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## 24th Annual *Beja* Hosted By *Beja Shrine* **SHRINERS** **GREEN BAY, WI**

IN MEMORY OF DR. JOHN OTTUM

### Charity Golf Outing

Join us on

**July 21st, 2026**

Royal St. Patrick's Golf Course  
201 Royal Saint Pat's Drive  
Wrightstown, WI

9:00 AM Registration "4 Man Scramble"  
10:00 AM Shot Gun Start

See inside this newsletter for  
more details and registration forms



Proceeds benefit the Beja Shrine  
Hospital Transportation Fund  
Helping children travel to Shriners  
Children's hospitals for care.

Join us for the  
**Beja Open Meeting**  
**June 3rd, 2026**

**Pie & Cake Auction**

*Let's Get Cooking*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

Shriners Children's Chicago invites  
you and your family to celebrate  
our milestone 100th

Fezzy's 100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday Bash



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BUS TRIP  
SEE INSIDE  
FOR MORE  
DETAILS!**

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|                          |      |                         |      |
|--------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| Floyd L. Meyer*          | 1986 | Jim Slezak              | 2006 |
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| Hobart De Caster *       | 1988 | D. Eugene Badgley *     | 2008 |
| Donald C. Wiggins *      | 1989 | Bradley Ottum           | 2009 |
| Bruce J. Carlton *       | 1990 | Edward "Rusty" Mitchell | 2010 |
| Charles Awen*            | 1991 | Gary Shriver            | 2011 |
| Donald P. Doherty *      | 1992 | Dave Oshefsky           | 2012 |
| Robert Squires *         | 1993 | John Sage               | 2013 |
| William Asmus *          | 1994 | Nick Brosig             | 2014 |
| A. Wayne Paschke *       | 1995 | Kent Pauli              | 2015 |
| Archie H. Mauk*          | 1996 | Eugene Reece            | 2016 |
| Peter R. Scheinert       | 1997 | Greg Habeck             | 2017 |
| John Ottum M.D.*         | 1998 | Clint Compton           | 2018 |
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| Fred Beyer               | 2002 | John Van Lanen          | 2022 |
| John M. Derenne *        | 2003 | Jacob Sylvester         | 2023 |
| Dennis Korth             | 2004 | Thomas Pflugardt        | 2024 |
| William "Bill" Wenzell * | 2005 | Scott Maxon             | 2025 |

\* Deceased

# Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting on June 9th at Waterfront Mary's located at 3662 N Duluth Ave, Sturgeon Bay, WI.

Arrive by 5:00pm and we will order from the menu. If you're planning on joining us please contact me.

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



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

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

**Beja Bugler Articles**  
Please submit your articles to:  
**vickic93@centurytel.net**  
Articles are due on the 10th of each month  
The Bugler is produced monthly electronically and placed on Beja's website.

## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Welcome to June, it's our annual Pie and Cake Auction and I hope that we have a big turnout this year.

I know there are people that are upset with me for what happened in December. We as a fraternity need to move on from that. It's not about who is sitting in the Potentate's office, it's about

Beja and our Shrine kids. That is what counts here.

My decision back in December was completely based on what I felt needed to be done for Beja. I could have been outvoted and accepted what happened, I had other duties within Beja that I could do and would have served that Potentate. But in a fair & secret ballot, I was elected as Potentate, and I'm seeing our fraternity take it out on Beja, when we should be meeting together and working on a strategy to gain members, instead I see people pulling away and hurting Beja. Even the circus hospitality room was smaller this year. It was a little disheartening, but we got the job done.

Speaking of the circus, there was a slight uptick in people attending, which was a welcomed sight. I want to thank the people who volunteered their time to help with ushering, program sales, the book sales office, the hospitality room. The ladies/gentleman that provided goods for the room, I truly from the bottom of my heart say THANK YOU!!!

Enough of my soapbox, let's make the Pie and Cake Auction a success again this year. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, fun and food. Be safe, Have a great summer. I love you one and all. Even my biggest detractors are loved. Remember Beja & the kids are our priority, not whose sitting in the Potentates office.

*Fraternally yours,*  
Ill Sir John Van Lanen  
Beja Shrine Potentate 2026  
920-200-6398 or john.vanlanen@gmail.com

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## SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS DAY

**MORE THAN A FRATERNITY**

[beashriner.com](http://beashriner.com)

### Shriners International Awareness Day – June 6

June 6th is Shriners International Awareness Day—a chance to pause and reflect on what it means to be a Shriner, and how that shows up in our community every day.

