

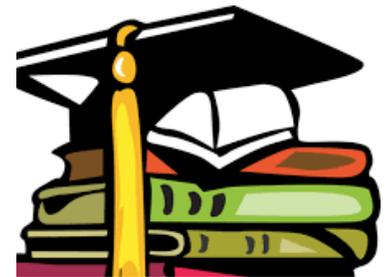
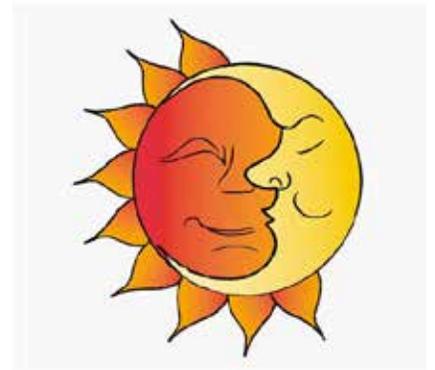
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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Potentate's Message for September 2022

Greetings Nobles & Ladies!

Its time for Monday Night Football and the fun that goes along with that. The football games are a great time to introduce someone to the Shrine. Bring a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative to Monday Night Football at El Bekal and show them that Shriners know how to have fun while doing good. It doesn't matter if you bring a non-Mason, there are resources to take care of that situation. Growth in membership is the key to the continued prominence of our El Bekal Shrine and of Shrinedom in general. At one time, there were close to one million Shriners in the US. Now the Shrine is well below that number, despite opening new Shrines in other countries. A few years ago, Imperial Sir Sowder had a slogan "Just One" to inspire every Shriner to find "just one" candidate every year. That would have doubled membership in "just one" year. We're faced with a similar opportunity now, things are opening back up again, slowly but steadily. The time is right for rebuilding Shrine membership, events and traditions. While some events couldn't happen due to restrictions, closed sites or changes in venues, there are still many opportunities to show that the Shrine is still alive and kicking. Remember that "Showing up is 80% of success" said by Film Director Marshal Brickman.

Remember to carry a Petition with you when you attend Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, OES or any other group in our wonderful Masonic Family. Pocket Petitions are available in our Recorder's 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 moral and spiritual support. Visit their meetings, recommend youngsters for their membership and patronize their booths at Orange Street Fair on September 3.

Upcoming Events for El Bekal Shrine are:

September 12 is the first night of Monday Night Football

September 19 Monday Night Football

September 26 Monday Night Football

September 29 Masons for Mitts at Angels Baseball

October 3 through 9 is the Shriners Open PGA Tournament in Las Vegas

October 8 Placentia Heritage Festival Parade

October 10 El Bekal Stated Meeting

The committee is still working on our annual Golf Tournament, Details to be announced.

Fraternally,  
-Al Turek





# EL BEKAL SHRINE Anaheim

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November 5-10, 2022

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# CHIEF RABBAN



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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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"



# Are you ready for Football?



## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

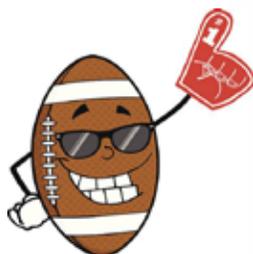


September 12 through November 21

September 12	Broncos	vs	Seahawks	5:15 PM
September 19	Vikings	vs	Eagles	5:30 PM
September 26	Cowboys	vs	Giants	5:15 PM
October 3	Rams	vs	49ERS	5:15 PM
October 17	Broncos	vs	Chargers	5:15 PM
October 24	Bears	vs	Patriots	5:15 PM
November 7	Ravens	vs	Saints	5:15 PM
November 14	Washington	vs	Eagles	5:15 PM
November 21	49ERS	vs	Cardinals	5:15 PM

### HOSTS

September 12	Tin Lizzies Unit	October 24	Long Beach SC
September 19	Royal Chariots Unit	November 7	Director's Staff
September 26	Vacant	November 14	Past Master SC
October 3	Clowns & Tin Lizzies	November 21	Ambassador SC
October 17	Valencia SC, Golf SC and Canasta Club		



Are You Ready  
For Some  
FOOTBALL?



# HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



Greetings Nobles,

Summer has come and gone and the fall is upon us now. Schools are starting to return to being in session. Please be mindful in your driving as there will be many children walking to and from school and out and about in the mornings and afternoons. In addition to schools starting, that also means Monday Night Football is back. Come out and join us Monday nights to watch football, enjoy great company, and eat lots of food for only \$5. Where else can you go anymore for a \$5 all you can eat meal? If you are not into football, we would still love to see you.

We also have a busy schedule of parades coming up this fall. After having the pleasure of finally riding in parades, representing the Shrine has been quite an honor. Growing up in La Habra, I lived just a block away from the parade route for the Corn Festival and I remembered always seeing the Shrine drive by making noise with sirens and horns and watching the Tin Lizzy's race around. Looking back, I would have never have thought that I will one day be in a Shrine car making all that racket and seeing excitement in the crowd.

I wasn't able to be at our July Stated meeting and give an update on our membership status, as it was my 13<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Maybe this will be a better forum to give an update so it reaches all of our members vs only those who attend stated meeting. We currently have 590 Nobles. We have recently had a few individuals inquire online, submit a petitions for membership, and are awaiting our next stated meeting to be voted in. There are also 132 individuals who have inquired about the shrine and are currently progressing through their degrees in the blue lodge or are currently petitioning a lodge. Sadly though, there is a reality of losing members. In the last two years, we have lost many who have retired to that lodge eternal in the heavens. This is a reality that is out of our control. What is in our control though, is recruiting new members and staying current on your dues. As of mid-July, we have 140 members who are behind in their dues. 86 of them are about to be suspended for nonpayment of dues. This is ranging with current 2022 dues up to a few nobles who are 5 years in arears. This has a shocking total of roughly \$36,000 in unclaimed dues. We had to pay about \$10,000 in per capita to Imperial Shrine over the course of these years for dues that went unpaid. If it was an unknown to you, the per capita charge is there regardless if you pay your dues or not. When you don't pay your dues, the temple has to pay out of its pocket. By the time this gets printed and distributed, 2023 dues will probably be applied to everyone.

To shine light on this bad news, there is hope. Noble Ridley has presented the Divan with a 5 year plan to help grow our Shrine and become more active in many ways. To quote or paraphrase another member of our temple, "If everyone replaced themselves with a new member, you doubled your membership." With Jim's idea of growing to over 1000 members, that shouldn't be hard to do if we all just replace ourselves. With more members comes more/new ideas, which creates new units/clubs. This can help to keep newly created Nobles interested in attending events or activities. I have said it in previous articles and I will say it again to challenge you: Go out and bring in new members! Membership growth falls on every member. Not just the membership committee.

Fraternally,

Andy Prutsman HP&P



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# **An Urgent Message to all Nobles**

## **We need your help and support**

Greetings El Bekal Nobles one and all,

Here at El Bekal we have a very diverse group of nobles and members that hold a lot of knowledge that can be used help here at El Bekal Shrine.

As you all know we have not been having very many events or gatherings at the El Bekal Shrine Center, that means that we have not been meeting or having very much fun together lately.

As for me I miss each and every one of you.

It also means that our volunteer groups have been getting very low and we need to change that, so if anyone wants to participate in volunteering, we would greatly appreciate it. El Bekal runs, functions, and depends on the volunteers we have to support El Bekal and each other.

Right now, we are looking for someone that has IT and phone experience that might help us with our communication systems. (AT&T, VoIP, PoE, In office Network, CCTV Security systems) If you know social media apps, Face Book, Twitter, YouTube, or Constant Contact, we need you so that we can get better communications out to all the nobles so that we can have more participation from all nobles to join in with all the groups and clubs and units and events.

If you know Adobe InDesign, Illustrator, magazine layout, graphic artist and or design.

