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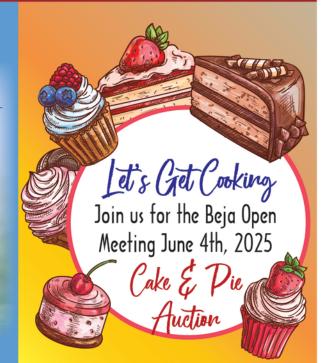
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"The Club with Class"

JAY HERBST - PRESIDENT

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting June 13th at Waterfront Mary's in Sturgeon Bay. Weather permitting we will be eating outside enjoying the view of the bay. We start at 5:00pm and will order from the menu shortly after.

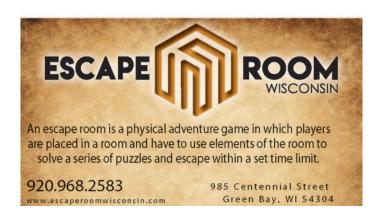
Everyone is welcome to join us, just let me know so we can plan accordingly.

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



Shining Masonic Light in Titletown! Green Bay's only Daylight Lodge! Perfect for those working nights or enjoying retirement. Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month at Beja Shrine Lodge room (except July & August) at 10:00 AM.

All Masons welcome to experience our fellowship. Come see what we're all about!



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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE





Greetings, Nobles and Friends,

With the circus and the State Spring Ceremonial behind us and warmer weather finally upon us, it's time to shift gears and set our sights on the exciting months ahead!

Our open meeting on June 4th will be a special one. We'll celebrate Beja's 40th Anniversary and enjoy our annual pie and cake auction—always a lively and delicious evening. Just a few days later, on June 7th, join us for some fun and fellowship at the Shiocton outdoor range for our annual Shooting Day and Picnic, hosted by the Beja Sportsmen's Club.

From there, it's full speed ahead! We're gearing up for the Imperial Session, our Charity Golf Outing, the fourth annual Bay Beach Masonic Picnic, and a summer filled with parades, led by the many hardworking and spirited Beja units.

If you haven't yet joined a club or unit, this is a great time to jump in. Parades are a perfect way to experience camaraderie, fun, and the pride of representing Beja in the community.

Looking ahead to August, our "Munising Michigan" Potentate's Trip is fast approaching. We'll depart Beja on a Saturday morning and travel through Fayette Historic State Park, stepping back in time to when iron ore ruled the region. From there, we'll visit Kitch-iti-kipi, Michigan's largest natural spring, before arriving in Munising for a traditional pasty dinner and a relaxing evening. Sunday brings adventure: a thrilling U.S. Navy SEAL boat ride around Grand Island and, if conditions permit, a glass-bottom boat tour along the spectacular Lake Superior shoreline. Monday we'll wrap up with a few more waterfalls and a final scenic stop before heading home.

As we enjoy all these summer events, we're also shifting into high gear to prepare for our **Feztival of Trees** fundraiser later this year. Stay tuned for updates—and as always, keep your tires rolling forward!

Fraternally, Ill. Sir Scott Maxon Beja Shrine Potentate 2025



"While working in the ER at the local hospital, I got called in for a patient that needed some tests done. They weren't sure about his mental state, but they knew he needed help. As I walked in and introduced myself he seemed scared, so I started talking to him. Not like a patient, but like a person. I explained what I was doing, let him ask questions, and even let him look over my tools and paperwork. When it was all over, he thanked me for taking the time to help him.

I turned before I left and said "The three most important words in the world are "You Matter Too"" and his tears started to flow. So, I sat back down and just spent time talking to him. It turned out he was there to get help for many things, but those were words he had never been told before. Before we knew it, the nurse came back in and he told her he was ready to get better and that he knew he was going to be ok.

For me it was routine, taking a little extra time for people who were in rough shape in one way or another. Sometimes it was people who needed medical attention, and sometimes it was people who just needed to let it all out to someone. But every instance proved to be time well spent. As Shriners we know this feeling well. It's what we do for children at hospitals and clinics, or even at our circus and other events.

What we often forget is when we need to do it for each other. We think of each other as strong and capable, and we don't always see how much that little bit of time and effort we offer can make a difference. It's something that I think we should do for each other more often. All it takes is that moment of "You Matter Too", whether it be to other Nobles, or to ourselves in the mirror that can make a world of difference.

None of us are perfect, but we all have it in us to be better. Not just for ourselves and those close to us. But for the world around us as well."

Fraternally, Rev. Will MacKay







📤 A Heartfelt Thanks from the Big Top 🐠

Another Beja Shrine Circus is in the books-and what a show it was! From the moment the doors opened to the final bow, the energy, excitement, and sense of wonder reminded us why this event remains such a beloved tradition.

A sincere thank-you to every Noble, Lady, and friend of Beja who helped bring the circus to life. Whether you assisted with setup, ushering, hospitality, selling programs, or simply greeting guests with a smile, your efforts made a lasting impression.

We're especially grateful for those who gave their time behind the scenes, before and after the spotlights faded. Your dedication and teamwork kept things running smoothly and made this year's circus one to remember.

We also thank the families who came out to enjoy the show—your laughter and applause are what make it all worthwhile.

Let's keep that spirit going as we look ahead to next year's circus on May 2-3, 2026. Mark your calendars and get ready to do it all again!

Fraternally, The 2025 Circus Committee



OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on June 12th 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.

Join As for

Beja's 40th Anniversary Celebration June 4th Open Meeting



Beja Shriners invites all Nobles, Ladies, family, and friends to a special Open Meeting on Wednesday, June 4th as we celebrate a milestone moment in our history and shine a spotlight on our contributions to the community.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Beja Shriners receiving its dispensation to become the 188th Shrine Temple of Shriners International. During the program, we'll honor and recognize the charter members whose dedication helped establish Beja as a vital and vibrant part of the Shrine family.

We are honored to welcome Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich and his wife to this commemorative event. Mayor Genrich will speak on the impact Beja Shriners has had in the city of Green Bay and present a mayoral proclamation in recognition of Shriners International Awareness Day, observed annually on June 6th.

After an evening of celebration, recognition, and fellowship, we'll end on a sweet note with our beloved Pie and Cake Auction—a fan favorite and lively fundraiser you won't want to miss!

Mark your calendar and invite a guest—this will be an evening full of pride, purpose, and pastry!

AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Sarah Mobroten, PQ ajebtempleno156@gmail.com

Mary Habeck, Princess Banker Mhhabeck@gmail.com

Greetings to all our Princesses,

Writing this newsletter, while outside my window the rose breasted grosbeaks, the white crowned sparrows, hummingbirds, the blue jays, the orioles, chickadees, nuthatches, so many different types of woodpeckers, and occasional squirrel are enjoying the warm spring weather. It seems like we all have a bit of cabin fever! If you can get outside to enjoy nature, you are blessed. We all know people that are not able to navigate the outside without assistance. Give them a call and arrange to pick them up for a nature walk or ride. Let's put our hand out to give a hand up.

There was a bit of horseplay on Kentucky Derby day. We had a fun group of ladies (and Jeff), who ran for the roses! Your Queen's horse won the race with a time of 2 minutes and 2 seconds! Skill was definitely involved! Princess Sarah put on a delicious buffet, mint juleps included!! We had 8 guests, (thank you to the Princesses that invited them) and from the reports I have received, they all had a great time, and are hoping to do it again next year.

Due to conflicts in several people's schedules, we met on Mother's Day. As I was thinking about the problems meeting on a Mother's special day, I thought of the mothers of the Shriners Kids. The hours, and days spent at appointments, therapy sessions, surgeries, burn centers, prosthetic fittings, tears and heartaches they all endure. Arranging my schedule to enjoy my children's attention, and still attending our session was important to me. I am very passionate about "our Shriner's Kids", and am filled with joy when I read about the success they are having with help from the Daughters of the Nile contributions. Thank you to all who give of their time to help heal children. Love you!

There will be <u>no session in June</u>, because we will be attending the Supreme Session in Las Vegas. So far we have 4 members from AJEB who will be going to Supreme. Important resolutions to be discussed and voted on. Glad we have Princesses that can attend.

<u>July session is July 20th, 1:30 p.m.</u> We will be going to the BEJA picnic the day before! Lots of yummy food, games, and conversation. Let's support our Shriners. Any special recipes you all used with the vidalia onions? Everything tastes great with them. Low heat in the frying

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pan, with butter, salt and pepper goes with any meal. (Even breakfast!)

Our Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker will be with us <u>Monday, August 11, 2025</u>. This is our Official Visit, and I am hoping everyone will make a very special effort to be in attendance. Studying parts, and getting ready to put our best foot forward will be great. We will be having a <u>luncheon at 11:30</u>, followed by our Session. Hope to see stations filled, and sideliners also.

Golf! Golf! Golf! September 6th, 2025 at Maxwelton Braes in Baileys Harbor. This is our annual fundraiser, making it possible to send a very nice check to the foundation. We need golfers, baskets to auction off, and helpers the day of the outing. We are having some new and special additions to the outing this year. Hint number 1.....Mel is using her artistic talent to add a great element to the day. I'm so excited for all of it. Golf, food, fun, prizes, auctions, crafts, speaker, and memories to be made!

Have a joy filled June, and I hope to see a full crowd in July at our Session.

Nile Love, Mariellen Haen, Queen





Our 2025-2026 Officers:

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PR Recorder	
PR Banker	
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IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN OTTUM



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

Name:	
Address:	
City:State:Z	p: Phone Number: ()
Names of golfers:	Email :
	• Advance reservations recommended • Make Checks Payable to: Beja Shrine • Mail To: Beja Shriners 1950 Rond Street, Green Ray, WI 54303

Registration (space limited) Email: bejashrine@new.rr.con



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6/7 Paul Zochert

6/8 Peter R Scheinert

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6/28 Benjamin M Rudolph

6/29 Gary J Cornelissen

6/29 Jeff Eilers

6/29 Miguel Magana



Meal provided by WGA 4 KIDS

Dinner consists of Wisconsin Picnic Tailgate Party favorites, Burgers, Brats, Home made potato salad, Baked beans, Cole slaw, Pasta salad, Pistachio Fluff. Dessert will be cake celebrating 40 years of Beja

\$15.00 per person

Please RSVP by May 31st to Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985



MSA 2025

Moose Jaw, SK

Hosted by: Wa Wa Shriners

Summer Session August 20th - 23rd, 2025

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025

MAXWELTON BRAES GOLF COURSE Baileys Harbor, WI





Join Imperial Sir Richard and Lady Judy Burke

For the 151st Imperial Session of Shriners International from June 29 - July 3, 2025, in Atlanta, GA

Atlanta. On A Different Level.

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



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:

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



The Youth ADVENTURES

I hope everyone is looking forward to the start of summer. As I've stated before, sometimes writing these articles are a misnomer in timing because they are due before an event date. That being said, I would like to thank everyone who came out and helped at the Circus.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to thank Beja once again for the opportunity to serve the dinners. And everyone who came out to the Circus and stopped by and said hello at the information booth.

June will be a busy month for the chapter with some of the brothers graduating high school and looking at new adventures and their future.

Bethel #32 Job's Daughters is looking for help in reorganizing and coming up with new ideas for the Bethel to move forward. Please feel free to contact and advisor and offer to help.

As always, thank you for everyone who helps and supports the youth.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage Youth Committee Chairman





Register & Sponsor Now –

Dr. John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing

The countdown is on! The annual Beja Dr. John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing is fast approaching—Tuesday, July 15th at Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown. If you haven't signed up yet, now's the time!

This event is more than just a day on the greens—it's a powerful way to support the Beja Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund, which ensures children can access life-changing care at Shriners Children's hospitals and clinics, no matter the distance or cost.

Large Time to Register!

Reserve your spot today at <u>bejashrinegolf.com</u>. Whether you're a returning team or a new participant, your swing helps send kids to the care they need.

Sponsor Opportunities Still Open

Looking for a way to make a bigger impact? Sponsor the outing! It's a great way to support a worthy cause while gaining valuable community recognition. Explore sponsor levels at bejashrinegolf.com.

Can't Sponsor? You Can Still Help!

If you're not in a position to sponsor this year, consider pitching the opportunity to the businesses you already support—your bank, insurance agent, favorite restaurant, or local mechanic. A friendly conversation or a shared link could bring in a new sponsor who wants to give back.

Let's Reach 120 Golfers!

We're aiming high—help us hit 120 golfers for the first time ever! Invite your friends, coworkers, and fellow golfers to sign up. Every foursome brings us closer to our goal—and to changing a child's life.

How You Can Help:

- Register to Golf Sign up solo or with a team at bejashrinegolf.com.
- Become a Sponsor Or connect us with someone who can.
- Inetwork and help us grow.

We'll share final details in the July Bugler, but don't wait—register or sponsor now at <u>bejashrinegolf.com</u> and join us July 15th for a day of golf, fellowship, and purpose.

bejashrinegolf.com

Celebrate Beja and Shriners International This June



June is a month of celebration, reflection, and pride for Beja Shriners and Nobles across the world.

On Friday, June 6, we join our fraternal family in observing Shriners International Awareness Day, honoring the founding of our Imperial Council in 1876. This special day is an opportunity for all Shriners to proudly show their colors, reflect on our rich heritage, and share what it means to be a part of the world's greatest fraternity.

Here's how you can participate:

- Wear your fez (when appropriate), Shrine shirt, lapel pin, or other fraternal gear.
- Share your story on social media and help spread awareness about who we are and what we do.
- Be an ambassador talk to friends, coworkers, and community members about the fun, fellowship, and philanthropy of being a Shriner.
- Encourage your family to join in by wearing Shrine apparel or sharing your enthusiasm.
- Most importantly, reflect on what being a Shriner means to you.

To help raise awareness, Shriners International has provided a suite of resources including graphics, social media templates, and customizable event posters available through the Member Center at shrinersinternatinal.org. Let's flood our feeds with Shrine pride on June 6!

But the celebration doesn't stop there.

Join us at our **June 4th Open Meeting** as we mark Beja Shriners' 40th anniversary. We are honored to welcome Green Bay Mayor Eric Genrich, who will present a mayoral proclamation recognizing Beja's four decades of service and community impact. This is a proud milestone and a fitting way to kick off our Awareness Day celebrations.

Whether you're showing your colors on June 6 or joining us in person on June 4, take a moment this month to stand tall, speak proudly, and be reminded of the joy and purpose we find in being Shriners.

Let's show the world what it means to be part of this incredible fraternity.



Spring has brought new energy and progress to Shriners Children's Chicago, where recent initiatives are transforming the way we deliver care, support families, and expand our reach.

This season marked the launch of Phase 2 of our Epic Inpatient system, a major step forward in hospital technology and care coordination. The rollout has come with the expected challenges of a project this size, but the teamwork and problem-solving across departments has been outstanding.

In line with our ongoing performance goals, Shriners Chicago continues to make strong strides across our Dashboard metrics, guided by the Kaufman Hall playbook. Patient-reported outcomes (PROMIS scores) are steadily improving, and we're actively enhancing the Press Ganey measure of "Likelihood to Recommend." Although 97% of patients say they would recommend us, we're focused on boosting our national percentile rank through better communication, shorter wait times, and more seamless scheduling.

Our clinical partnerships and recruitment efforts are also gaining ground. A new Motility Clinic is being developed in collaboration with Rush General Surgery to support patients with neuromuscular conditions. A contract with Cook County for Orthopaedic services is nearly finalized, and discussions are underway to bring orthopaedic residents from Creighton University to our campus for clinical rotations. We're also actively working to add a geneticist and hand surgeon to help reduce wait times in these high-demand specialties.

Our research department is in full swing, preparing to submit eight multicenter grant proposals to the Shriners Research Programs Office. These proposals reflect countless hours of dedication from team members, In addition, our team is currently presenting at national Shriners meetings, continuing to raise the profile of our work in cleft care and burn treatment.

In a bittersweet milestone, Darlene Kelly, longtime Director of Recreation Therapy and Child Life, will retire after 35 years of service. Her leadership has left an indelible mark on the patient experience, bringing joy, creativity, and compassion to generations of children.

Looking ahead, the team continues to make progress on Continued in next column the Master Facility Plan, which will guide future improvements to our campus. Representatives from SOMDAL Associates, a nationally respected design and architecture firm based in Shreveport, Louisiana, visited our hospital to conduct final site reviews for the planned CT/MRI area. SOMDAL is developing a phased implementation plan and cost analysis. Their recommendations will help ensure our facility continues to support exceptional care for years to come.

We're also pleased to share that Shriners patients are now being seen at the new Carle campus outpatient clinic in Champaign, Illinois—a significant step in extending our specialized care to more families across the region.

From major system upgrades to thoughtful partnerships, expanded access, and cutting-edge research, Shriners Children's Chicago is moving forward with purpose and pride—fulfilling our mission of transforming children's lives through hope, healing, and expert care.

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

All~Masonic Picnic Volunteers Needed!

Beja Shrine is hosting the All-Masonic Picnic on July 20th at Bay Beach and we need YOU to help pull it off! Setup, food, cleanup—we've got a job for everyone.

★ Ready to lend a hand?

Call Ann to sign up (920) 489-1985

Let's show the Masonic community what Beja hospitality is all about!

SAVE THE DATE! 2025 BEJA SHRINERS CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 24, 2025
8:00 AM–2:00 PM (Rain or Shine)
Brown County Fairgrounds – De Pere, WI
Registration: 8:00–10:00 AM
Fee: \$10 (includes entry for door prize!)
Show Hours: 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Enjoy food, music, vendors, and a swap meet!
FREE admission for spectators!
Join us for a day of fun, food, and fantastic cars!

More Details to follow in the issue of the Beja Bugler

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.

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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."

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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.

SHARE YOUR FRATERNAL PRIDE ON JUNE 6

On June 6, 1876, the Imperial Council, the original governing body of the Shriners fraternity, was founded. To honor this important milestone in our history, Shriners International has declared June 6 as Shriners International Awareness Day. On this day, nobles everywhere are encouraged to celebrate our great fraternity and raise awareness of its importance in their communities.

The leadership of Shriners International is mindful that June 6 is also honored as D-Day, the day in 1944 when Allied forces landed on the beach in Normandy to begin the invasion of northern France. While Shriners International certainly honors the valor and courage of everyone who served on D-Day, many historic events happen on a single day; and June 6 also holds a separate, special meaning for our fraternity.

A TIME TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE OUR RICH HERITAGE

On June 6, Shriners International asks all nobles to publicly display their pride in their fraternity by wearing a fez (when appropriate), hat, shirt, lapel pin, or other item with the Shriners International logo.

In addition to wearing Shriner apparel, Shriners International also encourages all temples and Shrine clubs to organize special events at their temples and in their communities to honor our fraternity's incredible history and achievements, and invite others to participate, as well.

Along with increasing awareness, these events will also support membership efforts, because the more information we share with our communities about Shriners International, the more potential we build for membership growth. Participating in this international day of recognition will motivate potential members to learn more about us, and also inspire our current members to become more involved.

Shriners International Awareness Day is the perfect opportunity to showcase our pride; share information about our fraternity and the benefits of becoming part of an organization dedicated to fun, fellowship and philanthropy; and highlight the different ways our organizations impact the world around us.

On this day, we ask you to honor our history by sharing both our heritage and your own unique story of being a Shriner, as well as our philanthropy's mission to improve the lives of children and make the world a better place.

During this time, we hope you also take the time to reflect on why the fraternity is important to you personally, and why you became a member. We are all a part of the greatest organization in the world – we should be proud to share our enthusiasm for the

fraternity with the world around us, and Shriners International Awareness Day is a great opportunity to do so.

We hope that every Shriner and every temple will participate in this important opportunity to honor our fraternity.

GET INVOLVED

Here are a few ways both nobles and temples can get involved:

- Wear your fez on Shriners International Awareness Day when appropriate (during an official Shriners function).
- Show your pride in Shriners International by wearing a hat, shirt, lapel pin, or other item with the fraternal logo. Your family members can also wear appropriate clothing items that promote the fraternity.
- Organize an event at your temple or in your local community. Inviting the public to participate will increase awareness and interest in both your local temple and Shriners International.
- Promote Shriners International Awareness Day on your temple website and social media pages.
 Announce the date at all club and unit meetings to ensure all nobles are informed.
- Post information about our organizations on your own social media pages on June 6.
- Distribute fraternal literature and pocket petitions to potential prospects during community events.
- Hold an Open House at your temple.
- Contact your local media about your Shriners International Awareness Day events.
- Submit a Shriners International Awareness Day proclamation to your local elected officials for adoption by their governmental body. (Templates are available in the Member Center.)
- Ask family members to take fraternal literature to their place of employment, if permitted.





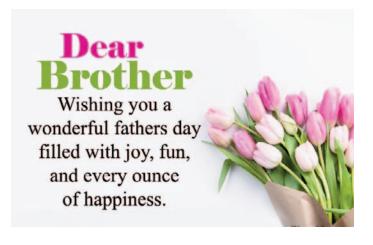
wisconsin statewide Shrine Ceremonial

The Statewide Shrine Ceremonial began with a Tailgate Welcome Party on Friday, May 16th 2025 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point. It was great to Have Brother Tom Stevens, M.W.G.M. on hand to socialize and address those an attendance.

Saturday the Shrines initiated 11 new members in a daylong ceremonial. The day ended with a Black & White Ball honoring Wisconsin's Three (3) Potentates (Illustrious Sir Brian Dunam, Potentate Zor Shriners, Illustrious Sir Scott Maxon, Potentate Beja Shriners, Illustrious Sir Alan Soriano, Potentate Tripoli Shriners).



L-R; Illustrious Sir Brian Dunam Potentate Zor Shriners, Imperial Sir James Smith Past Imperial Potentate Shriners International. Illustrious Sir Scott Maxon, Potentate Beja Shriners, Illustrious Sir Alan Soriano Potentate Tripoli Shriners. Grand Master Tomas Stevens.





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.

WHO ARE SHRINERS?

We are men sharing our best lives. Fun is our cornerstone and philanthropy is our keystone to fellowship. Brotherhood, family, compassion and service to others are in our foundation.

Shriners are first to fun, you will have the opportunity to connect with your brothers, build your own fraternal experience and make a difference in the lives of children through your international philanthropy, Shriners Hospitals for Children.

We base our fraternity on membership in Freemasonry. To become a Shriner, a man must first be a Mason.

Start your great adventure making memories with your brothers.

https://beashrinernow.com/join-shriners-form/

Empowering the Extraordinary

Shriners Children's Chicago patient shines at adaptive karate national tournament

Caleb, 12, has been a patient at Shriners Children's since he was 2, working closely with pediatric orthopedic surgeon Haluk Altiok, MD, and pediatric neurologist Kenneth Silver, MD, throughout his journey with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy. Caleb has faced every challenge head-on, including undergoing spinal surgery and relearning to walk three times.

He has benefited from the collaboration of multiple teams at Shriners Children's, which has helped him achieve extraordinary milestones. He recently earned his black belt at an adaptive karate dojo. Caleb competed in the national tournament in Las Vegas, where he won two gold medals in Kata and one gold and one silver in Kobudo in the para division of his age group.

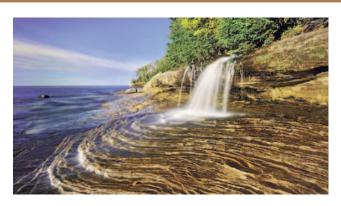




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Potentate's Trip August 2nd-5th, 2025

Our "Munising Michigan" Potentate's Trip is fast approaching. We'll depart Beja on a Saturday morning and travel through Fayette Historic State Park, stepping back in time to when iron ore ruled the region. From there, we'll visit Kitch-iti-kipi, Michigan's largest natural spring, before arriving in Munising for a traditional pasty dinner and a relaxing evening. Sunday brings adventure: a thrilling U.S. Navy SEAL boat ride around Grand Island and, if conditions permit, a glass-bottom boat tour along the spectacular Lake Superior shoreline. Monday we'll wrap up with a few more waterfalls and a final scenic stop before heading home.

More Details Will Follow in the next issue of the Beja Bugler



Koppers,

As parade season is upon us I ask you to PLEASE respond to my emails regarding parade participation. We are a small group so participation is vital for our parade success. Remember as these are civic parades, we have permission from the Potentate for family members to ride along and have fun parading.

Special thanks to our very own Dave Gerlach for taking the jail to Shawano to arrest and parade through town with the Easter Bunny. This was in conjunction with the Shawano Lodge annual Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to Shawano for the nice donation to our efforts.

As a unit we are also supporting the Beja Circus with the purchase of a coloring book page in the circus program and sponsorship of a bicycle for the circus intermission drawing.

Our next scheduled parade is on Father's Day Sunday, June 15th in Chilton. Details will be emailed out. We also have a parade in Reedsville on Sunday, June 29th and Manawa on July 5th.

At our last meeting we discussed a request from the clowns to collaborate together as a single group. The members present agreed this would be an opportunity for both groups to participate as a single larger group. Details on how this will play out need to be determined.

As a Shriner, nothing beats parade watchers saying how thankful they are for what we do. Every dime we make comes back to our temple, hospitals and transportation fund. Dues are a whopping \$10 per year. We have a number of Kop and convict uniforms to help you get started.

Fraternally, Eugene Reece,PP Asst. Chief





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 <u>bejashrinegolf.com!</u> Whether you're signing up solo or assembling a foursome, you'll enjoy a **top-tier golf experience** while making a lifechanging impact.

Become a Sponsor & Amplify Your Impact

Want to do more? Sponsorship opportunities are available! Visit 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 <u>bejashrinegolf.com</u> 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, and we'll see you on July 15th, swinging with purpose!



Beja Nobles, Ladies and Guests,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month At Mark's Eastside - 11:30am located at 1405 E Wisconsin Ave., Appleton WI 54911. Everyone is welcome to attend.

ASC Club News:

Baseball Fans, the ASC will be attending the Green Bay Rockers baseball game on June 14th start time 4:05pm. This promotional game is a youth football jersey giveaway, so come join us and bring the grand kids!

Also, the kids will have a chance to burn off some energy. After the game as they are allowed to run the bases.

For tickets and more information contact Tom Pflugardt or go to the Green Bay Rockers website.

Prayers continue for ASC Noble Rich Moore who is at the Country Villa in Little Chute, WI

Having Fun Helping Kids.

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

It's a small world and I'm happy we attended and supported our own Green Bay Rockers Baseball Team.



(L to R) The ball player is a former Shrine patient, Noble John Clark, Tom Pflugardt, P.P & Greg Habeck P.P. (Photo from 2023)







Beja Shriners Sportsmen's Club: Kids Free Fishing Day!

The Kids Free Fishing Day event was a memorable experience for everyone!



2025 Beja Shriners Mason 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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The Three R's and the Road Ahead

As Shriners, we pride ourselves not only on our philanthropy but on the strength of our fraternity. That strength is built through Recruitment, Retention, and Restoration—the three R's that guide our membership efforts.

This year, Beja set an ambitious but attainable membership goal we call 5-2-2:

- 5% new Nobles.
- 2% restored members, and
- fewer than 2% suspended.

With a starting membership of 303, that means welcoming at least 15 new Nobles, restoring 6 of our past members, and keeping suspensions to fewer than 6.

So far, we've restored one member—a great start! However, we've also seen three suspensions, and we only created one new Noble.

This is not a setback—it's a call to action.

There's still time in 2025 to meet (or even exceed) our goals. Each of us can play a part. That might mean having a conversation with a Brother Mason who's not yet a Shriner. It might mean reaching out to someone who's drifted away from Beja and inviting them to reconnect. Or it could simply mean checking in with a fellow Noble who hasn't been around lately to let them know they're missed.

The magic of Beja—the laughter, the fellowship, the shared sense of purpose—is worth sharing. Let's focus on what we can do together: grow our Temple, welcome back those who've been away, and support one another in staying active and engaged.

If each of us commits to the spirit of the three R's, we can turn 5-2-2 into a true success story.

Let's get to work—and have fun doing it.

Yours in Brotherhood,, 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

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 or call 920-585-0994 by June 16th.

Respectfully submitted, Blaine Goldner, Rabban of the Clan

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JUNE 2025

Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	7:00pm Order of Demolay	5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm Cake & Pie Auction	7:00 pm Washington Lodge	11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	Shooting and Picnic Shiocton	
8	9	5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council 6:00pm Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	Appleton Flag Day Parade	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Chilton Father's Day Parade	7:00pm Order of Demoly	6:30 pm Roosevelt	5:30pm Scottish Rite	5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting		
Father's Day				7.00pm washington	First Day of Summer		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
NO	6:00pm Vet's &	7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	7:00pm DesPeres	6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City	11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting		
Daughters of Nile 1:30pm	Patriots	·	Lodge 85	Lodge 85	7:00pm Palestine	Appleton Meeting 11:30am	Imperial
29	30						
Reedsville Fireman's Parade							
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UPCOMING 2025 ACTIVITIES

For More Details: www.bejashriners.com

May 2025

May 26th - De Pere Memorial Parade and Picnic - Beja Shrine Center

June 2025

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

June 7th - Shooting and Picnic, Shiocton (hosted by Beja Sportsmen)

June 14th - Appleton Flag Day Parade

June 15th - Chilton Father's Day Parade

June 28th-July 3rd - Imperial Session, Atlanta, GA

June 29th - Reedsville Fireman's Parade

July 2025

July 5th - Manawa Rodeo Days Parade

July 15th - Beja Charity Golf Outing - John Ottum Memorial

July 20th - Beja Masonic Picnic at Bay Beach

August 2025

August 2nd-5th - Potentates Trip - Munsing, MI August 20th-23rd - Summer MSA, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan



REMINDER

The <u>Deadline</u> for the BEJA BUGLER Articles for the July Issue is June10th, 2025



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