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February, 2024

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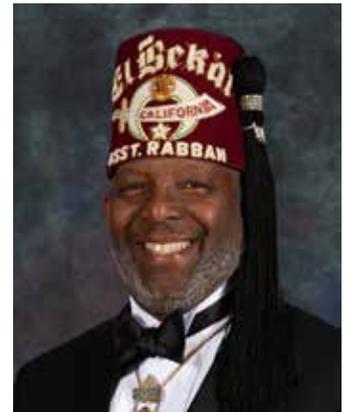
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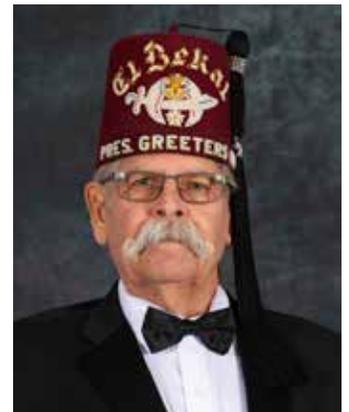
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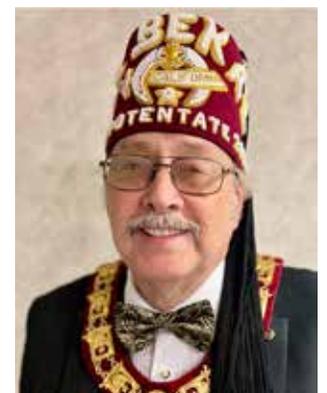
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<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>

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### DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 14TH, 2024



Deadline for articles are DUE,  
**February 14th 2024**  
 for the March, 2024 issue.

Please e-mail your articles to:  
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[elbekalmag@gmail.com](mailto:elbekalmag@gmail.com)

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We have room for more names.  
Contact Coy Love for more  
information.

Thank you all for your  
continued support of the  
El Bekalan

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We would like to take this time to thank everyone  
that has supported the El Bekalan in 2023. All of your  
donations has helped to keep the cost down of your news  
letter.

It is that time of year to renew your support for 2024 year.  
Thank you for all of your support.

To support, please send checks to:

**El Bekal Shrine**  
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.  
Anaheim, CA 92806

# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and friends,

First I want to welcome our new Divan officers both Elected and appointed in your new positions here at El Bekal Shrine. I know you will all do a fantastic job working to improve the workings here at the center.

Congratulations to Illustrious Merritt Read and his lady Kim for a full and wonderful year.

Thank you all for supporting and trusting me to be your Potentate for 2024.

Lady Cheryl and I, along with our Divan Officers are looking forward to serving you in the coming year. We plan on having fun and making this a place you want to be a part of.

This is the Month of LOVE, and you can show your love for El Bekal by supporting our Clubs and Units. Be a part of one of the many groups we have.

Let's get out and support each other and get out of the house and see each other AT... We are going to start out this month with [SUPER BOWL SUNDAY](#), then I encourage you all to make reservations for the [VALENTINE'S DINNER](#) on Tuesday, February 13th,

Then we encourage you to bring yourself, the kids, the grand kids on Sunday the 18th for a afternoon at the [MOVIES](#) for all the family to see.

But wait there's more...On the 29th is Valencia Shrine Club Ladies Day Luncheon and on Friday, March 1 is the [Tin Lizzie Famous Steak Fry](#) right here at El Bekal.

And speaking of March, it is full of our Ladies groups installations.

Always go to [elbekal.com](http://elbekal.com) and check the calendar for any updates or changes.

It is Official, Lady Cheryl and I decided that we are going to have the POTENTATE'S GALA on Saturday, March 23, 2024 right here at El Bekal Center. I hope you all will be able to attend this event.

When we hold our Divan/Board meetings I want you all to know it is open for all Nobles to be at and see your Board working for you. If you have any thoughts or concerns about El Bekal then please bring them to our attention before the meeting so we may address them.

