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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles and Ladies,

One and all... From the bottom of my heart, I would like to sincerely thank all of you – the Nobles of El Bekal Shriners for extending to me, the greatest honor and privilege that can be bestowed upon a Noble – the ability to serve you as your Illustrious Potentate for 2021. It is something I will honor and cherish, forever. As we herald in a new year – we do so with a sense of hope. We look forward to continuing the great things of our temple; but we also look to contend with and to improve upon the challenges that face us.

Abeer and I can hardly believe 2021 is here. As excited as we are for this year and the fun it will bring, it also means it is our last year on the Divan, and we've really had a great time on the Divan serving you. Both Abeer and I are extremely honored

to be your Potentate and First Lady for 2021. Most especially, we are proud to represent the Nobles and Ladies of El Bekal Shrine.

We remain firmly united despite disagreements and differences of opinion. Let us have fun!

We remember what we are about and be reminded of the importance of what we accomplish through Shriners Medical Center for Children.

We communicate better with the public and each other. It is my hope that El Bekal Shriners can exhibit a unity that transcends differences because of the nobility of our philanthropy and the importance of its mission. What's more, let's have such fun while we're at it that we continue to attract new members to sustain us in the coming years. Let's Grow, El Bekal!!

The theme for this year is "OUR NOBLES... OUR FUTURE." As Nobles of El Bekal, **YOU** are the reason why El Bekal exists and **YOU** have the power to rise our temple to greater heights and to a bright future. I look forward to working with all of you and I look forward to hearing from all of you as our "caravan" sets out from our "Oasis" unto the mighty desert. May the Great Architect of the Universe extend health, happiness, and success unto to you and your families.

The **Potentates Trip** this year will be in Hawaii, so I hope to see you with us. Look in the El Bekal for the flyer and Link to the website to reserve your reservation. Some of the highlight of the trip will be going to three different Islands and a Tour Pearl Harbor, USS AZ Memorial, USS Missouri and see National Cemetery of the Pacific and a Visit to the Shriners Hospital. Also, a **Special Luau** for us from **Aloha Shrine**. There will also be other optional events like:

Golf: Poipu Bay

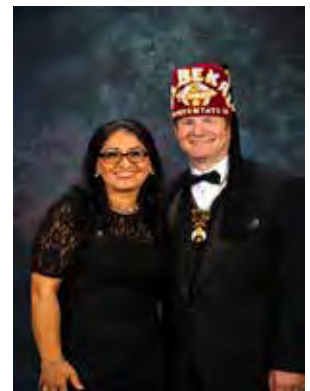
Golf: Princeville Makai, Golf: Wailea Golf Club Gold Course,

Golf: Plantation Course Kapalua Golf Club, Sport Fishing, Sunset Haleakala, Seed to Cup Gourmet Lunch Tour & Lavender Farm, Road to Hana, Sailing/Snorkel Adventure, Kauai Movie Tour and Waimea Canyon & Smith's Grotto and Hanalei for the day.

Here is the link to the <https://tri.ps/1KLMv>

Optional Activities and pricing will come later in February

Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate





2021 El Bekal Potentate's TRIP

Ill Sir. Michael J. Sekera & Lady Abeer

Invite the El Bekal Shrine Family & Friends

There will be events for everyone:

August 13th – August 23rd

On Koloa, Kaua'I

Luau Kalamaku

On Wailea-Makena, Maui

Tour Iao Valley & Visit Lahaina Town

On Waikiki, Oahu

Tour Pearl Harbor, USS AZ Memorial, USS Missouri and see National Cemetery of the Pacific, and also a Visit to Shriners Hospital Honolulu.

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Golf: Poipu Bay

Golf: Princeville Makai

Golf: Wailea Golf Club Gold Course

Golf: Plantation Course Kapalua Golf Club

Sport Fishing

Sunset Haleakala

Seed to Cup Gourmet Lunch Tour & Lavender Farm

Road to Hana

Sailing/Snorkel Adventure

Kauai Movie Tour

Waimea Canyon & Smith's Grotto

Hanalei for the day



Included Also

Breakfast Daily

Resort Fee's

Airport Transfers

Flight Kauai - Maui

Flight Maui - Honolulu

R/T Portorage



POTENTATE'S LUAU

Shriners' Waimanalo Beach Club

Magnum Style



Saturday August 21, 2021

Welcome Reception 5 - 6 * Dinner 6 - 7 * Luau 6:30 - 7:30 * Dancing 7:30

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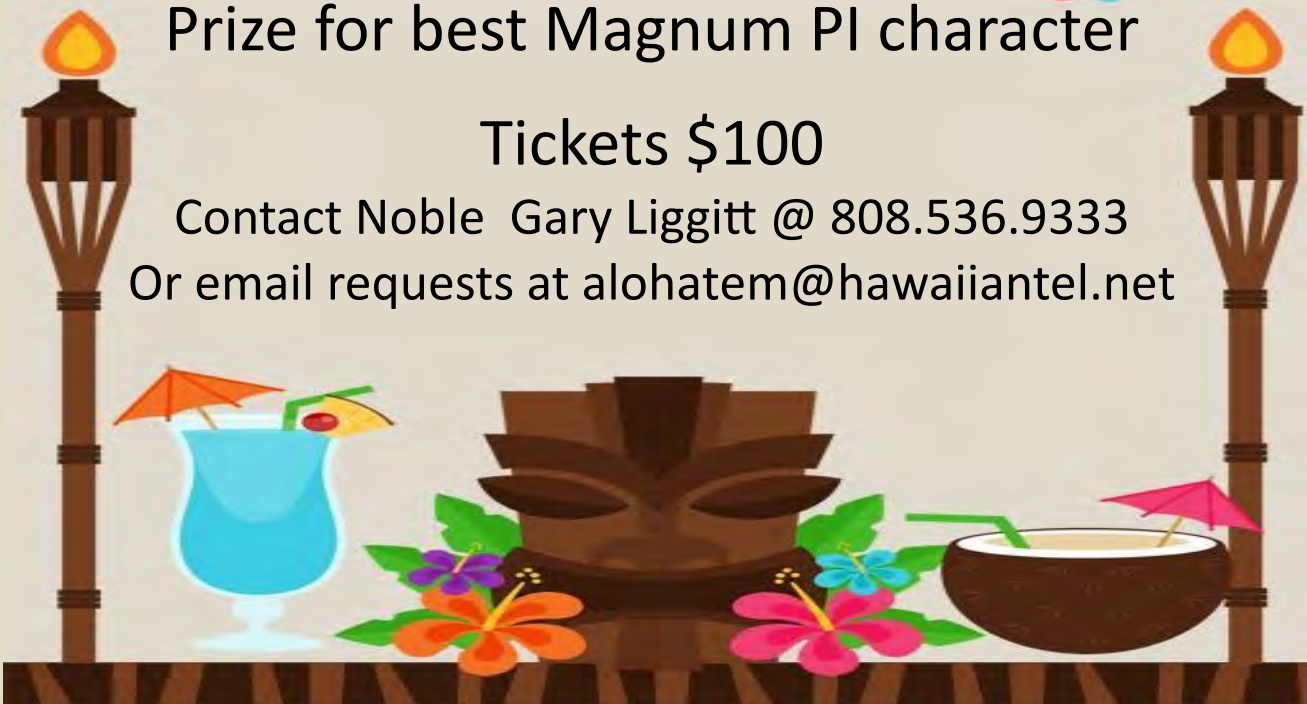
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CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles,

First thing, I would like to congratulate and thank our newest Past Potentate Merritt Read for holding things together during a very tumultuous year. Nobody could have foreseen the chaotic situations that were deftly handled by Illustrious Sir Read, including the necessity of holding electronic meetings online. Congratulations also to all the award recipients that were instrumental in helping deal with these situations and in keeping things together.

Congratulations to our new Potentate Michael Sekera who steps into a year that promises many changes in the way things will get done and

looking forward to a time when we can all meet in person. I know that Illustrious Sir Sekera has a lot of plans and ideas for the coming year.

And I'd like to thank the Nobles of El Bekal for electing me as Chief Rabban. I will do my best to support our Potentate and make 2021 a great year for El Bekal Shrine.

One good thing that happened over the past year is that online meetings are bringing in Nobles who find it difficult to travel to in-person meetings because of distance, work schedules or other reasons. With technologies such as Zoom Meetings, Face Time and other platforms, friends are only a couple of clicks away. Sometimes the video meeting platform is better than a traditional phone call because faces can be seen and expressions read. There's even options for sharing photos and documents during online meetings, making explanations clearer and aiding understanding. Even some Clubs and Units are keeping in touch by online means.

Another good thing about online meetings and events is that many of them are open to the public by special invitation. These are perfect opportunities to introduce a friend or relative to El Bekal Shrine and explain our Fraternity and the work we do for our Medical Centers.

Let's have some fun in 2021!

Fraternally,

-Al Turek-
Chief Rabban

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

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Howdy to all!

Sure hope all had a safe and wonderful holiday season. We certainly had some hard times in that ole stinkin year 2020. But we have started a brand new year and I expect great things to come.

A big thanks for your support to be elected Assistant Raban for 2021. I certainly will be honored to serve our Shrine again. Our officer line is full of dedicated men that will lead the way as we continue to be the world's greatest philanthropy.

Congratulations to all the officers, elected and appointed. We have some truly talented guys this year. Tom Thomas has proved his leadership, Followed by Andy Prutsman whom is as dedicated as anyone could be. Lito is learning so fast that he could possibly surpass all of us. And a big welcome to James Segerstrom. James will be a great asset to our Shrine for many years to come.

And of course to our elected divan, Al Turic as Chief Rabban and Micheal Sekera to the Grand position as Potentate. These guys have a lot of programs and fund raising events planned for this year. Of course I will be supporting them to the best of my ability. Obviously all the plans depend on if we can start meeting at the temple again. We sure hope and pray that will happen soon.

Please remember to join us at each stated meeting and our general get together meetings. Of course all of our meetings are conducted through zoom.

One of the lessons we learn in our first degree is when the Marshall asks did we have a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be serviceable to our fellow creatures. What a profound question! Are we truly serviceable to our fellow creatures? As I ponder that question in myself, I realize that I have a lot of improvements that could be made. I do what I think is my best, but I could do more. We all could. But where do we start? Looking into my religious beliefs, I should start with El Bekal Shrine. There is much that needs to be done for our hospitals and the children that depend on us. Please get involved with a unit or club. Each one has a special mission and goals as well as being dedicated to our cause. Plus these guys are a heck of a lot of fun. Let's all get more involved and support our Brothers and Sisters whom all for a great cause!

Looking forward to seeing all of you this year. Let's have some fun!

Jim Ridley/Bella
Assistant Raban,2021

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HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



Congratulations to our new Potentate, Michael Sekera and our first lady, Abeer. We know that you have worked hard to plan your year and we are looking forward to the great things that you have planned. We hope that our world will change in the next few months and we will be able to get back to in person events.

I would like to thank all of the Nobles who attended the annual election of officers over zoom and elected me as your High Priest and Prophet.

Pam and I continue to be honored to serve this great temple. This year has been really tough and we have missed all of the opportunities to get

together in person and get to know each of you even better. In addition to the pandemic, our son in law has gone through 4 rounds of chemotherapy to beat cancer so we have been especially careful with not meeting in groups as we needed to insure that we were doing everything to keep him healthy through his treatment.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Merritt and Kim Read who have faithfully served this temple this past year. The events that you did have were fantastic and we know that it all would have been amazing. We know that it has been disappointing to see so many events cancelled but you both held your heads high and continued to serve this temple with poise and dignity.

We are confident that even though the year wasn't what you had planned, you will always be remembered as the Pandemic Potentate and First lady. We will look forward to celebrating you this next year, once we are able to all get back together.

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas

High Priest & Prophet 2021

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ORIENTAL GUIDE



Happy New Year Nobles!

First, Mary Ann and I would like to extend our congratulations to our new Potentate, Michael Sekera and our first lady, Abeer. We are excited to participate in what you have planned for the year and hope that we will be able to see you all in person and enjoy some fellowship and fun!

Thank you to all the Nobles who joined the Zoom election and elected me as your 2021 Oriental Guide. Mary Ann and I are excited to serve the temple and hope that we will be able to attend Oriental Guide training this year as well. As most of you know, I have been through cancer this year

and have been mostly confined to my home for the last 7 months. I have had to be especially cautious with my health and activities, but I am hopeful that we will eventually return to a normal world and we will soon be able to enjoy our time together!

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank Merritt and Kim for their service to the temple over this last year. I am so glad that we were able to have a few fun events at the Shrine before the pandemic began. We had a great time planning the College National Championship and the Super Bowl, enjoyed a lovely night at the Valentine's Dinner, and enjoyed a few POVs as well. We are so sorry that your year was cut short, but we hope that you will remember the fun times that we did have!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person and praying for health for each of you and your families.

Fraternally,

Andy Prutsman

Oriental Guide 2021

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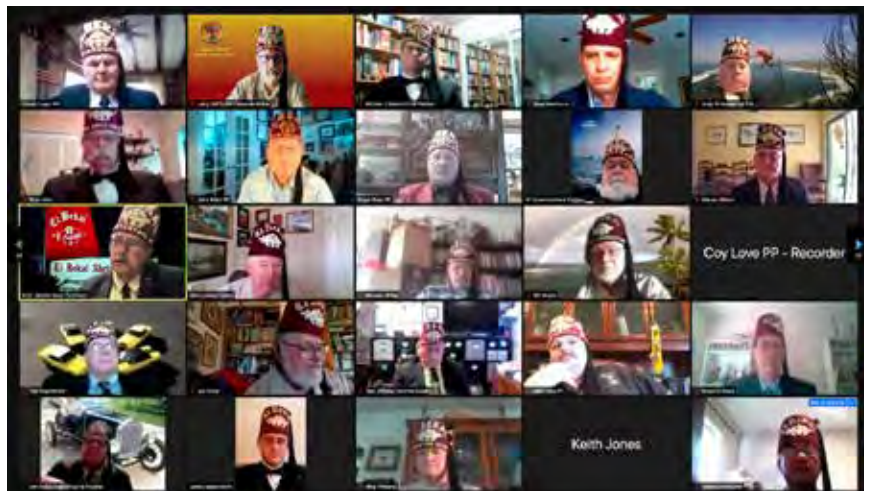
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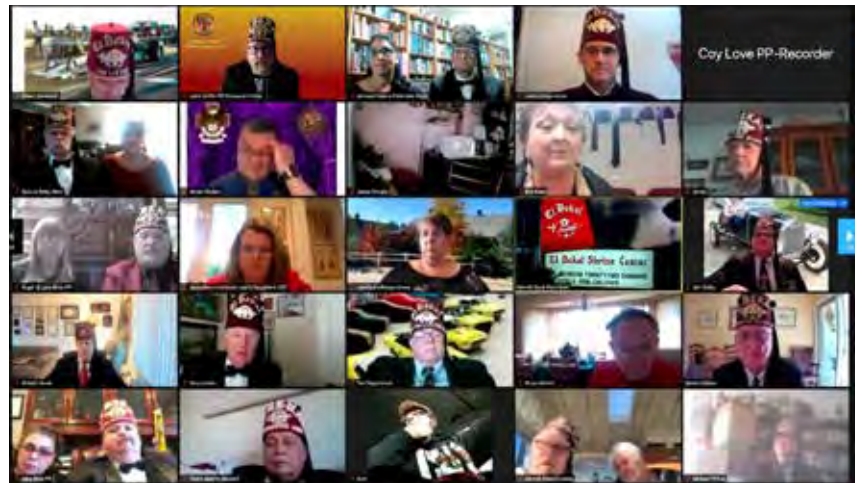
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El Bekal Shrine In & Out 2021 Installation



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Congratulations to all El Bekal's Officers

In the year of COVID, Zoom was the most important means of communication. Larry Griffin was the Noble in charge of all the Zoom meetings and chats for the El Bekal Divan, clubs and units. He was also in charge of the roster book, was editor of the El Bekalan, handled visual for the movie nights and assisted Coy Love while he was having health issues. For these reasons, Larry Griffin was selected as El Bekal



Bruce Minnett has been the Purveyor General at El Bekal for the last 17 years starting in 2003. He has decided to retire and it was our pleasure to make him Purveyor General Emeritus. Thanks to Bruce for his service.



Inaugural Legacy Award



With the full support of the progressive Divan, I am honored to create a new award for El Bekal Shrine. Called the Legacy Award, it is for longtime nobles who given given distinguished service to El Bekal, it's clubs and units while receiving little recognition. Past Potentates and Shriner of the Year recipients are not eligible. No more than 2 per year is recommended, although for this first year I selected 3. Congratulations to the honorees.

Merritt Read Potentate 2020

Bert Ekstrom

42 year member. Founding member of the Rad Ops. Helped build the radio room and install the antenna. Past President several times, Past Secretary and Past Treasurer. Member of the Nomads where he has served as President twice, Past Secretary, Past Treasurer and wrote the newsletter for many years. Member of the Ali Baba Sheiks where he served as President, and several times as both Secretary and Treasurer.



Inaugural Legacy Award

Bill Meeks

34 year member. Originally started as a member of the Ali Baba Sheiks and walked in parades with them. Member of Long Beach Shrine Club and Valencia Shrine Club. Vice President of the Bruins Club. 20 years with the Royal Chariots where he served as President, many years as Secretary and did their newsletter. Leads the Chariots in parades with the El Bekal banner on his buggy.



John "Lil John" Ludwig

13 year member. Has belonged to the Nomads where he served as President. Currently is a member of the Valencia Shrine Club, Long Beach Shrine Club and the Royal Chariots where he served as President of all three. He also served several years as Treasurer of the Chariots and also belongs to the Past Masters Shrine Club. Has served as Chaplain of El Bekal Shrine since 2015.

**Outgoing Potentate
Merritt Read
presents
Appreciation Plaque
to Karl Sandhoff for
his contributions to
the 2020 year.**



**Retiring Potentate
Merritt Read
presents
Appreciation Award
to Coy Love for his
great support
during the 2020
year.**

**Outgoing First Lady
Kim Read presents
Appreciation Plaque
to Glenda Malan for
her great support and
friendship during the
2020 year.**



**Retiring Potentate
Merritt Read
presents an orchid
plant to First Lady
Kim Read for her
enormous
contributions to the
2020 year and their
6-1/2 years in the
progressive line.**

April 7 to 11, 2021



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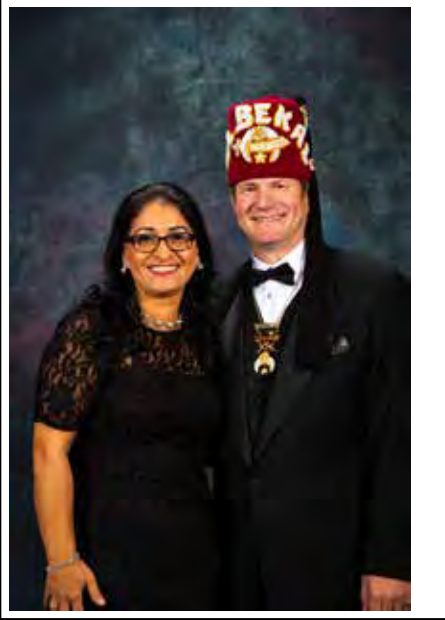
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DC - 1

Formal

Men - Tux

Women - Dresses

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2021

El Bekal

Outfits

Theme events
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DC - 2

Smart Casual

Men - Black Suit,
white shirt with
Potentate's tie.

Women - Red Scarf
with silver tree of life
print with black shirt
& black pants or
skirt.

Wear to POV'S



DC - 3

Shrine Casual

Men - Red embroidered shirt with
black pants.

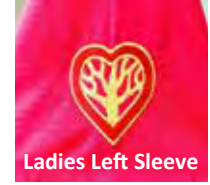
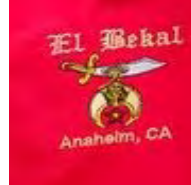
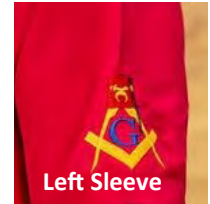
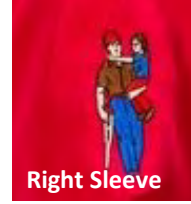
Women - Red embroidered shirt
with black pants or skirt.

Wear to parades, hospital visit and
any other functions

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DIVAN CASUAL SHIRTS



Barbados Textured Camp Shirts Styles

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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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Clinical Researcher Named President of Internationally Recognized Association



Susan Sienko, Ph.D.

Susan Sienko, Ph.D., a member of the clinical research team at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Portland, became president of the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy Developmental Medicine (AACPDMD) during a virtual meeting in September.

The AACPDMD is an internationally recognized organization that is a leader in providing education for professionals involved with the treatment of cerebral palsy and developmental disabilities in children. Members are united by a common goal to advance care options for cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities.

"The society has been involved with many groundbreaking changes, including the development of care pathways, which provide professionals with evidence-based guidelines to inform practice," said Dr. Sienko. "Becoming president is a distinct honor. What we do and how we support research and education makes us better physicians, researchers and clinicians." 📌

Our Texas Locations Are Coming Together

Move allows for more effective and efficient care

The Shriners Hospitals for Children locations in Houston and Galveston are merging their world-renowned pediatric specialty services at the Galveston location. The move is expected to take place in early 2021.

"This strategic vision marks a commitment to transforming how our health care is delivered, while maintaining our mission of providing the highest quality care to children with orthopaedic conditions, burn injuries, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. This is an energizing journey - to grow and to treat more children as we look toward the future," said Jerry G. Giunt, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

While planning the move, the health care teams at both the Houston and Galveston locations will continue to provide compassionate care for their patients.

"We are dedicated to taking care of these kids," Giunt said. "Their treatment and care is at the core of what we do every single day." 📌



Two Hospital Systems Join Forces

Shriners Children's Twin Cities and Blank Children's Hospital, a premier pediatric hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, have joined together to provide high-quality pediatric orthopaedic care to the children of Iowa.

The new clinic opened in October 2020 on the Blank Children's Hospital campus in Des Moines. The Blank Children's Pediatric Orthopaedic Clinic, with physicians provided by Shriners Children's, is a full-time clinic within a hospital setting, providing a wide range of quality pediatric orthopaedic care 24/7. 📌

TO LEARN more about the affiliation and the pediatric orthopaedic service line in Des Moines, please visit either Shriners Children's Twin Cities or Blank Children's Hospital websites.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

Well it is now 2021, we have had some hard times and some good times this last year.

We have lost some of our friends, family, Nobles and Brothers. We have found new ways to stay in touch with people, loved ones and a new way of doing business.

The Elbekalen has always been there and will be for some time. It is your way to reach out to your Noble Brother and let them know what is happening in your Unit or Club, tell them how you are reaching out to its fellow members, it is also your way to reach out for new members.

Our Units, Clubs and Divan have been having lots of ZOOM meetings. I encourage all of you to come join in and say hi.

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 Calendar on-line for all the latest news and updates on events and Zoom Meetings.

Please stay safe and we hope to see you soon.

Larry Griffin P.P. / Treasure / Editor of El Bekalan / IT Dept.

From Don Leger P.P.

Nobles and Ladies, for the past 10 months our nation has been ripped apart from hatred, name calling and just plain meanness toward each other. To a great part it's from political views which has divided us as people. There was a time not too long ago we could speak to one another, expressing our views and walk away shaking hands with true friendship.

Masonry has taught us many moral values that keep Brethren in the path of friendship of which I have always been thankful. These days, more than ever Masonic teachings should be focused on to keep us on that straight line, the values of family life, and especially our Shriners Hospital for Children. Masons/Shriners have been taught that our brethren should be welcome no matter their views be it religious or political. This very thing has kept the Fraternity going for several hundred years and has proved its point.

Today with the News media (TV, Internet) we view/hear total chaos that try to influence people's views. These media seem to be very persuasive in changing what people think. I will forever be grateful that I am a Mason having been taught high standards, moral respect for all mankind. I have been taught that my opinion to your views are immaterial.

"On that Book that oath I took"

In the Faith
Don Leger, P.P.





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



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.

Some helpful websites

El Bekal: elbekal.com
Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/
ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)
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2021 Imp Session: <https://imperialsession.com>
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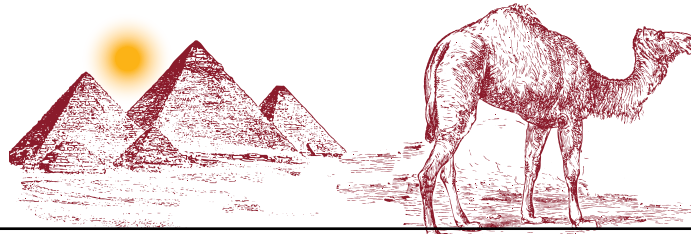
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday April 5th, 2021, 7:30 pm at EI Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

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