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Beja SPRING CEREMONIAL

Please Join Us

Saturday, April 10th, 2021
Beja Shrine Center
1950 Bond Street ~ Green Bay, WI

Schedule of events

- 8:00 Coffee and Donuts
- 8:30 Ritualistic Divan Walk Through
- 9:15 Registration of Candidates/Ladies
- 10:30 Presentation of the First Section
- 11:15 New Noble Orientation
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Presentation of Second Section
- 2:30 Cocktails and appetizers
- 3:30 Fezzing Ceremony

Ladies program will be
announced at a later date

Call Ann for Reservations (920) 498-1985



Class Honoree
Ralph Papesh



THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Cancelling the 2021 Beja Shrine Circus wasn't an easy choice.

Thought, research and work went into this, and ultimately the decision had to be made.

Thank you to Illustrious Sirs Dennis Korth, Gene Reece and Divan members John Van

Lanen and Tom Plufgardt for their efforts to come to this conclusion.

What most Noble and Ladies probably don't understand is before the lights go out and the first show begins, Beja pays a significant down payment each year for the circus. Couple our initial investment with the seating reduction at the Resch Center, and there was no possible way we could have grossed a profit.

Holding the 2021 Beja Shrine Circus would have put us in even more of a financial bind than what we currently face, and therefore it was decided not to continue.

Two things could have changed to allow us to gross a profit. The Circus promoter could have offered to reduce the amount we are required to pay, and more seats could have opened up at the Resch Center. Both of these seemed unlikely to happen, and we are already behind where we would normally be in terms of program ad sales and Daddy Books.

If by some miracle an extra seven percent of seats opened, and we had the best year ever for program ad sales, even though we were starting from behind the 8-ball, we may have grossed a few thousand dollars at best, or at worst lost several thousand.

When we originally decided to move the circus to the Resch Center, my hopes grew that we could pack the building, and in turn secure funding to run Beja for the year. Then COVID happened, and everything stopped.

Now we face a different reality and because of that we have made some proactive moves that I am hopeful will help cover the budget deficit.

You may have already received the first in the mail. This calendar program will be a replacement for the Daddy Books.

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Please consider a donation, as this will be the only time in 2021 when Beja will directly ask you, our Nobles and Ladies to donate, outside of the Annual Pie Auction and the Parade to Glory.

The second is still a work in progress, but under the direction of Illustrious Sir Jim Van De Hey, we will be embarking on a cash raffle with a top prize of \$10,000 in cash, taxes already paid.

For this event we need to sell 500 tickets at \$100 each, and we can gross \$30,000.

In order to help us a bit in this endeavor, I have secured a free newspaper ad that will reach more than 250,000 people.

More details will be available soon on tickets, so please keep an eye out.

In regards to the Beja Spring Ceremonial on April 10th, I'm pleased to report Ralph Papesch will be the Class Honoree. When I think of Ralph, I think about what it means to be a Shriner.

He's quick with a handshake, quicker with a joke, holds the doors open for Ladies, volunteers his time, and is more than deserving of this honor. He is a great Shriner, a better man, and an asset to Beja. Next time you see Ralph, be sure to congratulate him.

This year our membership team has come up with the goal of 18 new Nobles. I know it seems high, but together we can make 18 new Nobles happen, and the first chance to get them involved and become part of Beja is on April 10th. Let's get those applications in.

Fraternally, Ill. Sir Ben Rodgers
Beja Potentate 2021

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PAST POTENTATES

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

* Deceased



February is finally here and love is in the air. We are reminded of the many kinds of love that we, as Masons, experience. Love for our significant others, brotherly love, love for our friends and family. Love is an emotion that lets us show others their value in our eyes and reminds them that we are there for them. And while the words "I love you" are often

reserved for family and spouse, they are words we can use every day.

No matter what kind of day we have, the reminder that someone cares for us always makes things a little bit better. In the worst of times, it can give us the encouragement to keep going. In the best of times, it reminds us that there we are headed in the right direction. When we are having those days when we are not sure if things are good or bad, that little expression can make the world just a little brighter.

We all remember the love we share for helping others. When we don't, we are quickly reminded by those we keep around us. Those three simple words "I love you" don't have to be a romantic or familial gesture. They can simply be a reminder to those who are important to us. A reminder that our lives would not be the same without them, that we are there for them no matter what. That little bit of inspiration that sparks the next great act.

Love is so much more than the little definitions we place on it. It's rocket fuel that lets us listen to someone who is frustrated or hurting. It is that bond that creates harmony and peace. It's that one thing that all man kind feels, and it's up to us to say the words as often as we would commit to the actions.

Yours in the faith, Rev. Will MacKay

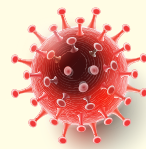
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CORONAVIRUS

Keeping Your Fellow Nobles Safe At Beja

Fellow Nobles,

I attended my first Beja stated meeting in 12 months on February 3rd, and to my dismay many Nobles were not wearing face coverings, nor were they socially distancing.

Some do not seem to take this pandemic seriously. But, I take it seriously – very seriously.

My first shot was February 1st, and my second is March 1st. Then, I'll observe two weeks of self-quarantine while the vaccine in me powers up.

In the months that follow I'll continue to mask up and social distance – not for my protection, but for the protection of those around me (that would be you). Just because I've been vaccinated doesn't mean that I can't pass this virus on to you – that's why we should wear a mask in the first place.

I'll resume attending our monthly meetings when I'm convinced my vaccine has kicked in, so I am not a health threat to others (again, that would be you). That means the earliest Beja meeting I will attend will be in April, and I will still be masking up and socially distancing well beyond that – until this thing has run its course.

To me, it is irresponsible to not follow even the most simple and basic precautions in this public health crisis – in spite of the example set by our Recorder, Potentate and other Beja leaders.

It isn't a matter of "I'm not afraid of COVID," "COVID will never happen to me," "It's a hoax," "fake news," or simply, "I don't want to wear a mask." It is a matter of protecting our fellow Nobles, many of us aging and many with health issues. Let's get it straight. If you do not wear a mask, then you are a danger to me and other Nobles.

I honestly don't know the best way for Beja to get Nobles to wear masks without offending them. Nobody wants COVID cops running around. But here is my suggestion: I recommend putting a good size sign behind the bar that says, "Beja Policy: No mask, No drinks. Signed, Beja Divan."

Charlie can hand out masks to the maskless as they order their drinks and comment they need to mask up before he serves them. We all respect and appreciate Charlie enough and he will understand it isn't personal, but that he is following the directive of the Divan.

Please note, I'm not singling out Beja, among other organizations, to take these precautions. I have not seen my own grandchildren since early last March – for their protection and mine – so forgoing our meetings until I am safe to be around should be understandable.

Yours in the faith, Tom Turner



News from Shriners Hospital Chicago

Shriners Hospitals for Children



SHC-Chicago is currently seeing approximately 70 patients per week in the clinic with an additional 10-15 via Fast Track Video Visits. We are back to utilizing three operating rooms per day. The number of patients is rebounding since the recurrence of COVID in the Chicago area during November and December. The rehabilitation services department is seeing both inpatients and outpatients and have reconfigured the treatment areas to accommodate proper distancing. The waiting time to the next available appointment for most service lines is within three weeks.

2020 was a challenging year, but SHC-Chicago continues to strive to move our hospital forward. The orthopaedic surgery and rehab program grew with the addition of new doctors, our chest wall deformity program is underway, and we continue to strengthen our relationship with the University of Illinois and explore opportunities to collaborate with other hospitals in the area.

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

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

Submitted by,

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

Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

GARY FEHL – PRESIDENT

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

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

*Fraternally,
Gary Fehl, President*

I just received an emergency call from Dave Gerlach, the keeper of the Krazy Kops Jail. He was urgently needed at his tractor barn. Dave, being a very reliable jail keeper sped over to the barn.

Fumbling with the lock he opened the door. He was greeted by a big puddle of water on the floor. What in the world could be wrong Dave thought. He proceeded toward the jail and he found the problem. Tears were coming out of both headlights. Amid the tears were some jumbled words that the jail was saying "They can't do this to me".

I have applied for temporary Irish membership, bought my shamrocks, ordered the Green Beer. They just cannot cancel the New Dublin Parade honoring the Irish on St. Paddy's Day. Dave set about drying the headlight tears and affixing a large Shamrock on the grill of the jail. As Dave left He noticed a look of happiness on the jail headlights. We hope the smile indicated that New Dublin will have some sort of parade.

The Krazy Kops hope this bit of humor finds you safe.
STAY SAFE WE NEED YOU!

Fraternally, Dick Andres, Chief Kop
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EUGENE R. REECE, JR. NAMED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AT SHRINERS CHILDREN'S TWIN CITIES

(WOODBURY, MN) — **Eugene R. Reece, Jr.** of Shiocton, WI. has been named Chairman of the Board of Governors for Shriners Children's Twin Cities located in Woodbury, MN. He was first appointed to the board in 2014.

Reece is a member of Beja Shriners in Green Bay, Wisc. where he currently serves as the Recorder/Chief Operating Officer. He previously served the organization in its top position, referred to as Potentate, which is the president of local chapter of Shriners International.

Reece served for 36 years in the fire service, with 27 of those years for the City of Appleton, WI., retiring as the deputy fire chief/emergency management coordinator. He and his wife Dawn have 2 children. Reece is a 1990 graduate of Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management and a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer program of the National Fire Administration Fire Academy.

About Shriners Children's Twin Cities

Shriners Children's Twin Cities is part of the network of Shriners Hospitals for Children, a pediatric health care system dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs. Children up to the age of 21 with orthopaedic conditions receive all care in a family-centered environment regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and relies on the generosity of donors. All donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law. To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.

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



ORIENTAL GUIDE

Nobles and Ladies,

As the 2021 Oriental Guide, I would like to thank you for all you have done up until now. I encourage active participation in our Clubs and Units as we open with caution to re-engage in our fun and fundraising activities. Feel free to check out different Clubs and Units to consider what fellowship would be of interest to you.

If you have or plan to get a motorcycle for summer, please consider our Motorcycle Escort Patrol. We are working to re-establish the Motorcycle Escort Patrol parade unit at Beja. We are open to any make or model 750cc or bigger. Parade schedule beginning in 2022. If Interested please contact Tim Thiers at 920-905-5951.

Proud Shriner and Oriental Guide

Fraternally yours,
Scott Maxon, Oriental Guide



Volunteers Wanted!

Our opportunity to volunteer at the Resch Center has returned. Volunteers are needed for the Gamblers games on Saturday, March 20th, and Saturday, March 27th. Start time is 5:30pm for both nights.

March 20th: Please go to the signup sheet:
volunteersignup.org/KQTHF

March 27th: Please go to the signup sheet:
volunteersignup.org/F78PT

Or you can call the Beja Office to sign up
(920) 498-1985



Dear Members and Friends,

Hope this Bugler finds you all well and safe.

All meetings are CANCELED until further notice due to Covid-19. Please feel free to reach out to members for friendly visits.

Some greeting cards have been donated for us to sell. The proceeds will be donated to the wheelchair fund. The cards are handmade and will be selling for \$1 each.

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 part of hospital budget. Patients outgrow their 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

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



HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

I am honored to be serving as Beja's 2021 High Priest and Prophet, the year of fun and fellowship.

Did you know Cornhole is one of the most popular outdoor games in the United States?

On Sunday, January 31st we held our 1st social Cornhole get together practice for all Beja Nobles and Ladies. I can confirm to all of Beja that we have some talented Nobles and Ladies who throw an accurate corn bag.

It could be a nail biter to whom represents Beja at the Imperial Session of Shriners International July 4-8th, 2021 in Houston Texas.

The definition of the game Cornhole is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing 16-ounce bags of corn kernels at a raised platform with a hole in the far end. A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the board scores 1 point. The object of the game is to score points by throwing corn bags onto, or through the hole of, the cornhole board. Points are scored at the end of each frame, after both teams on the same side have each thrown four corn bags.

The first player/team to reach or exceed 21 at the conclusion of an inning is the winner.
Let's go Beja, Let's go!!!

Proud to be a Shriner!

Fraternally yours,
Tom Pflugardt, High Priest & Prophet 2021

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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March Birthdays!!

3/2, Behr, Mark	3/18, Young, Samuel
3/4, Ray, James	3/18, Clabots, Stephen
3/8, Schmidt, David	3/19, Krueger, William
3/9, Hannemann, Richard	3/20, Mikich, Arden
3/10, Voight, Dale	3/20, Mitchell, Edward
3/10, Aude, Lynn	3/21, Chernick, Richard
3/11, Korth, Dennis	3/21, Dionne, Robert
3/11, Hull, Jay	3/22, Grahn, Kyle
3/13, Awen, Charles	3/24, Grunewald, Todd
3/14, Anderson, Jerry	3/26, Pottratz, Herman
3/14, Moore, Richard	3/26, Sim, Bruce
3/15, Cornelius, Franklin	3/28, Pilon, Ronald
3/15, Young, Christopher	3/28, Schlosstein, Bradley
3/17, Beyer, Fred	3/31, Tulenko, Jr., John



Whats Cooking?

MARCH MENU

**Fried chicken
with all the fixin's and
cupcake for dessert.**

Cost \$18.00 per person - RSVP by February 28th
Call 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.*

Brian (Ronbo) Nelson - Wausau, WI 2/9/2021
Roy Deetjen 2/11/2021



Beja Spring Ceremonial 2021

Ralph Papesh

Class Honoree

My life began October 19th, 1943 to Martin and Isabel Papesh, thank you Mom and Dad. Growing up we had no electricity until 1950. Our class-room was one room in our school, it was a great place to attend school.

I graduated from Pembine High School in 1961. I moved to Oconto Falls in 1962 and I began working for Scott Paper Company, I was employed there for 32 years.

In 1968 I had the privilege to serve our country, I spent one year in Vietnam.

The privilege of my Masonic career began in 1976 and Shrinedom in 1982.

In 2015 & 2016 I had the privilege to serve The Order of the Eastern Star as Worthy Grand Chaplain. In closing, it was a great honor.

I serve our Supreme Architect of the Universe, our fraternity, our families, our children and for sure our Ladies!!

*Thank You And May God Bless You,
Ralph Papesh*



A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S **CHIEF RABBAN**

Hello fellow Nobles and Ladies,

Well it's now March and we are one-third of the way through 2021. There is a covid vaccine and some of us have been able to be vaccinated. Does this mean that we can go anywhere without masks? NO! We still need to be safe. Now I'm one that doesn't like to wear a mask and my Lady Lynne reminds me of it all the time, but when I'm in contact with people that I do not know, I will wear a mask, when I'm not behind some sort of barrier. So PLEASE my friends, wear your masks whenever you are out among the general public.

SO February brought us our first face to face meeting in quite some time. It was well attended and the presentation by Dr Morris was very informative. One of our National Ambassadors, Connor, also gave a presentation. I met Connor at the John Ottum golf outing last year and he is quite the knowledgeable and engaging young man. Connor's mother also spoke with us. So the evening was very nice. Well done Illustrious Sir Ben. Cudos on your first meeting as Potentate.

So where did I leave off last month. Oh Yeah! How did I become a Shriner. I started working part-time at the Brown County Arena back in the fall 1984. I worked in the concessions area. In the Spring of 1985, the Beja Shrine Circus came to the Arena. I asked to work all the shows, so that I could make extra money. One of our boss's back then was John Dederich, who I found out later was a Shriner. He came up to me in the stand and introduced me to John & Jim Clark and said whatever they need, I want you to take care of them.

That started my journey towards Shrinedom. Now, I didn't ask anything about Shrine for probably 20 years. I just did my job and took care of the Shriners that were in the room next to my stand. It was one of the school shows around 2005, I was working on the main floor. Well during that show, I got to talking to John Clark and asked, "Hey, how do I become a Shriner". John lead me over to John Sage and said, give this man a petition, I don't happen to have one. John Sage gave me a petition, and the rest they say is history.

I started in my Blue Lodge, Washington 21 and went through the chairs there, I was Master of the Lodge in 2015. In the Spring of 2016, I asked Illustrious Sir Greg Habeck, If I could join the line at Beja. I wanted to do more than just attend meetings. I wanted to be part of the leadership and hopefully bring in more Nobles and make our fraternity stronger. So now I'm a year away from leading the fraternity and I'm so happy that I asked that question, so many years ago.

Continued in next column

Until next month, please take care of yourselves and your families. Pray for the healthcare workers that are taking care of all the people that have contracted covid-19. Pray for the police and military that protect us and finally pray for our leaders so that they make good decisions.

Fraternally yours,
John Van Lanen, Chief Rabban



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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Top O' the Morning, Beja Family!

This is my final Bugler message as Queen of Ajeb Temple. We will be installing a new corps of Officers in April and I hope you will all be able to join us for this open, in-person installation. Doesn't it sound wonderful to say "open" Installation – and in person??!! I'm celebrating all ready. I have had my first vaccine shot and will get my second on Feb 21. I'm ready for LIFE!

I cannot complete my term without sending a mountain of "thank-you" messages to everyone who has been so supportive to Ajeb Temple, and by extension to me, during this most challenging year. First, to my group of officers – elected and appointed – you have been there for Ajeb the whole time through emails, conference calls, and phone conversations. I could not have asked for a better group to work with this year.

About those conference calls, many, many thanks to PP Noble Gene Reece. He very graciously and competently did the set-up through Beja's conferencing account. We installed our officers, and our elected officers conducted our business on these very important calls.

Ann Mumm has been a wealth of information and huge support. She always knows what is going on and does a great job keeping everything coordinated. We were able to meet in person last December due in part to her efforts AND – yet again PP Gene came to our rescue and took responsibility for the cleaning after our gathering.

To everyone who has supported our fund raising – members of Ajeb and Nobles alike – we can be proud we have been able to meet all of our financial commitments, including CRA and CEF. Now we will be able to start our next year in good shape.

My last meeting will be Wednesday, March 17th. It's a day to show your GREEN! Members, you can pay your dues that day. We will be celebrating our Legacy families and taking an opportunity to catch up on all the winter happenings. Yes, masks and social distancing will still be in effect.

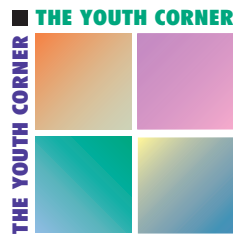
In conclusion, Miss Missy sends her purrs and I wish everyone a huge Irish pot of blessings for health and happiness.

Nile Love, Susan Grosse

A short message from Pr. Royal Fran Bagley:

As Pr Royal, I would like to extend an invitation to Ajeb Temple's open installation the morning of April 7th at Beja. A formal invitation has been mailed out with further information. Your support and attendance would be appreciated. I can only hope to do my best as the next leader of Ajeb Temple. At times, I have moments of pure panic and then I remind myself, I am surrendered by amazing Ladies and we will truly make this year memorable.

Nile Love, Fran Bagley



I hope everyone is finally enjoying this lovely winter wonderland with all its frigid temperatures. With that said I hope everyone is staying home and staying warm.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay is grateful to announced that they are allowed to meet in person. There will still be the virtual option if somebody would like to join a meeting that way. Of course all safety procedures will be followed.

Bethel 32 Jobs Daughters is still meeting virtually to the best of my knowledge at this point. I am sure that may change soon. If so, I wish them the best of luck.

As always thank you for supporting the youth.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage

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Beja Membership Scoreboard

Beginning Membership - Jan 1, 2021	354*
Creations (Goal: 18-??)	1
Affiliations	
Restorations (Goal: 07)	
Total Gains	0
Demits	
Suspensions (Goal: 0)	
Expired (Black Camel)	2
Expulsions	
Resigned	
Total Losses	0
Gain/Loss	-1
Current Membership	353
Gain/Loss %	

DO'S AND DONT'S FOR TOP LINE SIGNERS

DO explain Shrinedom to your candidate. Tell of our Philanthropy and the FUN that is part of being a Shriner.

DON'T leave your candidate with unanswered questions about the Shrine and Masonry in general. Do not let him walk away confused.

DO introduce your candidate to other Shriners, not just the ones in your Unit. Answer his questions about other Units and Clubs. If you do not know the answer, take him to the unit or club representative and introduce him.

DON'T leave your candidate alone to fend for himself in a room full of strangers.

DO meet your candidate the morning of the Ceremonial. Introduce him to friends and make him feel comfortable.

DON'T let your candidate face the Ceremonial day alone. He is probably somewhat nervous, anxious, or apprehensive anyway. Remember your day?

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DO invite your candidate to visit some of the many club and unit meetings and activities so he can see how they work. Do not leave your candidate in the dark about the purpose and workings of Units and Clubs.

DO let him know that you are pleased that he is now a Shriner. Let him know that he is important to the Temple. Tell him that you will meet him at the next Temple meeting. Better yet, BRING him to the meeting and introduce him to as many Nobles as you can.

DON'T let him think that he is just another number who will get lost in the shuffle.

DON'T let him become just another "card-carrying Shriner".

DO stay involved with your candidate throughout his first year or longer! Strive to get him involved in the greatest organization in the world. Active Shriners STAY Shriners.

DO follow these suggestions and the Shriner you get will be a Shriner we keep.

The Spring Ceremonial is Saturday, April 10th. Get those petitions in to the Recorder before April 6th. The fee for joining at the Spring Ceremonial is \$142.00. Our goal for creations is eighteen. Can we get half of that, or more, at our Spring Ceremonial?

*Submitted by,
Your Membership Team*



**Illustrious
Sir 'Rusty' Mitchell
was elected 1st VP
of the Midwest
Shrine Association**

At the winter meeting
(virtual) held Saturday.

*Congratulations,
Rusty!*

Illustrious Sir Gene Reece presented on Shriners Children's Twin Cities at the MSA Winter Meeting.

Illustrious Sir Jim VanDeHey (not pictured) presented on the Shrine Fundraising Association at the meeting. Great representation from Beja.

March 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 St. Patrick's Day 	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	29 Vet's & Patriots Meeting 6:00pm	30	31	MOST REGULAR SCHEDULED CLUB & UNIT MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19		

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March 2021

Mar 03rd - Beja Open Meeting - March Madness

Mar 27th - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny CANCELED

April 2021

Apr 7th - Ajeb Temple (DON) Installation of Officers

Apr 7th - Beja Stated Meeting

Apr 10th - Spring Ceremonial - Think Membership

May 2021

May 1st-2nd - Beja Shrine Circus- CANCELED

May 5th - Beja Open Meeting - Cinco de Mayo Fiesta

June 2021

Jun 2nd - Beja Open Meeting - Parrot Head/Pie Auction

Jun 6th - Shriners Chicago Hospital Day

Jun 11th - Shriners Children's Twin Cities Gala - POSTPONED

Jun 12th - Shriners Children's Twin Cities Open House

July 2021

Jul 4-8th - 147th Imperial Session - Houston, TX

Jul 20th - John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing



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