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July, 2021

Illustrious Sir. *Michael J. Sekera*, Potentate

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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Noble, Ladies and Friends, Abeer and I hope that everyone is doing well. It looks like we are about to see the end of this period of isolation from each other so we can get back to Having Fun Together. We have had a few events this year that I think have been very successful and well attended.

Rentals at the Shrine Center have been picking up as the restrictions are being relaxed and people are becoming more confident and are once again coming out and taking part in social activities. Seeing the rentals of the Shrine Center improving, to me, is a great sign that we are back on the road to a recovery which is encouraging that one day soon, we will be back stronger.

Since we last talked, we had two amazing events, on May 23rd we had a BBQ honoring our Past Potentates and everyone had a great time, and on June 6th we had the "All in one Units & Clubs POV" and we had about 13 Cubs and Units represented, a great time by all. Coming soon on July 31st will be our "Potentates Ball" at El Bekal Shrine Center there is a flier in this issue of the El Bekalan.

This is what makes a Shrine strong, this is what makes a Shrine grow. This is what will make El Bekal grow. I want to thank everyone for your help and support this year and thank you for the honor and pleasure to serve the Nobility of El Bekal Shrine as your potentate for 2021. I hope my performance has been what you expected of me, if not let me know, remember I work for you.

Let us have fun helping kids, Let us have fun taking care of El Bekal Shrine and Let us have fun in all that we do!

Sincerely & Fraternally,

Ill. Sir Michael Sekera & Lady Abeer



We have a NEW web sight @ [ElBekal.com](http://ElBekal.com)

Please go to it and check it out, find all the latest information going on at the El Bekal Shrine Center.

Get the latest Elbekalan, get you meeting links on the calendar, check out the flyers of Events.





# El Bekal Shrine Stated Meeting

**Monday, July 12, 2021**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

[recorder@elbekalShrine.com](mailto:recorder@elbekalShrine.com) 714-563-9111

**Social 5:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- **Bring Your FEZ**
- **Bring Your Dues CARD**
- **Bring Your Mask**
- **Bring Vaccination Card**
- **Bring The Spirit of FUN and GOOD FELLOWSHIP in your HEART**

**\*\*Note – State, County and Grand Lodge Covid Rules Apply\*\***

# CHIEF RABBAN

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## Chief Rabban Message for July 2021

Greetings Nobles!

“Summer is here, summer is here! Time for merriment, time for cheer!” Last year, because of isolation and social distancing, was “the lazy, hazy days of summer...” This year it looks like things are opening again and in-person events are beginning once more. While online meetings are great for saving on travel time and staying in touch with others who are too far away to attend regularly, it’s good to see each other in person. This means more events at our Shrine Center and even other venues. Coming up we’ll have the annual Imperial Sessions again, this time in Houston... in the summer... I really hope their air

conditioning is in good working order. Followed by our El Bekal Stated Meeting a few days later. Since this is California, there’s got to be a Wine Tasting event. Did you know that California is responsible for over 80% of US wine production? Only France, Italy and Spain produce more wine than California, and they are entire countries, not just one state. At the end of the month, we’re celebrating Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera and First Lady Abeer at the Potentate’s Gala. Please note that the location has changed to our own El Bekal Shrine.

What would summertime be without a picnic? The annual El Bekal Picnic is back on track for August 8 at the wonderful Kiwanisland Park in Garden Grove. Kiwanisland has plenty of grassy areas, a shady picnic pavilion, a pond with the island and bridges and more. For the more athletic, there were volleyball nets strung up near the back of the property. There’s going to be the traditional grilled ‘burgers and hot dogs, snow cones and plenty of beverages. The traditional jail cell will be there along with kid’s games and a few games for the grownups... uh, I mean the kids-at-heart. There’s still plenty of room for volunteers to help out with the games, in the kitchen, and keeping an eye on the pond so no one gets accidentally dunked. This annual event is an excellent time to introduce a prospective Noble to Shrinedom, so if you know a Mason or even a non-Mason who would make a good Shriner, invite them along.

Fraternally,  
Al Turek  
Chief Rabban

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## THE CLOWNS ARE BACK IN TOWN

COME JOIN US

Become a clown .... Come on out and join the fun.

Be a part of our group. You can be guarantee will be a lot of clowning around going on.

We show up at parades and visit the Shriners Hospitals for children

We help with our yearly picnics.

We help with the “EL Bekal Operation Santa” collecting toys for the children at the Shriners Hospitals.

Come on out and join the fun.

Remember it’s for our children that we do all this to make them laugh and smile.

If you are interested, our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

At the El Bekal Shrine Center, 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, Ca 92806

For more information call Ernie Rermierz (aka HAPPY) at 562-458-1156



**El Bekal Shrine 2021  
Annual Family Picnic  
in a great Private Park  
El Bekal members, family and friends**

Sunday August 8th

11am - 4pm

**FREE FREE FREE**

**Lots of fun with great friends**

Barbeque hamburgers, hotdogs, watermelon,  
Fresh salads, chips, beer beverages, and  
Snow cones

**Games for the kids with prizes**

KIWANISLAND

9840 Larson Ave.

Garden Grove, CA 92844

Info: Michael Sekera 951-265-7717



# ASSISTANT RABBAN

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Howdy folks. Hope all is well with everyone. If you have not attended the “in Person” events you have missed out on the fun. The POV included most of the clubs and units and we enjoyed the antics of our Orator Sir Gary Leister. The Luau was a blast. (No, my lawnmower trick didn’t work on the grass skirts).

On a serious note, I would like to remind us of some of our duties as Brothers and Sisters. From the 9th and 10th degrees we reminded of how we should conduct ourselves and be conscious our duties to each other and to mankind in general.

Quote,

“We are shown the virtues which should be displayed by one in the pursuit of justice: Disinterestedness, Courtesy, Devotedness, Firmness, Generosity, Self-Denial, Heroism, and Loyalty. You are called upon to reach beyond the surface of appearances and seek deeper meanings. King Solomon stated that he and the Deity would award you and your companions as you deserve.”

In my humble opinion the virtues of these degrees should be practiced as such.

We should always make decisions using IMPARTIALITY.

Always act with COURTESY.

Be DEVOTED in all our endeavors.

Stand with FIRMNESS in all our beliefs.

Say what we mean and mean what we say utilizing FRANKNESS always.

Count our Blessings and use GENEROSITY when serving others.

Serve others before ourselves thereby practicing SELF-DENIAL.

Try to be a “Hero” to someone every day. Even if in a small way.

And finally, the last virtue of these degrees is LOYALTY. We first have to be loyal to ourselves in order to be able to be committed to all the other virtues we are taught. We

have to be loyal to our Deity, then family, then to our other commitments such as our Blue lodge, the Shrine and other concordant bodies of which we may be members.

I hope that I have opened up avenues for thought. I ask that you contemplate these virtues and how you apply them to your everyday life.

Jim Ridley

Assistant Rabban. 2021

Bella Mia

Chief Mutt in charge of Love



# HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

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I am sorry that I didn't have an article last month but we are taught in our masonic teachings to use the 24 inch gauge to divide our time into 4 equal parts. The most important part is our family. Our family had a time of need and it was important for us to pull together as a family and take care of the members that were hurting. I have been a Master Mason for 37 plus years and there have definitely been times when Pam has felt like a Masonic widow. I have had to remind myself through the years that although Masonry is an extremely important part of my life, it cannot be my entire life. When we forget to keep our lives in balance with our Masonry, we have forgotten to use the 24 inch gauge as our guide.

During the pandemic and our son in law's fight against cancer, we became even more close as a family. Our family enjoyed the extra time that we had together since we weren't at masonic meetings many nights of the week. As we go back to meeting in person, let's make sure that we do not forget that our family should always come first and should always be the first priority in our lives. Masonry fills in the gaps and definitely makes all men better if we listen and follow the teachings. I hope that you and your family have a great summer and are able to spend some quality time together. We had already planned multiple trips to the river this summer and unfortunately many of our trips coincide with Shrine events that we will have to miss.

I hope that you will have some great stories to tell each other when we meet on the level in the lodge.

Fraternally,

Tom

Tom Thomas

High Priest and Prophet

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*Celebration of Life for  
Ill Sir Carl Spalin Past 2017 Potentate of  
El Bekal Shrine 164 Anaheim, CA  
To Be held at El Bekal Shrine Center  
On August 29, 2021*

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The Ali Baba Sheiks will be doing contact meetings again starting on June 9th again at the Jagerhouse on Ball Rd. not too far from El Bekal Shrine. Like all of our Shrine Units and Club's, it has been over a year since we can meet in person, going to be strange.

Don Leger, P.P.

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# ORIENTAL GUIDE

Nobles,

As I write this, we are just hours away from the reopening of California. I have just returned from a week of Church Camp at Forest Home with my oldest, Nathan. After all this time of being in pandemic lockdowns, stay at home orders, and feeling captive to our homes, the escape from reality was a welcome change. We were able to hike, swim, and enjoy the great outdoors. Our Nathan is timid and not our adventurer, but after a year at home and not being able to attend camp last year, he was overjoyed to attend camp.



As I reflect on the week at camp with 10 boys from 3rd to 6th grade and the joy that they felt as they spent a week away from home enjoying the return to normal, I am reminded that each of us approaches this reopening of California at a different comfort level. Some of us are overjoyed to leave our homes. Others are fearful and not ready to give up the mask that gives us the security and safety that we've come to know.

I, myself, am approaching the anniversary of my cancer diagnosis and surgery and have mixed emotions about our return to normal. I have enjoyed the slower times at home with my family and the safety that provided us, but am also excited to slowly return to my Blue Lodge and finally finish my second year as Master, as well as returning to Shrine events.

I ask you to grant your fellow Nobles and ladies the grace of allowing each other to return as they feel safe and healthy. I look forward to the time when our world will finally be "normal" again.

Fraternally,

Andy Prutsman  
Oriental Guide





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  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Bus  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
If retired, list former occupation \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ If so which  
Shrine \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
**Number & Street, City, State, Zip**

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**Number & Street, City, State, Zip**

Mail  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Hat Size \_\_\_\_\_

Print name in full : \_\_\_\_\_

**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).

Noble \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Noble \_\_\_\_\_  
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Credit, Unit Club: \_\_\_\_\_

**THIS PETITION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL FEE OF \$250.00**

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Ladies, Nobles and Guests  
TO Join RA-MA COURT  
FOR OUR ANNUAL

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## Western Round-Up

Enjoy  
TriTip  
With all  
the Fixins,  
Beverages  
and Desserts  
\$30.00  
per person



Saturday July 17th, 2021  
2:00 pm  
10321 Lesterford Ave.  
Downey, CA 90241



Make your reservation  
by July 10th.  
To: Cynthia Gettler  
562-305-1310  
or: jello4jake@yahoo.

### BINGO

Opportunity  
Drawin's  
Silent Auction  
Basket Drawin's  
and Grab Bags  
(Additional \$\$)



# EL TANYA COURT NO. 61

## "Teddy Bears' Picnic"

### Ways and Means

International City Masonic Center  
5155 E Pacific Coast Hwy  
Long Beach, CA 90804

Saturday  
July 24, 2021



4:00 Social  
5:30 Dinner



Donation \$30  
(Non-Tax Deductible)



For tickets, contact:  
Sharon Blanton 562-481-4132 or  
sharonblanton@verizon.net

Make checks payable to: El Tanya Court #61  
Mail to: Jennifer Bjordahl  
212 N Kodiak St. #B  
Anaheim, CA 92807



Proceeds will be used for fraternal purposes

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

*El Bekal Shrine Nobility Gala*

HONORING

*Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera and First Lady Abeer*



*Saturday, July 31st, 2021*

*El Bekal Shrine Center*

*1320 S. Sanderson Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806*

*Social 5:00 pm Entrance 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm*

*Attire: Nobles Tuxedo or Business Attire with Fez - Ladies Formal*

*Out of Town Guest, Room Reservations*

*Ayers Hotel Anaheim*

*2550 E. Katella Ave. Anaheim, CA 92806*

*714 - 634 - 2106*

*Please mention, "El Bekal Shrine" for Special Rate*

*Pre - Gala Party*

*Friday, July 30th*

*6:00 - 10:00*

*El Bekal Shrine*

Reservation for 2021 Potentate's Ball. Must be in by **July 26, 2021**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice's: **Filet Mignon** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest: ( ) x \$65 per person

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Card# \_\_\_\_\_

MC ( ) VISA ( ) exp Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV ( )

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# El Bekal Shrine

*Cordially invites you to  
The 2020 Pandemic Potentates Ball  
Illustrious Sir Merritt Read P.P.  
And Past First Lady Kim  
Saturday, the 28th day of August, 2021  
El Bekal Shrine*

*1320 S. Sanderson Ave.  
Anaheim, CA 92806*

*Social— 5 :00 pm Entrance— 6:00 pm  
Dinner—6:30 pm*

*Divan/Unit – Formal with Fez  
Nobles – Formal or Business with Fez  
Ladies– Formal*

*Mask and proof of vaccination or negative test 72 hours before  
required per Grand Masters Directive, subject to change.*

*Special Room Rates code EBS828  
at Ayres Hotel*

*2550 E. Katella Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92806*

*Hotel reservations call 714-634-2106  
Deadline for Hotel is July 16, 2021*

*Pre-Ball Party  
7:00 to 10:00 pm  
Friday, August 27  
in Oasis at  
El Bekal Shrine  
For further information  
contact Merritt Read  
714-875-6344*

Reservation for 2020 Pandemic Potentate's Ball. Must be in by August 20, 2021. **Tickets will not be sold at door.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit/Club affiliated: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ . Lady's name \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice's: Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve [ \_\_\_\_\_ ] place(s) for \$ 50.00 each. Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ MC [ \_\_\_\_ ] Visa [ \_\_\_\_ ] CVV(\_\_\_\_\_)code \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks and this form to: El Bekal Shrine  
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.  
Anaheim, CA 92806  
Memo: Ball 2020



# Paint & Sip Party

**Come join us for a great time  
Painting & have fun with all your nobles & ladies**

**Sunday, August 22nd, 2021**

**2:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**El Bekal Shrine Center**

**1320 S, Sanderson Ave.**

**Anaheim, CA 92806**



**\$40 per person**

**Snack, Refreshment & Paint Supply**

**RSVP by August 20th**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest (    ) x \$40 per person

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Cornerstone Event

**Segerstrom Shelby Event Center**

& Reception for the  
Grand Master of Masons in California  
**The Most Worshipful Arthur H Weiss**



Seegerstrom Shelby Event Center  
5 Whatney Street  
Irvine Ca. 92618

**Saturday, September 4th, 2021**

**Cornerstone Event**

(Saddleback Masonic Lodge #672)  
9:30am Breakfast  
10:30am Grand Lodge Opening  
2:00pm Cornerstone Ceremony

**Grand Masters Reception**

(Seegerstrom Shelby Event Center)  
5:00pm Social Hour  
6:00pm Grand Masters Reception



**Your check is your Reservation**

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2021  
NO RESERVATION CAN BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

**Attire:**

**Morning of the Cornerstone - Business Suit**  
**Reception for the Grand Master - Tux**

For more information call: Michael Sekera (951) 265 - 7717

Email: mikesekera@gmail.com

Hosted by: **The 33 & El Bekal Shrine**

Reservation for 2021 Grand Masters Reception. Must be in by **August 25, 2021 \*\* (Limited Seating) \*\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Choice's: **Filet Mignon** \_\_\_\_\_ **Salmon** \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guest: ( ) x \$150 per person

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

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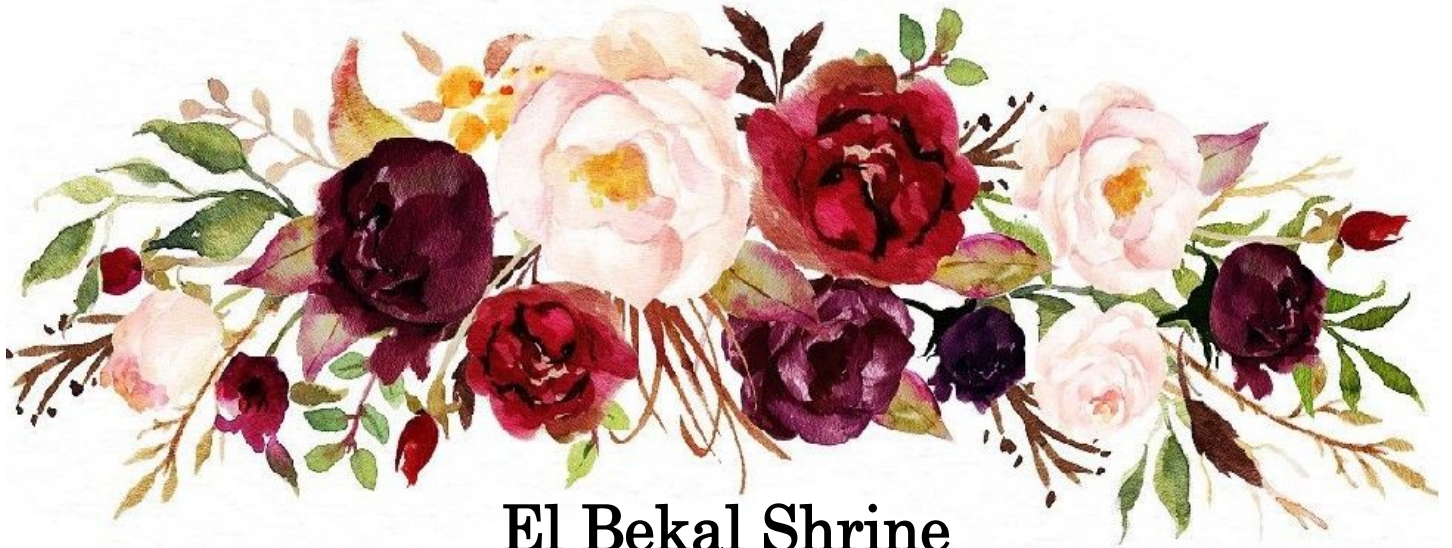
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# El Bekal Shrine First Lady's Luncheon

Honoring the Past First Ladies of  
El Bekal Shrine

Sunday, September 12th, 2021

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

11:00 am Social 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Entertainment  
Door Prizes Vendors Opportunities

Contact a Divan lady for tickets or send a check to Pat Allen  
618 Wake Forest St,  
Brea, CA 92821  
(714 397 0446)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
\$35 per person X \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please R.S.V.P by August 27th, 2021

Hope to see all of you.



## El Bekal Shrine All in one Clubs & Units POV



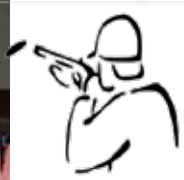
Bert Ekstrom representing Ali Baba's



mbassador's



Ambassador's President Edwards Heart



Claybusters President Bob Thomas



Directors Staff President Russ Allen  
& his Lady Pat



Nomads President Bruce Shaphran  
& His Lady Jennifer





# El Bekal Shrine All in one Clubs & Units POV



Oasis Patrol President Norm Smith & his daughter



Ernie Ramirez & his lady Maria representing the Clowns



Merritt Read & his lady Kim representing Past Master Club



Bruins President Mike Selix & his lady Michelle



Tin Lizzies President Rich Schade & his lady Yvonne



President of Royal Chariots Jo Pat Williams & his lady Sue & representing the Golf Club





# El Bekal Shrine All in one Clubs & Units POV



Elsinore - Sun City & Ramona President  
Allen Bowman



Chuck Wilson & his lady Barbara  
representing South Coast



# El Bekal Shrine All in one Clubs & Units POV





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# El Bekal Shrine Western BBQ Honoring our Past Potentates



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**to all our Past Potentates**  
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# El Bekal Luau Party 6/13













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.

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

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

If you think you would like to join us, we’d be glad to see you. If you have any questions, or need further details or directions, please feel free to contact me directly at 949/584-9716 or at: [southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net](mailto:southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net). We would be proud to have you associate with us. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship. You are always WELCOME at South Coast.



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’.

**TBT:** 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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## Some helpful websites

El Bekal: [elbekal.com](http://elbekal.com)

Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)

[ShrinersVillage.com](http://ShrinersVillage.com) (Need membership No. to join)

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2021 Imp Session: <https://imperialsession.com>

WSA: [westernshrine.org](http://westernshrine.org)

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

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



# Tin



# Lizzies

Ted Segerstrom June 2021

Well we did it! We actually got to see each other in person! No more little tiny little pictures of each other. I'm referring to our first big event with our POTE at the all units & clubs POV on Sunday June 6th! What a great feeling to finally get back to a normal life of sorts.

There was a great turnout for the POV with representatives from of the units & clubs together for lunch with the POTE. The Tin Lizzies had a great presence there with many members showing the support for our first gathering. Hopefully now, we can get back to our regular meetings together again.



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## EI BEKAL CLAYBUSTERS

June 2021

Well the Claybusters were finally able to meet up with the other Shriners at the joint POV on June 6th! What a nice turnout it was. Many members will be getting back together once again. Let's keep it going Shriners!

Capt. Robert Thomas Jr. presented Pote Sekera with the tradition POV gifts. Once we get back up & running, we'll have another turkey shoot fundraiser and be able to present the POTE with a nice check. Capt. Robert is getting our shooting schedule organized for the rest of this year so we can gather together once again at the range. Until then, let's keep getting those shoots!



# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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Greetings Nobles and Ladies,

As you can see we are having events at the El Bekal Shrine Center, we are seeing other in person now. As we do so, let us all be aware of each other and there needs, while some may want to have a BIG HUG, others are not quite there yet and just want a warm smile and a gentle bump at this time. Please be aware of the new rules and guide lines set by the State, County, City, Grand Lodge, and El Bekal Shrine. I know it is allot to take in, but we have gotten this far, let us take it all the way to the end and over the finish line.

As we reopen our Lodges, think about getting new members , ask them to join in our fun.

As for our Units and Clubs getting back together, think about ways to get current and new members out to join you for your meetings and events.

Come up with a news letter, a flier, a short blurb about what you are doing, where and when you are meeting next, what your Unit or Club is about and why a Noble should join your fun group.

We all know that our Units and Clubs have FUN events too, well if you don't tell anyone about them, how do you expect anyone to come to them !

We have The Royal Chariots, Tin Lizzies, ClayBusters, Long Beach Shrine Club, Valencia Shrine Club, South Coast Shrine Club, Oriental Band, Steel Band, Directors Staff, Legion of Honor, Ali Baba Sheik's, Oasis Patrol, Bruins Club, Nomads, Past Masters, Ramona Shrine Club, Golf Club, Ambassadors Club, Sons of the Desert Shrine Club.

Lets get the word out that we are back and stronger then ever, ready to have fun and see everyone once more.

Larry Griffin  
Editor, Treasurer, P.P.

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## The Clown Unit is Filling the Box Will your Unit or Club be next?

“Operation Santa” at El Bekal Shrine. We have box for collecting Christmas gifts for the children at the Shrine Medical Center. Instead of asking for gifts two months before I think it would be easier for everyone if we started now. This way if you see a gift at the store from now until December you may just pick the gift for the children up. We will also be accepting “Cash Donations” then if that happens we will buy the Gifts for the Children.

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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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			Palm Springs Scottish Rite POV	POV Valencia SC Ladies Day DC 2		El Bekal Potentate Ball DC 1

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on the calendar

# AUG 2021



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						Jr. Past Potentate Merritt Read's Ball DC 3
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Coachella #476 51100 Jackson St. Coachella, CA 92236 Stated Mtg. 1st Thur. (760) 398-5157	Cornerstone #659 1701 W. La Habra Blvd. La Habra, CA 90631 Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed. (562) 691-1476	Gateway #339 500 E. Imperial Hwy. Brea, CA 92821 Stated Mtg. 1st Tues (714) 256-1452	Downey United #220 8244 Third St. Downey, CA 90241 Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs. (562) 862-4176	Evergreen #259 5801 Chicago Ave. Riverside, CA 92821 Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed PO Box 56564 (909) 261-9134
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* Francis H. Gentry	1953
* Robert R. Ruchti	1954
* Oakley K. Morton	1955
* W. Blair Gibbens	1956
* Edward M. Humes	1957
* Cecil L. Fulcher	1958
* Robert H. Webb	1959
* George F. Thagard, Sr.	1960
* James Munholland	1961
* Ralph E. Barnes	1962
* Jessie M. Allen	1963
* Roy T. Reynolds (Lucille)	1964
* Leroy H. Crager	1965
* Roy A. Hopkins	1966
* Louis J. Anfinson	1967
* J.S. Scotty Finlay	1968
* J. Dick Sisemore	1969
* Archie Lloyd	1970
* 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
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## EL BEKAL STATED MEETING

**Monday July 12th, 2021**

Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday July 9th, 2021

**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 July 12th, 2021, 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 & 2021 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally,  
 Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate

Attest,  
 Coy Love, P.P., Recorder