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## *Beja Shrine* FALL CEREMONIAL 2023

*Please Join us on*

**Saturday, October 14th, 2023**

**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



## *Honored Ladies Luncheon*

**Wednesday, September 20th, 2023**

**12:00pm Noon at Beja Shrine.**

RSVP to Ann (920) 498-1985 by Sept. 18th.

Transportation available if requested

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Have you ever been to one of our hospitals or clinics? I mean we do a lot of fundraising, parades and events to try and support them, but not everyone takes the time to go and visit. I've heard many times from Nobles "I don't need to visit them, I know what my efforts help accomplish". But there is a special something that comes with visiting.

Sure, we get a lot of feel-good moments in the things we do. From seeing the excitement on a child's face as we do our parades, or the appreciation in the eyes of someone who used to be a patient. But there is something almost magical about visiting one of our service providers; something life changing about getting to know a family as you ride with the transportation van.

Taking that time out of our lives to see the result of our efforts has an effect that we never forget. It's a rare "First" in our lives that we carry with us every day; a first that can truly change the way we look at everything in the best ways possible. Of all the things we spend time on in our lives, as Shriners, we should make the time to visit these places. It means the world to those we help, but I'm sure you will find that it will end up meaning the world to you as well.

*Yours in the faith,  
Elton J. Gofoe, Chaplain*

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## THE POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Welcome back! As we say goodbye to summer and hello to autumn, the most beautiful and bountiful season. Leaves change color, and crops are harvested.

The magnificent colors of red, orange and yellow are only eclipsed by the reward from the months of working the land and gathering the booty (old term meaning

riches or treasure). This season can represent each one of us. The changes that can happen; the reaping of the reward of all that hard work on oneself.

"If you don't like how the table is set, flip the table over...", credit to whomever said that. This statement along with the previous paragraph harkens back to a topic that has yet to be concluded. Previously, an article touched on Loyalty and the importance of it, but a caveat to that was mentioned. Blind loyalty, can be vice not a virtue. If a person or group you associate with has ideologies that vary or differ from that of yours, you should distance yourself from that particular group or person. What should be stressed is, you must analyze why this group or person's beliefs are that varying from yours. What is their point of view or goals? What is my viewpoint and goals? Am what I am trying to achieve and reach positive and productive? Are their ends justifying the means to attain their outcome?

These are all questions that must be contemplated. After the meditation, analysis and contemplation has been fulfilled there are outcomes. These outcomes are as follows. Their goals are similar to mine, but their path is different. Their goals contradict mine and their path is different. And their goals are different but the paths traveled are similar. This opens the door for more questions to ponder. This process may happen several times, but the resolution ultimately ends with whether this person or group aligns with me or not. If not, you need to move on and continue on your journey.

To circle back to the beginning of this article, blind Loyalty really isn't Loyalty. This is following, group think or herd mentality. Any group or person that will ridicule, embarrass or humiliate you into silence should be excommunicated immediately. Your path to change, to realizing the bounty of

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harvest is through associating with those that appreciate the hard work and candor that is needed for positivity and prosperity to prevail. "Lose a vice and learn a skill." as stated by Tarl Warwick.

With all that being said, let us circle all the way back to the original premise of Loyalty. If in Life you have come to Love this group or person, you should remain Loyal. "Why?" Some may ask. Because whether vocal or silent, foreground or background, present or distant one must be able to assist this entity in the process of change and positive growth. This may be considered passive or weak, but it is a strength. We all may not visualize or realize the finish line or cross that finish line equally; some of us have to run a little harder. But the Love you have for this entity was put into your Life for a reason. You may be the reason for their eventual growth. Keep your path upward, positive and you will prosper in change. And always be willing to help those you are Loyal to, as they will see your harvest and want to change and reap the bounty of next year's harvest. This is why Loyalty is the most important virtue. Be Loyal to your improvement and be Loyal to those in your Life you Love for their improvement.

Finally, on the HBO show 'Deadwood', Al Swearengen (played by Ian McShane) once said..."Change ain't looking for friends. Change calls the tune we all dance to." Make sure your tune is that of Love, Life and Loyalty. Others will hear it and sing along! Keep going and keep growing...HUSTLE NEVER SLEEPS!!!

PS: We aren't done yet! The song continues with three other virtues, that when put together comprise what Free Masonry represents!