For us at Beja, it's not just about history—though it does trace back to June 6, 1876, and the founding of the Imperial Council. It's about the visible, everyday presence of Shriners: at events, in parades, at the circus, supporting our philanthropy, and simply showing up for one another. When people see the fez, they may think of fun—and they're right—but there's always something deeper behind it.

Shriners International was built on fellowship, family, and service. That hasn't changed. What has evolved is how we live that out—through our clubs and units, the friendships we build, and the impact we make both locally and beyond.

Of course, at the heart of it all is our philanthropy—Shriners Children's. It's something every Noble can take pride in. The care provided, regardless of a family's ability to pay, is a powerful reminder that what we do matters. It's not abstract—it's real, and it changes lives.

Awareness Day isn't about doing something extraordinary. It's about being visible and being proud of what you're part of. Wear your fez when appropriate—but also your Beja shirts, Shriner caps, or anything that shows who you are. Share what being a Shriner means to you. Take a moment to talk about it with someone who's curious. Those small moments are often where awareness—and interest—begin.

Most of all, it's a reminder of something simple: we're part of something bigger than ourselves. And that's worth sharing.

# OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club's meets the second Thursday of each month. Please join us.

*Fraternally Yours,*  
Nick Brosig, President  
Vernon Vander Leest, Secy/Treas.

# BEJA SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

## Get Your Raffle ticket Today!

My brothers, Nobles and Friends,

I have a rare opportunity to share. The Beja Shrine is selling raffle tickets for a very unique rifle. A Henry 45-70 rifle, which has been modified to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States of America. Only 250 of these have been made. The rifle is valued at \$4000

We are only selling 250 tickets for the raffle. Each ticket is \$40. The drawing will be held on September 2nd.

If you are interested please email me and I will make arrangements to get you a ticket before we sell out.

Below is some of the pictures of the rifle.

If you have any questions please feel free to call or text me at 920-585-0994.

All proceeds go to the Beja Shrine Sportsmen's Club to help us support our operations. Donations are not tax deductible. Thanks for your consideration.



## Get Your Tickets for this Special Raffle Today!

## GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB

### CRAIG LAES – PRESIDENT

The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill located at 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay.

Social time begins at 11:30am.  
Hope to see you there!

*Fraternally, Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.*  
greglhabeck@gmail.com or 920-371-9050



Northwoods Shrine Club upcoming events

Join us on Thursday, 18 June 2026  
Norwood Pines  
10171 WI 70 Minocqua, WI  
Camels Milk @ 5:30 and Dinner/Meeting @ 6:30

Please Wear Your Fez

Contact Bill Jacobs to confirm attendance  
715-891-5574 or promusky@live.com

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Fezzy's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash**

Shriners Children's Chicago invites you and your family to celebrate our milestone 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at a special outdoor event.

**Saturday, June 27, 2026**

Bring your loved ones to enjoy food, activities, and a day of appreciation for 100 years of our amazing care.

LOCATION: Shriners Children's Chicago hospital yard  
2211 N. Oak Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60707

## June is the 100th Birthday of our Chicago Hospital

Beja will have a **coach bus** traveling to Chicago. It is reserved, however I need people to sign up to go. We have options on the size coach. If I can get 36 people signed up the cost will be \$55/person. If we get 56 people then the cost would be \$38/person.

**Please RSVP to Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985**



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**Royal St. Patrick's Golf Course**  
201 Royal Saint Pat's Drive, Wrightstown, WI

**9:00 AM Registration "4 Man Scramble"**

**10:00 AM Shot Gun Start**

**All Golfers Welcome – Collared Shirts Required**

**\$150 per person includes 18 Holes with cart, photo, 2 drink tickets, lunch and dinner provided**

**\$25 per person dinner only – 4:00 PM**

*Proceeds benefit the Beja Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund  
Helping children travel to Shriners Children's hospitals for care.*



Register and Pay Online: [www.bejashrinegolf.com](http://www.bejashrinegolf.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Package: No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$150 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Only: No. of Persons \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of golfers: \_\_\_\_\_

Email : \_\_\_\_\_



• **Advance reservations recommended**

• **Make Checks Payable to: Beja Shrine**

• **Mail To: Beja Shriners**

1950 Bond Street, Green Bay, WI 54303

Registration (space limited)

Email: [bejashrine@new.rr.com](mailto:bejashrine@new.rr.com)





### **Membership: Growth Is Possible**

It's easy to think that membership trends are something happening to us.

