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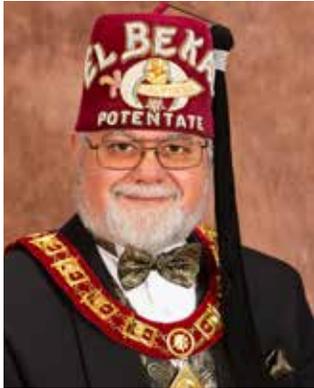


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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



## Potentate's Message for December 2022

Greetings Nobles & Ladies!

For the past month the Divan, Nobles and Ladies have been mourning the loss of Noble James "Jim" Ridley, our Chief Rabban. Noble Jim was devoted to the Family of Freemasonry, shown by the many Offices he held. He served as Master of Hemet San Jacinto Lodge four times and was appointed as a District Inspector to oversee the ritual work and leadership of the Lodges in his district. He was active in Eastern Star having served as Worthy Patron, active in Scottish Rite and of course very active in El Bekal Shrine. Jim was instrumental in planning and running many successful El Bekal events over the past few years. Jim will be missed; our sincere condolences go out to Jim's family and friends. "May his memory be a blessing and an inspiration."

December marks the beginning of winter in the middle of the dark time of the year. This gives us all a time to pause and reflect on everything that's happened over the past 12 months and prepare for the upcoming new year. There are many holidays in December that celebrate the winter solstice and the beginning of the return of light to the world. The Christian symbolism of Christmas and the birth of the Light of the World is so familiar to everyone that I don't think that I need to cover it here. The importance of increasing light is central to the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah with its nine-branched menorah (candle holder) that starts with one candle and a candle is added for each night. Other faiths have similar celebrations of returning light, Diwali for Hindus; Kwanza; Dong Zhi, the Chinese winter festival; Yalda night in many Muslim countries and many others for different faiths. Celebrating increasing light is important to us as Masons, since we are always in search of more light.

Wishing a healthy and happy Christmas, Hanukkah, and New Year to all members of El Bekal and families; our Honored Ladies; our Medical Center patients and staff; and to all Masons "withersoever dispersed around the globe." May the Blessings of this Season be with us all.

Always carry a Petition with you when you attend Lodge, OES, York Rite, Scottish Rite, or any other group in our wonderful Masonic Family. Pocket Petitions are available in the office. Don't forget to include the Youth Groups in your plans. DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow represent our future and deserve our support. Not just monetary support, but encouragement and appreciation. Visit their meetings and recommend youngsters for their membership.

Upcoming Events for El Bekal Shrine are:

December 8 Shriners Medical Center Christmas

December 26 Volunteer for work on the Shrine Rose Parade Float

January 7 Stated Meeting, Elections and In-&-Out.

Fraternally,  
-Al Turek



# El Bekal Annual Meeting, Election, and Installation of Officers

## IN AND OUT 2023 SATURDAY, JANUARY 7,

Being held at the El Bekal Shrine  
1320 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

Annual Meeting, Program and Dinner  
Honoring

Illustrious Sir Albert Turek and Lady Rhea

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled  
ANNUAL MEETING of El Bekal Shrine will be held on  
Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the El Bekal Shrine. Commencing  
at:

2:00pm. Business to be conducted will include voting on all  
petitions received since our last Stated Meeting and  
adjustments to Shrine budget. Annual Elections and such other  
business as shall come before the Nobility.

2023 Dues Cards required, wear your Fez. By-laws are available  
for inspection at the Shrine Center office.



Fraternally, Albert Turek  
Potentate

Attest: Coy Love P.P.  
Recorder

Schedule: 2:00pm Business Meeting, El Bekal Shrine Center,  
2023 Dues Cards required.  
4:00pm Potentates Hospitality, open to the general Nobility  
and their Ladies.  
5:00pm Dinner for Nobles and their Ladies, Awards for 2022,  
Installation of 2023 Officers.



Attire: Nobles, for the evening & dinner, Tuxedo or Coat &  
Tie with Fez. Ladies, for the evening & dinner, Cocktail Dress  
or Formal. Pick up your tickets for seating reservations at El  
Bekal Shrine Center foyer.

Reservation Form for In & Out Dinner 2023 must be made by Monday January 2, 2023  
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Please reserve [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] place(s) for the In & Out Dinner \$40.00 per person. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# ASSISTANT RABBAN

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I hope you are all doing well and had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends. I hope you had more than enough to eat but didn't over eat, like I did!!!

I hope you are all looking forward to the Christmas season and that you are planning to spend quality time with the ones that you love. Don't forget that we are collecting toys for the kids in the Shrine hospital so please bring your gifts to the El Bekal office. Always remember that the greatest gift one can give is that of their own time, especially for a Brother Mason who is in need.

I am sure that most of you know that we lost our Chief Rabban, Jim Ridley. Jim was a great guy and I am a better person by just being able to call him a friend. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Jim had been working hard to plan his year as

Potentate next year and his passing left a vacancy in our Divan line. Illustrious Potentate Al Turek, with the full support of the Divan, advanced the line which made me acting Chief Rabban and I will be standing for election as your Potentate on January 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Stated Meeting and Election of officers. I have the full support of the Divan and would like the full support of each and every member of El Bekal.

I am asking for your full support as we work to pick up the pieces from Jim's passing and work hard to keep El Bekal running smoothly, while planning fun events and working to grow our membership. Your Divan is full of very capable nobels with your best interest in mind and each and every one of them would love your support.

I am working hard to put together a calendar for a great year, along with the large amount of appointments that need to be made. I hope that any of you that have already talked to Jim about an event for next year, will contact me and let me know what plans he had with you. I want to work with each of you to make sure that no one is missed in the very important planning of next year.

For those of you that may not know me very well, I would like to give you a little background on myself. I have been a Master Mason for 38 years and have been a Shriner for 36 years. I previously belonged to another shrine temple and held many positions in that temple including membership, housing, bowling Chaiman and Captain of the Guard for multiple years. I moved my membership to El Bekal about 5 years ago so that I could belong to a temple that was closer to our home. I am currently the Master of my lodge and have held multiple positions within the York Rite bodies, including having the pleasure of serving as the Grand Commander of the State of California in 2017-2018. Planning and leading an organization is not something that is new to me and I know that I can have a positive impact on El Bekal as your Potentate. I have been married almost 40 years, to my high school sweetheart, Pam, and we have 2 beautiful daughters, 2 amazing son-in-laws, and 3 wonderful grandchildren. I think most of you know that Andy Prutsman, who is currently the Assistant Rabban pro tem, is our son-in-law and is married to our oldest daughter, Mary Ann. They are the parents of 2 of our perfect grandchildren, Nathan (12) and Emma (7). Our youngest daughter and son in law, Alison & Justin Hill are the parents of our youngest grandchild, Mary Louise (5 months). Justin is not currently a mason but there is always hope to get him involved when he sees the great work that we do and the tons of fun that we have doing that great work.

The pandemic made it very difficult for some of you to get to know all of us and the fact that cancer touched our family during the pandemic, we were forced to miss additional events. We are happy that Andy is cancer free and all of his tests continue to come back great. We as a family are committed to getting to know each and every one of you even better and we will strive to make you see that we are committed to the betterment of this temple.

I am very much looking forward to serving as your Potentate in 2023 and will strive to do my very best to serve El Bekal Shrine. If you have any specific questions or concerns, I welcome you to contact me and let's discuss them. Cell (562) 618-4714, E-Mail - TomHoytAuto@aol.com

