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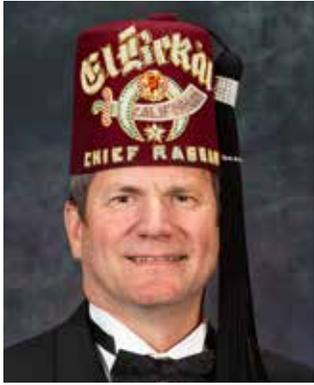


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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

A Fantastic time was had by all at the El Bekal Shrine Potentates Ball. I'd like to first start by thanking all who's attended the Ball, your present was appreciated, especially to who came from long distant, Las Vegas, Arizona and up north, THANK YOU. And thank you to who helped making the Gala a huge success. I have received many calls, emails, greeting cards and texts saying how great the food was, and how much everyone enjoyed the evening. I first must thank my wife Lady Abeer for all her table decorations and ideas. Lady Abeer and I would like to thank Blanca from Fiesta Caterers for the table set ups and all the backgrounds for the photographer and the backdrops behind the head table. Special thank you to Pat Allen for all her help with all the appetizer's, Lucy Tripodo, Glenda Malan, for your help at the table check in, the purveyors, Coy Love and Russ for all their help. It

was great to see everyone out and dressed up for this event.

The Picnic was at Kiwanis Land, those who attended the Shrine Picnic had a great time it was a great day with friends, family. The food was excellent, and the kids had a blast playing the games, each went home with a gift and seemed to have an exciting time as well. The picnic was outstanding and fun, I hope you all had fun. It was great to see everyone with their family and friends. We got lots of help from the Clubs and Units, and I would like to say a big thank you to them.

Movie Night is Back by popular demand We will enjoyed all the typical movie favorite snacks and food, and amazing fellowship as always. So please mark these on your calendars.

We have many upcoming events planned.

- 1) The First Ladies Luncheon is on September 12<sup>th</sup> at El Bekal Shrine
- 2) Monday Night Football starting September 6<sup>th</sup>
- 3) Movie Night "The Call of the Wild" September 17<sup>th</sup>
- 4) It's a Small World September 26<sup>th</sup>
- 5) BBQ at the SMC for the Patients and Family, Doctors & Staff October 13<sup>th</sup>
- 6) Movie Night "Hocus Pocus" October 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 7) Halloween Party at El Bekal Shrine October 24<sup>th</sup>

Hope to see you all at these events.

I'd like you all to know that the divan is available to you for anything you may have to bring up or need to discuss. Any ideas or issues you may have please reach out to me. Together we can all help El Bekal Shrine become better as we 'Return to Glory'.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,  
Michael J. Sekera & Lady Abeer





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



**Monday, October 11, 2021**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

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

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**Social 5:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- **Bring Your FEZ**
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# CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles,

Things might or might not be getting back to the way they were “Pre-Pandemic,” but that remains to be seen. We have been able to hold a few really good events in the meantime, and several cities have scheduled real parades again. Parades are a great way to make our Shrine more visible to the general public. There are spots available on the Calliope and Fire Truck if you want to ride in a parade. If you know anyone, even youth group members, who want to be in a parade, please let them know.

One great event was our annual picnic, able to return after last year’s hiatus. While the crowd was a bit lighter than usual, everyone had a great time. Even a few candidates were there for the burgers, hot dogs and traditional picnic food. Remember that open events like the picnic are a great opportunity to invite potential Shriners to see who we are and what we do. A guest doesn’t even have to be a Mason yet, as long as they’re interested. Don’t forget about children, too. There were around a dozen kids that enjoyed a day at the park and had a lot of fun with the games and prizes set up by the Clowns.

It takes a big crew to run an event the size of the picnic and a lot of thanks are due to everyone who contributed time and energy to making the picnic a memorable and fun event. I’m not sure that I can name them all, but I’m going to try. If I missed you, please let me know and realize that you are appreciated.

The kitchen crew was organized by Glenda Malan with plenty of help from Pat Johnson, Kim Read and Maria Ramirez. Running the grill were Jim Ridley and Gary Leister.

Hauling stuff, setup, tear down and generally keeping things moving was handled by Russ Allen and his crew. I didn’t catch all the names, but I saw James Segerstrom, Karl Sandhoff, and Mike Winford there.

Providing cool, refreshing drinks was the Purveyors coordinated by Karl Sandhoff. The sno-cone machine was run by Jennifer Bjordhal and Mike Winford.

The fun games for the kids were organized by the Clowns President Ernie Ramirez and his lady Maria.

A huge thank you to my dear lady Rhea who helped me plan, pointed out any potential problems, aided in shopping and did all sorts of things to make the picnic happen.

And finally, a sincere thank you to everyone who came to the picnic and made it a success!

Fraternally,

-Al Turek

Chief Rabban



# ASSISTANT RABBAN

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Howdy everybody.

It's been hotter than a pair of jumper cables at a redneck funeral. 6am now and it's already 92 degrees. Ya'll stay safe and hydrated. Man oh man did we ever have fun at the picnic! If you missed it you sure missed some great fun and food. Thanks for every ones help! We had kids games with prizes. They were having so much fun and that is what Shriners are all about. Ernie Ramirez was in charge of running the kids games and he told me afterwards that one kid wanted a dinosaur for his prize. We had a lot of toys to choose from but Ernie did not think that he had a dinosaur. When the kid found one he was so excited and he clutched it close to him the rest of the day. These kind of stories is what makes all the work that we do worthwhile.

Seeing all the different ages of people at our shrine events reminds me of an emblem that is explained in our third degree. The hour glass.

Quote;

The hour glass is an emblem of human life. Behold how swiftly the sands run, and how rapidly our lives are drawing to a close! We can not without astonishment behold the little particles which are contained in this machine, how they pass away almost imperceptibly, and yet, to our surprise, in a short space of an hour they are all exhausted. Thus wastes man! Today he puts forth the tender leaves of hope; tomorrow blossoms and bears his blushing honors thick upon him; the next day comes a frost which nips the shoot; and when he thinks his greatness is still aspiring he falls like autumn leaves to enrich our mother earth.

End quote.

I take this as positive encouragement of how we should not waste our time on trivial things in life. We all waste time in some ways. I know that sometimes I have to mentally force myself to do things. But I feel so much of a sense of accomplishment when I get things done. It seems like there is never enough time to get all the things done that I should do. But I think about the rewards. I think about the children in our medical center that truly needs our help. Their parents who gives us so much thanks for what we do. Every time we attend an event or make a small donation of our time or money to our Shrine we are helping some ones kid. That is why it is so important to support our Shrine. Just attend our events! You will have fun and embrace our philanthropic efforts. We need your support in order to succeed! We have several events coming up. The First Ladies luncheon on Sept 12th. We have three parades coming up in October. A movie night and many more events including Monday night football coming up soon. A reservation is required for most of these events.

I ask you to please do not waste your life away. Make a difference in humanity while you can. Before the sands run out.

With all my love to each of you,

Jim Ridley

Assistant Rabban 2021

Bella Mia, She is so smart. I asked her what was on that tree over there. She said "Bark, Bark"



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# Shriners Medical Center for Children

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Fezzy's Flutters  
Or Joe's Jabbers

So what is going on at the Shrine Center in Pasadena? Even amidst the Covid epidemic we are making progress in our services to our young patients. You may have noticed the outreach we make with TV ads. Alex does a great job sharing our goals and efforts and encouraging public support.

The facility is referred to as an ASC or Ambulatory Surgical Center. Patients walk in for procedures and leave the same day. This has drastically reduced costs. Should someone need overnight care, we pass them up the street to Huntington Hospital or over to Children's Hospital in Los Angeles. Our partnership with CHLA is growing and it allows our teams to do procedures at their facility which is much larger, and Doctors from CHLA can do procedures at our facility meeting needs such as urology and neurology which is outside of our usual skin and bone work. Many patients from CHLA also bring insurance dollars into the program, a real benefit.

You may have heard that we have a satellite facility in Tijuana. This is another money saver as it treats patients without lengthy travel, border and language challenges. I will share more on this after we have our visit there.

Dr Cho always expresses his appreciation of the extra involvement which the medical staff has in publishing and providing training and workshops in such areas as genomics, research and non-opoid pain management. We seem to have a happy and friendly staff that is continuously sampling and improving how well they are meeting the needs of our patients.

As we rise out of our pandemic winter, we hope to soon have an open house at the facility.

And one last thought, if you ever wondered why we have clowns in the Shrine.... I mean the ones who actually dress up for the part, we have been trying to educate the staff which had no clue as to the valuable role they can play in cheering up our kids.

Stay tuned for more from the ASC.

Joe Stout





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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**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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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)

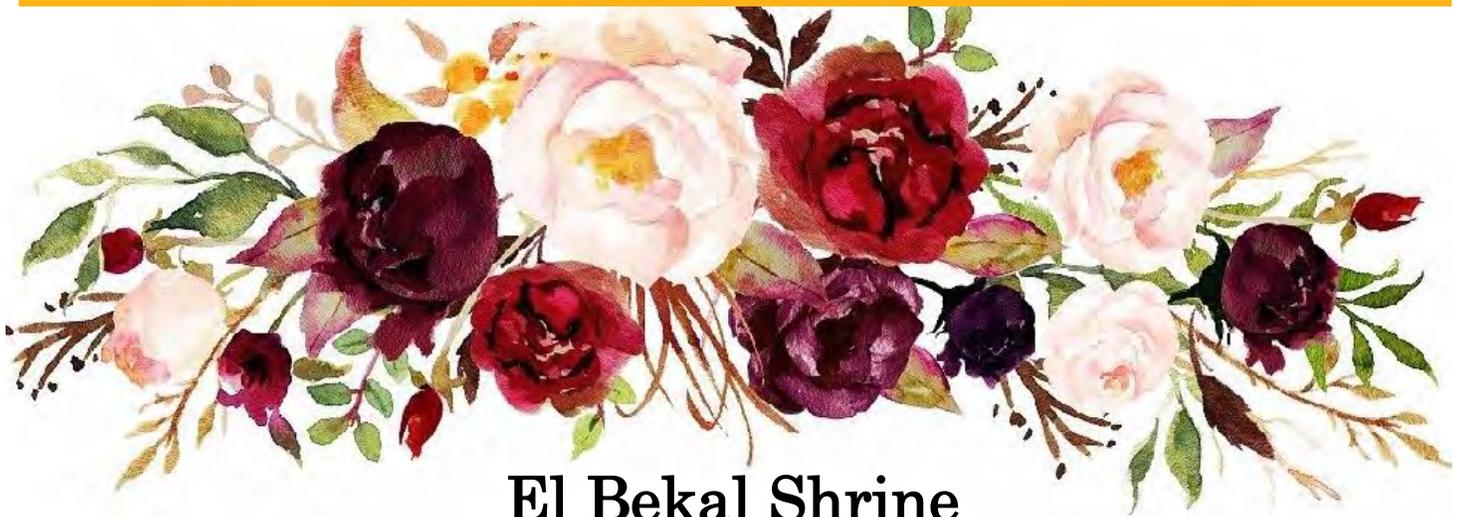
To the Patrol, Chariots, Fire Truck, Tin Lizzies & Directors Staff (Calliope). Let us make sure all our Toys are ready for the parades with no brake downs. Dust them off, tune them up and let us get back to doing the things we like to do . First is helping the children, second is having fun by being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

More information to follow.

Russ Allen

714-397-0449





# 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

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**October 13th**  
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| Hotdogs     | Potatoes Salad |
| Hamburger's | Chips          |
| Drinks      | Desert         |



# HOCUS POCUS

**Friday Movie Night**

**October, 22nd, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

**El Bekal Shrine Center**

**Parking Lot**

**Hotdogs, Candy, Popcorn and**

**Beverages**





El Bekal  
**SPOOKTACULAR  
HALLOWEEN PARTY**



**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Cost is FREE**



Hosted by  
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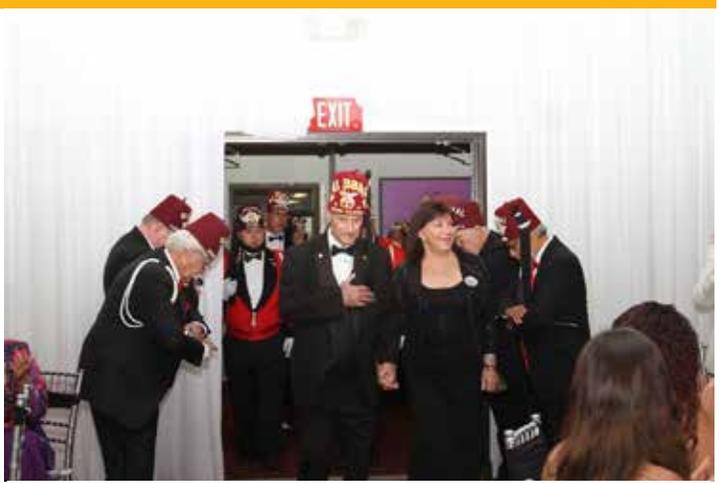
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Noble Gus Salloum received the Hiram Award from Vallee De France Lodge # 329 on August 14, 2021



## Who are the Shriners?

Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, truth and relief.

We are committed to:

- Being the premier fraternal organization for men of good character
- Having great programs and activities for Shriners and their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie
- Fostering self-improvement through leadership opportunities, education, the perpetuation of moral values and being involved in our communities
- Serving mankind through our philanthropy: Shriners Hospitals for 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 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.

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

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01	02	03	04
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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
						Tustin Tiller Days Parade
<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>
					 Grand Lodge	Placentia Heritage Parade Grand Lodge
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
 Grand Lodge	Divan Meeting ¼ Stated Meeting DC 2		BBQ @ SCMC for Patients/Family/ Staff			
<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>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Shrine Halloween Party						Anaheim Halloween Parade
<b>31</b>						
Halloween						

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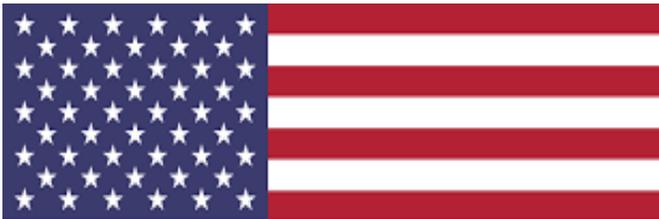
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## Helping Our Patients Overcome Challenges and Reach for Their Dreams



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.

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Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

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### PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

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