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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles, Ladies and Friends,

Another exciting month has passed! We started off the month of August with the La Habra Corn Festival Parade. Michelle and I, along with the Divan meet up with the Royal Chariots for breakfast before the Parade. The Chariot Ladies are always excited and ready to cheer on their Nobles, with their Purple cow bells, pom-pom's, and outfits.

It was a bit hot at the Parade this year, but we all still had a blast as usual. After the Parade a few of us went to El Cholo's in La Habra for some Great Food spirits and fellowship!

The El Bekal Family Picnic was held on the following day, Hosted by our Chief Rabban and his Lady Kim. There were quite a few people in attendance, the food was great as usual. Asst. Rabban, Michael Sekera and his Lady Abeer were put in charge of the children games, the children had a blast playing the games, each went home with a gift and seemed to have an exciting time as well. We have many upcoming events planned. We hope to see you all at our coming events!

- September 8th Deep Sea Fishing Trip with AL Malaikah Shrine
- September 9th Long Beach Shrine Club POV
- September 9th Monday Night Football
- September 15th Tin Lizzie/Chariot POV
- September 16th Monday Night Football
- September 23rd Monday Night Football
- September 30th Monday Night Football
- October 3rd October 6th Shriners Open
- October 5th Tustin Tiller Parade
- October 7th Monday Night Football
- October 12th Placentia Heritage Parade
- October 13th Hospital Fundraiser
- October 14th Stated Meeting & 50 Year presentation

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- http://www.imperial2018.com
- http://www.westernshrine.org

Thank you to all Nobles

Mike Selix, El Bekal, Potentate

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN**

Kim and I want to thank everyone who attended the picnic on August 4. It looked like the approximate 130 nobles, ladies and family members had a good time. It was a very relaxing event with lots of people in their lawn chairs enjoying a beautiful day. The food was great and the kids enjoyed their games. The big hit of the day was the Shriners Corn Hole Toss Competition. 16 teams of 2 players competed for a chance to make the finals. The championship matched Team PP consisting of Mike Selix and Carl Spalin against Team Dunkers consisting of Kim and I. In a very close and exciting match, Team Dunkers won when Kim threw a corn hole on her last throw. It takes a team to put on a big event like this, and we certainly had that. Thanks to the loading and unloading crew of Russ Allen, Dennis Rootes, Karl Sandhoff, Bert Ekstrom, and Rick and Yvonne Schade. Bruce Minett organized the liquid beverages. The kitchen crew of Karen Steel, Abeer Sekera, Glenda Malan and Jim Ridley did a great job. Carol Stibich and Glenda Malan made delicious potato salad. Steve Steel, Fred Wolf and Jim Ridley did a great job on the BBQ. Bruce Shaphran and Jennifer Bjordahl were fantastic making snow cones. Michael and Abeer Sekera, along with Lito Soliven, Edwin Calayag, Ricky Villegas, and Roger Ross, did a great job with the kids games. And Edwin Calayag was everywhere taking pictures. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your help making the picnic a great success.



On July27 at the Titan League Awards Night, Johnny Reynolds from Al Malaikah, and Bruce Shaphran and I received our Senior DeMolay 50 Year Pins. Johnny joined La Mirada Chapter in 1965, was Master Councilor is 1968 and received the Degree of Chevalier in 1970. Bruce joined Pioneer Chapter in 1965 and held several offices. He received the Degree of Chevalier in 1978. I joined Fullerton Chapter in 1968, was Master Councilor in 1970-71, Orange League President in 1972 and received the Degree of Chevalier in 1972. Also that evening El Bekal Noble Keith Jones



received the Cross of Honor. Congratulations to all four. Merritt Read Chief Rabban





# **MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN**



Michael Sekera, Assistant Rabbban

Hello Nobles!

El Bekal is alive with new members! August 24th, we have a Ceremonial at the Pasadena Medical Center and we have about 20 new members coming in. Also, our Hospital fundraiser will be on October 13th our theme this year is "Steam Punk" and our own Aaron Henson from the Shriners Medical Center will be there with some special quests... more details to follow. We have been very active here at our beloved El Bekal Shrine. Your divan has been working very hard to ensure plenty of activities, dinners and shows here this year and we want you to be a part of it all. Last month's 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. The picnic was absolutely 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. As your Assistant Rabban, 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'. Warmest regards,

Michael J. Sekera, Assistant Rabban

#### Shriners for Children Medical Center, Pasadena Happenings for July 2019

While pondering the many options that could be of interest to the Shrine Nobility, it occurred to the writer that many Nobles may not know the structure of the Board of Governors.

Members of the Board of Governors' come from the seven (7) Shrine Centers that support the Medical Center. Nomination for service starts at the individual Shrine Centers and should not be a reward for previous Shrine service but should be based on the talent required by the Board at the time a vacancy is being filled. No Shrine Center is guaranteed a fixed number of positions.

Imperial Bylaws, Article 5, Para. 105.1, Membership, describes the requirements for selection of the various class of Board Members, Regular, Emeritus, At Large and Associate. Only Regular Members have voting rights. In additions to the Shriner Board Members, Board Meetings are attended by the Medical Center Chief of Staff Dr. Robert Cho, Administrator Christopher Dougherty, Director of Patient Care Services Janet Amerkhanian, Tijuana Admistrator Patricia Siqueiros and Executive Assistant Celia Smith. Plus other occasional Medical or Administrative Staff.

The Chairman may, on occasion, call for Executive Session, and all, save Regular Members, may be asked to leave the Board room. Hopefully, this very brief description of the selection, structure and function of the Board, will excite your interest to the point of reading the Imperial Bylaws sections dealing with the Boards.

At the meeting in July, it was announced that the Medical Center has a new Board of Trustees Liaison,

Imperial Sir David Worel, the newly elected Imperial Outer Guard from Alaska Shrine, Anchorage.

Welcome Imperial Sir David, we look forward to working with you.

The Tijuana Clinic in July had over 900 patient visits and 129 procedures. The joint use agreement with Hospital Angeles is near completion and it is expected that the Clinic will move into its new, large facilities the 2nd week of December. With this move the Clinic expects a substantial financial improvement which will allow for Shrine Care for more Kids.

Temple Communications Committee.

# MESSAGE FROM THE HP&P



#### HP&P September Message

#### Greetings Nobles!

Some have asked why I went on a little bit of a rant in last month's message and why I would put myself in a situation where the Fez would be misinterpreted so. Well I was trying to put our Imperial Potentate's program into action. Imperial Sir Sowder has started using the slogan "Just One" to emphasize that growth in each Shrine can be accomplished by the simple tactic of each Noble introducing a Mason or even a non-Mason to the Shrine. We can all become representatives of our Shine when we go out into the world at large. Not just within our Fraternity, but in general society. Each Noble should make a habit of visiting his Lodge and

any nearby Lodges to promote the Shrine. And not just in Lodges, but other groups in our Masonic Family, there's Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, High Twelve clubs and so much more where potential members are gathered. I make a point of leaving Shrine pamphlets on the Tyler's desk at my Lodge where Masons and members of other groups can see them and pick them up.

And what about the wider world of non-Masons? There are plenty of opportunities in our daily lives to promote the Shrine and let the public know what kind of men we are and what we do for society. Wear a Shine pin on your jacket, or a Shrine ball cap or T-shirt or a club or unit jacket. Let people ask what its all about and explain about the fun and fellowship we have. Tell them about the Medical Centers and clinics. You might be surprised how many people are looking for something like the Shrine, but don't know we are here, ready to welcome these good men into our Fraternity.

Thank you all, -Al Turek-High Priest & Prophet.

## News

Board of Trustees member helps Jamaican child receive life-changing care

#### Friday, January 18, 2019

Shriners Hospitals for Children — St. Louis Board of Governors member Joe Shivley teamed up with Poplar Bluff, Missouri pediatrician Debra Robertson, M.D., to help bring baby Isabel from Jamaica to St. Louis for life-changing brachial plexus palsy surgery.

When mom Geneva was in labor last January, Isabel "Izzy" became stuck in the birth canal for over six minutes, which caused tearing of the nerves in her arm. Though some babies with minor cases recover naturally, many require a nerve repair surgery, ideally before age 1. The Bennett family lives in South Central Jamaica in the town of May Pen, which is about two hours from the capitol of Kingston and the nearest children's hospital.

The Bennetts knew something was wrong with Izzy's shoulder when she was born. When Dr. Robertson came to Jamaica on a medical mission trip last July, she recognized Izzy's condition and suggested the Bennetts take Izzy to Bustamante Children's Hospital in Kingston. She also recommended reaching out to the Shriners, and connected them with Moolah Shriner Joe Shivley to help get Izzy an appointment. "This is why we do what we do as Shriners," Shivley said. "This hospital works miracles."

Despite the fact that Mr. Shivley lives in Poplar Bluff and the Bennett family lives in

Jamaica, Izzy received a surgery appointment date and an emergency medical visa. The family made its way to St. Louis and she underwent surgery on January 15. The mission group Mission Four 18 and their leaders Len and Aimee Scott helped tremendously, as Geneva and dad Terrence serve as local representatives for them in Jamaica.

Izzy will stay in the United States for three to four weeks, depending on her recovery time. She will have a second surgery later this year. Once she recovers, she will have much more range of motion and will be able to start walking and keeping up with other kids her age, all due to the help of our local board member!

# EL BEKAL SHRINERS WELCOME ABOARD

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El Bekalan article Aug 11, 2019

The El Bekal Nomads, our Shrine RV Club, is down in active membership, but is still alive. So we welcome any new Shriners that have an interest in RV camping to come visit us at a campout or dinner meeting in the near future. If you don't have an RV, go rent one for a weekend to sample the experience. Our membership is down because recently several of our very active members succumbed to the promise of out-of-state lesser traffic and lower cost of living and moved away. We miss them, but they are replaceable.

We meet once a month at a local restaurant for a dinner meeting to plan events and to accommodate those members who no longer have an RV or otherwise can't attend a campout. Our campouts are coordinated with the RV clubs of Al Bahr (San Diego) and Al Malaikah (Los Angeles) for fellowship and to boost attendance to meet group reservation requirements at some RV parks. By the time you read this it will be October and our November campout is at the lovely Emerald Desert Resort in Palm Desert.

The date for the November campout is arrival on Tuesday November 19 and depart on Friday November 22. A full description is available in the Nomad newsletter or the Oct El Bekalan. Our dinner meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Sunnys Restaurant, located at 7148 Edinger Ave

Huntington Beach, CA 92647. (CALL BRUCE SHAPHRAN 310-486-1332 in advance for reservations so we have enough seats available)

Hope to see you either place

Dale Edwards, Nomad treasurer







Ted Segerstrom August 2019

Well the festive La Habra Corn Festival was another crowd favorite for the Tin Lizzies & El Bekal Shrine. The weather was picture perfect except for the heat. Capt. Rick Schade gather 5 Tin Lizzies for the parade despite the heat. They were Mike Williams, Rick Hardage, Gene DeRaad, and our new Lieutenant Bob Katz. Bob stepped up to fill the position of Lieutenant for Capt. Rick and the Tin Lizzies, for the rest of this year. However, he doesn't have that many parades under his belt yet. Bob showed up bright and early with the rest of the Tin Lizziers ready to battle the heat and parade route, except his Tin Lizzie was still asleep and wouldn't start! Try as he did, it just wouldn't start, so he ended up putting it back on the trailer and headed back home. El Bekal Shrine was well represented in the parade and the cheers and accolades from the crowd makes the early morning effort well worth it for us all. A lot of happy faces along the parade route.



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# MONDAY NIGHT ( FOOTBALL



September 9 thru December 2

September 9	Texans @ Saints	5:30 PM
	Broncos @ Raiders	
September 16	Browns @ Jets	5:30 PM
September 23	Bears @ Redskins	5:30 PM
September 30	Bengals @ Steelers	5:30 PM
October 7	Browns @ 49ers	5:30 PM
October 21	Patriots @ Jets	5:30 PM
October 28	Dolphins @ Steelers	5:30 PM
November 4	Cowboys @ Giants	5:30 PM
November 11	Seahawks @ 49ers	5:30 PM
November 18	Chiefs @ Chargers	5;30 PM
November 25	Ravens @ Rams	5:30 PM
December 2	Vikings @ Seahawks	5:30 PM

## HOSTS

September 9	Tin Lizzies	October 28	
September 16	Director Staff	November 4	Ali Baba's
September 23	Claybusters	November 11	Past Masters
September 30	South Coast S/C	November 18	Valencia S/C
October 7	Royal Chariots	November 25	Golf/Divan
October 21	Bruins	December 2	Divan

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EL BEKAL TIN LIZZIE/CHARIOT POV

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019 5:30 P.M.

