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# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Nobles & Ladies,

We're moving into that time of year, for thoughts of apples, pumpkins, and Halloween. SoCal weather, however, usually gives us an extended period of warmth and sunshine, broken up by an occasional Santa Anas to remind us of the hot days we're leaving behind.

We have a busy month ahead; Monday Night Football is Back so come out for fun & Fellowship every week there will be Football with Hotdogs and Hamburgers.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a movie night showing "The Call of the Wild" with hotdogs, popcorn, candy and refreshments.

On September 26<sup>th</sup> is going to be a great event for fun & Fellowship it is called "It's a Small World" which we will be having different types of dishes "American, Italian, Mexican and Asian" check the flier out in this edition of the El Bekalan.

In October we are going to do something new and special, on October 13<sup>th</sup> we will be at the Shriners Medical Center to BBQ for the patients, their family and staff.

October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Movie Night at El Bekal Shrine parking we showing the movie "Hocus Pocus" a Halloween classic with hotdogs, popcorn, candy and refreshments.

On October 24<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Halloween Party for the kids at El Bekal Shrine we expect an especially good turn out so please don't miss this.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate 2021



## Who are the Shriners?

Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, truth and relief.

We are committed to:

- Being the premier fraternal organization for men of good character
- Having great programs and activities for Shriners and their families and friends in a spirit of fun, fellowship and social camaraderie
- Fostering self-improvement through leadership opportunities, education, the perpetuation of moral values and being involved in our communities
- Serving mankind through our philanthropy: Shriners Hospitals for Children®





# **El Bekal Shrine Stated Meeting At the El Bekal Shrine Center**



**Monday, October 11, 2021**

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST**

**[recorder@elbekalShrine.com](mailto:recorder@elbekalShrine.com)**

**Reservations due by October 8th, 2021**

**714-563-9111**

**Social 5:00 PM**

**Dinner: 6:00 PM**

**Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM**

- **Bring Your FEZ**
- **Bring Your DUES CARD**
- **Bring you LADY**
- **Bring The Spirit of FUN and GOOD FELLOWSHIP in your HEART**

# CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

In October the wheel of the year has turned to autumn and we begin to see signs of the coming winter, or at least what passes for fall and winter in sunny Southern California. This is a time for harvest celebrations, feasts and young people getting into shenanigans. The usual sights of Autumn, the time of harvest, are colorful falling leaves, pumpkins and gourds, apple pies, scarecrows, sheaves of grain, cornucopias, the start of football season and well-lit fireplaces.

Those youthful shenanigans tend to center around Halloween with trick-or-treating, costume parties, games like bobbing for apples, and haunted houses. The common Jack O'Lantern decoration is nowadays shown with a grinning expression or other whimsical face, but originally in Ireland they were a lot more scary. There they were made from large, carved turnips with hideous faces and horrible grimaces.

A certain few of these images of harvest and reaping are used by Freemasonry and Appendant Bodies as emblems of mortality, intended "to produce serious and melancholy reflections." In this time of pandemic we hardly need such reminders and I'm sure that our medieval ancestors hardly lacked any indicators of impending doom. But they did use them often, indicating to me that these emblems were necessary because those ancient people had a strong undercurrent of optimism despite difficult times. We can emulate those long-ago forbearers in our current times now that COVID has started to make a resurgence. We can still have our good times as long as we practice prudent caution for all our upcoming events. Some events that are planned for October are the regular Monday Night Football sessions, quarterly Stated Meeting, Halloween Party and the Festival weekend in Laughlin. Nobles, Ladies and friends, please be cautious at these fun events and when in crowded places. We want to continue seeing all of you at Shrine events and everywhere.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek

Chief Rabban



# ASSISTANT RABBAN



Howdy ya'll

Looking back on the last couple of months I wonder how can we have much more fun we could have packed in. But hang on folks, cause they is plenty more coming in the next few months. Just look at the El Bekal calendar and plan your outings with us. But please make a reservation as we need to plan on enough fun to go around. Some personal advice, My wife asked me one time, what should she do when she broke her leg in two places? I told her, Dang stop going to those two places! I woke up the next day in the ICU!

Seriously, as I was going over one of our Masonic lectures something caught my eye. One of the emblems we discuss is The Sword, pointing to a naked heart.

Quote;

“The Sword, Pointing to a Naked Heart demonstrates that justice will sooner or later overtake us, and although our thoughts, words and actions may be hidden from the eyes of man, yet that all seeing eye, whom the sun, moon and stars obey and under whose watchful care, even the comets perform their stupendous revolutions, pervades the inmost recesses of the human Heart, and will reward us according to our merits.”

Unquote.

