



The El Bekalan



April, 2021

Illustrious Sir. *Michael J. Sekera*, Potentate

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Happy Easter!

To you & to all the Clubs & Units



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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles, Ladies & Friends,

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your efforts to maintain an active role in our great fraternity. I understand during these times that it is difficult to enjoy being a Shriner as much as you have in the past, but it is important that we stay in communication, supporting one another and our cause. It is also important that we continue in our fund-raising efforts. The Medical Center and El Bekal Shrine need your support. For Shriners, it is imperative that we remain active participants in our lodges and attend other lodges in our area. This is the only place where we have the ability to pick up ready-made Shriner masons. Yes, we can and

should attempt to draw friends and neighbors into the masonic bodies, but It is vital that we attend blue lodges, wearing a shrine shirt, discussing the great opportunities for involvement that El Bekal Shrine offers, while always having petitions in hand.

We as a divan cannot do this alone. It requires the efforts of each and every member of El Bekal Shrine to focus on membership. I know that you love this fraternity as much as I do, so be active in club and temple events. Support El Bekal Shrine by working to bring in new members at every opportunity and represent us well in our Masonic community.

As your Potentate, I believe in El Bekal and I believe in our member's abilities. I thank you for all that you do, and I enjoy working right alongside you to improve the lives of children. By Focusing on the Future, we can overcome any challenges that we face, and I know that I can count on you, my shrine brothers, to see El Bekal become greater than ever before.

As everyone knows, this is a trying time in our country. Everyone's lives have been turned upside down one way or another. Financially, emotionally, health wise, and otherwise it has been disturbing trying to survive.

Who would have thought the world would be terrorized by a virus? This is totally unheard of in this day and age. And it is affecting everyone. It is all people are talking about. Where did it come from? How did it get here? I am scared of catching it. What should I do? And the last question is always, when will it end?

I alone do not have the answers. But with prayer and faith, we will overcome this together. Check on your neighbors. Call friends and family. Do something nice for someone. Volunteer. Deliver food to the needy. Walk your dog and someone else's dog. Find a home project you have put off. File your taxes. There are lots of things to make the time pass.

We will keep you up-to-date on when El Bekal Center re-opens. This is one thing we are all looking forward to in the future.

But the most important is to stay safe. This too will pass.

Abeer and I look forward to seeing you in the near future!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate

Stay tuned for the Wednesday, April 21 ZOOM Meeting, Page 12...Ill Sir Michael Sekera will be talking about his fantastiaic trip to the Mai Tai capital of the world. See page 5 for details of the trip and come to the zoom meeting to find out more about this exciting event.
Wear you best Aloha shirt for this one.



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

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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CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles.

With all the social distancing and self-isolation going on, many of us are spending more time online even when we're not in a Skype or Zoom meeting. Navigating the many websites that deal with Freemasonry can be a full-time hobby, and I'm only counting the positive, accurate ones, not the crazy conspiracy sites that link us with UFOs or ancient hidden treasures. I enjoy reading Brother Chris Hodapp's splendid blog, and I came across a few interesting older items. Some of you may recognize Brother Chris as the author of "Freemasons for Dummies" and several other books. One of the articles on his blog, or "web log" was about being visible as Masons at events where people, especially potential members, tend to gather. His

experience was at an RV gathering and he wondered why the local Shrine Nomads didn't have an information table or a pancake breakfast booth there. He mentioned that many people are craving personal, face-to-face interaction in this age of impersonal commerce and online social media. There are opportunities in large and even small gatherings of people who come for one hobby or interest and might be intrigued enough by Freemasonry to ask about it... if only they happen to find a Mason to ask.

The other article went the other direction, praising the internet with allowing communication between groups of Masons that would otherwise have "remained at a perpetual distance." The ease of anonymous discussions in chat groups and the older online bulletin board systems could have been the starting point of Prince Hall recognition negotiations (in Brother Hodapp's opinion.)

Can we have it both ways? Can public gatherings, in-person interaction and connection over social media all take place? Well, yes! Maybe not all at the same time, but it's doable. Consider that a public event can be planned and advertised online, a Masonic presence coordinated and face-to-face meetings happen at the event. It just takes some planning, effort and attendance. Remember that "80% of success is just showing up." Of course, face-to-face meetings have to be held carefully now, once we're allowed to hold meetings again. In the meantime we must increase our online presence to prepare for society opening up again. Hopefully it will be soon.

Brother Chris Hodapp's excellent blog can be found online at, Freemasonsfordummies.blogspot.com

Fraternally,
Al Turek
Chief Rabban

Save the date.

El Tanya Court #61 is having its annual Installation on Saturday April 3rd at 2:00 pm. Zoom link will be emailed after RSVP is received. Please RSVP to Rhea Turek at rtmath@verizon.net.

See flyer on the calendar at Elbekal.com

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Happy April to all,

Although our zoom meetings have been going very well, we all hoped to be back in the Temple by now. And continuing our philanthropic work as Shriners do. We should be hearing something soon as the Grand Master of masons in California, Most Worshipful Art Weiss has a meet and greet scheduled in division 8 for May 23rd. and has not canceled it. As of now he intends to be there meeting with all the masons from that division. We can only pray for our return to our Temple.

On a philosophical note, we must remember a certain part of our first-degree charge,
AS A CITIZEN, YOU ARE ENJOINED TO BE EXEMPLARY IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR CIVIL DUTIES, BY NEVER PROPOSING OR COUNTENANCING ANY ACT WHICH MAY HAVE A TENDANCY TO SUBVERT THE PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF SOCIETY; BY PAYING DUE OBEDIENCE TO THE LAWS UNDER WHOSE PROTECTION YOU LIVE; AND BY NEVER LOSING SIGHT OF THE ALLEGIANCE DUE TO YOUR COUNTRY.

A simple explanation of this section of the first-degree charge is to be a good, law abiding citizen. But as usual in Masonry, our directions lead to more questions. What ARE our civil duties? Voting in all elections, serving on jury duty is certainly a part of our civil duties but we are enjoined to do more. It becomes our duty to not only comply but to teach others their civil duties. We must lead by example by respecting our government officials as people. Agreeing with them is NOT a requirement, but respect is necessary. This is not a political issue but simply a civility issue. Without civility in our society our country will deteriorate at an accelerated rate. So, is one our civil duties to teach others using Masonic principals as guidelines? ABSOLUTLY!

Remember that people recognize Shriners more than any other group. I want to charge you to act accordingly.

If you know of anyone that may need assistance in these difficult times, please call me. I will assure privacy.

Brotherly love to all,
Jim Ridley
Assistant Rabban, 2021

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HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



Happy April. Happy Easter. Happy Spring.

Instead of writing my normal type article this month, I decided this month to take a lighter approach and share the history of something that is probably a part of all our Easter celebrations.

The item I am talking about is peeps and how the chick went from handmade delicacy to industrial candy success story.

Peeps are produced by Just Born, in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Just Born has produced Peeps since 1953.

In 1953, it took 27 hours to create one Peeps Marshmallow Chick. Today, thanks to advances in technology, it takes six minutes.

Just Born produces enough Peeps Brand Marshmallow Candies in one year to circle the Earth twice. Peeps Brand Candies have been the No. 1 non-chocolate brand at Easter for more than 20 years.

In the late 1950s, Peeps wings were “clipped” to give them a sleek, modern look.

Yellow is America’s best-selling color of Peeps chicks and bunnies. Yellow and white Peeps chicks and bunnies came first, followed by pink, lavender, blue, green and orange.

If you had 8,000 Peeps bunnies, and you stood them in a straight vertical line, you could reach the top of the Willis Tower in Chicago.

They are best known for Easter, but they recently were marketed for as “Always in Season.” You can buy versions for Halloween, Christmas and Valentine’s Day.

For nearly seven decades, Peeps have been showing up in Easter baskets and blowing up in microwaves across the globe. However, the history of Easter’s (surprisingly) only fifth most popular candy is actually quite complicated.

Today, Peeps inspires a cult following. There are creative dioramas, celebrity chef recipes and competitive eating contests. This year, in five minutes, the winner ate 255 Peeps. Please don’t try to eat that many peeps in one sitting or you may end up with an upset stomach.

Alright, on a more serious note, we did have to make the decision to postpone the Spring Fling until later in the year and once we have a new date, I will be sure to announce that.

Pam and I really miss being able to see all of you in person and hope that we will be able to get started on all of the great activities that Mike and Abeer have planned for this year very soon.

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas (562) 618-4714
TomHoytAuto@aol.com

ORIENTAL GUIDE

I hope this El Bekalan finds you healthy and calm in the crazy world that we are living in. As I write this, we are just approaching the one year anniversary of the beginning of the Pandemic. I can't believe that a year ago we were just returning home from spending some time at Disney World, after Pam and Tom were finished with the Oriental Guide Conference, which also reminds me that Mary Ann and I would have been there at the beginning of this month. March has marked many improvements for our family: I was able to return to work after 8 months off with cancer treatments, our son, Nathan, was able to return to in-person learning (with lots of precautions in place, of course), it looks as if Mary Ann may be able to return to teaching in her classroom at the beginning of April (lots of prayers are needed for that transition), and, most importantly, all the adults in our family have been able to get our COVID vaccines. I feel like the Lord has blessed our family and is guiding us through this challenging time.



In these times of uncertainty, my family has tried to always stay positive. I keep coming back to 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 navigate this crazy world we live 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. In Nov of last year, you read an article from Tom sharing a story about how his mom was cared for as she travelled across the country to marry his dad in California.

Recently, a Past Master in my Lodge shared a story on Facebook from the California Freemason website (the full article can be found here:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/01/30/how-destiny-chose-walter-wilcox/>). The

story tells about a 4-year old boy in 1878, Walter Cary Wilcox who travelled by train

from Louisiana to Oakland because he was orphaned when his mother died of the yellow fever epidemic. The people who arranged his mother's funeral found a Masonic watch in her belongings and called the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Grand Lodge purchased his train ticket to reunite him with his grandmother in California. When he arrived in Oakland, he was welcomed by the sitting Grand Master. The Grand Lodge of California was so taken by his story that they made him a ward of the fraternity, helping pay for his care. He became known as "The Mason's Boy" and was taken in by the Grand Treasurer when his grandmother passed away in 1888. He followed in his "adopted" fraternal father's footsteps and was raised a Master Mason on May 11, 1895 at Oakland Lodge No. 188.

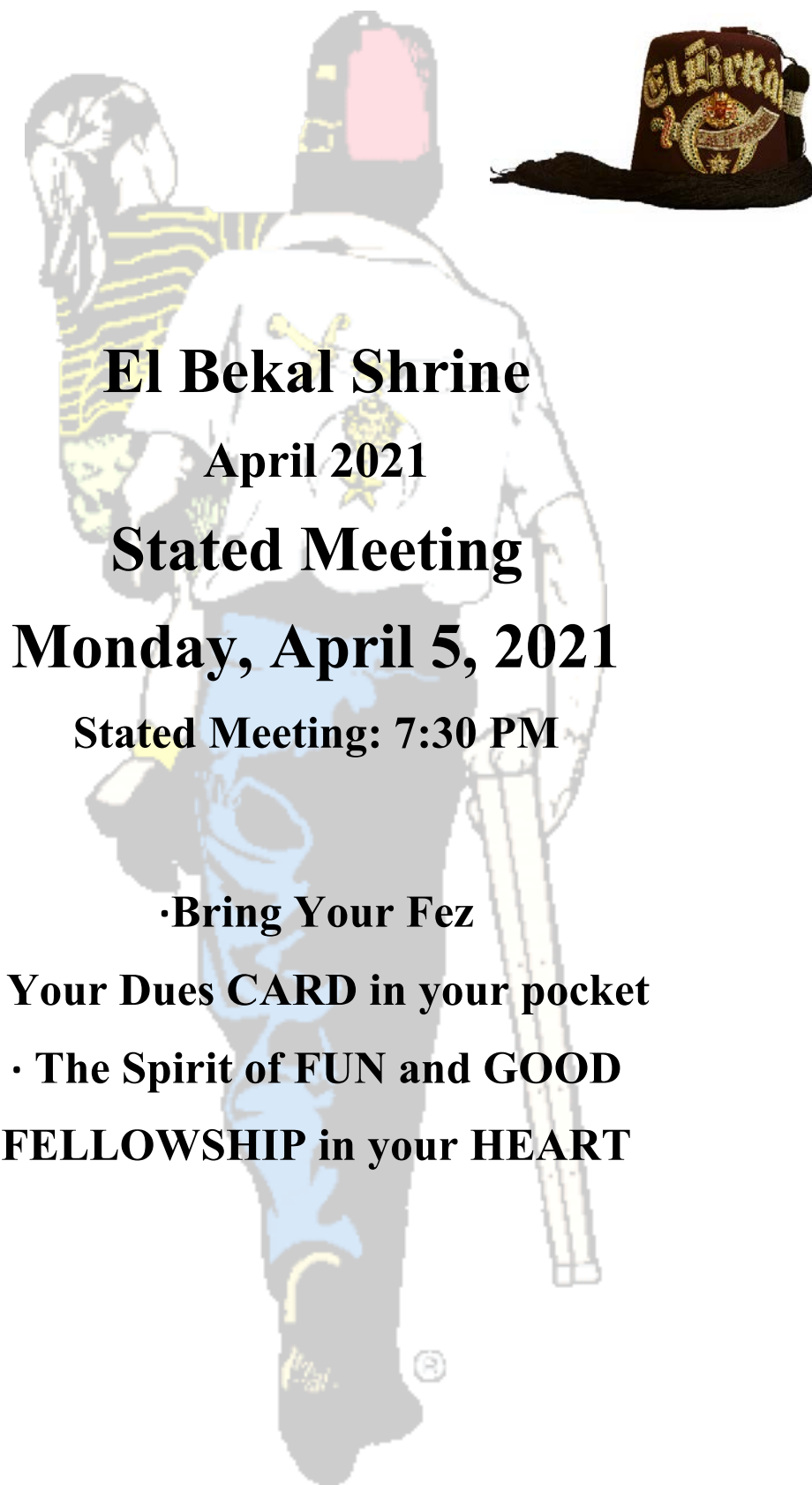
This story really touched me. There are so many more stories like this, of how Brothers have met their Fraternal calling, that we will never hear. We may not know an orphaned child, or a young woman on a train, but we live in a world that is full of opportunities! Maybe we can start with some intentional 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 Shrine and improve the world around you?

Mary Ann and I hope that you have a blessed Easter enjoying time with your families and loved ones and pray for the health of each and every one of you.

In Brotherly Love,

Andy Prutsman
Oriental Guide
562-325-0826





El Bekal Shrine

April 2021

Stated Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021

Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM

- **Bring Your Fez**
- **Your Dues CARD in your pocket**
- **The Spirit of FUN and GOOD FELLOWSHIP in your HEART**



El Bekal Shrine



Join us on
April 21st at 7:00pm
Potentates & First Ladys Trip
"Aloha Hawaii"

Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera
invites Nobles, Ladies, Family and Friends
To our next Zoom Meeting: on April 21st
Learn about the Trip and the Fun we will have.



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Live on Zoom





April 7 to 11, 2021



WSA Wants You!

**To partake in the fun that is your
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Your WSA is committed to changes that meet the evolving needs of its member Temples and their nobles. To achieve this goal we need your help by joining us at our Spring Convention and Business meeting in Las Vegas Nevada at the Golden Nugget Casino and Resort.

Here is an Opportunity for you!

WSA is actively seeking nobles to help us by volunteering to be a part of our steering and planning committees or interact as a WSA Ambassador.

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

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HAPPY Mother's DAY

Mother's Day Brunch

A Mother's day brunch offers an opportunity to honor & show appreciation for mother, grandmother & the amazing women who shape our lives.

Please come joying us to celebration our amazing mom.

Food - Fun - Entertainment

El Bekal Shrine Center

1320 S. Sanderson Ave

Anaheim, CA 92806

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Adult \$20 - Kids (5 - 15) \$8 - under 5 Free

All Reservation must be made by Monday, April 26.

No Ticket will be sold at the door.

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Have a Blast in Houston

NOBLES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO THE 2021 IMPERIAL SESSION



Houston, we are a “Go”!

The 147th Imperial Session is planned for July 4–8 in “Space City” — Houston, Texas. Organizers are looking forward to presenting a safe and exciting time of fun and fellowship for nobles and ladies, particularly since we missed out on last year’s traditional gathering.

While conducting the business of the fraternity is an important reason for getting together at Imperial Session, the event is really about a lot more than that.

“We are working to put together a very noble-centric Session,” said Director General Charlie Farnham. “Whole groups of nobles are coming for the fellowship. We want it to be a fun time for them.”

Nobles from all over attend Imperial Session, attracted by the club and unit competitions, parades and hoopla.

But best of all is the chance to simply meet and enjoy the company of other Shriner families.

“We want everyone to have a good time and socialize, which is something we haven’t been able to do for a while,” Farnham said.

Organizers remain extremely mindful of the need to keep health and well-being at the forefront this year. The fraternity is working on a comprehensive

health and safety plan and is collaborating with the local convention corporation, along with the venues and city agencies, to be certain we are following up-to-date guidelines to reduce risk and improve opportunities for fun and fellowship.

While Session is expected to run as close as possible to normal, planners are working to implement specific changes that they believe are necessary to protect the health and safety of nobles and guests.

“Safety is critical, and all attendees’ safety is being considered,” Farnham said. “We are designing things with safety in mind, in this new world.”

According to Visit Houston, George R. Brown is the first convention center in the world to deploy the Integrated Viral Protection (IVP) system. This biodefense filtration technology is proven to eliminate SARS-CoV-2 (99.999%) and other airborne contaminants, and was recently awarded the 2020 Emerging Technology Award by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Session will include an array of fun and interesting social activities. Imperial Potentate Jim Smith is excited to be hosting a special cornhole tournament at Session and has challenged every temple to field a team to compete. This friendly competition will also be supporting a special cause — the tournament entry fees will be donated to First Lady Alice Smith’s *Rising Stars* program.

Something special that many nobles may enjoy is a tour of the nearest hospital, located in Galveston. This bus trip will give nobles who are interested the opportunity to see the hospital, which recently merged with the Houston location to create Shriners Children’s Texas.

In addition to Session events, nobles have the opportunity to explore a unique and exciting city when they visit Houston, the fourth-largest city in the United States. Nobles and their families can visit historic sites, museums, the Space Center, or explore the shopping and dining options.



For updates, please visit Imperialsession.com.



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.

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Phone _____
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E-mail: _____ Wife's name _____

Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple? _____ If so which
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When _____

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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).

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Noble _____
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Become Part of the Shriners Village Community

Shriners Village is the Web-based community created exclusively for the Shriners family. Fraternity members and their ladies can visit shrinersvillage.com to find information about Shriners Hospitals for Children®, fraternal programs, membership, temples, Shrine-related events and more.

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

In addition to Shriners Village, we also encourage you to check out our social media networks:

Facebook

facebook.com/shrinersinternational
facebook.com/shrinershospitalsforchildren

Twitter

twitter.com/shriners
twitter.com/shrinershosp

YouTube

youtube.com/shrinershospitals
youtube.com/shrinerstv

Instagram:

instagram.com/shrinershospitals
instagram.com/shrinersinternational

We hope you enjoy being part of the Shriners Web-based community – and are glad you are joining us there! If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact the public relations department at Shriners International Headquarters at 813-281-8162 or ShrinePR@shrinenet.org.



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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

Well it is now April, Spring time is here. The state of California says we may start meeting by May, we are just waiting on the Grand Lodge OK also. I know we are all very tired of this pandemic stuff, I can only hope and pray that everyone is doing well and keeping you sanity. We at El Bekal miss each and every one of you.

We are always looking for new ways to stay in touch with people, loved ones and a new way of doing business. As I said last month, this year is not starting off as we would like it to, but we are all in it together, and 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 in need. There is a Masonic relief fund for all Masons in time of need. It is private and confidential

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.



“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.



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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Easter Last day of Passover	Divan Meeting ¼ Stated Meeting DC 2		WSA	WSA	WSA	WSA
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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						City of Orange Parade CANCELED
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
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09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Mother's Day		Divan Meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Meeting 7:30 pm

VIA ZOOM

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