Los Alamitos Race Course 4961 Katella Avenue Los Alamitos, CA 90710

Cost \$55/person

Dress Code: Sport Coat & Fez

RSVP: John Edgmon 714-393-6630 by September 8, 2019





# El BEKAL CLAYBUSTERS TURKEY SHOOT & POV 30 shooter spots available!

The Claybusters

Turkey Shoot & POV will be on November 17, 2019 from 11-1pm. Come out and win a Turkey for the holidays! 2 rounds of Trap.

Turkey prizes for high score men & women shooters. \$50/shooter includes lunch. \$5.00/non-shooter lunch. A one time score enhancing chance for \$10.00

# **Reservations Required by Nov. 13**



Call to reserve a spot to: Bob Thomas 714-345-8092 Wyatt Hoag 714-628-7647 Ted Segerstrom 714-329-9861





Prado Dam Olympic Shooting Park 17501 Pomona Rincon Rd Chino, Ca. 91708



## Visiting with Illustrious Donald Sorsabal P.P. 2005 By Don Leger, P.P.

As you probably heard that III. Don Sorsabal had a medical issue and wound up at a Rehabilitation Center in Colton, California. Gloria and I visited with him a few times, one of those times he was visited by Noble Mike Williams. The day before he was transferred to Fresno, where he would be closer to his daughter, III. Bill Roland and I visited him. I left the two alone when I had to get my car out of the Unloading Zone. It was like old home day for them.

Ill. Don is in Fresno, California and hopefully adjusting to a new place.





In the Faith Don Leger, P.P.



# Merret Temple

Invites you to our... OKTOBERFEST

Please save this date as we Look forward to a Very fun event!





Sunday, October 20, 2019 2:00pm - 7:00pm El Bekal Shrine 1320 S Sanderson Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806





### LAUS DEO

One detail that is seldom mentioned is that in Washington, D.C. there can never be a building of greater height than the Washington Monument. With all the uproar about removing the Ten Commandments, etc., this is worth a moment or two of your time. I was not aware of this amazing historical information.

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. These words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, fang skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America. Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, unnoticed words.

Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world. So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say 'Praise be to God!'

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public.

It took twenty-five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo, 'Praise be to God!'

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles L'Enfant ..... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north, The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was NOT, is NOT, in the Constitution.

The phrase "separation between church & state" is generally traced to a January 1, 1802, letter by Thomas Jefferson, addressed to the Danbury Baptist Association in Connecticut, and published in a Massachusetts newspaper.

How interesting and, no doubt, intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy 'One Nation Under God.'





Author unknown



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: <u>southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net</u>. 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

## Some helpful websites

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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 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.



El Bekal Member #\_\_\_\_\_

Date:



PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP INTO EL BEKAL SHRINE 1320 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806 (714) 563-9111

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Bekal Shrine, 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

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**NOTICE to Membership** 

# Subject: Stated Meeting

# Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> 2019

Time Social:

5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

**Temple Hosted Dinner / Includes Beverages** 

Stated Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm Remember you need your 2019 DUES CARD & FEZ

Send your Reservation's into the Shrine Center or Fax or Call the Center We will need a good Head Count to Order Dinners.

Name\_\_\_\_\_\_# of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_\_

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# **AMBASSADOR PROGRAM**

# Become a Charter Member of the Ambassadors Club

What is an Ambassador?

The Ambassador is a unique role in El Bekal Shrine, relevant to the unique nature of the Shrine itself. They are called Ambassadors. As the name has changed so the role has evolved over the years and they are now a very important part of El Bekal Shrine structure.

Who can be an Ambassadors?

Any member of El Bekal Shrine lodge who feels he can successfully carry out the duties described below can be appointed by the Chairmen. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the ensuing year should contact the Potentate. If appointed it is expected that the Ambassadors will play an active part in the role when and if occasion demands

What are the duties of an Ambassador?

Whilst the list of duties may seem onerous there is often little to do but it is expected that these duties will be carried out diligently and promptly when required.

