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<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>

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Deadline for articles are DUE,
July 14th 2023
 for the Aug 2023 issue.

Please e-mail your articles to:
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We have lots of room for more
names.

Contact Coy Love for more
information.

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Another busy month is completed and it included 10 consecutive days with one or more functions to attend. It started with the LOSNA Grand Council in San Diego. At the Grand Opening Kim and I were privileged to be escorted and introduced as a sitting Potentate and First Lady. We were then seated in the East with the Potentate from Al Bahr, the Grand Master, and the Imperial Potentate and First Lady. The next day for the escorts of Grand Officers and High Priestesses, I had the honor of escorting three ladies, including the High Priestess from El Riva Court. We then watched many of the skits that the various Courts performed.

El Bekal hosted the Friday afternoon hospitality suite at the Masters/Wardens Retreat in Indian Wells. I want to thank all the nobles that helped on that event. Next was the Country BBQ, which was an outstanding function. Our thanks to Ernie and Maria Ramirez who chaired the event, and to everyone who assisted them. We had a good turnout at the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Parade. 3 Chariots, 8 Tin Lizzie's and the Fire Truck participated. The SCJ DeMolay Priory rode on the fire truck. The All Clubs/Units POV was highly successful. Our thanks to everyone who assisted with the function, and to the clubs and units that made donations. First Lady Kim missed the POV due to emergency gall bladder removal surgery. It was causing a sepsis infection, but she is recovering nicely. She wants to thank all the nobles and ladies for their cards, flowers, prayers, and wishes for a speedy recovery. Finally, the Tri-Temple Ceremonial was a fabulous success. We welcome the 14 newly created Nobles and their families. We hope to see you at many upcoming events. Don't forget to sign up for our stated meeting on July 10 and the Potentates Gala on July 22. And the Celebration of Life for Illustrious Sir Don Leger will be on July 16. We hope everyone has a wonderful July 4th and don't forget to watch El Bekal at the Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade on ABC channel 4.



*Merritt Read
Potentate*

El Bekal Shrine

*Cordially invites you to the 2023 Potentates Gala
Illustrious Sir Merritt Read and First Lady Kim*

Saturday, July 22, 2023

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

Special Room Rates code 3179 at Ayres Hotel

2550 E. Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92806

Hotel reservations call 714-634-2106

Deadline for Hotel is June 9, 2023



*For further
information
contact Merritt
Read
714-875-6344*

Reservation for 2023 Potentate's Gala. Must be in by July 17, .Tickets will not be sold at door.

Name: _____ Unit/Club affiliated: _____

Address _____

Cell (_____) _____ Lady's name _____

Dinner Choice's: Prime Rib, _____ Salmon _____

Please reserve [_____] place(s) for \$ 70.00 each. Total amount \$ _____

Tel # (_____) _____ check # _____ MC [_____] Visa [_____] _____

Card # _____ Ex Date: _____ CVV(_____)code _____

Send checks and this form to: El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806
Memo: Gala 2023

CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and friends,

As we continue into this year of 2023 we are now past the halfway point. It has been a good year so far for Ill Sir Merritt Read and El Bekal Nobles. I am seeing an upturn in Members and their families coming out to the events and programs. I hear some saying that there may be too many things going on and to go to, but remember you have all gone a year and a half with nothing to do, so it may seem like a lot at this time. Remember that we all have changed our plans and the way we do things over the past 2 1/2 years and it is not easy to get

back into the way it was. I find you are doing a fantastic job coming out and supporting El Bekal Shrine. As you know we have a calendar of events on our website goggle calendar that you can always refer to and plan accordingly, so you are not overwhelmed with the happenings at the center. Just go to elbekalshrine.com find the calendar, you can also find the Elbekalan newsletter there also with lots of other great information to keep you up to date.

As we move forward, we still have lots of things planed for everyone, Stated Meeting, Potentates Ball, BBQ at the SCSC, El Bekal Picnic, Parades, and more. There is something for everyone, so pick and choose what you would like to take part in, one, some or all, it is all up to you how much you want to participate and be a part of all the fun.

I met with the Divan, and they are working hard and looking forward to making this and future years going strong. Keep in mind next year will be filled with lots of fun things to fill your calendar too. And remember it is all about having fun, seeing old friends, and meeting new ones too. This is what Shrindom is all about. Well, that and of course the Shriners Medical Centers and the kids and families that we help and support.

As always, I would like to thank everyone for the love and support you have shown for El Bekal and the El Bekal Divan. If you a question, concerns, ideas, or just need to talk to someone, please do not hesitate to contact any of your Divan members, their names and contact information is in the front of the El Bekalan newsletter.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Larry Griffin P.P.
Chief Rabban

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ASSISTANT RABBAN



Greetings Nobles!

I trust that everyone had a wonderful month of June. What a month it was.

The Tri-Temple Ceremonial with Al Malikah and Al Bahr was a fun day. Between our 3 Temples, there were 34 new Shriners created...14 from El Bekal alone! Fantastic work to our Nobility on getting these new members into our Temple. Keep it up.

July 2-6 is the 2023 Imperial Shrine Business Session, in Charlotte, North Carolina. As it is my first time attending Imperial, I promise the Nobility of our Temple to represent us to the best of my ability. 2024 Imperial Shrine will be held in Reno, Nevada.

A more detailed report about the Imperial Session will be given at the July 10 Stated Meeting for El Bekal Shrine.

If you have not yet done so, please make your reservations for the upcoming events and Stated Meeting.

Nobles, I take pleasure in telling you that your Divan is active in planning for the future of El Bekal. There are great plans in the works. We cannot do the planning alone though. Your assistance and input is greatly needed, as well as appreciated. As mentioned in previous articles, we cannot do our jobs if we are not told about issues, good or bad. Our open door policy will always be there. If you think we are doing great, or not so much, let us know.

In the meantime Brothers, keep up the great work we do as Shrine Masons. Have a great 4th of July, and please be safe if you partake in setting off some fireworks.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban



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HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Fantastic Sharemonial

We had a great turnout for the creation of new nobles, at Kiwanisland on June 11. Perhaps we should call it a SHAREmonial.

First of all, we had the opportunity to share fellowship between El Bekal, Al Bahr, and Al Malaikah at the Tri-Ceremonial. In addition, out of the 32 new nobles that were created, 14 are from El Bekal. As such, I feel that we definitely provided our fair share.

I'm looking forward to having a good time to making great memories with our newest members.

This month sees one of our most beloved traditions returns, as we will be parading at the Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade. This is the largest Fourth of July parade west of the Mississippi and be covered live on ABC.

As our Potentate, Chief, Raban, and Assistant Raban, will be making the trek to Imperial that weekend, the rest of the Divan will be doing our best to represent El Bekal along with our Chariots and Tin Lizzie's.



1st CEREMONIAL MASTER

1st Ceremonial Master Report



Noble Edwin Calayag

WELCOME NEW NOBLES TO EL BEKAL SHRINE

It's my pleasure to report the recent Tri-Temple Early Summer Ceremonial that composed of three Shrine Temples of Southern California, Al Bahr of San Diego, El Bekal of Anaheim and Al Malakiah of Los Angeles, that held at Kiwanisland Park, Garden Grove, California on June 11 2023.

The El Bekal Shrine made up 13 new and 1 Associate Nobles:

Nobles Edwin Lopez, Erwin Pastor, Floren Ambatali, Don Soriano, Erwin Cubar, Mathew Godman, Mathew Kari, Edward Bonachea, Michael Goren, Scott Holland, Kenneth Edwards, Erick Franco, Fadel Lawandy and John Fredrickson.



EL BEKAL SHRINE CENTER

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NOTICE to Membership

Subject: Stated Meeting
At the El Bekal Shrine Center

Monday July 10th 2023

Time Social: 5:00 pm

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting Starts at 7:30 pm

Remember you need your 2023 DUES CARD & FEZ

Send your Reservation's into the Shrine Center

Name _____ Number of People _____

Larry Griffin PP
Chief Rabban

James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban

Keith Jones
High Priest & Prophet

Ernie Ramirez
Oriental Guide

George Boyd PP
Treasurer

Proposed Bylaw Change for El Bekal Shrine Center

To be voted on at the next Stated Meeting Monday, July 10, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

"Resolved, that the Annual Election of officers be held on the first Monday in December prior to the January Installation of Officers."

Albert Turek P.P.

A message from Chuck Wilson
Drivers wanted and needed
Call office for details





2023 EL BEKAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

EL BEKAL SHRINE WILL BE HOSTING IT'S ANNUAL
INVITATIONAL GOLF TOUTNAMENT AND
POTENTATES FUNDRAISER

CHECK IN AT
7:30 AM

SHOTGUN START AT

9:00 AM

HOLE IN ONE, LONG DRIVE, PUTTING,
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\$150

PER GOLFER

\$600

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*** INCLUDES 8:00 BREAKFAST & 1:00 BUFFET LUNCH ***

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

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EL BEKAL SHRINE OFFICE • 714 563-9111

Fees for this tournament are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution

REGISTRATION FORM

2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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PLEASE MAIL REGISTRATION FORM WITH ENTRY FEE TO:

EL BEKAL SHRINE

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T SIGNS

Tee Signs for the October 15, 2023 Golf tournament may be purchased for a donation in the amount of \$50.00

Please Contact golf chairman Keith Jones or Coy Love. In regards as to how you want the sign to read. See the FORM on Next Page

Please Send payment to El Bekal.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO EL BEKAL GOLF SHRINE

CONTACT INFORMATION: El Bekal Shrine
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Thank You In Advance,

Keith Jones

Larry Griffin P.P.
Chief Rabban

James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban

Keth Jones
High Priest & Prophet

Ernesto Ramirez
Oriental Guide

Gorge Boyd P.P.
Treasurer



Long Beach Shrine Club Oldest Shrine Club in Shrinedom Celebrating 118th year



Tournament House



Our tour of the tournament house



Tin



Lizzies

June 2023

Well, May end up with two new members in our unit & one actually was able to joint us in the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival parade. Karl Sandhoff made his public debut in the parade. Capt. Rick Schade fielded 8 Tin Lizzie members for the parade. Those members were: Capt. Rick Schade, Treasurer Ron Michal, Rudy Penalosa, Al Jazwiecki, Doug Highlen, Gene DeRaad, John Lake & Karl Sandhoff.

Everyone was blowing all the dirt out of their rides and getting things tuned up for the big one coming in July! The ever popular Huntington Beach 4th of July parade!. So far in June, we have two more new members itching to get a ride and start parading with us. Al Jazwiecki is working hard to get them a good one.

Capt. Rick and Lady Yvonne Schade also attended the All-unit POV and presented Pote Merrit Reed a nice check from the Tin Lizzies.



CLAYBUSTERS

Claybusters President, Robert C. Thomas, Jr. and Lady Mila, were on hand with many members, at the all-unit POV last week, to give Pote Reed a check from the unit. The Claybusters are planning for another fundraiser Turkey Shoot later this year, and POTE Merrit Reed and First Lady Kim, are looking forward to attending. It will be in Nov. and all members & friends of El Bekal are invited.



EL BEKAL ALL CLUBS/UNITS POV





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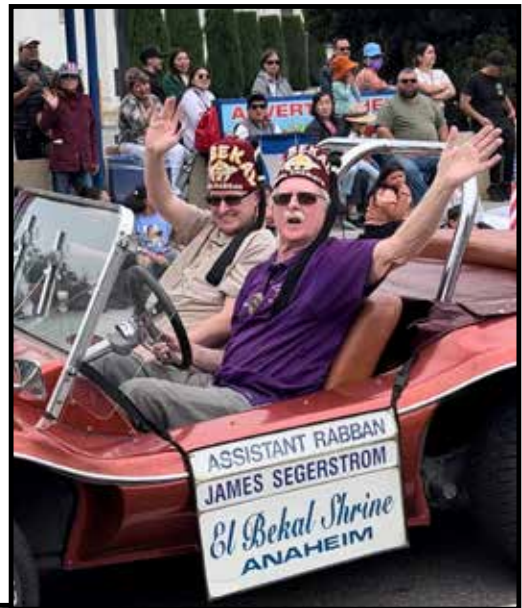
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Garden Grove Parade with the Royal Chariots and the Fire Engine. (See the Tin Lizzie's article for their pictures.)





MASONS OF CALIFORNIA ARE COMING OUT SWINGING FOR YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with Angels Baseball, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring the fun and team-building skills of baseball to more California kids. MLB foundations in each region are committed to serving the community and providing a positive outlet for children. Throughout the season, teams of Masonic lodges in each region face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can, by purchasing baseball mitts for children who participate in programs through the MLB foundations. At the end of the campaign in the fall, our grand master will present a check to each of our four MLB partners.

HELPING KIDS ONE MITT AT A TIME

Each year, regional teams of Masonic lodges compete to purchase high-quality leather baseball mitts for children who participate in charitable baseball programs. Now in its tenth season, California Masons have raised more than \$826,000 – 41,302 plus mitts!

The charitable baseball programs offered through the Major League Baseball teams provide sports instruction, a safe place to play, help developing teamwork skills, and guidance on health, nutrition, study skills, and more.

CALLING ALL ORANGE COUNTY MASONS!

The North County Bees are our team, and they need help defeating their rival Bears!

\$20 donates a mitt, scan the QR Code and take 3 minutes to contribute to a truly wonderful cause and represent our youth. Include your member number (located on your dues card either physical or digital) and share the word!



TRI-TEMPLE CEREMONIAL
El Bekal, Al Bahr & Al Malaikah
Kiwanis Land Park, June 11, 2023



14 new Nobles for El Bekal



34 new Nobles combined by the three Temples.



**New Noble Fadel Lawandy
being fezzed by son Jeremiah.**



**New Noble Floren Ambatali
being fezzed by wife Lucila.**



**New Noble Edward Bonachea
being fezzed by First Lady Kim.**



**New Noble Erwin Cubar
being fezzed by Aunt Jonna.**



**New Noble Don Soriano being
fezzed by daughter Samantha.**



**New Noble Erick Franco
being fezzed by wife Noemi.**



**New Noble Ken Edwards
being fezzed by father Dale.**



**New Noble Michael Goren
being fezzed by wife Harriet.**



**New Noble Don Ancheta being
fezzed by friend Kara Fredrickson.**



**New Noble John Fredrickson
being fezzed by wife Kara.**



**New Noble Edwin Pastor
being fezzed by First Lady Kim.**



**New Noble Matthew Kari being
fezzed by WM Lindsay Shortland.**



**New Noble Erwin Lopez
being fezzed by First Lady Kim.**



**New Noble Scott Holland
being fezzed by wife Sherri.**



**El Bekal Divan attended
in full force.**



**The three Potentates being
part of the ceremony.**



**The Ritualistic Team preparing
to obligate the candidates.**



**El Bekal's Ritualistic Potentate
Fred Wolf participated.**

El Bekal Shrine

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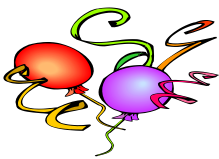
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And **FUN DAY!**

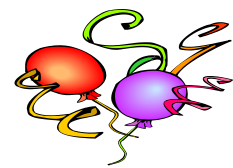
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11 'til 4



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FREE

**Hot Dogs &
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Beverages**

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Fun & Games
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El Bekal Official Visit to Orange County Scottish Rite

Monday, August 7

**DeMolay Center
303 W. Lincoln Ave.
Anaheim**



Meeting at 6:15

Dinner at 7:00

\$15.00 per person

OV to follow

**Call 714-543-7277 for
dinner reservations.**

A NIGHT OF FOOD, FRIENDS, FUN, MUSIC, CIGARS & VIEWS!



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SAT. AUG. 12th 2023

4pm Plaque Dedication for "Walking Tall"
Social at 5pm • Dinner at 6:30pm
Awesome A Shrine Club grilling on site!

**Cost: \$60 Dinner
+ \$25 for 3 Premium Cigars**

Choice of:

- Chicken, steak or beef kabobs + humus, rice, salads & dessert
- Full bar • Keg beer
- Bourbon tastings

Shrine Auditorium Rooftop

FREE Parking: Enter on 700 West 32nd St. Parking Structure



EL Bekal Shrine
BBQ for our outstanding
Medical Center staff and
our fabulous Shriner kids

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Shriners Children's So. Calif.
909 S. Fair Oaks Ave.
Pasadena

Tuesday, August 15
Setup at 10:00
BBQ 11:00 - 1:30



LOSNA GRAND COUNCIL IN SAN DIEGO



Grand High Priestess Lady Linda Figler.



Imperial Potentate Kenny Craven and First Lady Jennifer introduced at the altar.



Grand Master of California WM Randall Brill escorted at the altar.



Potentates Mike George from Al Bahr along with El Bekal Potentate Merritt Read and First Lady Kim introduced at the altar.

Waiting for escorts to begin.



Portrait of PHP Diane Wehmeyer, who was running for office. She won Grand Inner Guard.



We enjoyed sitting in the East.



High Priestess Sylvia Krawczyk of El Riva Court escorted by El Bekal Potentate Merritt Read.



High Priestess Sharon Blanton from El Tanya Court escorted by PHP Shari Dodds.



High Priestess Lisa Hooper from RA-MA Court escorted by El Bekal Noble and husband Curtis Hooper.



Our Shriner ladies having fun at Grand Council. Our El Bekal noble Russ Allen helped make some of the cars.



Please join El Riva Court #102
At Our Fundraising
“Wonderland Fantasy Tea”



Silent Auction, Door Prize, Vendors, and MORE!

Where: Evergreen Masonic Center
5801 Chicago Avenue, Riverside, CA

When: July 8, 2023

Time: 2 to 4 p.m.

Donation: \$20 Per Person
(\$30 Per Vendor)

RSVP to: Cheryl Smiley 951-536-5995

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Fruits of our labor:
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JULY 29, 2023

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



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Southern California**





EL TANYA COURT NO. 61



A Good Time for All Ways and Means

Saturday

July 29, 2023

Social: 4 PM

Donation \$30

Dinner: 5:30 pm

(Non-Tax Deductible)



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



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For tickets, contact:
Millie Hintergardt, PHP
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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

El Riva Court # 102 Invites you to join us for

Quarter Mania



Thursday, August 3rd

TIME 6:00pm

\$20.00 per Person

(Sandwich Meal Box and Paddle)

Bidding is Additional

Additional Paddles Available for a Small Fee

Bring your quarters or buy them there.



Evergreen Masonic Lodge
5801 Chicago Avenue, Riverside, CA

RSVP by Monday, July 31st to:

Lady JoAnne Suehs

951-907-0743 or JoAnne.suehs@verizon.net



Orange County Noblettes
Invites you to our annual "Patio Party and Robber's
Bingo" on

August 11, 2023 at 11:30 am
\$25.00 per person

at the home of
Nancy Lorenzen
715 S Sylvan Street • Anaheim, CA

RSVP 714-828-6526 or
email - nancylorzn@aol.com

Or

Rhea Turek 562-201-9084
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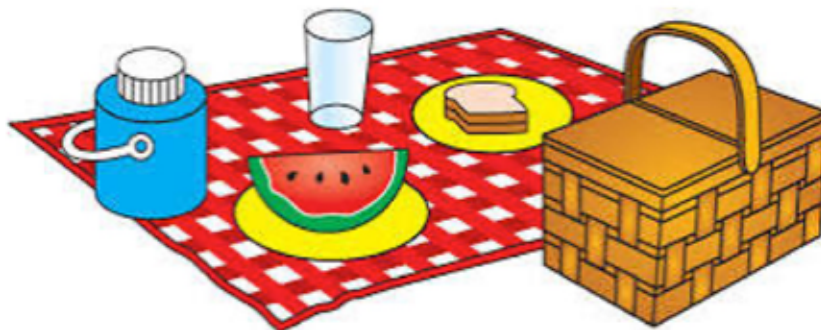
And fun entertainment

Sunday, August 20, 2023 at the
Shrine Center 1333 Sanderson Ave.,
Anaheim

Let's eat at 11:30!

Entertainment about 12:45

Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
Fixins
Salads
Drinks
Root beer
Floats



Hosts:
Merret
Temple,
Daughters
of the Nile
#103,
Anaheim

Friends, neighbors, children, ALL welcome!

Proceeds will assist the temple in its benevolent enterprises
and general functions.



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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"It's an experience you need to try at least once," encourages Bob Keep, a Shriner of nearly 30 years and Past Potentate of WA WA Shriners in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Fellow Shriner of 46 years and current Vice President of the Dixie Shrine Association Ben Hart agrees.

"If the Imperial Session is near your home base, and attendance does not cause a financial hardship on your family, attendance will allow you to meet the National Patient Ambassadors, Imperial officers and nobles from throughout the world," says Hart, who is a member of Marzuq Shriners in Tallahassee, Florida.

Keith Stika, Membership Chairman of Omar Shriners in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, agrees. "It's great to put a face behind the handshake," he says.

Imperial Session has been a treasured yearly tradition since 1876. Guests have the opportunity to attend a variety of open meetings and workshops; presentations; and the biggest Shriners parade of the year. Hart says the annual event enables him to keep up with current legislation and provide timely reports back to his temple.

But it's not all business. Guests can also attend countless social events and friendly unit competitions and performances.

Keep has traveled to Imperial Session five times. The furthest he's traveled was from Saskatchewan to sunny Florida. He attends because he enjoys the fellowship and camaraderie of all the Shriners and their wives and meeting nobles from around the globe.

Hart has attended Imperial Session seven times, since 2015. "In addition to keeping myself updated on Shrinedom, I get to see friends I have made in the fraternity and get to meet new friends each year," he says. The longest distance he's traveled for Session is last year, from Tallahassee, Florida, to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

To Stika, the membership training is invaluable: "Being able to exchange ideas with those who cannot come to membership seminars and are not part of a team at their temples."

Stika, who has attended three times and is looking forward to this year's event in Charlotte, also loves meeting his Shriner counterparts from overseas.

Keep says when you're not a delegate and not a part of the business sessions, the Shriners Zone, marketplace and entertainment opportunities provide fun and fellowship. In addition, the host cities always offer plenty of shopping, dining, museums and entertainment for nobles and families who would like to explore.

Imperial Session is also about making memories and furthering the missions of Shriners International and Shriners Children's.

Stika's advice to nobles? "Go if you can. See all you are allowed to see. Visit the marketplace. Take in local sights."

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Directors Staff is looking for Drivers

Happy New Year to the Nobels of El Bekal Shrine.

The Directors Staff is looking for assistant drivers for the Calliope. I am the Director of Units, and we need assistance drivers to learn how to drive the Calliope in the Parades. You will be trained on how to operate the Calliope and how handle the parade unit. You will need a clean driving record and need to be agile to get up to the driver's position. If you are interested, please contact Russ Allen, Director of Units and President of Directors Staff. We currently participate in 6 parades each year. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

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Hi Nobles,

South Coast Shrine Club is a group of friendly Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions who enjoy each other's company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Club has been in operation since 1954. We presently meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at Coco's, at Lake Forest Drive & Via Carlotta in Laguna Hills, just off I-5 at 1:00 pm for our "chat & chew" luncheons. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We extend an open invitation to visit our Club. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship and show you why South Coast Shrine Club is indeed, "The Host of the Coast".

If you have any questions, or need further information or directions, please feel free to contact us at 949/584-9716, or Scshrine455@charter.net, via e-mail. We'd be glad to see you. Please know that you're always welcome at South Coast Shrine Club.

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 fellow 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. Many of our Ladies enjoy lunching together as well, so they're also invited.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, we just love company, especially Nobles.

Fraternally,
The Nobles of Valencia Shrine Club

Orange County Nobelettes

Ladies,

Would you like to meet with other Ladies in a social group for Ladies only?

If so, please consider joining the Orange County Nobelettes. The Nobelettes are a social group that raises money for the Shrine Medical Center in Pasadena.

They meet on the second Friday of the month, except for July and August, at 11:30 am.

Where you ask? At the Coco's Restaurant, 1250 E Imperial Hwy Brea, CA 92821.

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29

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El Bekal Family Picnic	Orange County Scottish Rite POV	Divan and Business meeting				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		SCSC Medical Center BBQ				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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92648
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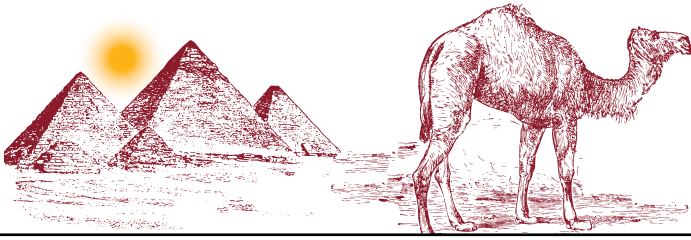
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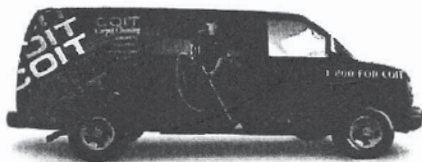
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The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states.[1] The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4.[1]

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts,[2] baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.



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Monday July 10th, 2023

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Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting

7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday July 7th, 2023

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS

Dinner & Beverages Hosted by El Bekal

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday July 10th, 2023, @ 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 & 2023 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally,
Ill. Sir Merritt Read, Potentate

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