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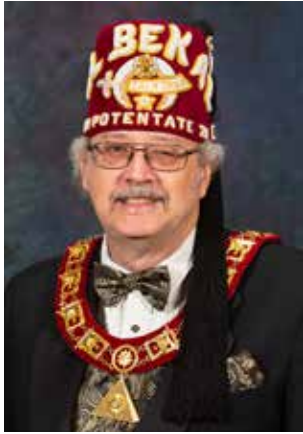
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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



As I write to you for the first time in two months, the best news is that only one of our members has tested positive for COVID-19 and he is not sick. I thank God for that great news. Unfortunately, all events scheduled for July have been cancelled except for the Stated Meeting on Friday, July 10. Please see the Special Notice enclosed. The First Ladies Luncheon is moving to October 18 and the Potentate's Gala is moving to November 7. I spoke

with the Grand Master on June 5, and he believes that Phase 4 which we fall into should probably be opened by August 1. Based on that, our first events back will be the 5-way POV on August 16 and the Movie Matinee on August 30. Please see the flyers enclosed for these events. Social distancing will be followed, sanitizing stations will be available, and masks will be required (except when eating). We all want to get back

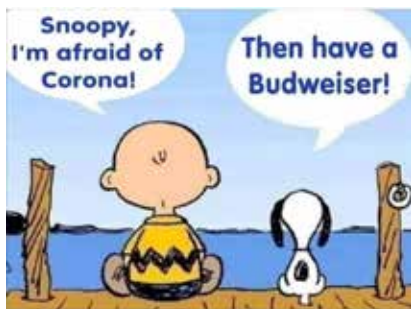
together, but we also want to protect our members. We are looking at future events to determine how to make them work. The Picnic on August 2 and the Angel Game on August 23 have been cancelled. I would like to get the opinion of the nobility on whether we should continue doing Monday Night Football every week starting in September, or possibly changing to every other week. Please let me know what you think. While 2020 has been a disappointment for Kim and I due to COVID-19, we are going to attempt to salvage as much as possible in the final five months of the year. Finally, our photographer found the pictures from the February



POV and we hope you enjoy the ones we enclosed. We also hope you view the pictures of our members in their masks and figure out who is behind them. Stay safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing many of you starting in August.

Merritt Read

Potentate



SPECIAL NOTICE
EL BEKAL STATED MEETING
FRIDAY JULY 10th, 2020
VIA ZOOM

YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO ATTEND

The Executive Board of El Bekal Shrine, along with Shriners International, have approved a zoom meeting for El Bekal's quarterly stated meeting on **Friday, July 10**. This will be a tiled meeting and only El Bekal members with a 2020 dues card may attend. We ask each member to be cautious that no outsiders be allowed to participate in the meeting.

In order to expedite the check-in process and to facilitate any roll call votes that may be required, it will be necessary for members to pre-register. **Pre-registration may be done until July 7 through the Recorder by email only at recorder@elbekalshrine.com**. When pre-registering, please verify your email address so that the link for the meeting can be sent to you prior to the meeting. We ask that the link for the meeting be shared only by the Treasurer, who is the host of the meeting and will verify the attendees.

Please log in before the start of the meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 PM and **logging onto the link will be available from 7:00 PM – 7:25 PM.**

The meeting cannot be recorded or retransmitted. The attire is casual, and a fez is optional.

Note: the host will have control of the meeting. All will be muted and unmuted by the host. If you have any questions or comments, you can CHAT with the host to notify him of what you need.

After the meeting, the Zoom page will remain open for 30 min, for all to just talk amongst yourselves.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN



Nobles, Ladies and Families,

Although the way we work has changed, the drive to connect to one another is often stronger than the circumstances that keep us apart. The COVID-19 pandemic seems to be lingering on; However, we are still moving forward with plans for the future. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you as you navigate through this unprecedented time. As we move through this COVID-19 virus pandemic, our hope is you and your families remain healthy and safe. No one is sure what's coming next. Rather than focus on the unknown negative, I challenge you to think differently about the situation. Let's put people first and then we will be able to move forward as an organization. Keep in mind, this pandemic is impacting everyone in various ways. It is something we must all deal with together. Reach out to all your El Bekal Shrine Family members and let them know you care about them. Make it a point to understand their concerns and let them know we are here to help. While current social restrictions have pushed us to think differently and try new things. We are making more phone calls and connecting more through social media than we have ever done before. How we react and what we do today will impact our future. We will be stronger as we will tackle this together.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Sekera - Chief Rabban

Isolation Opening Ritual

Situation of the Tyler? Outside the door of the lodge. His duty?
Armed with a 2m sword to see off all coughers.

Situation of the Inner Guard? Within the entrance. His duty?
To admit the uninfected on proof, receive the candidates duly masked and obey commands of the Junior Doctor.

Situation of the Junior Deacon. 2m away from the SW. His duty?
To carry all soap of the WM from the SW to the JW, and see their hands are punctually cleaned.
To mark the position of the soap. To call Brethren from soap to sink, and sink to towel, that clean hands are the result

Bro SW, your place in the lodge, The West. Why are you there?
To ensure that brethren are masked, tested, and regularly clean the lodge by the command of the WM, having seen that everyone remains exactly 2m apart from each other.

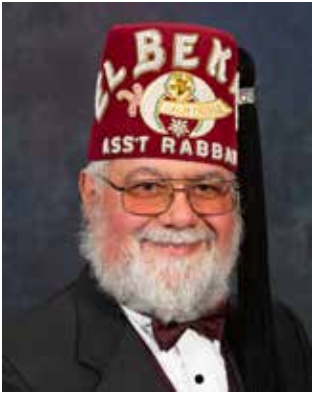
Bro IPM, the WM place. The East. Why are you there?
As the virus sprung from the East, leading us to isolation, so the WM is placed there to make sure all vulnerable masons are duly shielded, commanding them to remain at home, protect our temples and save lives.

Brethren, the isolation lodge being duly sanitized, let us, remain 2M apart, duly isolated and wait for a vaccine to arrive.

So mote it be.

W.Bro Enrico Pontelli

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN



Greetings Nobles,

I realize that everyone is having a some “cabin fever” now, we all miss meeting with our fellow Nobles and Ladies. Hang in there, things will certainly get better. How can I be so sure? Because mankind has fought diseases like these before.

The bubonic plague of the medieval era took a huge toll in human life, about one-third of the population of Europe. In some places, entire towns and villages disappeared.

The plague would reappear at intervals and still crops up occasionally in the present day. It was finally contained by controlling the rat infestations in cities and keeping plague-carrying ships from docking. In fact, this is where the word quarantine comes from. Ships would have to wait for 40 days to prove that there were no plague carriers onboard. In Medieval Latin, the word quarentena means 40.

For many years smallpox claimed up to 30% of those infected and most of the survivors were left scarred for life. When a vaccine was first developed, many people didn’t trust it and actually opposed it with editorials and satirical cartoons. However the vaccine worked spectacularly and the last case of smallpox was diagnosed in 1977. I can remember when there was great concern about polio and seeing pictures of wards full of polio patients in iron lungs. This fearful disease was almost completely eradicated by the Salk Vaccine and other means. How many of us were given the pink sugar cube? I was.

Typhoid fever is caused by a type of salmonella and was spread through food and water. The most famous case was “Typhoid Mary” who didn’t suffer any symptoms herself, but spread the disease while working in restaurants. Proper sanitation and safe food handling practices have controlled typhoid. Now you know why there’s “employees must wash hands” signs in restaurant bathrooms.

For anyone who likes to think about odd coincidences, the decades numbered 20 seem to have an unusual amount of disasters. In the 1720s there was a small outbreak of bubonic plague in Europe. In the 1820s it was cholera. And there’s been a lot of comparison between the 1918 Spanish Flu outbreak that lasted till 1920 and the current situation.

So let’s “keep calm and carry on” and we can get through these rough times together.

I hope to be able to meet with everyone soon.

Fraternally,

Al Turek

Assistant Rabban



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MESSAGE FROM THE HP&P



Hi Folks,

So glad to hear that so far all of our members are ok. I believe that everyone is doing a good job taking care of themselves. Each of you are an important part of what we do as Shriners as well as a part of our Masonic family.

Hopefully we will be able to meet again soon and get used to our “new normal”. I have been told that those who do not change, at best are out of step: at worst out of existence. It’s our choice. I am optimistic about our craft. We always seem to make the correct decisions especially under the

leadership of Our Potentate Sir Meritt Reed.

I have a word of caution. (My opinion only).

The concept of war on covid-19 is appealing, but can also be dangerous. On one hand it is a rally cry, focusing our energies on preserving life. It keeps us alert, aware of the magnitude of our our mission. On the other hand the metaphor can be dangerous if it leads us to manipulate science. We have to pay attention to the opinions of science while using our own common sense. Unfortunately science is unpredictable. Not so with human nature. Discoveries become ready to happen in their own time. Good scientists have an instinct for the facture lines of nature, where it is ready to open up and reveal its secrets. We learn most of this when we received the second degree in Masonry. All scientific discoveries are not creditable for our use. Fact check everything and then act accordingly.

Back to Shrine business. We still have a ceremonial scheduled for July 25th. We NEED candidates! Now is a perfect time to call your Masonic friends and encourage them to become part of the greatest philanthropic organization in the world. Please do your part and leave a legacy of yourself.

Fraternally with love,
Jim and Bella

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CHANGES GOING ON AT EL BEKAL
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MESSAGE FROM THE OG



I hope that this finds all of you happy and healthy. It is hard to believe that Pam and I left for Oriental Guide School in Tampa Florida 3 months ago and came home to this time of Pandemic. We are doing well but missing all of opportunities to spend time with our Shrine friends and family. We miss all of your happy faces, smiles, hugs and personal interaction.

I found the article below on the internet and felt that it said everything that I would like to say to all of you so I thought that I would share it with you.

Things are tough right now. With coronavirus circling the globe, impacting nearly every citizen on Earth, the world is a weird place right now. We're all facing uncertainties about what the future will hold. We don't know for sure what will happen with our health, the health of our loved ones, our jobs, our communities, and more. It's unnerving, to say the least.

During times like these, it's okay to be overwhelmed, scared, or anxious. In fact, it's *normal*. You're not alone in feeling how you feel. I, too, feel overwhelmed and unsure. These are strange times, but keeping these things in mind will help us keep calm (and maybe even gain something positive from this experience). Staying optimistic is challenging during difficult times, but it is so important. I hope these reminders will stick with you in the days and weeks to come...

1. This won't last forever.
2. Good things can come from bad times.
3. Distance can provide clarity.
4. You have an opportunity to change.
5. Connection is incredibly valuable. Treasure it.
6. Little things really DO matter.
7. Unexpected change offers a new perspective.
8. Practicing positivity will make you stronger.
9. Who you are is more than what you do.
10. It is okay to feel how you feel.
11. Good things can happen (even in bad times).
12. You must play the cards you're dealt.
13. Tough times teach you about yourself.
14. Productivity isn't life's sole purpose.
15. Find joy and inspiration wherever you can.

I know things are tough right now. For some they are much tougher than others, and we never know exactly what other people are going through. Be kind to one another. Be kind to yourself. Do the best you can with what you have around you, and do your best to stay calm. But also know that it's okay to freak out. It's okay to be worried and overwhelmed. Allow yourself to be where you are, and strive to make your mental health a priority right now.

I look forward to the time when we can all be back together in person. Take care of yourself, take care of your family and friends.

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas
Oriental Guide



February 3-way POV



Ali Baba Sheik's
President Leon Lawler
and his Lady Linda.



Nomad's President
Bruce Shapfran assisted
by Judy Edwards.
Thanks for the great
jacket.



February 3-way POV



We had a very good turnout for the February 3-way POV. Great food and lots of fun.

Oasis Patrol
President Norm Smith
and his daughter
Kathie LeCours.



El Bekal 2020 Lock Down.
 Masked and ready to party.
 Can you identify all of
 them?



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Hi everyone,

HELP

Every year for the past 10 years El Bekal Shrine has been manning the 18th Tee Box and the Green, last year we had 10 people worked the 18th hole and green. We want to keep our naming rights help if you can. **There will be no spectators.**

The actual tournament date is October 5th - through October 11th 2020. Monday and Tuesday are practice days for the pro Golfers, Wednesday is the Pro-Am, Thursday through Sunday is the Golf Tournament. You can pick your shift that you want to work, you can pick the days that you want to work and the tournament will feed you lunch free of charge.

Sun Coast Casino and Hotel is full service Hotel where it has all the gambling you can think of, movie theaters, lounge shows, several restaurants, a very large buffet, coffee shop, bowling alley and a convenience gift shop plus a pool and spa. The rooms vary in price depending on the day you arrive and the location of the room but there is a weekday rate and a weekend rate. We will have a Hospitality room again and Noble Joe Pat Williams will be in charge. We will also have a night where we will all go out as a group for dinner like we did last year where we had a great evening to socialize.

Your fees to participate in the tournament varies depending on what additional shirts, hats and jackets that you wish to purchase. A returning Volunteer Uniform Package \$65.00, which is a golf shirt, jacket, and cap or visor. Additional shirt is \$25.00.

You can visit the website: www.shrinershospitalsopen.com and click on the "volunteer link". If you have any questions, please contact: volunteer@shrinershospitalsopen.com or you can call John R. Rider, PP (home) 951-926-8983 or (cell) 951-443-8920. The position that you will be clicking on will be "Marshall".

Remember you need no experience for this event other than having fun. You can stay for one day or several days. I know that if you volunteer one time you will be hooked on this event.

Yours in the Faith, John R. Rider, PP



Weekly Word from the Third

May 25-29, 2020



Shriners for Children
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Hi Friends,

Happy Friday!!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and are ready for a nice weekend this weekend! Well this is our last communication for the month of May. When we return on Monday it will be June 1st – can you believe it? This means we have been working through this pandemic for over 2 and a half months – thank you all for doing the very best you can through all of this!!! This also means we are one month closer to getting through all of this! Let’s keep working together and doing the very best we can to get through all of this and let’s cheer each other on as do our very best to manage through this extraordinary time. I am so proud of each and every one of you that works so hard, whether here or from home and gives us the very best you can each and every day so that we can provide exceptional care to every patient and family that graces us with their presence!! Once again an awful lot has happened this past week and there is a great deal more to come next week – especially as we continue to do our very best at navigating through this “ne normal” as a result of the COVID – 19 Pandemic. The reason for the “Weekly Word from the Third (floor)” is to keep everyone informed of what is happening. Please know we are all trying the very best we can and every day I believe we keep getting better every day. We have never had to deal with anything like this before so we must keep giving our very best! We measure ourselves based on the way we fulfill our quadruple aim through this period:

- 1) Keep our patients as safe as possible.
- 2) Keep our staff as safe as possible.
- 3) Do everything we can to minimize any adverse financial impact on our staff.
- 4) Exercise wise financial stewardship for Shriners Hospitals for Children

Here are a few highlights/updates and High Fives:

1) Patient Care Updates

- It has now been almost a month since we began to ratchet up the number of cases we are performing in the ASC. One of the key changes we have made in the ASC to keep it as safe as possible was to stagger our starts of the ORs so that patients/families and staff can be a bit more spread out for physical distancing. This has worked out very well and helps to keep the ASC as safe as it possibly can be. Sure there are going to be some little hiccups from time to time but everyone needs to be patient and realize everyone is doing the very best they can! Let’s keep learning and keep getting better. We are ready to even explore how we may ratchet up again in the ASC since things are going so well. We continue to seek ways to care for more kids in the ASC in the safest possible way! High Fives to Dr. Cho, Dr. Bushnell, Janet and Faye for their tremendous leadership!! High Fives to the amazing ASC Team for their incredible work!!
- It has also been almost 2 weeks since we began to ramp up our volumes in the clinic as we expanded our hours and again cared for more kids as safely as possible! It appears as though patients are being processed very effectively through the registration process thanks to all of the great work by the front office team! In we also have hit our goal of having a complete Primary Care Physician fax number entered at registration 95% of the time – so that we can automatically fax information the patients Primary Care Physician. This is vital for continuity of care!! High Fives to our front office team Karen, Ana, and Maria!! We started to develop a new safer flow through clinic by creating one way directional flows. In the near future directional arrows will be affixed to the floor to reinforce the flow! High Fives to Nora, Janet and Dr. Cho for amazing leadership in making this happen!!

- We also have made the same types of changes in Rehab and POPs as we are now running at about 60% of full volume in all of our clinical areas!!! High Fives to all involved especially Natalie, Ruby, Eun, Alonzo, Sareena, Lizzy, and Daniel, Lee and the entire POPs and Rehab teams!!
- As we move in to June we will develop the next steps we will take to slowly, safely ratchet up the number of kids being cared for in these areas.
- We are making progress working with the Ronald McDonald House to get them re-opened. It appears as though they may be able to do on a limited basis June 15! High Fives to Janet, Marina, Margarita and Adrianna for all of their great work with making this happen!!
- At our monthly HIM review we found that we had 0 documentation deficiencies for the month!! Sensational work!! High Fives to our entire sensational Medical Staff Team!!!

2) **Staff Updates**

- We are wrapping up May which was officially Nurse Appreciation month! High Fives to all of our phenomenal NURSES!!!! A very special High Five to Carmen for being this year's DAISY Award Nominee!!!!
- Believe it or not just over a month ago – we were not screening at all – and thanks to Janet, Nora, Patty, Faye, Helen, Carme, Immer, Ramon, Jackie, Martha, Maritza we have this amazing screening program – high fives to them all!! We are continuing to look for alternative solutions as we may need to have more visitors screened at one time still more to come!!! High Five to Tom for heading up the exploration of expanded space.
- Speaking of Tome, the Pasadena Fire Marshall was her for their annual inspection. Needless to say we passed with flying colors!! High Fives to Tom and Steve!!
- As we wrap up May we conclude National Mental Health Awareness month. Just because the month ends does not mean that we are not still able to have access to all of the tremendous Employee Assistance Program features afforded us through Magellan. Please never

hesitate to use these wonderful resources!! High Five to Maria for sharing information about all that is at our disposal!!! !

3) **Food For Thought**

- We continue to navigate through these unprecedented times the very best we can. This is new to all of us and certainly brings unique challenges, but look at how far we have come together in such a short period of time!!! Please know that everyone is trying the very best they can and be open to changes and shifting ideas. When these happen please know it is because we are learning, growing and striving to be better. Today's food for thought comes from Mister Rogers, "Some days doing the best you can may still fall short of what we would like to be able to do, but life isn't perfect – on any front – and doing what we can with what we have is the most we should expect of ourselves or anyone else. So true, we are certainly finding out that life is not perfect but we continue to do the very best we can with what we have, because the patients and families that grace us with their presence need us to do exactly that!! Thank you for giving the very best you can, and please acknowledge and cheer for each other as we all do the very best that we can through difficult times. I am so grateful to all of you. Because every day you come here – you do the best you can and we all learn and know better, then we change and do better. Keep that spirit up though these troubling times and we will surely GROW through what we GO through!!

Thank you for your amazing work and your passionate commitment to Shriners and the patients and families that grace us with their presence!!!

Christopher Dougherty

Administrator

FIVE WAY POV

August 16, 2020

Sunday

1:00pm social

2:00pm dinner

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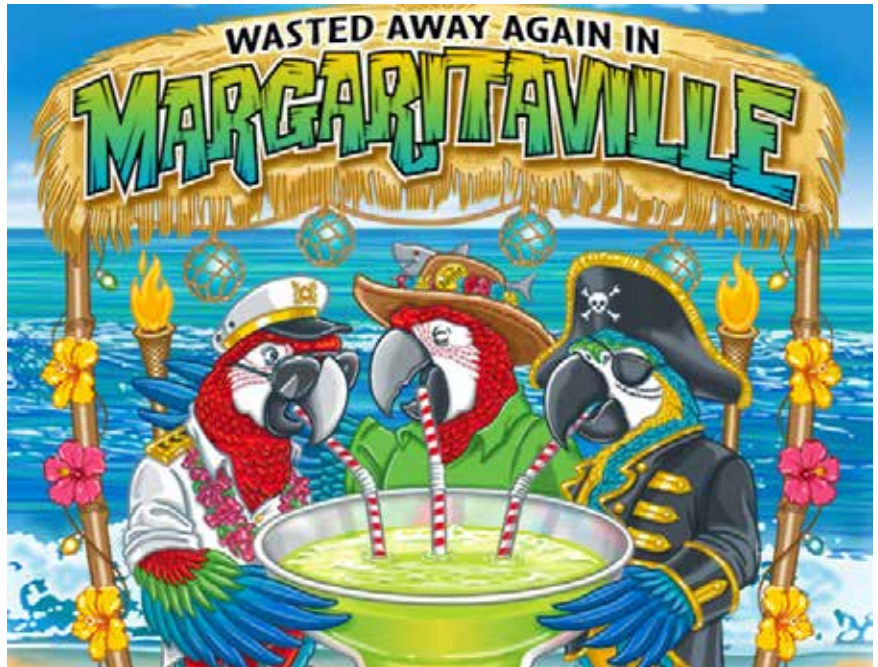
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**Thank you to Schades, Russ
Allen and Larry Griffin.**



Social distancing will be followed and masks will be required for your safety.

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FROM THE GARAGE OF THE ROYAL CHARIOTS

The Garage of the Royal Chariots has been very quiet. Everyone has done a great job of sheltering in place and social distancing. We are all ready for a little social gathering.

We do have some great news about long time member and Past Potentate Carl Spalin. After two months at the City of Hope, 5 chemo therapy sessions, kidney dialysis, many doctor visits and a pet-scan, his doctors at the City of Hope have determined that no cancer can be seen and he doesn't have to return to the doctor for another two months and if he is still doing well then he will not have to return for another six months. This is great news and proves the power of prayers.

We also have some good news about long time member and El Bekal's Chaplin Lil John Ludwig. On April 24th Lil John collapsed at home and the paramedics were called. He was taken to the hospital and stabilized and because of Covid 19 it was decided he would be transferred to a rehab center. He spent about three weeks being poked and prodded and being tested in every way. They still have not found a definite cause for his collapse. The good news is while he was being poked and prodded he was getting more exercise which helped his blood pressure and diabetes. He is home now and continues to get out and walk and exercise. He did buy himself a new walker and it is a beauty. Maybe you've seen it on TV. It's a stand up walker. It's as tall as I am. It allows him to stand erect and take a full stride so it gives him lots of mobility. This is the Ferrari of walkers. He feels good and is getting stronger every day.

On May 11th our Chariot President JoPat and his Lady Sue Williams celebrated their 1st Anniversary and we could not let them celebrate alone in lock down. So 10 cars full of Ladies and Nobles of El Bekal gave them a surprise Parade in front of their house with all the signs, balloons and horn honking. They were very surprised and thankful for all the attention. Tradition says the gift for 1st Anniversaries is paper so they were bombarded with rolls of toilet paper. It was great to see everyone having a great time.

It's going to take some time but we are learning how we can interact with other people and still stay safe. With the use of masks and using the 6ft rule we are seeing more and more businesses opening up.

Thanks to P.P. Larry Griffin and Illustrious Sir Merritt Read we are able to stay in touch with this thing called Zoom. I am not tech smart and I can do it so everybody can do it.

We don't know when the Royal Chariots will have their next dinner meeting but when we do any one interested in the Chariots please join us and we would love to buy your dinner and don't forget to bring your Lady.







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

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When _____

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Signature _____

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

As you know we are in the middle of a event that is not good for any of us. As a way to keep the cost down here at the center we are going to MAIL OUT the Elbekalan by-monthly, so it will be MAILED on SEPTEMBER, NOVEMBER only.

We will have the Elbekalan ON-LINE at elbekal.com

Please, we need every UNIT, CLUB and OFFICERS to get there articles in.

Also stay current with all changes with **El Bekal Calender** for all the latest news and updates to events and Zoom Meetings.

Some helpful websites

El Bekal: elbekal.com

Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://www.facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)

Imp. Shrine: ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)

Membership: webfez.shrinenet.org/ (Need membership No. to join)

Orange County Coronavirus update: <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com>

California Coronavirus update: <https://covid19.ca.gov>

Please stay safe and we will see you soon.

Larry Griffin P.P. / Treasure / Editor of El Bekal



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Talent Wanted!



The Cabiri (Past Potentates) of El Bekal Shrine is in search of someone that can build an ongoing Yearly Calendar to encompass the activities of El Bekal Shrine, York and Scottish Rites, and the Ladies groups.

This work can be done on your own computer or at the El Bekal office, if at the El Bekal office the work will have to be done during the Recorder's regular working hours. The pay is Corn, Wine & Oil. The Calendar will be online only and on a quarterly basis will have possible changes.

If you are interested in doing this please notify Don Leger, P.P. at (949) 525-6210 or E-mail babasheik2@gmail.com

We have received some recommendations of calendar programs.

In the Faith, Don Leger, P.P.

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EL BEKAL SHRINE



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First Middle Last

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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: _____

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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



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 3rd 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. 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
- Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/
- ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)
- beashrinernow.com
- webfez.shrinenet.org/ (Need membership No. to join)
- webfez.shrinenet.org/referral
- shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
- imperial2019.com
- 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.



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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.



JUL 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04 Huntington Beach Parade TBT
05	06	07 Divan/Board Meeting ZOOM	08	09	10 ¼ STATED MEETING ZOOM	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 1 st Ladies Luncheon Moved TBT	20	21	22 Palm Springs SR OV DC-2 TBT	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Shrine Family
Picnic
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La Habra
Parade
Cancelled

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Divan/Board
Meeting

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POV DC-2
5 Units/Clubs
Beach SC

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El Bekal
Potentate's Ball
TBT

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LA Angle's
Game

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El Bekal
Movie Matinee

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SEP 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01 Divan/Board Meeting	02  Pote's Trip Cancelled	03	04	05
06	07 LABOR DAY	08	09	10	11	12
13	14 Start Monday Night Football	15	16	17	18	19
20 POV Tin Lizzie's Royal Chariots Los Alamitos	21 MNF	22	23	24	25	26
27 SCMC Fundraiser	28 MNF	29	30			

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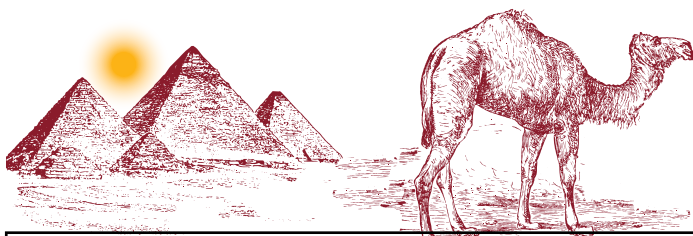
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* Robert R. Ruchti	1954
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* W. Blair Gibbens	1956
* Edward M. Humes	1957
* Cecil L. Fulcher	1958
* Robert H. Webb	1959
* George F. Thagard, Sr.	1960
* James Munholland	1961
* Ralph E. Barnes	1962
* 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
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* Carl G. Spalin (Fran)	2017
* Larry Griffin (Cheryl)	2018
* Mike Selix (Michelle)	2019

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Friday JULY 10th, 2020

ZOOM

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Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday JULY 7th, 2020

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

Hosted by EI Bekal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Friday July 10th, 2020, 7:30 pm VIA ZOOM. 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.
Recorder