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Floyd L. Meyer*	1986	William "Bill" Wenzell *	2005
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Hobart De Caster *	1988	Kent Pauli	2007
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Bruce J. Carlton *	1990	Bradley Ottum	2009
Charles Awen*	1991	Edward "Rusty" Mitchell	2010
Donald P. Doherty *	1992	Gary Shriver	2011
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A. Wayne Paschke *	1995	Nick Brosig	2014
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Peter R. Scheinert	1997	Eugene Reece	2016
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Donald Badgley	1999	Clint Compton	2018
Denis E. Bay*	2000	Mike Belanger	2019
G.W. "Jerry" Capelle	2001	James VanDeHey	2020
Fred Beyer	2002	Benjamin Rodgers	2021
John M. Derenne *	2003	John Van Lanen	2022
Dennis Korth	2004		

* Deceased

Understanding Life Memberships

Shriners International has raised the Per Capita tax, increasing it by an additional \$20.00 per year, from the current \$30.00 to \$50.00. This change will take effect with the 2024 dues year. It is important to note that all members, except Total Life Members and Per Capita Life Members, will be assessed this tax.

If you have the means and would like to save on expenses, we encourage you to consider becoming a Life Member. Below, we have outlined the various Life Membership options available:

Life Hospital Assessment: For \$150.00 (thirty times \$5.00), you become a "Permanent Contributing Member" in the Shriners Hospital for Children Endowment Fund, making a lasting impact on the lives of children in need.

Life Per Capita Assessment: For \$900.00 (thirty times \$30.00), you become a "Per Capita Life Member," exempt from future per capita tax increases. Please note that this rate will increase to \$1,500 on January 1, 2024.

Life Temple Assessment: For \$980.00 (twenty times the current Beja dues of \$49.00), you become a "Temple Life Member." For individuals aged sixty-five and above the rate is ten times the current dues, \$490.00.

Bugler Assessment: For \$100 you will become a Bugler Life Member

Additionally, if you wish to obtain all four memberships, you can become a "Total Life Member" for \$2,130.00.

A Noble can become a Life Member in one or all these options at any time. Should you decide to pursue any of these Life Memberships, please contact Ann in the office as soon as possible, but before close of business on December 29, 2023.

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THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



"Days go slow and years go fast", to quote a country song. It seems like yesterday I was preparing to present my plan for 2023. Now as we enter October we are eagerly anticipating what our Chief Rabban Tom Pflugardt has planned. I cannot wait to see his presentation and I know, without a shadow of

a doubt, that he will have an outstanding year. It will be filled with activities, events, outings and most important FUN!!!

As 2023 sunsets and I look back on the year, I cannot say anything more than THANK YOU! There was a lot left on the table and some missed opportunities. Having been the head of many, many Masonic groups, I thought I was more than ready to serve as Potentate. I could not have been more incorrect. There are so many things to account for and plan for. While coming up in the elected Divan, you're given so much good advice and counsel. Hubris led me to believe I was more than prepared, ready and able to put forth an excellent year.

Beja overall, had a great year in many aspects. The parking lot got a "facelift", the roof has been repaired, the renovations to the unit building to give the Masonic Organizations storage space. Many thanks to the Trustees for making that happen. Ann is, has been and will continue to be a huge asset to Beja. Thank you Ann!!! Illustrious Sir Gene Reece, PP and Illustrious Sir Brad Ottum, PP have been such a great source of feedback, knowledge and wisdom. All of the help given to me this year cannot be appreciated enough. My consigliere, Illustrious Sir John Sage, PP, coordinated this year's summer picnic. That was a fun event, and thank you to the members of his committee and those that attended! My appointed Divan Nobles. You Nobles made me so proud this year! To see the passion and engagement you had, many of you newly appointed Divan members! I am hopeful you all maintain that feeling and continue to contribute to keep Beja growing! Nobles Tom Pflugardt and Tim Thiers on the elected Divan, we grew a lot this year and gained more respect for each other and I am proud to have you and all the elected Divan respenting Beja! Thank you to Danielle Brosig for designing my pin for the year! You did an

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awesome job. My guy, Gary Fehl! Your PR work and heading up the Membership Committee are huge tasks alone, but you did both and did them great! Plus you slapped my hand when I didn't get my articles in on time! Vicki, your work on the Bugler is absolutely appreciated, especially when I didn't always get my articles in on time- Sorry!!

