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Beja Open Meeting
Join us February 3rd, 2020
Love to the Rescue

Guest Speaker, Dr. David Morris
Chief of Plastics, SHC-Chicago

★ HAPPY ★
GROUNDHOG
★ DAY ★



*A Sneak
Peak Into
Our March
Visitor*



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*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



**Daylight saving time 2021
in Wisconsin will
begin at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14th**

THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,
We find ourselves at the beginning of a new year, and still facing the challenges of 2020.

After discussion with the Divan, we have decided that only our Nobility can make their own decisions when weighing whether to come to stated meetings. This is not saying every meeting will be

in-person for the remainder of 2021.

We will still look at metrics from the Brown County Health Department related to the percent of positive COVID-19 tests and the number of hospital beds occupied in the area prior to each monthly meeting.

I am happy to report those numbers were trending down before the holidays, and then they experienced an anticipated spike, likely caused by holiday gatherings. I fully believe the numbers will continue to decrease and who knows? Maybe by summer, we will have case numbers as low as last September.

The vaccine will help bring these numbers down, as well as everyone's continued diligence in regards to masking and social distancing.

If you want things to return to normal at Beja as quickly as possible, do your part, stay away from large gatherings and follow common sense rules to decrease the spread. Strongly consider the vaccine as it becomes available, because every vaccinated person is one less person the virus can infect.

I understand the contradictory nature of writing about starting to meet again in-person and urging everyone to be safe. However, we are going to do everything we can to make meetings safe at Beja.

Masks will be required whenever you are not eating or drinking, hand sanitizer stations will be out, Nobles and Ladies will be temperature checked, and food will not be served buffet style.

Tables will be limited to four people and will be adequately spaced throughout the large room. If you do not feel safe, thanks to a generous donation from Illustrious Sir Jim Van De Hey, we will be able to stream meetings online so people can watch from home.

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The Divan and myself will continue to review metrics before every meeting, but unless something horrible happens, we should be able to meet in-person again starting in February.

February's meeting will be our Love to the Rescue meeting and Beja will host Dr. David Morris the Chief of Plastic Surgery at our Chicago Hospital.

Thank you for your continued dedication to Beja and stay safe.

*Fraternally, Ill. Sir Ben Rodgers
Beja Potentate 2021*



So 2021 has arrived, and like every year, it came with a renewed sense of hope. A hope for a better year and better times. For most, that means new cars and new clothes. For some even new homes or a chance to take a vacation they did not get last year. But for many of us, especially in the Shrine, I have seen a different kind of hope. The kind that gives us the chance to enjoy the simpler things.

I know we all have memories of the time we did something small, but that small thing had such a profound effect. Perhaps, not just for those we helped, but for us as well. It could be the moment we held the door for someone, or that time we gave a child that extra dollar so they could pay for the toy they, so badly wanted. It comes with a feeling that does more than warms our hearts, it also gives us a sense of excitement that lasts indefinitely. (I bet you are thinking of a specific moment right now).

I know that we all look to the world with hope, but I believe that hope is within us all. It is not just in the grand design, but the little things that we do that make such a big difference. After all, we know from the times that we are frustrated, that the little things can and do add up so very quickly. We just tend to forget those same little things can add up just as fast when they are good.

Let us never forget, that for so many we are the glimmer of hope they are searching for. The same little glimmers, that when added up create the brightest of stars."

*Yours in the faith,
Rev. Will MacKay*

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Fred Beyer	2002	James VanDeHey	2020
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* Deceased



GREEN BAY AUXILIARY

SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN- Twin Cities

Dear Members and Friends,
Hope this Bugler finds you all well and safe.

All meetings are CANCELLED until further notice due to current events. Please feel free to reach out to members to check on them.

Did you know when you give money for a memorial or honorarium to the Auxiliary, the money is used directly for the wheelchair fund, it is not the part of hospitals budget. Patients out grow there wheelchairs before insurance will provide a new or revised chair so it is great that the Auxiliary can provide upgrades and repairs as needed.

Sincerely, Ann Mumm, Secretary

Ann Mumm, Secretary, 920-788-5604

Judith Pauli, Chairman, 920-434-5999



HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

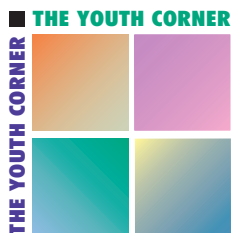
The January 2021 installation of officers went off without a hitch. A very big thank you to those who made that possible, by baseball terms it was a grand slam event!

Let's give Illustrious Sir Ben and Lady Stephanie a very warm Beja welcome as they lead us through the year of having fun in 2021! Plus, a warm Beja welcome to the new members of the Divan. The 2021 Beja events that Illustrious Sir Ben and Lady Stephanie have set up for the year looks wonderful and entertaining. Mark your calendars now and be ready to participate in one way or another because that's what we do as Shiner's.

Proud to be a Shriner!

*Fraternally yours,
Tom Pflugardt, High Priest & Prophet 2021*

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be sent to: vickic93@centurytel.net
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placed on Beja's website.



The Youth ADVENTURES

Hello and welcome to the second month of the new year. Hopefully everyone has survived all of the holidays and are finally getting used to writing the date correctly on your checks.

With all of the changes and the current situation that we've discussed previously. There is also change in the youth groups.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay as of this writing is meeting virtually. There will be a decision by the executive officer and staff later in January to determine if there is going to be a change in that status.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters is also meeting virtually for some of the same reasons. I am sure that their Grand Bethel and local Bethel councils are discussing some of the same issues. I have just not been made aware of them currently.

As always, thank you for supporting the youth in all that you do. I am sure there will be new events coming out soon and they will be looking for your support through a fun activity or a fundraiser. Thank you.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage



Greetings Nobles and Ladies here's to more fun in 2021!

Due to the coronavirus our monthly Friday meetings are canceled until further notice.

The installation of officers will be postponed and be held at a later date.

Otherwise, the Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Mark's Eastside starting at 11:30am (order off the menu).

Ladies are invited either Friday but generally attend on the 4th Friday.

All Shrine Nobles and guests are invited to attend.

Let us all stay safe and soon we will be back to our fun and fellowship!

Fraternally,
Tom Pflugardt, President
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Greg Scanlon, Vice President
Dennis Korth, Treasurer



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News from Shriners Hospital Chicago

Shriners Hospitals for Children

First in Chicago to offer new lightweight prosthetic partial hand for teenagers

Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Midwest, LLC, at the Chicago Shriners Hospital is now offering a new lighter-weight hand prosthetic for children ages 12 and above. M-Fingers has been available for adults, but they now offer a pediatric version of the artificial partial hand. Shriners Hospitals is the first hospital in Chicago to offer this carbon fiber technology that is specifically designed to fit children.

Often children who are missing some or all of their fingers may choose not to get an artificial hand because the devices can be heavy or uncomfortable to wear. Existing lighter-weight versions may be cosmetic in nature and not functional. The pediatric M-Fingers device is custom-made for each patient using lightweight carbon fiber. The "fingers" are activated through a patient's wrist movement. Patients are also allowed to customize the color scheme of their M-fingers. The two patients who have received M-fingers so far said it is "very cool." Both were not previously wearing a prosthetic but desired to have more hand functionality to pursue hobbies and everyday activities they enjoy. Nationally, less than 20 children have received a pediatric M-fingers device so far.

POPS – Midwest, LLC, at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago is an in-house service, providing care for our patients who need prosthetic and orthotic devices. From infancy to 18 years of age, the experienced and certified POPS staff provides upper and lower orthotic and prosthetic services. The staff also provides spinal orthotic services for a wide spectrum of orthopaedic conditions such as congenital and acquired deformities including scoliosis and those caused by disease, infection, sports injuries, and trauma.

The orthopaedic care at the Chicago Shriners Hospital of M-fingers patients and other patients with limb differences is overseen by attending physician Jeffrey Ackman, M.D., a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, who manages the largest clinic in the Chicagoland area for children with limb differences, amputations, prosthetics, and orthotics. Onsite occupational therapy for M-finger patients may also be available.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is serving more kids in more places and providing the most amazing care anywhere. If you know of a child who could benefit from our services, ask the family to call SHC-Chicago at (773) 385-KIDS (5437), or call the national number, (800) 237-5055.

