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## Beja Shriners CAR SHOW

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August 2nd- 4th, 2025

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## Fall Ceremonial And Potentate's Ball

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**Help us grow. And let's show our future  
Nobles what Beja hospitality is all about!**

Beja Fall Ceremonial & Potentate's Ball  
**Saturday, Sept, 20th, 2025**



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Donald C. Wiggins *	.1989	Bradley Ottum	.2009
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Fred Beyer	.2002	John Van Lanen	.2022
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Dennis Korth	.2004	Thomas Pflugardt	.2024
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\* Deceased

## Peninsula Shrine Club

*"The Club with Class"*

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting in August on the 17th at Sonny's Italian Kitchen & Pizzeria, 129 N Madison Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. We will start at 5:00pm and will be ordering off the menu shortly after.

Anyone is welcome to join us! Just let me know so we can accommodate everyone.

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

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## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Friends,

We've reached the halfway mark of 2025, a year that's truly been Gear'd up for the kids—and filled with meaning, memory, and momentum. Along the way, we've bid farewell to cherished friends through the Black Camel, reminding us just how precious our time and connections truly are.

Yet here we stand—grateful for the present, energized for the future, and surrounded by some of the best people we could ask for. I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your friendship and fraternal support. You continue to demonstrate the true spirit of family, community, and brotherhood.

Recently, your elected Beja representatives—including myself and Chief Rabban Tim Thiers, and Recorder Gene Reece and Dawn and Hospital Chairman John VanLanen—attended Imperial Session to represent Beja Shriners. We were honored to enjoy fraternal harmony, good food, and, most importantly, to bring back knowledge and ideas we hope will benefit you, our Nobility.

Some of us also took part in a Membership Education Foundation class. The message was clear: recruitment and retention remain critical pillars for our future success. We received a membership audit worksheet—based on the best practices of high-performing Temples—which will help us sharpen our focus and strategy going forward.

The business of the session also included watching the election process unfold, and I was proud to see Masonic principles upheld, even in the face of unexpected challenges. We saw professionalism, poise, and unity in action.

There was also a resolution regarding the costs associated with Imperial Session travel and participation. While the proposed reduction in fraternity expenditures was voted down, a special committee has been formed to explore new procedures that aim to preserve our fraternal relationships while supporting Shriners Children's more effectively and efficiently. I look forward to seeing how that develops.

Thank you again for your trust, your energy, and your enthusiasm. I am honored to serve as your Potentate for 2025.

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

## Important Email Update

Beja Shriners has updated our official email address for the email blast and notifications

Going forward,  
you'll receive eBugler newsletters and  
Shrine communications from:  
**news@bejashriners.com**

To ensure you continue receiving  
messages without interruption,  
please add this address to your safe  
senders list or address book.  
Thank you for staying connected!

## Back in Session with Prime Rib – September Stated Meeting Preview



After a restful summer break, Beja returns to action this September with a closed meeting and a prime rib dinner that's sure to make the return even more enjoyable. Chef Nic S. will be firing up the kitchen to prepare a meal worthy of our first meeting back: Prime Rib cooked to your requested doneness, along with baked potato, fresh vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert.

The estimated cost for the dinner is \$25 per Noble, subject to adjustment based on market conditions.

But—and this part is important—we must have your RSVP **NO later than August 20**. Chef Nic needs time to properly age and portion the beef and prepare the meal accordingly. If we do not receive your RSVP, we cannot guarantee a meal will be available for you that night.

This event is for Beja Nobles only. While we're meeting and dining at Beja, the Ladies will be heading to Old Chicago for dinner and fellowship of their own.



We've made RSVPing easy—just scan the QR code:

The RSVP form will be included in every eBugler throughout August, but don't delay—reserve your seat now and help us start the fall off right!

# MEMBERSHIP

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*is the Best Value*

## Membership Matters: August Reflections and Renewed Momentum

August marks an important turning point in our Shrine calendar—on the 1st of the month, 2026 dues officially roll over. This signals the beginning of a new cycle and a renewed opportunity for all of us to recommit to the mission and fellowship of Beja Shriners.

The first 2026 dues notice will be sent via email in early September. If you've already paid—thank you! You're helping Beja stay strong. If you still owe dues for 2024 or 2025, now is the time to act. Ignoring the reminders won't make them go away—and unpaid dues don't just affect your membership status, they affect our collective strength. Please take a moment to get caught up or contact the Recorder if your situation has changed.

We're also excited to share that a brand-new membership card is coming your way. All Nobles who are current in their dues will receive an updated card with a refreshed look and enhanced functionality. Watch your mailbox this fall!

Meanwhile, our Strategic Plan for Membership is well underway. This initiative is focused on the long-term sustainability of Beja and our fraternity. You'll be hearing more in the coming months about how you can help—from mentoring new Nobles to participating in outreach and public visibility efforts.

Let's make this year a turning point—not just in paperwork, but in pride. Reach out to a Brother. Bring a friend to an event. Be the reason someone chooses to join us.

*Yours in Brotherhood,  
Your Membership Team*



## NATIONAL SOCCER PARTNERSHIP RECAP

Shriners Children's proudly served as the official children's healthcare sponsor for the 2025 Concacaf Men's National Competitions. Concacaf, the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football, brought international soccer excitement to 13 cities across the region—and Shriners Children's patients were right in the heart of the action. As "The Most Amazing Captains," patients took the field alongside national team starters before each match, creating unforgettable moments for all involved. The partnership culminated with the Gold Cup Finals in Houston on July 6.

## 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



## AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Greetings to all,

Upcoming events:

**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*

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## WGA-4-KIDS

### Beja Shrine Chapter

Wga4Kids will be working two events at the Resch Center. The **Jason Alden concert** on Saturday, September 6th and the **Eric Church concert** on Thursday, September 25th. We could always use volunteers for these fund raising events.

We would like to thank those that helped out at the June Beja meeting preparing and serving the meal. Also, those who donated food and supplies, our profit was just under \$900.

We continue to collect soda pop tabs for the wheel chair fund. If you have some please deliver them to the Beja office.

At our last meeting discussion was held on having a blanket tying party. The purpose is to make blankets for our kids at the clinic. This event will be scheduled this fall so we can deliver them to the clinic in November.

If your interested in learning more about the Beja Chapter WGA4KIDS, please contact one of our officers.

President Dawn Reece  
Vice President John VanLanen, PP  
Secretary Ann Mumm  
Treasurer Gene Reece, PP

*Sincerely,  
Dawn Reece  
President WGA4KIDS-Beja Chapter*



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# *Fall Ceremonial And Potentate's Ball*

## *Let's Get Energized!*



Gentlemen and Ladies,

Let's get energized for something Beja truly needs - a Fall Ceremonial, scheduled for  
**Saturday, September 20th, 2025.**

We may be a small Temple, but we're ready to grow our Shrine family. While we enjoy great fellowship at many events throughout the year, it's clear: more hands make light work—and more Nobles mean more fun, more ideas, and more impact.

I'm asking each of you to join me in **seeking out new Nobles** and new opportunities for fellowship. With our newly appointed Beja Ambassadors engaging with local Blue Lodges, we're already seeing renewed interest in Shrine membership. Let's build on that momentum and fill our Temple for a memorable and meaningful Ceremonial.

To make the day even more special, we're planning an evening **Potentate Ball at Beja - Black and white theme** at Beja with dinner and entertainment \$40. After our Autumn ceremonial.

**Drinks at 5:00pm dinner 6:00**

**Evening ending 9-9:30 due to ceremonial that morning.**

**Mark your calendar. Help us grow.  
And let's show our future Nobles  
what Beja hospitality is all about!**

*Fraternally,  
Scott Maxon  
Potentate, Beja Shriners 2025*

**RSVP to Ann at Beja  
By September 13th  
(920) 498-1985**







8/1, Jay Korth	8/14, Robert Smith
8/2, David Oshefsky	8/15, Brayden Arnholt
8/3, Kristoffer Pillar	8/16, Jesse Lawrenz
8/4, Larry Patterson	8/16, Max Skenandore
8/4, Michael Spurlock	8/17, Allen Burnsworth
8/5, Thom Homburg	8/17, Gregory Hill
8/7, David Lindsay	8/19, Timothy De Hart
8/9, Joseph Austin	8/24, Jay Andres
8/10, Charles Greene	8/24, Thomas Vollrath
8/12, Josh Bray	8/25, Daniel Szafranski
8/12, James Campbell	8/26, Jonathan Maas
8/13, Robert Atchison	8/27, Muhammed Huda
8/13, Michael Zimmer	8/27, D J Huddleston



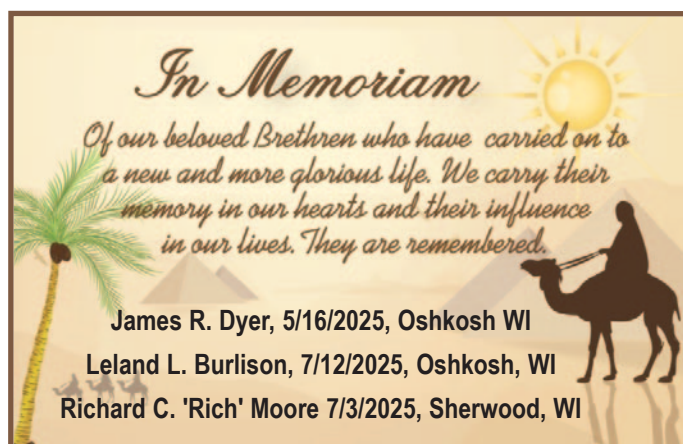
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**Summer Session  
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## Parade Season 2025

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!

### Join Us on the Parade Route

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

- **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



### STATED MEETING PRIME RIB DINNER

Prime Rib cooked to your requested doneness, along with baked potato, fresh vegetables, salad, rolls, and dessert. (See article on page 3)



Estimated \$25.00 per person  
Scan QR Code or  
Please RSVP by August 20th  
to Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985

## The Journey to Riding a Two-Wheeler

Riding a bike is something many children love to do, and it's a major milestone when they learn to ditch the training wheels and ride a two-wheeler.



Hazel loves riding her tricycle, but because she was born with her left arm missing below the elbow, she needs extra support to balance and steady herself, since she has to lean far to reach the left handlebar. To help her achieve her dream of riding on two wheels, she visited Shriners Children's Philadelphia.

When Patty was pregnant with Hazel, she was told that Hazel would be born missing the lower half of her left arm and her left hand. At the 20-week anatomy scan, the medical team performed an amniocentesis to determine whether the limb difference was genetic, as a genetic cause could indicate other complications. Fortunately, it was not genetic and was most likely the result of a blood flow issue. The team believed that in utero, Hazel prioritized blood flow to her vital organs to survive, rather than to her arm. There was also no evidence of banding, ruling out amniotic band syndrome.

Hazel and her family call her left arm her "nubbie," and she has never felt the need for a prosthetic. She has adapted to do everything she wants, including playing, riding a scooter and building robots out of macaroni boxes. Her mother, Patty, said, "She adapts beautifully to everything."

### CONSIDER ADVERTISING!

Shriners! If you own a business your company should consider advertising in the Beja Bugler.

It reaches all Beja Nobles in the state of Wisconsin and we offer very attractive rates.

If you are interested in advertising, contact Ann in the Beja office, (920) 498-1985, or email [bejashrine@new.rr.com](mailto:bejashrine@new.rr.com).

### THE YOUTH CORNER



## The Youth ADVENTURES



I will start this article like I do many of them and wish you all a good time enjoying the weather. I'm thinking that most of us needed a little break and time to enjoy the summer weather. I'm sure we're all starting to gear up and look forward to getting back into routine routines, and meetings in the fall.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay is looking to that same thought process, while they do meet over the summer, it was curtailed a little bit with the updates to the building. They also attended as I stated in the last article the state convention that used to be called CONCLAVE. That is where the new state master counselor and his core officers will be installed. It will also be an opportunity to initiate new members. So look to possibly seeing some new faces around Green Bay chapter order of Demolay.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters, as I've stated before is looking to re-organize and restructure themselves. They are of course, looking for extra help. If you would like to get involved, please contact one of their advisors and offer some assistance.

Thank you again for all the help you offer the youth group. I look forward to seeing you all again when we start meeting routinely.

*Fraternally,*  
*Charles Clarage*  
*Youth Committee Chairman*

### GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB

CRAIG LAES – PRESIDENT

The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill located at 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay. Social time begins at 11:30am. Hope to see you there!

*Fraternally,*  
*Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.*  
[greglhabeck@gmail.com](mailto:greglhabeck@gmail.com) or 920-371-9050





## 100 Years Since the Cornerstone: Honoring a Century of Healing in Chicago

This June marked a truly historic moment for Shriners Children's Chicago — the 100th anniversary of the laying of the hospital's cornerstone, a tradition rooted in Masonic heritage and symbolic of purposeful, enduring service.

At a special ceremony held during the June Board of Governors meeting, Chairman Tracy Burcham offered heartfelt opening remarks, noting that the cornerstone laid in 1925 “represented a promise — to care for every child who needed help, to ease the burdens of families, and to lead with compassion, innovation, and generosity.” That promise has carried Shriners Children's Chicago through a full century of service, from its early days providing pediatric orthopedic care to its current leadership in spinal cord injury treatment, rehabilitation, and cleft lip and palate care.

The event was enriched by powerful reflections from former patients who returned to share their journeys. Their moving stories are living proof of the hospital's profound impact and the lifelong difference compassionate care can make.

“For centuries,” the hospital shared on social media, “the laying of a Masonic cornerstone has marked the first step in the creation of buildings of great significance. Today, our Board of Governors and Shrine temple leadership proudly commemorated 100 years since that cornerstone was laid — and the mission of hope and healing began.”

As Shriners Children's Chicago reflects on its past and celebrates a century of transformation, it looks forward with renewed dedication to serving the next generation of children and families with the same spirit of love, leadership, and innovation that began in 1925.



## Shriners Children's Announces New Research Institute in Atlanta

Exciting news from our national leadership! The Joint Boards have approved the creation of the Shriners Children's Research Institute, a freestanding facility dedicated entirely to advancing pediatric medical science. The institute will be located at Science Square Labs in Atlanta, Georgia, near Georgia Tech's cutting-edge research facilities.

Unlike our hospitals, this institute will not provide patient care but will serve as a hub for innovation, attracting top physician-scientists and driving breakthroughs in areas like artificial intelligence, wearable tech, and genetic research. The idea grew from a 2019 collaboration between Shriners Children's and Georgia Tech and has already produced over 25 promising projects.

This major investment aligns with our Vision 2035 strategic plan and strengthens our role as a global leader in pediatric research. The future of children's healthcare just got even brighter — thanks to the vision and generosity of Shriners everywhere.



Above: Beja Nobles and Ladies were proud to represent Northeast Wisconsin at the 2025 Imperial Session in Atlanta.



### **Shriners Children's Chicago Earns Recognition and Advances in Care Delivery**

Shriners Children's Chicago continues to lead with distinction, innovation, and a deep commitment to patient safety and operational excellence.

#### **GO CLEAR Award for Surgical Safety**

We are proud to announce that Shriners Children's Chicago has received the **GO CLEAR Award** from the **Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN)**. This prestigious designation recognizes our hospital as a **Center of Excellence in Surgical Smoke Evacuation**, underscoring our commitment to the safety and well-being of both patients and surgical teams. Surgical smoke, a hazardous byproduct of many common procedures, poses risks that our clinical teams have worked diligently to mitigate through advanced equipment, training, and best practices.

#### **Improving Access and Efficiency**

Efforts continue across the Shriners system to improve how families access care, with several key initiatives underway:

- **Contact Center Success:** The Chicago site is now meeting industry standards for call abandonment rate, reflecting better patient access and improved responsiveness from our contact center teams.
- **Enhanced Scheduling Tools:** A new scheduling repository for Physician and APP (Advanced Practice Provider) availability is in development. Following successful implementation and training in St. Louis, the tool will soon be rolled out in Chicago to enhance appointment scheduling and coordination.
- **Standardized Hours of Operation:** A system-wide effort is underway to explore adopting standardized hours of operation (e.g., 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.) to better meet the needs of families and align with healthcare industry trends. Input from each location, including staff scheduling data, is being gathered for a collaborative review and planning session.

#### **Wi-Fi Network Expansion: Infrastructure for the Future**

One of the most transformative recent upgrades at Shriners Children's Chicago is the **hospital-wide expansion of our wireless network**, now boasting 99% coverage—up from just 50%. Funded by Shriners

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International Headquarters' Information Services (HDQ IS), this initiative empowers both patients and care teams through reliable, high-speed connectivity.

Key benefits of this investment include:

- **Improved Clinical Efficiency:** Faster, more reliable access to electronic medical records and real-time systems improves care coordination and outcomes.
- **Enhanced Patient Experience:** Patients and families enjoy more seamless access to personal devices, entertainment, and telehealth resources.
- **Scalability for Growth:** The upgraded network is built to support next-generation medical devices and the increasing digital needs of modern healthcare.

These milestones reflect the dedication of the Chicago hospital team and the larger Shriners system to continually evolve, improve, and lead in pediatric specialty care.

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



Summer is here. The Nobles of the SuperTryke Unit are peddling the parade routes.



Don't be a stranger, as the weather warms be an active member and decide what parade you will try your turn on a SuperTryke seat and peddle for our Shrine kids.

*Best regards, Dennis M. Korth, P.P., President*



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*Raffle*

**THANKSGIVING  
Week**

Wednesday | **November 26** | 1p-8p

Friday | **November 28** | 10a-8p

Saturday | **November 29** | 10a-8p

Sunday | **November 30** | 10a-4p

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Friday | **November 28** | 10a-8p

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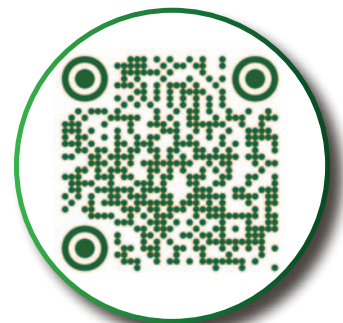
**SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT:** Tuesday November 25th 7-10pm

- ✓ Includes up to 5 guests
- ✓ Pre-event viewing
- ✓ Opportunity to pre-purchase raffle tickets
- ✓ Beverages and Food

### TREE SET UP:

Sunday November 23rd or Monday November 24th • 10am-7pm

Beja Shrine Center • 1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI





***Complete application to be returned by October 1, 2025,***

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

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**TREE THEME/NAME** (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ While I'm unable to decorate a tree myself, I'd be happy to make a cash donation to support a volunteer in decorating one on my behalf. (\$1000 minimum)

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

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

**Confirmation with Sponsor Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **TREE SPONSOR RULES AND GUIDELINES BASICS**

- Time and Place - Festival 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 or Monday 11/24 • 10am-7pm.
- 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.

## **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 Festival 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 Festival 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. Festival 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 Festival 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 Festival of Trees.
- High-Value prizes will be safeguarded by the Festival 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 Festival 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 of the event on 11/30 from 4pm-7pm 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 Festival of Trees Facebook page and the Beja Website.
- 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.

*Thanks for your support, from the Festival of Trees staff*

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

Brad Ottum, Event Coordinator





## Potentate's Trip August 2nd- 4th, 2025

### *A RELAXING RETREAT TO THE UPPER PENINSULA*

Join us Saturday, August 2nd, as we caravan from Beja Shrine through the "hot sands" to the stunning Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore!

We're getting close to our casual and relaxing Potentate's Trip to Michigan's beautiful Upper Peninsula—a place that has always felt like home to me.

To help with planning and budgeting, we're asking for an estimated head count of those interested in attending.

### *Trip Highlights & Estimated Costs:*

Lodging: Approximately \$200–\$225 per night.

#### **Adventures Include:**

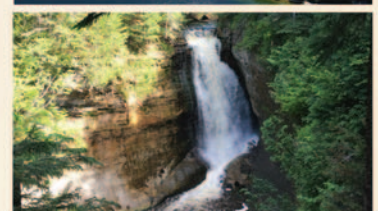
- **Riptide Ride** – A 1.5-hour high-speed boat tour for \$49 per person.
- **Kitch-iti-kipi** – Michigan's largest natural freshwater spring (\$11 per vehicle for a state park pass).
- **Fayette Historic State Park** – A fascinating ghost town with historic buildings and scenic shoreline (included with the state park pass).
- **Miners Castle and area waterfalls** – Free to explore and enjoy!

All meals will be casual and local—no tuxedos required! And if the weather doesn't cooperate, Kewadin Casino is just a short trip away. It's recently been upgraded to a smoke-free facility, making it a more comfortable option for everyone.

We hope you'll join us for a laid-back getaway filled with natural beauty, good company, and great memories.

**Call Ann (920) 498-1985 to 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!**



# 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!**





We wanted to take this opportunity to thank Blaine and Stacy Goldner for driving the jail for our Reedsville parade. Also a special shout out to our world famous Beja clowns for their participation in our parades. More hands makes it more fun and a better show for the crowd.

We had eleven people for the Manawa parade. A very long and hot parade but fun was had by all, including the crowd. Our next and last parade for the 2025 season will be In Weyawega for their annual horse and buggies day on Saturday, September 13th. Come join us if you would like to see what a parade unit does. We have fun helping kids.

*Fraternally,*  
Eugene Reece, PP, Assistant Chief

# OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on August 14th 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.

## CORNERSTONE CELEBRATION



For centuries, the laying of a Masonic cornerstone has served as the first step in the construction of buildings of significance. In June the Board of Governors and supporting Shrine temple potentates and chief rabbans marked 100 years since the laying of the original Chicago hospital building cornerstone.

That facility used to stand where the parking lot is now. Guests included four patient alumni speakers, employees with more than 40 years at the hospital, and employees who are also Shriners. This event is part of 18 months of celebrations for Chicago's 100th anniversary taking place in 2026.



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Greetings to all!

The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Mark's Eastside 1405 E Wisconsin Ave. Appleton WI.

Our deepest sympathy to Appleton Shrine Club Noble Rich Moore and his family on his passing.

Congratulations to our newly elected Imperial Potentate Brad T. Koehn and the 2025 - 2026 Imperial Divan.



It was a pleasure for me to be an appointed representative on the Imperial Outer Guard in Atlanta 2025.

Having Fun Helping Kids!

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



August is here and Summer is getting HOT!

Beja Clowns are not sitting idle, we are working hard at making things happen. Clowns and Krazy Kops are now parading together.

The next Clown Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22nd at 7:00 PM at the Beja Shrine Center.

Our Beja Clown Unit has openings for new Clowns. Clowning Around can be a family event with Shriner Ladies and Children. Please reach out to [kristoffer.pillar@gmail.com](mailto:kristoffer.pillar@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining or returning to the Clown Unit!

*Fraternally,  
Kris Pillar, Beja Clown Unit*

*Congratulations!*



**A new era begins for Shriners International.**

**Imperial Sir Brad Koehn**, of Arab Shriners in Topeka, Kansas, was elected as the 2025–2026 **Imperial Potentate** at the 150th Imperial Session held in Atlanta, Georgia. A longtime Noble and dedicated Mason, Imperial Sir Brad brings a thoughtful, energetic vision to our work of caring for children and supporting local Temples.

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# August 2025

## Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

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



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## UPCOMING 2025 ACTIVITIES

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### August 2025

August 2nd-4th - 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 / Prime Rib Dinner

September 6th - 3rd Annual Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Outing

September 13th - Weyauwega Parade

September 20th - Fall Ceremonial

September 24th - Honored Ladies Luncheon

September 27th - Peshtigo Parade

### October 2025

October 1st - Beja open meeting / Chief Rabban 2026 Presentation

### November 2025

November 5th - Beja open meeting / Parade to Glory

November 22nd - Sturgeon Bay Christmas Parade

November 28th - 30th - Beja Festival of Trees



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