My first thought was Man that piercing sword is going to hurt when administering justice. I think back on how many things that I have done that required forgiveness by others. I pray for their forgiveness. For myself as well as for their future. I was seriously hurt one time and I had a friend that was a Catholic Preist. So I asked him one day (after a little wine and Alabama branch water) how do I forgive the people who hurt me? I knew that the Bible tells us to forgive so I thought that maybe he possessed more insight than I did. He certainly Did! He said that when you hold resentment to that person you are BOUND to that person by an emotional link that is stronger than steel. Forgiveness is the only way to dissolve that link and set yourself free. You cannot live a great future while living and remembering the horrible things in the past. He said do not forgive for others sake, forgive for your sake. I wanted to pass this on to my brothers and sisters as I feel this is valuable info. I have seen some who live their lives in the past and I can still see the hurt in their eyes. I pray for each one of you that you can live life to the fullest.

Only those with internal peace can give it. (lao Tzu)

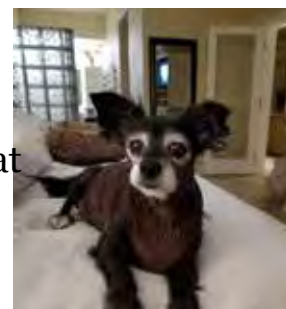
Jim Ridley

Assistant Rabban 2021

Bella Mia

Shrine Love Doggie

She understands when people talk to her. My neighbor asked her what was that on top of his house? She answered “Wroof, Wroof”.



# HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

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Another year is just flying by. Labor Day, the unofficial end of summer, has come and gone.

The kids and grandkids are back in school with lots of changes. They are settling in to their new normal for them, but we, as adults, are still pushing back, not believing that this is the new normal for us. Don't get me wrong, this is not a political statement for me, but I do believe that it has been proven that masks work and even though I have had my vaccine, I still wear my mask in public. I believe that the vaccine is great protection for not only me, but I have

grandchildren who are too young to have the vaccine and I certainly don't want to bring any germs home to them. Let's agree that we don't all have to agree about the vaccine or the virus, but we should remain respectful to each other. If people want to wear masks, then let's not stand at the door and discourage them from wearing them. Let's safely get together and make sure that our events are not a place where we are spreading this virus. I hope you had a safe summer and were able to spend some time with your family. As I write this article, we are making plans for a camping trip to celebrate our granddaughter's 6th birthday.

It is time to get back to do the work in the Shrine and our blue Lodges. Please remember that Monday night football has started and is always a fun night. Many Lodges are back doing degrees and I hope that you will find time to attend these degrees as we witness great men starting their Masonic future. We need to always remember that someday these men will want to join our great fraternity and being present as they advance is a great way for them to get to know us and build their desire to know more about the Shrine and welcome them to our membership.

On September 30th, my dad will turn 100 years old. My Dad has been a mason for over 62 years and he truly is "that Mason" that everyone should strive to be. Even at 99, my dad still sends letters and makes calls to members that he hasn't seen in a long time. My dad has lost a lot of his eyesight but has a large magnifying machine so he can read all of his Masonic newsletters and follow up with his Lodge brothers. My dad has always been my greatest supporter and has always made me want to strive to be a better Mason. He is definitely someone who has touched a lot of lives and is loved by everyone who knows him. We are so excited that he will be honored at his church and we will be having a small party for him. I hope to live a life as rich in blessings as my dad has and I hope that he will live to celebrate many more years and bless many more people with his phone calls and cards.

Send a card or make a call and let someone know that we miss them at the shrine!!!

Fraternally,

Tom Thomas

(562) 618-4714

TomHoytAuto@aol.com





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.

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Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ If so which  
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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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We have a NEW web sight @ 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.

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The Ali Baba Sheik's are meeting in person again. Like all units & Clubs it's been a long road, almost feels strange. The Unit is a little shorthanded as help, several have had too many Birthdays and are no longer able Bartend and such. If you have an interest in becoming an Ali Baba, please call Don Leger @ (949) 525-6210

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“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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## **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

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# Shriners Medical Center for Children

## Tidbits for the Temple

So why have we set up this affiliation with CHLA (Childrens Hospital of Los Angeles)? “Good question” says Chris Dougherty, Shrine Hospital manager. First reason has to do with what kind of facility we are now running. We are no longer a “hospital” since we have no overnight care. We are an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC). Remember that. There may be a test later.

By our affiliation with CHLA we have the ability to keep patients for extended care. This was, and still is possible at Huntington Hospital. But they chose to decrease their pediatric care, so we looked elsewhere for an additional partner. Our partnership with CHLA allows Shrine doctors privileges to admit there and vice versa. Some 15% of our patients require hospital care so this allows us to maintain our services. Inpatients go to them and outpatients to us in Pasadena. It’s a “win – win deal”.

CHLA is the fifth highest ranked childcare hospital in the U.S. based on the U.S. News and World Reports survey. And in addition to their high ranking, there are experiences which they have had which are helpful for us. Dealing with insurance providers is a skill which is old to them and newer to us. Although we process claims differently, they have connections with these companies and can provide guidance and assistance for us. There is a synergy when we work together for a common effort as we Masons know.

We can do clinical visits at CHLA and next month will be moving into doing urology procedures by CHLA doctors in our outpatient facility. Soon we will add gastro intestinal, ear nose and throat and dermatology to the services at our facility using their doctors. ENT is especially needed to do work on cleft palate as ear tubes are usually needed. They, in turn, can do orthotics and therapy with us.

We also have a partnership with the L.A. County Burn Station which handles emergencies. We do the follow-up tissue transplants, reconstruction and scar revisions in our ambulatory center.

Our strategic plan has brought us to this ASC format for services. It is a trend across the medical profession to streamline care and reduce costs without reducing the quality of what we are here to provide. The Pasadena facility has become a model for the restructuring we see around the world. Shrine still has it’s independent hospitals, and we also have ASCs, hospitals-within-hospitals and other new formats for providing care for our children.

Joe Stout  
Hospital Liaison





**Shriners Medical Center**  
**Appreciated Day & FAMILY BBQ**  
 For the Patients, their Family and the Staff  
 at the  
**Shriners Medical Center Pasadena**  
**October 13th**  
**10:00 am to 1:30pm**



**Free Free Free**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Hotdogs</b>     | <b>Potatoes Salad</b> |
| <b>Hamburger's</b> | <b>Chips</b>          |
| <b>Drinks</b>      | <b>Desert</b>         |



# HOCUS POCUS

**Friday Movie Night**

**October, 22nd, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

**El Bekal Shrine Center**

**Parking Lot**

**Hotdogs, Candy, Popcorn and**

**Beverages**





# El Bekal SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY



Sunday, October 24, 2021

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cost is FREE



Hosted by

Illustrious Potentate Michael and First Lady Abeer Sekera

**WEAR YOUR Halloween Costumes**

**Everyone invited – bring your family & friends**



**Lots of Fun  
And  
Games**



For reservations call or email

Bob Sambdman (562) 425-6522 or [bobpattisam@charter.net](mailto:bobpattisam@charter.net)

by October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**Illustrious Michael Sekera & his Lady Abeer**

would like to invite you to the

**First Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Thursday, November 21**

**Seating's at 5pm**

**Buffet Style Dining**

**\$40.00 per person**

**Roast Turkey with Gravy  
Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Corn on the Cob  
Cranbury Sauce  
Buttered Rolls  
Pumpkin Pie**



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All reservation must be made by Monday, Nov 15. No Ticket will be sell at the door.

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## Ladies of El Bekal Shrine, Friends and Family

The First Lady's Luncheon was a successful event. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all who attend our yearly First Lady's luncheon to honor our Past First Ladies of El Bekal Shrine. Your continued support year after year means so much. I feel honored to be part of the Shriner Family. I truly had a lot of fun planning and organizing this event & making all the teacup centerpieces, and don't forget the enjoyment I had for giving them away with little luck and donations. I truly enjoy the event and seeing all past First Ladies, Honored Ladies, Family and Friends. I hope everyone who came to the event enjoyed themselves as well. Congratulations to all the winners from the door prize opportunity, money bouquet, 50/50 and Inland Honor Ladies drawings. Congratulations!!

The entertainment was one of us, 2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Keith-Byron Jones. He is very funny and a professional Comedian!! Everyone needs a good laugh occasionally.

I would also like to thank the ladies who help and contributed their valuable time and energy to make this event a great success: Pat Allen - Chairman, Patti Sambdman - Vender Coordinator, Rhea Turek- Money Bouquet tickets sales, Maria Ramirez - 50/50 tickets sale, Lucy Tripodo & Glenda Malan - Registration table, Elaine Ludwing - Invocation, Lucy Tripodo - Pledge of Allegiance, Purveyors; Karl Sandhoff, Leon Lawler and Mike Williams, my Daughter Alexandra Sekera for all her assistance during this event. Thank you all!!

Thank you to all the Past First Ladies for all your hard work and effort that you have contributed to the Shriner over the years, for the benefit of the Children. You have made a difference in many Children's lives & their families.

You may think your light is small, but it can make a huge difference in other people's lives.  
Thank you all!!!

