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webfez.shrinenet.org/referral
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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



So I have the proverbial good news and bad news. Starting with the bad news, six nobles have passed away since our last El Bekalan: Russ Albright, Jim Allen, Ron Bass, Bob Bobst, Paul Caniglia and Bob Hathaway. All of them will be missed and we offer our deepest sympathy to their families. The Tri-State Ceremonial in Laughlin was cancelled due to the pandemic. But we have good news beginning with no new cases of COVID-19 in our Temple. We are able to have outside movie nights on October 24 and November 20. We are so happy to get some in-person events. Our Zoom Ceremonial on November 22 is still on schedule. Please get those applications turned in as quickly as possible. We are going to have another toy drive for the SCMC. Last day to get the toys to the Shrine Center is December 7. We also want to

take kids cloth masks. Our By-Laws Committee have made some revisions, which are enclosed. I am calling a Zoom Special Meeting for December 14 to discuss and vote on those By-Laws. We are going back to every month for the El Bekalan so that we can have the most updated information on whether our election meeting in January will have to be via Zoom.

Finally, Ronald McDonald House of Pasadena honored our Shriners for Children Medical Center – Pasadena at their Zoom Gala. I was asked to video record an acceptance speech for the Gala, as was the Al Malaikah Potentate. See the picture below. We also delivered 97 kids cloth masks to the SCMC: 50 from El Tanya Court LOSNA, 25 from El Bekal and 22 from Merret Temple Daughters of the Nile. Thanks to Shari Dodds, Elaine Campbell, Arlene Highlen and Kim Read for making the masks. Kim and I wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

Merritt Read
Potentate



SPECIAL NOTICE
EL BEKAL SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020
VIA ZOOM
YOU MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED TO ATTEND

Potentate Merritt Read has called a Special Meeting and the Executive Board of El Bekal Shrine, along with Shriners International, have approved a zoom meeting on **Monday, December 14** for the purpose of discussing and voting on the Revised By-Laws. This will be a tiled meeting and only El Bekal members with a 2020 dues card may attend. We ask each member to be cautious that no outsiders be allowed to participate in the meeting.

In order to expedite the check-in process and to facilitate any roll call votes that may be required, it will be necessary for members to pre-register.

Pre-registration may be done until Noon on December 14 through the Recorder by email only at

recorder@elbekalshrine.com. When pre-registering, please verify your email address so that the link for the meeting can be sent to you prior to the meeting. We ask that the link for the meeting be shared only by the Treasurer, who is the host of the meeting and will verify the attendees. Please log in before the start of the meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM and **logging onto the link will be available from 6:30 PM - 6:55 PM.**

The meeting cannot be recorded or retransmitted. The attire is casual, and a fez is optional.

Note: the host will have control of the meeting. All will be muted and unmuted by the host. If you have any questions or comments, you can CHAT with the host to notify him of what you need.

After the meeting, the Zoom page will remain open for 30 min, for all to just talk amongst yourselves.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN



Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

Lady Abeer and I hope this finds everyone well. I can't believe that it is October already. Where has the time gone?

I am writing this as I've been pondering about this for some time now and decided to speak my piece. I am very proud to be part of the El Bekal Shrine Family, enjoying helping in any way I can to make events prosper. The many friendships and most of all the fact that we as Shiners are fortunate to be able to bring a little sunshine into the lives of many children.

As of now, we are still in a holding pattern waiting on the state regarding the scheduled events for the rest of the year. Hopefully, we will continue to see a decline in the cases of Covid-19 and will be able to fully reopen without

restrictions soon.

Until next time Stay Safe, Stay Healthy and God Bless the USA

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

Michael Sekera - Chief Rabban

Bylaws of El Bekal Changes

Greeting Nobles,

Hope all is well for you and your families, about a month ago Illustrious Merritt Read appointed me as Chairman of the bylaws committee with that, we put on the committee Ill Sir Roger Ross ESQ, Ill Sir Don Leger and Ill Sir John Rider to look at our bylaws. The bylaws were retyped and we added two provisions they were:

Under: §4.3 Election and Appointment.

(c) For the office of Recorder or Treasurer. The noble must be a member of El Bekal Shrine for no less than 3 years;

(d) For the Divan. A noble must be a member of Shriners International for no less than 3 years;





2021 Chief Rabban TRIP

Chief Rabban Michael Sekera & Lady Abeer
Invite the El Bekal Shrine Family & Friends

August 10th – August 23rd

There will be events for everyone:

On Koloa, Kaua’I

Luau Kalamaku

On Wailea-Makena, Maui

Tour Iao Valley & Visit Lahaina Town

On Waikiki, Oahu

Tour Pearl Harbor, USS AZ Memorial, USS Missouri and see National Cemetery of the Pacific
Visit Shriners Hospital

Optional Events

Golf: Poipu Bay

Golf: Princeville Makai

Golf: Wailea Golf Club Gold Course

Golf: Plantation Course Kapalua Golf Club

Sport Fishing

Sunset Haleakala

Seed to Cup Gourmet Lunch Tour & Lavender Farm

Road to Hana

Sailing/Snorkel Adventure

Kauai Movie Tour

Waimea Canyon & Smith’s Grotto

Hanalei for the day

Included Also

Breakfast Daily

Resort Fee’s

Airport Transfers

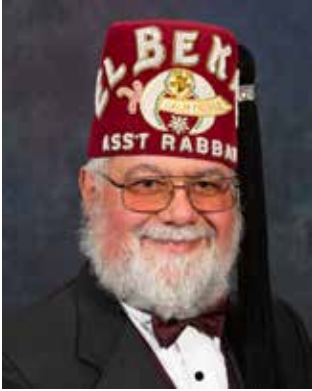
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Flight Maui - Honolulu

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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

I'm sure that we've all heard grumbling about one holiday or another being canceled this year because of health concerns related to the current virus pandemic. It's tough to get together safely and enjoy the large gatherings of family and friends that we were accustomed to in previous years.

But it's not true that the holidays themselves are canceled, those special days are still there and are still celebrated. It's just that we have to avoid the large gatherings that we're used to. Human ingenuity is much smarter than any virus. I've seen the clever ways that people have invented to still have a fun Halloween and some of those creative ideas can be used for other occasions.

The most obvious is to host a Zoom, Skype or Livestream event to bring everyone together online. With video providing the visual element of conversation, these get togethers are much closer to in-person meetings than a text or audio-only event could ever be. An added advantage to online gathering is that those who are unable to travel can still join in. I've experienced this myself at a recent family religious service, where the officiating Rabbi was in Chatsworth, much of the family was scattered around Southern California and relatives from as far away as New York and Alaska were able to participate.

While some of the schemes used for Halloween won't necessarily work for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukah, such as colorful candy chutes and little candy catapults, there might be a way to adapt some of the other ideas and add even more. Drive-by visits, made even better when combined with admiring house decorations, can take the place of neighborhood visits and caroling. Curbside handoffs of food and treats can be done while maintaining a social distance.

Some of the professional Santas I know (and I seem to have several on my friends list) are not doing in-person appearances, but are sending personalized video messages to children on their "nice list." Others are showing up in a way that makes social distancing plausible, such as staying in a mock up sleigh or in one case, a giant plastic ornament ball. One Santa I know is experimenting with a tabletop animatronic Santa figurine equipped with a speaker and microphone to interact with the children. It's got a remote control that lets him select an appropriate gesture from the limited ones it can perform.

Hanukah is all about sharing light and we Masons can readily identify with that. A longstanding Hanukah tradition is to place a lit Menorah near a window so passerby can enjoy seeing the light. In the interest of safety, the Menorah in the window is usually an electric one, while the actual candles are placed safely away from anything flammable. Online events are well suited to a Hanukah celebration. The date of Hanukah varies because it's set by the Hebrew lunar calendar, not by the modern solar calendar. This year Hanukah starts at sunset on December 10.

Around this time the Hindus are also holding a festival that celebrates light. Diwali symbolizes the "victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance." It lasts five days and the date varies because it's set by the Hindu lunar calendar (similar in nature to the Hebrew calendar.) This year Diwali starts on November 12th. Like other celebrations of light, it involves lit decorations, gifts and sweets. Special oil lamps called Diya are lit during Diwali and placed in rows, usually at the door of the house.

Now I'm not sure just how a traditional New Years Eve party can be done online. It's likely that someone has come up with a Zoom drinking game, but that's more for the college age crowd than for my tastes. At least with it being online, we don't have to worry as much about drunk drivers on the way home. The one New Years tradition that I still plan to follow is the midnight kiss with my wife, even if we have to set an alarm to wake us up.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek

Assistant Rabban

MESSAGE FROM THE HP&P

Howdy all,

Sure hope all is well with you and your family. These are sure some tough and turbulent times that we are going through. I truly miss seeing all of you good folks.

I would like to talk a little about membership. Actually, membership development. Our number of new nobles is WAY down this year. Not being able to go lodge and other concordant bodies' events has taken a toll on bringing in candidates to our beloved Shrine. That is usually the places that we tend to discuss Shrinedom and encourage Brothers to become Shriners. And as of this writing we still don't know when we can resume regular attendance to our meetings. We can't hold tiled meetings hence we cannot conduct degrees. Which means we cannot Raise Master Masons to become Shriners. A gloomy situation for sure. However, there are some things that we all can do to help remedy this. We ALL know Masons that are not Shriners. I have made it a point to start contacting these Brothers just to check up on them and always bring up the subject of El Bekal Shrine. Just planting the seed. I ask each of you to do the same. What's is it goanna hurt? More importantly what's it goanna help. The answer is our children in need of our hospital.

GO FIND SOME CANDIDATES!

A personal note;

I have traveled back to my home state of Alabama this summer. I spent some time working on my antique/ classic cars. (A great hobby of mine). I did sell a couple that we finished up. YAY!!!! Problem is I bought three more. I keep telling myself that this insures my future (in) sanity. Some would say that it's too late for that.

I would like to thank our Potentate for keeping everyone informed through our Zoom meetings. The meetings have been very informative and entertaining. It is always great to just see our Nobles and listen to what's going on in their lives. If you haven't joined us in these meetings you have missed out on all the antics and fun. Please join in. You won't regret it.

My love to all.

Jim Ridley
HP&P



MESSAGE FROM THE OG



As I sit down to write these articles I always have to wonder is anyone reading these articles, am I saying anything that is interesting to anyone or is anything that I am saying making a difference?

I am happy to report that my article last month did touch someone and I am so thankful to that person reaching out to me and letting me know. In his note to me he told me how he was helping his wife of 52 years while she is convalescing following hospitalization and that they have received wonderful support from their Masonic friends and others from far and wide. He said that he hoped that others reading my article would be encouraged to remember their obligation

and do the right thing when they see folks in need. He said that the Shriners is clearly a wonderful organization which he trusts will come through this terrible pandemic in good heart.

As many of you know, my son in law is currently going through cancer treatment and the love and support that they have received through our masonic lodge and the shrine has been amazing. With the pandemic people can't just jump in their car and rush over to help or visit but that has not stopped people from checking in and providing their support, however is possible.

I think that it is safe to say that none of us joined our lodge or shrine to see what we could get out of it. I think that it is quite the opposite for most of us and we want to know what we can do to help. I think that we join, settle in and just enjoy the fellowship of others. It is when you have a time of need in your life that you really see and feel the caring that these people offer and this makes you treasure these memberships and friendships even more than before.

I feel fortunate to belong to a great Masonic Lodge and a wonderful Shrine temple, as well as multiple other fantastic masonic groups. We have quite a few Shriners in our temple who have felt, first hand, the benefits that are provided by our Shrine hospitals and I hope that we have tons of Nobles and ladies who have felt the friendship, love and support that is generated by the wonderful people of El Bekal.

This has been a crazy year for our world and this has definitely been a crazy year for our family. We have faith to believe that we will get through this pandemic and this health scare with our son-in-law and we hope that when we get through all of this, we can be people who appreciate more, are even more thankful for all of our blessings, and strive to take care of others more. We have an opportunity to look at this year as a horrible year or look at this year as a time that we learned a lot through hard times. We are choosing to see the positives in the craziness and I hope that you are also.

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas
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PLEASE KEEP UP WITH ALL THE EVENTS AND
CHANGES GOING ON AT EL BEKAL
SEE THE CALENDER AND THE ELBEKALEN AT:
ELBEKAL.COM



**EL BEKAL
CEREMONIAL Sunday,
November 22nd @ 1:00 PM
El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806**

**IF NECESSARY, THE CEREMONIAL
WILL BE VIRTURL VIA ZOOM**

A Ceremonial will be held at El Bekal Shrine Center.
Please mark your calendars. Ladies are welcome.

Light lunch and Fezzing after.

For more information call Coy at 714-563-9111

Robing:	12:00 pm
Indoctrination:	12:30 pm
Ceremonial:	1:00 pm
Light lunch:	2:00 pm
Fezzing:	3:00 pm

For candidates who have not yet applied: Go to elbekal.com for petition.

**Please fill out the petition and include the application fee of \$250
no later than November 1, 2020 so we can vote you in as a candidate. Send
to:**

**El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806**



El Member # _____ Date: _____

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

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Bekal Shriners International, situated in the Oasis of Anaheim, Desert of California. I the undersigned hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in

_____ Lodge No. _____ located
at _____

Furthermore, I do not now and never will hold membership in or allegiance to anybody claiming to be a Master Mason that has been declared clandestine; that I have resided within the jurisdiction of your Shrine, or unoccupied territory, not less than 6 months, as required by the bylaws of The Imperial Council and that I am not under suspension or expulsion in the prerequisite body to this Order, and respectfully pray that I may be made a member of your Shrine. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of the Imperial Council and the bylaws and Ceremonies of your Shrine.

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____ Res
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When _____

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Signature _____

If elected the signing of this petition constitutes the signing of the bylaws of El Bekal Shrine and Shriners International Recommended and vouched for on the Honor of (both must sign and must be members of El Bekal Shrine).

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MESSAGE FROM THE 1ST CM

Member's Bio running for the office of Oriental Guide Nobles,

I am officially putting my Fez in the ring to run for Oriental Guide for the upcoming Shrine year. Many of you know me already, but for those of you who don't, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Andy Prutsman. I was raised a Master Mason in Cornerstone Lodge No 659 on April 16, 2014. I have been a Shriner for 5 years. I have served this Shrine as 1st Ceremonial Master this year and have been in charge of the Super Bowl and College National Championship parties this year. I have served my Lodge as an officer, beginning the year that I was raised. I have served on many Lodge committees, including the Sweethearts Tea, Member Retention, and Building Association. I am currently the sitting Master of Cornerstone Lodge. My goal as Master this year has been to foster relationships in our Lodge and to just have a great time. I believe that my Lodge has been successful in this, including having tailgate parties and spending time with our families together, and that it is something that I can contribute to El Bekal as well.

While I have always enjoyed my time in my Lodge, I have also been a member of the York Rite bodies. I have served in several roles in the Commandery and Royal Arch. I am a twice Past Commander and Past High Priest. I had the honor of being appointed as the Grand Warder for California Grand Commandery in 2017. I am currently the inspector of Department II and am the treasurer of my Commandery and Council. I have been honored with the Knight Commander of the Temple award as well.

On a personal note, I have been married to my amazing wife, Mary Ann, for 11 years and we have two wonderful children, Nathan (10) and Emma (5), who you have probably seen running barefoot at Shrine events this year. Mary Ann is a Past Honored Queen of Bethel 224 Whittier and she also held many offices and is a majority member of Bethel 333 La Habra. I was not raised in a Masonic family, but I married in to an extremely Masonic family. Most of you know that my father-in-law is Tom Thomas, our current Oriental Guide, and he has been a Mason for 36 years. Both of my grandfather-in-laws have been Master Masons for over 50 years. I have seen the strong ties to Masonry and knew that I wanted to be part of this great brotherhood. I have never regretted that decision. As I have battled cancer over the last few months, my Lodge brothers have supported me at every step. Since they cannot be physically with me, they have sent cards, gifts, food, and prayers. I didn't join Masonry for what it would give me, but I have certainly been blessed by it.

I am a Journeyman Lineman and am currently an Apparatus Technician for Southern California Edison. I have worked in the trade since 2007 and have been blessed by the life that it has provided for my family. As a family we enjoy camping, dirt bike riding, spending time at the river on our boat, and going to Disneyland, when we aren't in a global pandemic!

Thank you for your consideration,
Andy Prutsman, 1st Ceremonial Master





**FREE
FREE**

**Friday Drive in
Movie Night.
Camels milk, soda,
candy, chips and
popcorn**

November 20, 2020

**Meet in the parking lot at
6:30pm Movie starts at 7 PM**

At El Bekal Shrine

1320 S. Sanderson Ave.



**Social distancing
Bring your own
lawn chairs,
blankets, and your
mask**



Stated Meeting
Report on Imperial Election
10/12/2020

Nobles,

Well, hopefully this message finds you all in good health and ready for the fall. The Imperial Sessions this year as you know had no legislation just elections, it definitely was a little different, just like this year has been. So here are the results:

Imperial Divan

James R. Smith – Imperial Potentate
William S. Bailey – Imperial Chief Rabban
Kenneth G. Craven – Imperial Assistant Rabban
James E. Stolze Jr. – Imperial High Priest & Prophet
Richard G. Burke – Imperial Oriental Guide
Jim Cain – Imperial Recorder
Brad T. Koehn – Imperial Treasurer
Kevin R. Costello – Imperial First Ceremonial Master
Lawrence J. Leib – Imperial Second Ceremonial Master
Mark E. Hartz – Imperial Marshall

Newly Elected to the Imperial Divan

Matthew Sturlaugson, El Zagal Shriners – was newly elected “Imperial Captain of the Guard”
Marty Bartlett, Alzafar Shriners – was newly elected “Imperial Outer Guard”
David C. Hamm, Sharon Shriners – was newly appointed “Imperial Chaplin”

“Board of trustees”

Jerry G. Gantt (Chairman)
William S. Bailey
Anthony M. West
James A. Doel
Charles D. Pittman
Paul F. Poulin, MD
Leslie Stewart, MD
James A. Smith
Kenneth G. Craven
Brad T Koehn
Jeffery L. Sowder

Re-elected 2020

Jerry G. Gantt (Chairman)
James A. Doel

Newly Elected 2020

Charles D. Pittman
Leslie Stewart, MD
Ken Guidera, MD

LADIES GROUPS PRESENTATIONS



3 of our 4 ladies organizations were unable to hold their Installations where I would normally present gifts. So I recently made other arrangements. On September 30th we met with the officers of El Tanya Court LOSNA and made a presentation to High Priestess Shari Dodd. This was the first time they were able to wear their 2020 outfits. Shari presented us with a delicious cake and they had us stay for a fantastic dinner. Thanks so much for the cake and your hospitality.



On October 1st we met with RAMA Court LOSNA High Priestess Donna McCarrell and Merret Temple Daughters of the Nile Queen Glenda Malan at El Cholo Restaurant in La Habra. They were very pleased with their gifts. In addition, Donna presented me with a beautiful Eagle and Flag plate, a wonderful wooden pen and a million dollar candy bar. She presented a gorgeous mirrored jewelry box, a rhinestone broach, a very nice pen and a million dollar candy bar to Kim. We thank Donna so much for these fantastic gifts.



CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE FOR OUR
SHRINERS FOR CHILDREN MEDICAL CENTER - PASADENA

2020 has been a difficult year for all of us, especially our wonderful Shriner's Kids. Let's do our best to make Christmas special for them. Toys may be delivered to the Shrine Center any Monday, Thursday or Friday 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. If you can't have them picked up at your home, contact one of the officers. Last day to deliver toys is Monday, December 7. The toys should be new and unwrapped. They can also be handmade wooden toys. If you would rather donate money for us to purchase toys, send in a check to the Shrine Center made payable to El Bekal and put "Toys" in the memo section. We are also accepting kids and young adults cloth masks.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LAST EVENT FOR 2020.



Watch party for the Ronald McDonald House Zoom Gala

honoring our Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena. There was a great video on one of Shriner kids along with the video of Potentate Merritt Read accepting the award. Thanks to Mike and Michelle Selix for hosting the party in their backyard.



Watching the Zoom Gala. It was a great honor to help in accepting the award.



Ronald McDonald House

sent a wine box with goodies, olives and snacks. We had such a great time good food barbecued steaks and chicken and homemade apple pie





MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings Nobles and ladies of El Bekal,

We have endured this long lasting Pandemic so far. I hope all is hanging in there. One way to stay in touch with each other is to attend some of our ZOOM gathering we have from time to time. The other is to just reach out and call someone and ask how they are doing. Don't let this situation pull us apart, but make it a time to bring us closer together. Also stay current with all changes with the **El Bekal Calender** for all the latest news and updates on events and Zoom Meetings.

Some helpful websites

El Bekal: elbekal.com

Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/

Imp. Shrine: ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)

Membership: webfez.shrinenet.org/ (Need membership No. to join)

WSA: <http://www.westernshrine.org>

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

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

Please stay safe and we will see you soon.

Larry Griffin P.P. / Treasure / Editor of El Bekalan / IT Dept.

A SIMPLE NOTE:

Nobles, it has been trying times in the last few months with the pandemic that is hanging over our heads. How many times have we heard "give your friend a call or drop then a note"? On a quite afternoon I sent a Brother an E-mail (a brother that I have not seen for an age, a brother who is restricted to home because of health issues). It took a couple of days for his answer. It was amazing on what he had to say, that I was the first one he has heard from in the Lodge in a while. This took me by surprise, I did not think that a simple message would mean so much to anyone.

You could send someone a simple note or card to see how they are doing; you'll be amazed at how your message will be received. That person will answer you, try it, it will do your heart good especially the heart of the person receiving your message.

In life, probably tomorrow might be too late for that message that you were meaning to send.

In Faith, Don Leger, P.P.



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 3rd Wednesday night of each month at Polly’s Pies, Moulton Parkway & Santa Maria, in Laguna Hills. Social time is at 6:00 PM with a no-host social hour before that we refer to as, “lies and old war stories time” followed by dinner. We order from the standard menu and pay our own checks. Reservations are suggested to assure correct seating set up. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We distribute our newsletter (Bulletin) monthly and offer you the opportunity to visit and/or join our group. There will be no pressure or solicitation. While we welcome you to our meetings, the decision to affiliate with South Coast is entirely a matter of your personal choice. It is the Brotherhood of other Shriners and Ladies that we offer, with no strings attached.

If you think you would like to join us, we’d be glad to see you. If you have any questions, or need further details or directions, please feel free to contact me directly at 949/584-9716 or at: southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net. 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

- El Bekal: elbekal.com
- Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/
- ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)
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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.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
01	02	03	04	05	06	07
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
		Divan/Board Meeting				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Officers Shrine Photography Day					Movie Night Under the Stars	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30					

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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*	James Munholland	1961
*	Ralph E. Barnes	1962
*	Jessie M. Allen	1963
*	Roy T. Reynolds (Lucille)	1964
*	Leroy H. Crager	1965
*	Roy A. Hopkins	1966
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*	J. Dick Sisemore	1969
*	Archie Lloyd	1970
*	C.R. Jerry Johnson	1971
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*	Robert R. Ruchti II (Diana)	1974
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*	T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Erna)	1984
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*	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
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ZOOM (Time and date may change)

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