Larry Griffin P.P.  
Potentate



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*Steak and Prawns \$60 per person*

# Shriner's Valentine Dinner and Live Entertainment

*At the El Bekal  
Shrine  
1320 S., Sanderson  
Avenue, Anaheim,  
CA 92806*

**February 13, 2024  
Tuesday 5:00 pm**

**Dress romantic- don't  
forget to wear your heart**

**By Reservations only, no sales at the door.  
Bring your Significant other or just yourself.  
Let us know if you want a group or a romantic table for two.**

For further information contact Coy Love (714) 563-9111

**Reservation for Valentine's Dinner is DUE by February 07, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$60.00 ea**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_**

**Return this portion with your check made out to: El Bekal Shrine-- memo 2024 Valentine  
El Bekal Shrine, 1320 S., Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806**

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**Not tax-deductible. Proceeds benefit El Bekal**

**Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE

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“Greetings Nobles!

I would like to start by saying Thank You to the Nobility for the continued support with the election at the In and Out.

Further, I wish to extend Congratulations to Ill. Merritt Read P.P., and Lady Kim on a wonderful past year.

Additionally, Congratulations to Ill Sir. Larry Griffin P.P., on being elected as Potentate for this year. I look forward to working with both yourself and Lady Cheryl.

As of February, we must focus on building our membership at El Bekal, fostering future leaders, and importantly: taking care of our Temple as though its our own home.

One thing I promise Nobles, is that your Divan is here to serve you and El Bekal. Without you, we are unable to do our jobs. Our doors are always open to you. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you want to get involved in El Bekal, don't be afraid to contact the Leadership of the Temple. We are here for you.

Thank you again for the continued trust you have given myself and the rest of the Divan.

Have a fantastic month of February!

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

James Segerstrom  
Chief Rabban”



# ASSISTANT RABBAN

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Let the fun begin.

2024 started with a bang as we welcomed our new divan. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir. Larry Griffin P.P. and all of the 2024 officers.

Hats off to Illustrious Merrit Read and First Lady Kim for a successful second term. Someone once said that life is sweeter the the second time around and for them I hope that applied to their term.

I hope that it also applies to Illustrious Sir. Larry Griffin PP and First Lady Cheryl for the ensuing year.

I'm excited to support them help to make the year a success. I, along with Lady Natalie, are in the planning stages of a few things to which we have been assigned. In addition we are watching the weather report closely, so that we might know what type of weather we will be staring out the window at during this years Assitant Rabban school, which has been renamed the Korsair for Kids Shriner Leader Conference. Korsair for Kids has awarded the organization a grant to subsidize much of the conference hence the renaming.

I look forward to getting new tools and knowledge to better assist in with the leadership of our temple.

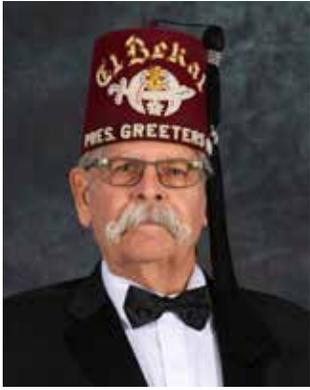
Here's to a great year!

Keith Jones

Assistant Rabban



# ORIENTAL GUIDE MESSAGE



## Oriental Guide Article

I would like to thank all the Noble's of El Bekal for electing me to the office of Oriental Guide. This is the bottom rung of a very tall ladder. I'm looking forward to serving our Shrine in the upcoming year.

Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Larry and Lady

Cheryl. Pat and I look forward to serving with you this year.

This year I hope we can come together and work as a team to continue the fine work we have done for our shrine temple and for the children who need our help.

We have a long legacy of hard-working men & women in our shrine temple.

Both Pat and I are going to continue trying to bring more members into our shrine family.

Team work is the "Key to Success".

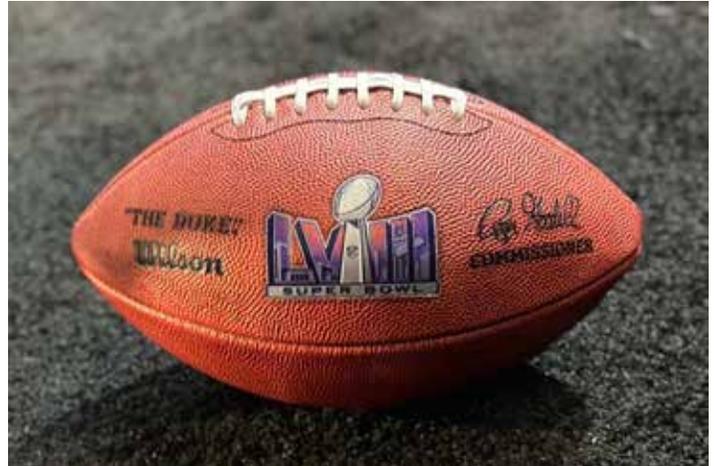
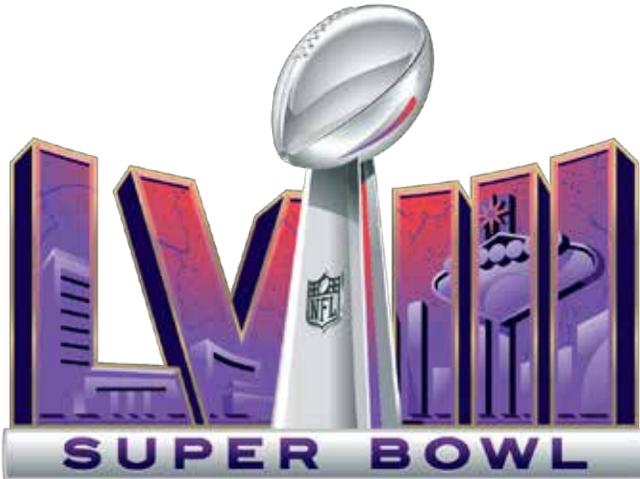
Noble Russ Allen  
Oriental Guide



First week of February is National Prevention week.



# Come Join us for Super Bowl Sunday at El Bekal



## *El Bekal Shrine Center*

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Party Starts at 2:30 pm

Kick-Off at 3:00 pm

All you can Eat and Drink

\$10.00 Prepaid each

\$15.00 at the door

Children under 12 FREE

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Chili, and  
other Tailgate Foods

Soda's and Camels Milk

Super Bowl fun and Games

Bring your Family and Friends

If you're not into football, come anyway.

Tables will be available for playing cards or just visiting

Need more information Contact Lito Soliven 714-310-9293 sulivenlito@yahoo.com

For further information contact Coy Love (714) 563-9111

Reservation for Super Bowl is DUE by February 9, 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ Guest @ \$10.00 ea

Name \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Return this portion with your check made out to: El Bekal Shrine-- memo 2024 Super Bowl  
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# ***MOVIE AND FUN AFTERNOON***

WHEN Sunday, Febuary 18, 2024 (No Cost to you)

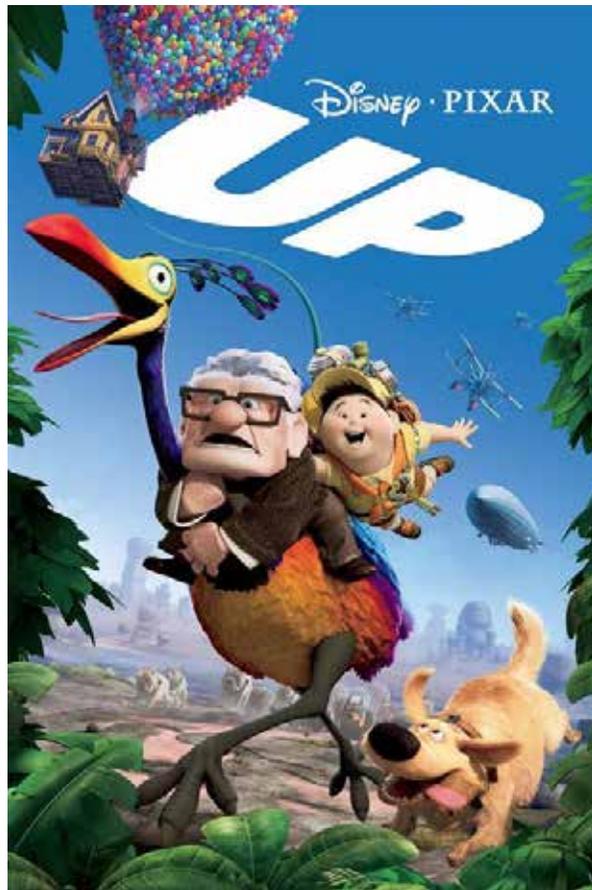
WHERE EL BEKAL SHRINE

WHAT MOVIE NIGHT AND CARDS FOR THE GUYS

TIME 3:00 PM MOVIE STARTS 3:30 PM

THERE WILL BE POPCORN, SNACKS, DRINKS,  
SODAS, WATER, ETC.

**THE MOVIE IS**



**LET'S HAVE A GREAT AFTERNOON TOGETHER.**

If you have questions call Cheryl 714-273-0523

# The Tin Lizzie Western Dance & Steak Fry

March 1, 2024

Grand Prize Drawing

Door Prize drawings  
through the night!

County Music by Tom Donini  
into the night!

Donation \$35 (includes drinks)  
(non-deductible)

*Best deal  
in town!*

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in town!*

Attitude Adjustment @ 6pm.  
Dinner & Music 6:30-10pm.

Contact Capt. Rick Schade (714) 318-0080

Treasurer Ron Michal (760) 662-6073

Secretary Ted Segerstrom (714) 329-9861

Al Jazwiecki (949) 375-2688

or any Tin Lizzie member for tickets.

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# 2023 LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS



The Legacy Award is given to a long time noble who has given outstanding contributions to El Bekal, it's clubs and units, and has not been a Potentate or a Shriner of the Year.

**Mike Wittig** joined in 2011 and immediately joined the Ali Baba's. Despite some physical limitations, he would attend almost every function for 11 years assisting in the Oasis. Those limitations became too much in 2023 and he was no longer able to serve in the Oasis. We thank Mike for his service to El Bekal and congratulate him on receiving the Legacy Award. He was also presented with his 50 Year Senior DeMolay pin.



**Dick Joyce** joined in 1998, which makes him a 25 year member. Upon joining he immediately became a member of the Valencia Shrine Club and the Oasis Patrol. For 20 years he would attend every function where he was needed for the Patrol. He also helped on the roster book for many years and is a Past President of the Greeters. He was also part of the D-Day landing at Utah Beach. On December 10, 2023 he celebrated his 100th birthday. Congratulations to Dick on receiving the Legacy Award and we thank him for his service to El Bekal.

2023  
Certificate of  
Appreciation  
Recipients



Keith Jones and Ernie Ramirez



Mike Winford and Karl Sandhoff II



Ron Michal

# 2023 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION RECIPIENTS



Retiring First Lady Kim Read presented Certificates of Appreciation to Pat Allen, Yvonne Schade, Maria Ramirez and Valerie Michal. Thank you again with love.



## Inland Empire Honored Ladies



2023  
Shriner of Year  
Moble Rick  
Schade



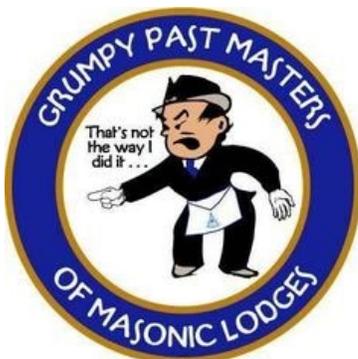
Moble Rick has been a very active member of El Bekal for many years. He has been an elected Divan member, an Aide to several Potentates, a member of the Long Beach Shrine Club and the Tin Lizzie's. For several years he has been Captain for the Tin Lizzie's. His outstanding commitment to El Bekal has been incredible and we congratulate him on being selected as the 2023 Shriner of the Year.



## El Bekal - Past Masters Shrine Club

Are you a new noble looking for a club to join? Maybe you have been a member for a while and looking to keep in touch with what's happening in the blue lodge? We are looking for Current and Past Masters of Southern California Masonic lodges to join our club. We have nearly 30 members on our roster and looking to grow and develop new ideas for membership and event planning. We would love for you to drop by and talk or share your ideas.

If you are interested contact Merritt Read at [anapm82@aol.com](mailto:anapm82@aol.com), Steve Steel [atkjs1969@gmail.com](mailto:atkjs1969@gmail.com), or Kevin Stibich at [kevin.stibich@yahoo.com](mailto:kevin.stibich@yahoo.com).





El Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND INITIATION INTO EL BEKAL SHRINE  
1320 So. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806 (714) 563-9111**

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Bekal Shriners International, situated in the Oasis of Anaheim, Desert of California. I the undersigned hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ located  
at \_\_\_\_\_

Furthermore, I do not now and never will hold membership in or allegiance to anybody claiming to be a Master Mason that has been declared clandestine; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Shrine, or unoccupied territory, not less than 6 months, as required by the bylaws of The Imperial Council and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in the prerequisite body to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a member of your Shrine. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of the Imperial Council and the bylaws and Ceremonies of your Shrine.

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Res  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Bus  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
If retired, list former occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ If so which  
Shrine \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number & Street, City, State, Zip**

Business \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number & Street, City, State, Zip**

Mail  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

Print name in full : \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

If elected the signing of this petition constitutes the signing of the bylaws of El Bekal Shrine and Shriners International Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of (both must sign and must be members of El Bekal Shrine).

Noble \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

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Credit, Unit Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PETITION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL FEE OF \$325.00**

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# 🥖 Let's break 🥖 bread

An Exciting New Shrine Club for Foodies

Are you passionate about trying out new culinary experiences? We have just the club for you! We're currently in the process of forming a brand new Shrine club that caters to foodies like you.



We need a minimum crew of ten Nobles who would like to embark on this thrilling new adventure.

**for more information contact**

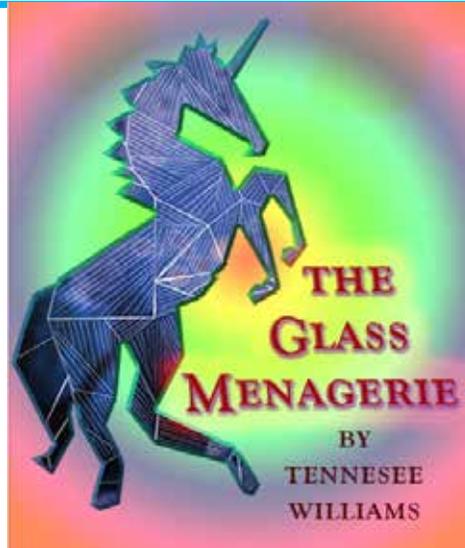
**Michael Goren**  
**(949) 228-0811**

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# **Noble's Pride**

**WHEN I LOOK AROUND  
AT MY LIFE IN THE SHRINE  
MANY THINGS I CHERISH  
STAND OUT IN MY MIND.  
HOSPITALS FOR THE CHILDREN  
THAT CAN'T RUN AND PLAY,  
BRING HOPE TO THE FAMILIES,  
IN SO MANY WAYS.  
A CRIPPLED OR BURNED CHILD  
GETS FIRST-RATE CARE,  
AND THERE'S NEVER A CHARGE,  
FOR ANY CHILD THERE.  
AND I'M PROUD OF OUR CIRCUS,  
THAT'S PART OF THE SHRINE,  
IT BRINGS OUT THE CHILD,  
IN ALL OF OUR MINDS.  
I'LL STAND WITH MY BROTHERS,  
AND SALUTE OUR FLAG,  
BE IT BRAND NEW,  
OR TATTERED AND SAGGED.  
'CAUSE ITS HEAVILY ENTWINED,  
IN OUR LODGE OF BLUE,  
IT STANDS FOR OUR FREEDOM,  
AND THE RELIGION WE CHOOSE.  
WE'RE FROM MANY BACKGROUNDS,  
AND DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES,  
BUT WE NEVER STAND TALLER,  
WHEN WE STOOP TO HELP A CHILD.  
YES, I'M PROUD TO BE A SHRINER,  
AND I LOVE THE PARADES,  
'CAUSE CHILDREN'S LAUGHTER,  
IS WHAT I GET PAID.**

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## EL RIVA COURT #102 THEATRE NIGHT

**\$20.00--RSVP: PRISCILLA LINDQUIST 951-551-8808**  
**Opportunity Baskets At Display Table: Six Tickets For \$5.00**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

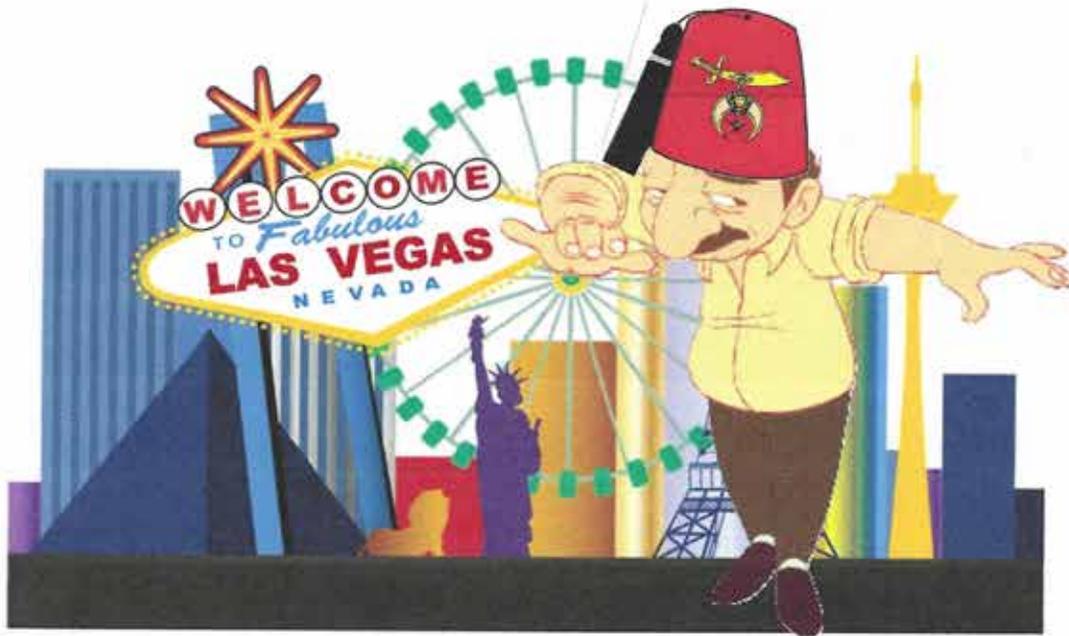
6:30pm SOCIAL HOUR with wine, hors devours, coffee & soft drinks

7:30pm HOUSE OPENS for an 8:00pm SHOW

Riverside Community Players 

Riverside Playhouse, 4026 14th St, Riverside, CA 92501

Drama: The Glass Menagerie follows the lives of a family in St. Louis in the 1930's and is recalled as a memory from the narrator, Tom. Amanda, the mother, lives with her two children, Tom and Laura. They are without her alcoholic husband who had abandoned the family years before.



## WESTERN SHRINE ASSOCIATION

*All for One, All for Fun!*

2024 Business Meeting  
February 29 to March 3, 2024

Masonic Memorial Temple  
2200 W. Mesquite Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

Registration \$200 per Noble\*  
Guest Prices shown on Registration Form



Headquarter Hotel: The Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, 4500 West Tropicana Ave, NV 89103. Make your Hotel Reservation now. WSA Room Rates use hotel link for reservations.

Hotel link: <https://book.passkey.com/e/50660375>

\* Registration Fee includes, registration for Noble, Hospitality Room Access for Noble (guests extra), Friday and Saturday continental Breakfast plus lunch at MMT, Armenia Festival, Opening Night BBQ, Noble T-Shirt, and Fun is Free.

Make your Hotel Reservations now and fill out and submit your registration form.

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El Riva Court No 102  
Ladies' Oriental Shrine of North America



Lady Priscilla Lindquist  
High Priestess Elect



Lady Sylvia Krawczyk  
Retiring High Priestess

Invites you to attend the 37th Annual Installation of Officers

Saturday, March 9, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Evergreen Masonic Center

5801 Chicago Avenue

Riverside, California

Dinner to follow the installation

\$15.00 per person

RSVP to Lady Lynnette Channon at 951-314-9691



El Bekal  
Legion of Honor  
NEEDS YOU

Come out and Join  
the men that carry  
our Flag in parades  
and Ceremony

# We Need YOU...



Contact:  
Ernesto Ramirez  
(562) 458-1156  
erniemanhats@hotmail.com

Military Veterans  
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Shriners International

The Legion of Honor medal is shown at the top, featuring a shield with a red, white, and blue design, flanked by two gold stars. Below it, the text "Military Veterans Serving Shriners International" is displayed against a background of vertical stripes in green, yellow, and red. At the bottom is the Shriners International logo, which includes a scimitar, a crescent moon, and a star.

## Who We Are

First we are all members of Shriners International and its network of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners International has 193 Shrine Temples throughout North America as well as Mexico, the Republic of Panama, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Its philanthropy supports 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children which are located throughout the United States of America and in Canada and Mexico.

Many of our Shrine Temples have a uniformed unit of Legion of Honor. Legion of Honor members are Shriners who have served or are still serving in the Armed Forces of the U. S. They are honorably discharged or retired, volunteer or draftee, officer or enlisted. We are all proud to be doing or having done whatever our countries needed to keep our countries safe. It includes service in our country's Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines, or in their reserve component.



# Sports Keep Nobles, Patients in the Game

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The **East-West Shrine Bowl**, a 98-year-old annual college football all-star tradition, took place in February in Las Vegas, Nevada, as part of the NFL's Pro Bowl Week. The game, which was broadcast live on NFL Network, has produced more than 500 NFL Pro Bowl appearances over the years. This year, a record number of 72 players were invited to this year's NFL Combine. With its tagline "More than just a game," the East-West Shrine Bowl is also about recognizing Shriners Children's patients and telling the story of the amazing care available at our healthcare system.



Patients had a dedicated VIP area near the end zone, where they were able to meet NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Kechi, a past Shriners Children's patient and *America's Got Talent* finalist, sang the national anthem, and patients were featured in the pregame run-out video. For the first time ever, two NFL coaching staffs, the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons, coached the players during the East-West Shrine Bowl as part of the Pro Bowl Games week. The coaches and players, who were impressed with the opportunity to learn about and support Shriners Children's, participated in a "Watch Me Challenge" media event, in which they underwent physical challenges similar to what Shriners Children's patients face daily.



Attention all nobles! Get ready for great golf for a great cause at the **Shriners Children's Open**. This high-stakes tournament brings together top PGA TOUR golfers from around the world to compete for over \$7 million in prizes, all in support of Shriners Children's. Patient ambassadors from around the healthcare system will be there to act as standard-bearers, and our National Patient Ambassadors will represent the many children who have received Shriners Children's life-changing care. But the Shriners Children's Open isn't just for golf enthusiasts – it's an opportunity for all of us to get involved and show our support for this incredible organization. Shriners across the country are encouraged to volunteer, attend the tournament, or organize watch parties to cheer on the golfers and help raise funds for our philanthropy.



The 23rd annual **Shriners Children's College Classic** not only showcased top college baseball teams, but also provided a special experience for patients. Held in March at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, the tournament drew a crowd of 34,243. All six schools hosted patients



on campus and had them serve as honorary team captains. Patients were recognized on the field during games, had pre-game interactions with the teams, and even threw the first pitch out at each game.

Special moments included National Patient Ambassadors Parker and Katherine joining the Astros fan and experience team and announcing each batter, and sports-journalist-in-training Alec interviewing coaches. Kaden, the Texas Tech captain, and Adison, the Texas A&M captain, were invited to hang out with

the teams in the dugout on Sunday, a game that ended up running for 16 innings. The event raised funds for the philanthropy, including a donation of \$130,000 from Karem Shriners, and Shriners volunteers were on hand to help out. Louisville was named the Tournament Champion, going 3-0 with wins over ranked opponents Texas A&M and TCU.



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# Directors Staff is looking for Drivers

Happy New Year to the Nobels of El Bekal Shrine.

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Thank you

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Director of Units 714-397-0449



**WELCOME**



**NEW NOBLES**



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JOIN YOUR  
UNIT OR CLUB**





Hi Nobles,

South Coast Shrine Club is a group of friendly Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions who enjoy each other's company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Club has been in operation since 1954. We presently meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Coco's, at Lake Forest Drive & Via Carlotta in Laguna Hills, just off I-5 at 1:00 pm for our "chat & chew" luncheons. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We extend an open invitation to visit our Club. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship and show you why South Coast Shrine Club is indeed, "The Host of the Coast".

If you have any questions, or need further information or directions, please feel free to contact us at 949/584-9716, or Scshrine455@charter.net, via e-mail. We'd be glad to see you. Please know that you're always welcome at South Coast Shrine Club.

Fraternally,  
**Chuck Wilson**, Bulletin Editor



Hi Noble, looking for a place for lunch? May we suggest Valencia Shrine Club?

If you're looking for a place to connect with fellow Nobles of El Bekal and Shriners International, look no further than Valencia Shrine Club. We meet every Thursday for lunch and social communication, otherwise referred to in some places as 'Lies, exaggerations & old war stories'.

We gather at the Garden Grove Elks Club on Trask & Newhope in Garden Grove every Thursday for an 11:30 Social time followed by lunch, ordered from the menu, and fellowship with Brother Nobles and guests. Many of our Ladies enjoy lunching together as well, so they're also invited.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, we just love company, especially Nobles.

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**The Nobles of Valencia Shrine Club**

## Orange County Nobelettes

Ladies,

Would you like to meet with other Ladies in a social group for Ladies only?

If so, please consider joining the Orange County Nobelettes. The Nobelettes are a social group that raises money for the Shrine Medical Center in Pasadena.

They meet on the second Friday of the month, except for July and August, at 11:30 am.

Where you ask? At the Coco's Restaurant, 1250 E Imperial Hwy Brea, CA 92821.

# FEB 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
					Groundhog Day	
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
						Al Bahr Pote's Ball San Diego
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Super Bowl at El Bekal	Divan Board Meeting	Valentines Dinner at El Bekal	Valentine's Day			
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
Movie Afternoon at El Bekal						
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
		Start setup for Tin Lizzie's Steak Fry		Valencia SC Ladies Day  WSA Starts, till March 3 <sup>rd</sup> LV,NV	Tin Lizzie's Steak Fry	El Zelzah Pote's Ball LV,NV

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# MAR 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
					Tin Lizzie Steak Fry	
<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>
	OCSR Stated Meeting					El Riva Court Installation
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
		Divan Board Meeting				Share Court Installation
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
RA-MA Court Insttallation ST.Patrick's Day		Spring Begins				Potentates Gala at El Bekal
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
						El Tanya Court Installation

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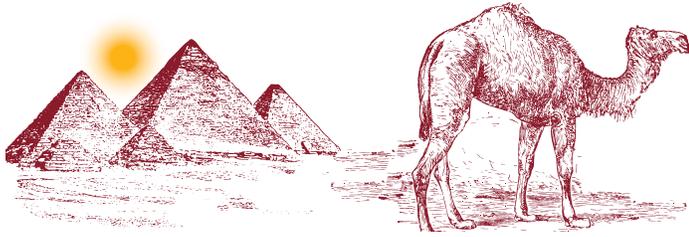
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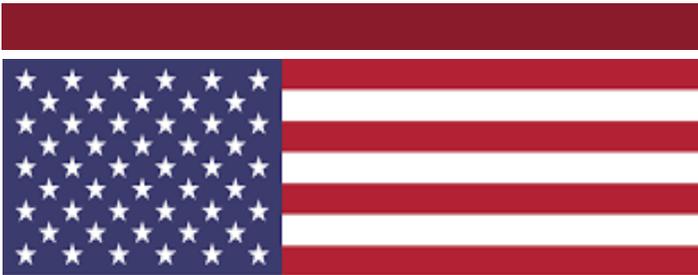
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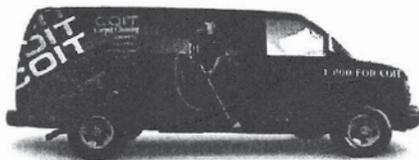
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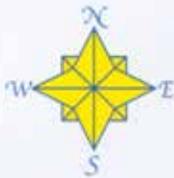
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* Robert R. Ruchti II (Diana)	1974
* Max G. Miller (Jean)	1975
* Ralph C. Bryson (Edie)	1977
* Ray G. Thagard, Sr. (Gayle)	1982
* T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Erna)	1984
* Fred Sorsabal (Marlene)	1986
* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
David P. Suehs (Jo Anne)	2004
Donald K. Sorsabal	2005
Ron Schemm, MD (Barbara)	2006
William Salpaka (Virginia)	2007
* William "Bill" Roland (Kay)	2008
Coy Love (Margaret)	2009
* Gary Hooper (Sharon)	2010
John Rider (Barbara)	2011
* Bill Sizemore (Lynda)	2012
George R. Boyd (Mary)	2013
Roger Ross (Lynn)	2014
John Kahvedjian (Rosie)	2015
* Donald A. Leger (Gloria)	2016
* Carl G. Spalin (Fran)	2017
Larry Griffin (Cheryl)	2018
Mike Selix (Michelle)	2019
Merritt Read (Kimberly)	2020
Michael J Sekera (Abeer)	2021
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Merritt Read (Kimberly)	2023
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Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

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Ill. Sir Larry Griffin, Potentate

Attest,  
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder