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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Since our last El Bekalan, the surge of the pandemic has created havoc across the country. Not only did we not open up in August, but I have had to cancel September.

And it is likely that October will also be cancelled. But that doesn't mean we have completely shutdown. In July and August we had the zoom stated meeting, Imperial Session and WSA meeting. We also had zoom bingo twice, a chat with the Grand Master and the Christmas in July. Our temple fundraiser is doing very well. Thank you to all the individuals, clubs and units that have donated.

Another way to help our Shrine is to pay your dues. We still have many members that owe their 2020 dues, with still more owing even more than the one year. Please send in your dues. As of this writing (8-12), I am working on

chats in September that would include our two new National Patient Ambassadors. Shriners International has now allowed us to have zoom ceremonials. So our November 22 Ceremonial is on schedule, whether it is in person or via zoom. So we need to start working again to get applications turned in for our approval. The tri-state ceremonial in Laughlin on October 17 is still on schedule. Our stated meeting on October 12 will once again be via zoom. Everything else on the October schedule is pending the State of California status with the pandemic. At this point it is likely that the First Ladies Luncheon on October 18 will be cancelled. We hope to include honoring the Past First Ladies at the Potentate's Gala on November 7, if we are able to have that function.



We are thinking out of the box about possibly still having the Children's Halloween Party. It may have to be outside at the Shrine Center with different types of activities that would be safe for our members and the kids. Look for more information on this via email



blasts at a later date. I hate to be negative, but it is very possible that we could be shutdown through the first quarter of 2021. I pray that is not the case. Our temple members appear to be staying healthy, which is a blessing. All future plans for the rest of 2020 have the health and welfare of our members as the highest priority. Hopefully we can get a few functions in before the end of the year. Stay safe and God bless all of you.

Merritt Read
Potentate

SPECIAL NOTICE
EL BEKAL STATED MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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 **Monday, October 12**. 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 October 8 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



Greetings Nobles, Ladies & Friends,

The year is over halfway done and although we can't meet in person, we are still actively working to continue operations. A special meeting of the Imperial Session was held on July 11th and I would like to congratulate the Imperial Divan for a successful meeting. To the newly installed Imperial Officers, I wish them continued success and the best of luck. While I share their disappointment with not being able to have a great time in Kansas City this year or participate in the Imperial parade, it was a well-run and smooth meeting.

If your unit or club needs to have a meeting to attend to business, please let us know and we can help you set up a Zoom meeting. The Shrine has an account and we would be happy to help host it. While the Grand Master's edict is in place, please refrain from entering the Shrine Center unless absolutely necessary. This will help keep our office staff (as well as yourself) safe.

Please remember there are Nobles and Ladies who are struggling also due to all the shutdowns, some folks are losing their businesses. Keep them in your thought and prayers and help them if you can. Just being able to talk to with someone can help a person immensely. In this world of being contactless and online for a majority of what we do and it is so convenient and easy to lose the human contact, we must stay strong and support each other and stick together.

I hope you all have taken this opportunity to let your fashion sense run wild and express yourself with the masks that you wear, let us see what comes next.

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name. and as individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other. As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect. Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves.

Until next time Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and God Bless the USA.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Michael Sekera - Chief Rabban



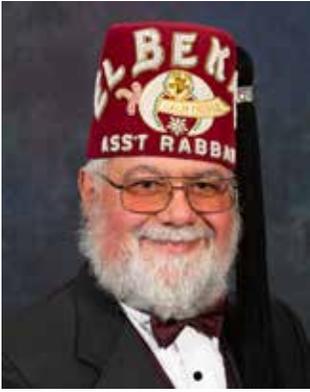
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN



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

A SIMPLE NOTE:

Nobles, it has been trying times in the last few months with the plague that is hanging over our heads. How many times have we heard “give your friend a call or drop then a note”? On a quite afternoon I sent a Brother an E-mail (a brother that I have not seen for an age, a brother who is restricted to home because of health issues). It took a couple of days for his answer. It was amazing on what he had to say, that I was the first one he has heard from in the Lodge in a while. This took me by surprise, I did not think that a simple message would mean so much to anyone.

You could send someone a simple note or card to see how they are doing; you’ll be amazed at how your message will be received. That person will answer you, try it, it will do your heart good especially the heart of the person receiving your message.

In life, probably tomorrow might be too late for that message that you were meaning to send.

Don Leger, P.P.

MESSAGE FROM THE OG



When I was raised a Master Mason in 1984 my Dad presented me with my Maternal Grandfather's Masonic ring. As far as I can trace, I believe that my Grandfather joined the Masonic lodge in the 1930's and I have no idea when he got his ring.

It wasn't until recently that my Dad shared a story about my Grandfather's ring that I had never heard before. My parents were born and raised in Texas and went to school together. When my Dad graduated from high school he moved to Napa, California to live with his brother and work in the ship yard. After working in the ship yard long enough to afford a train ticket, he sent my mom the money and asked her to buy a train ticket and come to California where they would be

married.

My mom had been waiting for this time to come and was very excited about coming to California to marry the love of her life. As she went to board the train and leave Texas for California, her Dad gave her his Masonic ring and told her to wear it on a chain around her neck and when people saw the ring, they would take care of her if she ever needed help. Indeed, while she was on the train there was a lady who saw the ring and offered help. The lady bought my mom food and made sure that my mom made it safely to California and into the arms of my Dad.

As the father of two daughters, I can't imagine sending one of my daughters on a train to be married and I don't know if I would have ever thought to send my daughter with my masonic ring to ensure that she would be well taken care of.

This story made me really stop and think. What great faith in Masonry my Grandfather had, that he knew his ring would provide her safety and security in the hands of men who were complete strangers to her. I hope that we all have this much faith in our brotherhood and that we as Masons would treat each other and each other's families with the same respect. Whenever I see other Masons in public, I always make a point to greet them. I enjoy the connection that we share in this great fraternity. I encourage you to spread Masonry throughout our community in whatever ways you are able to. Prior to hearing this story I don't know if I would have looked at a girl wearing a masonic ring around her neck and figured that her Dad had given her that ring as a sign for all of us Masons to watch out and protect her. I can honestly say that if I ever see a girl with a masonic ring around her neck I will definitely make sure that she is well protected and not in need.

We live in times when we all could use someone to watch out for us and as Masons we need to ensure that we are doing everything to watch out for others. I share this story about my mom to give everyone a chance to stop and think of that young girl traveling with the protection of her Dad's masonic ring. The next time you put on your masonic ring I hope that you will consider the great power that the square and compass has to provide identification and protection.

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas, Oriental Guide

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PLEASE KEEP UP WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND
CHANGES GOING ON AT EL BEKAL
SEE THE CALENDER AND THE ELBEKALEN AT:
ELBEKAL.COM



**EL BEKAL
CEREMONIAL Sunday,
November 22nd @ 1:00 PM
El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806**

**IF NECESSARY, THE CEREMONIAL
WILL BE VIRTURL VIA ZOOM**

A Ceremonial will be held at El Bekal Shrine Center.
Please mark your calendars. Ladies are welcome.

Light lunch and Fezzing after.

For more information call Coy at 714-563-9111

Robing:	12:00 pm
Indoctrination:	12:30 pm
Ceremonial:	1:00 pm
Light lunch:	2:00 pm
Fezzing:	3:00 pm

For candidates who have not yet applied: Go to elbekal.com for petition.

**Please fill out the petition and include the application fee of \$250
no later than November 1, 2020 so we can vote you in as a candidate. Send
to:**

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

**Last date
for 2020**

*Cordially invites you and a guest to
The Potentates Grand Ball
Illustrious Sir Potentate Merritt Read
And First Lady Kim
Saturday, the 7nd day of November, 2020
Third-floor Reception Hall
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*

El Bekal Shrine



*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 October 7, 2020*



*Pre-Ball Party
Friday, November 6th
at 7:00 P.M. in
hospitality room 220
For further information
contact Merritt Read
714-875-6344*

Reservation Form for Potentate's Grand Ball must be by **October 21st 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

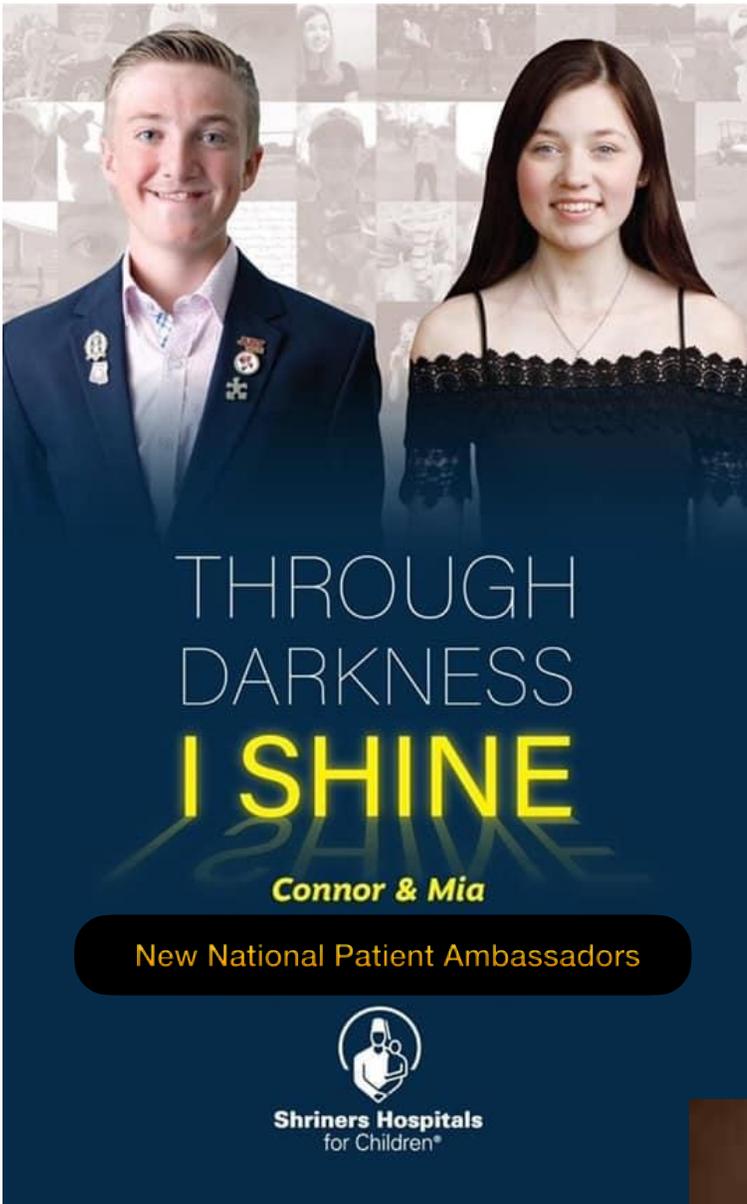
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Send checks and this form to: El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
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Memo: Ball

OUR TEMPLE GOES GOLD



Congratulations to El Bekal Shrine on being a Gold Temple for membership in 2019. Displaying our recently received plaque from Shriners International is 2019 Membership Chairman Michael Sekera, while the banner is held by 2020 Potentate Merritt Read and 2019 Potentate Mike Selix. Thanks to all the nobles of El Bekal that made this happen.



Connor Wright
from Sycamore, IL.
14 year old Cleft Lip
& Palate patient from
Shriners Hospital
Chicago

Mia Williams
from Edwardsville, IL.
16 year old Scoliosis
patient from
Shriners Hospital
St. Louis

Our New
Imperial Potentate
Imperial Sir James
Smith and Lady Alice
from Ben Hur Shrine
Austin, Texas



Christmas in July



El Bekal Shrine, along with El Tanya Court Ladies Oriental Shrine, went to our Shriners for Children Medical Center Pasadena on Friday, July 31st to celebrate Christmas in July. El Bekal was represented by Potentate Merritt Read and First Lady Kim, Assistant Rabban Al Turek and Lady Rhea, and Past First Lady Michelle Selix and her daughter Mariah. Representing El Tanya was High

Priestess Shari Dodds, and Past High Priestesses Millie Hindergardt and Sue Sever. We were greeted by Dr. Robert Cho, Chief of Staff, Dr. Rick Bushnell, Director of Anesthesia, and Joanne David, Associate Director of Development. El Bekal presented 134 toys to the Medical Center, most of which were given by Mike and Michelle Selix. El Tanya presented 73 toys for the kids, which is a total of 207 toys. El Bekal also gave 45 masks to be given out to our wonderful Shriner kids. We even got to see a few kids. Potentate and First Lady pins



were given to the kids and the medical staff that we saw. And it was great to see the smiles of the kids that received some of the toys that day. Thanks to everyone that contributed to this worthy cause and that traveled to Pasadena for the presentation.





2020 Feztival

Registration Form

(Please Print Legibly)

October 15-18, 2020 | Riverside Resort and Casino | Laughlin, NV

Name			
Address	City	St/Prov	Zip
Phone	Email		
Temple			
Noble or Candidate Registration			\$ 49.00 \$
Noble or Candidate Registration with Guest			\$ 98.00 \$
Name of Guest			
Event T-Shirt	SM___ MD___ LRG___ XL___ 2XL___ 3XL___	QTY x \$10.00 \$	
Friday Golf Outing	Starts at 9 am includes bus to and from golf course	\$ 59.00 Per Person	\$
Friday Paint and Wine	Starts at 10 am at the Riverside Resort and Casino	\$ 30.00 Per Person	\$
Friday Shrine Scavenger Hunt	Competitive scavenger hunt with your fellow Shriners around the Laughlin River Walk	\$ 10.00 Per Person	\$
Saturday Ceremonial	Starts at 9 am. Complimentary Hotdogs and Hamburgers after Ceremonial	No Charge	
Saturday Prime Rib and Chicken Cordon Bleu Buffet Style Banquet (1920's themed)			\$ 49.00 Per Person \$
Oasis starts at 5:30 . Dinner to start at 6:30.			

Total Amount Due (US Dollars) \$ _____

Return your completed form and check or money order payable to **Mohave Shrine Club** or your credit card information for registration to
 Mohave Shrine Club
 2580 Miracle Mile
 Bullhead City, AZ 86442
 Email: MohaveShrine@gmail.com or Call 775-209-4590

Credit Card Information (optional)

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The 2020 FEZTIVAL registration fee is only \$49.00 for each Noble or Candidate.

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 Tri-State Shrine Ceremonial Convention Rate

For more Information Contact: Daniel C. Kelly, P.P. @ 775-209-4590
 Michael Lueck @ 928-542-1601

Registration to Close on September 30th.

This is NOT a tax deductible event. All proceeds to go to The Mohave Shrine Club.



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

News

Anniversary of the Editorial Without Words

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is one of the Shriners fraternity's most recognizable images. It was taken almost by accident, 50 years ago, on June 11, 1970, in Evansville, Indiana. This special moment, captured for all time, eloquently illustrates the relationship between the Shriners fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Hadi Shriners in Evansville was holding its annual summer picnic. Patients were invited, and everyone enjoyed a day of food, fun and carnival rides. Toward the end of the day, Shriner Al Hortman, who became a Shriner after his daughter, Laura, was treated at Shriners Hospitals for Children, noticed a young girl who needed help. On this day, Noble Hortman lifted Bobbi Jo Wright and her crutches and carried her from ride to ride. A local newspaper photographer, Randy Dieter, captured the photo with a long lens as the two walked past him. Dieter wouldn't realize until much later how much impact that single image would have. Neither would the Shriners, or Bobbi Jo herself.

Today, Bobbi Jo lives independently and is active in her church. She spends much time and energy traveling and speaking on behalf of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and meeting and encouraging other patients and families.

The famous photo has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacks, pins and more. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the Shriners International Headquarters building in Tampa, Florida, and statues mark many temples and Shriners Hospitals locations. A version of the image is used as the Shriners Hospitals for Children logo.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

We have endured this long lasting Pandemic so far. I hope all is hanging in there. One way to stay in touch with each other is to attend some of our ZOOM gathering we have from time to time. The other is to just reach out and call someone and ask how they are doing. Don't let this situation pull us apart, but make it a time to bring us closer together. Also stay current with all changes with the **El Bekal Calender** for all the latest news and updates on events and Zoom Meetings.

Some helpful websites

El Bekal: elbekal.com

Facebook: 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 Bekalan / IT Dept.



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.



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
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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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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



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

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- ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)
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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.



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	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

OCT 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01	02
					03	
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	MNF TBT	Divan/Board Meeting		Shriner's Open Starts		Placentia Parade TBT
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Shriner's Open Ends	¼ Stated Meeting DC-2 FEZ May be ZOOM					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1 st Ladies Luncheon TBT	MNF TBT					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Shrine Halloween Party TBT	MNF TBT					HALLOWEEN

NOV 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02 MNF	03	04	05	06	07
08 Ceremonial El Bekal DC-2	09 MNF	10 Divan/Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 Riverside Parade
15 Officers Shrine Photography Day	16 MNF	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 MNF	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30 MNF					

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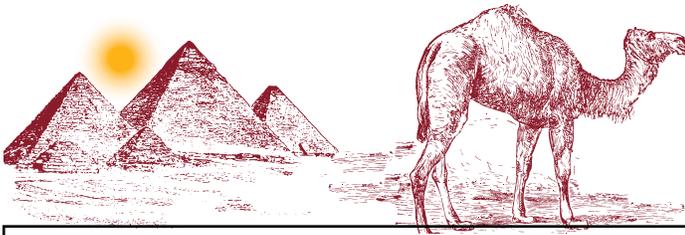
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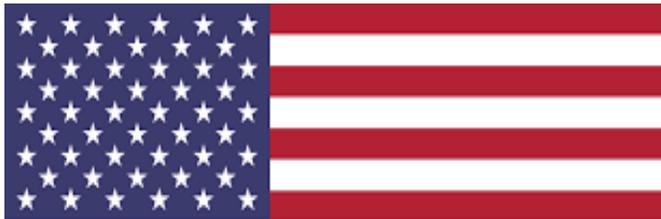
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* Richard E. Hixson	1978
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* T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Erna)	1984
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* George Royce	1989
* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
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* 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
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ZOOM

Must pre register to attend

Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Thursday OCTOBER 8th, 2020

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Hosted by EI Bekal Shrine

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday, October 12th, 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.

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Attest,
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