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Deadline for articles are DUE,
June 14th
for the July 2021 issue.

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles, Ladies & Friends,
Renewal requires that we open ourselves up to new ways of thinking and feeling. Shrine Temples across the country that are growing are folding in more family events and having a way to cater to the family while adult events are going on. We must do the same by engaging the Nobles and families. Our Masonic values teach us that family comes first above all and we must embrace that concept, or we will fizzle out.
June is upon us and there are more activities to come. First Lady Abeer and I would like to thank everyone who attended the “Mother’s Day Brunch”. It was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves again. we had great turnout, over 60 people showed up. Thank you to all that helped Al Turek, Jim Ridley, James Segerstrom, Alexandra Sekera, Russ & Pat Allen, Coy Love for all your help, I want to say a Special thank you to the First lady for all the preparation and effort she put in for the Mother’s Day Brunch, thank you to Edwin

& Jasmin Calayag for their Fantastic Photography for our Mother’s Day Brunch, it was a Great Job and a team effort by all!

Our next event is the “The First All Club & Units POV” on June 6th, at the El Bekal Shrine, look for the Event flier in this edition of the “El Bekalan”, it’s also on our new website.

Then on June 13th we will have a “Hawaiian Luau Party” so Grab your Favorite Hawaiian Shirt/Dress and come join us all are welcome!

Mark your calendars for the Potentate’s Ball Saturday July 31st, 2021. Preparations are already in full swing. The location will be at the “Segerstrom Shelby Event Center” it will be a fun evening; we can see many people we have missed over the past year.

Ill. Sir Michael Sekera & Lady Abeer



Stay tuned for the Wednesday, June 16th ZOOM Meeting, Ill Sir Michael Sekera, Lady Abeer, Nobles and Ladies will get together for fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions about any events or opening dates this is a good place to ask.



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



El Bekal is on the path to re-opening

Greetings Nobles,

El Bekal is in the process to reopening the Shrine center with the new Grand Lodge's rules.

We are all on pins and needles about what is going on with Covid 19 all around us right now.

The State, County, City, and Grand Lodge has a set of guide lines that we are adhering to to keep our Nobles and guest safe.

We all have to follow these guide lines.

At a high level, the applicable limitations are:

1. Indoor private events and meetings are not permitted in counties assigned to the purple tier. We are in tier 3 Orange.
2. There must be a guest list and a seating chart for any meeting or event.
3. Attendees must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within the last 72 hours.
4. The facility must create and implement a COVID-19 site prevention plan.
5. Under the California mask mandate, attendees must wear a face mask unless they are specifically exempted under the mandate.
6. Grand Lodge: <https://freemason.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/GM-Weiss-Reopening-Guidance-FINAL-04-13-2021.pdf>
7. Attendees self-screen for symptoms at home following CDC guidelines. Attendees with symptoms do not attend the meeting.
8. Anaheim: <https://www.anaheim.net/5782/State-Guidelines-for-Businesses>
9. Orange County: <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com>

If you have any questions you can contact the Shrine Center at 714-563-9111

Or email you concerns to recorder@elbekalshrine.com

Thank you

Ill Sir Michael J. Sekera

Potentate, El Bekal Shrine

CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

El Bekal Shrine has started holding in-person events again! Under the safety guidelines established by Grand Master Weiss, the state of California, county of Orange and the city of Anaheim, we held a successful Mother's Day Brunch with over 50 people in attendance. I know that sounds like a lot of rules to follow, but much of them are simple common sense precautions that are easy to do. Soon there's going to be more events and, God willing, things will open up even more.

The biggest question is "will things ever be back to normal?" Well that all depends on what just what normal is. Major events always cause great changes and this pandemic is not an exception. Looking back at history,

we can see that many of these changes were for the better and even those that weren't better were eventually accepted and became part of everyday life.

Going way back, the huge Bubonic Plagues of the Middle Ages gave rise to the beginnings of the middle class as the general population decreased. Those with valuable skills found ways to better exert their rights, leveraging their talents against the demands of the landed gentry and royalty. This gave rise to chartered guilds of workers, essentially the early form of trade unions, and allowed for greater ease of traveling to find work instead of being tied to the land. This was probably when the guilds of stone masons gained greater prominence and prestige and became the Freemasons.

The typhoid and cholera epidemics of the previous two centuries impacted the way food and water were handled. Food safety laws were enacted, the federal Food & Drug Administration (FDA) was set up, water purification plants were built, sanitation was taken seriously and (sorry to mention some icky stuff) human waste was no longer used as fertilizer. Those "Employees Must Wash Hands" signs in every restaurant restroom are a result of these changes and hand washing really does make a difference.

It's not just epidemics and pandemics that cause changes. Inventions, developments in transportation, shifting population and even wars can alter the way things are done. I don't think I need to mention the great changes brought about by World War II. Many of us can remember the change over from propeller aircraft to jetliners that resulted in the Jet Set culture of the 1960s and 1970s. Our grandparents and great-grandparents saw the landscape itself being altered by widespread acceptance of the automobile. Implementation of the Internet is still causing changes with no discernible end in sight.

While we can use history as a rough guide to what might happen next, there's no reliable crystal ball that will predict the future accurately. So any guesses about what happens next are just that, guesses. My humble opinion is that, even with effective vaccines available, face masks and social distancing are going to be with us for quite a while. Handshakes and casual hugs might be lose favor to fist bumps and Vulcan salutes from Star Trek. Who knows what other changes might happen in the years to come? Only time will tell. Stay safe everyone.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek

Chief Rabban

ASSISTANT RABBAN



Howdy folks. It's hard to believe that half of this year is almost gone already. As they say "time flies when you are having fun". Man we certainly had fun seeing each other in person at the Mothers Day breakfast. The BBQ honoring the Past Potentates was a great success. It was so good to be able to be together in person.

Our first event this month will be the Potentate's official visit for all the clubs and units on June 6th. Next up on our calendar is the Hawaiian Luau on the 13th. Can't wait to see the grass skirts! LOL. (I might show up with a lawnmower). Don't forget to bring in your documents for shredding on the 25th which is another great fundraising event. Please make your reservations for all the events as they are necessary under our re-opening plan.

I want to remind everyone about part of our first degree lecture, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.

Today I want to talk a little about Temperance. Temperance is that due restraint upon the affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice. This virtue should be your constant practice, as you are thereby taught to avoid excess or the contracting of any licentious or vicious habits, or indulgence of any vice. This to me is a great lesson that we should all adhere to. Male or female, man or child, we should learn to govern ourselves according to this virtue. So many GREAT lessons in Masonry!

Thanks for all that you do for our great Fraternity. Each of you is an integral part of El Bekal shrine. Without you being a part of what we do we would not be successful.

Fraternally,

Jim Ridley

Assistant Rabban 2021

Bella says Woof-woof (which means that I love you in doggie language)



The Ali Baba Sheiks will be doing contact meetings again starting on June 9th again at the Jagerhause on Ball Rd. not too far from El Bekal Shrine. Like all of our Shrine Units and Club's, it has been over a year since we can meet in person, going to be strange.

Don Leger, P.P.

We have a NEW web sight @ ElBekal.com
Please go to it and check it out, find all the latest information going on at the El Bekal Shrine Center.
Get the latest Elbekalan, get you meeting links on the calendar, check out the flyers of Events.



El Bekal Shrine Stated Meeting

Monday, July 12, 2021

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

recorder@elbekalShrine.com 714-563-9111

Social 5:00 PM

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM

- **Bring Your FEZ**
- **Bring Your Dues CARD**
- **Bring Your Mask**
- **Bring Vaccination Card**
- **Bring The Spirit of FUN and GOOD FELLOWSHIP in your HEART**

****Note – State, County and Grand Lodge Covid Rules Apply****

ORIENTAL GUIDE



Greetings Nobles,

Summer is here. Time to go and enjoy the sun. As Covid restrictions are beginning to relax, it is still important to follow the recommended guidelines. I know that everyone is eager to get back to our pre-Covid lives!

Mike and Abeer have several events planned and they are sure to be a great time for everyone. Make sure that you RSVP in advance to our recorder Coy Love, so we know who is coming. Please remember to bring your documentation for vaccinations or recent negative Covid test. I can not wait to attend events again once I am able to. As some of you may have known, last year I was diagnosed with cancer and I am thrilled to say I am now over 6 months being in remission. It was about a year ago that I started on the journey of diagnosis, surgery, and treatments. Looking back, it was a year that went by fast with moments that seemed to just not move. With the support from my family, faith, friends, Brothers and Nobles, I am on the right path to be healthy again. Thank you to all who reached out during that difficult time. With a clean bill of health and the world opening more and more as time goes on, I look forward to being able to see each other soon. In this world of uncertainty and constant change, I encourage you to spread kindness everywhere you go. It costs nothing to be kind to someone. We may not agree on politics, religion, vaccinations, or any of the choices that other people make, but I guarantee you being kind and considerate will make our world a better place!

Fraternally,

Andy Prutsman

Oriental Guide



COME JOIN US

Become a clown Come on out and join the fun.

Be a part of our group. You can be guarantee will be a lot of clowning around going on.

We show up at parades and visit the Shriners Hospitals for children

We help with our yearly picnics.

We help with the "EL Bekal Operation Santa" collecting toys for the children at the Shriners Hospitals. Come on out and join the fun.

Remember it's for our children that we do all this to make them laugh and smile.

If you are interested, our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

At the El Bekal Shrine Center, 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, Ca 92806

For more information call Ernie Rermierz (aka HAPPY) at 562-458-1156



El Bekal Shrine



Join us on the
3rd Wednesday of the every Month
at 7:00pm

Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera
invites

Nobles, Ladies, Family and Friends

Please join us to Socialize in Fun and Fellowship

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89149080330?>

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Live on Zoom



Tin Lizzies



Ted Segerstrom May 2021

YIPPEE-KI-YAY, WE'RE ON OUR WAY!!!

Finally after the worse year ever, we're going to start getting back together again! That's some of the best news we could have hoped for. Our Grandmaster, who has been ever vigilant for all our safety, has been closely watching our state mandates and has decided it's time we can start getting back to in-person meetings and events. Of course, we still need to comply with our local ordinances as directed by our Grandmaster.

ILL. Sir Sekera has also given the word: Prepare for action!

All our tin lizzies cars and some members, are having the dust cleaned off, oil changed and noise makers checked out for proper performance in anticipation of some local parades happening this summer. Capt. Rick Schade is rounding up the membership to get ready to resume parading very soon also. He held a tire change event a while ago to make sure our lizzie cars were ready and safe. Lt. Al Jazwiecki has been working on our new storage container to help out members with storage issues for their lizzie cars. Everyone has been anticipating this time for a very long time now.

We're waiting for the official word, but the City of Orange parade could happen on July 3rd, and the Huntington Beach parade could happen on July 4th. Details and the official word is forthcoming very soon we hope.

Our big POV event for all units, will be on June 6th at the shrine center, and promises to be a great event after our long shutdown. Seeing old faces in person and not in your computer screen, will be a big adjustment for sure.

So the word is given: Let's get ready to seeing each other again within the Grandmaster's guidelines. Also, get your shots. It's well worth it for some piece of mine, and to help keep our family members safe.



**EVERYONE'S INVITED TO
THE FIRST ALL
UNITS AND CLUBS POTENTATE'S OFFICIAL
VISIT OF 2021**



Sunday June 6th, 2021
At El Bekal Shrine Center



Social Hour 2:00
Meal Service 3:00



\$25.00 Per Person Includes
Food & Beverage



Make checks payable to:
El Bekal Shrine
1320 S Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806
714 563 9111
Fax 714 491 8547



Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
Your Unit or Club _____
Total amount enclosed \$ _____ Number of people ()
Card # _____
MC () VISA () exp Date: ____/____/____ CCV ()





HAWAIIAN LUAU PARTY

JUNE, 13TH, 2021
5:30 PM SOCIAL 6:30 DINNER

El Bekal Shrine Center

- * FOOD
- * MUSIC
- * UGLY HAWAIIAN SHIRT CONTEST



- * TIKI BAR
- * UMBRELLA DRINKS

Join us for an evening of grass skirts, Hawaiian music and fun as we thank all the officers and members for their hard work and support of the

El Bekal Shrine this past year.

Dinner: \$45 per person ~ RSVP at 714 563-9111
(Coy Love- Recorder)
or email: recorder@elbekalshrine.com

All reservation must be made by Monday, June 7. No Ticket will be sold at the door

**GRAB YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN SHIRT/
DRESS AND COME JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME!**

----- Detach bottom & mail -----

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

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El Bekal Shine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
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El Bekal Shrine Document Shred Time



El Bekal Shred Time

I'm thinking that this might be a good time to clean out our offices and file cabinets of old files and to make room for new files. We are setting up a drop off plan and then have a shred truck come to El Bekal to destroy any sensitive papers you may have. By Dropping off boxes at the Center you can stay safe and keep our social distancing, plus it gets you out of the house for a short time. Most of us have 2 to 4 boxes. It will be \$5.00 per box. We are charging our cost only.

- ▶ No Metal
- ▶ No plastic or cardboard
- ▶ To drop off only, make arrangements with the Center for June 21 to June 25 before noon.
- ▶ Will keep it in a secure until Shred Day
- ▶ COST WILL BE \$5.00 PER FILE BOX

Date: June 25th

Time: 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Location: El Bekal Shrine Center

When: Drop-off June 21st to 25th

Where: 1320 S. Sanderson Ave

Anaheim, CA 92806

Contact us at
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Western Round-Up

Enjoy
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With all
the Fixins,
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and Desserts
\$30.00
per person



Saturday July 17th, 2021
2:00 pm
10321 Lesterford Ave.
Downey, CA 90241



Make your reservation
by July 10th.
To: Cynthia Gettler
562-305-1310
or: jello4jake@yahoo.

BINGO
Opportunity
Drawin's
Silent Auction
Basket Drawin's
and Grab Bags
(Additional \$\$)

Wine Tasting Party

SUNDAY JULY 18TH, 2021

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

EL BEKAL SHRINE CENTER

1320 S. SANDERSON AVE

ANAHEIM, CA 92806

(714 - 564 - 9111)

We will feature 5 different wines and a Port / Cheese Bar. Along with the wines there will be Salami, Cheese, Crackers, Fruit and See's Candy. We will also enjoy Trivia Games. This event is a fundraiser with Phil Spellins guiding us through the different wines.

For ordering purpose reservations are a must.
For Reservations Contact
El Bekal Shrine - Coy Love (714) 562-9111 or
Illustrious Michael Sekera (951) 265-7717

\$35.00 per person

.....
Name: _____ Phone : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Make Checks Payable to:
El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, Ca. 92806
Memo: Wine Tasting Party

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

EL BEKAL'S NOBILITY GALA

HONORING

Ill Sir Michael Sekera and First Lady Abeer



Saturday, July 31st, 2021
Seegerstrom Shelby Event Center
5 Whatney St, Irvine, CA 92618

Social 5:00 pm Entrance 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Attire: Nobles Tuxedo or Business Attire with Fez - Ladies Formal

**Out of Town Guest
Room Reservations**

Ayers Hotel Laguna Woods
24341 El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods, Ca. 92637
949 - 588 - 0131

Please mention, "El Bekal Shrine" for special Rate

Reservation for 2021 Potentate's Ball. Must be in by July 26, 2021

Name: _____ phone: _____

Dinner Choice's: **Filet Mignon** _____ **Salmon** _____

Number of Guest: () \$80 per person

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Card # _____

MC () VISA () exp Date ____/____/____ CCV

Make checks payable to:

El Bekal Shrine

1320 S Sanderson Ave.

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El Bekal Shrine



*Cordially invites you to
The 2020 Pandemic Potentates Ball
Illustrious Sir Merritt Read P.P.
And Past First Lady Kim
Saturday, the 28th day of August, 2021
El Bekal Shrine*

*1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806
Social— 5 :00 pm Entrance— 6:00 pm
Dinner—6:30 pm
Divan/Unit – Formal with Fez
Nobles – Formal or Business with Fez
Ladies– Formal*

*Mask and proof of vaccination or negative test 72 hours before
required per Grand Masters Directive, subject to change.
Special Room Rates code EBS28
at Ayres Hotel
2550 E. Katella Avenue
Anaheim, CA 92806
Hotel reservations call 714-634-2106
Deadline for Hotel is July 16, 2021*

*Pre-Ball Party
7:00 to 10:00 pm
Friday, August 27
in Oasis at
El Bekal Shrine
For further information
contact Merritt Read
714-875-6344*

Reservation for 2020 Pandemic Potentate's Ball. Must be in by August 20, 2021. **Tickets will not be sold at door.**

Name: _____ Unit/Club affiliated: _____

Cell (_____) _____ . Lady's name _____

Dinner Choice's: Filet Mignon _____ Salmon _____

Please reserve [_____] place(s) for \$ 50.00 each. Total amount \$ _____

Tel # (_____) _____ MC [____] Visa [____] CVV(_____)code

Send checks and this form to: El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
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Memo: Ball 2020

El Bekal's Mother's Day Brunch



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El Bekal's Mother's Day Brunch



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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
Phone _____

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

Business _____
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 _____
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Credit, Unit Club: _____

THIS PETITION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL FEE OF \$250.00

Recorders Use
Date received _____ Type of payment Personal Check _____
Cash _____

MC [] Visa [] Card # _____ Ex Date _____

Three number (card verification code) on back of card _____

EL TANYA COURT NO. 61
"Teddy Bears' Picnic"
Ways and Means

International City Masonic Center
5155 E Pacific Coast Hwy
Long Beach, CA 90804

Saturday
July 24, 2021



4:00 Social
5:30 Dinner



Donation \$30
(Non-Tax Deductible)



For tickets, contact:
Sharon Blanton 562-481-4132 or
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As we start to re-open and restart having events at El Bekal, we all want to see each other in person. Let us all be aware of each other and there needs, while some may want to have a BIG HUG, others are not quite there yet and just want a warm smile and a gentle bump at this time.

Please be aware of the new rules and guide lines set by the State, County, City, Grand Lodge, and El Bekal Shrine. I know it is allot to take in, but we have gotten this far, let us take it all the way to the end of the finish line. You can find the El Bekal guide lines on page 6 of this issue. We are all hoping that by April 15 we will be fully opened and back to somewhat normal.

As we focus on reopening think about getting current and new members to your meetings and events. Come up with a news letter, a flier a short blurb about what you are doing, where and when you are meeting next, what your Unit or Club is about and why a Noble should join your fun group.

All I see is the Potentates events, and we all know that our Units and Clubs have FUN events too, well if you don't tell anyone about them, how do you expect anyone to come to them !

We have The Royal Chariots, The Tin Lizzies, Long Beach Shrine Club, Valencia Shrine Club, South Coast Shrine Club, Clowns, Oriental Band, Steel Band, Directors Staff, Legion of Honor, Ali Baba Sheik's, Oasis Patrol, Clay Busters, Bruins Club, Nomads, Past Masters, Ramona Shrine Club, Golf Club, Ambassadors Club, Sons of the Desert Shrine Club.

Just asking...when is the last time you have heard from one of the Unit's or Clubs listed above?

Larry Griffin
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The Clown Unit is Filling the Box Will your Unit or Club be next?

"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.

TBT: 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.



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’.

TBT: 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>
WSA: westernshrine.org
Orange County Coronavirus update: <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com>
California Coronavirus update: <https://covid19.ca.gov>

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06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Group POV Units & Clubs		Divan Meeting			Tin Lizzie Steak Fry CANCELED	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Luau Fundraiser			General Gathering on ZOOM			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					DOCUMENT SHRED DAY AT EL BEKAL	
27	28	29	30			
El Bekal Golf Tournament CANCELED						

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Huntington Beach Parade 						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Divan Meeting ¼ Stated Meeting					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			General Gathering on ZOOM			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Palm Springs Scottish Rite POV	POV Valencia SC Ladies Day DC 2		El Bekal Potentate Ball DC 1

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Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

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