The principal duty is to assist in the administration of El Bekal Shrine which will include: -

- To assist the Secretary to locate members with whom we have lost contact.
- To assist the Treasurer to collect outstanding dues and subscriptions when serious arrears arise.
- To assist the Almoner in cases of sickness and distress and to act as the eyes and ears of the almoner in his area of responsibility.
- To assist the Assistant Secretary in the administration of applications to join El Bekal Shrine.
- Annual Dues are \$10.00 per year.
- The only special skill needed is to enjoy each other, people and we'll teach you the rest.

Want to know more?

Please contact the El Bekal Shrine

Hi Friends,

Just a brief update from Shriners For Children Medical Center – Pasadena. We are very pleased to announce that we have entered an agreement with the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles (CHLA). The current agreement gives our Shriners physicians the capability to perform complex surgical cases at CHLA and admit inpatients there. There is wonderful for our patients and families for it gives them access to a premier Children's Hospital environment right here in LA County. Just recently CHLA was rated as a top 5 Children's Hospital in the United States by US News and World reports and we are delighted to partner with them Not only should this inpatient partnership with CHLA give our patients access to the highest quality pediatric hospital in the area and a wonderful child friendly environment, we believe this will also save Shriners a good bit of expenses. Huntington Hospital, our inpatient partner up until now, did not have contracts with all of the payors that we do. This meant that in order to get inpatient services provided at Huntington Hospital, Shriners had to pay them on a per case basis. In contrast, CHLA has contracts with all of the payors we need them to. This will mean that our patients will get their inpatients services funded by their own insurance and not by Shriners for the most part. This should result in substantial savings and an opportunity to further reduce our draw on the endowment. All of this is just the first step in what will hopefully be an even larger partnership between Shriners For Children Medical Center For Children Pasadena and CHLA. As we speak we are working on a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions that would create the springboard for exploring other exciting ways that we could partner together to provide incredible care to children. This partnership has tremendous potential in brightening the lives of many, many children!! We will you apprised of any progress we make as we make it!!

Thank you for all you do in support of the Medical Center and for making the lives of the patients and families that grace us with their presence, the very best that they can be!

Sincerely, Chris Michael J. Sekera, Membership Chairman 1320 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806 <u>mikesekera@gmail.com</u> 951-265-7717

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# **Ambassadors Club**

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## 2020 EL BEKAL CRUISE

Final details for the 2020 El Bekal Cruise are not available yet. But the cruise itself has been finalized. The Enchanted Princess, which makes it's maiden voyage in June 2020, will sail from Barcelona, Spain on Saturday, September 5, 2020. The fantastic ports-of-call are Gibraltar, Marseille, France, Genoa, Italy and Florence/Pisa, Italy. The ship will arrive in Civitavecchia, Italy for our trip to Rome on Saturday, September 12. We have reserved 12 Balcony and 12 Interior Cabins, in addition to the Owner's Suite which Kim and I have reserved. We already have several couples signed up for the cruise at this early date. We are going through Cruise Holidays of Upland. Our contact is Bonnie and her phone number is 909-946-6033. Refundable reservations can be made at this time through Bonnie. They are refundable until May 28, 2020. A small number of mini-suites are available at this time, but they may not last. We recommend if you are thinking about going on this cruise, you reserve your cabin as soon as possible. Here is a tentative plan for the trip:

#### Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Fly from LAX

Thursday, September 3, 2020 Arrive in Barcelona in the afternoon. Dinner at a Flamenco Show. Friday, September 4, 2020 All day tour of Barcelona. Dinner somewhere. Saturday AM, September 5, 2020 Morning tour of the incredible Sagrada Familia. Saturday PM, September 5, 2020 Board the ship which sails at 10 PM. Sunday, September 6, 2020 Sea day. Monday, September 7, 2020 Gibraltar Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Sea day. Wednesday, September 9, 2020 Marseille, France Thursday, September 10, 2020 Genoa, Italy Friday, September 11, 2020 Florence/Pisa, Italy Saturday AM, September 12, 2020 Arrive at Civitavecchia, Italy and travel to Rome. Saturday PM, September 12, 2020 Afternoon on your own. Evening dinner/night tour of Colosseum. Sunday, September 13, 2020 All day tour of Rome. Monday, September 14, 2020 All day tour of Vatican. Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Fly home.

Except for the cruise, the rest of the schedule is not set in stone yet. We will arrange for the tours in Barcelona and Rome. Cruise excursions are on your own. There will be opportunities to gather in our suite at the back of the ship, which has a large balcony. Total cost of the trip has not been determined at this time. We hope you will join us on this exciting trip in 2020. Merritt and Kim Read



Sagrada Famílía





Colosseum

Vatican

# Orthotic and Prosthetic Program Improves Patient Function

Meet Zoe, a second grader who loves school, her dolls, dancing, playing basketball and kicking the soccer ball around. Zoe was born with amniotic band syndrome. In Zoe's case, this meant her right forearm and all of her toes were missing, and the fingers on her left hand were shorter.

#### RESEARCHING THE CONDITION

Zoe's parents learned of her condition while she was still in utero. During her 24-week pregnancy checkup and ultrasound, the physician told her mom that her daughter would be born without a right forearm. While it was a very stressful revelation for the family, it also gave them time to prepare and research.

The absence of a right forearm would mean that Zoe would need a prosthetic arm above the elbow. Zoe's mom spoke with her pediatrician. Amy Webb, M.D., and other local physicians about this, and they recommended Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena (known at the time as Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Los Angeles). She learned about the Child Amputee Prosthetics Project, or CAPP, now known as Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS). She was very impressed with the staff and loved how they connected with the patients. "We could truly see how the staff really loved what they did for these children." she said.

**REFER A CHILD** 

To refer a patient to Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena, call **800-486-KIDS (5437)** to request an appointment.



Zoe enjoys the playground at the new medical center.

#### PROSTHETICS AND CARE

Once Zoe was born, her parents knew she would be going to Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena for care and therapy. When Zoe was old enough to walk, she received her first prosthetic arm.

Zoe worked with an occupational therapist at Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena and quickly learned how to use her prosthesis. Zoe's mom said, "It was amazing to watch her development over the years."

Zoe's family found the help they needed with orthopaedic subspecialty care offered through the POPS program at Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena. Zoe's prosthesis helps her play basketball, have fun with her dolls and much more. Many families who receive care at Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena have said it is comforting to know there is a pediatric health care facility with a knowledgeable medical staff to help so many overcome obstacles, such as those Zoe's family faced.



Above: Zoe's visit to the CAPP department at the former Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles. Below: Zoe recently received her newest prosthesis at Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena.





Zoe's family

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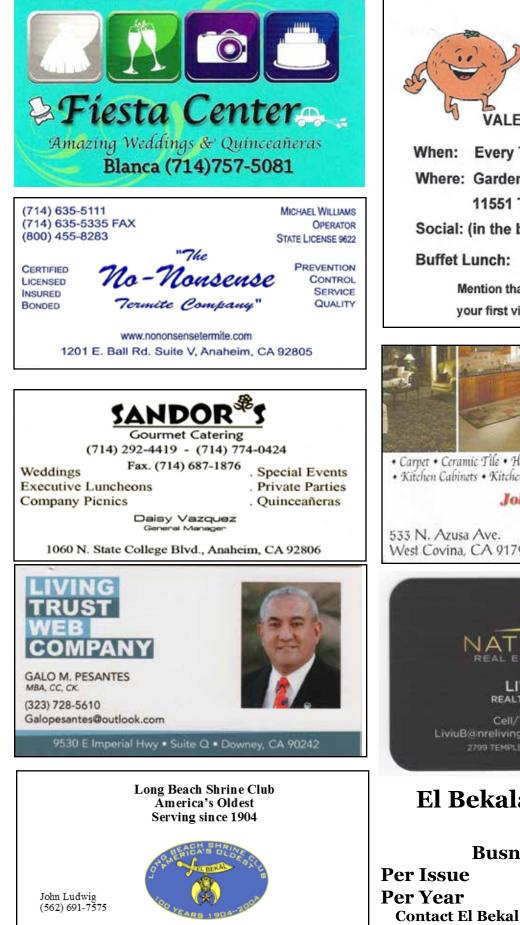
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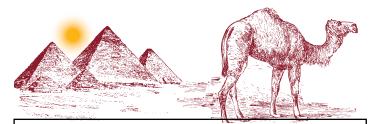
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#### EL BEKAL STATED MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Monday October 14th, 2019

Hospitality 5:00 pm Dinner 6:00 pm Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday October 11th, 2019 PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS Dinner & Beverages Hosted by El Bekal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday October 14th, 2019, 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 & 2019 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally, III. Mike Selix Potentate

Attest. Coy Love, P.P. Recorder