Two of the biggest reasons our meetings are enjoyed, and two of my closest friends; Jeff Andersen and Charlie Clarage. You keep our stomachs filled and drinks cold. Everyone from our local Demolay needs to be recognized for their work! John Clark needs no introduction, but I'll introduce him anyway-if you know, you know! I know I am missing those that deserve to be recognized and I apologize, so to every single Noble of Beja...THANK YOU!

I saved these last two for the end, to the Ladies of Beja, without you Beja probably wouldn't be around! Your support of the Nobles' and Beja keeps us going and growing. Thank you! Finally, my pops and Pegi, from the bottom of my heart thank you for helping me this year and being at the open meetings and picnic. I am here today because of my best friend, my pops!

*Fraternally & with Love,
Ill. Sir Jake Sylvester
Beja Potentate 2023*



Ladies program for Fall Ceremonial:

Leave Beja at 9:45AM

Free Pampering Session for your beautiful faces, courtesy of Julie Manny at MK Studio
550 N. Military Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54303

Lunch at Plank Road Plate & Pou
1632 Mid Valley Drive, DePere, WI 54115

West DePere High School Fall & Holiday Craft Show
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RSVP to Ann @ Beja: (920)498-1985

Sincerely, Lady Lynn Rasmussen

Peninsula Shrine Club

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JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Greetings all!

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be gathering at the Greystone Castle in Sturgeon Bay on October 10th. Please arrive by 5:00pm and ordering off the menu.

Fraternally,

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

OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine club had a great brat fry on Sept 9th at Suamico Festival Foods. The weather was great and we had good turnout. Special thanks to Vicki for the seed funds she procured for us!

We will meet on Oct 12th at Wouter's Front. Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

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



Greetings Nobles, Landies and friends,

It is that time of the year we enter into our slumber period. The jail is safely tucked away for hibernation, our parade season is officailly over. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the 2023 parade seapon a sucess. Hope to see you next year at the parades.

Fraternally, Dick Andres, Chief Kop
Theda Andres, Chief Kop Wife
andresdt@att.net or 920-358-7195

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.
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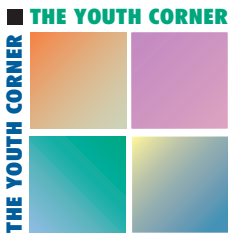
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The Youth ADVENTURES



I hope everyone is finally enjoying some of the changes in our weather. Since I seem to always comment about that, it seems to always be a great forte to bridge over to the changes that happen in our youth group. I'm sure like most. We are all welcome in a little bit cooler weather. But as I've stated before, we will soon be in a lot colder weather. Hope everyone is looking forward to it.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to say that they have several new changes. They decided to do something different as I stated before with taking a little break over the summer. They still maintained several different events as I stated before there was the state conference of Conclave where they elected new state officers. The boys are of course looking forward to regular meetings along with regular school schedules. They of course, will most likely see you at Shrine meetings as they help out with the kitchen staff and serving the dinners. They look forward to seeing you at some of their new upcoming events, and supporting them in their fundraising. Thank you.

That's a 32. Jobs Daughters is also in a time of change. They have new officers changing and them trying to work with several different groups on different activities. Please feel free to contact a member to find out some of the new things they are doing. As always thank you for supporting them and their fundraising efforts.

As always, thank you again for all you do for the youth. Look forward to seeing you at events in the future.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage
Youth Committee Chairman

Enjoy The Fall Season!!

First day of Fall September 23rd ends December 20th

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A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S CHIEF RABBAN

Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Beja Shrine

Reno Nevada June/July 2024

In our weekly e-bugler there is information pertaining to the 2024 150th Imperial Session in Reno Nevada June 30th - July 4th. There are 5 items to click on with information about Reno and the 2024 session. For more information about Reno and the surrounding area go to renotahoe.com.

The Beja, Tripoli and Zor Chief Rabbans are working together to host a hospitality room at the hotel during the week. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. I'm betting we will have a few raffles going on. Lady Elizabeth and I will be out West early to have a few days of vacation time seeing the sights and everyone is invited to join us. More news to come!

Bay Beach August 2023

Thank you so much PP John Sage for your leadership and delegating skills for organizing Bay Beach 2023 alongside Illustrious Sir Jake Sylvester and the grillers, delivery drivers and helpers. It was a Beja team effort! Go Beja Go!

The warmth and sunny blue skies made it a beautiful day for our Masonic/Shriner event. The small and big kids enjoyed the free ride tickets. And the food was so delicious as our grillers served up some tasty Festival Foods hamburgers, brats with plenty of sides and beverages. PP Ben Rodgers and Lady Stephanie cleaned house going undefeated playing cornhole. This was my first time ever at Bay Beach and I was impressed with the set up! Congratulations to the Green Bay Area on a job well done. I hope to continue the tradition set forth. Thank you to all those attending! See you next year!

Las Vegas Nevada October 2023

If you didn't know I like all kinds of sports, baseball my favorite. For me it's a great way to relax and think about nothing. During my younger years I was an assistant baseball coach for 10 years and a WIAA baseball umpire and football referee for many years. So, I got to see exceptional volunteers' inaction and their positive relationships with others.

So, I'm volunteering at the 2023 Shriners Children's Open held October 9th - 15th, 2023 at the TPC Summerlin. It was a great time volunteering at last year's event and I'm looking forward to volunteering at this one.

Fraternally yours,
Tom Pflugardt
Chief Rabban "23" Beja Shrine

MESSAGE FROM THE TREASURER

With the increase in per capita by Imperial, you will notice that your dues will increase by \$20.00 per year. This increase of \$20.00 is forwarded directly to Imperial and does not stay here at Beja. The last increase in dues retained by Beja occurred in 2016 and since then, much has changed. The addition of the lodge room and library museum has been completed and the Blue Lodges have "moved in". With the addition of the lodges, some of our building expenses have been reduced and helped us balance the budget. That's the good news. With the building having been constructed in 1992, our building is now over 30 years old. Expected major capital repairs have begun and in 2023, the parking lot has been resurfaced and the roof replaced. These repairs along with other smaller replacements have cost approximately \$200,000.00 in 2023 alone. Other major replacements are expected over the next few years. In addition, our operating expenses have increased significantly just as yours have at home. Since the last dues increase, utilities, insurance & administrative expenses have increased anywhere between 20 & 35 percent.

At the September stated meeting, Potentate Sylvester initiated a town hall discussion allowing the Nobility to voice their thoughts on a dues increase that would remain at Beja. This was for discussion only and not to take action. It was encouraging to see a number of Nobles step up to express their opinions. One of those thoughts was a request for detailed financial information before asking the nobility to approve any dues increase. Over the next few months, the Divan will be creating a long-range financial plan to be shared with the Nobility at the stated meeting in December. During this process, I encourage the Nobility to express their opinions on this significant matter.

Because of the expenditure of 200,000.00 dollars for the parking Lot, roof, and other capital items in 2023, I would strongly encourage the clubs, units, and individuals to consider donating to the Capital Fund Account #1725.1 at this year's Parade to Glory.

Fraternally,
Brad Ottum, PP
Treasurer

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The Northwoods Shrine Club represents Nobles and Ladies of ten different Shrine temples with members residing in four of Wisconsin's northern counties. When our members gather, our fezzes display the names of different temples; but, they are all red and we wear them proudly.

Our Club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at various restaurant locations. We proudly welcome all Shriners and Ladies, Masons, and friends of our philanthropies to join us for our meetings. Camels milk at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. Please call Bill Jacobs for reservations, (715) 891-5574. Come join us in the great Wisconsin Northwoods.

Topics of discussion for our upcoming meetings include:

1. New petitions
2. Search for more children to help
3. Election of officers for 2024

The Northwoods Shrine Club is strong and our club is growing, thanks to our many active and committed members! Another Cold Sands Ceremony was conducted prior to our September meeting. For the second time this year, a new Shriner was fezzed by his Lady during a Northwoods Shrine Club meeting following a Cold Sands Ceremony performed by Beja Divan members. Let's keep growing!

Ill. Sir, Gene Reece, Beja PP, Hospital Chairman, Shriner's Hospital Board member, delivered a much needed and valuable presentation about our Shriner's Hospitals/Clinics and efficient ways to help potential patients gain access to our system. Gene provided a plethora of information.

The process of electing our NWSC officers for the 2024 year is fast approaching. Our intended schedule is to recognize nominations of officers at our October meeting and holding elections at our November meeting. Be an active club member; step up to fill a leadership role in your club!

Our meeting schedule for the 2023 year:

September 21st, Norwood Pines in Minoqua

October 19th, Whitetail Inn in St. Germain

November 9th, Erins Pub & Grub in Eagle River

December 14th, Hillside Resort in Phelps

January 13th, Our Christmas party Eagle Waters in Eagle River

Fraternally, Ross Borchardt, President

TOY DONATIONS



The SC-Twin Cities Women's General Auxiliary (WGA4Kids) is looking for items to give to the patients when they leave the clinic, and for the 2023 Christmas baskets. Because they have limited storage space, see some guidelines for the donations below.

Also, an organizational meeting will be held on October 1st, 2023 at 1:00pm in the food court at Fox River Mall for the development of a Beja Chapter of WGA4KIDS. WGA4KIDS is the parent organization for the Shrine Auxiliary throughout the Midwest that supports the wheelchair fund and other endeavors at Shriners Children's Twin Cities.

This organization is for men and women, Shriners and non-Shriners, Mason and non-masons, anyone interested in supporting Shriners Children's Twin Cities. The organization meeting will discuss opportunities along with meeting times and locations.

If you can't make it but are interested in participating in this group, please reach out to Dawn Reece at ddreece@aol.com or text or call 920-585-0993.

TOY DONATIONS

WGA for Kids is looking for the following items to give to the patients when they leave the clinic. Because they have limited space, here are some guidelines for the donations.

ARTS & CRAFTS: Play-Doh with kits, Kinetic Sand & Playfoam.

STICKER BY NUMBER, Color by number, Paint by number, Scratch art, Coloring books & Crayons.

Adult coloring books with colored pencils.

Experiment kits like: Growing crystal kits, Slime kits and any type of building kits. Craft kits of any kind.

Melissa & Doug brand items.

Girls: Barbies, Barbie clothes, baby dolls (a variety of ethnicities), Disney, Princess, Minnie & Mickey Mouse items. Squishmallows, Dress-up clothes and accessories. Dish/tea sets, My little Pony/Pretty Pony items, Peppa Pig and Polly Pocket items.

Boys: Legos, Superhero related toys (Spiderman, Batman, Black Panther, Avengers, Marvel, DC comics, etc.). Minecraft and Roblox. Super Mario Bros and other video game related items and toys. Hot Wheels, single and multi-packages, small to medium size cars and trucks. Sports balls and sport items. Animal and dinosaur figurines. Indoor mini-basketball hoops. Paw Patrol and Star Wars items.

Infants/Toddlers: Cup stackers, teethingers, rattles. Wrist rattles, dimple popper, peek-a-boo and pop-up toys. Melissa & Doug puzzles (wooden one's w/10-20 pieces). Water WOW! Imagine ink books, blocks, Duplo's, ring stacks, musical toys, light up toys and bath toys. Peek-a-boo/lift flap books. Poke a Dot books. Infant & toddler books. Indestructible/fabric teether books. Look and Find (brand name) books.

Older Kids: Nail polish, in multi package, not single ones. Bath bombs, Fidget pens, Goose neck phone holder, Infinity Fidget Cube, Extreme Dot to Dot, Diamond Dots. Handheld games. Brand name items (Adidas, Nike, Packers, Vikings, U of M, etc.)

Card Games: Phase 10, Red Light Green Light, Farkle, Uno and other Uno varieties of games.

Miscellaneous: Etch-a-Sketch, Magna Doodle, Mr. Potato Head, Mad Libs, Word find books and reading books. Fidgets: Like Pop-Its, Spinners, Yo-yos, Pop Tubes, Squish balls, acupuncture rings, Infinity Fidget Cubes and Fidget Dodecagon toys.

Any items from movies that are popular now or items you think a child would like.

Items needed for Christmas Bags 2023

WGA fills 40 of each age/gender Christmas bag. Infants are 20 each. The bags are 18x16 inches. For more details about toys needed please see the Beja E-Bugler for a web link or contact:

Any questions or comments, please contact

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Dawn Swanson - 763-458-5660
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I would like to thank all for a great car show!

We had 166 cars entered with a sunny 73 degrees day. I also want to thank everyone that helped out with the cooking, serving, cleanup, set up, take down and transporting all the equipment to & from the car show.

A big shout out to Mary, Joy and Linda for all of your help.

Fraternally yours, Dennis Clark
Commander



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday 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, Ladies and guests are invited to attend.

Proud to be a Shriner, Big Smiles & Fun all around!

Fraternally yours, Tom Pflugardt, President
tpflugardt@hotmail.com or 920-636-6707
Greg Scanlon, Vice President
Dennis Korth, Treasurer

A SUPERSTAR AMBASSADOR

Zack will have the experience of a lifetime representing Chicago at the SC Open

Zack, 16, is a high school junior hailing from northern Indiana. Growing up in Amish country, Zack attended a middle school where students learned solely using paper before transitioning to a high school utilizing technology. Zack enjoys hanging out with friends and serves as manager of his baseball team.

Zack has been a patient of Shriners Children's Chicago for eight years alongside his younger brother, with both receiving care for Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease. The condition affects the nerves that can control muscle movement, leading to numbness, muscle weakness, and, in Zack's case, scoliosis. Zack received tendon transfers and reconstruction on both feet, and recently underwent a spinal fusion surgery to address the curvature in his spine. He credits his outstanding nurses and surgical team for going above and beyond.

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Please Join us on

**Saturday, October 14th,
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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

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Beja Shrine FALL CEREMONIAL 2023 Class Honoree Carl Van Dera



Carl Van Dera became a Mason & Shriner in 2006 as a result of a Man to Mason to Shriner day. After retirement, he devoted his much of his free time to helping at Beja, whether setting up for events, washing dishes whenever

needed, walking in parades as a Krazy Kop, and as a road runner taking kids to Chicago. Because of his works, Carl was greatly appreciated.

Carl was a Noble in it's best definition; he would go out of his way to help anyone, and he embraced the tenets of Masonry & Shrine not only in word, but in his deeds. He was an active member of Inter-City Shrine Club, Krazy Kops, and Packerland Hillbilly Clan 181.

Carl loved all things Wisconsin and was an avid Packer, Badger and Brewer fan. You would frequently hear him holler "Stuff'm Bucky" as he watched a game and enjoyed a beverage. He loved riding his Honda Gold Wing and road to 49 contiguous states, including Alaska. He loved raising & training Beagles preparing them for show.

Carl J. Van Dera, age 73, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, August 24th, 2023, in Alexandria, MN. In very recent years, Carl was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, which stole much of his personality and limited his physical and cognitive abilities.

Carl graduated with the class of 67 from Kimberly High School. After graduation, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Following his military service, he worked with the Appleton Post Office for 40 years, retiring in 2008.

*In Loving Memory of
Carl John Van Dera
October 25, 1949 - August 24, 2023*



Shriners Children's Chicago

Shriners Chicago has identified certain essential pieces of capital equipment that are currently lacking the necessary funding. If you, your club, or unit are interested in contributing to the acquisition of these items, please get in touch with Dan Winter at the Donor Relations office via email at dwinter@shrinenet.org. Let him know of your desire to support Shriners Chicago in securing these needed items. The list of these items was featured in the August Bugler, which is available on the Beja Shrine website or can be obtained from the office or your hospital representatives. Your generous donation would greatly assist us in obtaining these essential pieces of equipment.

Shriners Children's Chicago places the highest priority on welcoming new patients. If you are aware of a child who could benefit from the services provided by Shriners Children's, please encourage the child's family to reach out to Shriners Chicago directly at (773) 385-KIDS (5437) or alternatively, they can call the national referral number at (800) 237-5055. We are here to help and support those in need of our services.

John Sage PP - Member, SC-Chicago Board
Gary Fehl - Member, SC-Chicago Board
Brad Schlosstein - Associate Member

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October Birthdays!!

10/1, Boyce, Jason	10/16, Capelle, Gerald
10/2, Lutsey, Thomas	10/16, Sage, John
10/2, Smitham, Robert	10/19, Dunn, Ryan
10/5, Karr, Allen	10/19, Papesch, Ralph
10/6, Enderby, Glenn	10/23, Pflugardt, Thomas
10/6, Leverson, Glen	10/25, Challeen, Jon
10/6, McLellan, Kenneth	10/27, Passow, Thomas
10/9, Paschke, Charles	10/27, Vander Leest, Matthew
10/10, Fay, Marshall	10/29, Fischer, Eric
10/12, Manny, Stuart	10/29, Van De Hey, James
10/12, Rosera, Daniel	10/30, Emmerich, George
10/14, Elste, Mark	10/30, Mueller, William
10/15, Niemann, Shawn	

*Be Sure To Wish Your Fellow Shriners
A Happy Birthday!!*

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.*

Carl VanDera
DePere, WI August 24, 2023

MENU

OCTOBER MENU

The October 4th meal will be:
Baked Chicken, Baked Potato
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Call Ann at Beja to RSVP by Sept. 28th
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AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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(L to R...Laurie Budwick, Queen,
Shelomoth No. 106, Supreme Queen
Patricia "Patty" J. Larimore, Terry
Schneider, Queen, Ajeb No. 156)

Happy Fall!

A big thank you goes out to those who attended, donated to, and participated in The Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Outing on August 19th at Hilly Haven in DePere. We intend to use funds to support Ajeb No. 156 as they fundraise for our worthy cause, the Daughters of the Nile Foundation.

Ajeb No. 156 was pleased to welcome Supreme Queen Patricia "Patty" J. Larimore to our temple on August 25th for her Supreme Visit. We honored her along with 5 new initiates at a banquet at 1951 Restaurant. We are pleased that our meeting date change from Wednesday afternoon to Sunday afternoon is allowing interested candidates who are members of the workforce to join our ranks. We appreciate all the guests who traveled to attend our ceremony and banquet.

Ajeb No. 156 is happy to have an active Membership Committee that is focusing on building relationships in a social environment. The "Take a Jab" group will be meeting at my cottage in Door County on October 29th for a "Barbie Party." We look forward to a fun afternoon of dress-up, games, Barbie activities, and food and drink as we gather to raise some funds for Holiday Sharing.

Our sisterhood is alive and well at Ajeb No. 156! We have various activities planned for the end of this year.

Nile Love to all!

Peace, Grace, Love,

Terry Schneider, Queen 2023-2024

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In early September, members can expect to receive their 2024 dues notices via email. Notably, there will be a \$20 increase in the per capita tax, a fee that is assessed by and paid directly to Shriners International. It's essential to clarify that Beja Shrine will not retain any of this increase.

In October, you will receive hard copy dues notices via mail. However, renewal stickers will no longer be mailed out. Instead, Beja Shrine encourages members to download the MyFezCard Viewer from their preferred app store for easy access to membership renewal information. A limited number of renewal stickers will also be available at the Beja Shrine office.

The clock is ticking as Beja Shrine, under the leadership of Potentate Jake Sylvester, strives to meet its ambitious membership challenge. With a goal set to initiate 25 new Nobles by November 1st, the excitement is building. But there's an even more daring incentive on the table: If Beja successfully brings in 50 new Nobles by the same deadline, Potentate Jakes Sylvester has pledged to shave not only his beard but also his head and eyebrows at the November open meeting.

The current count stands at 11 new members, leaving just 14 more to reach the target with November 1st fast approaching. Mark your calendars for the Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, October 14th, and seize this opportunity to propose a new member. It's now easier than ever to guide your candidates through the process, simply by directing them to beashrinernow.com, where they can complete an online petition hassle-free.

For those Master Masons who were previously hesitant, now is the time to rekindle the conversation and make them part of a historic event in Beja's illustrious history.

However, it's worth noting that despite gaining eleven new members, Beja Shrine has also bid farewell to an equal number due to unfortunate circumstances. The challenges don't stop there; the looming threat of five possible suspensions for non-payment of dues and the inevitability of further losses to the Black Camel before the year's end add to the urgency of the situation.

Continued in next column

In light of these challenges, membership should stand as the top priority for every Noble. Don't hesitate, take action, and propose a new member today to help Beja Shrine achieve its goal of becoming a Gold Temple once again in 2023.

Potentate Jake Sylvester urges all members to share the remarkable experiences and benefits of being a Shriner with others. This invitation extends beyond Master Masons alone, as Blue Lodges also depend on new members for their vitality.

Beja Shrine's open meetings serve as the perfect platform to demonstrate to non-Shriners that the phrase "Shriners Having FUN Helping Kids" is not just a slogan but a real-life, fulfilling experience. By working together, the organization can continue to grow and make a meaningful impact in the lives of children worldwide.

For those interested in joining the ranks of Shriners, membership petitions are readily available in the weekly eBugler newsletter. Alternatively, you can request one from Ann at the Beja Shrine office or pick up a petition during your next visit to Beja. To learn more about becoming a Shriner, visit BeAFreemason.org and BeAShrinerNow.com. Let's unite in spreading the word and maintaining the positive momentum of our incredible organization!

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October 2023

Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WGA 4 kids Organizational Meeting 1:00pm	2	3 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan Meeting	4 Beja Shrine Open Meeting 5:00pm	5	6 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	7
8	9 <i>Columbus Day</i>	10 Peninsula Shrine Club meeting 5:00pm	11	12 Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	13 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	14 <i>Beja Fall Ceremonial</i>
15	16	17	18	19 Northwoods meeting 5:30pm	20 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	21
22	23 Vet's & Patriots Meeting 6:00pm	24	25	26 Krazy Kops / Inter City meeting 5:00pm	27 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	28
29	30	31 <i>Happy Halloween</i>				

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October 2023

Oct 1st - WGA 4 kids Organizational Meeting

Oct 4th - Beja Open Meeting - Chief Rabban's 2024 Presentation

Oct 14th - Fall Ceremonial

November 2023

Nov 2nd - Beja Open Meeting -m Parade to Glory

Nov. 18th - Sturgeon Bay Christmas Parade

December 2023

Dec. 2nd - Howard Christmas Parade

Dec 6th - Beja closed meeting - Election of Officers

Dec 17th - Breakfast with Santa

January 2024

Jan 3rd - Beja stated meeting - Installation of Officers



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