We are always looking for someone to join the Director's Staff to help in maintaining and keeping up the building, vehicles, and the facility for your enjoyment.

If you know how to plan events that we can do for us or Shriners Int, 5k, 10k, fundraisers, golf, we need you to step up.

If you like serving up cocktails, the Purveyors/Ali Baba's are always looking for good men.

Be a part of a Unit or Club and help them grow to new and better heights and have fun doing it. If you are part of a club or unit now, then get out there and participate and have fun and fill in any gaps to help your unit or club grow.

You may want to start a new Club of interest (Cigar club, Dance club, Photography club, Air club for drones, Cooking club, Computer/Tech club to help us learn our phone, iPad, laptop, or a Poker club), El Bekal is about you, its members, you get to decide what to do.

It may be a new Parade Unit (Drifters, motorcycles, marching band/Oriental band, crazy cars)

As a Noble and a Mason, you may just want to write an article story of interest for the members to read.

Please let Coy Love in the office know if you are interested and he will get your name and number to the proper person to get back to you. (714) 563-9111

Thank you for being a Member of El Bekal Shrine

Yours in Faith

Larry Griffin P.P. Treasurer, Editor, IT Dept.





**Shriners**  
Children's™

TO: All Nobles

FROM: Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven, Imperial Potentate, Shriners International

Jerry G. Gantt, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Shriners Children's

RE: New Affiliation in Florida

Dear Fellow Nobles,

We're extremely pleased to tell you that we are set to have a new Shriners Children's presence in Florida.

Jackson Health System, UHealth – University of Miami Health System, and Shriners Children's have a new affiliation to create Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center at UHealth Jackson Children's Care.

Shriners Children's Orthopedic Center will include a dedicated, signature space; new endowed chairs for pediatric orthopedics and pediatric physical medicine and rehabilitation; and a framework to advance world-class care for children with traumatic injuries and debilitating conditions.

In this setting, pediatric orthopedic clinicians will be working alongside other UHealth Jackson Children's Care signature pediatric services, which include organ transplant, cardiac care, neonatology, cancer treatment, neurosurgery, and more.

The commitment includes a new, state-of-the-art facility. Scheduled to open in 2025, the new building will be located steps from Holtz Children's Hospital.

The opportunity to connect more kids in more places to the specialty medical care they need, closer to home, is an important part of our organization's mission. With this agreement, children in South Florida and beyond will have a new and trusted option for their medical care.

Yours in the faith,

Kenneth G. "Kenny" Craven

Jerry G. Gantt





## Thanks for renewing your membership!

Congratulations Noble XXX on renewing your membership to our brotherhood of nearly 200,000 Nobles – we are proud to stand as your brother!

For 2023, Shriners International will not be sending dues stickers. Instead, to demonstrate that you're in good standing, just show your newly designed digital membership card or have the temple scan the QR code on your physical card. To make using your digital card more convenient, download **My FezCard Viewer** on your mobile device from the Apple App Store or Google Play App Store.



To maximize your fraternal experience, we encourage you to participate in your temple's activities and to feel empowered to create new ones in areas that interest you.

We appreciate your investment in XXX Shriners' success, your steadfast commitment to the growth of the fraternity through fun and fellowship, and for your support of Shriners Children's!

The Long Beach Shrine Club held it's second meeting since Covid on June 26 at Momma Cozza's in Anaheim. 15 were in attendance and the meeting was run by Vice President Ernie Ramirez because I had tested positive for Covid.

Great job, Ernie. Several of us then attended a Murder Mystery Dinner on July 24 in Brea. It was fun and several of us participated in the production. Our next official meeting will be on Monday, October 24 as the host club for Monday Night Football. The meeting will be at halftime and will include the election of officers for 2023. As the host club for MNF, we are to bring desserts and help cleanup. I hope to see all of our members in attendance.

