



# The El Bekalan



February, 2020

Illustrious *Merritt Read*, Potentate

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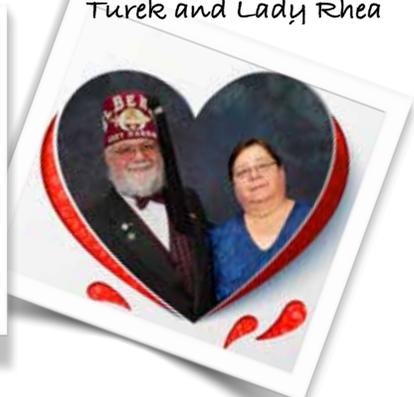
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Imperial Sir  
Jeff Sowder



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Deadline for articles are DUE,  
**February 14th**  
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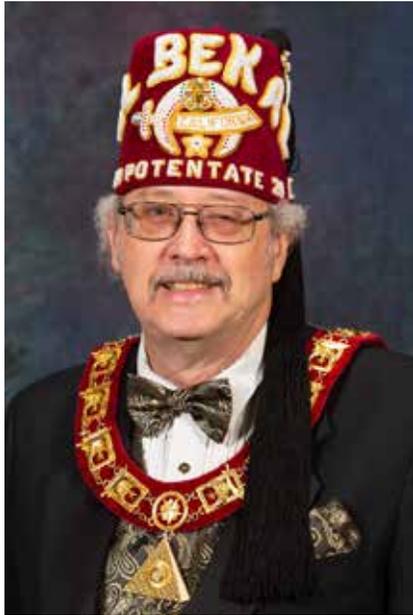
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



I want to thank the nobility for electing me as your Potentate for 2020. It is a great honor, and Kim and I promise to do our very best to give El Bekal an outstanding year. I also want to congratulate all the other elected officers for their election and also the newly appointed officers. We have an outstanding team working for your shrine. The In-and-Out was tremendous with more than 150 in attendance. Congratulations to those that received special recognitions from Illustrious Sir Mike Selix and Lady Michelle for their contributions to the 2019 year. Special congratulations to Noble Russ Allen on being selected as Shriner of the Year. He is such an incredible asset to our temple. Kim and I want to thank our Personal Aides Pete and Dianne Edgar, along with all of our Potentate's Aides, for putting on a marvelous In-and-Out. I also want to thank Coy Love for all his help with the caterers and reservations. Also thanks to Russ Allen, Bruce Minett and the Ali Baba's for their assistance.

I want to welcome the new members that joined at the Ceremonial on December 22. They are John Arceo and Lady Minerva, Joe Quimson

and Lady Vicky, Britz Regis and Lady Nenita, Angelo Duenmos and Lady Jocille, and Celso Caluag and Lady Leilanie. Some of them were at the In-and-Out. I also want to welcome our two new affiliates from the January stated meeting. They are Randy Alicna and Lady Glenda, and Rick Villegas and Lady Jennifer.

The El Bekalan Editor for 2020 will be Illustrious Sir Larry Griffin, who is also working hard on the roster book. Because of the early deadline for articles, all other January events will be mentioned in the March El Bekalan. We have several outstanding events in February. On the 2nd will be our Super Bowl Party. On the 9th will be the first POV of the year hosted by the Oasis Patrol, Ali Baba's and the Nomads. The 12th will be our Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Kim has planned a delicious menu and dancing will be to the music of Clarence Ulrich. The Indio Weekend will be February 14-17. We will have a Ceremonial on Saturday the 15th, followed by the POV for the new Sons of the Desert Shrine Club. The POV for the Date Empire Shrine Club will be on Sunday the 16th, and Monday morning the 17th will be the Date Festival Parade. Please see the flyers in this El Bekalan for all of these events.

We encourage all of you to participate. Finally, as a Senior DeMolay and Active Member of the DeMolay International Supreme Council, it will be my pleasure to present a 75 year Senior DeMolay pin at the April stated meeting. I will also be presenting several 50 year pins. If you are an El Bekal noble who is a Senior DeMolay of 50 years or more and would like to be included, please let me know no later than March 23.

Merritt Read  
Potentate



# El Bekal Shrine



*Cordially invites you and a guest to  
 The Potentates Grand Ball  
 Illustrious Sir Potentate Merritt Read  
 And First Lady Kim  
 Saturday, the 4th day of April, 2020  
 Rosamond 1 Ballroom  
 Social— 6 :00 P. M.  
 Entrance— 6:30 P. M.  
 Dinner—7:00 P. M.  
 Divan/Unit – Formal with Fez  
 Nobles – Formal or Business with Fez  
 Ladies– Formal*

*At Knott's Berry Farm Hotel  
 7675 Crescent Avenue  
 Buena Park, CA 90620  
 Mention El Bekal Shrine for free parking  
 and Special Rate, \$159.00 per night  
 Hotel reservations call 714-995-1111  
 Deadline for Hotel is March 3, 2020*

*Pre-Ball Party  
 Friday, April 3 at 7:00  
 P.M in hospitality room  
 For further information  
 contact Merritt Read  
 714-875-6344*

Reservation Form for Potentate's Grand Ball must be by **March 20, 2020**. Tickets will not be sold at the Door.

Dinner Choice's: Knott's Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] place(s) for \$ 60.00 each. Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Club affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

Lady's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ MC [ \_\_\_\_ ] Visa [ \_\_\_\_ ] CVV( \_\_\_\_\_ )code

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 1320 S. Sanderson Ave.  
 Anaheim, CA 92806  
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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN

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Nobles,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! To start off our New Year of 2020, I would first like to sincerely thank the nobility on my election last month as your new Chief Rabban and for your continued faith and confidence in me as I begin being a member of the Divan of El Bekal Shrine.

I would also like to wish all the best for my successor, as your new Assistant Rabban Al Turek.

James Ridley is our High Priest and Prophet.

I would like to welcome to El Bekal's Divan, our newest officers, Tom Thomas as your new Oriental Guide.

We also have two new members as 2<sup>nd</sup> Ceremonial Noble Andrew Prutsman and our 1<sup>st</sup> Ceremonial Noble Lito Soliven.

Welcome to the team! Also, a big shout out to our Recorder Illustrious Sir Coy Love and our Treasurer Illustrious Sir Larry Griffin. Last but certainly not least, the biggest round of congratulations goes to our new Potentate for 2020 – Merritt Read. Congratulations Illustrious Sir! I and the rest of your Divan stand ready to help and assist you in the ensuing year. Our Illustrious Merritt Read has a lot of wonderful activities planned but before that – a quick little end-of-the-year recap. I want to thank all of our Nobles who attended our election night on December 27th and who made their voices heard. The meeting was very well attended. Now that 2020 has begun, there's a lot going on. Don't miss out on the fun! Make sure to read The El Bekalian; check out our website and our Facebook page for updates. If you have an idea or suggestion; PLEASE let your Divan know. With the participation, support and help of YOU – the Nobility, this is going to be a great year at El Bekal!

Chief Rabban – Michael Sekera



# MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN

Greetings Nobles,

Thank you Nobles for electing me as Assistant Rabban. I will do my best to support our Potentate and make 2020 a great year for El Bekal Shrine. And hearty Congratulations to our new Potentate, Illustrious Merritt Read and to all the new members of the Divan.

There's a lot of fun events planned this year. Let's make sure these events are well attended so everyone can share in the fun and fellowship. Help spread news of Shrine events to the other bodies of Freemasonry. When you attend Lodge, bring a few flyers and El Bekalens to hand out or to leave on the Tyler's table. Do the same thing with Scottish Rite or York Rite or Eastern Star meetings. There are many clubs and units in El Bekal to match the interests of potential members, tell everyone about them. And especially, if you meet a Shriner who hasn't been to El Bekal in a while, invite him to an event, ask if he needs a ride and make him feel welcome.

Now on a more somber note. Last month I attended a sad gathering at Orange Grove Lodge for a memorial service for a good man and a great Shriner. Noble John Edgemon was a fine example of of a Mason and very active with the Lodge. He had just completed his first time as Worthy Patron of his Eastern Star Chapter and he rarely missed driving his Tin Lizzie in a parade. The amazing thing about John is that he only became a Mason and Shriner when he was well into his 60s. To me, his energy and enthusiastic involvement with Lodge, Star and Shrine are proof that age is only a number. That it's never too late to start something new and pursue it wholeheartedly. Let's follow John's example and get involved. We can make a difference in 2020.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek-

Assistant Rabban



**JUST ONE**

Who do you know  
that would make a good  
Shrine Mason?

Make a difference  
when you refer Just One.

# MESSAGE FROM THE HP&P

Howdy yall.

I want to thank everyone who didn't vote for me to become High Priest and (NO) Profit. Maybe next year more of my friends will show up to the officer's elections and just vote NO.

**SERIOUSLY** I am looking forward to serving and working hard for "our" kids that so desperately need our help. But we are going to need everyone's help. As membership Chairman I am going to appoint **EVERY SINGLE** one of you on our membership team. Our Imperial Potentate has challenged each of us to bring in just one new member. Just **ONE** folks! How hard can that be? Please see me or any of the Divan members for help on bringing in your candidate. Every one of us knows at least one person that wants to be a Shriner. They just haven't asked.

Every one of us knows about what our hospitals do for children. But did you know about the amount of medical research we do at our hospitals? For instance parents can now check their child's spine for possible scoliosis on their phone with the new app **SPINESCREEN** developed by Shriners hospitals for children. The app is free on the **APP STORE** or **google play**. It detects curves of the spine as the phone is moved along a child's back. Just another way we help our kids. Make you proud? It makes me proud enough to step up my efforts to support our cause. Not only donating money, but donating our time is just as valuable. We all have similar viewpoints on life, all of us are committed to helping others. Ever notice at funerals nobody mentions what kind of car the deceased drove or how much money he/she had? Nope! It is Always about how much that person helped others and their philanthropical efforts. Let's give them something to talk about. **FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY.**  
**Jim Ridley HP&P**



**Scoliosis**  
**TREATMENT**



# Brotherly love at work in Menifee Valley with Noble Allan Bowman

The Inland Empire is said to be a place for those that wish for a slower pace of life to move and retire.

Those members of Menifee Valley Lodge with the leadership of Past Master, Allan Bowman several years ago began collecting foods for the needy. The effort grew larger every year and this year's food collected amounted to 286 families; truly a very Masonic endeavor and something one can be proud to take part of. Yes, some of those volunteers were members of El Bekal Shrine but the real true pride belongs to the Masons.



Bro. Allan Bowman, PM  
Scotland

# Super Bowl Sunday El Bekal Shrine Center February 2, 2020



## The legacy continues

1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806

Party starts at 1 PM, kick-off 3:30 PM.

All you can eat and drink. Hamburgers, hotdogs, Brats, chili and Etc. Bring your family, kids under 12 eat free. All this for \$10 each. Any questions call Coy Love (714) 563-9111



Reservation form for Super Bowl January 30, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ X Adults \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_ X Kids free

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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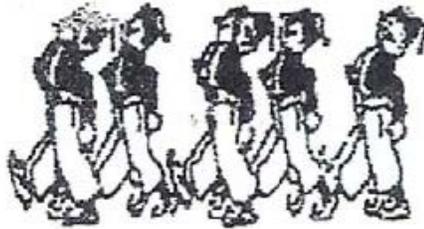
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*Everyone's Invited to The First  
Potentate's Official Visit of 2020*



*Ali Baba Sheiks*



*Oasis Patrol*



*Nomads*

*Sunday February 9th, 2020*

*Social Hour at 12:30pm .... Brunch @ 1:30pm*

*El Bekal Shrine Center*

*1320 South Sanderson Ave*

*Anaheim California 92806*

*Dress Casual Unit or Club Shirt with Fez*

*Featuring:*

*Food Catered by Lucci's of Huntington Beach*

*Prime Rib | Chicken Cordon Bleu, + Fixens*

*Free Wine Beer and Sodas*

*A great time for All*

*All for \$25.00*

*Per Person*

*Reservations are Necessary and Required by January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

*Mail Checks as "El Bekal Nomads" to:*

*Dale Edwards*

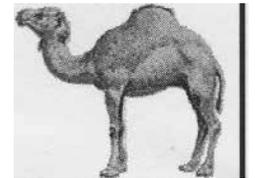
*9649 La Esperanza*

*Fountain Valley CA 92708*

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# Date Festival Week end, Indio CA



## February 14 -17, 2020

Place will be at the same Hotel as in the past: Best Western, Date Tree Hotel 81909 Indio Blvd. Indio, CA 92201

**Friday, Feb. 14** Check in 4pm, Rate is \$151.00 per night.  
Activities include; On your own: Date Festival, Golf, Swap Meet, Shopping  
Potentate's Hospitality room, 4 to 6 pm and 8 to 10 pm

**Saturday, Feb 15** Ceremonial at Coachella Lodge: Coachella Masons #476  
51—100 South Jackson Street  
Coachella, CA 92202  
4:00 pm Sons of The Desert POV: Attire, the shirt of your Unit or Club with Fez.  
5 pm: Chinese Dinner: \$15.00 per person. FEZING  
Cigar and Liqueur by the water fountain.

**Sunday, Feb. 16** 4 pm Date Empire POV: Attire, the shirt of your Unit or Club with Fez. 5 pm Steak BB-Q by the pool \$25.00 per person.

**Monday Feb 17** Date Festival Parade, luncheon to follow parade Pool Side.

**Other information will be given upon your arrival**

**Reservation Form, Indio 2020  
Cut off date, January 31, 2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve  places @ \$151.00 per night Fri  Sat  Sun  \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve  Chinese Dinner, Pool Side @ \$15.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve  for the POV and BB-Q at the Pool Side @ \$25.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# Ceremonial

Calling all Candidates

A Ceremonial will be held on Saturday

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Calling all Sons of the Desert

Robing: 11:00am

Briefing: 11:15 am

Ceremonial: 12:00 pm

Social & Fezing: 4:00pm

Pool side at main hotel

Dinner: 5:00pm \$15.00 ea.



Cost: \$250.00 Initiation Fee

At Coachella Lodge: Coachella Masons #476

51-100 South Jackson Street

Coachella, CA 92202 [www.elbekalshrine.com](http://www.elbekalshrine.com)

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# Shriner's Valentine Dinner, Live Entertainment and Dance

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

**February 12, 2020**  
**Wednesday 6:00 pm**  
**Dress Valentine's**

Filet mignon or salmon \$40 per person. Dance to the music of Clarence Ulrich.  
For further information contact Merritt Read (714) 875-6344.

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Valentine's Day Dinner reservations before February 05, 2020, filet mignon x \_\_\_\_\_ or salmon x \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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MC \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ exp \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_ \ \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets \$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# YOU'RE INVITED...



## RA-MA COURT #95 L.O.S.N.A.



Donna McCarrell  
High Priestess Elect

Cordially invites you to attend the 43<sup>rd</sup>  
Annual Installation of Officers

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 2 o'clock  
Walt Disney DeMolay Center  
303 West Lincoln Avenue Anaheim,  
CA 92805

Lady Donna McCarrell  
High Priestess Elect



Lady Renee Calhoun  
Retiring High Priestess

Reception and dinner immediately following.  
\$15 per person. Please RSVP by March 9<sup>th</sup> to  
Lady Donna McCarrell at  
(Call) 714-992-2531 (Text) 714-606-1626  
Email to D1e8m4c2c@hotmail.com

Nobles and Ladies are requested to proudly  
wear the fez of their organization.



Lady Lynnette Channon  
High Priestess Elect

## El Riva Court #102 LOSNA

Cordially Invites you to attend  
the 33<sup>rd</sup> Installation of Officers

Saturday  
March 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 2:00 pm  
Evergreen Masonic Center 5801  
Chicago Avenue Riverside, CA  
92506



Lady Joyce Swalley  
Retiring High Priestess

Dinner/Refreshments following Installation  
RSVP To Cheryl Smiley

951-536-5995

Please R.S.V.P by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Nobles and  
Ladies are requested to Proudly wear the Fez of  
their organization



Camie Dean  
High Priestess  
Elect

El Tanya Court No. 61 LOSNA  
Cordially Invites You to Attend  
the 69<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers  
Saturday, April 25, 2020  
at 2:00 p.m.

International City Masonic  
Center 5155 East Pacific Coast  
Highway Long Beach, CA  
90804



Rhonda McDonald  
Retiring High  
Priestess

Dinner will be served following the Installation  
Please RSVP by April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Glenda Malan  
949-280-6322  
gkmalan1@yahoo.com

Nobles and Ladies are requested to proudly  
wear the fez of their organization.



Glenda Malan  
Queen Elect



Lynda Sizemore  
Retiring Queen  
Pat Allen Princess  
Recorder

## Merret Temple No.3 Daughters of the Nile

Cordially invites you to attend  
the 67<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
at Two O'clock in the afternoon

Walt Disney DeMolay Center  
303 West Lincoln Avenue  
Anaheim, California

When  
Glenda Malan  
will be crowned Queen

Social @ 4:00, Dinner @ 4:30

Dinner to follow Installation  
Cost is \$30.00  
RSVP By March 30, 2020

To:  
Glenda Malan  
gkmalan1@yahoo.com  
949-280-6322  
Pat Johnson  
562-2 35-6275

## 2020 EL BEKAL CRUISE

Final details for the 2020 El Bekal Cruise are not available yet. But the cruise itself has been finalized. The Enchanted Princess, which makes it's maiden voyage in June 2020, will sail from Barcelona, Spain on Saturday, September 5, 2020. The fantastic ports-of-call are [Gibraltar](#), [Marseille, France](#), [Genoa, Italy](#) and [Florence/Pisa, Italy](#). The ship will arrive in [Civitavecchia, Italy](#) for our trip to Rome on Saturday, September 12. We have reserved 12 Balcony and 12 Interior Cabins, in addition to the Owner's Suite which Kim and I have reserved. We already have several couples signed up for the cruise at this early date. We are going through Cruise Holidays of Upland. Our contact is Bonnie and her phone number is 909-946-6033. Refundable reservations can be made at this time through Bonnie. They are refundable until May 28, 2020. A small number of mini-suites are available at this time, but they may not last. We recommend if you are thinking about going on this cruise, you reserve your cabin as soon as possible. Here is a tentative plan for the trip:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Fly from LAX

Thursday, September 3, 2020 Arrive in [Barcelona](#) in the afternoon. Dinner at a Flamenco Show.

Friday, September 4, 2020 All day tour of Barcelona. Dinner somewhere.

Saturday AM, September 5, 2020 Morning tour of the incredible Sagrada Família.

Saturday PM, September 5, 2020 Board the ship which sails at 10 PM.

Sunday, September 6, 2020 Sea day.

Monday, September 7, 2020 [Gibraltar](#)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Sea day.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 [Marseille, France](#)

Thursday, September 10, 2020 [Genoa, Italy](#)

Friday, September 11, 2020 [Florence/Pisa, Italy](#)

Saturday AM, September 12, 2020 Arrive at [Civitavecchia, Italy](#) and travel to [Rome](#).

Saturday PM, September 12, 2020 Afternoon on your own. Evening dinner/night tour of Colosseum.

Sunday, September 13, 2020 All day tour of Rome.

Monday, September 14, 2020 All day tour of Vatican.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Fly home.

Except for the cruise, the rest of the schedule is not set in stone yet. We will arrange for the tours in Barcelona and Rome. Cruise excursions are on your own. There will be opportunities to gather in our suite at the back of the ship, which has a large balcony. Total cost of the trip has not been determined at this time. We hope you will join us on this exciting trip in 2020. Merritt and Kim Read



[Sagrada Família](#)



[Leaning Tower of Pisa](#)



[Colosseum](#)



[Vatican](#)





If you are located in the South Orange County area and looking for a connection to the Shrine, may we suggest you consider South Coast Shrine Club, “The Host of the Coast”. South Coast was chartered in 1954 and is under the jurisdiction of **El Bekal** Shrine Center. We are a group of Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions around the world who enjoy each other’s company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International & Shriners Hospitals for Children. We also have an active group of ladies who are an important part of our Club. We have several social events outside our dinner meetings such as theater parties, trips and our Italian Night & Potentate’s Visitation party.

We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of each month at Polly’s Pies, Moulton Parkway & Santa Maria, in Laguna Hills. Social time is at 6:00 PM with a no-host social hour before that we refer to as, “lies and old war stories time” followed by dinner. We order from the standard menu and pay our own checks. Reservations are suggested to assure correct seating set up. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We distribute our newsletter (Bulletin) monthly and offer you the opportunity to visit and/or join our group. There will be no pressure or solicitation. While we welcome you to our meetings, the decision to affiliate with South Coast is entirely a matter of your personal choice. It is the Brotherhood of other Shriners and Ladies that we offer, with no strings attached.

If you think you would like to join us, we’d be glad to see you. If you have any questions, or need further details or directions, please feel free to contact me directly at 949/584-9716 or at: [southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net) . We would be proud to have you associate with us. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship. You are always **WELCOME** at South Coast.

Fraternally,  
**Chuck Wilson**, Bulletin Editor

### Some helpful websites

- El Bekal: [elbekal.com](http://elbekal.com)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)
- [ShrinersVillage.com](http://ShrinersVillage.com) (Need membership No. to join)
- [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com)
- [webfez.shrinenet.org/](http://webfez.shrinenet.org/) (Need membership No. to join)
- [webfez.shrinenet.org/referral](http://webfez.shrinenet.org/referral)
- [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)
- [imperial2019.com](http://imperial2019.com)
- [westernshrine.org](http://westernshrine.org)

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

If you’re looking for a place to connect with other 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.

On month’s with 5 Thursdays, or about quarterly, we conduct our special Lady’s Day program inviting our Ladies, Honored Ladies, significant others and guests. We offer a special meal and program with live entertainment designed for the enjoyment of all. However, on Lady’s Day reservations are a MUST.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, the first lunch is on the Club and we just love company, especially Nobles.

# JUST ONE



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**

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**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 #

Noble \_\_\_\_\_  
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## El Bekalan Supporters

Let's talk about the El Bekalan, it's a news magazine that's put out by the Temple from the Potentate. Being there, I can vouch that it is the largest one-line item in the Potentate's budget. Going back a few years we had El Bekalan Supporter names that would fill the page and part of a second page all in regular size type. Presently there less than 50 names that support the El Bekalan.

The magazine is loaded with information about activities about El Bekal Shrine in particular, also the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, and Daughters of the Nile. It's the only way the Potentate can get a message out to the Nobility and Ladies.

### Statistics:

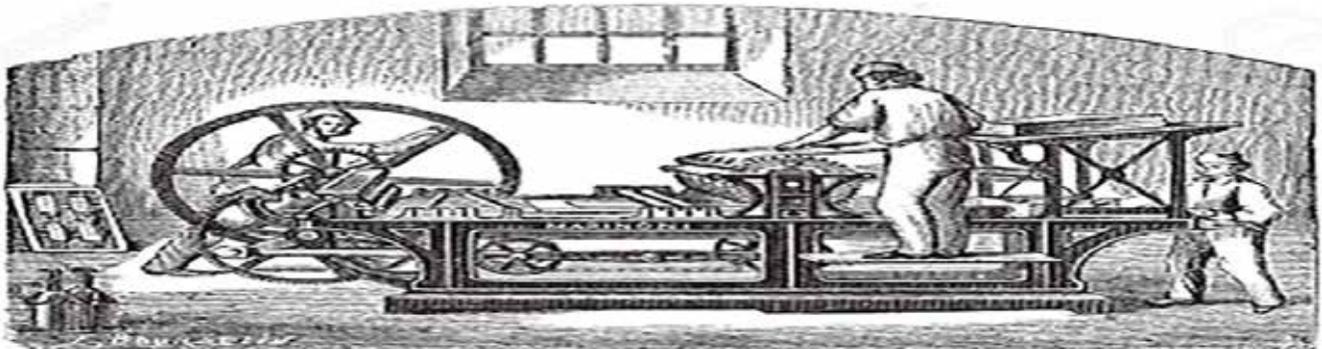
Some temples demand a sum of monies per year or you don't get their communication. Some temples request \$40.00 + for the support of their temple magazine  
We at El Bekal are asking for \$20.00 for the year, really not a bad deal when you think about it.

The El Bekalan Supporter budget has not made its goal for the past couple of years and is now grinding gears. So please consider sending in your check to support this undertaking.

You may say "but I pay my Dues every year". The amount of your dues El Bekal keeps is \$69.00, the remaining goes to Imperial Shrine for Hospital Assessment and Per Capita.

Wishing you all the best for 2020

In the Faith, Don Leger, P.P.





# EL BEKAL SHRINE

## LOCATION:



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## DATE:

MONDAY  
MARCH 9, 2020

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### DC - 1

Is formal  
 Men wear tux  
 Women dresses, skirts (long or short) or pants suit like to wear to the ball

Ordering outfits  
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## 2020 Outfits for El Bekal

For  
 theme events wear  
 theme outfits and have  
 fun



### DC - 2

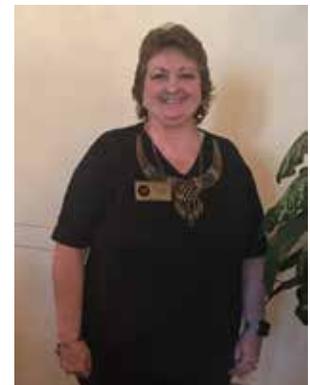
Smart Casual  
 Men wear dark gray suit with light yellow shirt with tie  
 Women wear gold and black jacket and black tee with rhinestones and black pants or skirt  
 Wear to some POV's, visit to the hospital, fundraising and to fezzing



### DC - 3

Casual  
 Men wear tan embroidered shirt with black pants.  
 Women wear tan shirt with embroidery (optional) and black pants or black tee with rhinestones and black pants  
 Wear to some POV's, parades, the hospital or any other functions

### or DC-3



# AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

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## Become a Charter Member of the Ambassadors Club

What is an Ambassador?

The Ambassador is a unique role in El Bekal Shrine, relevant to the unique nature of the Shrine itself. They are called Ambassadors. As the name has changed so the role has evolved over the years and they are now a very important part of El Bekal Shrine structure.

Who can be an Ambassadors?

Any member of El Bekal Shrine lodge who feels he can successfully carry out the duties described below can be appointed by the Chairmen. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the ensuing year should contact the Potentate. If appointed it is expected that the Ambassadors will play an active part in the role when and if occasion demands

What are the duties of an Ambassador?

Whilst the list of duties may seem onerous there is often little to do but it is expected that these duties will be carried out diligently and promptly when required.

The principal duty is to assist in the administration of El Bekal Shrine which will include: -

- To assist the Secretary to locate members with whom we have lost contact.
- To assist the Treasurer to collect outstanding dues and subscriptions when serious arrears arise.
- To assist the Almoner in cases of sickness and distress and to act as the eyes and ears of the almoner in his area of responsibility.
- To assist the Assistant Secretary in the administration of applications to join El Bekal Shrine.
- Annual Dues are \$10.00 per year.
- The only special skill needed is to enjoy each other, people and we'll teach you the rest.

Want to know more?

Please contact the El Bekal Shrine

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## Who are the Shriners?

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# EL BEKAL SHRINE



## Ambassadors Club

Nobles Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence Business Mobile

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nobles Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Master Mason: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a Shriner: \_\_\_\_\_

Clubs you're a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

Units you're a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladies Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization You're a member of: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards you have both received: \_\_\_\_\_

Blue Lodge & No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
State (Current Blue Lodge if Different)

Occupation (be specific): \_\_\_\_\_ or check Box  
Retired



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# FEB 2020

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Super Bowl at El  
Bekal

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POV DC-2  
Ali Baba's,  
Nomad's, Patrol

Divan/Board  
Meeting

Valentine's  
Dinner

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Indio Weekend  
Starts

Ceremonial  
POV DC-3  
Sons of the  
Desert

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POV Date  
Empire  
DC-3

Indio Date  
Festival Parade

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# MAR 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b> Orange County Scottish Rite POV DC-2	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b> Tin Lizzie's Steak Fry	<b>07</b> El Riva Court #102 Installation
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b> Polly's Pie Fundraiser	<b>10</b> Divan/Board Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> RA-MA Court #95 Installation	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> El Bekal Movie Matinee	<b>23</b> POV DC-3 Ambassador's Club	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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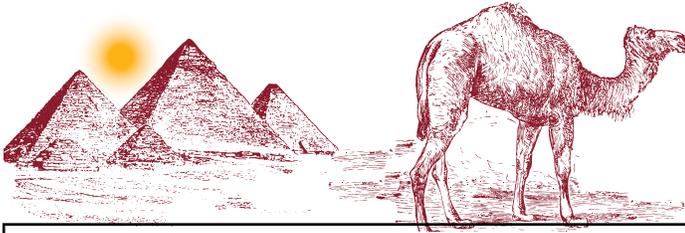
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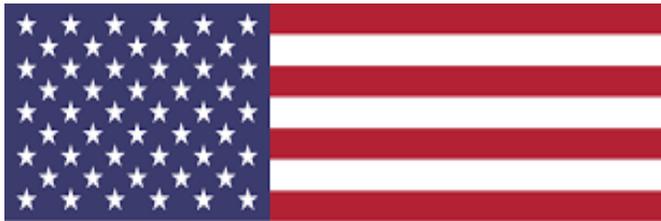
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## PAST POTENTATES

* Cedric S. Perry	1952
* Francis H. Gentry	1953
* Robert R. Ruchti	1954
* Oakley K. Morton	1955
* W. Blair Gibbens	1956
* Edward M. Humes	1957
* Cecil L. Fulcher	1958
* Robert H. Webb	1959
* George F. Thagard, Sr.	1960
* James Munholland	1961
* Ralph E. Barnes	1962
* Jessie M. Allen	1963
* Roy T. Reynolds (Lucille)	1964
* Leroy H. Crager	1965
* Roy A. Hopkins	1966
* Louis J. Anfinson	1967
* J.S. Scotty Finlay	1968
* J. Dick Sisemore	1969
* Archie Lloyd	1970
* C.R. Jerry Johnson	1971
* Howard L. Thorp	1972
* Kirby C. Serles	1973
* Robert R. Ruchti II (Diana)	1974
* Max G. Miller (Jean)	1975
* Henry W. Eilers	1976
* Ralph C. Bryson (Edie)	1977
* Richard E. Hixson	1978
* Junior V. Lewis	1979
* David B. Slayton	1980
* Preston M. Jones	1981
* Ray G. Thagard, Sr. (Gayle)	1982
* Louis Andreatta	1983
* T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Erna)	1984
* Steve Gallina	1985
* Fred Sorsabal (Marlene)	1986
* Harold E. Sievers	1987
* S.K. Stu Rothchild	1988
* George Royce	1989
* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* William Pherrin	1992
* J. Floyd Price	1993
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Leo Sutliff	1995
* Richard O. Hughes	1996
* Max Hiles	1997
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast (Mollie)	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
* Bill McIntosh (Lynne)	2001
* Art Menzel	2002
* Ray Biggerstaff	2003
* 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

### Associate Past Potentate

\* Hans Lindquist, Nile (Priscilla) 1998

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## EL BEKAL STATED MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Monday April 13th, 2020

Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30

pm

Reservations by Friday April 10th, 2020

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS**

*Dinner & Beverages Hosted by EI Bekal*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That the Quarterly Meeting of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday April 13th, 2020, 7:30 pm at EI Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2020 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally,  
Ill. Merritt Read  
Potentate

Attest,  
Coy Love, P.P.  
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