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We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you as Beja's representatives to the Board of Governors of Shriners Hospital-Chicago.

*Submitted by,
John Sage PP - Member, SHC-Chicago Board
Gary Fehl - Member, SHC-Chicago Board
Cliff Johnson - Associate Member SHC-Chicago Board*



Should old acquaintance be forgot, and never brought to mind!!! That old song kind of describes our fraternal year 2020. We offer prayers for those who have contracted the virus, those that recovered from it, those that have died from it, and the survivors.

Remember OUR GOD who has provided life and death is still our guiding light and will provide guidance to us if we ask for it.

The Krazy Kops want to wish our Masonic Brothers and Sisters, their families and friends the best for our New Year and please stay safe.

We miss all of you!

Fraternally, Dick Andres, Chief Kop
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Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

RICK ROGERS – PRESIDENT

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Peninsula Shrine Club will not be meeting in February. Stay safe, hope to see everyone soon.

Fraternally, Gary Fehl, Secretary

Stay Informed about all events at Beja Shrine and much more

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Shriners Healthcare for Children *TWIN CITIES*

As we jump into 2021, let us remember and recall the highlights of the 2020 as it relates to our Shriners Children's – Twin Cities. The year 2020 saw a great deal of change and transition in Twin Cities. This is true for the last couple of years and we should expect change to be a mantra for each year to come. Healthcare is changing each day: regulation, billing/revenue, technology, scope of practice, service setting, etc. Shriners Children's Twin Cities ("SCTC") started on the path to change with the rest of healthcare almost three years ago. We can expect continued change to assure we secure and advance our mission to treat kids. The Board of Governors ("BOG"), SCTS Leadership, and SCTS staff and Our Nobility should take pride in what it has accomplished over the last several years.

Some of the key highlights of 2020 are broken into subcategories below -

• Strategy

★ Woodbury Relocation - 215 Radio Drive, Suite 100 | Woodbury, MN 55125

- We opened for business at new location on June 29, 2020

- Previous site sold to University of Minnesota and closed on July 31, 2020 for a purchase price of approximately \$22.5M

★ Blank Children's – Initiated a new model of care in Des Moines, IA in affiliation with UnityPoint Health System.

- Adds a new location to the Shriners' portfolio while bringing a quality pediatric orthopaedic service line to a community in need.

- Shriners' is the exclusive physician providers of Blank Children's clinic.

- Temple and Women's Auxiliary support through volunteer efforts and transportation/hospital funds can be used to support patients seeking pediatric orthopaedic services from our physicians at this location

★ Shriners Children's Twin Cities – We have rebranded to this name to reflect the trends in healthcare industry; Twin Cities is one of a few sites having already transitioned in naming convention, taking advantage of our relocation.

• Operations

★ Transition of Leadership

- Charlie Lobeck – after fifteen years of leadership to our mission, Charlie retired on September 18, 2020

- Terri Kasbohm – Director of Patient Care Services, after almost thirty years of service and leadership to our mission, Terri retired on November 25, 2020

- Roger Robinson – after three years as Chairman of the Twin Cities BOG, Roger was honored in transition to an Emeritus member

★ Outreach and Regional Service (More Kids, More Places, at Less Cost)

- COVID-19 caused a year-long pause on outreach clinics at each of our three main outreach clinics (Omaha, NE, Rapid City, SD, Bismark, ND) and out-of-town screening clinics

- Radiology agreements were finalized with our host organizations in each of the three main outreach clinic locations, allowing patients to obtain radiographs for prior to telehealth visits (and future onsite clinics)

- Exploring alternative means to treat kids in outreach locations

- Boys Town single patient agreement Pilot – developing agreement to pilot Boys Town physician performing surgery on a Shriner patient in first part of 2021

- Outreach travel will not commence until after all staff are vaccinated

- Finance & Volume –COVID-19 continues to significantly impact volume and all related indicators; Twin Cities will end the year favorable to budget secondary to the overall reduction of expenses associated with the reduction of volume; November Year-To-Date 2019-2020 comparative (system change in parenthesis following SCTC, if applicable) -

★ Operating Expenses (YTD \$6.3M): 14% reduction

★ Outpatient Encounters (YTD 3,480): 32% reduction (24% reduction)

★ Telehealth Encounters (YTD 382): 961% increase (925% increase)

★ Donation Revenue (YTD \$1.67M): 42% reduction (39% increase)

★ Draw on Endowment (YTD \$1.98M): 48% reduction (3% reduction)

- COVID-19 Vaccine update

★ State of MN has sub-prioritized Phase 1a (includes all healthcare facility personnel) into three priorities (First, Second, Third)

★ State of MN is currently finishing First Priority and entering Second Priority

- o All STCS staff, except Providers going to Hospital, fall into Third Priority

- Providers going to Hospital fall into Second Priority and are scheduled to receive vaccination starting week of January 11

★ Remaining STCS staff will obtain through either Gillette Children's or Washington County Public Health, dependent upon which is faster in rollout to Third Priority; timeline to enter Third Priority is estimated for the beginning to mid-February

I share with you the honor it is for me to serve you as your representative to Shriners Children's – Twin Cities. This January I have been appointed as Chairman of the BOG. This is a great personal honor, and I will continue to dedicate myself to your cause. Should you need any information, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Fraternally,
Eugene "Gene" Reece, Jr. P.P.
Chairman SHC-TCC Board

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Cornhole

LEAGUE

Join us for
Beja's first Ever Cornhole League



***The winning team will be flown to Houston, TX
next year to compete in the 2021
Imperial Cornhole Tournament***

10 Teams minimum needed to play a 9 week league

***League will be starting in late 2020
on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month,
doors open at 6:00pm, League starts at 6:30pm.***

Two person teams can be husband and wife or two Nobles. The winning team will win transportation and hotel expenses paid to the 2021 Imperial Session and compete in the Imperial 2021 Cornhole Tournament. The cost is \$100 per team and we will provide snacks and have our cash bar open during League Play.

**Please contact
Jim Van De Hey
if you are intrested
in joining the league
(920) 676-1471 or
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BEJA 10 TEAM CORN HOLE LEAGUE RULES

THE GAME

Play alternates between players on a side until they've tossed all bags. Players may only throw one bag at a time and must stay behind the front edge of the board. Scoring is assessed at the end of the frame based on cancellation where opposing teams will cancel their points (net scoring): The first team to score 21 points wins the game. Boards will be placed 27 feet (front to front) from each other. This distance is paced out by the league manager. Cornhole boards and bags will be provided. Each lane consists of 2 boards and 8 bags.

BEGINNING OF THE GAME

Begin the game with a coin flip between the two captains. The winner determines one of two options: which side of the board their team will throw on or first throw. The losing team will get this choice to start the second game. If the match reaches a third game, another coin flip is played to determine side/shooting preference. In the playoffs, the higher seeded team will have this option in game one. Each team must stand on the same side of the board.

POSITION OF PLAYERS DURING PITCHING

1. The pitcher must be within the pitcher's box or behind the foul line at the time of release.

2. A player must pitch all four bags from their designated pitcher's box.

3. Players must pitch the bag with an under-hand release.

PLAY OF THE GAME

Every match is broken down into innings of play. During an inning of play, each player must pitch all four of his/her bags. An inning is never completed until all players pitch all four of his/her bags.

1. Each team will stay in their designated lane for the whole game.

2. Players at the headboard will alternate pitching bags until each player has pitched all four of his/her bags.

3. Players at the footboard will take score and resume pitching back to the other board.

4. The top of an inning is completed when both players pitching from the headboard pitch all four bags; the bottom of the inning is completed when the remaining players pitching from the footboard pitch all four bags.

VALUE OF THE BAG

The approved method of scoring for the sport of cornhole is "cancellation" scoring. In cancellation scoring, the points of one player cancel out the points of their opponent. Using this method, only one player/team can score in each inning.

Bag In-The-Count (Woody) : Any bag which comes to rest anywhere on top of the board. Each is worth one (1) point.

Bag In-The-Hole (Cornhole) : Any bag which is thrown through the hole or knocked through the hole by another bag. Each is worth three (3) points.

Foul Bags – Refers to any bag that has not been determined as Bag In-The-Count or Bag In-The Hole or was designated a foul bag as the result of rules violation.

PITCHING ROTATION DURING THE GAME

The player or team who scored in the preceding inning has honor pitching first in the next inning. If neither player or team scores, the player or team who pitched first in the preceding frame shall retain first pitch in the next frame.

FOUL BAGS

1. The following are rule violations that must be spotted and called by a player or assigned judge. The penalty is to declare the bag a foul bag, which requires the bags to be removed from the court prior to resuming play.

A foul bag is defined as:

(a) Any bag pitched when the player has (1) made contact with or crossed over the foul line, or (2) started or stepped completely outside the pitcher's box before the bag is released

(b) Any bag not delivered within the 20-second time limit

(c) A bag pitched from a different pitcher's box than the first bag

(d) Any bag that contacted the court or the ground before coming to rest on the board

(e) Any bag that struck a previously defined object such as a tree limb, wire, indoor court ceiling, etc.

(f) Any bag on the board that is also touching the ground

(g) Any bag removed from the board before scoring has been agreed upon for that bag

i. The offending team (who touches the bags) forfeits all remaining bags and tallies the score of just the bags thrown before the foul was reported.

ii. The non-offending team tallies twelve (12) points as if they had thrown four Bag In-The-Holes (Cornholes) during the inning.

2. A bag that leaves a player's hand once the final forward swing of the delivery process has started shall count as a pitched bag.

3. A bag that is accidentally dropped by a player before the final forward swing has started shall not be considered foul and may be picked up and pitched.

4. A bag hanging off the edge of the board has value unless it is touching the ground.

Protest –If a player desires to make a protest, the protest shall be made to the judge or official at the time the problem occurs. The judge shall make the final ruling on all protests.

TEAM SIZE

A minimum of 2 players per team must be present to play each week. While 2 players are the minimum you may have as many players on your team as you choose. You can always sub people in each night too! Substitutions can happen after a frame. If a player arrives during play, they may only join their team after a frame.

LENGTH OF GAMES

A regulation match lasts 40 minutes from the designated start time or until one team reaches 21 points in each game. Games are played first to 21 points; a team does not need to win by 2 or more points. A team does not need to score exactly 21 points and can go over 21. Each match will be played to the best out of three games against your scheduled opponent.

PLAYOFFS

The playoffs will take place in the 10th and final week. The number of teams competing in the playoffs will be determined by the total number of teams in the league and will consist of a single elimination tournament. No substitutes will be allowed during playoffs and all players must have already played in at least one regular season game and be on the team roster.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Players on the roster are eligible for the regular season and playoffs. Any player protests in the playoffs must be done before a game.

FORFEIT POLICY

If your team forfeits a game during the season, the following rules apply:

First Offense: Loss of game. Score marked: 2-0.

Second Offense: Loss of game and lost ability to make playoffs.

Third Offense: Removal from the league.

If you know in advance that your team is going to forfeit a game, we encourage you contact us so we can inform your opponent. Since each team will play 2 games a night if you end up missing one week you are immediately ineligible for playoffs so please do your best to have enough players to avoid any forfeits.

Teams have until five minutes past the designated start time to field a full squad (or the league minimum of players required according to rules). If at that time a team is unable to field a legal team, they forfeit the game. The teams may utilize the playing field during their allotted time to play an unofficial game. The official score will be marked as a loss with the respective forfeit score.



February Birthdays!!

2/1, Lyndahl, Dale	2/11, Wingert, Thomas
2/4, Peterson, Richard	2/16, Baum, Dale
2/5, Larson, Lawrence	2/16, Wright, Matthew
2/5, McHugh, Clayton	2/18, Clark, Harlan
2/5, Vollrath, Dale	2/18, Rautiola, Kenneth
2/5, Weist, Philip	2/19, Urban, Michael
2/5, Winter, Douglas	2/20, Bailey, Paul
2/6, Laes, Craig	2/22, Senn, Shane
2/6, Werch, Andrew	2/23, Squires, Thomas
2/10, Gerlach, David	2/24, Guenther, Jack
2/10, Rothe, Mark	2/26, Capen, Robert
2/10, Urban, Robert	2/26, Jenerson, Darren
2/10, Young, Josh	

GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB

JIM HERMAN – PRESIDENT

All meetings have been cancelled due to Covid-19. The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill, 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay. Social time begins at 11:30am.

When we are able to return to our normal meeting schedule a short business meeting convenes at 12:00 noon, followed by lunch (order from the menu). Membership is open to any Shriner in good standing.

Fraternally, Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.
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OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Nobles and Ladies,
Oconto Shrine Club will not be meeting due to Covid-19 Virus. Hope to see everyone soon.

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



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In Memoriam

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

Frank Carey, Stevens Point, WI 8/5/2019
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Gerald B Knox, Green Bay; 12/20/2020
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Happy Valentines Day Beja Family!

Welcome to the month of love. Unfortunately, celebrating all our love is still going to be more than a bit inhibited. Planning to eat out? Hummm – maybe rethink that. Shopping for that perfect gift? That got “old” during Christmas! Chocolate? Maybe – but Christmas and New Years sort of spoiled on-going health goals. What is left? TRAVEL! And, have I got a travel idea for you and yours.

When was the last time you visited a Shrine Hospital???? Which hospital???? Maybe/probably is was more than a year ago and Minneapolis, Chicago, and Tampa are likely answers. But, it's winter. How would you like to visit Hawaii? Mexico? California? Now is your chance.

Ajeb Temple is dark during January and February. However, our hospitals are open for business. All 22 hospitals and ambulatory centers are serving children in three countries, even as you are reading this. So, why not drop in for a visit? Here's how.

Just use your computer and go to:

<https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/shc/locations>
There you will find a map with hearts indicating Shrine love over each hospital location. Scroll down and you will find a list, each entry of which is a link. Just click the location for your visit and off you will go.

Each hospital web site has a variety of interesting items to click for “more” – your sight seeing! You can meet the patients, check their latest news, and review their events. Each hospital is unique, so be sure to visit several. You have to supply your own snacks, but a better vacation during this month of love you cannot find anywhere.

So, spread out your travels. Visit all 22 hospitals. Enjoy the results of all of our hard work. These hospitals exist because of the generosity of the entire Beja family. Celebrate Valentines Day 2021 and share in that love.

Nile Love, Susan Grosse

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Beja Connections



Shriners International has Temples in several countries, but what some Nobles may not realize is that we have Shrine Clubs located around the world. In 2009, several Freemasons from New South Wales, Australia, had an interest in becoming Shriners. They ultimately became members of Aahmes Shriners in Livermore, California, and started the Sydney Shrine Club (since disbanded). In 2010, a group of Freemasons from Melbourne visited them, took an interest and subsequently became Shriners, forming the Melbourne Shrine Club (MSC). Despite the challenges faced by the pandemic, the club is still thriving today with 84 members and big plans for the future.

Noble Peter Atkin, Secretary, shared the Club's five-year strategy to increase membership, form regional clubs and improve member retention. One goal is to actively promote Shrine tenets through participation in community events like festivals, parades, and horticultural and agricultural shows. They are developing a program to train select Nobles on how to best represent the Club at events, and are equipping them with displays and promotional materials. The MSC will also host “open nights” to demystify Masons and Shriners by explaining them in easy-to-understand terminology.

As for fun and fellowship, the Club also has that taken care of for 2021, including a meeting and fezzing ceremony that will be held 61 meters underground in a real gold mine! Other events on the calendar are a Lost Raiders Tomb paintball competition, a Filipino Aliwan Festival celebration and a Raid party. The Club also intends to form several units including a pipe band, clown unit and motorcycle squad.

We appreciate the determination and enthusiasm of the Melbourne Shrine Club and are proud to have them as part of our Shriners family.

Yours in the faith, Gary Fehl



Beja Membership Scoreboard

Beginning Membership - Jan 1, 2021	354*
Creations (Goal: 18-??)	
Affiliations	
Restorations (Goal: 07)	
Total Gains	0
Demits	
Suspensions (Goal: 0)	
Expired (Black Camel)	
Expulsions	
Resigned	
Total Losses	0
Gain/Loss	0
Current Membership	354
Gain/Loss %	

One month of 2021 is already gone. Have you proposed your 'Just One' for membership? Membership is every Noble's responsibility!

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 for Children®. Keep a 2-minute elevator speech in the back of your mind so you are prepared to sell Masonry and the FUN that is Shriners.

If you have not paid your 2020 and/or 2021 dues, you can expect to receive a call from a member of the Divan or the membership team. Our goal this year is no suspensions for non-payment. We have procedures in place if you are experiencing financial difficulty.

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The Spring Ceremonial is Saturday, April 10th. We all hope that the pandemic has subsided, and we can have a full ceremonial with all the pageantry. Let us all join together to bring in a large class of novices. The more the merrier.

*Submitted by,
Beja Membership Committee*

A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S

CHIEF RABBAN

My fellow brothers and ladies. I am humbled at this time to say that I was elected as Chief Rabban for Beja. I hope that I am able to help Illustrious Sir Ben Rogers do some outstanding work in his year. I hope that we are able to meet at Beja and catch up with old friends. With that being said I would like to thank Illustrious Sir Jim Van De Hey and Lady Paulette for their direction over this past year. With Covid ruling their year, they did their best to get us through it. In my estimation they did the best they could do with what was handed to them. Thanks you two.

When last I left you, I got out of the military and came back to Green Bay. I first started working at NCR and their Inventory person. It was what I was trained for and what I enjoyed. However about 2 years into my job there, they had a reduction in force and they let me go. I found myself going back to school, but since I had 2 children by that time I needed to work also. I went to work for Schneider Transportation and spent the next 9 years there. I left there and went to 2 other transportation companies within 2 years. I wanted out of transportation, so I went to work for one of my brothers who owned a sheet metal & fabrication shop in Green Bay. I ended up being his purchasing agent until he retired. I left there and became a Field Service Technician for Sprint. I spent almost 10 years there and enjoyed it immensely, however Sprint outsourced the Technicians to a Swedish company and they cut almost all of the top technicians to lower their overhead. That is when I entered into an agreement to purchase Hansen's Dairy Deli.

I should mention that during all of these years, I also worked a part-time job at the Brown County Arena in the concessions area. THIS my fellow brothers is where I became involved, in a sort, with Beja Shrine. I will write more about that next month. Until that time, please take care of yourselves and your families. Please pray for our Shrine families that are dealing with Covid. Thank Jim & Paulette and congratulations Ben & Stephanie.

*Fraternally yours,
John Van Lan, Chief Rabban*

February 2021

Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Peninsula Shrine Club Meeting 5:30pm	 2 5:00pm Trustee's 6:30pm Divan Meeting	3 Beja Meeting 5:00pm	4	5 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	6
 7	8	9	10	11 Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	12 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	13
14 	15 	16	17	18 North Woods Shrine Club Meeting	19 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	27
28 Vet's & Patriots Meeting 6:00pm				MOST REGULAR SCHEDULED CLUB & UNIT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19		

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February 2021

Feb 03rd - Beja Open Meeting - Love to the Rescue,
Guest Speaker, Dr. David Morris
Chief of Plastics, SHC-Chicago
Feb 11-13th - MSA Winter Session Virtual

March 2021

Mar 03rd - Beja Open Meeting - March Madness
Mar 27th - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

April 2021

Apr 7th - Ajebe Temple (DON) Installation of Officers
Apr 7th - Beja Stated Meeting
Apr 10th - Spring Ceremonial - Think Membership

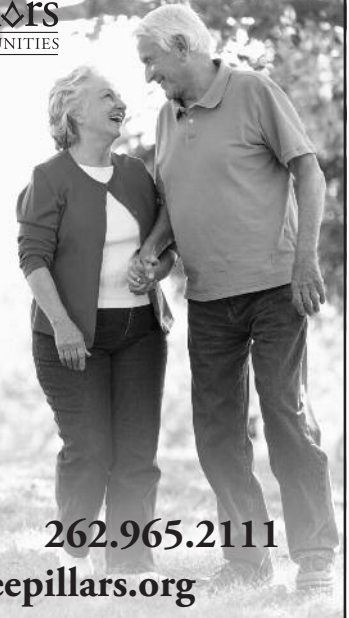
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May 1st-2nd - Beja Shrine Circus
May 5th - Beja Open Meeting - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta



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