Fraternally,  
Tom Thomas  
Chief Rabban Pro Tem

# HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



Happy holidays Nobles,

The holidays quickly arrived and it's already starting to feel like winter. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their friends and families. This time of year we go crazy with the holiday shopping, over eating at holiday get together and my favorite part, Christmas lights. Driving around town, seeing how people transform their houses into illuminated displays for all to enjoy. The look on my children's faces reminds me from when I was a kid and seeing houses decorated and inspiring my brother and I to add more lights. 25 years ago you knew you had too many lights plugged into one electrical socket when the breaker trips open. Now with everything energy efficient or LED bulbs I lost count of how many strings of lights and blow up decorations I put out all running off of 1 plug and rarely tripping the breaker. To give an idea on how many lights I use, not to pat myself on the back, I am a 2 time best use of lights winner in the City of La Habra. As our holiday season continues I wish you all safe travels for all those traveling to see those who are important in your life. On a sad note, we lost Noble Jim Ridley just days after our articles were due for the November El Bekalan. Words cannot express the lost we had with Jim passing away. He was looking forward to serving as Potentate of our shrine. I remember back in January during the In and Out party he came up to Tom and I, put his arms around us and said he can not wait for next year. You can pretty much compare the excitement to a little kid on Christmas morning. He is a tremendous lost and he will be missed. He has many ideas for his year to improve what is already a great shrine temple to ensure that our future will be stronger than ever.

I would like to congratulate Illustrious Sir Al and his Lady Rhea, on his year as our Potentate. Our year started with some Covid issues still lingering. Many were still timid to come out for fellowship. But as the year progressed the events got better. We created a few Nobles and are still growing with petitions coming in.

Fraternally,  
Andy Prutsman  
Assistant Rabban Pro-Tem



# Oriental Guide, HP&P Pro Tem

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Happy Holidays to everyone!

Hope you all had a fantastic day of Thanksgiving.

El Bekal Shrine has had a year that we won't forget anytime soon as a Temple.

We had several events that were amazing and fun for everyone who attended. There was a Spring Fling that Assistant Rabban Pro Tem Andy Prutsman put on which was very fun (I even pulled out my old High School Letterman Jacket for it), and he did a fantastic job on that event.

Monday Night Football games were a blast to help out with, thanks to the diligent work of the Oriental Guide Pro Tem Keith Jones, and Ceremonial Master Edwin Calayag. They even put me to

work on the Grill for those events...by the way, thank you to the Nobility and their families for not suffering from my cooking, that I am aware of.

Regarding membership, we had a total of 14 new members this year who were initiated as Shriners...9 of which were done as a Cold Sands on November 1. Congratulations to our 9 newest Nobles: Richard Schott, Ervin Gueta, Angelo Dia, Christopher Lato, Lito Tarculas, Raymond John Coquia, Ronald Garcia, Rhonald Lopez, and Daniel McGraw. Welcome Nobles to El Bekal Shrine. To our newest Nobles as well as our current ones, there are Clubs and Units that appeal to many interests of the membership. If there is not a club or unit that appeals to you, let the Temple know and let's work to make that happen.

On a serious note, I extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Chief Rabban Jim Ridley in their time of grief and sorrow. Jim was a good man, and an amazing Shriner. His good nature, love for life, and being a Southern Man endeared him to many people. He was even like a surrogate Grandfather to many young people. I will miss him very much.

The loss of Jim Ridley will be felt for a long time. He cared very deeply about our beloved El Bekal Shrine, and would want to see it thrive into the future. He had several plans ready to go for his expected year as Potentate. Sadly though, the Black Camel decided it was his time. No one knows when their time to go to Celestial Lodge is. The world would be boring if we all knew. Your time could even be just before becoming a presiding officer.

Jim and I agreed on many issues regarding getting younger members to become active, along with their families. He and I especially agreed that wives and families of Nobles must feel as though they are welcome in our building. Being a Divan Officer makes me reflect on having been a Lodge Officer. Though my journey to being Master was unique, I learned many lessons. A respect for the Progressive Line of Officers, both elected and appointed, is one I took to heart. Each chair has its duties and responsibilities. Every chair has lessons that all Officers must never forget. Serving through the Progressive line made me a better Leader.

One benefit of a healthy Progressive Line when a gap unexpectedly happens, the officers can step up and finish the work. A healthy line of officers comes to depend upon each other for getting the job done. When all are on the same wavelength, an organization thrives. The best work is sometimes accomplished when no one sees it being worked on. I once heard a quote on that topic: "When you do things right, people won't be sure you've done anything at all." One thing I promised the Nobility if elected was that I would serve El Bekal Shrine to the best of my ability. This includes being honest with the members about things regarding our Temple, good or bad. We need our membership to attend the In/Out Meeting in January Nobles. It is vital since the loss of Jim Ridley that the Nobility attend the election. I am not lying when I say that the results will affect the operations and membership of El Bekal for years to come.

In the meantime, I will continue to serve El Bekal Shrine as a Divan Member, so long as the Nobility decides this. This is something that cannot be done alone though. The Divan is here to serve the members. If we are doing something that will have an effect on El Bekal, please don't be afraid to reach out to any of us. It is always good to hear from members regarding Temple Affairs, whether you think we are doing a good job or not.

Until the In/Out, please enjoy the Holiday Season. Be safe, be merry, and if you get coal in that stocking, burn it wisely.

Happy Holidays!

James Segerstrom

High Priest & Prophet, Pro Tem

# Oriental Guide pro tempore

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Greetings Nobles,

It has been an honor to serve as Second and First Ceremonial Master. I would now like to announce my intention to run for High Priest and Prophet in our upcoming election. My journey into the Masonic family began with my children, as so many of my endeavors do.

Wanting to follow in the footsteps of her grandmother, my daughter Dannaka joined Job's Daughters in 2008. A couple of years later, my son Jeffrey followed suit and joined DeMolay. It was shortly thereafter that I also became involved with that organization. Boy did I ever. At this time I currently hold the DeMolay positions of Jurisdiction Director of membership, Sunset League Administrator and Priory League Dad.

Believe it or not, I spent the better part of a decade working with the kids before I actually officially joined the fold and became a Mason at Orange Grove Lodge #293 in 2016.

Since that time I have had the honor of serving as Junior and Senior Steward, and Chaplain at Orange Grove Lodge as well as Senior Steward of the 33 Lodge.

As Oriental Guide, and with the blessing of the potentate, I would like to develop a more comprehensive new noble program. The intention of the program would be to encourage early participation and engagement of new nobles to facilitate a sense of fellowship among those who crossed the sands together.

As we look to expand our own membership, and encourage younger Masons to join our Shrine, I believe that our newer members can ultimately help bridge that gap if we can instill enthusiasm at the beginning of their journey.

I look forward to serving you in the next term.

Sincerely,

**Noble Keith Jones, Oriental Guide pro tempore**

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## MILESTONES and MEMORIES

Chuck Wilson, El Bekal Orator Emeritus

In September of 2022 there were several milestones for the Shrine and myself. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Shriners Hospitals for Children system was 100 years old. Started in Shreveport, Louisiana in 1922. On September 26<sup>th</sup>, the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, now known as Shriners International, was established at Mecca Temple #1 in New York City, which celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. On September 26<sup>th</sup> I celebrated 50 years as a Shriner. I was privileged to be part of the first class of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hundred years of Shrinedom on September 26, 1972 as a candidate in the Centenimomial ceremony conducted by Mecca Temple with over 500 candidates from jurisdictions all over the world. From Guam, the Panama Canal Zone, to what was then West Germany, and numerous jurisdictions in between.

As a personal reflection, it's been 50 years of Fun, Fellowship and Service to the World's Greatest Philanthropy, Shriners Hospital for Children. So, if I have made just one Shriners kid's life a better than it might have been otherwise, then it has been worth every minute of those 50 years

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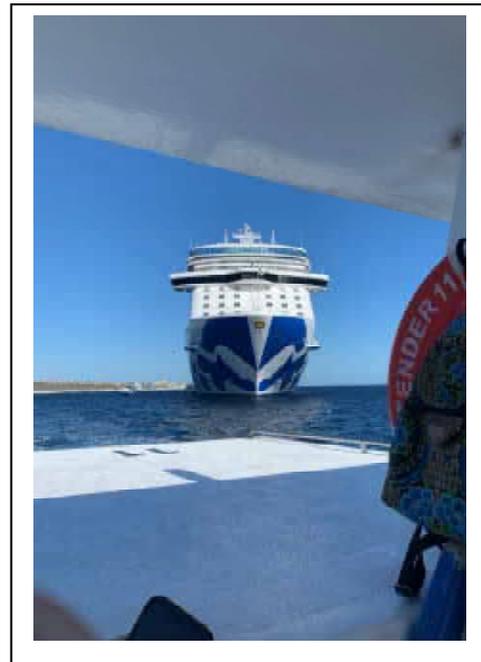
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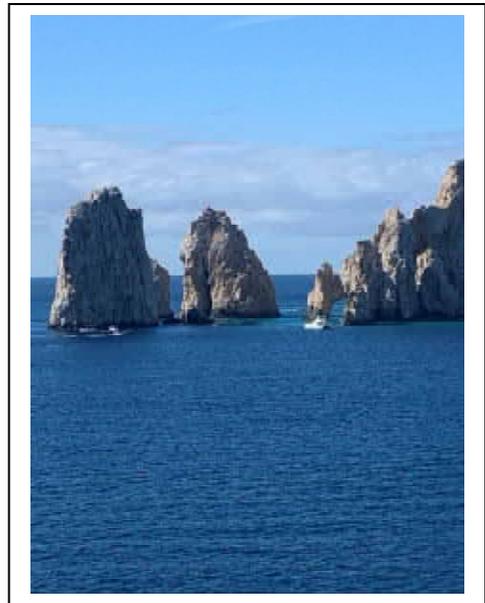
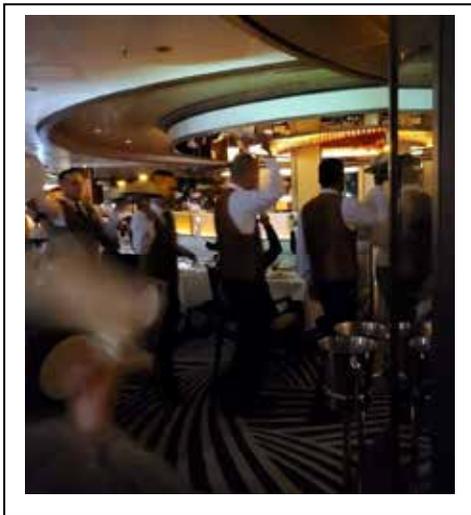
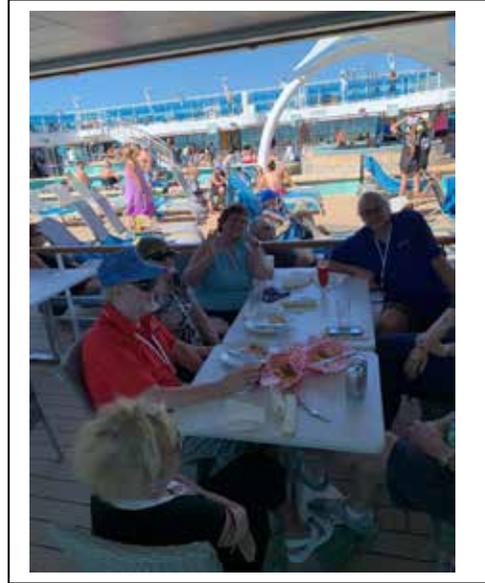


# Cruise to Cabo San Lucas



Over 50 Shriners, their Ladies and Amaranth Members joined together for an exciting Cruise down the California coast to Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja California aboard the Discovery Princess. We saw whales spouting, had a special reception in the ship's cocktail lounge and saw the Baked Alaska Parade. A great time was had by all!

# Cruise to Cabo San Lucas



# Tin



# Lizzies

November 2022

Ted Segerstrom Secretary

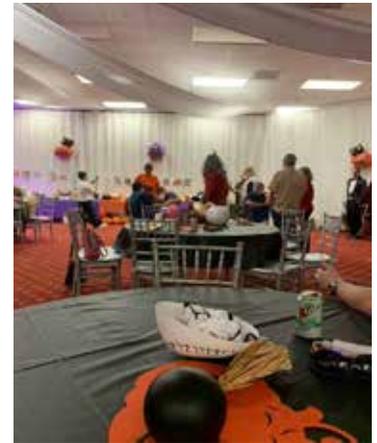
Well, we made through the tough month of Oct. with all the parades, Halloween at the shrine center & our night parade in Anaheim! November is a rest up month and to retune our rides for the next big parade in Laguna Hills for Christmas.

Then its back to work on our Tin Lizzie Western Steak Fry on March 3rd, 2023. All ready? 2023 is almost here! Time to think back about our past year & the last couple of years during our worse epidemic we've ever been through. Time to give thanks this month for our families and for those that we lost. Time to rejoice with our families and those closes to us.

Contact any Tin Lizzie member for tickets to the steak fry or call Capt. Rick @ 714-318-0080 or Treasurer Ron Michal @ 760-662-6073 for tickets.



We usually let Karl do his own thing. The instruction manual said he was harmless....



This is what its all about folks.





## Long Beach Shrine Club Oldest Shrine Club in Shrinedom Celebrating 118th year

The Long Beach Shrine Club hosted MNF on October 24. My thanks to the members who attended, helped cook, cleaned up and brought desserts. That night we also held our quarterly meeting and elections. Five members paid their dues for next year. The 2023 officers are: Merritt Read - President, Ernie Ramirez - Vice President, and Bruce Shaphran - Secretary/Treasurer. We discussed the combined Christmas party in December with the Royal Chariots and Tin Lizzie's. We also discussed going to the Tournament House Wrigley Mansion & Gardens on March 16. Details will come out next month. Our next quarterly meeting will be on January 9th at halftime of the College Football National Championship Game at El Bekal. Kim and I want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merritt Read  
President



Information on mansion coming soon



Help us  
decorate our  
Rose Parade float!



Sign Up to Volunteer Now!

Shriners Children's will participate in the Rose Parade on Monday, Jan. 2, 2023 in Pasadena, California. We would love to have Shriners, ladies, friends and families help us decorate our float, *Back in the Game*. Sign up today to volunteer as a decorator, and help make our creative vision come to life!

**When:**

December 3, 10, 17, 2022 - Dry Decoration

December 26-31, 2022 - Floral Decoration

**Where:**

Phoenix Decorating, Irwindale, California

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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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**Thursday, December 8, 2022**



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**Thursday, December 8, 2022**

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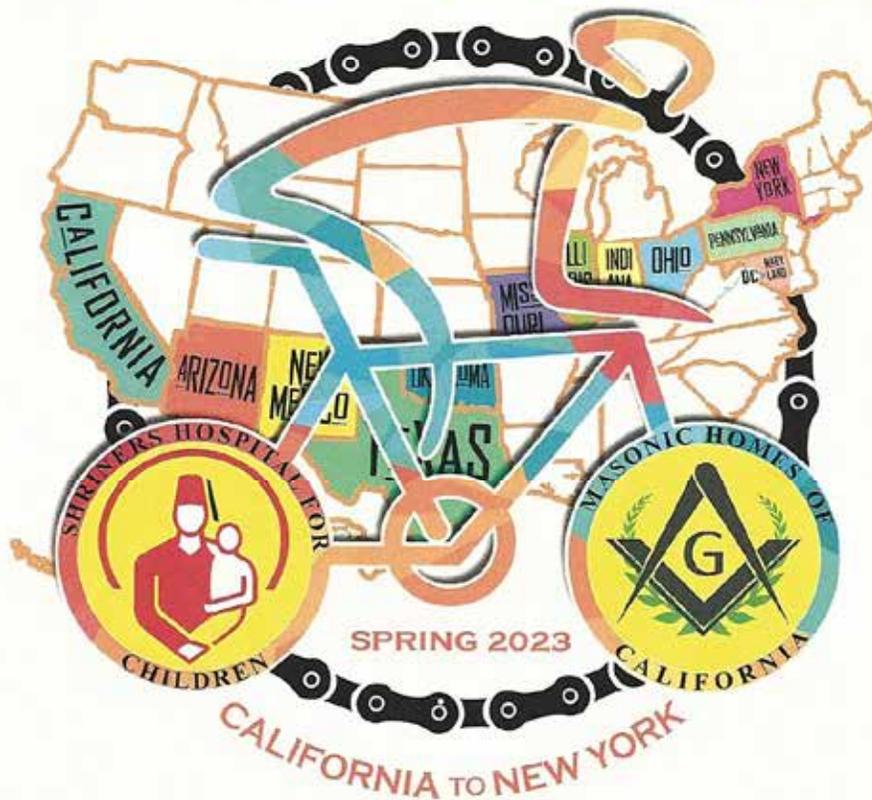
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Hi Nobles,

South Coast Shrine Club is a group of friendly Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions who enjoy each other's company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Club has been in operation since 1954. We presently meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Coco's, at Lake Forest Drive & Via Carlotta in Laguna Hills, just off I-5 at 1:00 pm for our "chat & chew" luncheons. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We extend an open invitation to visit our Club. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship and show you why South Coast Shrine Club is indeed, "The Host of the Coast".

If you have any questions, or need further information or directions, please feel free to contact us at 949/584-9716, or Scshrine455@charter.net, via e-mail. We'd be glad to see you. Please know that you're always welcome at South Coast Shrine Club.

Fraternally,  
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Hi Noble, looking for a place for lunch? May we suggest Valencia Shrine Club?

If you're looking for a place to connect with fellow 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. Many of our Ladies enjoy lunching together as well, so they're also invited.

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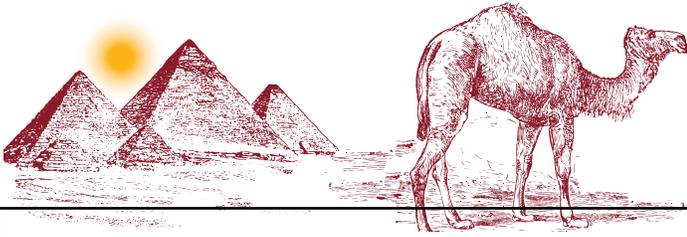
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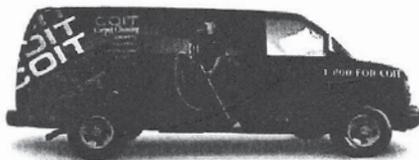
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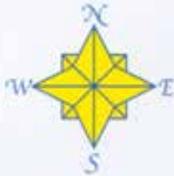
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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

*We would appreciate your cooperation when writing checks.*

Donations to the Shriners Medical Center & \$100 MILLION CLUB should be made out to: **Shriners for Children Medical Center**

Donations to the: TRANSPORTATION FUND should be made to:  
**EI Bekal Patient Transportation Fund**

Donations to the BUILDING or the I REMEMBER FUND should be made to:  
**EI Bekal Shrine Building Fund**

Donations for EL BEKALAN SUPPORTERS should be made out to:  
**EI Bekal Shrine c/o EI Bekalan Supporters**

Donations to the EL BEKAL PARKING LOT should be made out to:  
**EI Bekal Parking Lot Maintenance Fund**

*Payment for Dues, Reservations, Fund Raisers, Etc. should be made to:*  
**EI Bekal Shrine**

## EL BEKAL STATED MEETING

Saturday, January 7, 2023  
Meeting & Election of Officers: 2:00 pm  
Hospitality: 4:00 pm  
Dinner: 5:30 pm

Installation following Dinner

Reservations by Monday January 2, 2023

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

**No Dinners will be sold at the door**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That the Quarterly Meeting and Elections of Officers of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2023, 2:00 pm at EI Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting Elections of Officers and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2023 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR MEETING

Fraternally,  
Ill. Sir Albert Turek, Potentate

Attest,  
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder