

# BEJA BUGLER

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July 2025

## Masonic Picnic

At Bay Beach Amusement Park  
**Saturday, July 20th, 2025**  
**10:30am - ??**

*ALL MASONS AND FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US*



See Inside for  
More Details!



Join us  
**July 15th, 2025**  
**23rd Annual**



**Beja**

**SHRINERS**  
**GREEN BAY, WI**



*Charity Golf Outing*

See Inside for More Details!



**Beja Shriners**  
**CAR SHOW**

Join us on Sunday,  
**August 24th, 2025**

*See inside  
for more details!*

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

Save The Date!   
**MUNISING**  
*Picture Perfect.*



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FOR DETAILS*

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

\* Deceased

## Peninsula Shrine Club

*"The Club with Class"*

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone!

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting in Sturgeon Bay at Kitty O'Reilly's. Meet at 5:00pm and order from the menu. Everyone is welcome to join us, just let me know if you will be joining us so we can plan accordingly.

*Fraternally,*

*Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer*

greglhabeck@gmail.com or (920) 371-9050



Shining Masonic Light in Titledown! 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



Es Selamu  
Aleikum



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through 2025. What a remarkable year it's been so far! I've truly been blessed with an outstanding team whose support and dedication have made all the difference. I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Gene,

Charlie, Brad, Jeff, Mike, Blaine, John, Ann, and Gary—who manages to make sense of my ramblings—as well as the many other Nobles and Ladies who continue to give so much to our Beja community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.

As we celebrate 40 years of Beja Shriners in Green Bay, we're seeing renewed enthusiasm around membership growth. With your continued support, we have many more years ahead of serving children and supporting healthcare in our communities.

Our recent Pie & Dessert Auction was a wonderful success—bringing in over \$4,400 to support the operational readiness of our facility. A special thank-you to Mayor Genrich for joining us and helping to highlight the impact of our mission.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for our upcoming All-Masonic Picnic. With several Lodges planning to attend, it's a great reminder that our Shrine journey begins in the Blue Lodge. This event is the perfect opportunity for Masons and non-Masons alike to experience the fun and fellowship that defines Beja—and maybe even inspire a few future Nobles to join us.

I also encourage you to consider joining us for the Potentate's Trip this year—returning to the region where I grew up—before many of us make the trek to Saskatchewan for the Summer MSA.

It's an honor to serve as your Potentate in 2025, and I'm proud to say we are truly **Gear'd Up for Our Kids!**

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



"So far this year I have dedicated myself to becoming a better chaplain. Not just in masonry, but also in my life. Part of that came with reading over my obligations and duties and having regular reminders that I made a promise to those around me. As I was reading through those for Shriners, I found something interesting. A single line that said "Remind the membership that we are not doing this for ourselves, but for others".

That is something that over the years I have served as chaplain for Beja, I have not done as well as I feel I could have. For that, I apologize. But the truth of this was driven home for me this year as through one of our events I had the fortune to meet an exceptional young man and his family. He didn't have medical issues, he wasn't in need from us in what we generally expect. But he does need us.

The young man as well as his sister and grandmother made me consider all the different ways that we try and help kids. And all the ways we tell others we help kids. And while he is outside our norm, he still fits well within "A man never stood so tall as when he stooped to help a child". So he became a reminder that the things we do don't always fall neatly within our idea of what we should do.

Sometimes when we think we are doing for others, we lose that in just doing what we think should be done. And we don't realize that this causes us to do for ourselves and not for others as we promised. Sometimes we have to get out of our comfort zone to do the right thing if for no other reason than it's the right thing. And sometimes we all need that reminder that we volunteer as Shriners for the sake of others.

It doesn't matter if it's the little boy at the parade who needed a high five because he felt alone and forgotten. Or the child at the circus who hoped for a bike. Or even that grown up that comes up to tell us about someone they know being a patient at Shriner's Hospital. It's up to us to keep that legacy strong, show that we deserve to be in the company of the giants that came before us. And take the time to do the right thing for the sake of others, even if it's not what we normally do."

*Fraternally,*  
Rev. Will MacKay

*Happy 4th of July!*

# A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S ASSISTANT RABBAN

Greetings Nobles,

At the beginning of the year, Illustrious Sir Scott asked each of us on the Divan to start reaching out to our nobility to find out why many of you were not returning to the Shrine. Many of you were merely just sending in your dues, we haven't seen many of you for years and basically, we don't understand why. The task was simple we divided up the membership roster into 5 parts and we started contacting you. The goal was to be able to personally speak to each one of you Nobles.

As a result of our endeavors, we found out quite a bit of information about you! In some cases, we found out we didn't have the correct contact information, we heard various reasons as to why you were unable to attend meetings or events. We have a list of Nobles who are behind in their dues, for various reasons. As I reached out to you, I had the opportunity to learn about what's happening in your lives, I was able to introduce myself and have a conversation (something we should be doing on a regular basis). Some of you, as life goes by, have been unable to drive due to age, it's simply too far to come, you're taking care of significant other, health reasons, busy at work, kids, grandkids or just uninterested for one reason or another.

I was on the phone with many of you for 20-30 minutes having wonderful conversations! I invited every one of you to join us at an upcoming meeting whether it be an open or stated meeting, just to rekindle the bonds we all have as Mason's and Shriners.

Well, I'm here to tell you it's working! We've received dues from some of you, reinstated a Noble or two and apparently, I was able to bring a few of you back at least for a meeting or two. One such Noble came to our annual pie auction in June and as he came to where I was sitting, he started to talk to one of our Past Potentates who introduced him to me. He said it's great to put a face to the person who invited me to come back! He proceeded to sit with us for the event, and we had a wonderful conversation with him and my family. The next Thursday in the lobby of the Concourse at Grand Lodge as I was talking to many of our Beja Nobles in attendance and he came out of the elevator, he walked over toward us and we struck up a conversation which continued throughout the weekend. A great weekend for fellowship!

Nobles, I bring this to your attention for a reason. At our last Divan meeting our membership committee informed us of our decreasing membership over the last five years. Your Divan is struggling to figure out why and we are going

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to be working very hard to come up with ways to increase our membership. This is where you come in! I urge you to take a moment to reach out to a Noble you know, haven't seen in a while, or maybe has left the Shrine for one reason or another, invite him and/or his family to come to a meeting, come to a function—better yet invite them to the Beja all Mason picnic on July 20th! Show him what he's been missing, all the great things we've been doing. Nobles it's easy it only took one phone call to bring a Noble back and re-engage him with Beja. The worst thing that could happen is you get to have a conversation with a Brother! Nobles, we are all Beja and we work better together rather than in a group of individuals!

*Fraternally yours, Blaine Goldner*  
*Assistant Rabban Beja 2025*



## ☀️ MEMBERSHIP MOMENTUM ☀️ TIME TO FINISH STRONG!

We're approaching a critical threshold—**Beja Shriners is on track to drop below 300 members by year-end.** If that happens, we'll lose one of our two **elected Representatives** to Imperial Session. That's more than a procedural loss—it means less influence, fewer votes, and a smaller voice in the future of Shrinedom.

But we have the power to change that. **Right now.**

The **All-Masonic Picnic on July 20th** is more than just brats, beans, and good fellowship—it's a golden opportunity. Bring along that friend, neighbor, or coworker who's always been curious. Let them experience the FUN and brotherhood that makes Masonry and Shrinedom so powerful. Set the hook! Let them see what they've been missing.

This is our moment to rally. Let's not limp to the end of the year—**let's charge in with petitions in hand and Nobles at our side.**

- ✅ **Talk to that prospect.**
- ✅ **Bring them to the picnic.**
- ✅ **Get their petition to the Recorder.**

Let's finish 2025 with pride—Be the reason Beja grows.

*Yours in Brotherhood, Your Membership Team*

## AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Greetings to all,

Summer is here, and there are so many things to do and enjoy. We all have homework, it may be gardening, house maintenance, cutting wood, setting up camp sites, fighting illness, or whatever we need to do to make our lives work better and more productive.

We as Daughters of the Nile have work to do also. Our work is one of the highest callings. We work to help children and their families.

We are blessed to be able to reach out to thousands of families that now have hope in a healthier life. We may never meet the recipients of our work and love, but that's ok. We don't need to have our name on a plaque, or be interviewed on TV. We quietly do our work, gathering together to raise money for "Our Shriners Kids". As Queen of AJEB this year, I want to say thank you to all the Princesses that work for our philanthropy. You are all appreciated, and please know that everything you do is helping the children, and improving their world and their ability to move about in it.

Now....I have some "What ifs"

**WHAT IF** We never heard of something called "Electricity"? So...If electricity was invented, and was patented, and was never brought forth to the world, it wouldn't have helped anyone. Our world would have missed out on something fantastic, and life changing.

**WHAT IF** Noone stepped forward in 1870 to establish a new fellowship (Shriners?)

**WHAT IF** Two Ladies in Seattle Washington in 1913 didn't establish the Daughters of the Nile?

**WHAT IF** In 1922 in Shreveport Louisiana the 1st Shriners Hospital was never opened?

**WHAT IF** You didn't say yes to your invitation to become a member?

The answer to the "what ifs" is simple. The world would not be a better place to live in. The world's people would have a much more difficult time being productive, healthy, and a sharing caring society.

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We all feel the pressure of today's fast paced world rushing us, pushing us, and sometimes weighing us down, but we can step back and look at the results of our work, and be very proud that we do great work!

Just like electricity being known worldwide, so should our Shriners Kids be known. If we don't start inviting ladies to join us, we will cease to exist. We need people, and the children and their families need us. Let's get it done!

Upcoming events:

**July 20th, 2025** - Session at 1:30 at BEJA (Fun following the meeting)

**August 11th, 2025** - Supreme Queen Kathy Walliker visit. 11:00 a.m.

**August 25th, 2025** - Session at 1:30 at BEJA Picnic to follow

**Sept. 6th, 2025** - 3rd Annual Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Outing (see below)

*Nile Love,  
Mariellen Haen, Queen*

**REGISTER NOW**

**3RD ANNUAL FRAN BAGLEY  
MEMORIAL GOLF SCRAMBLE**



Proceeds benefit the Daughters of the Nile Foundation,  
(whose one and only charitable endeavor is  
Shriners Children's™)  
and The Temple General Fund.

**\$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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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2025**

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GOLF COURSE  
Baileys Harbor, WI**



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23rd Annual

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**SHRINERS**

**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**

• **Mail To: Beja Shriners**

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***Registration (space limited)***





7/1 Raymond Hutchinson	7/16 Scott A Maxon
7/3 Oliver H Tuell	7/18 James F Felda
7/4 William L Gallagher	7/19 Gary A Taylor
7/4 Joel Stephens P.P.	7/19 Raymond E Pirus
7/5 Curtis E Kjendalen	7/20 James H Clark
7/6 James L Slezak	7/20 Gerald D Koudelka
7/9 Thomas S Pinney Jr.	7/22 Thomas F Steffen
7/11 Greg Habeck	7/24 Juergen 'Jay' F Herbst
7/11 Michael P Havlinek	7/24 Mathew Alberts
7/13 Donald G Uher	7/28 John H Ambrose
7/13 Roger M Thario	7/28 John D Huss
7/13 Timothy E Thiers	7/30 Lawrence J Scharnell
7/14 John Raley	7/31 Karl J Bushaw
7/15 Jeffrey Smoczyk	7/31 Mark W Norville
7/15 James Stanton	7/31 Jeff VanStraten
7/15 Eli Harris	7/31 Nathaniel A Smith
7/16 Thomas J Marquardt	



**MSA 2025**

**Moose Jaw, SK**

**Hosted by:  
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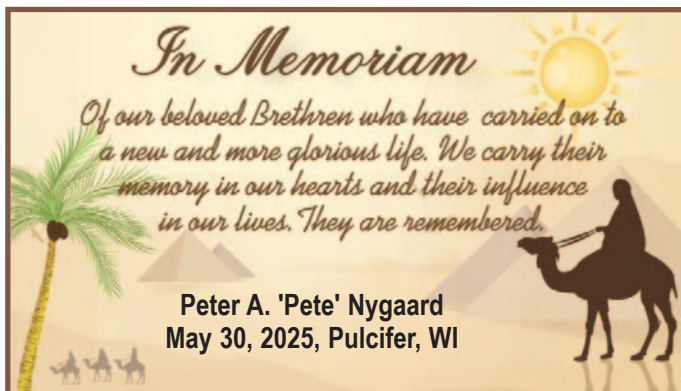
**Summer Session  
August 20th - 23rd, 2025**

Check out what is waiting for you to discover at MSA 2025. In Saskatchewan  
[www.msa2025.com](http://www.msa2025.com)

## 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.*

**Peter A. 'Pete' Nygaard  
May 30, 2025, Pulcifer, WI**



## BEJA STATED MEETING

September 3rd -7:00pm  
Discussion will be held regarding proposed bylaw change



Any questions please contact our Recorder

Potentate,  
Scott Maxon

Attested Recorder,  
Eugene Reece, PP



**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.**

Call or email with questions (920) 471-2361 or [john.sage01@gmail.com](mailto:john.sage01@gmail.com).

## Beja Vets & Patriots

Proudly participated in the Appleton Flag Day Parade, honoring our nation's flag and those who served beneath it. A great day of fellowship, patriotism, and Shrine spirit! (photo on rights).



## 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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## 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:**

- **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**

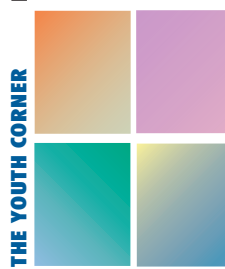
Saturday, November 22nd - Vets

- **Howard Christmas Parade**

Saturday, December 6th - Vets



### THE YOUTH CORNER



## The Youth ADVENTURES



I hope everyone is enjoying the fine summer weather of the great state of Wisconsin. As I've stated before, sometimes writing these is a little off kilter. You have to sometimes envision or think of the events that may happen or have happened when writing it depending on the time. With that said, I hope everyone enjoyed the circus. I hope everyone is also enjoying the summer and break from the normal winter schedule. Along with these changes there will be changes in the youth group.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay will be looking to attend the annual State Convention that was previously called Conclave. It is an event for several members from all around the state to meet, hold several different events, including sports and legislation for running for the state events. They will be electing a new State Master Counselor and other core officers. On a more national level, DeMolay International will have elected a new International Master Counselor and International Congress Secretary in June.

Bethel 32 Jobs Daughters is also looking to make changes. As I've stated before they are looking for extra help if you are looking to get involved, they would like to talk with you. Please consider helping out wherever you can.

Thank you again for all that you do to help support the youth.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage*

*Youth Committee Chairman*

### 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

# 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 for the 2025 Beja Shrine Circus. 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	Dyreby, James	Johnson, Leslie	Pernak, Frank	Sorenson, Susan
Ambrose, John	Ecke, William	Ketchum, Rodney	Pillar, Kristoffer	Spurlock, Michael
Andersen, Jeff	Eilers, Jeff	Kimme, David	Pinney, Thomas	Steen, Jacques
Andres, Jay	Eilers, Jeff	Kittel, Robert	Plonka, Mehal	Steffen, Thomas
Andres, Theda	Eilers, Jeff	Klumpert, Kieth	Powers, Anthony	Strong, Thomas
Andres, Theda	Eilers, Jeff	Koeller, Richard	Rabach, Stephen	Tessier, Jon
Atlas, Jordan	Eilers, Jeff	Kohn, Bonnie	Rautiola, Kenneth	Thiers, Timothy
Aude, Lynn	Emmerich, George	Kohn, Linda	Reece, Eugene	Tulenko, Jr. John
Bailey, Paul	Evjen, Robert	Korth, Dennis	Reece III, Eugene	Uher, Donald
Behm, Richard	Fay, Marshall	Koudelka, Gerald	Reichow, Emil	Urban, Michael
Belanger, Mike	Fehl, Gary	Kranzusch, John	Rodgers, Ben	Van Beaver, Roger
Berggren, John	Forsythe, David	Kress, Donald	Romer, William	Van Laarhoven, Paul
Berk, Avram	Gans, Arthur	Labus, Steven	Rose, Bruce	Van Lanen, John
Biskner, Chris	Gans II, Donald	Lindow, Eleanor	Rosera, Daniel	Vander Leest, Marcus
Borchardt, Ross	Gault, Bill	Lindow, Roger	Rothe, Mark	Vander Leest, Robert
Brann, Charles	Gerlach, David	Lindsay, David	Rudolph, Benjamin	Vander Leest, Vernon
Bray, Joshua	Goldner, Blaine	Longston, William	Sage, Jeffrey	Vander Zanden, Roy
Buchman, Henry	Grahn, Kyle	Ludlow, Dennis	Sage, John	Vollrath, Dale
Buettner, Lyle	Greene, Charles	MacKay, William	Schmidt, David	Vollrath, Thomas
Burlison, Leland	Grunewald, Todd	Magoon, Roger	Schnicke, Dale	Weinhauer, Carol
Bushaw, Karl	Habeck, Earl	Maxon, Scott	Schuh, Nicholas	Weist, Philip
Campbell, James	Habeck, Greg	McLaughlin, Lynda	Schmidt, Lori	Werner, Michael
Campbell, Craig	Haen, Mariellen	McLellan, Kenneth	Senn, Shane	Wiltzius, John
Capelle, Gerald	Hamilton, Roger	Mitchell, Edward	Shriver, Gary	Wingert, Thomas
Chernick, Richard	Hardy, Dennis	Nicholas, Torren	Shulstad, John	Woolsey, Roy
Capen, Robert	Harmon, Robert	Nygaard, Peter	Simonson, Karl	Young, Christopher
Clarage, Charles	Hassell, Nelson	Olson, John	Slezak, James	Zanon, Richard
Clark, John	Havlinek, Michael	Oscarson, Deen	Slezak, James	Zochert, Paul
Clark, James	Herbst, Juergen	Oscarson, Deen	Smitham, Robert	Zochert, Larry
Clark, Dennis	Herril, Orlin	Oshefsky, David		
Cloutier, Craig	Hetcher, Jack	Ottum, Jeffrey		
Cornelissen, Gary	Hill, Greg	Ottum, Bradley		
Cornelius, Franklin	Hinze, Jeffrey	Papesh, Ralph		
Christensen, Ruthann	Hoffman, Robert	Paschke, Charles		
Deetjen, Rosanne	Homburg, Thomas	Passow, Thomas		
De Hart, Timothy	Howland, Woodward	Patterson, Larry		
Derenne, Judy	Huddleston, Dudley	Pauli, Judy		
Draege, Robert	Hull, Jay	Pauli, Kent		
Dunn, Ryan	Hutchinson, Raymond	Pederson, Leonard		





### **Shriners Children's Chicago: Making Strides in Care, Research, and Recognition**

Shriners Children's Chicago continues to shine as a national leader in pediatric specialty care, recently earning top honors from Forbes Magazine as the #1 Midsize Employer in 2025. This distinction reflects the dedication and professionalism of the entire team—staff, board members, and volunteers—who make the hospital a remarkable place to work and receive care.

The hospital recently celebrated several important occasions, including Speech-Language-Hearing Month, National Hospital Week, and National Nurses Week. These events highlighted the vital work of our clinical teams and included uplifting celebrations like an ice cream social to thank the staff.

Recent advancements at the hospital include the successful launch of a new Fracture Clinic and an outreach clinic in Champaign, Illinois, expanding access to care for more children across the region. The team continues to refine operational practices, from physician coding training to improving patient satisfaction metrics such as "Likelihood to Recommend."

Physician recruitment remains a priority, with ongoing efforts to fill key roles, including a full-time geneticist and part-time hand surgeon. Strategic partnerships with Cook County Health, Rush University, and the University of Illinois are also being strengthened to support clinical growth.

Exciting progress is being made on facility upgrades, with plans underway to create space for an in-house MRI and CT scanner in the former laundry area. In addition, a new grant-supported research initiative will bring advanced standing CT imaging to assess pediatric flatfoot deformities, enhancing the hospital's diagnostic capabilities.

Research efforts are thriving, with eight grant proposals submitted this cycle—four short-term development grants and four long-term studies. These collaborative, multi-site projects address conditions such as cerebral palsy, neuromuscular disorders, craniofacial anomalies, and more, bringing together experts from eleven Shriners facilities and university partners.

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As part of the system-wide Strategic Planning effort, the hospital is focused on increasing access for new patients and optimizing staffing models. The addition of the Fracture Clinic has helped increase new visits, while staffing efficiencies have been implemented in key departments, helping Shriners Children's Chicago improve performance metrics and deliver more value.

With unwavering commitment to its mission, Shriners Children's Chicago is forging ahead—improving lives, expanding reach, and building a stronger future for the children and families we serve.

*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  
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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 11/30. Thank you for considering being part of this heartwarming event.



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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:

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

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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.

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

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

Brad Ottum, Event Coordinator

## Don't Miss Out — Stay Connected with Beja!

Let's face it: the days of checking the mailbox for every piece of Shrine news are behind us. With rising print costs and a fast-moving world, Beja Shriners has made the smart shift to digital communication — and we want you to be part of it.

The Bugler is only printed once a year — our annual Super Bugler edition — but that doesn't mean Beja goes quiet the other 11 months. Far from it! Our weekly eBugler email keeps you informed and up to date with events, news, reminders, and opportunities to stay active and involved. It's easy to read, full of useful information, and delivered straight to your inbox every Sunday morning.

**But here's the catch — you need to be on the list.** That means we need your email address. And if you've unsubscribed for any reason... please reconsider! Unsubscribing from the eBugler is like choosing not to hear from your Shrine family. It's our primary communication tool, and we don't want you to miss out.

If you're wondering, "Why don't they include [insert topic here]?" — we've asked! Multiple times, we've invited feedback on what you'd like to see in the eBugler, but responses have been few and far between. So if something's missing, speak up! The eBugler is your newsletter — help shape it by telling us what matters to you.

So please:

- ✓ Make sure we have your correct email address.
- ✓ Stay subscribed.
- ✓ Read the eBugler.
- ✓ Tell us what you want to see in it.

Be informed. Stay connected. Let's keep Beja strong — together.

Subscribe (or re-subscribe) to the eBugler at:  
[http://eepurl.com/c-gl\\_f](http://eepurl.com/c-gl_f)

Or contact the Recorder's office if you're not sure you're on the list.



Join your fellow Nobles for an evening of fellowship, great food, and updates on Club activities at the Northwoods Shrine Club meetings. All area Shriners are welcome!

## MESSAGE FROM THE BEJA RECORDER DESK

### Meeting notifications

Under the guidelines of Shriners International, all stated meetings must be properly noticed. In the past we used the Bugler as our official notification medium. However as the Bugler is only mailed out once per year, this no longer meets Shriners International guidelines. We can email the meeting notice out which does meet the guidelines. Those Nobles who don't have an email address on file must have the notification mailed to them. This is an expense to the temple.

I'm asking for your assistance, please provide us an email address so we can save the expense of mailing these notices out. I understand that not everyone has an email and we will continue to mail those, but every little bit of savings will help us.

### Divan/Leadership opportunities

All Nobles are encouraged to speak with a current Divan member regarding Divan and Leadership opportunities in our Temple. Our team of officers play an important role in the success of our temple and fraternity. You have the opportunity to be part of this success. Please consider stepping up into a leadership role.

### Rental of the Shrine Center

At the June Divan meeting, at the suggestion of our Trustees, Beja Policy16 was modified addressing Shrine Center rental. A copy of the new policy is hanging on the bulletin board at the Shrine Center. In short the policy was modified to an hourly rate versus a day rate. This was done to create a more fair rate to cover costs of the building being used. For members, the change went from \$125 per day to \$40 per hour with a three hour minimum. The rental time includes any setup and cleanup. For non members the rate is \$80 per hour with a minimum of three hours. As with members this includes setup and cleanup. If you have any questions regarding the new policy, please feel free to contact me.

I hope you have a fun summer season and I hope to see you at many of the parades and fun summer activities.

*Beja Recorder, Gene Reece, P.P.*



# Beja Shriners CAR SHOW



**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!**

**21 Car Classes | 3 Trophies Per Class**  
**Dash Plaques for First 100 Registered**  
**Kid's Model Car Show (ages 6–14)**

**Questions? Contact Mike Belanger: [mikebelanger@yahoo.com](mailto:mikebelanger@yahoo.com)**  
**Follow us on Facebook!**

**Join us for a day of fun, food, and fantastic cars!**



Our next parade is on Saturday, July 5th in Manawa. Please consider joining us in this parade. It is a great community parade and our participation is greatly appreciated by everyone. As a community parade, family members are encouraged to participate with us. Help us fill our jail. We will be handing out circus programs to the kids.

We voted to have the clowns join us in parading and events. Our hope is that this new relationship will help both of our groups grow. We are at a crossroads with our group as our membership has dwindled to a point that continuing on becomes very difficult. The Krazy Kops are a long term unit and we need Nobles to help us continue. Please consider being part of this group. Remember what we do is have fun helping kids.

*Fraternally,*  
Eugene Reece, PP, Assistant Chief

# OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on July 10th 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 a Brat Fry's set up at Festival Food in Suamico. 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.



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

### Adventure to Michigan's Upper Peninsula

Nobles and Ladies,

Join us Saturday, August 2, as we caravan from Beja Shrine through the "hot sands" to the stunning Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore! Along the way, we'll explore the historic townsite of **Fayette State Park** and marvel at the crystal-clear waters of **Kitch-iti-kipi**, Michigan's largest natural freshwater spring.

After enjoying the scenic drive and picturesque stops, we'll settle in for a weekend of beauty and fellowship. On Sunday, we'll take an exhilarating **Riptide Ride** around Grand Island, followed by short, refreshing hikes to view breathtaking waterfalls and the iconic **Miners Castle**.

We'll top off the weekend with local flavors, including **Lake Superior whitefish** and **Upper Peninsula pasties**—and, weather permitting, we'll even try our luck at a nearby newly renovated, smoke-free casino.

**RSVP by July 18th, 2025 to ensure lodging—room counts are required in advance.**  
**Let's make memories together on this exciting Upper Peninsula getaway!**



Nobles, Ladies and Guests,  
The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to attend. At Mark's Eastside - 11:30am. 1405 E Wisconsin Ave, Appleton WI 54911.

The ASC delivered 600 lbs. (12 – 50lbs. Bags) Vidalia onions to Mark's Eastside. Thank you, HP&P Mike Moen, for your hard work and dedication as Onion Chairman.

Our prayers to ASC Noble Richard Moore who is at the Country Villa in Little Chute, WI.

Noble Lyle Buettner and Illustrious Sir Tom Pflugardt P.P. recently attended the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers baseball game.

As Shriners we were given the opportunity to communicate what the Shriners are all about. Having Fun Helping Kids!

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



Noble Lyle Buettner & Illustrious Sir Tom Pflugardt



Ill. Sir Tom Pflugardt P.P. throwing out the ceremonial first pitch.



## 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!

# 2025 Beja Shriners Mason Picnic



*Save The Date*

You & your family  
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to the Annual

**NEW Masonic  
Picnic**

**Bay Beach Amusement Park  
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**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.

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# JULY 2025

## Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> NO 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	<b>2</b> NO Beja Shrine Meeting 5:00pm	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Washington Lodge	<b>4</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting <b>Independence Day</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Manawa Parade</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	<b>10</b> 10am NEW Daylite 7pm Warren Council 6:00pm Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	<b>11</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm Roosevelt <b>Beja Charity Golf Outing</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Scottish Rite	<b>17</b> 5:30pm Northwoods 7:00pm Washington	<b>18</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<b>19</b> <b>Winneconne Parade</b>
<b>20</b> NO Daughters of Nile <b>Pulaski Parade</b> <b>Beja Masonic Picnic</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	<b>22</b> 7pm Warren Council Chapter #8	<b>23</b> 7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85	<b>24</b> 6:00pm Krazy Kops & Inter- City 7:00pm Palestine	<b>25</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30am	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:00pm Vet's & Patriots	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		



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## UPCOMING 2025 ACTIVITIES

For More Details: [www.bejashriners.com](http://www.bejashriners.com)

### June 2025

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 19th - Winneconne Parade  
July 20th - Pulaski Parade  
July 20th - Beja Masonic Picnic at Bay Beach

### August 2025

August 2nd-3rd - Potentates Trip - Munsing, MI  
August 20th-23rd - Summer MSA, Moosejaw, Saskatchewan  
August 24th - Shriners Car Show - Brown Co. Fair Grounds

### September 2025

September 3rd - Beja closed meeting  
September 24th - Honored Ladies Luncheon



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