Numbers go up. Numbers go down. And sometimes, it can feel like those outcomes are outside of our control.

But across Shriners International, that's not the full story. And there's no reason Beja can't be part of it.

Each year, temples are recognized for achieving something many might consider difficult in today's environment — positive membership growth. In 2025, temples earning Platinum and Gold honors didn't get there by accident. They made a deliberate commitment to recruitment and retention — the very things that sustain any fraternal organization.

And they succeeded.

Some achieved more than 3% growth. Others made meaningful gains between 1% and 3%. Still others were recognized for strong conversion rates — turning Master Masons into Shriners — or for bringing in new members equal to 5% of their total membership.

Different paths. Same result.

Growth.

What's important isn't just who is on that list. It's what that list represents.

It tells us that positive growth is not only possible — it's already happening.

Not everywhere. Not automatically. But wherever there is intention behind it.

Those temples didn't rely on a single program or a single individual. They came back to the basics:

- Welcoming new members and helping them feel they belong
- Staying connected with current Nobles
- Following up — not just once, but consistently
- Creating an environment where participation feels worthwhile

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None of that is complicated. But all of it requires effort.

As we look ahead, Shriners International is expanding recognition even further — adding Bronze and Silver levels in 2026 to acknowledge meaningful progress at every stage. That's an important shift, because it reinforces a simple idea:

Progress matters.

Growth doesn't have to be dramatic to be meaningful. It just has to be intentional.

The question for Beja isn't whether we can be on that list someday. It's whether we choose to take the small, consistent steps that make it possible.

Because the path forward isn't a mystery — it's already being walked by temples just like ours.

Growth starts with a conversation, a connection, or an invitation. Talk to someone who isn't a Shriner yet. That's where it begins.

One at a time, they add up.

*Your Membership Team*



Charles Clarage has been selected as Class Honoree for the Fall Ceremonial in October. Let's make this a great class in honor of Charlie's great work for our kids.



# Shriners Children's™ Chicago

Your Chicago hospital continues to demonstrate both strong clinical activity and disciplined financial stewardship. Surgical volume is pacing ahead of goal, with 346 procedures completed year-to-date—exceeding the target pace. Outpatient visits have reached 3,673, and the hospital has conducted 635 new patient exams as it continues to expand access to care.

One of the most notable highlights is our **average daily census**, currently among the highest across all U.S.-based Shriners Children's hospitals—second only to Northern California. This reflects both increased demand and continued trust in the care provided in Chicago.

From a financial standpoint, the hospital remains in a strong position:

- Operating expenses are **2.5% under budget**
- Total expenses are **9.2% under budget**
- Continued improvements in efficiency have reduced the cost-to-charge ratio to **42.4%**, a meaningful step forward in maximizing resources for patient care

At the same time, our mission remains front and center. The payer mix continues to lean more heavily toward charitable care—exactly where our purpose lies.

## Advancing Care & Innovation

Looking ahead, several major initiatives are underway:

- **New Imaging Capabilities:** Installation of an in-house CT and MRI suite is nearing completion, with delivery scheduled in early June. Once operational, Chicago will be the only facility in the system with fully integrated in-house imaging.
- **Research Expansion:** The research team is actively pursuing funding for 14 studies in collaboration with partners including Georgia Tech, seeking over \$7 million in grant support.
- **International Reach:** Already this year, 22 new international patients have been approved for treatment in Chicago.

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## Growing Awareness

Marketing and communications efforts are delivering real results. Social media campaigns have generated over **12 million impressions among non-followers**, helping extend the reach of the Shriners Children's mission to new audiences.

Additionally, national exposure continues to grow—recent coverage featuring Dr. Peter Smith aired internationally and was picked up in the U.S., providing valuable earned media visibility.

## Opportunities to Engage

Several upcoming events provide opportunities for Nobles and families to connect directly with the mission:

### • Hospital Birthday Celebration – June 27

A family-friendly outdoor event featuring food, activities, and “The World's Shortest Parade.” Nobles, Ladies, clubs, and units are encouraged to attend and volunteer.

### • Higgys Con – July 17–18 (Grand Rapids, MI)

The largest gathering of scoliosis patients in the world, bringing together families, providers, and supporters.

Every number tells part of the story—but behind each one is a child, a family, and a life changed.

Your continued support makes this work possible.

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



Greetings from the Appleton Shrine Club,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets at Mark's Eastside 1405 E. Wisconsin Ave. Appleton, WI at 11:30am on the 2nd Friday of each month.

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



## See You Out There

Summer looks a little different for Beja — but it doesn't stop.

The formal meeting calendar may pause, but the brotherhood doesn't. Parades, ballgames, cookouts, community events — summer is actually one of the most visible seasons for who we are and what we represent. People see us out in the world, not just inside a lodge room.

That matters more than we sometimes realize.

Every parade we participate in, every event we attend together, every time someone sees Nobles showing up as a group — that's Beja in action. It's also, more often than not, where the next great conversation starts. A neighbor watching from the sidewalk. A friend sitting a few rows over at the ballgame. Someone who's been curious but never quite had the moment to ask.

Summer hands us those moments naturally. But before you head into the season, carry something with you.

Even as the Shrine Center goes dark, life goes on for the children we serve. The mission of Shriners — transforming lives through innovative pediatric care — doesn't pause for summer. Every single day, in every hospital, families are walking through those doors looking for hope. Our support is part of what makes that possible. That's worth sitting with when the calendar is quiet and the meetings are behind us for a few months.

And remember what these pages have been saying: growth is possible. Not because someone said so, but because temples just like ours have already proven it. The path isn't complicated. It starts with a conversation, a connection, an invitation — and summer is full of exactly those opportunities.

So rest when you can. Enjoy the season with your families. March in the parades. Cheer at the ballgames. Show up and be seen.

And keep your eyes open. Because the next Noble we've been waiting for might just be standing right next to you. We'll see you out there.



Packerland Clan 181 will be holding their

### Summer Reunion

**Saturday, June 13th 2026**

at the Reece's House

N4706 Kettner Road

Shiocton, WI 54170

Reunion Festivities begin at 1:00pm.

The meal will be bbq chicken, pulled pork, navy beans and corn on the cob. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Dinner cost is \$15 per person. Cash bar available.

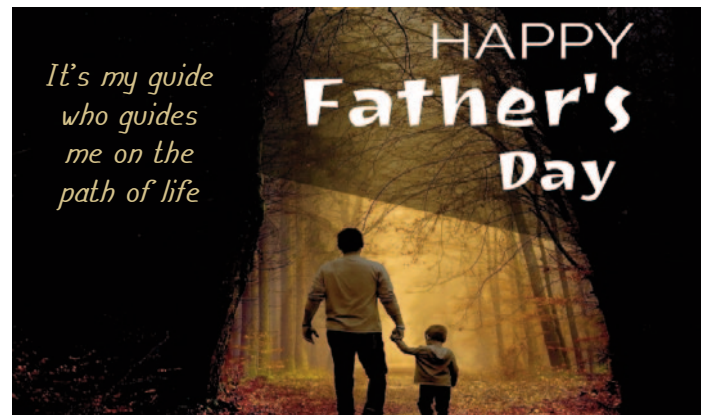
- Moonshine Tasting and fellowship 1:00pm
- Cornhole tournament 1:15 with trophy for winners
- Hillbilly meetin 2:30pm update
- Hillbilly degree 3:00pm
- Hillbilly dinner 4:00pm
- S'mores over the open fire and Campfire stories

Please share this with Nobles who might be interested in becoming a Hillbilly and joining our family. New member cost is \$30 for individual \$40 for a couple.

All are welcome, even if you are not a Hillbilly you are welcome. If your traveling and need a place to stay, please rsvp as soon as possible to reserve a spot.

Please rsvp to Gene at 920-585-0994.

*Fraternally, Gene Reece*





## Membership: Unity of Purpose

Unity is not something we talk about only when things are easy. In fact, it matters most when they are not.

Every organization goes through seasons—times of high energy and times of friction. Differences of opinion arise. Participation can dip. These are not signs of failure. They are signs of a living organization made up of real people who care.

And caring people sometimes disagree.

We want to be honest about that—because pretending otherwise wouldn't honor the investment every Noble makes in this fraternity.

### Why Are We Here?

At Beja, unity has never been about one person, one title, or one moment in time. Leadership roles matter, but they are temporary by design. What is lasting—what truly defines us—is our shared purpose.

We are Shriners for a reason.

Not for position.

Not for recognition.

### But for the kids.

Last year alone, Beja Nobles helped connect families to Shriners Children's care—children who arrived frightened and left walking, running, laughing. That is what we built this for. That is what we protect when we stay together.

### What Unity Asks of All of Us

Unity does not require us to agree on everything. It asks something simpler, and more important: that we remain committed to each other and to the mission we all share.

That commitment shows up in different ways. From our members:

- Staying engaged, even when it is easier to step back
- Meeting our obligations—financial and otherwise—so the organization can serve its mission
- Choosing direct conversation over distance when something feels wrong

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- Remembering that every Noble brings value to the whole

And from our leadership:

- Listening openly, not just directing
- Being transparent about decisions that affect the whole fraternity
- Making sure every Noble feels their voice has a place
- Earning the trust we ask members to extend

Unity is a two-way commitment. We are asking for yours—and we are pledging ours in return.

### What We Do Matters

When we lose sight of our shared purpose, small things can feel bigger than they are. When we refocus on why we are here, those same things tend to find their proper place.

Unity is not about ignoring differences—it's about rising above them. Because the impact we have on each other and on the families we serve is far more significant than any single issue or season.

When we stay grounded in that truth, unity is not something we have to force. It is something we naturally return to.

### Stay Connected. Show Up. Reach Out.

A call to a fellow Noble you haven't heard from in a while. A renewed commitment to attend. A conversation that clears the air. These are not unimportant things—they are the things that keep a fraternity strong. Let's keep moving forward, together.

*No challenge is too great for an organization willing to talk through it honestly.*

**Our own Label  
Salad Dressing  
is in the Beja Shrine Office for  
\$8.00 for a 12 oz bottle.**



- Creamy Vidalia Onion
- Vidalia Onion Peppercorn
- Creamy Cucumber Dill
- Vidalia Onion French
- Vidalia Honey Habanero  
For the HOT fans



# The Youth ADVENTURES



I hope everyone is finally enjoying some of the warm weather. I hope everyone got a chance to stop out and visit for at least one show of the circus. It seemed to be a new show with several new acts.

Green Bay Chapter Order Of DeMolay would like to once again thank Beja Shrine for the opportunity to serve at the meetings. Also, to help participate in the Circus with Circus program sales. The Chapter is looking forward to some new events coming up and the possibility of new members joining.. In state events, they will be looking for to ISC, which is the international Supreme Council meeting for DeMolay will they will be electing new youth leadership and adult leadership on the national level.

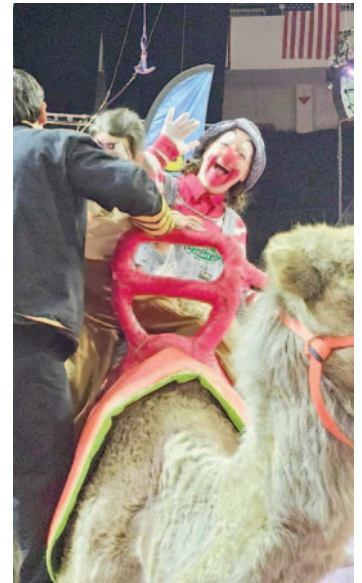
I am sending out a report that if you have not already heard Bethel 32 Job's Daughters has surrendered their charter and will no longer be actively meeting. If there is new information that comes out, I will try to keep you everyone up to date with any new information available.

Thank you again as always for supporting the youth group in anything that they do. Thank you.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage  
Youth Committee Chairman*



Our Clowns had a great time at the Beja Shrine Circus and we really appreciate all the help that we received from our Nobles who helped us spread excitement and joy throughout our community.



The clowns are still searching for a donated car for the unit. Please contact the Clown Unit Boss, Pokey (Jeff Eilers at 920-737-3653) if you have a line on a car for the clowns.

Clowns, we are also looking at filling our Officer Roles for this coming year. Please consider throwing your name in the ring for office. Our Clown Unit for YOU is what YOU put into it.

Please reach out to Neddy at [kpillar@new.rr.com](mailto:kpillar@new.rr.com) if you want to join the clowns unit.

Clown Meeting is either on MS-TEAMS or at the Beja Shrine building on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Just after the Vet's and Pat's Meeting.

Please email me at [kpillar@new.rr.com](mailto:kpillar@new.rr.com) if you want the link to the Clown Meeting.

*Fraternally,  
Neddy  
Beja Clown Unit Chaos Coordinator*



**3 Generations of Clowns.  
Puddles, Puddlette,  
Sprinkle, and Dottie.**



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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 6/1, Kaiver, JR, Leon         | 6/20, Puestow, Karl       |
| 6/2, Bagley, Keith            | 6/21, Allord, Jack        |
| 6/3, Kittel, Robert           | 6/22, Van Laarhoven, Paul |
| 6/3, Olson, John              | 6/23, Johnson, Adam       |
| 6/5, Vander Leest, Marcus     | 6/23, Shulstad, John      |
| 6/7, Belanger, Mike           | 6/24, Brosig, Nicholas    |
| 6/7, Zochert, Paul            | 6/24, Moen, Michael       |
| 6/8, Scheinert, Peter         | 6/24, Mommaerts, William  |
| 6/12, Pepler, Rueben          | 6/25, Siewert, Dennis     |
| 6/14, Reece, Eugene           | 6/27, Gooding, Guy        |
| 6/16, Mattmiller, Christopher | 6/28, Gans II, Donald     |
| 6/16, Van Beaver, Roger       | 6/28, Herrild, Kim        |
| 6/17, Behm, Richard           | 6/28, Rudolph, Benjamin   |
| 6/17, Klampert, Kieth         | 6/29, Cornelissen, Gary   |
| 6/19, Hetcher, Jack           | 6/29, Eilers, Jeff        |
| 6/20, Badgley, Donald         | 6/29, Magana, Miguel      |
| 6/20, Jackson, Ural           |                           |

**Beja Shrine  
MENU**

**JUNE  
MEETING MENU**

Presented by WGA 4 KIDS  
Brats, Burgers, BBQ baked beans, Homemade potato salad , Homemade coleslaw , Dessert bars  
Cost \$20

Please RSVP required by May 28th  
to Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985

*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.*

**Donald Uher**  
De Pere, WI, 5/6/2026

**Join us for a Rockers Baseball Game**

**JULY 1ST, 2026 AT 6:35PM**

Tickets are \$30/person, this includes sitting on the GE Contracting Champions Corner.

The \$30 includes all you can eat pulled chicken & shredded beef sandwiches, chips, one side, two beverages per person (beer, soda, or water). We need a minimum of 30 people to enjoy this section.

The game also has a dual purpose for us. **The Rockers designate a charitable organization to do a 50/50 raffle. Beja would get 50% of all raffle sales, plus \$500 from a local insurance company.** So lets get at least 30 people together and have some fun, good food and sell a lot of 50/50 tickets. We will set up a booth at the entrance, to not only sell 50/50 tickets, but to sell Beja Shrine.



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To all of you that participated in the 2026 Beja Shrine Circus. There are so many names to mention, I hope I did not miss anyone.

Another great circus, another great two days of circus fun and camaraderie. And yes, we made our budget. Special Thanks to the following:

**Circus Introduction**

- Neddy the Clown (Ring Master)
- Merlie Girl (National Anthem)
- Happy Birthday to Jimbo the Clown
- Clowns, Clowns, and more Clowns

**Program Room and Sales**

- Theda Andres
- Dawn Reece
- Lori Andres
- Gene Reece

**Ushers**

- Greg Mumm
- Karl Simonson

**Photographer**

- Eric Kilman

**Hospitality Room**

- John Clark
- Dennis Clark
- Jim Clark
- Nancy Vogeltine

**Cartoon Characters- Lobby**

- John Sage
- Tom Strong

**Media**

Gaby from La Mas Grande Radio  
Nat from Y-100

*Fraternallly,*  
Brad Ottum, Mike Moen, Jeff Eilers and Gary Fehl  
*Beja Circus Committee*



## History, Heritage & Brotherhood in D.C.

### 2026 Membership & Marketing Conference

Washington, D.C. will set the stage for the 2026 Noble Academy Membership & Marketing Conference, hosted by the Shriners International Education Foundation, **November 6-8**.

Held every other year, this conference brings Nobles together from across the fraternity to share ideas, explore what's working, and take a fresh look at membership and engagement.

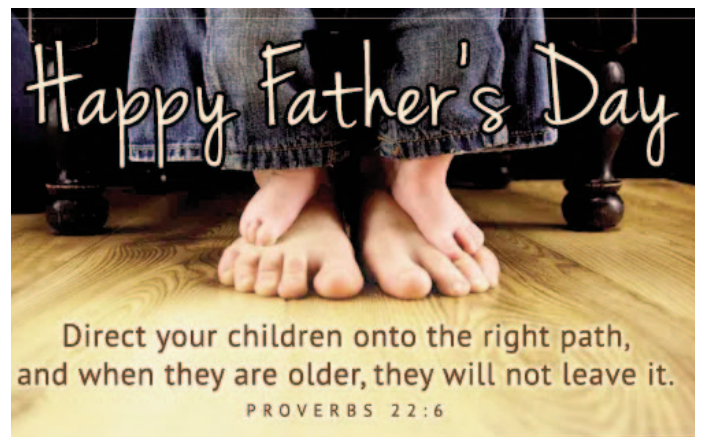
It's not about theory—it's about practical takeaways you can bring home and use.

Set in a city rich with Masonic history, the experience goes beyond the meeting room. Optional excursions include private access to landmarks such as the Scottish Rite House of the Temple and the George Washington Masonic National Memorial—opportunities few get to experience firsthand.

The conference will be held at the Capital Hilton in the heart of the city, with easy access to everything Washington has to offer.

Whether you're active in membership, marketing, or just interested in seeing how the fraternity is evolving, this is worth a look. Early registration is now open—and if nothing else, take a minute to check out the website... you might even recognize a familiar face. This event is open to all interested in attending.

→ [nobleacademyeducation.org](https://nobleacademyeducation.org)



## DADDY BOOK CONTRIBUTORS FOR BEJA SHRINE CIRCUS 2026

Listed alphabetically by first name below are the Nobles and Friends that have contributed to the Beja Circus 2026 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 May 10th 2026. If you do not see your Brother Nobles name on this list of contributors, ask him to help Beja with a contribution by purchasing his tickets.

|                      |                     |                    |                      |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Adams, Moses         | Gary, Bruce         | Maas, Jonathan     | Schmidt, Lori        |
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| Andres, Jay          | Gerlach, David      | Magoon, Roger      | Senn, Shane          |
| Andres, Theda        | Goldner, Blaine     | Maxon, Scott       | Shriver, Gary        |
| Clarage, Charles     | Habeck, Earl        | McHugh, Clayton    | Shulstad, John       |
| Aude, Lynn           | Hamilton, Roger     | McLellan, Kenneth  | Siewert, Dennis      |
| Behm, Richard        | Havlinek, Michael   | Mitchell, Edward   | Simonson, Karl       |
| Belenger, Mike       | Herbst, Juergen     | Moen, Michael      | Slezak, James        |
| Berggren, John       | Herman, James       | Mumm, Greg         | Slezak, James        |
| Berk, Avram          | Herrild, Kim        | Nicholas, Torren   | Smith, Robert        |
| Biskner, Chris       | Herrild, Orlin      | Eilers, Jeff       | Smitham, Robert      |
| Brann, Charles       | Hetcher, Jack       | O'Connor, Preston  | Sorenson, Sue        |
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| Campbell, James      | Howland, Woodward   | Ottum, Jeffrey     | Tessier, Jon         |
| Campbell, Craig      | Huddleston, Dudley  | Ottum, Bradley     | Thario, Roger        |
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| Clabots, Stephen     | Johnson, Leslie     | Pederson, Leonard  | Urban, Michael       |
| Clarage, Charles     | Ketchum, Rodney     | Pernak, Frank      | Van Beaver, Roger    |
| Clark, John          | Kimme, David        | Peterson, Michael  | Eilers, Jeff         |
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| Clark, Dennis        | Koeller, Richard    | Rosera, Dan        | Vander Leest, Marcus |
| Cornelius, Franklin  | Kohn, Bonnie        | Plonka, Mehal      | Vander Leest, Robert |
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*Thank You!*

# AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Greetings!

It has been a busy few weeks for Ajeb Temple No. 156! Installation of new officers was held on Sunday, April 19th. We were very happy to welcome the Ladies from Milwaukee Shelomoth Temple No. 106 to join in our Installation Ceremony. Ajeb Temple No. 156 is very thankful for the support we receive from our Daughters of the Nile sisters.

During May, the queens from Milwaukee, Madison and Green Bay met to prepare and plan for a joint Supreme Queen Official visit to be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026, at Tripoli in Milwaukee. This is the first attempt to participate in a joint official visit, and we are hopeful to have a great turnout for this event. Some members are hoping to make a visit Shriners Children's in Chicago on June 27th. This hopes to be a memorable weekend for Wisconsin Daughters of the Nile members who attend this important weekend of events.

In keeping with our goal to bring in new members into our temple, the "Take A Jab at Ajeb" social group held an informal Hen Party in Door County on May 30th. The purpose of this event was to meet the Ladies of Ajeb Temple and just learn about the organization. Games were played, snacks were served, and a boat trip around Clark Lake took place. A second membership event will be held at the Green Bay Botanical Gardens on Saturday, June 20th at 1:00 pm. Those attending will learn about flower arranging at a "Bouquet Bar," and everyone attending will leave with a flower bouquet they created.

Please contact Sarah Mobroten, Princess Recorder, [ajebtempleno156@gmail.com](mailto:ajebtempleno156@gmail.com) if you would like to attend Bouquet Bar. We welcome all interested Ladies who would like to learn more about our group and the work we do for Shriners Children's.

In conclusion, several members are attending Supreme Session in Victoria, British Columbia, during the week of June 7 - 11th. This is always an eventful week filled with pageantry and camaraderie with the Ladies of our Daughters of the Nile organization.

*Nile Love & Hugs,*  
*Queen Carly S. Vondrak,*  
AJEB Queen

# FISH WITH A KID 2026

A great day of fishing, fellowship, and family fun! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a success and created lasting memories for the kids who participated.



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# June 2026

# Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                                   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY                      |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------|
|  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>5:00pm Trustee's<br>6:00pm Divan<br>6:30 pm Roosevelt | <b>3</b><br>Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm | <b>4</b><br>7:00 pm Washington Lodge                                  | <b>5</b><br>11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting                                     | <b>6</b>                      |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>8</b><br>7:00pm Order of Demolay                             | <b>9</b><br>5:00pm Peninsula Shrine Club meeting                  | <b>10</b><br>7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85       | <b>11</b><br>10am NEW Daylite<br>6:00pm Oconto<br>7pm Warren Council  | <b>12</b><br>11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting<br>Meeting 11:30am Appleton Shrine | <b>13</b><br>Appleton Parade  |
| <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>6:30 pm Roosevelt Lodge                              | <b>17</b><br>5:30pm Scottish Rite           | <b>18</b><br>5:30pm Northwoods<br>7:00pm Washington                   | <b>19</b><br>11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting                                    | <b>20</b><br>Ajeb Bouquet Bar |
| <b>21</b><br>Chilton Parade<br>Happy Father's Day              | <b>22</b><br>7:00pm Order of Demolay<br>6:00pm Vet's & Patriots | <b>23</b><br>7pm Warren Council Chapter #8                        | <b>24</b><br>7:00pm DesPeres Lodge 85       | <b>25</b><br>7pm Palestine<br>6:00pm Crazy Kops & Inter- City Meeting | <b>26</b><br>11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting                                    | <b>27</b><br>SC Chicago 100th |
| <b>28</b><br>Ajeb joint Supreme Queen Official visit Milwaukee | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   |   |   |   |                               |



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## UPCOMING 2026 ACTIVITIES

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

### June 2026

June 3rd - Beja Open Meeting - Pie/ Cake Auction  
June 13th - Parade - Appleton  
June 21st - Parade - Chilton  
June 27th - Bus Trip to SC Chicago (Proposed)  
June 28th - Parade - Reedsville

### July 2026

July 1st - Rockers Baseball Game (3 Shrine event)  
July 4th - Manawa Parade  
July 12-16th - Imperial Session, Tampa, FL  
July 18th - Parade - Winneconne  
July 19th - Parade - Pulaski  
July 21st - John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing

### August 2026

August 2nd - Timber Rattlers Game (3 Shrine event)  
August 12th-15th - Summer MSA  
August 15th - Bay Beach Picnic



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