

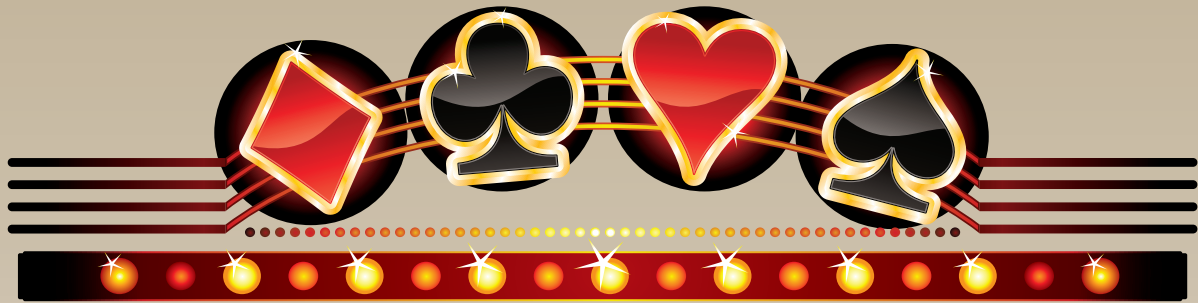
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Potentate's Ball 2021

Bow Ties, Blackjack & BBQ!

Join us for the 2021 Beja Shrine Potentate's Ball
The Alley at Hotel Northland in downtown Green Bay

On Saturday, October 9th

5:00pm till 11:00pm

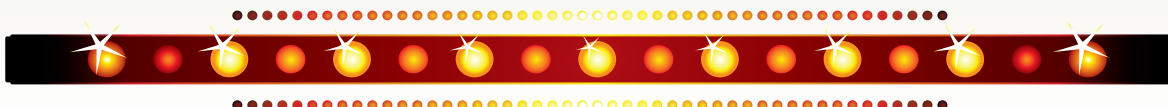


Your ticket includes a BBQ dinner,
Spotted Cow on tap,
access to games with chances to win prizes.



The dress code is formal but with a twist. Nobles, this is the time to break out that multicolored bow tie, bright vest, and different colored tuxedos / suits

Cost is \$55 per person. RSVP to Ann (920) 498-1985
by September 1st. Limited rooms are available,
to book call Jessica (313) 799-0609 and mention Shriners Ball



THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

It's almost time to celebrate, and you are all cordially invited to the 2021 Beja Potentate's Ball. This year the ball and Fall Ceremonial will take place on Saturday, Oct. 9th.

The ball will be held in the Alley at Hotel Northland in downtown Green Bay. This is a beautiful hotel from yesteryear that was recently renovated, and the Alley in the basement hosts two bowling lanes, a pool table and shuffleboard.

To make the night more fun, there will also be casino table games with the chance to earn tickets and win gift baskets. We will dine on BBQ and Spotted Cow on tap is included in the ticket price of \$55. Wine and cocktails will also be available to purchase.

The dress code is formal but with a twist. Nobles, this is the time to break out that multicolored bow tie, bright vest, and different colored tuxedos. Judging by the past 18 months, these fun garments have probably been in the back of your closet for a while now.

Because we need an accurate headcount for catering, you need to RSVP to Ann at 920-498-1985 ASAP. We needed your reservation by yesterday. We also have a limited number of hotel rooms available, and those can be reserved by calling Jessica at 313-799-0609.

Nobles and Ladies, these past 18 months have been a rollercoaster, and now we can finally unwind and enjoy some fellowship outside of the walls of Beja. Moreover, the day will be an important one as we want to try and welcome as many new Nobles as we can into the fraternity.

We have limited time to accept new applications, so please turn those in ASAP so the Divan can act on them. I have preached the importance of membership all year, and I won't rehash the numbers here, but our fraternity is dying, locally and nationally. Saturday, Oct. 9th, will be a great opportunity to welcome new Nobles to Beja and to show them we know how to have fun.

Moreover, we also have an opportunity to help the general public this month. The American Red Cross is currently experiencing a severe blood shortage. Beja will be hosting an American Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9th. We need donors and volunteers, if you are interested in helping, please contact Gene.

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



"Barrett and I were at Walmart a while ago and while we stood in line with our groceries another young man and his father got in line behind us. We noticed that they only had one item, a toy that the boy clung to like it was the only thing in the world. Before I had a chance to say anything Barrett offered to let the boy and his father go ahead of us because we had a cart full of groceries and they only had the one thing. I couldn't help but think that part of it was because Barret knew what it was like to want to tear into a new toy.

It was pretty easy to see the excitement on the little boy's face drain away as his father tried to refuse. He explained that his son had saved up his money and it would take a while to pay. We probably insisted, because we wanted to see the result of the boy's excitement. We waited with patience and a smile as the boy counted out his crumpled-up dollars and change and the moment came where the boy realize he didn't have enough.

His father kindly explained to the boy that he didn't have any extra money and that he would have to put the toy back and save up a little more to get his Legos. Without any indication that proud and happy moment turned into one of heartbreak and embarrassment for both the boy and his father. I shared in their disappointment as they asked the cashier to put the toy back and wondered off.

Barrett grabbed his wallet filled with the few dollars he was saving for a toy and asked if he had enough and I explained he didn't. But I asked the cashier to ring up the toy before our groceries and Barrett and I ran over and gave them the toy before they could get out the door. The appreciation at the time was overwhelming but made us feel good.

The other day, I was standing in line with a lot on my mind, basically ignoring the world and a young man I didn't know walked up to me. He stuck out his hand and said, "Thank you" and I returned his handshake explaining I hadn't done anything to deserve his appreciation. He reminded me of the toy and explained that he was that boy. He said that it was still his favorite toy and that his father had recognized me. Suddenly that same smile crossed my face and it was just like the day it happened.

The things we do, both good and bad, have long lasting effects. We may forget all about them and go about our days as these things fade from memory. But that doesn't mean we are not changing the world. Sure, it may just be changing the world for one person, but that's still changing the world."

Yours in the faith, Rev. Will MacKay

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Floyd L. Meyer*	1986	Dennis Korth	2004
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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
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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

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Greetings to all from the Krazy Kops. Your last chance to see the Krazy Kops in action is at Weyauwega on September 11th. We are sponsored in this parade by Ray Hutchinson who was one of the originators of the Krazy Kops, known then as the Krazy Kops Korps.

Our parade at Winneconne was great. We were the last Unit in the parade due to a registration problem. We were pleased to be joined by Brad Schlosstein and his family. Brad returned to us from a very serious health problem. His family enjoyed the ride in the jail for the parade. A thank you to the Six Kops who did the parade. We have been passing out burn prevention literature at the parades to the kids and 2021 Shrine calendars to adults. It is a way to let the public know something about what the Shrine does.

A very important part of being a Shrine Noble is to support your units and BEJA activities. We/They need you!!

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

Peninsula Shrine Club

"The Club with Class"

GARY FEHL – PRESIDENT

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting on Monday, September 13th at The Glidden Lodge on Lake Michigan.

Our meetings are open to all. The social hour starts at 5:00pm with dinner following at 6:00pm

Fraternally,
Greg Habeck, Secretary



HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

Greetings Nobles and Ladies!

I was blessed to attend my first ever Imperial Session in Houston, TX with Beja friends Ben, Steph, Gene, Dawn, Rusty, Teddy and my roomie John. A few Nobles asked me what did we do. We attended morning and afternoon business sessions held in the very large convention center consisting of mostly legal stuff. Ben and John were able to vote on a few items.

During our off time we competed in the Imperial Cornhole tourney, went shopping in the marketplace, enjoyed some wonderful restaurants, took in an Astro's baseball game, and the Shriner parade wasn't bad either.

Next year the 2022 Imperial Session will be held in Minneapolis.

A big shout out to raffle maker Jim VanDeHey, tree cutter/glue guy Jeff Andersen, floor installer Mike Belanger, trophy maker Jay Andres and the Vets & Patriots new bus. Thank you, Nobles!

Also, Beja is blessed with more helpful talented Shriners behind the scenes that continue to get the job done. Thank you!

Proud to be a Shriner!

Fraternally yours,
Tom Pflugardt, High Priest & Prophet 2021

GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB

JIM HERMAN – PRESIDENT

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.

Fraternally,
Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.
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News from Shriners Hospital Chicago

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Masks are still required when visiting SHC-Chicago, but some other restrictions have been relaxed. Two adults are allowed to accompany their child to the appointment, however, only one adult is allowed to stay overnight with the child. Siblings are still not allowed to come to the hospital. The hospital administration is keeping a close watch on the COVID situation to determine when it would be safe to lift more of the visitation restrictions.

The outpatient clinic at SHC-Chicago is seeing an average of eighty patients daily face-to-face and an additional 2-5 virtual visits. SHC-Chicago is continuing to utilize three operating rooms per week. The number of surgeries is constant with the complexity of the surgeries increasing resulting in a higher number of surgical minutes. This also results in a higher hospital daily census. Currently, the rehab outpatient volumes are almost equal the that of the outpatient clinic.

The recreational therapy/child life department has had several activities for the patients that included adaptive horseback riding, out trips to museums, and other outside activities to enrich their therapeutic experience.

Recently, a young man from Rockford (IL), working on his Eagle Scout badge, made a beautiful and accessible garden retreat for our patients. He worked on the fundraising and received donations from Lowes and Lurvey Garden Center. Many thanks for his generosity and creativity for an area our patients and families will enjoy for years to come.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is serving more kids in more places, 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.

Submitted by,

John Sage PP - Member, SHC-Chicago Board

Gary Fehl - Member, SHC-Chicago Board

Cliff Johnson - Associate Member SHC-Chicago Board



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Official notice for the Packerland 181 Fall Reunion

Cuzzins,

Our Rabban of the Clan Tom Pflugardt has selected Sunday, October 10th at 12:00pm at the Reece's home for the reunion. This is the Sunday after the Fall Ceremonial and Potentate's Ball. We selected this date for those traveling in for the Ceremonial and Ball will be able to join us.

Cost will be \$15 per person. This will cover the main course meal a Wisconsin Hillbilly Picnic. Brats, Burgers, Corn on the Cob, Fire cooked beans, salads and desserts. All food will be provided so no need to bring a dish to pass.

We are starting at noon to allow those traveling home time in the afternoon.

This is also an opportunity to include others in the fun. If you know of a Shriner who would like to join and his Lady of course, please share this information with them. Cost is \$30 for the Shriner and \$10 for his Lady.



I'm looking for fellow Veterans that enjoy hunting and fishing. There are very many free trips available for Veterans. In the past 3 years, I have been on 28 different Veteran fishing trips and 15 Veteran hunts. My next trip is an all-inclusive tarpon fishing trip in Costa Rica.

If you would like information on how to take advantage of these trips, please check out my Facebook group, Hunting/Fishing Info & Opportunity, or contact me directly. The organizations that sponsor these trips are all 501(c)(3) organizations. The biggest problem they encounter is getting enough Veterans to apply.

Thank you for your service and I hope to see you in the great outdoors.

Tim Thiers

(920) 905-5951 or email tjthiers@lakefield.net



Dear Members and Friends,

Hope this Bugler finds you all well and safe.

We will be having our first meeting on September 3rd, 2021 at The Bay Motel at 11:30 am.

This year instead of Christmas stockings, gift bags will be distributed at Twin Cities Health Care for Children. Below is a list of items that are needed for the bags. These items can be dropped off at Beja.

Items needed for the bags:

- Coloring books
- Word Find books
- My Little Ponies, Barbies (real ones!)
- Hot Wheels, small Nerf guns
- Sippy Cups (single/double handles)
- Rattles
- Packages of nail polish, jewelry
- Card games, Uno, Phase 10, Go Fish
- Other smaller type toys, for all ages, that you think would fit in the bag.

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 the hospitals 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

Our last meeting was held at Dockside in Oconto. Our next meeting is TBD.

Events are winding down. But continue to stay safe.....we are holding a Brat Fry Saturday, September 26th at Festival Foods on Lineville Rd in Howard. Come and see how much fun we're having.

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



The Hunters Guild will be giving away a pinball machine to a lucky winner this November at the Midwest Gaming Classic.

We will be selling tickets at pinball tournaments and game conventions (while promoting shrinedom) leading up to the event.

The tickets will sell for \$20 or 3 for \$50 with a max of 600 tickets printed. The winner will have the option of taking a \$6000 credit at Kingpin Games or a 50/50 pot split.

Watch future Buglers for more information.



Greetings Nobles and Ladies - Having more fun in 2021!

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, Ladies and guests are invited to attend.

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

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September Birthdays!!

9/1, Wilz, Timothy	9/15, Hulla, Bryon
9/2, Black, Robert	9/16, Brann, Charles
9/2, Reilly, Kevin	9/16, Glass, William
9/3, White, Raymond	9/16, Ottum, Bradley
9/4, Nygaard, Peter	9/16, Zochert, Larry
9/5, Ottum, Jeffrey	9/17, Adams, Moses
9/6, Foss, Getty	9/17, Lancelle, Jacob
9/6, Hesson, Ernest	9/17, Stone, Sheldon
9/6, Mollica, William	9/18, Kranzusch, John
9/7, Orr, Richard	9/18, Rogowski, Ronald
9/7, Plonka, Mehal	9/18, Tessier, Jon
9/7, Slezak, James	9/19, Jenks, David
9/8, Broich, James	9/19, Trinko, Phillip
9/8, Sturm, Shane	9/22, Andres, Richard
9/10, Goering, Frederick	9/22, Biskner, Chris
9/11, Gordon, Charles	9/22, Rodgers, Ben
9/12, Ecke, William	9/22, Strong, Thomas
9/12, Vander Leest, Robert	9/23, Kilman, Eric
9/13, Buchman, Henry	9/25, Kagleman, Todd
9/13, Feutz, Christopher	9/26, Harmon, Robert
9/14, Fehl, Gary	9/29, Schachtschneider, Daniel

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.

Arvin Schrank - Shawano, WI 06/21/2021

Gerald "Jerry" Sauer - DePere, WI, 07/18/2021

John Lyford - Whitewater, WI 7/28/21

Whats Cooking?

SEPTEMBER MENU

Steak Grill Out

Steak, baked potato, sweet corn and dessert

Cost \$12.00 per person - RSVP by August 30th

Call Ann at Beja (920) 498-1985

Ladies will meet at Jimmy Seas



Tom Pflugardt and Dennis Korth
Sioux City Iowa MSA parade



Beja Addition Update

Outside is Nearing Completion



New Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring Installed Throughout



Beja Office Is Getting New Carpet

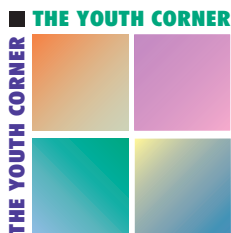
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The Youth ADVENTURES



I hope everyone has been enjoying this lovely and warm summer. They may be somewhat odd words but I may actually be looking forward to the cooler temperatures of fall. With the changes in weather there's always changes in the youth groups. Maybe not quite as dramatic as the changes that are going on at Beja. I do look forward to the new chapter in Beja's renovated building.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay is also looking forward to the new changes to the building and the opportunity to utilize the new space at Beja and return to having regular meetings. I do want to report that the State Convention called Conclave was held in July. A new State Master Counselor was installed along with his core of Officers. Congratulations to them all. I would also like to report that several of the DeMolay members participated in a majority service that marks the end of their active DeMolay career. One was our very own Gavin Masteller.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters also had several events that happened recently. Their yearly Grand Sessions was held in Madison. They elected new Advisers at the state level. One of which was our very own Jeff Andersen. congratulations to all of them. Over this past month one of the other major events in the Job's calendar was the Supreme Session, which is there governing body over the international organization. I am happy to report that the new Supreme Honor Queen is from Wisconsin, Miss Sarah Korducki. Congratulations to her, and all of the other Officers and winners at the Supreme Sessions.

Thank you again to all who help support the youth in all of their endeavors. You may not notice it, but I can assure you that the youth do appreciate all of your support.

*Fraternally,
Charles Clarage*

CONSIDER ADVERTISING!

Shriners! If you own a business your company should consider advertising in the Beja Bugler. It reaches all Beja Nobles in the state and we offer very attractive rates. If your interested, contact Ann in the Beja office, (920) 498-1985, or email bejashrine@new.rr.com.

A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S CHIEF RABBAN

Well summer is slowly creeping to a close. Schools will be back in session by the time you read this, so please be careful of the little ones and watch out for school buses stopping to pick kids up. Slow down in school zones.

The community hall, corridor and office have gone through a little bit of a face lift. I would appreciate it if every noble would say a heartfelt thank you to Jeff Anderson for his countless hours of overseeing the construction of the new building plus grinding off the adhesive from the floors in Beja. It took quite a bit of work, but Jeff was up to the task. Also thank Mike Belanger for the fine job of installing the flooring in the new building and in Beja. I believe he said that he is thinking of changing careers again and going back into sales. He said he was getting too old for that hard work. I might agree with you Mike, but you still aren't eligible for Senior discounts anywhere, so you still have a few good years in ya.

If you haven't already, please sign up for the Potentates Ball on October 9th. Illustrious Sir Ben assured me that we will have a lot of fun. Myself, I think that bowling in a tux will be kind of a blast. I've midnight bowled in pajamas and had quite a good time. It's a good thing that someone told me the day before that I needed to wear pj's. The notice I got said we're going to bowl in what you sleep in at night. Well.....

I'm going to close with this message I found: "Hard times are often blessings in disguise. Let go and let life strengthen you. No matter how much it hurts, hold your head up and keep going. This is an important lesson to remember when you're having a rough day, a bad month, or a crappy year. Truth be told, sometimes the hardest lessons to learn are the ones your spirit needs the most. Your past was never a mistake if you learned from it. So take all the crazy experiences and lessons and place them in a box labeled THANK YOU".

*Fraternally yours,
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INTRODUCING OUR 2021-2022 NATIONAL PATIENT AMBASSADORS:

MEET SETH AND SYDNEY

Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects National Patient Ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year sharing their stories of perseverance in the face of adversity and the ways Shriners Hospitals for Children has made a dramatic difference in their lives. This year, new National Patient Ambassadors Seth and Sydney will be joined by Connor and Mia, who are continuing their National Patient Ambassador journey after a year interrupted by the coronavirus pandemic. We are honored to have these four impressive young people advocating for our health care system.

SETH

Seth was 11 when his doctor noticed a curvature in his spine. They began with a "wait and see" approach, and later treatment from a chiropractor. Still, the curvature of his spine quickly progressed to a severe degree. He and his family learned about Shriners Hospitals for Children from a social media group focused on the Vertebral Body Tethering (VBT) treatment for scoliosis.

Seth, who is from Fort Wayne, Indiana, underwent VBT surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia when he was 13. The surgery, performed by Joshua Pahys, M.D., helped the young athlete quickly return to the playing field. "My pain has been reduced dramatically, my curvature is half what it used to be, and my flexibility is on par with my peers," Seth said.

Seth, now 17, enjoys playing many sports, including football, baseball and basketball, and is now focusing on competitive golf. "VBT has given me the opportunity to perform my best in athletics without the limitations of scoliosis," Seth said. "The extra inch I gained on the operating table didn't hurt on the basketball court either."

Seth is pleased and proud to have the opportunity to be a National Patient Ambassador for Shriners Hospitals for Children. "I was impressed by the amazing treatment that I received at Shriners Hospitals, and I would be honored to guide someone to their care," Seth said. "It will mean a lot to me to give back to the Shriners community because of the gift that they gave me."

SYDNEY

Sydney, who is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, learned she had scoliosis when she was 10. Her treatment began with bracing, but despite a strict exercise regimen and wearing her brace 23 hours a day for 1½ years, her curvature progressed. Searching for an alternative to spinal fusion surgery, Sydney and her family learned about the VBT treatment option.

Sydney had her VBT procedure at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia when she was 12, performed by Steven W. Hwang, M.D. "VBT has allowed Sydney to retain her flexibility and to get back to all the things she loves faster and stronger than ever," said her mother, Melissa.

Now 16, Sydney loves playing the oboe in the school band, and enjoys painting and swimming. Sydney, whose great-grandfather was a Shriner, looks forward to continuing that family legacy by telling her story as a National Patient Ambassador.

"To make my scoliosis journey a more positive experience, I had to reach out and to help others," Sydney said. "I said 'yes' to being a National Patient Ambassador because Shriners Hospitals has done so much for me, and I feel I could never repay that. That surgery has changed my life. It has shaped me to be the person I am today."

Seth, Sydney and their families trusted Shriners Hospitals enough to seek out our innovative care and expertise. Medical staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital, led by Amer Samdani, M.D., chief of surgery, developed the methods and techniques underlying vertebral body tethering and worked with the FDA and industry partners to bring the technology to approval.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS • Watch Seth and Sydney's video at [YouTube.com/ShrinersHospitals](https://www.youtube.com/ShrinersHospitals).

To learn more about Shriners Hospitals for Children, please visit shrinershospitalsforchildren.org.



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A NEW HORIZON

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August, 2021

Toys Toys Toys

For many months we were asking you not to send Toys and/or Blankets to the clinic. Now since we are moved into our larger work area and with Christmas just around the corner, we are ready and excited to receive any and all of your donations. In the June Newsletter we provided a list of toys we are in need of as well as the need for FLEECE Blankets in kid friendly patterns. Our current supply is **very low** in both the toys and blankets departments. So, it is time for everyone to start shopping and sewing again. We look forward to receiving all the wonderful items you and your auxiliaries come up with. Start sending in your donations **NOW**. We are ready to receive them.

We are asking that you label the outside of each box and/or bag with **"For WGA4Kids"**. When items come into the clinic unmarked they are not always given to the WGA4Kids. Therefore, with the outside mark as being for the WGA4Kids and enclosing a packing slip inside each box or bag, WGA4Kids is sure to get the items and will be able to have enough toys and blankets for the Christmas Bags and for the children in general. This will also provide us with your name and address so we can send a very much appreciated Thank You. On the last page of this newsletter I have included a copy of the packing slip with a few modifications. There is also one inside the Annual Meeting folder. Please make copies of them and use them each time you send items to the clinic. WE really appreciate all you are doing as we come out of this difficult period of time.

One last request. If you or your auxiliary is making Christmas Bags would you please let either Kathy Flicek 651-454-7868, kmflicek@gmail.com or Cathy Sportelli 651-452-5253, cathy.sportelli@gmail.com know and how many you think you will be making. They are looking for the bags now. Remember to have your items in by **October 1st**.

Ideas of Items Needed

Coloring books, Word Find books
Barbies (real ones!), My Little Ponies,
Hot Wheels, Cars, Trucks
Sippy Cups (single/double handles), Rattles
Packages of nail polish, jewelry
Card games, Uno, Phase 10, Go Fish
Other smaller type toys, for all ages boys and girls

Happenings around the Auxiliaries

Wisconsin Valley held their Shadow Ball Event (a danceless ball). They asked for donations from their members and the surrounding communities. They had a very successful "ball" and raised \$2,590.00. Great Job!

Zuhrah is having a summer luncheon on August 14th. Besides a wonderful meal there will be boutique shopping. Tickets are \$25.00 and it is open to anyone. If you are interested in attending please call the Zuhrah office at 952-426-3023.

Be sure to let me know what events your auxiliary is having so I can include it in the newsletter.

Keep Those Tabs coming in!

Here is what \$471.00 in pop tabs looks like. Osman Shrine just sold their pop tabs for that amount. Thank you Osman. The wheelchair fund greatly appreciates all your work.

Remember you can sell them yourselves or bring your tabs to the clinic or to either Osman Shrine Center or Zuhrah Shrine Center. We have people at all locations who will gladly clean them for you and sell them here in the Twin Cities. Let's keep those tabs rollin for the wheelchairs.



Save the Date

*Annual Meeting 2022
April 24 & 25
at the Double Tree Roseville*



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Welcome back from summer. I hope you are refreshed and ready to get back to work on membership! We have a ways to go.

The Fall Ceremonial is October 9th. The fee to join at the fall ceremonial is \$130.00 (\$219 when you include 2022 dues). This does not include a fez. A new fez can be purchased for approximately \$151.00. Beja does have a few used fezzes for sale, as well. All new Nobles created during 2021 will be the Potentate's guest at the Potentate's Ball that evening.

There are several ways that you can refer a Master Mason for membership:

- Visit WebFez.shrinenet.org/referral and enter his name. You make the referral, and your membership team takes it from there. Simple!
- Direct your proposed member to beashrinernow.com where they can fill out an e-petition that will be directed to the recorder. If you have any questions about membership contact Recorder Gene Reece or Membership Chairs Gary Fehl and Stuart Manny.
- Hand them a pocket petition that you can pick up in the lobby at Beja. Or, print out a petition from the link in the weekly newsletter, the eBugler.

Our goal for creations is eighteen and we have a long way to go! We can achieve that if everyone pitches in! Propose your Just One today.

Submitted by, Your Membership Team



Beja Membership Scoreboard	
Beginning Membership - Jan 1, 2021	354*
Creations (Goal: 18-??)	2
Affiliations	
Restorations (Goal: 07)	1
Total Gains	3
Demits	1
Suspensions (Goal: 0)	2
Expired (Black Camel)	12
Expulsions	
Resigned	
Total Losses	15
Gain/Loss	-12
Current Membership	342

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Dear Ladies of the Household, Nobles and Friends,

By the time you receive this, we will have just completed our Supreme Queen's Official Visit on August 31st. I am so appreciative of your help in making this a special day, not only for us but for Supreme Queen Donna.

Our next session will be September 15, 2021. We will have lunch at 11:00 a.m. at the Rock Garden before our session at 1:00 p.m. Please let me know if you plan on joining us for lunch so that I can make the reservations.

At our October session on the 20th we will celebrate Founder's Day. All our Past Queens shall wear their dress chosen by their Supreme Queen for their year, and tell us about something special from that year.

Be sure to put November 17th on your calendar for our Annual Holiday Brunch and Raffle. This will be followed by our regular session. Guests are invited to join us for the Brunch.

*With Nile Love Anything Is Possible,
Fran Bagley*

September 2021 Beja Shrine UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Beja Meeting 5:00pm	2	3 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	4
5	6 Peninsula Shrine Club Meeting 5:30pm <i>Labor Day</i>	7 5:00pm Trustee's 6:30pm Divan Meeting	8	9 <i>American Red Cross Blood Drive</i>	10 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	11
12	13	14	15	16 Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	17 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	18
19	20	21	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23 Inter City meeting 5:00pm Hotel Freemont	24 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	25
26	27 Vet's & Patriots Meeting 6:00pm	28	29 <i>Honored Ladies Luncheon</i>	30		

SOME REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED DUE TO COVID-19

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UPCOMING 2021 ACTIVITIES

For More Details: www.bejashriners.com

August 2021

August 29th - Beja Shrine Car Show

August 31st - Ajeb Official Visit

September 2021

Sep 1st - Beja Stated Meeting / Door - Hunters Guild

Sep 9th - American Red Cross Blood Drive - Beja Shrine Center

Sep 10th - Shriners Children's Twin Cities Gala

Sep 11th - Shriners Children's Twin Cities Open House

Sep 18th - Beja Fashion Fantasy Show CANCELED

Sep 29th - Honored Ladies Luncheon

October 2021

Oct 6th - Beja Open Meeting - 2022 Presentation

Oct 9th - Beja Fall Ceremonial / Potentate's Ball

Oct 10th - Hillbillies Fall Reunion



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