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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE





Nobles, Ladies, and Illustrious Sirs,

Wow! October is almost gone, the Holidays are upon us, what a fantastic year it has been for me so far. I can't begin to thank everyone enough for all their hard work and tremendous giving to El Bekal Shriners and our Shrine Hospitals. Thank you all! Abeer, Alexandra and I, have had the most enjoyable time representing El Bekal Shriners as your Potentate this year. I've been allowed to meet so many new and wonderful people throughout Shrinedom. The Potentate Balls I've attended were superb and the venues that each were held at were phenomenal. The new friends I've met will forever stay in our memories.

Since we last talked, we had some Great Events:

The Honored Ladies POV was very surprising, and everyone had a great time, thank you so much to all our Honor ladies and Lady Vera Geiger for having us as your

guest. It will be a very special memory for us always.

The Tustin Tiller Parade was our first and only Parade we had this year but just as always, we had a Great Time!! Tin Lizzes and the Chariots were represented, Job's Daughters was there as well as the Clowns and our very own Fire Truck.

The Shriners Golf Open Tournament, what can I say WOW!! What a great event I want to thank Ill. Sir John Rider and his Lady Barbra, Ill. Sir Merritt Read and his Lady Kim, Noble Rick Shade and his Lady Yvonne, Noble Ronald Michal and his Lady Valerie, Noble Mike Williams, Noble Jo Pat Williams, Lady Judy Dreiman-Edgmon, Richard Blanchard. For coming out and volunteering for this. El Bekal Shrine even got airtime on National TV!!! We signed up for next year hope you do too.

The Monday Night Football games have been great, thanks to our 1st Ceremonial Master Keith Jones and his Lady Natalie and 2nd Ceremonial Master James Segerstrom who have been doing an outstanding job. If you haven't been there, you're missing a great time had by all every Monday Night. The flier is in the El Bekalan look for it!!

The Shriners Medical Center Appreciation Day was a very special event for El Bekal Shrine. Over 21 of our own Nobles and their ladies helped for this event. So, a special shout out to Noble Lloyd Miller and his lady Sari, (brought his Shriner Harley) Noble Russ Allen and his lady Pat, Noble Chuck Wilson, Chief Rabban Al Turek, Assistant Rabban Jim Ridley, Noble Karl Sandhoff II, Noble Joe Stout, Noble Gary Leister, Noble Gene DeRaad (brought his Tin Lizzie), Noble Bob Katz, Noble Ernie Ramirez and his Lady Maria, Noble John Lake and his Lady Myrle (brought his Tin Lizzie). We also had some of the ladies such as Lady Glenda Malan, Lady Pat Johnson, and Lady Lucy Tripoda thank you for everyone's help today. The staff was also very helpful thank you to Connie Lujan, Aaron Hanson, Chris Doughtery. Also, a big thank you to Ill. Sir Merritt Read for arranging a tour of the Medical Center for some of our Nobles and their ladies.

Sincerely & fraternally,

Ill. Sir Michael Sekera, and Lady Abeer







El Bekal Annual Meeting, Election, and Installation of Officers

Being held at the El Bekal Shrine 1320 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

Annual Meeting, Program and Dinner Honoring

Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera and Lady Abeer

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled ANNUAL MEETING of El Bekal Shrine will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022 at the El Bekal Shrine. Commencing at:

2:00pm. Business to be conducted will include voting on all petitions received since our last Stated Meeting and adjustments to Shrine budget. Annual Elections and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

2022 Dues Cards required, wear your Fez. By-laws are available for inspection at the Shrine Center office.

Fraternally, Michael Sekera Potentate Attest: Coy Love P.P. Recorder

Schedule: 2:00pm Business Meeting, El Bekal Shrine Center, 2022 Dues Cards required.

4:00pm Potentates Hospitality, open to the general Nobility and their Ladies.

5:00pm Dinner for Nobles and their Ladies, Awards for 2021, Installation of 2022 Officers.

Attire: Nobles, for the evening & dinner, Tuxedo or Coat & Tie with Fez. Ladies, for the evening & dinner, Cocktail Dress or Formal. Pick up your tickets for seating reservations at El Bekal Shrine Center foyer.

IN AND OUT 2022

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8,





Reservation Form for In & Out Dinner 2022 must be made by Monday January 3, 2022

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Please reserve [] place	ce(s) for the In & Out Dinner \$40.00 per pe	rson. \$	
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CHIEF RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

Ah November, when the late harvests are completed and it's time for feasts of thanks. Many countries commemorate this season with feasts and many of them are even called Thanksgiving. Some of those countries are Germany, Rwanda, Japan, Brazil, Australia, Liberia and Grenada and others. To be honest, some of them have copied the U.S. Thanksgiving Day. Canada has their Thanksgiving Day in early October, probably because winter weather comes earlier in the north. Britain used to have a Thanksgiving feast on November 5th to commemorate the foiled Gunpowder Plot in 1605 that was intended to assassinate the King and Parliament. This has turned into Guy Fawkes Day with less eating and more fireworks.

Our own Thanksgiving Day evolved from the ancient late harvest feasts through a long series of changes. German immigrants brought their Octoberfests, originally giving thanks for the end of a long siege, but a royal wedding was later added to it. Pilgrims had their own festivals, as we all learned in grade school. George Washington proclaimed a day of thanksgiving during his presidency, but later presidents didn't continue it. For several years, Evacuation Day was held on the last Thursday in November to remember when the British Army left the fledgling U.S. at the end of the Revolutionary War. And of course, we all learned about President Lincoln's 1863 proclamation for a day of thanksgiving to be held on the last Thursday of November, establishing our current Thanksgiving Day. That last Thursday was changed to the fourth Thursday by President Roosevelt in 1939.

So you can probably tell that I'm rather fond of Thanksgiving Day, and not just because my birthday falls close to the holiday. It's always good to give thanks, have family gathering together for a happy time, and it's one of the few times that it's okay to eat until so overstuffed that it's difficult to move or stay awake. There's always that one last helping of pie...

A reminder, Nobles, Ladies and friends, please continue to be cautious at events and 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

We have had a super busy month of October. We sold merchandise at a Lynard Skynard concert and part of the proceeds went to the Shriners medical centers. We had a great time at the Tustin Tiller parade with the Tin Lizzies, Clowns, Royal Chariots, Calliope and our very own fire truck participating. Several Nobles and their Ladies volunteered at the Shriners open in Las Vegas. We had a great turn out for the BBQ at our medical center in Pasadena. We fed over 150 kids, their parents and all the staff. We held our very scary Halloween party and least we forget every week our Monday night football event. The \$5 all you can eat and drink has attracted a LOT of Nobles, Spouses and friends. We could not have made these events as successful as they were without all the assistance we

had from so many people. We truly do appreciate each and every one of you.

Thank you all for allowing me to attend the Assistant Rabban School in Tampa, Fla. I had a great time and learned soo much. We had classes on Shrine Law, Budgeting, program planning, leadership and mentoring and of course membership retention and development. As a result, we are currently developing a five year plan for our Shrine. We will roll it out as soon as we get the changes and approvals of the Divan as well as the Cabiri.

Today I want to talk a little bit about WISDOM. As we know the three great pillars in our lodges represent Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. The Master represents Wisdom. But how does he gain that wisdom? Ask a man that has failed. (Myself for instance) For without failure you can not become wiser. But being wise and/or being smart doesn't give you wisdom. In my opinion it is a lifetime collective process. I have spent many hours with great scholars and learned much but never how to achieve wisdom. Knowledge can exist without wisdom but not the other way around. Going back to our Masonic roots, how did King Soloman have so much wisdom as to put together all the resources needed to build such a great Temple? As most things Masonic, there are no direct answers, just more questions. One of the most prolific lessons of the third degree, for me, was "when human strength and wisdom fail" ask for wisdom through the medium of prayer. I'm not the wisest person on top of the mountain, but when I pray for wisdom I usually receive enough to get me through that particular trying time. That's really all we can ask. When you pray to your Deity don't forget to pray for wisdom. It will probably be the best asset that you have.

I read that Wisdom and Virtue are like the two wheels on a cart. You are not going very far without both of them.

Shrine love to all, Jim Ridley Assistant Rabban 2021 Bella Mia Shrine Love Doggie 2021





HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET



It is hard to believe that we are already headed towards the end of the year and into elections. I hope that when you consider who should hold each office this next year that you consider some important factors.

We currently have someone who has decided to run for the office of High Priest and Prophet which as you know is not the normal place to run for a position in the line. This decision will cause a contested election. As most of you know, the person who is currently the Oriental Guide and would normally be the one to be elected as Hight Priest and Prophet for next year is my son in law, Andy Prutsman. Andy has been a presiding officer in many masonic groups, with him currently serving as Master of our lodge for the 2nd term. Andy's qualifications speak loudly for him and he is definitely the right person to

be elected as the High Priest and Prophet for this next year. Andy has not always had it easy as he battled cancer this past year and won. We have not been able to attend as many shrine functions as we would like due to him still recovering and he has to be very careful around any potential germs. A contested election is defined as the following: to say that you do not agree with or accept (something): to try to win (something): to struggle or fight for or against something. Contested elections have a long time history of splitting an organization and the organization having a tough time recovering from that. If someone has not properly done their job then there is a proper way to asking them to step down or removing them.

It has been my experience in the Masonic bodies that once you are elected to a progressive line, you make the commitment to continue through that line and unless you have done something wrong, the organization continues to support that person for the next position in the line.

There is a position in the line that is the normal place to enter the progressive live and when someone wants to start farther up that line and bump someone out who has properly served the organization, I find myself questioning this person's motives and if they are looking into what is best for the organization or if they don't want to do the work that is involved with the lower offices. Deciding to jump into the middle of a progressive line should be questioned and determined if that person is really the correct person to run this temple. If their beginning in the progressive line starts like this then what other questionable actions may follow in the balance of their years in the line.

I belong to another organization that is going through their own challenges and have unfortunately decided to air their dirty laundry on social media. When I look at these posts and see the negative things that are being posted and the people who are saying that this just makes them want to walk away from masonry all together it makes me question if the people involved are really looking at what is best for the organization.

I challenge you to carefully look at the decision that you are making when you cast your vote for each of the temple's important positions. We need people in this temple and we certainly can't afford to run anyone away from this temple. I encourage the person who is causing this contested election to look into the reasons behind his desire to jump ahead in the line and why he feels that he can't just follow the system that has been in place for many years. I encourage him to let his wishes to join the line known and step into the line at the bottom where he has the benefit of the full years in the line to learn all about this great organization and great temple.

Before you vote, carefully look at the candidate's qualifications and what previous Masonic leadership positions that each of the candidates has held. Consider the effect that it might have to replace someone who has fulfilled his duties in the previous job and already considering what is best for the temple and nobility.

Fraternally, Tom Thomas (562) 618-4714 TomHoytAuto@aol.com

ORIENTAL GUIDE



Greeting Nobles,

As you may have noticed, my articles have been missing in the El Bekalan lately. As you may know, I am the Master of Cornerstone Lodge and the procedures of reopening the Lodge after the pandemic have proven to be cumbersome. As it has come to my attention that there will be a contested election for next year's High Priest and Prophet. Considering this is a unique situation, I feel I should reintroduce myself and officially announce that I will be running for the position of High Priest and Prophet. 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. The most important thing to me is my family. I have been married to my amazing wife, Mary Ann, for 12 years and we have two wonderful children, Nathan (11) and Emma (6), who you have probably seen running barefoot at Shrine events. I was not raised

in a Masonic family, but I married into an extremely Masonic family. Most of you know that my father-in-law is Tom Thomas, our current High Priest and Profit, and he has been a Mason for 37 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.

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!

I was raised a Master Mason in Cornerstone Lodge No 659 on April 16, 2014. I have been a Shriner for 6 years. I have served this Divan and shrine for the past two years as your Oriental Guide and First Ceremonial Master. The past two years, I have also served as Master of Cornerstone Lodge No 659. I am a York Rite Mason and have served in the capacity of High Priest for my Royal Arch Chapter and Past Commander of my Commandery (twice) and am currently a dais officer for my Council of Cryptic Masons. I have served three years as an Inspector for the Grand Commandery of California and am currently serving as Adjutant to Roger Ross, who is in the progressive line for the Grand Commandery of California. I have also received the Knight Commander of the Temple for my service to Grand Commandery of California.

In 2017-2018, I had the opportunity to serve a one-year appointment with the Grand Commandery of California. During that year, we traveled to many receptions for our three presiding Grand Officers of the York Rite. At every reception, I heard a speech from each presiding Grand Officer and each all had their own message, but all three delivered similar themes. The Grand High Priest wanted us to "let our light shine". The Illustrious Grand Master focused on mentoring and letting those know they have potential to do great things. Lastly, our Grand Commander told us to "do it for the cause and not the applause".

Nearly 5 years later, I still carry these lessons with me. We need to let our light shine on our Shrine and show others what we do. I believe that Shriners have a special cause with our commitment to the Hospitals and our Shriner's Kids. The feeling of knowing what our fundraisers sponsor and seeing the results is more rewarding than anything else. Mentoring has been a huge roll in who I am in this fraternity. Every role or office I have served in, someone has encouraged me and pushed me because they saw something in me that I hadn't seen in myself. Without these men, I would still probably be a dues card carrying sideliner, but I certainly wouldn't have served as their presiding Officer. Lastly, do it for the cause and not the applause. I was asked to serve our Shrine like I had for my other Masonic groups I have presided over. No personal gain, except the satisfaction of serving my Shrine. My mentors have once again challenged me and charged me to serve this Shrine and make it the best version of El Bekal that we can be.

Many of you are aware that I fought Cancer during the pandemic, which made it difficult for me to attend Shrine events, as I couldn't be present in groups. My Lodge brothers supported me at every step of the journey. I didn't join Masonry for what it would give me, but I have certainly been blessed by it. I hope that I can continue to bless my Brothers and the Nobles of this Shrine in anyway that I am capable and I look forward to a healthier world where we can get back to all of our normal activities! What a great day it is to be a Shriner!

Andy Prutsman, Oriental Guide

1st CEREMONIAL MASTER



Illustrious Nobles.

"Greetings and Salutations!

Hopefully everyone has been having a good year....or at least have developed a good sense of humor given the Covid-19 Pandemic.

This article is my official notice to the Nobility of my intent to run for the office of Oriental Guide for the 2022 year.

For those who do not know who I am, my name is James Segerstrom. Although I am only 32 years of age, my Masonic Life has been a fascinating journey, both for myself and my family's Masonic History. I am either a 4th or 5th generation Mason (there is a photo of my Great-Great Grandpa wearing a Shriners Fez, but nothing is confirmed).

Here is a little bit of that personal Masonic Journey as of the writing of this notice... I decided to petition for the degrees of Masonry at Orange Grove Lodge No. 293 F. & A.M. back in 2007, when I turned 18. To my surprise, my Dad, Ted Segerstrom,

asked me to hold off for a month or two, because he decided that he wanted to join with me. He and I received our 1st Degree the same night as each other in 2008. I went first, as I love to remind my Dad. It can be argued that Masonry skipped a generation in the family for 20 minutes.

Eventually, I received my 3rd Degree on November 10, 2009, and 2 months later, delivered the charge for my Dad when he got his 3rd Degree

I was asked to become the Junior Steward for my Lodge for the 2011 year, and worked my way up the line through 2018, when the Lodge elected me to serve as Worshipful Master for the 2019 year. It was one of the greatest honors I could have done, to serve the Brothers of the Lodge to the best of my ability.

On top of being a member of Orange Grove Lodge, here is a list of my Masonic Group Memberships, along with any offices I have held:

Valley of Orange County/Santa Ana Scottish Rite:

32nd Degree: May 2010, First Knight, Knights of St. Andrew: 2012, Wise Master, Chapter Rose Croix: 2013, Member of the Fellows Class: 2012/13, Master of Ceremonies, Lodge of Perfection: Current

Orange County York Rite: Royal Arch Chapter No. 73, Cryptic Council No. 14, Knight Templar Commandry No. 36, Allied Masonic Degrees

Orange Coast Council No. 162: Sovereign Master (2018-present)

York Rite College-Knights of York College

National Sojourners-Santa Ana/El Toro Chapter

Honorary Member (this was later upgraded to full member after enlisting in the California State Guard in 2015)

Order of the Eastern Star: Scepter Chapter No. 163, Associate Patron-Elect: 2022 year

DeMolay Orange Chapter: Dad Advisor: 2012-Present

After going through the Hot Sands in Laughlin, Nevada from November 5-7 in 2010, I became a Noble of El Bekal Shriners. I also met the Mandarin that same weekend too. That whole weekend was an experience I will never forget. I'm proud to say that I'm a 3rd Generation Shriner. Though as with Freemasonry, it skipped a generation when I joined. My Dad was initiated in 2011, and I top line signed his petition for the Shrine, 6 months after being initiated myself.

In El Bekal Shrine, I have served in these roles, and belong to the following Units/Clubs: Ambassador, Orange Grove Lodge No. 293 F. & A.M: 2011-2013

Potentate's Aide: 2014-15, Tin Lizzies: 2010-present, Claybusters: 2012-present

As a Member of the Divan, my positions are: Appointed, 1st Ceremonial Master: 2021 If elected as Oriental Guide, I promise to serve to the best of my ability. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and Fraternally, James Segerstrom 1st Ceremonial Master"



Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera & his Lady Abeer

would like to invite you to the

First Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 14th, 2021 Seating: 5pm Buffet Style Dining \$40.00 per person

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



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



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

"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.

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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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, of California. I the undersigned hereby declare that I am a Master Mason in good standing in Lodge No. 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 If retired, list former occupation E-mail: _ Wife's name Have you previously applied for admission to this or any other Shrine Temple?

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A Message from Edwin Calayag

RECUTIVE IN

Greetings Nobility:

I'am introducing myself, I'm Noble Edwin Calayag at the Shrine world known as "EDHEARTS", I was raised as a Master Mason from Long Beach L327, Long Beach CA, I earned my 32-degree Scottish Rite at the Philippine Bodies, I also earned my certification Masonic Education from the Institute of Masonic Education and Studies, jurisdiction of Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines.

I served Most Worshipful Tomas G. Rentoy III PGM of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Philippines, as his Aide Editor/Lensman and the Cable Tow Masonic Newsletter.

I'am formerly member of Mabuhay Shrine Philippines, who's for 8 consecutive years Hall of Fame at Shriners International and I served the Mabuhay Shrine at the capacity of:

Medical and Hospital Committee member that assist Crippled and Burned children on their admission to the local hospital, where Mabuhay Shrine have an isolation unit and orthopedic ward. We also assist the Patients and their Guardian in securing legal documents, applying for their passports, scheduled interview at the US Embassy and sending off for treatment at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in US. A committee member of the yearly journal publications and financial reports.

I served as Imperial Potentate Aide to Sir Jerry Gant and Sir Gary Bergenske on their meetings, hospital visits, Shriner's awarding night and ceremonial, in 2017 I was appointed the Mabuhay Shrine Ambassador to El Bekal Shrine of Anaheim CA.

In 2018, Imperial Session Daytona, FL, I represent Mabuhay Shrine Legion of Honor to receive their Charter Member.

For the last three years, I have been serving as an Executive Aide of El Bekal Shrine Past Illustrious Potentate Mike Selix, Merritt Read and currently with Illustrious Michael Sekera Potentate 2021. At present time, I'am the Potentate Executive Aide, Public Relations Officer — Photographer and currently the President, Ambassadors Club of El Bekal Shrine.

I'm running for the position of **High Priest and Prophet** in January 2022 with my goal with the help of Nobility to put up El Bekal Shrine on yearly Hall of Fame and through action not by words this dream will come soon.

Thank you Noble Edwin and Lady Jasmin Calayag





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WSA Special East West Bowl Package Thursday Feb 3, 2022 - 5:00 PM Kickoff \$100 per person

Includes Tailgate Party at the Luxor, Game Tickets and access to transportation. Game Tickets around the 40 yard line.

25 and 50 Year Certificates



During our Stated Meeting we had the honor to present a 50 Year Award and two 25 Year Awards. From left to Right Ill. Sir Coy Love, Noble David Bates, Noble Floyd Reid, Noble Tom Cory and Ill. Sir Michael Sekera.

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Noble Tom Cory

Noble Floyd Reid

50 Year Certificate:

Noble David Bates



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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 Marie Callender's in San Juan. Social time is at 12:00 Noon with a no-host If you're looking for a place to connect with other Nobles 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 We gather at the Garden Grove Elks Club on Trask & 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 and fellowship with Brother Nobles and guests. 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: 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?

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'.

Newhope in Garden Grove every Thursday for an 11:30 Social time followed by lunch, ordered from the menu,

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 descshrine455@charter.net. We would be proud to have you associate signed 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.

Some helpful websites

El Bekal: elbekal.com

Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/

ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)

beashrinernow.com

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

webfez.shrinenet.org/referral

shrinershospitalsforchildren.org

2021 Imp Session: https://imperialsession.com

WSA: westernshrine.org

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

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

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Long Beach #327 3610 Locust Ave. Long Beach, CA 90807 Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs. (562) 427-0821

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Garden Grove #351 11270 Acacia Pky. Garden Grove, CA 92840 Stated Mtg. 1st Tues. (714) 636-3112

Int. City Lodge #389 5155 E. PCH Long Beach, 90804 Stated Mtg. 1st Thrs. (714)322-8003

Menifee Valley #289 27221 McCall Blvd. Menifee, CA 92586 Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs. (951) 679-9493

Solomon's Staircase #357 6841 Western Ave. Buena Park, CA 90621 Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs. (714) 994-1822

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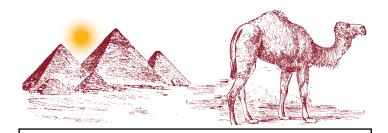
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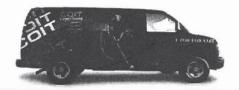
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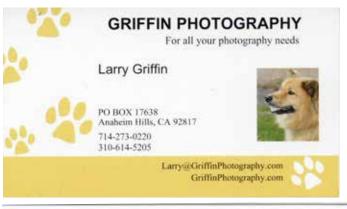
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Saturday, January 8, 2022 Meeting & Election of Officers: 2:00 pm Hospitality: 4:00 pm Dinner: 5:30 pm

Installation following Dinner

Reservations by Monday Jamuary 3, 2022 **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting and Elections of Officers of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, 2:00 pm at El Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting Elections of Officers and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2022 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR MEETING

Fraternally, III. Sir Michael Sekera, Potentate Attest.

Coy Love, P.P., Recorder