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

## OCONTO SHRINE CLUB

Oconto County Shrine Club met on August 10th at Wouter's Front. There was good attendance and everyone had a good time. Our September meeting will be at Wouter's Front on September 14th. Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6PM followed by Dinner at 7.

We will be at the Suamico Festival Foods on September 9th, 2023 for our Brat Fry. Hope to see you there!

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

# Peninsula Shrine Club

*"The Club with Class"*

JAY HERBST – PRESIDENT

Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting September 14th at Waterfront Mary's in Sturgeon Bay starting at 5:00pm ordering off the menu. We are planning on eating outside on the bay weather permitting. If the weather doesn't cooperate we will change locations and be sure to keep everyone informed.

*Fraternally,*

*Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer*  
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## INTER-CITY SHRINE CLUB

**President - Bill Hesser**

The Inter-City Shrine Club next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th. Hope to see you there

*Fraternally , Bill Hesser*

*Intercity Shrine Club President*

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Shriners Children's recently announced that the 99th annual East-West Shrine Bowl™ will be played at the Ford Center at The Star in Frisco, Texas, on February 1, 2024.

Purchase your tickets now, and start planning your trip to the global headquarters of the Dallas Cowboys to see legends in the making on the field at the 2024 East-West Shrine Bowl.

\*Check shrinebowl.com in the coming weeks for more information on official hotels.

Purchase Tickets Now



I was out driving the other morning and I found myself out by the jail barn. What's this? The whole ground was shaking. I pulled into the jail lot and noticed the whole building was shaking. I opened the door, and there was the jail sound asleep and snoring. I said, "What are you doing, sleeping on the job?" "Dave had stopped by and told me to rest up before our last parade at Weyauwega on September 9th, 2023. I was just following Dave's orders." Dave always knows what he's doing. " He told me to rest well so I would be in top shape for the parade." I closed the door and left the building, to the sound of heavy breathing.

We will see you on September 9th, step off of the parade at 12:00 noon.

*Fraternally,*

*Dick Andres, Chief Kop*

*Theda Andres, Chief Kop Wife*

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## GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB

**CRAIG LAES – PRESIDENT**

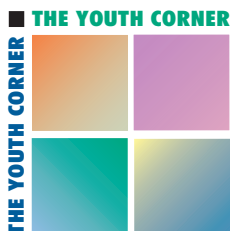
The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill located at 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay. Social time begins at 11:30am. Hope to see you there!

*Fraternally,*

*Greg Habeck P.P., Sec.*

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## The Youth ADVENTURES



I am sure like myself, most of us are wondering what happened to our summer, it seem to go by so fast. From one small conference to one house project to a day to do and the summer season is gone. I still hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to share some news. They did decide to not meet regularly over the summer, but still stay in contact with each other and attend special events. One special event that was attended recently was the State Conference what was once called CONCLAVE. They elected a new State Master Counselor, and a new State Sweetheart. Congratulations to all of the new Officers.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughter's also has some news. They are changing up and trying some new approaches and meeting plans. They also did attend some major conferences recently. Be International Supreme Bethel for Job's Daughters happened to meet in Wisconsin this year. They were several new International Officers elected, and we wish them good luck and congratulations.

As always, I want to thank everyone for all you do for the youth. No matter how small you may think it is, thank you. I would ask if you have a chance to attend a meeting that is a small step to learning what the youth has going on. Thank you again.

*Fraternally, Charles Clarage*  
Youth Committee Chairman



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## A MESSAGE FROM BEJA'S CHIEF RABBAN

Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Beja Shrine,

The Packerland Clan Hillbillies #181 did some rocking at the annual Hillbilly meeting held on July 15, 2023. The food was plentiful and delicious, the drinks were tasty and the games were fun! Thank you so much Cuzzins for making this a wonderful event. Rabban of the Clan Tom Pflugardt and Cuz Elizabeth provided some fun filled games to play. The game winners of some moonshine liquor were Cuz Dawn and Gene Reece along with the Northwoods Cuz Ross Borchardt. A fun time was had by all.

Thank you, Don and Rhonda Borowicz, for another amazing John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing held on July 18, 2023. It's just awesome the way you two put your heart and soul into this event. You two are the best! And thank you to the golf committee, golfers, sponsors, donators, workers, raffle winners and the staff at Royal St Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown for a successful event.

Rockers Win! Rockers Win!

We had a fun baseball group of 17 Beja Shriners, family and friends attend the Green Bay Rockers Baseball Game on Sunday, July 16th. Before the game we tailgated next to the stadium with a 12" subway sandwich, chips, peanuts, beer, soda and water. We all played a game of bean bag darts with our AR Scott Maxon, the winner of a Rockers T-shirt by just edging out Teddy Mitchell who came in 2nd place! Congratulations! And everyone received a free Rockers baseball cap! Plus, the Beja Shriners name was up on the scoreboard. Thank you everyone who attended the game.

Elizabeth and I are gearing up for the 2024 Imperial Session held in Reno, Nevada on June 30th - July 4th. We plan on arriving in Reno around Monday, June 24, 2024 to explore the areas around Lake Tahoe, old mining towns, boat tours and more. Everyone is welcome to join us at any time. Imperial Sir Ed Stolze and the Reno Chamber of Commerce guarantee us there are more than enough rooms under one roof for all our hotel needs. Let us know if you would like to join us and have some fun! Stay tuned as more details to come later.

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

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## Per Capita Increase Passes at Imperial Session

At the Imperial Session of Shriners International in July, the representatives passed an increase in the per capita tax from \$30 to \$50. The increase was deemed necessary to the financial needs of Shriners International.

Beja Shriners will be receiving their 2024 dues notices soon. The new dues total for regular members will be \$109.00 including the increase. Beja does not receive any of this increase.

You may wish to consider buying a life membership before the end of the year. The cost of a per capita life membership is currently \$900. That will increase to \$1500 in January. A hospital assessment life membership is \$150. Buy them both for \$1050 and not have to worry about future increases from Shriners International. A temple life membership is also a possibility. If you are interested in one or more of the life memberships contact the office as soon as possible, as this must be in the system before December 29, 2023.



### Meet Theo

When Theo was a baby, her parents noticed that she often leaned to her right side and dragged her left leg a little when she crawled. By the time she was 14 months old, she had a noticeable limp when walking, but, despite regular checkups with her pediatrician, they were reassured that there was no cause for concern. When Theo's daycare provider also voiced concerns about her gait, Ellie and Lucien decided to get a second opinion. They brought her to Shriners Children's New England.

Read more about Theo at <https://bit.ly.co/K8qy>.



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 fez's 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 or additional locations for our meeting schedule
2. New petitions
3. Search for more children to help

Our annual picnic, July 22nd, was very well attended. Ill Sir, Dale Graeven and other members of The Tripoli Divan made the trip to The Northwoods for this event. Special thanks to Lady Tina and EVP Bob Smith for all the extra effort in preparing for the picnic.

The Northwoods Shrine Club is strong and our club is growing, thanks to our many active and committed members!

### 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*



# A DESIRE TO GIVE BACK!

## Hallie donates toys similar to items she received at Shriners Children's Chicago

Hallie was born with unilateral complete cleft lip and palate, in which a baby's lip does not form properly.

Hallie and her family say the care at Shriners Children's Chicago has surpassed all their expectations. After her first surgery, Hallie received an American Girl doll. This is just one of the many toys Hallie would receive after a visit or surgery.

Hallie received several toys after a couple of procedures and asked her parents where the toys came from. Her parents, Travis and Katie, said, "Well people donate them." Hallie decided she wanted to pay it forward and give back to the place that has given so much to her.

Hallie is one of many patients who has decided to donate toys and other items for future patients at the Chicago hospital.

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**Shriners Children's Twin Cities Screening Clinic**  
**Saturday, September 16, 2023 - 9 am - 3 pm**  
**at Beja Shrine Center**  
**Help spread the word.**

See flyer on next page



Above: some of the attendees to the 41st International Hillbilly Convention.



# Screening Clinic

*for Children with Bone, Muscle or Joint Problems*

**September 16, 2023**

**9 AM – 3 PM**

**Beja Shrine Center**

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**Appointment Scheduling: 920-498-1985**

**Come and learn about Shriners Children's Twin Cities and whether or not we can serve as a resource for your child's orthopedic condition.**

**Are you wondering if your child would benefit from seeing a pediatric orthopedic specialist? Look for these signs:**

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- Limb deficiency
- Limb length discrepancy
- Curved spine indicating possible scoliosis
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# Shriners Children's Chicago

Divan Day at Shriners Children's Chicago was held in August. Beja representatives were able to tour the facility and partake in a very informative program. Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children was in attendance.

Shriners Chicago welcomes Dr. Thuan Dang, MD, to the staff as a part-time neurologist. Dr. Dang will work with Dr. Silver to provide neurology coverage.

Preparations for the 2024 operating budget are underway. The leadership team is actively working to increase coverage of Biomedical Engineering services and to increase the support for our intensivist and hospitalist programs.

Patient volumes have risen in the past months, as has the number of surgeries performed, which can be directly attributed to the opening of the fourth operating room.

If you, or your club or unit, wish to make a general donation toward the list of approved capital items that are needed at your hospital, reach out to Dan Winter, and let him know you wish to help Shriners Chicago with capital equipment. A list of these items appeared in the August Bugler or can be obtained from the office or your hospital representatives.

Shriners Children's Chicago is always in need of more patients. If you know of a child who could benefit from the services of Shriners Children's, ask the family to call Shriners Chicago at (773) 385-KIDS (5437) or call the national referral number (800) 237-5055.

*John Sage PP - Member, SC-Chicago Board*

*Gary Fehl - Member, SC-Chicago Board*

*Brad Schlosstein - Associate Member*



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9/3, Raymond L. White	9/16, Larry R. Zochert
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9/4, Peter A. Nygaard	9/17, Jacob A. Lancelle
9/5, Jeffrey Ottum	9/17, Sheldon Stone
9/6, Ernest E. Hesson	9/18, John R. Kranzusch, P.P.
9/6, William C. Mollica	9/18, Ronald J. Rogowski
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9/7, Mehal V. Plonka	9/19, David M. Jenks
9/7, James L. Slezak, Jr.	9/19, Phillip W. Trinko
9/8, James E. Broich	9/22, Richard H. Andres
9/8, Shane M. Sturm	9/22, Chris R. Biskner
9/10, Frederick W. Goering	9/22, Robert L. Hoffman
9/11, Charles W. Gordon	9/22, Ben Rodgers
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9/13, Henry J. Buchman	9/26, Urs Brechbuehler
9/13, Christopher L. Feutz	9/26, Robert K. Harmon
9/14, Gary L. Fehl	9/29, Dan R. Schachtschneider
9/15, Bryon M. Hulla	

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



## AJEB TEMPLE NO. 156 DAUGHTERS OF THE NILE



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Greetings to all!

Summer has been a busy time for all of us at Ajeb 156. The Fran Bagley Memorial Golf Outing Committee was in full swing and worked hard on the golf event that was held at Hilly Haven on Saturday, August 19th, 2023. Prizes and donation baskets for a silent auction were received for this event. We appreciate all the support we received for this fundraising event. Please consider participating in this worthy fundraising cause. Monies will go towards the Daughters of the Nile Foundation which supports Shriners Hospitals for Children.

On Friday, August 25th, 2023, Ajeb No. 156 will be welcoming Supreme Queen, Patricia, "Patty" Larimore to our temple for our official visit. At that time we will be initiating four new members into our temple. We are proud that the "Ladies of the Household" are working hard to bring new members into the fold. Following our meeting, a banquet to honor Queen Patty and our new members will be held at 6:00 PM at the 1951 Restaurant on Bond St. All Shriners and their guests are invited to attend this banquet. Please RSVP to Princess Recorder Sarah Mobroten (ajebtempleno156@gmail.com) if you wish to attend the banquet. We would love to have a great turnout!

Congratulations goes to Princess Marla Vogel for receiving the honor of Supreme Red Rose at the June Supreme Session of Daughters of the Nile in Connecticut. This is a new honor bestowed to one member of each temple in recognition of their love and dedication to Daughters of the Nile. Other Past Queens of Ajeb receiving Supreme Temple Appointments include Ruthann Christensen, Linda Kohn, Gwen Wenzell, Sharon Livermore, and Bonnie Kohn. We are proud of all our Ladies who received this special recognition.

*Peace, Grace, Love,*  
Terry Schneider, Queen 2023-2024



**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

## Honored Ladies Luncheon

Hello to our Honored Ladies,

Just a quick reminder that, Your Honored Ladies Lunch will be on, September 20th, 2023. Please call Ann to RSVP if you will be attending (920) 498-1985. If you need a ride, let us know.

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces.

*John Sage, PP*

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## A LOOK FORWARD AT BEJA EVENTS

Aug 27th	.....Beja Shrine Car Show
Sept 6th	.....Beja Closed Meeting - Steak Fry
Sep 20th	.....Honored Ladies Luncheon
Oct 4th	.....Beja Open Meeting/Chief Rabbani's 2024 Presentation
Oct 14th	.....Fall Ceremonial
Nov 1st	.....Beja Open Meeting - Parade to Glory
Dec 3rd	.....Breakfast with Santa
Dec 6th	.....Beja Closed Meeting - Election of Officers





Everyone knows Shriners love to have a party. Here's a big reason to celebrate: Six months of positive growth.

From January to June 2023, there was an overall net membership growth. The last

time we know that this achievement was confirmed, the year was 1995. DVDs had just been invented, football star Joe Montana announced his retirement, and Forrest Gump won an Oscar for Best Picture.

Hitting this milestone is proof of something Shriners have always known: good men are hungry to incorporate more fun and fellowship into their lives. They value meaningful connections with other people and long to be a part of something greater than themselves. They are finding all of this with us, as Shriners.

To learn more about becoming a Shriner, or to help a Master Mason take the next step and become a Shriner, [visit beashrinernow.com](http://visit.beashrinernow.com).

Have you heard about Potentate Jakes Sylvester's membership challenge? If Beja initiates twenty-five new Nobles by November 1st, he will shave his beard at the November open meeting. Better yet, if Beja initiates 50 new Nobles by November 1st he will shave his head, eyebrows, and all!

We all have those Master Masons we have approached about being a Shriner that told us not right now. But NOW is the time to get those Masons into the fold. Talk to them again and be a part of an epic event in Beja's history.

Dues notices for 2024 will be sent out via email in early September. You will immediately notice the \$20 increase in the per capita tax. Remember, that is assessed by and paid to Shriners International, Beja does not retain any of that increase. A hard copy dues notice will be mailed in October. Renewal stickers will not be mailed. We ask you to download the MyFezCard Viewer from your app store. A limited number of renewal stickers will be available in the office.

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Save the date for the Fall Ceremonial on Saturday, October 14th. Propose a new member! It's as easy as directing your candidate to [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com), where they can complete an online petition hassle-free. The Divan will conduct a Cold Sands ceremony before each meeting.

There are five Nobles who haven't paid their dues for 2022 and a few who owe for 2023. To maintain their membership in good standing, they must settle their dues promptly. If you would like to help collect these dues, contact the recorder or the membership team. We welcome your assistance.

I encourage you to spread the word about our fantastic organization and the enjoyable experiences we have as Shriners. It's worth noting that our invitation extends beyond Master Masons alone; Blue Lodges also need new members to thrive.

Our open meetings provide the perfect opportunity to demonstrate to non-Shriners that "Shriners Having FUN Helping Kids" is not just a catchphrase but a real-life, fulfilling experience.

Together, we can continue growing our organization and make a positive difference in the lives of children around the world. Petitions for membership are available in the weekly eBugler, or you can simply call the office and request one from Ann. Alternatively, grab a petition the next time you visit Beja and keep it handy. [BeAFreemason.org](http://BeAFreemason.org) and [BeAShrinerNow.com](http://BeAShrinerNow.com) are excellent starting points for anyone interested in learning more.

Let's spread the word and keep our momentum going!

*Your Membership Committee*

## Beja Shriners All-Masonic Picnic

It was a beautiful day for a picnic.

A great group of Masons and their families enjoyed the food and comaraderie of the day.



Grand Lodge officers RW Jeff Schoenfeldt, Junior Grand Warden, and DD Chris 'Skipper' Young attended the picnic.

# September 2023 *Beja Shrine* UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan Meeting	<b>6</b> Beja Shrine Closed Meeting 5:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	<b>9</b> <i>Weyauwega Parade</i>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Peninsula Shrine Club meeting 5:00pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Oconto Shrine Club Meeting	<b>15</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Honored Ladies Luncheon</i>	<b>21</b> Northwoods meeting 5:30pm	<b>22</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting Appleton Meeting 11:30pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Vet's & Patriots Meeting 6:00pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NO Krazy Kops / Inter City meeting 5:00pm	<b>29</b> 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	<b>30</b>

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## UPCOMING 2023 ACTIVITIES

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### September 2023

Sept 6th - Beja Closed Meeting - Steak Fry

Sept. 9th - Weyauwega Parade

Sept 20th - Honored Ladies Luncheon

### October 2023

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

Dec 17th - Breakfast with Santa



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