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Bill Bailey



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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Noble, Ladies and Friends,

I hope you and your families are enjoying your summer. I just return from Shriners International 147th Imperial Session, in Houston, TX. and had the privilege to be your representative at this year's Imperial Session. The new Imperial Sir is Bill Bailey, we look forward to his leadership into 2021-22. Please visit [ShrinersVillage.Org](http://ShrinersVillage.Org) to learn more about the session and Shriners Hospitals. Next year's session will take place in Minneapolis, MN. ("Mall of America" largest in the World) from July 3- July 7, 2022, please add this to your calendar Minnesota is a wonderful city and a great place for a family vacation.

It was announced that we have 4 Ambassadors instead of 2. Since Mia and Conner were our Ambassadors for 2020 & 2021 they didn't have a chance to

travel for Shriners International so, they were asked to do another year, Seth and Sydney are our new Ambassadors for this year.

Abeer & I went with my daughter Alexandra and my son Michael went to the NASA Space Center then the next day we went to the Yankees game and got to watch them beat up on the Houston Astros couldn't ask for a better week.

It seems like everything is falling into place so far this year. Thanks to everyone's work and dedication in helping El Bekal to continue to grow. We're looking forward for things to continue this well and even better into the months to come.

We have had an exciting year so far and we are only halfway!! Looking forward to the events coming up and enjoying good fellowship with all the Nobles. Come on out and enjoy some of the great events we have coming up and bring the family! As always, if you need help with your Club or Unit, please let us know if we can help in any way.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Ill. Sir Michael Sekera & Lady Abeer





# El Bekal Shrine Stated Meeting At the El Bekal Shrine Center



**Monday, October 11, 2021**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

**[recorder@elbekalShrine.com](mailto:recorder@elbekalShrine.com)**

**Reservations due by October 8th, 2021**

**714-563-9111**

**Social 5:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- **Bring Your FEZ**
- **Bring Your DUES CARD**
- **Bring you LADY**
- **Bring The Spirit of FUN and GOOD FELLOWSHIP in your HEART**

# CHIEF RABBAN

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Greetings Nobles,

We've just returned from Shriners International Imperial Sessions in Houston Texas and what a blast it was! I'm still a bit jet lagged and getting used to California weather again. It was so humid and rainy in Houston that the airport shut down right after our arrival, making us wait an extra hour for our wet luggage. It rained on and off the entire week, but abated during the Shriners block party and the Shriners Parade. It looks like The Great Architect appreciates what we Shriners do.

Besides all the events, sessions and vendors booths, several of us managed to find time for a trip to the Johnson Space Center to see the grounds, the Mission Mock-up Building and the Rocket Display Park where, among other rockets, the mighty Saturn V rocket is on display in a climate controlled building. It

had been on display outside, but the Texas weather was causing some damage by corrosion and sun bleaching. Now it's been restored to as close to original condition as possible, and is only one of three complete Saturn V rockets on public display.

I found out that there's a significant Masonic connection to the Space Program, beyond Noble John Glenn and Noble Buzz Aldrin (who claimed the moon as territory of the Grand Lodge of Texas.) Johnson Space Center is named for President Lyndon Johnson who took the Entered Apprentice Degree, but didn't continue his journey in Masonry. Some of the Shiner Astronauts were Gordon Cooper, Gus Grissom, Walter Schirra and Tom Stafford. Several other Astronauts are or were Masons, but their Shrine membership is unconfirmed. Contrary to popular belief, Astronaut Neil Armstrong was not a Mason, but his father was an active member of an Ohio Lodge.

Report on the Medical Centers (Colorado Corporation)

The Hospital/Medical Centers are doing well despite dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past year and a half. The staff were very diligent about patient and their own safety and there were no outbreaks of COVID at any Shriners facility. Plans are still moving forward for greater use of Telemedicine and more small clinics and Centers of Excellence instead of a few large hospitals as part of the Vision 2035 program. New technology and medical research is bringing new hope to more patients while involving less pain and shorter recovery time. Over 64,000 telemedicine visits were conducted by Shriners Hospital staff last year, compared with only a few hundred in previous years. Partnership is continuing with the Georgia Institute of Technology Biomedical Engineering Department and Medical Research Center.

Financially, the year 2020 was better than the past few years. The funding shortfall for 2020 was around \$7,389,000. Compare to the shortfall in 2019 which was slightly under \$70 million. The Board of Directors and Trustees have pledged to continue with financially sound policies for the Hospitals and Medical Centers.

All seven items of legislation for the Colorado Corporation were passed, changing some outdated language in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. These changes will allow expanded services in cases of severe injuries and declared disasters, as well as continuing an Oversight Committee to report on activities of the Hospitals. Our Pasadena Medical Center, soon to become the Southern California Medical Center, is allowed to continue treating sports injuries under these changes.

The newly elected Trustees are Ricky Arrocha of Abou Saad Shriners in Panama City, Panama; and Paul F. Poulin M.D. of Kora Shriners in Lewiston, Maine. Continuing as the Chairman is Imperial Sir Jerry Gantt. The new member of the Board of Directors is Tim Forbis of Korein Shriners in Rawlins, Wyoming.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek, Chief Rabban



**El Bekal Shrine 2021  
Annual Family Picnic  
in a great Private Park  
El Bekal members, family and friends**

Sunday August 8th

11am - 4pm

**FREE FREE FREE**

**Lots of fun with great friends**

Barbeque hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon,  
Fresh salads, chips, beer beverages, and  
Snow cones

**Games for the kids with prizes**

KIWANISLAND

9840 Larson Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92844

Info: Michael Sekera 951-265-7717



# ASSISTANT RABBAN

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Howdy folks.

Praying that all is well with you all. It sure feels good to see all your smiling faces at the shrine center. We just got back from the Imperial Sessions in Houston Texas. Too much fun as we gathered in person for the first time in two years. All the Imperial line of the officers were elected and moved up one rank. Illustrious William Bailey was installed as Imperial Potentate. His Father served as Imperial Potentate several years ago. That was only the second time that a father and son had served as Imperial Potentate. James

Ed Stolz, of El Zariba Shrine in Phoenix Arizona, was elected as Imperial Assistant Rabban. Ed attends a lot of events that we attend and we consider him a “local” Shriner. Truly happy for him to be Imperial Potentate (If elected) in 2023. We are looking forward to working with him. Congrats Sir Ed!!

You may remember that I have talked a little about one of the first things we are taught in Masonry, “Relief”. This month I want to discuss one of the other things that we are taught in Masonry, “Truth”. again I would like to quote from the first degree lecture;

“ Truth is a divine attribute and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true the first lesson we are taught in Masonry. On this theme we contemplate, and by its dictates endeavor to regulate our conduct. Hence, while influenced by this principle, hypocrisy and deceit are unknown among us; sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us; and with heart and tongue we join in promoting each other’s welfare and rejoicing in each other’s prosperity.”

( End quote)

I believe that this is one of the “ties” that bind us together as a Masonic family. Every Mason took this part of his oath with his hands on the Holy book of writings. We are also taught to teach what we learn to our families and friends. Therefore, we inadvertently are subconsciously making the world a better place as we practice this virtue. Seems very simple, huh? It truly is simple. Just read the quote again and pay special attention to EVERY word. I assure you that you will get something different every time you read it. Stone masons worked very hard in the quarries to make their product square in order to make the final product level. We must do the same in our lives.

Love and happiness to all my Masonic family,

Jim Ridley

Assistant Rabban 2021

El Bekal Shrine

Bella Mia, Ambassador for Love and barks



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*Celebration of Life for  
Ill Sir Carl Spalin Past 2017 Potentate of  
El Bekal Shrine 164 Anaheim, CA  
To Be held at El Bekal Shrine Center  
On August 29, 2021 @ 1:30 PM*



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## Tin Lizzies



Hello Everyone,

Over the past year the Tin Lizzies have experienced some new concerns as many of the Shrine Clubs have. But we have weathered the onslaught of Covid 19 and are excited about having our first open meeting on the 19th of this month.

As many of us have been holed up for the past year we as Tin Lizzie members have experienced a few changes. As a group we are doing fine, but a few of us have found that the parades are just a little too much and need to bow out of parades due to health issues. Consequently we have Tin Lizzie cars for sale and we need new members.

The Tin Lizzies are confident we will have three parades this year. The Tustin Tiller parade on Oct. 2, Placentia parade on Oct. 9, and the Anaheim Halloween parade on Oct 30th.

Capt. Rick

# ORIENTAL GUIDE

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Brothers-

I have seen the following post shared many times on social media recently, most recently by a Past Master of my Lodge, and felt that it rings so true as we return to our pre-pandemic routines and try to rebuild what may have been lost in our Masonic groups. I hope that you will enjoy the read and that it will have the same impact on you as it has had on me.

A man walks down the street of his hometown and sees the old Masonic lodge closed and falling apart. He had left for the service and said when he returned home he wanted to join the lodge because as a child he was so impressed by the quality of men he met there. He recalled the fish fry's and barbecues he attended there, the Christmas parties and other events.

He saw an old lady walking down the street and asked her what happened? He recalled how he would see the members gather for meetings, holding events for the community and marching in the parade.

Such great men, beacons of the town, men of influence but more importantly, just great men.

The old woman stated, " My husband used to attend lodge there. For decades he would spend countless hours working to prepare for events and meetings, oh how he loved being around his Brothers. He loved being a Freemason and so looked forward to the fellowship, he loved being surrounded by good men, like minded men who knew they were something bigger than themselves."

"But what happened? ", asked the man, "Where'd they all go?"

"Well son", said the old lady, "They died or moved away but it started down this path long before that. The Brothers stopped coming, they stopped working on the lodge, they stopped holding events. When the Brothers stopped attending, the events stopped, the people stopped coming, when the people stopped coming, the fundraisers stopped, when the fundraisers stopped, the Brothers were asked to pitch in to keep their lodge alive. Unfortunately, the Brothers had more important things to do. They would have all kinds of reasons why they couldn't come give a few hours of their time.

There used to be dozens but eventually there were just a few, my husband called them 'The faithful few'. Sometimes they barely had enough to hold meetings, they couldn't do Degree work because they didn't have enough members present, they couldn't grow because they couldn't bring in new men. Sadly as those faithful few aged, they just couldn't do it all anymore. They tried but after the events stopped, so did their relations with the town folk. The people who had enjoyed the events over the years lost interest in helping out. They drained what little money they had left to try and keep it open but it all dried up. After they closed, my husband was miserable, it was the one thing he looked forward to each month and now it is gone."

The man looked on with tears in his eyes, such a great institution that did so much for its community was gone.

Our Lodges are not just buildings of brick and mortar, they are buildings of Brotherly Love. Love held between Brothers of the order and shown to our communities but they can't survive on love alone. Like any great organization, it is the members who keep it going. Much like the crops of the field will die off without the rains, our Lodges will die off without its members. We all have other things that go on, that is life, but we must make every effort to set aside the time, as little as four hours a month, to attend meetings, do the work and maintain our temple.

Truly, Brethren, "Our Lodges are not just buildings of brick and mortar, they are buildings of Brotherly Love." As we return from vacations, fears/concerns, and whatever has been keeping us from attending, let's remember that our Lodges and Temples need us and our Brothers need us. I am looking forward to the end of summer when we are home from all of our vacations and my family and I can join you all at some Shrine events!

Fraternally,  
Andy Prutsman  
Oriental Guide





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**

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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.

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The Ali Baba Sheik's are meeting in person again. Like all units & Clubs it's been a long road, almost feels strange. The Unit is a little shorthanded as help, several have had too many Birthdays and are no longer able Bartend and such. If you have an interest in becoming an Ali Baba, please call Don Leger @ (949) 525-6210

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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.

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## THE CLOWNS ARE BACK IN TOWN

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

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# A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF UNITS

## WE HAVE PARADES

I am pleased to announce that after a year and a half of not knowing when or if we would have a chance to participate in any parades. I have been in contact with the cities that we usually participate in. We are now set for three parades in October.

Tustin Tiller Days parade	Saturday October 2
Placentia Heritage parade	Saturday October 9
Anaheim Halloween parade	Saturday October 30 (Night)

To the Patrol, Chariots, Fire Truck, Tin Lizzies & Directors Staff (Calliope). Let us make sure all our Toys are ready for the parades with no brake downs. Dust them off, tune them up and let us get back to doing the things we like to do . First is helping the children, second is having fun by being in parades.

More information to follow.

Russ Allen

714-397-0449



# Paint & Sip Party

**Come join us for a great time  
Painting & have fun with all your nobles & ladies**

**Sunday, August 22nd, 2021**

**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**El Bekal Shrine Center**

**1320 S, Sanderson Ave.**

**Anaheim, CA 92806**



**\$40 per person**

**Snack, Refreshment & Paint Supply**

**RSVP by August 20th**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Guest ( ) x \$40 per person

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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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 EBS828*

*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  
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Anaheim, CA 92806  
Memo: Ball 2020



Reception for the  
Grand Master of Masons in California  
**The Most Worshipful Arthur H Weiss**



Segerstrom Shelby Event Center  
5 Whatney Street  
Irvine Ca. 92618

**Saturday, September 4th, 2021**

**\*\*Proceeds to benefits Shriners Hospital\*\***



**Grand Masters Reception**  
(Segerstrom Shelby Event Center)  
5:00pm Social Hour  
6:00pm Grand Masters Reception



**Your check is your Reservation**

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2021**

**NO RESERVATION CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

**Attire:**

**Reception for the Grand Master - Tux**

For more information call: Michael Sekera (951) 265 - 7717

Email: mikesekera@gmail.com

Hosted by: **El Bekal Shrine**

Reservation for 2021 Grand Masters Reception. Must be in by **August 25, 2021 \*\* (Limited Seating) \*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice's: **Filet Mignon** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest: (     ) x \$150 per person

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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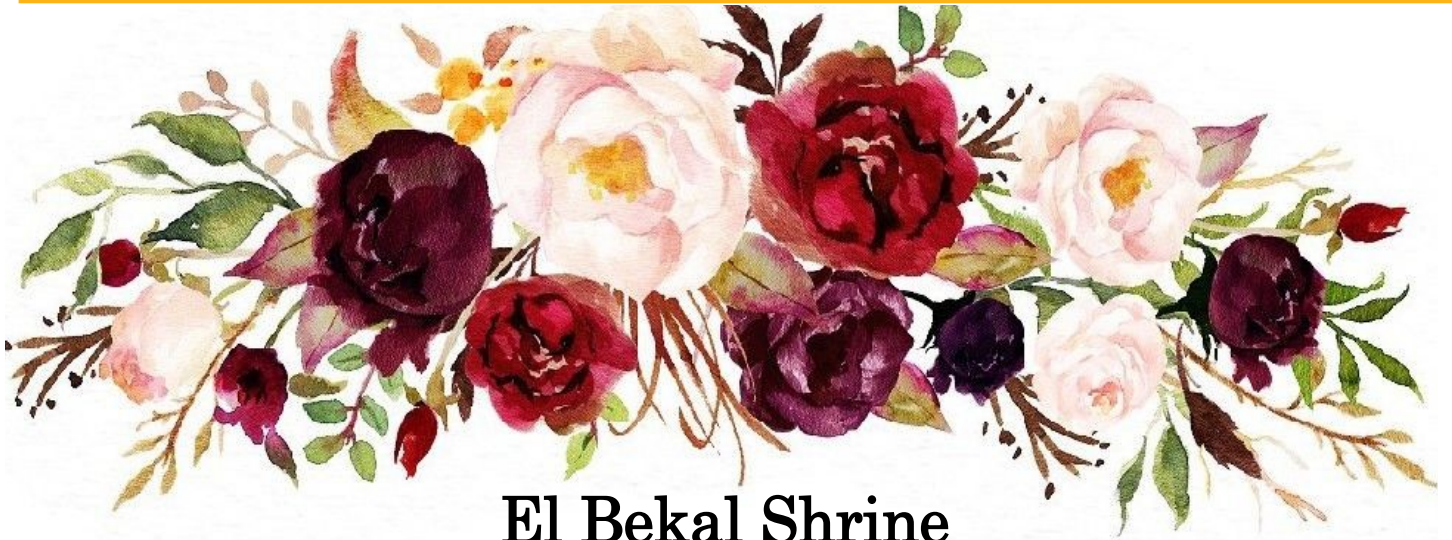
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# El Bekal Shrine First Lady's Luncheon

Honoring the Past First Ladies of  
El Bekal Shrine

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

El Bekal Shrine Center

1320 S Sanderson Ave

Anaheim, CA 92806

11:00 am Social 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Entertainment

Door Prizes Vendors Opportunities

Contact a Divan lady for tickets or send a check to Pat Allen

618 Wake Forest St,

Brea, CA 92821

(714 397 0446)

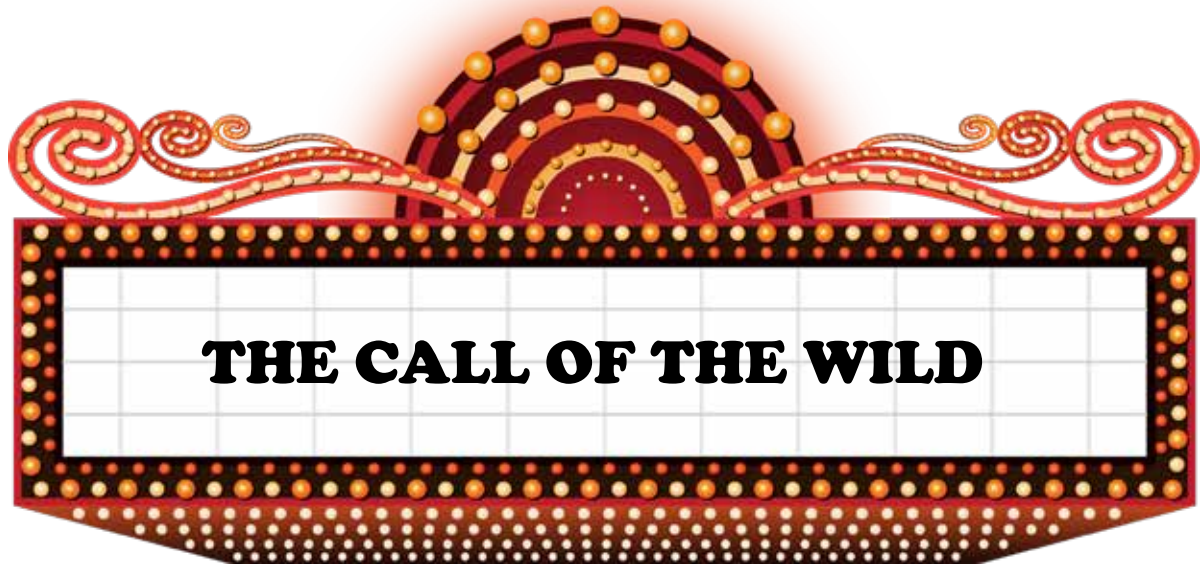
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please R.S.V.P by August 27th, 2021

Hope to see all of you.





**THE CALL OF THE WILD**



**FREE**

**Friday Movie Night  
September 17th, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

**El Bekal Shrine Center**

**Parking Lot**

**Hotdogs, Candy, Popcorn and  
Beverages**



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## **El Bekal's Divan Dinner**



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## Helping Our Patients Overcome Challenges and Reach for Their Dreams



First Lady Debby Bailey's **Transforming Lives** fundraising program shines a light on the amazing contributions Shriners Hospitals for Children® brings to the field of scoliosis care and supports these efforts. Scoliosis is an extremely common condition that, if left untreated, can have debilitating impacts on a child's life.

First Lady Debby is dedicated to helping Shriners Hospitals for Children give patients every possible advantage and opportunity to achieve their goals. The family-centered, innovative and compassionate care we provide helps children transform their lives and achieve their highest potential.

### CUSTOMIZED TREATMENTS

Scoliosis is a disorder that results in a curved spine. The condition causes the spine to take on a curved appearance, sometimes similar to an "S" or "C" shape. No two cases are alike. Some children develop the condition during infancy, while others don't exhibit symptoms until they're approaching adolescence. Every patient is unique, and Shriners Hospitals for Children's medical teams create custom treatment plans for each child based on the severity of their condition.

**Casting and bracing:** Serial casting is often an effective option to slow progression of a spinal curve. A plaster cast gently and precisely helps straighten the spine. Children typically wear a cast for two to three months, then transition to a new one. Bracing is one of the least invasive treatment options for scoliosis. At Shriners Hospitals for Children, every scoliosis brace is customized to the individual patient to best address the severity and location of their spinal curve.

**Spinal fusion:** Not every child will need surgical intervention. When surgery is the best option, our renowned orthopedic specialists have a wealth of experience. In fusion surgery, screws and rods are used to correct the curve, then bone grafts fuse the spine to hold the correction in place.

**Vertebral body tethering (VBT):** This treatment is an alternative to fusion surgery for certain patients. It was developed by our medical team at the Shriners Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This technology helps correct the scoliosis while allowing a more natural motion, unlike fusion surgeries.

### INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Many of our patients, including those with scoliosis, need numerous X-rays taken throughout their treatment. That's why we try to limit exposure to radiation as much as possible. Our EOS imaging system emits much less radiation than standard X-rays or CT scans. EOS systems produce high-quality 2D or 3D images that deliver very precise measurements, helping our medical teams to craft in-depth analysis and personalized treatment plans.

### TRANSFORMING LIVES

First Lady Debby invites you to join her in supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children's efforts to provide innovative, customized care for our patients with scoliosis. Donors who would like to support the **Transforming Lives** program may purchase a beautiful locket that has the word "LOVE" spelled in Braille inside, a nod to Lady Debby's career teaching children with vision impairments. Donors may also purchase a bracelet bead, necktie, socks or holiday ornament, or make donations online. Thank you for your compassion, generosity and support of Shriners Hospitals for Children.



[lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program](https://lovetotherescue.org/first-lady-program)  
[shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](https://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)



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# Sydney.....

**PATIENT SINCE**  
December, 2017

**LOCATION**  
Shriners  
Hospitals for  
Children —  
Philadelphia

**TREATED FOR**  
Scoliosis

**HOBBIES**  
Playing oboe  
and saxophone,  
putting together  
puzzles, and  
reading.



# Seth.....

**PATIENT SINCE**  
January, 2017

**LOCATION**  
Shriners Hospitals  
for Children —  
Philadelphia

**TREATED FOR**  
Scoliosis

**HOBBIES**  
Golf, sports,  
listening to  
music, working  
out, and reading.

# MIA

## PATIENT SINCE

2006 (2 months old)

## LOCATION

Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis

## TREATED FOR

Infantile Scoliosis  
(17 surgeries)

## HOBBIES

Singing and acting



# CONNOR

## PATIENT SINCE

2006 (2 months old)

## LOCATION

Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago

## TREATED FOR

Cleft lip and palate

## HOBBIES

Golf



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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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’.

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.

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## Some helpful websites

El Bekal: [elbekal.com](http://elbekal.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://www.facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)

[ShrinersVillage.com](http://ShrinersVillage.com) (Need membership No. to join)

Membership: [beashrinernow.com](http://beashrinernow.com)

[webfez.shrinenet.org/](http://webfez.shrinenet.org/) (Need membership No. to join)

[webfez.shrinenet.org/referral](http://webfez.shrinenet.org/referral)

Hospitals: [shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

2022 Imp Session: <https://imperialsession.com>

WSA: [westernshrine.org](http://westernshrine.org)

Orange County Coronavirus update: <https://coronavirus.egovoc.com>

California Coronavirus update: <https://covid19.ca.gov>

# AUG 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
Shrine Family Picnic						
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Paint &amp; Sip!</b>						Jr. Past Potentate Merritt Read's Ball DC 3
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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# SEP 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
						Hosting Grand Master's Reception
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
	ESPN MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
First Ladies Luncheon DC 1	ESPN MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL	Divan Meeting				TBT SCMC Ceremonial
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	ESPN MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL			OG School	OG School	OG School
26	27	28	29	30		
Small World Food Event	ESPN MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL AR School	AR School	AR School			

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Anaheim, CA 92805  
Stated Mtg. 1st Wed.  
(714) 891-1482

Coachella #476  
51100 Jackson St.  
Coachella, CA 92236  
Stated Mtg. 1st Thur.  
(760) 398-5157

Fontana #653  
16650 Arrow Blvd.  
Fontana, CA 92335  
Stated Mtg 1st Mon.  
(909) 730-3571

Huntington Beach #380  
601 Palm Ave.  
Huntington Beach, CA  
92648  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed.  
(714) 536-3119

Long Beach #327  
3610 Locust Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90807  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(562) 427-0821

Saddleback Laguna #672  
23685 Birtcher Dr.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(949) 458-5750

Veritas Lodge #855  
24642 San Juan Ave.  
Dana Point, CA 92629  
Stated Mtg. 2nd Thurs.  
(949) 441-0357

Alhambra #322  
9 W. Woodward Ave.  
Alhambra, CA 91801  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Monday  
(626) 281-7950

Cornerstone #659  
1701 W. La Habra Blvd.  
La Habra, CA 90631  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed.  
(562) 691-1476

Garden Grove #351  
11270 Acacia Pky.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840  
Stated Mtg. 1st Tues.  
(714) 636-3112

Int. City Lodge #389  
5155 E. PCH  
Long Beach, 90804  
Stated Mtg. 1st Thrs.  
(714)322-8003

Menifee Valley #289  
27221 McCall Blvd.  
Menifee, CA 92586  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(951) 679-9493

Solomon's Staircase #357  
6841 Western Ave.  
Buena Park, CA 90621  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(714) 994-1822

Yorba Linda #469  
4847 Main St.  
Yorba Linda, CA 92886  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(714) 758-5954

Artesia Sunrise #377  
11531 187th St.  
Artesia, CA 90701  
Stated Mtg. 2nd Thurs

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500 E. Imperial Hwy.  
Brea, CA 92821  
Stated Mtg. 1st Tues  
(714) 256-1452

Golden Trowel Nor-  
walk 273  
12345 Rosecrans Ave.  
Norwalk, CA 90650  
Stated Mtg. 2nd Thur  
(562) 863-9101

Irvine Valley #671  
23685 Birtcher Dr.  
Lake Forest, CA 92630  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Tues.  
(949) 357-0671

Newport Mesa #604  
1401 E. 15th. St.  
Newport Beach, CA  
92663  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed.  
(949) 294-4309

Temescal Palms #314  
2313 Main St.  
Corona, CA 92882  
Stated Mtg. 1st Tues.  
(951) 737-2013

Bellflower #320  
9813 Beach St.  
Bellflower, CA 90706  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Tues  
(562) 866-4953

Downey United #220  
8244 Third St.  
Downey, CA 90241  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs.  
(562) 862-4176

Granada Hills #378  
16535 Rinald St.  
Granada Hills, CA 91340  
Stated Mtg. 1st Wed.  
(818) 233-0378

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Orange Grove #293  
71 Plaza Sq.  
Orange, CA 92866  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Tues.  
(714) 538-1443

Temecula -  
Catalina lodge #524  
27895 Diaz Rd.  
Temecula, CA 92590  
(951) 695-0811

Blyth-Needles #473  
100 Murphy St.  
Blyth, CA 92225  
Stated Mtg. 1st Wed  
(760) 922-9253

Evergreen #259  
5801 Chicago Ave.  
Riverside, CA 92821  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed  
PO Box 56564  
(909) 261-9134

Hemet San Jacinto  
#338  
150 Laursen St.  
Hemet, CA 92543  
Stated Mtg. 1st. Tues.  
(951) 925-1417

Lakewood #728  
5918 E. Parkcrest St.  
Long Beach, CA 90808  
Stated Mtg. 1st Thurs.  
(562) 354-0728

Riverside #635  
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Riverside, CA 92516  
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Riversidelodge635.  
com  
(951) 530-8059

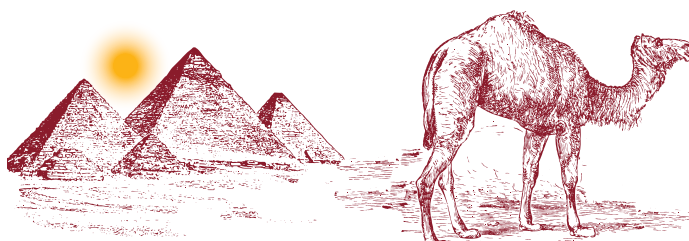
Tustin #241  
397 El Camino Real  
Tustin, CA 92780  
Stated Mtg. 1st Thurs.  
(714) 832-0691

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**Noble Peter Henry Jantz  
Noble Berry T. Faber  
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You may also e-mail:  
**[patientreferrals@shrinernet.net](mailto:patientreferrals@shrinernet.net)**  
to get a referral started.

## PAST POTENTATES

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* Francis H. Gentry	1953
* Robert R. Ruchti	1954
* Oakley K. Morton	1955
* W. Blair Gibbens	1956
* Edward M. Humes	1957
* Cecil L. Fulcher	1958
* Robert H. Webb	1959
* George F. Thagard, Sr.	1960
* James Munholland	1961
* Ralph E. Barnes	1962
* Jessie M. Allen	1963
* Roy T. Reynolds (Lucille)	1964
* Leroy H. Crager	1965
* Roy A. Hopkins	1966
* Louis J. Anfinson	1967
* J.S. Scotty Finlay	1968
* J. Dick Sisemore	1969
* Archie Lloyd	1970
* C.R. Jerry Johnson	1971
* Howard L. Thorp	1972
* Kirby C. Serles	1973
* Robert R. Ruchti II (Diana)	1974
* Max G. Miller (Jean)	1975
* Henry W. Eilers	1976
* Ralph C. Bryson (Edie)	1977
* Richard E. Hixson	1978
* Junior V. Lewis	1979
* David B. Slayton	1980
* Preston M. Jones	1981
* Ray G. Thagard, Sr. (Gayle)	1982
* Louis Andreatta	1983
* T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Erna)	1984
* Steve Gallina	1985
* Fred Sorsabal (Marlene)	1986
* Harold E. Sievers	1987
* S.K. Stu Rothchild	1988
* George Royce	1989
* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* William Pherrin	1992
* J. Floyd Price	1993
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Leo Sutliff	1995
* Richard O. Hughes	1996
* Max Hiles	1997
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast (Mollie)	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
* Bill McIntosh (Lynne)	2001
* Art Menzel	2002
* Ray Biggerstaff	2003
* David P. Suehs (Jo Anne)	2004
* Donald K. Sorsabal	2005
* Ron Schemm, MD (Barbara)	2006
* William Salpaka (Virginia)	2007
* 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
* Donald A. Leger (Gloria)	2016
* Carl G. Spalin (Fran)	2017
* Larry Griffin (Cheryl)	2018
* Mike Selix (Michelle)	2019
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\* Hans Lindquist, Nile (Priscilla) 1998

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## EL BEKAL STATED MEETING

**Monday October 11th, 2021**

Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday October 8th, 2021

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS**

*Dinner & Beverages Hosted by EI Bekal*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That the Quarterly Meeting of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday October 11th, 2021, 7:30 pm at El 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.

### YOUR FEZ & 2021 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally,  
Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate

Attest,  
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder