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BEJA SHRINE

CIRCUS

It's Beja Circus time!
March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th

BROWN COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA
GREEN BAY, WI
Doors open one hour before show time.

Friday, March 2nd
★ 7:00pm

Saturday, March 3rd
★ 11:00am ★ 3:00pm ★ 7:00pm

Sunday, March 4th
1:30pm ★ 5:30pm

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



We are now well into the starting days and weeks of the New Year. We have entered this New Year with an expectancy that the days, events, and relationships of our lives will, somehow, have a newness about them that will result in our lives being better. We may even make a resolution or two to make a change in what we do and how we conduct ourselves to open the possibilities of life becoming better for us.

Then old habits, attitudes, take over and continue their control of the way we live our lives and conduct our relationships. We lose the expectancy that each new day will offer opportunities to make our lives better and more rewarding.

The scriptures that shape our lives and the Masonic teachings we received on the way to becoming Master Masons calls us to live in a state of expectancy. They call on us to be open to new insights, greater understanding about who we are to be and what we can do to have a fuller, richer, more meaningful life for ourselves and for those who share in our lives.

As Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine we have learned to include in our lives those children who have special orthopedic needs, or certain other physical needs and/or are victims of serious burns. We can help them look to the future with expectancy because of the medical care they can receive through our hospitals.

As Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine we are the people who are Love to the Rescue. Let us be true to ourselves, and to these children, and greet each new day with expectancy for the opportunities it will offer.

*Yours in the faith,
Rev. Myron E. Christensen*

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It is with an extreme pleasure to write this first article as your Potentate. I would first like to thank Hannah, Hattie and Molly for all of their support as we begin this exciting year. I would also like to thank them for the wonderful locomotive carving, John Sage for the wonderful painting of a Beja Locomotive, both proudly displayed in my office, The Daughters' of the

Nile and Queen Linda Kohn for the wonderful stepping stones to happiness certificate, Ben Rodgers for the nice gift and all the Nobles and Ladies who came out to support the installation. Special thanks to Brenda for handling the food, Fred Beyer and Hannah's father for the wonderful music, and all who helped make the day a special day.

Our February meeting on Wednesday, February 7th will be an open meeting celebrating Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras. Dinner will be a Cajun/Creole feast for \$15 per person. We asked that you dress in your favorite Mardi-Gras attire. This meeting is open to all so please invite your friends and family to join us.

As you read this special mailed edition of the Bugler, I need to remind you of our 2018 Circus. The previews of the show look wonderful and yes, there will be live animals. The Circus will be on Friday, March 2nd at 7:00pm, Saturday, March 3rd at 11:00am, 3:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday, March 4th at 1:30pm and 5:30pm. As always we can use your help. Remember this is Beja's largest fund raiser and the more hands we have on board the easier the work. Remember to bring your Fez as this will get you free parking in the Lambeau Field parking areas. As the second Sunday show is later this year we are making a change to our afterglow party. We will be holding our party between the first and second performances. Our Chief Aide will be providing a wonderful assortment of treats for us to enjoy before the final performance. So please plan on coming out and enjoying this time together as we celebrate the success of our 2018 Circus.

I would like to thank everyone that helped sell program ads this year as it helps with the overall success of our Circus. I would also like to thank everyone who purchased their Daddy Books. Those that purchased and sent them back for us to use I can guarantee that they were used wisely and allowed us to get some very special people to the show.

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In closing I share that if I or the Divan can be of any help, please let me know. As I shared in my installation message, Beja is like the locomotive in the story "The little engine that could" together we make a strong locomotive for "Pulling for our Kids".

*Fraternallly,
Clint Compton, Beja Potentate*

Beja Shrine Ladies



Greetings!

I am excited to be writing my first article as your new First Lady. Thank you to Lady Mary Habeck for a wonderful 2017! For those of you who were able to join us for the last dinner of the year at 1951, it was my honor to accept the "baton." It's been a pleasure getting to spend more time with each of you as I prepared to step into

the role as the First Lady. A huge thank you to everyone that attended the Public Installation of Officers held on January 6th. We would like to especially thank Brad Ottum and Pete Scheinert as the installing Officer and Installing Marshal. In addition, the Vets and Patriots for displaying our flag and for escorting us in. Also, special thanks to the bagpiper, Dennis Metz, for providing his talent to help make the Installation special. Thank you to Past Potentate Fred Beyer, my father Ken Petersen, and John Kolar for providing the entertainment as we all enjoyed fellowship at the Temple afterwards. The wonderful spread of food provided by our own Lady Brenda was beautifully arranged and very delicious! Next up: February 7th, Open Meeting theme is to Celebrate Mardi Gras and have Fat Tuesday on a Wednesday! Wear your favorite mask, beads, or bright colors! There will be New Orleans style jazz for entertainment and Paczkis for dessert! Don't forget to hang on to your dinner ticket for a chance to win fabulous prizes! Hope to see you all there; please be sure to reserve your seat with Ann at (920) 498-1985.

Also let's not forget the Beja Shrine Circus is only a short time away, and Beja could use your help supporting the Circus in any way you can! A reminder if you haven't done so already to be sure you purchased your Daddy Book!

Please continue to support our Potentate Clint Compton as we celebrate 2018 while "Pulling for Our Kids!"

*Sincerely,
Lady Hannah*



Nobles and Ladies,
It's Beja Circus time! On March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th the circus will come to Green Bay. Please join us at the Brown County Arena to make 2018 a successful year as our major BEJA Fund raiser. We encourage our new Nobles to join us at the event and it is a great time to meet your fellow Nobles.

A big "thank you" to all Nobles who have sold ads for the 2018 Circus Program. The Clubs and Units they represent will benefit from their share of the sales. If you haven't mailed your payment for your "Circus Noble Tickets" please do so as soon as possible.

There will be a pre-circus meeting at 5:00pm on Friday March 2nd with the Resch Center employees to go over rules and instructions for the Nobles. Our first show is 7:00 pm on Friday March 2nd so please arrive by 5:30pm for the meeting and instructions for this year. The doors open at 6:00pm.

Circus tickets are available online thru the BejaShrineCircus.com website or ticketstaronline.com and the Resch Center Box office (920) 494-3401. For Nobles wanting additional Circus tickets, we have some extra Noble ticket books that have been returned non purchased and are available to be purchased at the Beja office.

Nobles, please remember to bring your Fez to the Circus. Your Fez allows free parking at Lambeau Field. In addition, the Fez indicates to all our guests that we have many members and whom to ask for assistance if needed. We want to thank all those who came last year and helped out at the Circus. Whether you helped out ushering, handing out programs or just greeted our Circus goers your dedication to coming made last year's Circus a great success and we look forward to seeing you again this year. Please make every attempt to come to the Circus this year as we will need every Noble and their Ladies help at every show.

The "break" room on the Arena's second floor will have doughnuts and coffee in the morning, then we will have snacks available for the afternoon on Sat & Sun. There will be attendance sheets in the Nobles break room. Please take the time to sign in and indicate what show you worked. We will also have our "After glow" party provided by Kathy Rondeau and Charles Clarage on Sunday between the first and last show. The Afterglow will begin at approximately 3:30pm so our party will be earlier this year. All workers and Ladies are welcome.

Please plan on working at the Circus. Doors open one hour before show time. Plan to arrive 1 hour and 30 minutes before show time. See the Circus committee for

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assignments. Remember we represent all Shriners and must act as such and as upright and just Masons. Remember that we need to be at the exiting doors of the Arena before the show ends to thank the many people who have come to see the Circus. A good time to go to the doors is when the Gentleman is being fired out of the Cannon as that is usually the last act.

Any questions please call Eugene Reece or Ann Mumm at Beja 920-498-1985.

Your 2018 Circus Committee



Nobles,

I trust everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and are looking forward to a great New Year. Christmas travels took Gale and I to Seattle to see two of our daughters and their families. After a few days we were off to Maui to spend time with our other two daughters and their husbands and a friend whose house we stayed at. 75 to 80 degrees was wonderful.

As of this writing a new date has not been set for our Club Installation dinner. After the officers have had time to meet a new date will be established. All Nobles should be thinking ahead and making plans to assist at the 2018 Beja Shrine Circus on March 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Rest assured there will be a job for you when you arrive. Another extremely important aspect of the Circus is the Noble Tickets which were mailed last month. Participation in this exercise is very important to Beja in two ways; one the \$60.00 cost adds to the Circus profits and two, the tickets returned to Beja are used to provide free tickets to needy children. Please participate if possible.

Remember the Appleton Shrine Club meets the 2nd and 4th Fridays at Mark's Eastside.

Fraternally, Dennis Korth, Treasurer

OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Our January meeting was held at the Bavarian Inn, Lena, WI. A great place for German food and wonderful salad bar!!!! and of course cocktails!!!! A great big WELCOME to Clint and Hannah.

Fraternally Yours, Ralph Papesh, President
Vernon Vander Leest, Secy/Treas.
Marcus Vander Leest, Vice President



Listed alphabetically by first name below are the Nobles and Friends that have contributed to the Beja Circus 2018 by purchasing their Nobles tickets. All of Beja thanks each of you for your support and effort in making the Circus a success. The list contains the contributors through January 11th, 2018. 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.

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| ALLEN E KARR | EUGENE REECE | KEN RAUTIOLA | ROGER C LINDOW |
| ANDREW BUECHNER | FLOYD HARTWIG | KENNETH J MC LELLAN | ROGER N HAMILTON |
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| AVRAM D BERK | GARY A TAYLOR | LON SWEDBERG | ROY W WOOLSEY |
| BERTRAM MILSON DR | GARY FEHL | LYLE N BUETTNER | SAMUEL YOUNG |
| BETTY SMITH | GARY J CORNELISSEN | LYNN AUDE | STELLA SMITH |
| BILL E. GAULT | GEORGE TINCHER | MARCUS VANDER LEEST | STEPHEN CLABOTS |
| BONNIE KOHN | GERALD J OLBRANTZ | MARJORIE CROWL | STEPHEN RABACH |
| BRADLEY OTTUM PP | GERALD KOUDELKA | MARSHALL FAY | SUE ZANZIG |
| CHAR BACKUS | GREG L HABECK | MICHAEL SPURLOCK | SUSAN SORENSON |
| CHARLES AWEN PP | HARVEY COLEMAN | MRS. PAUL SCHMIDT | TED S WESLEY |
| CLIFFORD B JOHNSON | HARVEY REILLY | MYRON CHRISTENSEN | TERRY RICHARDSON |
| CRAIG J. CLOUTIER | HENRY J BUCHMAN | OLIVER H. TUELL | THOMAS F STEFFEN |
| CRAIG S CAMPBELL | JAMES L SLEZAK JR | ORLIN R HERRILD | THOMAS H PASSOW |
| DALE H VOLLRATH | JAMES L SLEZAK, PP | PETER A NYGAARD | THOMAS H VOLLRATH |
| DALE L. LYNDAHL | JAMES M HAYS | RALPH J CHAMBERLAIN | THOMAS K ROSENOW |
| DANIEL J. ROSERA | JAMES S WADE | RALPH PAPESH | THOMAS M TURNER |
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| EDWARD J MITCHEL | JONATHAN MAAS | ROBERT M BLACK | WILLIAM HESSER |
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| ELLIOT COLLIER | JUNE M SCHAETZEL | ROBERT SAFFORD | |
| EMIL REICHOW JR | KEITH C BAGLEY | ROBERT VANDER LEEST | |

For Nobles wanting additional Circus tickets, we have some extra Noble ticket books that have been returned non purchased and are available to be purchased at the Beja office, Please call Ann at (920) 498-1985.



AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE

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Dear Ladies of the Household, Nobles and Friends,

I was happy to attend the installation of Ill. Potentate Clint Compton and his Officers. It was such a nice ceremony and reception, even the weather cooperated!! We all wish them a very fun year as we work together. We are off to a good start.

Happy Valentines Day everyone, our weather should be warming by then, right?? Ajeb will not meet this month, our next session will be March 21st for our election of Officers. I hope we can find enough members to take an officer position. Please think of which position you would enjoy doing!! Also, remember to bring your Ritual and Floor Chart books back to check them in and check out the ones we will be using this year, even if we are keeping the same position. Our sessions are usually the third Wednesday of the month. However, we are taking a survey to see if more people would come if we changed it to a Saturday. This survey will be coming out in the dues notices the first part of February and should be returned before our March session. You can return the survey with your dues if you wish.

The Supreme Session this year is in Cincinnati, Ohio on June 24th – 28th, they are planning a dinner cruise on the 23rd. September 8th is our tentative date for the Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show, we will keep you posted. Also, in September we have the Supreme Queen's visit and Ceremonial on the 27th. Everyone please make note of these dates!!!

Stay warm and well these winter months.

Nile Love, Linda Kohn



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We Say **How High?**]



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Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Nobles and Ladies,

The Club met at Sonny's in Sturgeon Bay in January. We were a small group, but it was a great evening with good friends and good food.



We will be meeting on the 5th of February at The Black Sheep on Bay Settlement Rd. in Green Bay. As always, all are welcome to join us. Social hour starts at 5:00pm and we eat at 6:00pm. We would love to see other Shriners attend for a relaxing evening of fellowship.

Dinner at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Fraternally, Greg Habeck, Secretary
(920) 371-9050

INTER-CITY SHRINE CLUB

President - Eugene "Gene" Reece

I would like to thank all the Nobles and their Ladies for joining us for our annual Officer installation and Christmas party. The event was fantastic. I would also like to congratulate our immediate Past President Dave Gerlach for a job well done. I look forward working with our officers Vice President Bob Spahn and Treasurer Roy Vander Zanden as we move forward into 2018.

Thanks to everyone who braved the cold to join us for our January meeting. Fun was had by all. Our February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 22nd at Bear Lake resort in Manawa. As usual we will be ordering off the menu, so you can choose what you enjoy the most.

For those interested in upcoming events, we have our 2018 calendar completed and if you would like a copy, just give me a call.

Fraternally yours,
Eugene "Gene" Reece



Whats Cooking?

FEBRUARY MENU

Cajun / Creole

Cost is \$15.00 per person

RSVP By: February 1st - Call Ann (920) 498-1985



February Birthdays!!

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb 1 Lyndahl, Dale | Feb 10 Rothe, Mark |
| Feb 2 Walag, Joseph | Feb 10 Urban, Robert |
| Feb 3 Dowman, Thomas | Feb 11 Wingert, Thomas |
| Feb 3 Laes, Craig | Feb 16 Baum, Dale |
| Feb 4 Peterson, Richard | Feb 16 Schulze, William |
| Feb 5 Larson, Lawrence | Feb 17 Matthews, Gerald |
| Feb 5 McHugh, Clayton | Feb 17 Clark, Harlan |
| Feb 5 Vollrath, Dale | Feb 18 Rautiola, Kenneth |
| Feb 5 Weist, Philip | Feb 19 Urban, Michael |
| Feb 5 Winter, Douglas | Feb 20 Bailey, Paul |
| Feb 6 Buechner, Andrew | Feb 20 Squires, Brian |
| Feb 8 Klinetob, Carson | Feb 22 Senn, Shane |
| Feb 8 Krautkramer, Blaise | Feb 23 Squires, Thomas |
| Feb 8 Werch, Andrew | Feb 24 Guenther, Jack |
| Feb 10 Gerlach, David | Feb 26 Jenerson, Darren |

BREAKFAST

With The

Easter Bunny

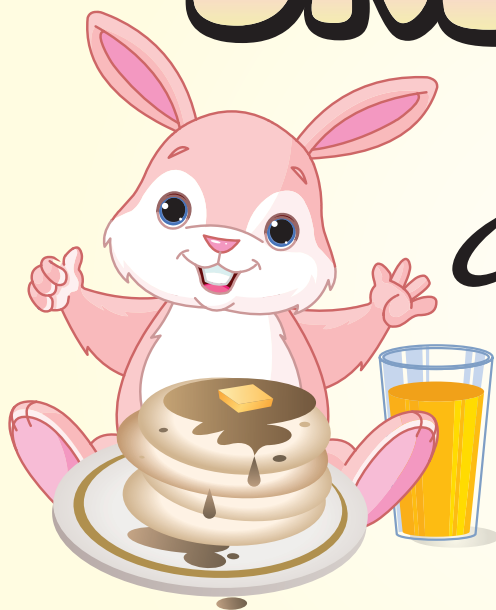
Join us Saturday, March 24th, 2018

Beja Shrine Center

8:30am-11:00am

Nobles, Family, friends and all
children are invited to attend

Bring your camera for pictures with the
Easter bunny



Breakfast will include orange juice, milk, pancakes,
scramble eggs, pork sausages, apple sauce and coffee

Cost \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children 6-12, 5 and under is free



SHAWANO SHRINE CLUB

The Club with "Style"

President - Robert Spahn

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The next meeting of the Shawano Shrine Club will be March 13th at the Season's Restaurant on N. Airport Rd. in Shawano. We will have as a guest speaker the Shawano County District Attorney Greg Parker. Social hour starts at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:00pm. Hope to see you there.

Just a reminder, the next meeting for Beja is an open meeting on February 7th. You are encouraged to dress in Mardi Gras attire. Should be fun! Call Ann and sign up.

FYI, Shawano Lodge will be hosting it's annual Sweetheart's Valentine's Dinner on February 10th starting with cocktails at 5:30pm followed by dinner at 6:00pm. The cost is \$20 per person and the menu consists of Steak, Baked Potato, Vegetable, Salad and Desert. Followed by a little Magic featuring Gizmo the Magician. The dinner will be at the:

Shawano Masonic Center

2324 E. Richmond St., Shawano, WI.

Please R.S.V.P. by Feb.6th to Jim Campell at:
crankb8@gmail.com or call 715-526-2232

I have attended this event for the last two years and have really enjoyed it. See you there.

Fraternally,

Greg Habeck, PP, Sec/Treas 920-371-9050

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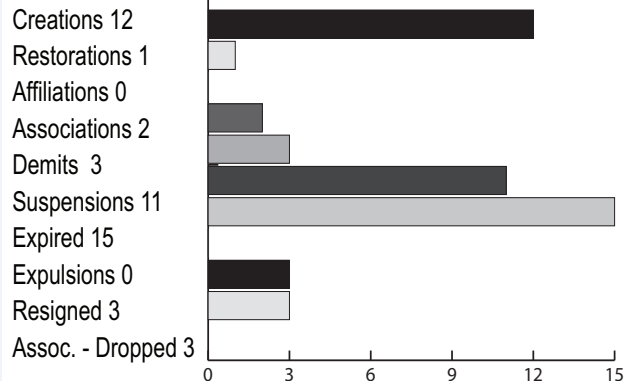
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Beginning – Jan 1, 2017 / 422 Members



Ending - Dec 31, 2017 / 403 Members (-19)

The numbers are in and Beja suffered an overall membership loss of nineteen in 2017. Just five years ago our membership was at 491. That is a loss of eighty-eight members in just five years! At that rate, in another five years Beja will cease to exist! That is not a goal that we wish to achieve. We must be serious in our membership efforts, not just in recruitment, but in retention and restoration, as well. I challenge each Club and Unit to create at least one new Noble at each of our Shrine Ceremonials this year.

The Clubs and Units are the lifeblood of any temple. You are the face of Beja in our communities. How many times have you been approached by someone who said their grandfather/father/uncle was a Mason/Shriner? That is your opportunity to ask them if they ever thought about following that legacy. Carry a pocket petition in your wallet or fez. Be prepared if the opportunity arises. Carry a Beja business card that outlines what conditions are treated at Shriners Hospitals. Keep a 2-minute elevator speech in the back of your mind so you are prepared to sell Masonry and Shriners.

Together we can reverse this trend of declining membership. Imperial Sir Gary Bergenske made it very easy for you to refer someone that you think would be a good Mason/Shriner. Utilize the referral program. It works!

Gary Fehl,
Beja Membership Committee Chairman

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR RECORDER

Nobles and Ladies,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in placing your trust in me to serve as Recorder for Beja Shrine Temple. I do not take this responsibility lightly and look forward to serving you at the highest level possible.

My first goal as your Recorder is to continue to improve communications to our Nobility and their Ladies as I began when I served as your Potentate in 2016. To that end, I encourage you to go to our new website www.bejashriners.com and sign up for our distribution list for the eBugler. A weekly edition coming out each Sunday morning providing access to coming events at Beja, Sickness and Distress, Important news, and fun things going on around Shrinedom. Our Public Relations Master Gary Fehl, has done a wonderful job with the eBugler and I am positive you will continue to enjoy these updates.

As in the past I will continue to forward them out through my email list so you might get them twice, but to get them directly sign up.

Many have asked what my officers hours will be at Beja. Well I'm still in the process of figuring that out. It is my plan to be in the office at least twice per week and more as needed. These days may move based on the need of the office staff - Ann, and the need of the Temple. On that note, I would like to personally thank ANN, for the work she does. Her assistance will be vital for my success and the continued success of Beja and I can only hope that I do not ask her to many questions. My plan is to provide a list of dates that I will be in the office so Gary can add it to the eBugler so if you need to see me in person, you will know when I will be here.

As for contacting me, I am going to continue to monitor my email address greecejr@aol.com. I have this email with me 24/7 and I tend to respond to emails within the hour unless I get them after 8:00pm than I will check them in the morning. Please feel free to contact me should you have a question, a problem, need support or just need someone to talk to. In emergencies you can also use my personal cell phone 920-585-0994. Serving in the fire service for over 36 years, I have become accustomed to answering the phone at all hours, so don't hesitate to call if you need help.

Finally my second goal is to serve you. The office staff, Divan and Recorder are here to make your Shrine experience as wonderful as it can be. If you see us doing something wrong, let me know. Can't fix it unless I know. As our Illustrious Potentate Clint Compton shared in his installation speech that Beja Nobles and Ladies are the Locomotive like the train engine in the "Little Engine that Can". Pulling for our kids together we can make anything happen.

Fraternally yours,
Eugene "Gene" Reece Jr, P.P., Beja Recorder

News from Shriners *Hospital Twin Cities*

We have had an exciting year at our Twin Cities Hospital. I wanted to share some of our 2017 highlights with you.

- 3.5 million dollars in total donations – an increase of 163% year over year
- 17% year over year growth in scheduled new patients
- 6 annual grants were all renewed and 2 new grants were added in 2017 including a 3-year grant providing 50K per year to fund adaptive bikes for patients
- In March, a new imaging system called EOS was installed providing 2D or 3D low dose radiation imaging (9x's less radiation than standard x-rays and 20x's less than a CT scan)
- In July, the child life department added a new camp: Achieve Adventure - a 4 day/3 night overnight camping experience at the North Shore of Lake Superior for 10 patients ages 14-20 who, despite their limb deficiencies, overcame many obstacles to conquer kayaking, hiking, and numerous other outdoor camping activities
- On November 16th, Give to the Max Day raised \$50,251 in one single day

Above, I identified the funds received for the adaptive bike program. This program provides bicycles to kids who based on their physical condition can not ride normal bikes. Each bike is built especially for the needs of the child. In many cases, this is the first time some of our kids have ever had the opportunity to ride a bike. In November one of our patients was given the opportunity to ride an adaptive bike. As he round around with a big smile on his face, staff informed him that he was riding his new bike and that he was going to take it home with him. He immediately jumped up and proclaimed, "I am the luckiest Boy in the world." These are the things done at your hospitals to improve the quality of life for our kids.

Your Twin Cities Hospital is continually challenged by a very strong orthopedic market in the Minneapolis area. Even with the 17% scheduled new patient growth, we are still challenged to add patients to our service. This is where you can help. We need to get the word out. If you have a group in your area that would be willing to hear about our hospitals, please let me know. We have a very nice 15-minute talking program that I can present to your group on the history and service of our hospital system. Through these contacts, we may find a child that can use our help and in turn we can change their live amazingly.

Fraternally,
Eugene "Gene" Reece, PP.

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Beja Noble Grisby embraces dialogue on diversity, outreach



Whether at a board meeting, a cook out or a community event, E-Ben Grisby of Appleton is ready to work with others to help them embrace the broad spectrum of diversity in the Fox Cities.

"E-Ben's life has been rich with experiences, which he readily shares with us, which give us perspective," said Jody Harrell, who serves with Grisby at Celebrate Diversity Fox Cities. "He is not afraid to speak up where there is injustice and is willing to do something to help change happen. We appreciate his gifts, and all benefit from his wisdom and actions."

In 2006, Grisby began attending diversity circles offered by Toward Community, which partnered with the Rotary Fox Cities Multi-Cultural Center. He enjoyed the meetings because they opened discussions about diversity and what it would look like in the Fox Cities. He was also encouraged by the members.

"They see the urgency of what is necessary in making the community in the Fox Cities to be more engaging and more welcoming to all sorts of people," he said.

Grisby, 40, who hails from New York City, said diversity is an important topic everywhere.

"Diversity is more than just a catch phrase," he said. "It's a way of life. Being diverse ought to be a verb not simply a noun."

In 2013, Toward Community and the Rotary combined to form Celebrate Diversity, which educates, provides dialogue and advocates for diversity issues. Grisby was recently selected chairman of the board of directors.

"I'm glad to be a part of it in my own little way," he said. "I'm only one person in this. I love the fact that it's a team effort in everything we do. It's an honor and privilege to be part of such a great organization."

One way to engage the community is through educational outreach efforts like community conversations, formerly diversity circles.

"I love that education outreach is going really well," said Grisby.

Celebrate Diversity works with local school districts, government agencies and police departments, provides book talks at the public library and hosts celebrations such as a community picnic.

"We work in partnership with other groups and let you know we are there to work alongside other groups to make sure this is a much more livable community in the Fox Cities," said Grisby.

He also enjoys being a voice for the voiceless.

There is "a need for people to understand that this community is for those who are new to those with longstanding roots and community ties," he said. "They are not mutually exclusive in promoting a healthy community for which people can survive and thrive from day to day."

Volunteering allows Grisby to invest in the community.

"I find it very welcoming and comforting to know there is a great deal of volunteerism that goes on in the Fox Cities," he said.

He also hopes by volunteering, he can encourage others to do the same.

"I think that having people from all walks of life allows more people into the volunteer fold," said Grisby.

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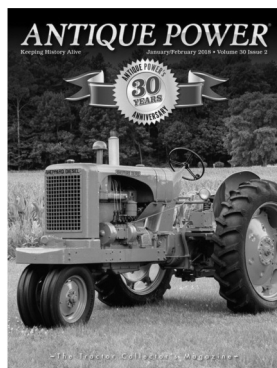
The Youth ADVENTURES

With the start of the new year we have had some changes. I know we're all looking forward to next month and the Circus that is fast approaching.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to once again thank Beja for the opportunity to serve dinner's this year. They look forward to having people attend their meetings. One event that they will be attending this month will be Winter Retreat and the Ritual Leadership weekend at Green Lake, a joint venture with the Job's Daughters.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters would like to thank everyone for attending their Installation of Officers in January. They are also looking forward to the Ritual Competition at Green Lake in February.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage



Beja's Krazy Kops would like to share with you the honor extended to David Gerlach, our Chief Jail Keeper. He not only takes care of the jail but also has a hobby of collecting antique farm tractors. Dave's tractor interest started when he was a lad on the farm. Dave has a 1950 Sheppard Model SD-3 Diesel Tractor that has been featured on the cover

and a seven page centerfold article in the Antique Power Magazine. A beautiful collection of pictures takes you from a pile of junk in a farm field to the present beauty. He has 40 tractors and would love talking about them any time you want to listen. To you David, your Krazy Kop Brothers offer our sincere congratulations.

A note to the Kops to start polishing those uniform buttons. We are only two months away from honoring the Irish at the New Dublin Parade.

Fraternally, Your Chief Dick Andres

News from Shriners Hospital Chicago

Happy New Year to All,
Here we are in 2018 and all is well. Some of us remember the world was going to end, 18 years ago (Y2K). But we are here and going strong.

Your Hospital, SHC-Chicago is seeing many new patients. We need your help for more kids and some new equipment.

Remember to share this number with anyone who is in need of help (773) 385-5437 (KIDS) this is the direct line to Chicago, or call 1-800-237-5055 to call Tampa. Also, you can carry one of the cards from the lobby with you to share with others.

Now for some growing pains, as we continue to provide the very best care for our kids, we are always in need of new and updated equipment. Below is a list of some of the approved items we need some \$\$ to purchase.

- Fluorscopy System for the Motion Analysis Neurocom Smart Equitest System for Motion Analysis (Cost \$5040)
- C-Arm Surgical Imaging Equipment for Radiology GeoMagic Implant Design Software for Cleft Lip and Palate Urodynamic Procedure Table for Urology/ Surgery (Cost \$3679)
- UrologySurgical System for Urology/ Surgery

If you know anybody that would be interested in helping out with these projects, have them contact me or Dan Winter at SHC-Chicago 773-385-5805, You'll be glad you did.

Hope everyone has a joyous January, and stay warm!

Submitted by,
John Sage PP, SHC-C Rep.
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Nobles,

The month of January has come and gone. Our elected Divan is getting into their rolls that they were elected for, I wish everyone good luck with their projects. We have also been blessed to have cold, warm, cold, moderate and cold again, or whatever else you call the wonderful weather we have had in Wisconsin this past month.

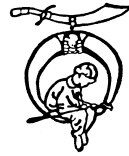
I'll be brief with this month's writing but I wanted to share a story I heard a long time ago that is in my opinion still relevant today: A boy walked up to the counter of a busy soda shop and sat on a stool. He caught the eye of the waitress and asked, "How much is an ice cream sundae?" "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The boy reached into his pockets, pulled out a handful of change that he began to count. The waitress frowned in irritation. After all, she had other customers waiting for service. The boy looked up at the waitress. "How much is a dish of plain ice cream?" he asked. The waitress rolled her eyes and sighed. "Thirty-five cents," she said even more irritated. Again, the boy counted his change. At last, he said, "I'll have the plain ice cream, please." He handed a quarter and two nickels to the waitress. The waitress brought the ice cream, and walked away. A while later, the waitress returned and found the ice cream dish empty. The boy was gone, and then she saw the sweetest thing and swallowed hard. There on the counter, next to the dish there were two nickels and five pennies. The boy had enough for a sundae, but he had ordered plain ice cream so he could leave her a tip.

In a world where we are rushed and only see the short picture of what is going on, we forget the kindness and generosity in people. I ask that you always see the good in people. I know I have been in both places in the above story, and at the end of the day, I would rather be the boy and feel better about myself.

I look forward to our Veterans and Patriots meetings and hope if you find an interest in our group you inquire. We are looking forward to a great parade season and hopefully the weather will cooperate with us on all of our outings.

Thank you,

Getty T. Foss, Commander
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GREEN BAY AUXILIARY SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN- Twin Cities

Dear Members and Friends,

We will be dark again in February, however the Ladies who will be in town plan to meet at the Bay Family Restaurant at 1301 S. Military Ave on February 2nd at 11:30am. Please contact Sue Zanzig at 920-494-4172 with any questions.

We would also like to welcome our newest member Shirley Habeck. New members are always welcome. Our annual dues are only \$20.

Sincerely,

Ann Mumm, Secretary

Ann Mumm, Secretary, 920-788-5604

Judith Pauli, Chairman, 920-434-5999

GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB JIM HERMAN – PRESIDENT

The President of the Green Bay Shrine Club is Jim Herman, 1st Vice President is Marshall Fay, Recorder is Greg Habeck, and the Treasurer is Brad Ottum.

The Green Bay Shrine Club, Beja's oldest Shrine Club, meets every Friday at the Stadium View on Holmgren Way. Social time begins at 11:30am. A short business meeting convenes at 12:00 noon, followed by lunch, (order from the menu). the Club invites everyone to come and join us for good food and great camaraderie.

Fraternally, Greg Habeck. Sec.

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Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|-----------|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| | | | | 1 MSA Winter Meeting | 2 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Peninsula Shrine Club 5:30pm | 6 5:00 Trustees & 7:00pm Divan Meeting | 7 5:00pm Beja Meeting | 8 Oconto Shrine Club Meeting 5:00pm | 9 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm Mark's Eastside | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 Shawano Shrine Meeting | 14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> | 15 | 16 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting | 17 |
| 18 | 19 <i>President's Day</i> | 20 | 21 | 22 6:00 pm Inter-City & Krazy Kops Meeting | 23 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton with Ladies Meeting 11:30pm Mark's Eastside | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Vets & Patriots meeting 6:00pm | 27 Clowns Meeting 7:00pm | 28 | | | |

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February 2018

February 1-3rd - MSA Winter Meeting, Deadwood, SD.
February 7th - Beja Open Meeting - Celebrate Mardi Gras

March 2018

March 2-4th - Beja Shrine Circus
March 4th - Circus After Glow Party
March 7th - Beja Open Meeting - Celebrate St Patty's Day
March 24th - Breakfast With The Easter Bunny at Beja Shrine

April 2018

April 4th - Beja closed meeting
April 21st - Let's Cleanup Beja - Spring Cleanup Breakfast
April 28th - Beja Spring Ceremonial
April 28th - Beja Potentate's Ball - The Automobile Gallery - Green Bay



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