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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies & Friends,

I hope and pray that you and your families are doing well during these difficult times. Its looking like there is a light at the end of this Pandemic, and we all need to take every precaution to keep our Shrine families safe. Thank you all who've brought your dues up to date; for those of you who have not, please remember that current means that you owe nothing to El Bekal, Imperial or the Hospitals. If you have an outstanding balance, then you are not considered a current member in good standing. I urge all of you to pay your dues, remembering that much of our annual budget depends on collecting dues. Your dues are much more powerful than you may realize to

our financial health. If you have not yet received your dues card for 2021, please be patient.

As important your membership at El Bekal is that you attend our meetings and functions. The Shriners is not an organization to join in order to have a fez that you can keep in your closet. Our hospitals depend upon us, our patients depend on us and El Bekal can serve them only if you are an active participant. There is a lot going on and if you would like to know what's happening, come and speak with us. El Bekal will also continue to be a fun place to be—as fun as you want to make it. Join a Unit, or one of the many other clubs El Bekal has. No experience is necessary, just come wanting to Have Fun and Help Kids.

The survival of Shriners, and Masonry as a whole, depends on ensuring that those we bring in feel welcomed, are valued, and are needed to make us stronger, not as someone who is expected to work every event. We can only go as far as our cable tow will allow us. If that means that we have Brothers that can work several events, wonderful. If they can only attend and support our functions, great. Our main goal as Shriners is to support our Medical Centers, care for and transport our patients, and be there for their families.

Our main goal as Masons is the care and support of each other, our widows, and orphans.

As many of you know, I am a first-generation Mason/Shriner. I am proud to say that my family is not JUST my wife, children, parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins. My family includes my Brother Masons/Shriners, their Ladies, and their children. I hope to bring this feeling to others who see the good we do.

I am extremely honored and humbled to serve as your Potentate for 2021. Please let me or the Divan know if you have any questions or any ideas to build a stronger El Bekal Shrine in the years to come!

I am at the Shrine Center, every Thursday from 10am to 4pm

If you feel like dropping in to chat. I welcome the opportunity. Please feel free to call me on my cell 951-265-7717 or e-mail me anytime as well. I appreciate the opportunity of serving as your Potentate for 2021.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to find your place at El Bekal Shrine. There are many great units and clubs. I know you can find a place to belong!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
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.

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

Optional Activities and pricing will come later in February

Optional Events

Golf: Poipu Bay

Golf: Princeville Makai

Golf: Wailea Golf Club Gold Course

Golf: Plantation Course Kapalua Golf Club

Sport Fishing

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Seed to Cup Gourmet Lunch Tour & Lavender Farm

Road to Hana

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CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles,

March is here and this marks the end of our 60 day trial period of 2021. From a Shrine standpoint so far I'm not seeing much of a difference from 2020, but I'm optimistic that things will get better once spring is here. All kidding aside, the official astronomical start of spring is in March on the Vernal Equinox on March 20. Vernal is Greek for spring and equinox means equal night, meaning the day and night are equal in length. This only happens twice a year when the sun is directly over the equator due to the axial tilt of the Earth. The ancients observed the equinox with celebrations and rituals, and built sun tracking monuments like the famous Stonehenge to indicate the exact day. Nowadays the dates of Easter and Passover are set in relation to the equinox.

The most popular holiday in March is St. Patrick's Day. Originally a day in honor of the saint who brought Christianity to Ireland, it has become a celebration of Irish culture, food and especially drink. As the saying goes "everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day!" So you don't have to be Irish or Catholic to watch a parade, have a good time and maybe drink a green beer. Personally I'd rather have a Guinness stout or a Strongbow cider...

There are a couple of unofficial holidays in March. Mathematicians and math teachers celebrate Pi Day on March 14, since 3/14 mimics 3.14, the first three digits of the number pi. Schools tend to hold math competitions and pie eating contests, especially noting when the clock hits 1:59 for the next three digits of pi. I think I might have some chicken pot pie for dinner with apple pie for dessert on that day. This year Daylight Saving Time happens to start on the 14th. Don't forget to spring ahead!

The other unofficial holiday in March is special to marching bands and parade units. March 4, said as march forth, has caught the attention of many groups that march forth to do their performances in parades or in a stadium. Although parades are still on hold, perhaps our Shrine units can use the day to contemplate a time when parades will begin once more. Some parade organizers are trying a reverse parade, where the units and floats are stationary and the spectators drive past. If this proves successful, our Shrine units can participate, although I imagine the Tin Lizzies might have a little difficulty holding still. Joining in reverse parades might be a good opportunity to revive the Clown unit, and even expand the Clowns to include other costumed performers. I know that some of the Nobles and Ladies do costumed activities like Renaissance Fairs, Civil War Re-enactments and Steampunk conventions. Including these costumed folks in with traditional clowns can spark wider interest in the unit, greater visibility for our Shrine and more participation in parades and Hospital events. I think something to seriously consider.

Have a happy spring!

Fraternally,

-Al Turek

Chief Rabban

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CHANGES GOING ON AT EL BEKAL
SEE THE CALENDER AND THE ELBEKALEN AT:
ELBEKAL.COM

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Hello to all my Brothers and Sisters. Praying that all is well with you and your family. Hopefully soon we will be seeing an end to all of the issues that we all have been dealing with for a year now. All of us have been impacted one way or another. It's hard to keep our spirits up when as we are being restricted so much. One thing that we know is that we can count on our Masonic family. As most of you know our Grand Lodge foundation as set up a distressed worthy brother program. The program offers a lot of assistance for negatively impacted families. Yes, we can offer assistance to non-masonic families. But especially a brother, widow or orphan that may be in need of financial help as well as other types of assistance. The program is available for Entered apprentices, Fellowcrafts also. This will be an on going program after this pandemic ends.

I would like to quote as portion of the first degree lecture.

“To relieve the distressed is a duty incumbent on all men, but particularly on Masons, who are linked together by an indissoluble chain of sincere affection. To soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with their misfortunes, to compassionate their miseries, and to restore peace to their troubled minds, is the great aim we have in view.”

So you see our forefathers knew that to world would be facing troubled times and gave us explicit instructions about our duties as brothers and sisters. Please reach out and help someone. A phone call, text, e-mail or any means of communication will suffice. I am ALWAYS available to assist you in your efforts.

Our Potentate, ILL. Mike Sekera will be setting up a monthly zoom meeting. You should be receiving an e-mail with the link soon. It will be informal get together for the sole purpose of stay connected with each other. Please plan on joining in on the fun and catching up on the latest happenings in our families' lives.

Stay safe and hope to see all of your smiling faces soon!

Love and hugs to all,

Jim Ridley/ Bella

Assistant Rabban,2021

It's That
Time of Year...



March 14
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Clocks
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One Hour



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HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



March is here and I am excited to see that many of my family and friends are starting to get the vaccine and that it looks like we may be heading back to being able to meet in person, even if it means smaller groups, and maybe get back to some normalcy, even if that means a new normal.

Many of you know that I enjoy listening to country music and I find myself called to certain songs. One that comes to mind is a Travis Tritt song titled “It’s a Great Day to Be Alive”. The song reminds me to think about the importance of attitude. The chorus of the song, which Tritt recorded more than a decade ago, goes like this:

And it’s a great day to be alive
I know the sun’s still shining when I close my eyes
There’s some hard times in the neighborhood
But why can’t every day be just this good?

The chorus struck me. There certainly are some hard times for many right now...Sure, things get difficult at times, but it’s all about how you approach them. Someone once said, “Every day may not be good, but there’s something good in every day.” This past year has been hard for many of us and may not have been easy to always feel that it is a great day to be alive but I hope that you make it your job to find it! That’s the wonderful thing — you can choose your attitude!

As we begin back to our activities it is easy to get caught up in how busy we are and we often forgotten that we are blessed with this fellowship and fraternity. Our lives would probably be simpler without all this activity, but what sense of accomplishment would there be in just watching the clock as the days fly past us and not grasping the truth of it being a great day to be alive?

We would not be the fraternal men that we are without the work we have to accomplish.

Pam and I would like to wish all of you a very Happy St. Patrick’s Day and we hope that we will be able to meet in person again really soon.

Tom Thomas
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“Operation Santa” at El Bekal Shrine. We have box for collecting Christmas gifts for the children at the Shrine Medical Center. Instead of asking for gifts two months before I think it would be easier for everyone if we started now. This way if you see a gift at the store from now until December you may just pick the gift for the children up. We will also be accepting “Cash Donations” then if that happens we will buy the Gifts for the Children.

ORIENTAL GUIDE



Nobles,

This year is already starting to fly by. Mary Ann and I were looking forward to attending this year's Oriental Guide Conference in Tampa, Florida and meeting our counterparts, especially in our neighboring Temples. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, OG School has been postponed until the end of September. Many of our family members and friends have been able to get their vaccines and we are in hopes that we too will be able to get vaccinated and contribute to our world returning to normal.

Since it is March, here is a little fun fact for you. Did you know that St. Patrick's Day has been celebrated since around the ninth century? Saint Patrick lived during the fifth century and was kidnapped at the age of 16.

He was taken to Ireland as a slave and eventually escaped slavery. Many years later he returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to the people of Ireland.

This makes me think. How many of us have allowed this pandemic to capture and enslave us, figuratively? In these times of uncertainty, I would like to challenge each of you with a quote from Mr. Rogers, which you have undoubtedly heard already, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" As masons, it is our job to improve the quality of this world and to make good men better. As you continue to navigate this crazy world we have been living in, I encourage you to think about how you can be a helper. For each of us, this will look differently based on our time and abilities. Maybe we can start with some intentional acts of kindness. Start by smiling at a stranger in the grocery store, bringing your elderly neighbor's trash cans in for them, or buying someone else's Starbucks drink. How can we make our community a better place? How can we be a light when we are surrounded by darkness? How can you silently represent our Temple and improve the world around you? What will you bring back to the people of this Temple at the end of this pandemic?

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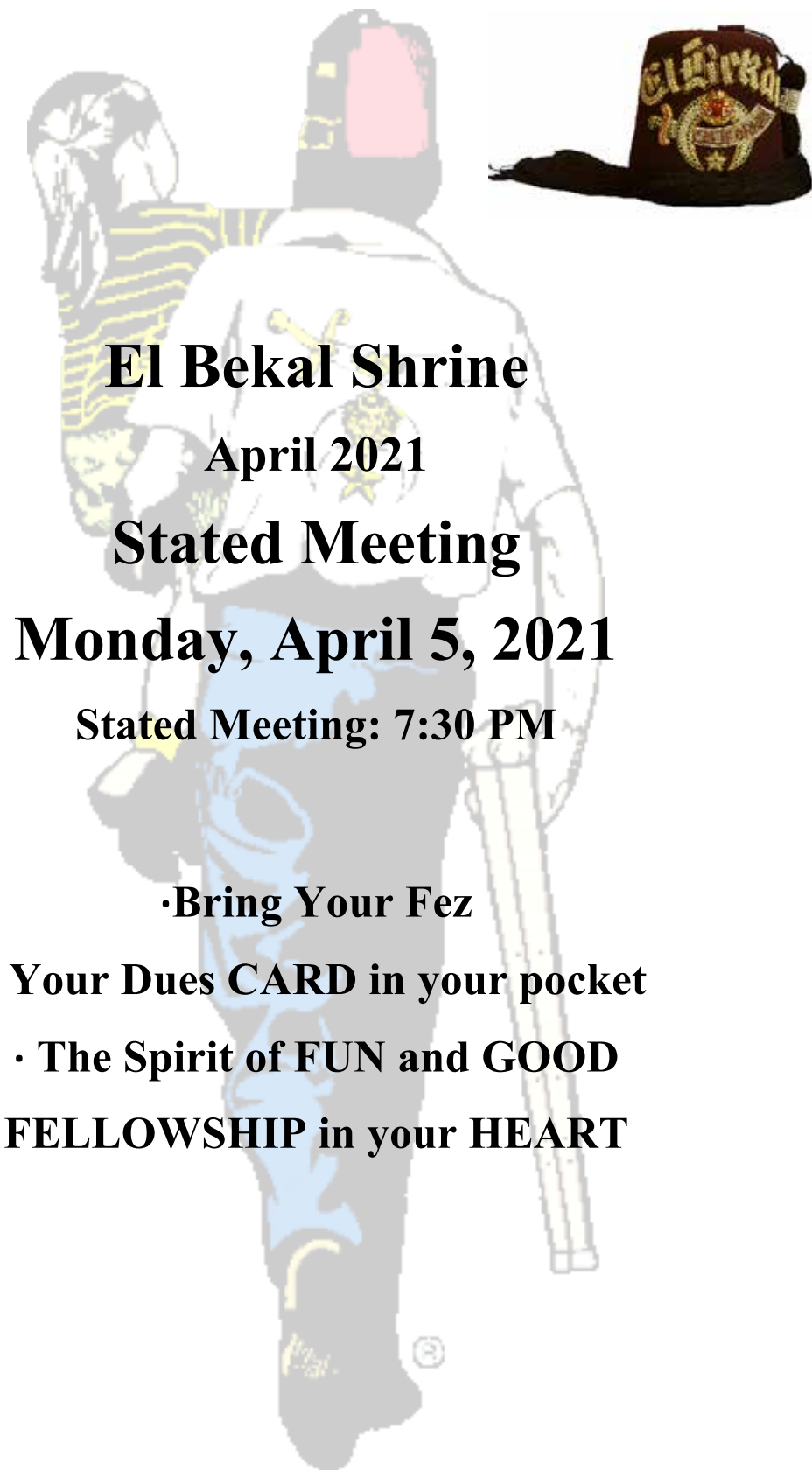


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April 2021

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Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM

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El Bekal Shrine



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April 7 to 11, 2021



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If your interested in knowing more or joining our ranks contact the WSA Secretary at secretary@westernshrine.org

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Tin Lizzies

Ted Segerstrom February, 2021

Hello everyone-This article is to bring everyone up-to-date about the Tin Lizzies for the previous year. First of all, can we all just agree that 2020 never happened, and we are going into a better year, 2021 please. We should all be wearing our masks, gather within the 6ft guidelines established, get our vaccine as soon as we can and take the steps necessary to keep family and everyone healthy and safe.

Like all the units of El Bekal, the Tin Lizzies are under the orders of our Grandmaster, who has disallowed any unit from gatherings together, and while sad, is the best for our shrine center and all members. With the vaccines beginning to come online through our counties now, hopefully we can all get our shots and meet face to face very soon afterwards.

The Tin Lizzies have been busy getting our lizzie cars tuned up and ready to go parading when we get the greenlight from our ILL. Pote, Mike Sekera. We also have been planning our annual Steak Fry fundraiser for 2021, but due to our current restrictions and orders from our Grandmaster, we will again have to postpone it for another year. We had been preparing to hold it later this year in June, but under the current restrictions still in effect, we felt that this was not an achievable date. We just wouldn't have the proper time to make the event a successful one for everyone to enjoy.

In December last year, we held our unit elections for the 2021 officers. Those officers elected are: Rick Schade, Capt., Al Jazwiecki, Lieutenant, Ron Michal, Treasurer & Ted Segerstrom, Secretary.

All our monthly stated meetings have been by Zoom, just like the shrine stated meetings. It was a great way we could all be together without contact or wearing masks, & pants were optional. As with all of you, some of our closest friends are members of our unit and it's the safest way for us to stay in touch. Thanks go out to ILL. Larry Griffin for arranging all the Zoom meetings.

We have been able to secure a new container for storage in the back parking lot of the shrine center. Many of our members can not store the lizzie cars at home, and this is a way to help them out. Along with the extra parts and project cars for sale and some trailer, it was a huge improvement for us.

With the new year upon us, so does Monday night football again, and with everything else, hopefully we will be able to gather once again to enjoy it together.

Hopefully, we will all be together very, very soon and can all get back to our duties of gathering and having fun, supporting the hospital and crowds on the streets. Let's all do our part, take the vaccine, and keep ourselves healthy.



DC - 1

Formal

Men - Tux

Women - Dresses

Ordering outfits

Call Mike Sekera

951 - 265 - 7717

2021

El Bekal

Outfits

Theme events
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outfits (optional)



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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- 2021 -

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_____ 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.

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Some of the items created especially for ladies include:

- A video presentation, “Lady of a Shriner”
- First Lady’s section
- Camp information and photos
- One sheets and Ladies Toolkit (includes Ladies Handbook)
- Photo Gallery

The website contains useful fraternity documents that nobles and ladies can download, including the Fez Owner’s Manual, Membership Toolkit, Shriner Primer and Shrine Protocol.

Shriners Village also has an events section with information on temple fundraisers and other activities. Any registered user can post an event on the calendar.

We invite you to explore and become part of the Shriner family’s website. There is a lot to be discovered and there will always be something new to find — news, entertainment, history, education, multimedia features and more.

Becoming part of Shriners Village is easy:

Go to the Shriners Village login page at shrinersvillage.com

- Click register now
- Enter requested noble information
- Select lady and verify your name

And you’re all set!

If you have any questions, please use the online “get help” link on the Shriners Village log-in page.

Social Media

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

Well it is now March, you know when everyone is Irish for a day, a time when we all set our clocks forward by one Hour or loose one hour of our day depending how you look at it.

We are always looking for new ways to stay in touch with people, loved ones and a new way of doing buisness. This year is not starting off as we would like it to, but we are all in it together, we are all here to help and support each other. As one of our mottos says "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child", well the same can be said when we stop to help a Brother.

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

Our Units, Clubs and Divan have been having a lot of ZOOM meetings and will continue to till we can meet together. I encourgange all of you to come join in and say hi, most of the links are on the El Bekal Calendar. If your Unit or Club would like you meeting link on the Calenar pleas let me know with the information and we will be happy to add it.

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 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.

Cabin fever vs Zoom

Hello all, just wonderin how you all are doing. It's almost a year since the Corona virus attacked the world. Our living habits had to change rather quickly, people got sensitive about what was said, and you can't blame them. Some lost their jobs, other resorted to working from home which rearranged their home. As the months rolled along, we were told that the Pandemic would end soon, then after a few months, again end soon. Well, it did not, and it doesn't look good for the near future.

Living with Cabin Fever isn't fun. Growing up in Massachusetts we use to say Cabin Fever when the snow buried us in for the best part of a week, kind of a joke then. Today we are restricted to just about everything, you can grocery shop in crowded stores wearing a mask, you can fly in crowded airplanes with a mask, just recently we can attend our places of worship.

In the Masonic world we communicate with each other via Zoom, it's the only tool we have. Those of you who attended your lodge meetings and the El Bekal Shrine via Zoom meetings know what I'm talking about. The meetings provides us great information. Like in lodge we don't talk about religion or politics, it's a great way to keep in touch, other than the telephone it's the only way.

There are several that just won't bend to Zoom, too bad. Just like when the Railroad Choo choo went to Diesel engines, just about everyone said they didn't want it, it will never last anyway.

The term Cabin Fever isn't a joke anymore. Consider Zoom, maybe just to listen in.

Best to you all

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)
- beashrinernow.com
- webfez.shrinenet.org/ (Need membership No. to join)
- webfez.shrinenet.org/referral
- shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
- 2021 Imp Session: <https://imperialsession.com>
- WSA: westernshrine.org
- Orange County Coronavirus update: <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com>
- California Coronavirus update: <https://covid19.ca.gov>

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07	08	09	10	11	12	13
		Divan Meeting				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			General Gathering on ZOOM 			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			
Palm Sunday 1 st day of Passover	Vietnam War Veterans Day 					

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
WSA		Ramadan		TAX DAY		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Gen Gathering on ZOOM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Spring Fling TBT						

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16650 Arrow Blvd.
Fontana, CA 92335
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92648
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(714) 536-3119

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3610 Locust Ave.
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(562) 427-0821

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Temecula, CA 92590
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Hemet, CA 92543
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Long Beach, CA 90808
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Riversidelodge635.com
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* Edward M. Humes	1957
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* James Munholland	1961
* Ralph E. Barnes	1962
* Jessie M. Allen	1963
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* Leroy H. Crager	1965
* Roy A. Hopkins	1966
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* George Royce	1989
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* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* William Pherrin	1992
* J. Floyd Price	1993
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
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* Richard O. Hughes	1996
* Max Hiles	1997
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* Joe Pendergast (Mollie)	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
* Bill McIntosh (Lynne)	2001
* Art Menzel	2002
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* 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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Meeting 7:30 pm

VIA ZOOM

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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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