies on pain management and surgical techniques to enhance orthopedic care.
- Insights into muscle response in children with upper limb differences, which may inform the future development of more advanced prosthetic technology.

We were proud to have several members of our Chicago team contribute to these important discussions, further demonstrating our hospital's leadership in pediatric research and innovation.



We meet at 6:00 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Shrine Center, and we welcome all Shriners.

The Beja Vets & Patriots invite all Nobles, Ladies, family, and friends to join them for a Memorial Day BBQ Cookout at the Shrine Center following the De Pere Memorial Day Parade. This annual gathering is a great way to honor the day, enjoy good food, and spend time with fellow Shriners. The cookout is just \$10 per person and includes a hearty meal prepared by the Vets & Patriots Unit. Everyone is welcome—come hungry and bring a friend!

*Fraternally yours, Dennis Clark  
Commander*



**COME TO THE CIRCUS –**

**THE GREATEST SHOW IN TOWN!** 

Nobles and Ladies — the magic is back! The 2025 **Beja Shrine Circus** is rolling into the Resch Center in Green Bay on May 17 & 18, and you won't want to miss it!

*This year's show promises thrills, laughter, and heartwarming moments* for the whole family — and we need **YOU** to help make it a success! There are **three shows on Saturday** (11:00 AM, 3:00 PM, 7:00 PM) and **two on Sunday** (1:00 PM and 5:00 PM).

We're calling on our dedicated Nobles and friends to volunteer as **ushers**. While our Head Usher PP Nick Brosig will be away attending a graduation, PP **John Van Lanen** is stepping up to lead the charge. If you can assist with one or more shows, please reach out to John at [john.vanlanen@gmail.com](mailto:john.vanlanen@gmail.com) — or just show up! Volunteers should plan to arrive **90 minutes before showtime** to help us roll out the red carpet for our guests.

**Parking is simple:** just bring your fez case and show it to the parking attendant for Noble access. Enter the Resch Center through the front doors and check in at the **Cellcom Room** (to the left as you walk in).

Still holding onto your **Noble tickets**? If you're not planning to purchase them, please return them to Ann at Beja. If you've purchased your tickets but won't be using them, consider sending them back anyway — we'll make sure they're distributed to **local schools and women's shelters**. You'll be giving someone a chance to experience the joy of the circus who might not otherwise have the opportunity. What a beautiful way to share the fun.

And don't forget — at each performance, we'll be giving away **two brand-new bicycles** to lucky kids in the audience!

Let's pack the house, spread smiles, and make this year's Beja Shrine Circus the **best one yet**. We're counting on your support to help bring the wonder of the circus to our community — and create memories that last a lifetime.

**See you under the big top!**



*The 2025 Circus Committee*



Well that was a complete disappointment: I am trying very hard to get the unit to be more involved in things and to get Jimbo Emeritus status and not one single clown shows up to the meeting called before the April stated meeting, And I was only contacted by Jimbo himself to tell me he would not make it, no one else bothered to reply. I know it was set a few months ago, but reminders were sent and printed in the Bugler as well which makes it disheartening when no one shows up.

With this situation I have tried everything I can think of at the moment so instead of just disbanding the unit completely and sending my efforts elsewhere, I spoke to Gene and Jay and was thinking it would be helpful to join the units together. Gene told me he would bring it up at the next Krazy Kops meeting and now we wait to see what their decision will be. In the meantime I am asking again for your input and thoughts on this idea.

With this, I am also reminding all the clowns to please make an effort to show up at the Resch Center on the 17th and 18th of May and support the Circus, as it is one of the biggest fundraisers of BEJA and one that the clowns are usually a big part of.

*Clowing around for Beja,  
Pokey The Clown*



**Beja Shrine Memorial Day BBQ!**  
Join the Vets & Patriots and all Beja Shrine Units

**Date:** Monday, May 26th  
**Time:** Following the De Pere Memorial Day Parade  
**Location:** Beja Shrine Center  
**What:** Food, Fellowship, and Remembrance  
**Cost:** \$10 per person  
**Who:** All Beja Shriners and their families are welcome!

Hosted by the  
Vets & Patriots Unit



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## AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



Mariellen Haen, Queen  
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Greetings to our Princesses,

Well....Spring in Wisconsin!! Postponed session #1 March 23 because of blizzard conditions.

March 30th Ice and snow storm, wiping out power for many of our princesses, prompting our first Zoom session. The session was attended by 16 ladies, a cat, and several dogs!! We had our elections, and greeted Carna all the way from Arkansas! Our Recorder Sarah was bundled up in layers, and thankfully had enough battery life in her computer to complete the session! We are a hardy bunch, and we move on no matter what. Always with the Shriners Kids in our thoughts.

April session and Installation of officers was attended and assisted by four Ladies from Milwaukee Temple. Receiving phone calls from Queens and Princesses from other Temples, asking what they can do for us is so encouraging. I feel like we are in one big family, and all the siblings get along!

The Kentucky Derby party May 3rd was a giddy up and fun time party! Thank you to our Take A Jab committee for keeping us racing for a fun time.

Our MAY session will be MAY 11 at 1:30. Our snowbirds should be back, and it will be great to see everyone and catch up on the happenings from this winter.

June we are dark, and several Ladies will be attending the Supreme Session in Las Vegas.

We are so blessed to have "new" Ladies as our elected officers. Thank you to all the princesses that said YES to positions in our Temple. We definitely are a working Temple, with a side of fun and excitement to keep us at our best.

If anyone is in need of sunshine, or have any needs we can help you with, please contact Sarah or me. We are a Temple of caring ladies, and willing to go the extra mile when we know the need.

*Nile Love,  
Mariellen Haen, Queen*

## OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on May 8th at Wouter's Front in Suamico. Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6:00pm, meeting at 6:30pm, and dinner to follow. We hope to see you there!!

We have two Brat Fry's set up at Festival Food in Suamico. The first will be on Saturday, June 28th, the second will be on Saturday, August 23rd. Stop by to enjoy a brat and visit and support the Oconto Shrine Club members.

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

## CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS



During Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month, we celebrated the resilience of children like Dennis, a five-year-old patient at Shriners Children's Chicago.

Diagnosed with spastic diplegia cerebral palsy, Dennis has been receiving specialized care at our facility since he was just over a year old. Recently, he began serial casting to help stretch his calf muscles and improve his mobility. His choice of bright red casts reflects his personality—red is his favorite color, and his new wheelchair will match as well.



Dennis shares a special bond with Dr. Davidson, the first physician to examine him without bringing him to tears. His parents proudly say, "Can't isn't allowed in his dictionary—he can do anything!" His determination

is evident not only in his progress but also in his advanced vocabulary, already evident at his young age.

At Shriners Children's Chicago, we are dedicated to providing expert, compassionate care that empowers children with cerebral palsy to reach their full potential. Today, we recognize Dennis and all of our patients who continue to inspire us with their strength, determination, and spirit.



23rd Annual

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GREEN BAY, WI



IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN OTTUM



# Charity Golf Outing

Join us on July 15th, 2025

Royal St. Patrick's Golf Course

201 Royal Saint Pat's Drive, Wrightstown, WI

9:00 AM Registration "4 Man Scramble"

10:00 AM Shot Gun Start

All Golfers Welcome – Collared Shirts Required

\$125 per person includes 18 Holes with cart, photo, 2 drink tickets, lunch and dinner provided

\$25 per person dinner only – 4:00 PM

**All Proceeds to Shriners Hospital for Children!**

Register and Pay Online: [www.bejashrinegolf.com](http://www.bejashrinegolf.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Package: No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$125 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only: No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_

Names of golfers:

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• Advance reservations recommended

• Make Checks Payable to: Beja Shrine

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Registration (space limited)







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



**Beja Shrine  
MENU**

**MAY  
MEETING MENU**

**Presented by the Stop Burn Injury Program**

Baked Ham & Broasted Chicken, Hash Brown Casserole Green Bean Casserole, Cole Slaw and Ice Cream for Dessert!

\$20.00 per person

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

**REGISTER NOW**

**3RD ANNUAL FRAN BAGLEY  
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**\$150/PERSON**

Includes 18 Holes of Golf w/ Cart, Food, and Fun!  
Reception to Follow Golf With Light Dinner, Silent Auction  
Items From Local Businesses, and a Guest Speaker!  
Tee Times Start @ 9:00 am  
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**\$1,000 HOLE-IN-1 PRIZE**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025**

**MAXWELTON BRAES  
GOLF COURSE**  
Baileys Harbor, WI

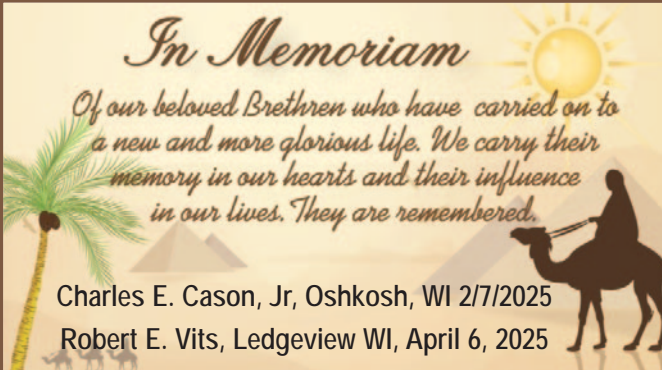


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*In Memoriam*

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

Charles E. Cason, Jr, Oshkosh, WI 2/7/2025  
Robert E. Vits, Ledgeview WI, April 6, 2025





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# Parade Season 2025

Beja Shriners Parade Season: Bringing Fun, Fezzes, and Philanthropy to the Streets  
Parade season is upon us, and

the Beja Shriners are gearing up to hit the streets in style! Every year, our units proudly participate in several community parades, spreading awareness of Shriners International and our mission to support Shriners Children's. These appearances allow us to engage with the public, promote our philanthropy, and, most importantly, bring smiles to the faces of families throughout the region.

## Join Us on the Parade Route

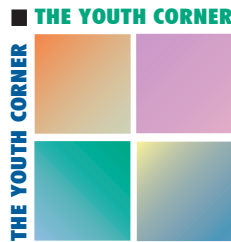
Our Shriners will be out in full force at the following parades this year:

- **Jacksonport Maifest**  
Saturday, May 24th - Vets
- **DePere Celebrate DePere**  
Monday, May 26th – All Beja Units
- **Appleton Flag Day**  
Saturday, June 14th - Vets
- **Chilton Father's Day**  
Sunday, June 15th – Krazy Kops. SuperTryke, Vets
- **Reedsville Fireman's Picnic**  
Sunday, June 29th, Krazy Kops, Vets
- **Manawa Rodeo Days**  
Saturday, July 5th, Krazy Kops, SuperTryke, Vets
- **Winneconne Sovereign State Days**  
Saturday, July 19th – Krazy Kops, Vets
- **Pulaski Polka Days**  
Sunday, July 20th - Vets
- **Weyauwega Horse & Buggy Days**  
Saturday September 13th – Krazy Kops
- **Peshtigo Historical Days**  
Saturday, September 27th - TBD
- **Sturgeon Bay Christmas Parade**  
Saturday, November 22nd - Vets
- **Howard Christmas Parade**  
Saturday, December 6th - Vets

*Let's Get Cooking*

Join us for the Beja Open Meeting June 4th, 2025

*Cake & Pie Auction*



## The Youth ADVENTURES

Hello All, welcome to what I am now assured is the real spring. Hopefully the weather will continue to get nicer. I'm sure most of you are also looking forward to the Circus and hoping that it will be a great event. As to looking forward as I've stated before, that is some of the thought process for the youth too and they're moving forward plan.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to first off thank Beja Shrine once again for the opportunity to serve. They had the opportunity of taking care of one of the meals for this year. The Chapter is also looking to congratulate the new officers who were elected last month after the ritual competition, there was state officer election.

Bethel #32 Jobs Daughters is once again, looking for other adults to help them restructure and be active.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage*  
Youth Committee Chairman

## 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.  
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## ONION UPDATE

Thank you for all the orders we received. Delivery is expected the first week in May. We will keep you updated on the delivery date. Feel free to reach out with any questions you may have.



Thank you, *Michael Moen*

MICHAEL MOEN, ONION CHAIR.  
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**Shriners  
Children's™**

**One Mission, One Future:  
Vision 2035**

Vision 2035, Shriners Children's strategic plan, is our roadmap to build on more than a century of success while providing our unique and compassionate life-changing care to as many children as possible, for the next century and beyond.

Much work has gone into this effort, and I am excited to share the progress we have made here in Chicago. We started by establishing standards that position Shriners Children's as the best at what we do and creating the playbooks that will help us get there. Our playbooks set priorities and direct our focus, from excellence in care to operational efficiencies and all points in between. Now we are digging into the data and metrics and getting down to the hard work of becoming the best.

Each location has identified 2025 priorities to focus on. Here are ours in Chicago:

#### **More Kids: Improving our percentage of new patients**

Definition: Count of Medical Record Numbers registered in the most recent rolling 365 days as compared to the prior 365. – Meeting with Director of Data Engineering and Analytics, and Corporate Dir. Business Development on this metric.

How we are going to achieve it: We are working to improve our intake process with contact center initiatives. We increased capacity for a fracture/injury clinic earlier this week. Assessing opportunities for physician liaison activities. We have a brand new national patient acquisition marketing campaign "Achieving the Extraordinary" running in Chicago area Q1/Q2 with secondary markets in Q3/4, along with consistent social media, earned media and community events related to patient acquisition.

Progress to date: Chicago's phone tree is live, and we now have data on contact center performance using Invoca, a quality assurance tool. Efforts on increasing Shriners Children's Twin Cities spine referrals have generated 2-4 referrals. Digital component of patient acquisition marketing campaign generated 1500 desired user actions for our location (such as phone calls, appointment page visit) in first two months of year.

#### **More Value: Improving our Full Time Equivalent (FTE/s) per Adjusted Occupied Bed**

Definition: Reflects the staffing level relative to patient occupancy. "Adjusted Occupied Bed" reflects the sum of inpatient occupied beds and equivalent outpatient occupied beds attributed to outpatient services.

How we are going to achieve it: Looking at all departments on where we can be more efficient with staffing as a whole. Level loading patient schedules so we can maintain

efficient staffing. Increased volumes in outpatient and inpatient both contribute to the Adjusted Occupied Bed metric

Progress to date: All department managers have met with Matt Lucas, our director of fiscal services, and reviewed staffing efficiency reports. A focus on keeping PRN hours within budget.

Best Care: Improvement in our "likelihood to recommend" percentile score for the medical practice area (outpatient clinic)

Definition: One answer on the Press Ganey healthcare quality survey supplied to random sample of patient families after visits; Our ranking on Likelihood to Recommend (Medical Practice) percentile relative to all Press Ganey participating healthcare sites over the 12 months.

How we are going to achieve it: We have evaluated survey responses and trends, identifying priority areas such as wait time or communication challenges.

Progress to date: Comment reviews incorporated into staffing meetings. MarCom has developed and introduced new signage in the area around survey completion while leveraging our 5 recent Press Ganey awards.

More Value: Improvement in our cost to charge ratio

Definition: Charges include total charges posted/generated by all documented clinical activity (inpatient and outpatient) and are not tied to actual billing activity.

How we are going to achieve it: We are providing additional educational training on coding and optimizing physician and department charging. We want to make sure we are billing for the work or services provided for all patients seen.

Progress to date: Audit reports are now being provided from the coding team to the physicians for surgery (clinic is next).

The theme of our strategic plan, One Mission, One Future: Vision 2035, illustrates that as a system we are united in our goals and that it will take each of us to achieve new heights. Changing the culture of our organization is about embracing innovation — not just to address areas of improvement, but to celebrate and strengthen where we already excel. In this process, we are gaining a greater understanding of who we are and what we do. We're not buildings or locations — we're people. We're Shriners Children's, no matter where we are: in hospitals, clinics, or outreach programs.

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# Shriners Children's™ Chicago

Shriners Chicago is quickly approaching our Epic Phase 2 go-live, and the level of preparation has been tremendous. Special recognition goes to our Epic team, their outstanding support of our medical staff is truly appreciated!

As part of our continued focus on improving dashboard metrics, our leadership team, directors, managers, and staff have actively engaged in both in-person and virtual meetings with Kaufman Hall. On April 7th and 8th, the Shriners Medical Group and Kaufman Hall conducted a site visit clinic, met with our medical staff, and identified opportunities for growth and efficiency improvements.

## Medical Staff Updates

- Part-time radiologists have been hired to provide off-hour radiology reads.
- Alejandro Zamudio, MD, has joined as a part-time hospitalist, enhancing overnight inpatient coverage.

## Expanding International Outreach

Our hospital is expanding its international outreach efforts to treat more patients in more locations. Recently, John Ghazi, MD, and Purnendu Gupta, MD, had the privilege of supporting the Shriners International Team in Cyprus.

They had the honor of meeting the generous family behind the Paraskevaides Foundation, which makes these efforts possible. The dedicated team of clinicians from Philadelphia, Greenville, Sacramento, and Springfield evaluated 151 patients in clinic and performed 18 surgeries, including four spinal fusions, at three hospitals in Cyprus.

A special thank you to Laura Kozloski, PhD, Executive Director of International Strategy, for her leadership in organizing the Cyprus Outreach Program, Chip Iwinski, MD, Chief Physician Quality Officer, and the incredible international team for their dedication to patient care worldwide.

## Workplace Violence Training

Shriners Chicago is implementing System-Wide Workplace Violence Training through SHINE:

- E-learning module: 4 hours (for patient-facing staff)
- In-person de-escalation practice: 3 hours
- Review and update relevant policies

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

## Qualified Charitable Distributions

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD), sometimes referred to as an IRA charitable rollover, allows you to make a tax-free gift from your individual retirement account (IRA) to a qualified charitable organization without having to pay income taxes on the money. You can make gifts to Shriners Children's™ up to the maximum amount allowed by law, from your IRA.

### How It Works:

- You are age 70½ or older at the time of the gift.
- You make your gift directly from your IRA. (Consult your advisors if you also make tax-deductible contributions to your IRA.)
- You transfer the funds to one or more qualified charities, like Shriners Children's.

### Why Consider This Gift?

You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your tax deductions. If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can satisfy all or part of your obligation.

### 5 Steps to Complete Your Gift

- 1 Choose the IRA from which you wish to make the gift.
- 2 Decide the amount of your gift.
- 3 Contact us for a sample letter you can use to request a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA.
- 4 Submit the required form to your IRA administrator.
- 5 Share the good news of your gift with us.

To discuss gift opportunities that benefit Shriners Children's Chicago, contact one of our Office of Philanthropy team members.

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# 2025 Beja Shriners FEZTIVAL OF TREES & More... SPONSOR APPLICATION

We are excited to be hosting the 1st Annual Beja Shrine Feztival of Trees. This application provides you the unique opportunity for reserving your 6'x6' space to showcase your creativity and generosity through a themed, LED lighted, artificial tree with unwrapped gifts, valued at a retail price of \$1000 or more. Trees, decorations and gifts are purchased by the sponsor and will be won by raffle.

The tree set up is Sunday November 23rd or Monday November 24th at the Beja Shrine Center, 1950 Bond St. Green Bay, WI. The tree and setup time will be from 10am-7pm. As a token of our appreciation, a personalized tree sponsor sign will be prominently displayed by your tree for the duration of the event featuring your approved logo and name. Also, social and media exposure will be provided. In addition, a sponsorship night will be held on Tuesday November 25th 7-10pm for up to 5 members of your group to get a pre-event look at and opportunity to participate in the tree/wreath raffle process.

This is a free public event which will run on Wednesday 11/26 1-8pm, Friday 11/28 10-8pm, Saturday 11/29 10-8pm and Sunday 11/30 11-4pm. Trees and wreath raffle tickets will be drawn at 4:00pm on Sunday 11/29. Thank you for considering being part of this heartwarming event.



BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION / INDIVIDUAL / FAMILY / IN MEMORIUM / SOCIAL GROUP

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TREE THEME (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPLETE TREE SPACE APPLICATION TO BE RETURNED BY  
OCTOBER 1, 2025, TO RESERVE YOUR SPACE OR CALL BEJA SHRINE AT 920-498-1950**

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

BEJA FEZTIVAL OF TREES 1950 BOND STREET GREEN BAY, WI 54303

“Proceeds are for the benefit of Beja Shrine activities.”

“Payments to Beja Shrine are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution”

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Assigned Tree Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation with Sponsor Date: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

# TREE SPONSOR RULES AND GUIDELINES

## BASICS

- *Time and Place* - Feztival of Trees will be held from Wednesday 11/26 – Sunday 11/30, closed on Thursday 11/27 Thanksgiving Day
- *Application Deadline* - All applications must be submitted or staff notified by October 1, 2025
- *Set up time* - The set-up time for a sponsor to set up their tree is Sunday 11/23 10-7pm or Monday 10am-4pm.
- *Sponsorship Night* - Tuesday, 11/25 7-10pm. Sponsors will be provided five (5) tickets to this special Event with 5 drink tickets and assorted appetizers. Raffle ticket purchases will be available.
- *Liability* - Beja Shriners, Beja Shrine Center, Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children are not responsible for any loss or damage to any sponsored owned or furnished items during the event. Not liable for any accidents or bodily injury that may occur on the event premises.

## TREE SPECIFICATIONS

- Tree spaces are 6 foot by 6 foot (all trees, gifts and related items must fit in the assigned area)
- Trees must be a minimum of four (4) feet unless pre-approved by the Feztival of Trees staff.
- Trees must be artificial
- Trees must have LED lighting ONLY
- Sponsors are asked to choose a theme for their tree decorations that are appropriate for the public and represents their business, organization or family. *Beja Feztival of Trees* reserves the right to not allow any tree deemed inappropriate.
- Creative and non-traditional trees are welcome if they follow the tree rules.
- Each tree will be provided with one electrical outlet to use. Sponsors must use the assigned electrical outlet. Feztival of Trees staff will be available to assist with electrical connections.
- Sponsors should provide one (1) extension cord with UL or ETL listed. It is recommended that the cord be 15-20 feet long. The cord will be given away with the tree.
- Empty tree boxes and other reusable packaging will be held by the *Feztival of Trees staff* and provided to the tree winner

## PRIZES

- The winner of each tree will receive everything displayed, (including the tree, decorations and presents under the tree) unless specific items are marked and labeled. Sponsor display signs and event decorating remain the property of the *Beja Feztival of Trees*.
- High-Value prizes will be safeguarded by the *Feztival of Trees staff*.
- Presents related to the trees theme should be displayed under the tree and unwrapped for the guests to view.
- Cash or high-value items should not be placed on or under the tree. These items will be held by the *Feztival of Trees staff* and issued to the tree winner at pickup. Instead, sponsors can use photos, fake money, or a letter explaining the prizes.
- Alcohol is allowed as a decoration or placed as a gift with any tree. – Tree Raffle with alcohol must be 21 to participate.

## EVENT CONCLUSION

- On the final day November 30th at 4pm, the prize drawing will be held in accordance with the Wisconsin raffle requirements. All raffle items must be picked up at the conclusion or make arrangements with the event coordinator.
- Winners will be immediately notified by the contact information on the ticket.
- Purchase ticket holders need not be present to win.
- Sponsors need not be present to take down of donated tree by winner but are welcome.
- The list of winners will be posted on the Beja Feztival of Trees Facebook page and the Beja Website.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FROM THE FEZTIVAL OF TREES STAFF**

Any questions, please contact event coordinators at 920-498-1985

Brad Ottum, Event Coordinator



# DADDY BOOK CONTRIBUTORS FOR BEJA SHRINE CIRCUS 2025

Listed alphabetically by first name below are the Nobles and Friends that have contributed to the Beja Circus 2025 by purchasing their Nobles tickets. All of Beja thanks each of you for your support and effort in making the Circus a success. The list contains the contributors through Friday, April 11th 2025. If you do not see your Brother Nobles name on this list of contributors, ask him to help Beja with a contribution by purchasing his tickets.

Adams, Moses

Andres, Jay

Andres, Theda

Atlas, Jordan

Aude, Lynn

Berggren, John

Berk, Avram

Borchardt, Ross

Buchman, Henry

Buettner, Lyle

Burlison, Leland

Bushaw, Karl

Campbell, Craig

Campbell, James

Capelle, Gerald

Capen, Robert

Chernick, Richard

Christensen, Ruthann

Clark, John

Clark, James

Cloutier, Craig

Cornelissen, Gary

Cornelius, Franklin

De Hart, Timothy

Deetjen, Rosanne

Draeger, Robert

Dyreby, James

Ecke, William

Emmerich, George

Fay, Marshall

Fehl, Gary

Forsythe, David

Gans, Arthur

Gault, Bill

Gerlach, David

Goldner, Blaine

Grahn, Kyle

Greene, Charles

Grunewald, Todd

Habeck, Greg

Haen, Mariellen

Harmon, Robert

Havlinek, Michael

Herbst, Juergen

Herrild, Orlin

Hinze, Jeffrey

Hull, Jay

Hutchinson, Raymond

Johnson, Leslie

Ketchum, Rodney

Kimme, David

Klampert, Kieth

Koeller, Richard

Kohn, Bonnie

Kohn, Linda

Korth, Dennis

Koudelka, Gerald

Kress, Donald

Labus, Steven

Lindow, Roger

Lindow, Eleanor

Lindsay, David

Longston, William

Ludlow, Dennis

Lutsey, Thomas

Magoon, Roger

Maxon, Scott

McLaughlin, Lynda

McLellan, Kenneth

Mitchell, Edward

Nicholas, Torren

Nygaard, Peter

Olson, John

Oscarson, Deen

Oshefsky, David

Ottum, Jeffrey

Ottum, Bradley

Papesh, Ralph

Paschke, Charles

Passow, Thomas

Patterson, Larry

Pederson, Leonard

Pernak, Frank

Pillar, Kristoffer

Pinney, Thomas

Powers, Anthony

Rabach, Stephen

Rautiola, Kenneth

Reece, Eugene

Rodgers, Ben

Romer, William

Rosera, Daniel

Rothe, Mark

Sage, John

Schmidt, David

Schmidt, Lori

Senn, Shane

Shriver, Gary

Shulstad, John

Slezak, James

Slezak, James, Jr

Smitham, Robert

Sorenson, Susan

Spurlock, Michael

Strong, Thomas

Thiers, Timothy

Tulenko, Jr., John

Uher, Donald

Urban, Michael

Van Beaver, Roger

Van Laarhoven, Paul

Van Lanen, John

Vander Leest, Robert

Vander Zanden, Roy

Vollrath, Thomas

Vollrath, Dale

Weinhauer, Carol

Wiltzius, John

Wingert, Thomas

Woolsey, Roy

Zanon, Richard

Zochert, Paul

Zochert, Larry

*Enjoy The Circus!!*





## WISCONSIN STATEWIDE *Shrine Ceremonial*

The newly installed Potentates 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

**YOU won't want to miss it!!!**

May 16 & 17, 2025 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center in Stevens Point. This exciting weekend begins with Friday evening's "Get to Know You Wisconsin Tailgate Dinner" with a cash bar. Interactive Entertainment with Tailgate Games to encourage friendly competition between attendees. If you have a typical tailgate game suitable for, indoors bring it along. The evening will conclude with Shrine hospitality.

Nobles, Candidates, Ladies, and their families are all encouraged to attend Saturday's "Wisconsin Shrine Ceremonial". The morning will start with Opening of the Temple by joint Divans from Beja, Tripoli, and Zor's Directors Staffs/Ritualistic Divan & Nexgen presenting the all-new Ceremonial. The unified collection of the Arch Degree, Knickerbocker Degree, 1st section, ending with Shriner's Creed, Ol' Red Fez, and Fezzing Ceremony. There will be an intermission for lunch. Both a men's and ladies' luncheons is 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 via Ticket-Spice for all meals and genera attendee's name badge. Use the following link or scan this QR code on the next page. Due date for Meal reservations is May 1st after which there is a penalty.

<https://msa24.ticketspice.com/wisconsin-shriners-ceremonial-and-black-and-white-ball> (The password is: JointCeremonial)

**See Next page for reservation forms.**



Beja Shriners  
Shooting Event &  
Picnic  
**Lock, Load, and Let's  
Have Some Fun!**  
**Saturday, June 7th, 2025**  
**- 10:00 am**

The Beja Sportsmen's Club is proud to host a day of marksmanship and fellowship at the Shiocton Public Shooting Range, and we'd love to see you there!

We'll kick things off with 60 minutes on the pistol range followed by 60 minutes on the long rifle range. Whether you're a seasoned shooter or just looking to enjoy the camaraderie, this event is for you!

Cost for shooting is just \$10 per person. (Cash only, exact change)

*Please bring your own firearms and ammunition.*

After we've emptied our magazines, we'll regroup for a picnic lunch at the Reece's house, located at N4706 Kettner Rd, Shiocton. Lunch will be \$10 per person, and there will be a cash bar available.

This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Shriners, Ladies, Masons, and friends—so feel free to bring a guest!

**Please RSVP to Gene (920) 585-0994 or email:  
(greecejr@aol.com) in advance so we can plan for  
shooting and food accordingly.**

*Let's make some noise, enjoy some food,  
and share in the spirit of brotherhood.*

### **Attention All Nature Enthusiasts!**

Beja Shrine is thrilled to announce a unique and exciting event for bird lovers of all levels! Join our resident bird-watching experts, Past Potentate Ben Rodgers and Lady Stephanie, for an unforgettable bird-watching experience at one of Wisconsin's top birding spots.

May 3rd, 2025 at Time: 7:00 AM  
Ken Euers Nature Area, N Military Ave, Green Bay

What to bring: Binoculars (or anything to help you see birds up close!), comfortable walking shoes, and your curiosity!

Mark your calendars and join us for a delightful morning of birdwatching with Past Potentate Ben Rodgers and Lady Stephanie. It's an event you won't want to miss—especially if you bring your binoculars!

**RSVP to Ann: (920) 498-1985**



# 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**





The Beja Krazy Kops arrested the Easter Bunny and paraded him through Shawano in advance of the Shawano Lodge Easter Egg Hunt.



*Fraternally,  
Eugene Reece, Asst. Chief*



*THE DORNER'S ENJOYING BREAKFAST WITH EASTER BUNNY*



## Swing with Purpose!

**Registration & Sponsorships OPEN for the Beja John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing**

Get ready to hit the greens for a great cause, Beja Shriners and friends! Registration is officially **OPEN** for the annual **Beja John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing** on **Tuesday, July 15th**, at the prestigious **Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links** in Wrightstown!

This year, every drive, putt, and sponsorship directly supports the **Beja Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund**, helping children in need get to and from **Shriners Children's hospitals and clinics** for specialized medical care. This fund removes financial barriers for families, ensuring they can focus on what truly matters—their child's health and well-being.

### Register Today & Make a Difference

Don't wait—**secure your spot now** at [bejashrinegolf.com](http://bejashrinegolf.com)! Whether you're signing up solo or assembling a foursome, you'll enjoy a **top-tier golf experience** while making a life-changing impact.

### Become a Sponsor & Amplify Your Impact

Want to do more? **Sponsorship opportunities are available!** Visit [bejashrinegolf.com](http://bejashrinegolf.com) to explore levels that offer **valuable community exposure** while directly supporting the **Hospital Transportation Fund**. Your sponsorship ensures children receive critical medical care without the burden of travel costs.

### How You Can Help

**Register to Golf** – Sign up at [bejashrinegolf.com](http://bejashrinegolf.com) for a fantastic day on the course.

**Become a Sponsor** – Choose a sponsorship level that fits your budget and **support a child's journey to care**.

**Spread the Word** – Know a business or individual who wants to help? Connect them with us—they can make a **real difference!**

The **Beja John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing** is more than just a tournament—it's a chance to come together and **drive hope and healing for children in need**. **Register or sponsor today** at [bejashrinegolf.com](http://bejashrinegolf.com), and we'll see you on July 15th, swinging with purpose!





Illustrious Sir Dennis Korth P.P. and Lady Gale while vacationing in Texas still managed to reach out and sell Circus program ads for the 2025 Circus program.

Plus, they are donating \$100 towards the 2025 Circus bike give away.

At our March 28th social meeting it was wonderful seeing Noble Eben who was on spring break from teaching. Lady Cathy Johnson shared some delightful memories, and Noble Larry Zochert was sporting his new Shrine East/West Football pullover. And the ever so Sweet Shrine Lady Judy Pauli also attended.



Our waitress Brandy who greatly supports our Shrine Club relayed a message to owner Alex

who was cooking at the time. Alex and Mark's Eastside will be purchasing 600lbs of onions. Plus, other ASC members also placed onion orders.



Promoter of Rock-It Kids Jody Carson with Illustrious Sirs Tom Pflugardt & Gerry Arnholt

Tom Pflugardt P.P. volunteered and sold CDs at the Kid Rock - Rock-it Kids concert held at the Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee WI on Saturday, March 29th.

Noble Ken McLellan is doing well while recovering from some skin cancer removal.

As always, our prayers continue for ASC Noble Rich Moore and family.

Having Fun Helping Kids.

Thank you for all that you do!

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



## Beja Shriners Sportsmen's Club: Lend a Hand at Kids Free Fishing Day!

Get ready to make a splash! The Beja Shriners Sportsmen's Club is calling on Beja's Nobles and Ladies to volunteer at the annual Kids Free Fishing Day in Suamico. This fun-filled event, on **Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM** at the **Municipal Services Center Village Pond (1287 Velp Ave, Suamico)**, offers children aged 15 and under the chance to experience the joy of fishing.

We need enthusiastic volunteers to assist the Suamico Recreation Department staff in ensuring a smooth and enjoyable day for the young anglers. Your support will be invaluable in helping kids bait their hooks, safely remove fish from their lines, and even learn the basics of casting.

**Volunteer duties will run from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, allowing time for setup and takedown. The Department of Natural Resources will provide fishing poles, and the Suamico Park District will supply bait, so you can focus on helping the kids have a great time!

No prior fishing experience is necessary – just a willingness to share your time and enthusiasm. To help promote awareness of the Shriners' involvement in this great community event, **please wear your Shriner attire – shirts, hats, etc.** Let's show our support in style!

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with the community and make a positive impact on the lives of local children.

**Ready to reel in some fun?**

Contact **Gene Reece at 920-585-0994** to sign up and learn more.

Let's make this Kids Free Fishing Day a memorable experience for everyone!





# 2025 Beja Shriners Mason Picnic



*Save The Date*

You & your family  
are invitated  
to the Annual

**NEW Masonic  
Picnic**

**Bay Beach Amusement Park**

**GREEN BAY WI**

**July 20, 2025,**

**10:30 am - ?**

We will be in the pavilion 3 closest to the Zippin Pippin.

Cost is \$15. Per person. Children under 7 free.

Ride tickets, food, beverages, sunny weather,  
brotherly fun and games.

**ALL MASONS AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME.**

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## Why Haven't You Brought in a New Noble?

Nobles, let's ask ourselves a simple question: **Why haven't we brought our friends to join the Shrine?**

Too often, we assume someone else will do it. We tell ourselves that a Brother will ask when he's ready or that there's always next year. But here's the reality—we have not initiated a single new Noble this year, while the Black Camel continues to call our Brothers home. If we don't grow, we fade.

We all know men who would make great Shriners. **So why haven't we asked them?**

And if your friend isn't a Mason yet—no problem! He can still get involved in our Shrine activities while on his Masonic journey. Get him into your **club or unit**, let him experience the **fun** side of Masonry, and surround him with good men who will support him along the way. It's the perfect chance for you and other Nobles to **mentor him** and help with his proficiency.

The perfect opportunity is right in front of us: the **Wisconsin Joint Ceremonial in Stevens Point on May 16-17**. This is a chance to welcome new Nobles in a powerful, inspiring way—an experience they will never forget. Beja's Fall Ceremonial is also on the horizon, but we cannot afford to wait.

Our goal is **fifteen new Nobles** this year, and we need everyone to step up. If each of us brings in just one candidate, we don't just meet our goal—we secure the future of Beja.

So again, ask yourself: **Why haven't you brought in a new Noble?** And then, more importantly—**who will you ask today?**

Let's stop waiting. Let's start growing.  
The time is now.

*Your Membership Team*



## PACKERLAND CLAN 181 SUMMER REUNION Saturday, June 21st 1:00PM - ???

The Hillbillies are coming... the Hillbillies are coming...not the Beverly Hillbillies, but the **BEJA Hillbillies**. Packerland Clan #181 will be holding our **SUMMER REUNION** which will include the annual meeting, election and installation of officers and new members. If you are interested in joining this fantastic group of cuzzin's, having fun and helping children please plan on attending. **The festivities will begin at 1:00pm at Gene and Dawn Reece's home at N4706 Kettner Rd. Shiocton.** We will begin with some fellowship and some "shine", corn hole toss competition, then conduct our initiation of new members, installation of officers and then have a wonderful Hillbilly dinner consisting of Barbeque chicken, pulled pork, navy beans cooked over an open fire, corn on the cob...of course, and as a true cuzzin's party everyone is asked to bring their favorite salad or dessert dish to pass. If you are traveling from afar, and need a place to stay, please give Gene a call.

Cost of the meal is \$15 per person. For those planning on joining the clan, membership cost is \$30 individual or \$40 per couple. Yes ladies, you are an integral part of our group and will be initiated as an important cuzzin. Membership cost includes your lifetime membership fee, hillbilly hat and corn cob pipe. Dress for the day is of course is bib overalls or your most comfortable jeans. Please **RSVP to Gene at [greecejr@aol.com](mailto:greecejr@aol.com) or call 920-585-0994 by June 16th.**

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



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at Beja and much more  
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# MAY 2025

## Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 7:00 pm Washington Lodge	2 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	3  Nature Walk
4  NWTC Car Show	5 7:00pm Order of Demolay	6 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	7 Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	8 10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council 6:00pm Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	9 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	10
11  Mother's Day	12	13 5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	14 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	15 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	16 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting  Cereimonial	17  Cereimonial
18 	19 7:00pm Order of Demolay	20 6:30 pm Roosevelt	21 5:30pm Scottish Rite	22 6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City 7:00pm Palestine	23 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30am	24  Jacksonport Parade
25 Daughters of Nile 1:30pm	26 NO 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots  DePere Parade Memorial Day	27 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	28 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	29	30 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	31



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### 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 24 Parade - Jacksonport (Vets & Patriots)  
May 26th - De Pere Memorial Parade and Picnic - Beja Shrine Center

### June 2025

June 4th - Beja Open Meeting - Pie/Cake Auction  
June 14th - Appleton Flag Dy Parade  
June 15th - Chilton Father's Day Parade  
June 7th - Shooting and Picnic, Shiocton (hosted by Beja Sportsmen)  
June 28th-July 3rd - Imperial Session, Atlanta, GA  
June 29th - Reedsville Fireman's Parade

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