With all my love,  
First Lady, Abeer Sekera





# First Lady's Luncheon



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Winners



Elaine Ludwing, Money Bouquet Winner



Priscilla Lindquist 50/50 Tickets Winner



Inland Honor Ladies Winner  
Jasmin Calayag



# First Lady's Luncheon

## Assistants

Pat Allen



Patti Sambdman



Lucy Tripodo



Glenda Malan



Rhea Turek



Maria Ramirez



Elaine Ludwing



Alexandra Sekera

**Thank**

**You**

# First Lady's Luncheon



**Entertainment**



2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Keith-Byron Jones



**Vendors**



# El Bekal Paint & Sip event



Paint, Sip & Smile





## FROM THE 2020 POTENTATE

Kim and I again want to thank the 2020 Executive Board for unanimously approving our Potentate's Gala be held in 2021 and for Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera's cooperation in selecting the date. The event was a huge success. We thank the nobles, ladies, friends and family for their attendance and their love towards us. We are very appreciative of the gifts presented by the leaders of El Bekal's clubs and units. Kim loves all the charms and can't wait to make her bracelet. The skit by the

Past First Ladies was delightful. Kim loved the gardening bench presented to her by Mike and Michelle Selix. The gifts presented to us by our counterparts from Al Malaikah, Al Bahr, Kerak and Michael and Abeer Sekera were most generous. And we hope the gifts that we presented to everyone in attendance met with their approval. We want to thank Glenda Malan for her tremendous help with the event and the Friday Pre-Gala reception. Also thanks to Ron and Brenda Spangler, Linda Cagney and Lucy Tripodo for your assistance. Special thanks to our daughter Melinda for the flowers around Kim's incredible ceramic birdhouses, to the Ali Baba's for their work in the Oasis, Chuck Wilson for being the Master of Ceremonies, Edwin Calayag and Lito Soliven for being the photographers, Arlene Highlen for singing "America the Beautiful", Coy Love for handling the reservations and Larry Griffin for his assistance with the certificates for our counterparts. The evening could not have been better and we will fondly remember the event for the rest of our lives. Thank you again for your support.

Merritt and Kim Read





2020 Potentate Merritt Read and Lady Kim's Ball



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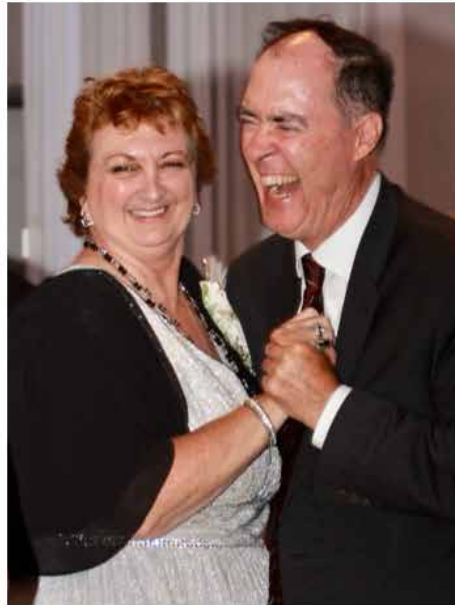


2020 Potentate Merritt Read and Lady Kim's Ball





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2020 Potentate Merritt Read and Lady Kim's Ball





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: [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.

Fraternally,  
**Chuck Wilson**, Bulletin Editor



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

If you’re looking for a place to connect with 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.






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### Some helpful websites

- El Bekal: [elbekal.com](http://elbekal.com)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)
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- 2021 Imp Session: <https://imperialsession.com>
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>
						Tustin Tiller Days Parade
<b>03</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>
					 Grand Lodge	Placentia Heritage Parade Grand Lodge
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
 Grand Lodge	Divan Meeting ¼ Stated Meeting DC 2		BBQ @ SCMC for Patients/Family/ Staff			
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
			General Gathering on ZOOM			
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
Shrine Halloween Party						Anaheim Halloween Parade CANCELED
<b>31</b>						
Halloween						

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<b>07</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Clay Busters Turkey Shoot		Divan Meeting				Riverside Veterans Day Parade TBD
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Photo Day 						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Nobles Thanksgiving Dinner				Thanksgiving Day		
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
						

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* David B. Slayton	1980
* Preston M. Jones	1981
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* Louis Andreatta	1983
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* Harold E. Sievers	1987
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* George Royce	1989
* Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* William Pherrin	1992
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* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Leo Sutliff	1995
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* Max Hiles	1997
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast (Mollie)	1999
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* John Rider (Barbara)	2011
* Bill Sizemore (Lynda)	2012
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Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:** That the Quarterly Meeting of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday October 11th, 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.

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