Merritt Read  
President

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



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# The El Bekal Shrine Tin Lizzie



The El Bekal Shrine Tin Lizzie unit was originally created as a group within the Valencia Shrine Club in 1962 and was converted into a regular parade unit of El Bekal on Oct. 11, 1982. It was formed for the purpose of having some fun while promoting the El Bekal Shrine efforts and Shrine Hospitals for Children through participation in various holiday parades throughout Southern California. The distinctive Tin Lizzie "Model T" cars are widely recognized and enjoyed by the parade spectators and are one of the first parade units that come to mind when someone mentions the "Shriner". The Tin Lizzies enjoy parading, and the unit participates in more parades than any other El Bekal unit.

The Lizzies are real parade crowd pleasers with their antic filled driving style and wide variety of horns and other noisemakers. Their size also makes them particularly attractive to the children along the parade route. The El Bekal Lizzie unit is limited by its by-laws to 21 active regular members and cars for parade safety reasons plus other associate members who can act as substitute drivers. The unit currently participates in about eight to ten parades each year, with usually 8 to 12 cars at each parade. The El Bekal Tin Lizzie cars were originally required to look generally alike, specifically as small black "Model T" replicas with red trim plus one "tow truck". This look-alike strategy was originally done to enhance the chances of winning a parade participant prize/trophy, but since we have several trophies and no place to display them, we rarely actively compete for the parade prizes anymore. Consequently, the Bylaws have been relaxed somewhat with regard to the strict appearance and quantity of cars.

The Tin Lizzie Ladies are also an important part of the unit, organizing various non-parade parties and events for the group as well as being with the guys at pre-parade breakfasts and after-parade parties. When the Ladies are found as a group among the parade spectators, custom dictates the Lizzie drivers to briefly stop as a group and acknowledge the Ladies with their noisemakers. All in all, the Lizzies have a lot of fun, both in parades promoting the Shrine cause and at our many non-parade events. This year's officers are Capt. Rick Schade, Lieutenant Mike Sekera, Treasurer Ron Michal, Secretary Ted Segerstrom. Our meeting night is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at the El Bekal Shrine Center in Anaheim, Ca. The first Friday in March each year, the Tin Lizzies host a fantastic country style Steak Fry BBQ dinner and unit fundraiser. It usually is sold out months in advance each year. With country dancing and live & silent auctions during the night with a drawing for the Grand prize! It's an event that the whole unit comes & works at each year.

Membership is available by contacting any of the officers of the unit. Capt. Rick's email is [ryschade@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ryschade@sbcglobal.net), Mike Sekera's email is [mikesequera@gmail.com](mailto:mikesequera@gmail.com), Ron Michal's email is [ronmichal1021@gmail.com](mailto:ronmichal1021@gmail.com), Ted Segerstrom's email is [gt500krcon@aol.com](mailto:gt500krcon@aol.com). Please contact any officer for more membership information.



## Ramona Shrine Club - founded 1954

The Ramona Shrine Club offers Inland Empire Shriners a local organization which extends the hand of friendship and social interaction to all Shriners, regardless of your temple affiliation. We meet September thru June each year, on the 4th Sunday of the month, at a local restaurant. Please come and pay us a visit. For more information, please contact one of the following officers.

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# HELPING KIDS ONE MITT AT A TIME!

Each year, regional teams of Masonic lodges compete to purchase high-quality leather baseball mitts for children who participate in charitable baseball programs. Now in its tenth season, California Masons have raised more than \$826,000 – 41,302 plus mitts! The charitable baseball programs offered through the Major League Baseball teams provide sports instruction, a safe place to play, help developing teamwork skills, and guidance on health, nutrition, study skills, and more.



Our OG James Segerstrom and 1st CM Keth Jones are helping with Masons4Mitts for KIDS  
Let's Go Angels (September 29)

Have you heard about Masons4Mitts?

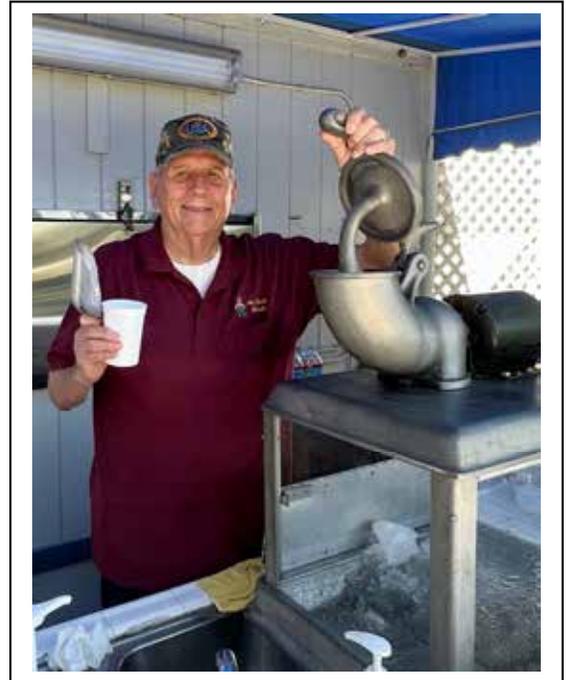
This is the California Masonic Foundation program that allows Masons to gift baseball gloves to children in need. Studies have shown that participation in athletic helps kids with confidence and social skills as well as fitness.

On September 29 at the Angels vs. A's game, the Angels will be presenting a check to the Angels RBI Foundation, and we would love to have El Bekal Nobles there in mass.

If you'd like to attend this game, tickets will be on sale at our next Stated Meeting.

If you would like to buy a glove (or 2) for children in need, **go to the link above**. Only \$20 per glove.

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# Annual Luau



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**Subject: Stated Meeting**

**At the El Bekal Shrine Center**

**Monday October 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Time Social: 5:00 pm**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm**

**Remember you need your 2022 DUES CARD & FEZ**

**Send your Reservation's into the Shrine Center**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People \_\_\_\_\_

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Chief Rabban

**Tom Thomas**  
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**James Segerstrom**  
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El Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND INITIATION INTO EL BEKAL SHRINE  
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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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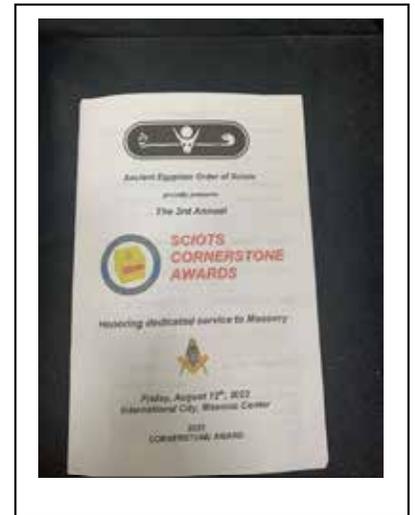
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## Breaking News, August 12!

### El Bekal Noble Rick Schade is Sciots Cornerstone Award Recipient!

Noble and Captain Rick Schade was one of seven Cornerstone Award recipients at a special ceremony of the Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots. The Cornerstone is awarded to Masons that have been active and instrumental in Lodge or Appendant Body projects. Noble Rick was selected for this Award for his work with the Sciots Long Beach Pyramid #43 and Orange Grove Lodge #293 in various events, some at the Long Beach VA Hospital, the Midnight Mission and more.

The Sciots are a fun and social order with the motto "Boost One Another." Established in San Francisco in 1905, they are recognized by their dark blue Fezzes. Chapters are known as Pyramids and presided over by a Toparch. The overall organization is conducted by a Pharaoh of all Sciotry, who this year is our own Past Potentate Mike Selix.





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# THE NEW MY FEZ CARD



It has happened before; you arrive at the temple for a stated meeting or Shrine event and forgot your membership (dues) card – if only you had a digital version on your smartphone. Problem solved!

Shriners International is excited to announce the all-new My FezCard Viewer app and newly designed 2023 digital membership card.

## **My FezCard Viewer**

The My FezCard Viewer app gives you immediate access to your digital membership card on your smartphone without the need to carry a physical card in your wallet. Additional benefits of the My FezCard Viewer include a unique QR code function that allows you to check in for stated meetings at your temple, club, or unit, earn award points, enter raffle drawings and more!

Search for “My FezCard Viewer” on the [Apple App Store](#) or on [Google Play](#) to download the app on your mobile device. [For additional instructions click here.](#)

For Nobles that do not own a smartphone, the local Temple, Club, or Unit can scan the QR code on your existing gold-colored membership hard card to instantly determine membership status and check-in for stated meetings/events.

## **Newly Designed Membership Card**

Equally exciting is the launch of the newly designed membership card. Nobles who pay their 2023 dues will have immediate access to their newly designed, black digital membership card!

Prior to paying 2023 dues, the digital membership card on the My FezCard Viewer app will appear as the gold version.

If you need assistance downloading the My FezCard Viewer app please contact FIS via their incident system at [webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org](mailto:webfezfeedback@shrinenet.org). For all other questions please contact [membership@shrinenet.org](mailto:membership@shrinenet.org).

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Thank you

Larry Griffin P.P. Editor



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,  
**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 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.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, we just love company, especially Nobles.

Fraternally,  
**The Nobles of Valencia Shrine Club**

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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

# SEP 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>
					Orange Street Fair	Orange Street Fair
<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>
Orange Street Fair						
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
	 Divan Board Meeting					
<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>	
						

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# OCT 2022



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>01</b>
						Tustin Parade
<b>02</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>
	 Shriner OPEN	Shrine Open Golf Tournament Las Vegas	Yom Kippur Shrine Open Golf Tournament Las Vegas	Shrine Open Golf Tournament Las Vegas	Shrine Open Golf Tournament Las Vegas	Placentia Parade Shrine Open Golf Tournament
<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Shrine Open Golf Tournament Las Vegas	Divan Meeting Stated Meeting		SCMC Halloween Staff & Patient Appreciation			
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Romona Shrine Club POV					Grand Lodge Session	
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
						Anaheim Parade
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
El Bekal Halloween Party	Halloween Be Safe Happy Halloween					

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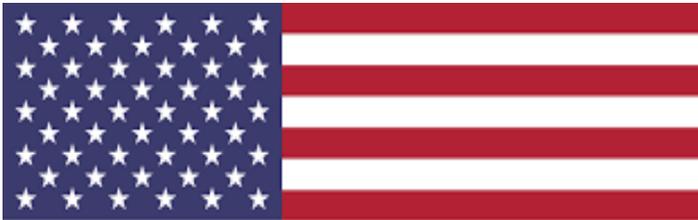


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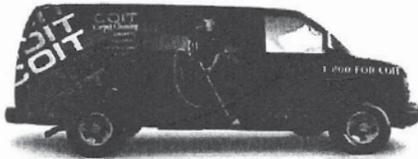
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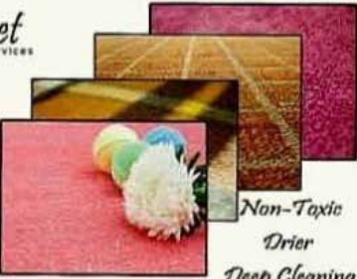


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* C.R. Jerry Johnson	1971
* Howard L. Thorp	1972
* Kirby C. Serles	1973
* Robert R. Ruchti II (Diana)	1974
* Max G. Miller (Jean)	1975
* Henry W. Eilers	1976
* Ralph C. Bryson (Edie)	1977
* Richard E. Hixson	1978
* Junior V. Lewis	1979
* David B. Slayton	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
* Merritt Read (Kimberly)	2020
* Michael J Sekera (Abeer)	2021

Associate Past Potentate

\* Hans Lindquist, Nile (Priscilla) 1998

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## EL BEKAL STATED MEETING

Monday OCTOBER 10th, 2022

Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday October 7th, 2022

**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 10th, 2022, @ 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 & 2022 DUES CARD REQUIRED**

Fraternally,  
Ill. Sir Albert Turek, Potentate

Attest,  
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder