

The El Bekalan



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Illustrious Sir Merritt Read, Potentate

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Happy Halloween

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El Bekal Shrine

1320 S. Sanderson Ave.

Anaheim, CA 92806



POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Summer is over and the end of the year is in sight, but El Bekal continues to be very busy. Our BBQ at the Medical Center in Pasadena on August 15 was a huge success. We served hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings to about 150 staff, patients and family members. They were extremely appreciative and our thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. The day before I was in Sacramento with Noble Manny Blanco and Lady Ruth attending the Celebration of Life for our 1986 Past Potentate and 2005-6 Past Grand Master Fred Sorsabal. I served as Senior Grand Steward and Manny as Grand Pursuivant during Fred's year as Grand Master. And we passed our condolences to Past First Lady Marlene. Lady Kim and I attended the LOSNA Grand High Priestess Official Visit to RA-MA Court on August 31 and presented her with a gift from El Bekal. The First Ladies Luncheon on September 10 was a tremendous success. 135 made reservations, including 14 Past First Ladies. The room decorations were spectacular and the Victorian theme was enjoyed by all. First Lady Kim's outfit was incredible. Special thanks to Chairperson Pat Allen and everyone else who helped make the event a grand success. October is a very busy month with 3 parades, our stated meeting, 2 Official Visits, 3 Monday Night Football evenings, the Shriners Open in Las Vegas and the Kid's Halloween Party. Unfortunately, the Golf Tournament has been postponed to 2024 due to zero paid golfers at the date our second deposit to the golf course was due. Kim and I hope to see all of you at some of these fun events. We have our last Ceremonial of the year on Sunday, November 5th. We anticipate a class of 20-30 new nobles. So please get to your lodges, promote El Bekal and get those applications turned in as quickly as possible. We are also starting up the toy drive for our kid's at the Medical Center. We will be collecting them through November and delivering them in December. So please donate some unwrapped toys and drop them off at the Shrine Center. If you don't want to go shopping for toys, you can send in a check for us to purchase some. Kim and I hope everyone enjoys Halloween and look forward to seeing you at our great upcoming events.



Merritt Read
Potentate

EL BEKAL SHRINE CENTER

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL



Merritt Read
Illustrious Potentate

Coy Love P.P.
Recorder

1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806
(714) 563-9111 FAX (714) 491-8574

NOTICE to Membership

Subject: Stated Meeting
At the El Bekal Shrine Center

Monday October 9th 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
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James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban

Keith Jones
High Priest & Prophet

Ernie Ramirez
Oriental Guide

George Boyd PP
Treasurer

CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and friends,

As we go into our October Stated Meeting let us remember our Oath we all took at the Alter in your Blue Lodge not so long ago. I'm guessing you became a Mason to be a part of some thing bigger then you and be a part of a great Worldwide fraternity, I know I did. Now you have joined and became a Shriner, another Worldwide fraternity where the same Oath with a few added notes added in. I'm guessing you joined El Bekal to find and reach more Brothers that thought as you do and **TO HAVE FUN**. I know I did too. The First thing I did was to join the TIN LIZZIES and start parading all the different city's with El Bekal. I found new friends and a new extended family here at El Bekal, but it would not have happened if I did not get involved and be a part of the Shrine, if I did not go to the events and partake in the Festivities. We also have the Worlds Greatest Philanthropy, Shiriners Hospitals for Children that we love to support.

What I am trying to say is that all of you that are members of El Bekal needs to be a part of a Unit or Club and be involved the groups and meet new Brothers/Nobles and strive to take over as leaders of the groups one day and then pass it along to the next. As far as getting involved, I have seen some new members stepping up and helping at some events and I find that refreshing and appreciate it greatly. We all need to be involved in some form or another around the Shrine center.

We currently have 550 members, five years ago we had 700 members, some loss is due to lack of interest, not paying dues, suspensions, not feeling welcome, and some loss is due to the Death of members.

With all that said I have some things you can get involved in now,

The Directors Staff is looking for assistant drivers for the Calliope, we need to teach some new drivers for the Fire Truck "Ol REDDY" for parades, the Tin Lizzies is always looking for new members along with the Royal Chariots and there Dune Buggy's, we have the Yacht Club, Oriental Band, Director Staff, Greeters, Legion of Honor if you are Military or ex Military to carry the Colors, Steel Band, Clay Busters gun club, Bruins Club, Past Masters Club, Mounted Patrol, Ambassadors Club, Ali Baba Sheiks, Golf Club, Date Empire, Elsinore, Ramona, South Coast Shrine Clubs, and let us not forget our Traveling club the Nomads and their RV's, and the oldest club in Shrindom...Long Beach Shrine Club.

Now if you do not hear or see a club or unit you like to be involved with then tell us and we will put our heads together and make one, clubs and units come and go with interest in them.

Larry Griffin P.P., CR

ASSISTANT RABBAN



“Greetings Nobles!

Happy beginning of autumn.

Can you believe we are already now in the last fourth of the year? Amazing how fast time flies.

This October has lots of activity around El Bekal.

Monday Night Football continues. Speaking of...Please attend these, even if you don't like football, you can't turn down a good meal and company.

October 9 will be the Stated Meeting for El Bekal Shrine.

There are also several parades this month:

October 7 is Tustin Tiller Day

October 14 is the Placentia Parade

October 28 is the Anaheim Halloween Parade.

From October 11-15, is the Shriners Open Golf Tournament in Las Vegas.

There will be a Halloween Party at El Bekal on Sunday October 29th. Bring your families, friends, and kids for a fun time.

On a Masonic Note, though, the 174th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California will be held from October 27-29.

That is pretty much what is happening during October.

One thing that autumn is known for is that it is the time for farmers to harvest. Let us as Shrine Masons, continue to harvest our membership, and continue to grow as an Organization.

See you all at the Stated Meeting, or any of the events coming up!

Have a spooky Halloween!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban”

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



Gotta be flexible.

If there's one thing that I've learned so far in my officer's journey at El Bekal it's that I've gotta be flexible.

After months of planning, I received a request from approximately half of the planned participants to move the golf tournament. Despite plans to participate, the fact that it is the same weekend as the shrine open in Vegas seem to have fallen off of the radar. With the deadline of the increased deposit quickly approaching, I decided that it was best to... be flexible.

For me that's an opportunity to create a bigger and more fun event.

I'm excited about the prospect, but it required bit of quick work to make the decision before the deadline.

First, I had to receive the support and agreement of Illustrious Read.

In addition, because a new date makes more sense after January, I had to track down the Chief Rabban Larry Griffin in Alaska! I had no idea how expensive it was to rent a helicopter (OK I made that part up).

We have targeted March and hope to have all of the details in place for the next edition of the El Bekalan. We've already begun to make arrangements for a better swag bag, and I promise that this event will be a good time for all.

Keith Jones HPP

Long
Beach



Shrine Club Oldest

Shrine Club in Shrinedom

Celebrating 118th year

Our next Meeting- October 23rd

Monday Night Football at 6:00P.M. At El Bekal Shrine

1st CEREMONIAL MASTER



1st Ceremonial Master



Noble Edwin Calayag

First Lady's Luncheon, Honoring the First Ladies of El Bekal Shrine.

El Bekal Shrine First Lady Kim Read hosted the said event, the luncheon is a successful one, especially how gorgeous our First and Past First Ladies on their victorian costumes. As usual it cant escape on everyone eyes the beautiful center table, the give away, the raffles and the auction won by our El Bekal Treasurer *Illustrious George Boyd (PP)*. *A warmest congratulations to our 2023 First Lady Kim Read for a job well done.*



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EL BEKAL CEREMONIAL CLASS

Sunday, November 5, 2023,
at 9:30 AM
El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806



A Ceremonial will be held at El Bekal Shrine. Please mark your calendars. Ladies are welcome. There will be a lunch, \$15.00 per person. Taco Guy. RSVP is required.

Robing: 9:30
Indoctrination: 10:15
Ceremonial: 11:00
Light lunch: 12:00
Fezzing: 1:00



For potential candidates who have not yet applied:

Please fill out application and include the fee of \$325

no later than October 30, 2023 so we can vote you in as a candidate.

Make checks and send to: El Bekal Shrine, 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806

Name _____ amount \$ _____

Address _____

Credit card # _____

Ex Date: _____, CVV: _____, e-mail recorder@elbekalshrine.com

All proceeds are for the benefit of El Bekal Shrine and are not tax deductible



El Member # _____ Date: _____

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

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

_____ Lodge No. _____ located
at _____

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

Birthplace _____ Date of Birth _____ Res
Phone _____

Occupation _____ Bus
Phone _____
If retired, list former occupation _____

E-mail: _____ Wife's name _____

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

When _____

Residence _____
Number & Street, City, State, Zip

Business _____
Number & Street, City, State, Zip

Mail Address _____

Hat Size _____

Print name in full : _____

Signature _____

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

Noble _____
Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

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Print name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Credit, Unit Club: _____

THIS PETITION CANNOT BE ACTED UPON UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FULL FEE OF \$325.00

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International Patient Ambassadors

Every year, Shriners Children's selects two patient ambassadors to represent the health care system's patients. The ambassadors spend the year sharing their stories and the ways Shriners Children's has made a dramatic difference in their lives. Meet the 2023-2024 International Patient Ambassadors Gianna and Juan Diego.

Representing Southern California

Gianna, 15, was born with a rare condition called proximal femoral focal deficiency (PFFD), which caused her to be missing part of her left femur. Her parents knew they had to find the right specialized care for their daughter and were grateful to learn that the orthopedic team at Shriners Children's Southern California had the expertise to treat PFFD.

Go to <https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en/news-and-media/videos/2023/07/no-boundaries-giannas-story> for Gianna's story.



Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Jap5rkEVmE> for Diego's story.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QArRD4liybQ&t=1462s> for both stories.



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2023 EL BEKAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

Subject: Golf Tournament Postponed to 2024

Due to zero paid golf registrations turned in at the time our second deposit to the golf course was due, we have postponed the Golf Tournament until sometime in 2024. Larry Griffin approved this action and will select the new date.

*Derritt Read
Potentate*

We see this as a Opportunity for everyone to get your teams together and for us to work on improving the event for all to enjoy in 2024.

BIRCH HILLS GOLF COURSE

2250 E BIRCH STREET • BREA, CA 92821 •

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

KEITH JONES • (714) 206-6616 • KEITH-BYRON@SBCGLOBAL.NET
EL BEKAL SHRINE OFFICE • 714 563-9111

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

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HONORING
WORSHIPFUL MERRITT READ, PM

NOVEMBER 29, 2023 AT

6:30 PM DINNER | 7:30 PM CEREMONY

303 W. LINCOLN AVE, ANAHEIM, CA 92805

\$15 PER PERSON PLEASE RSVP WITH THE FORM BELOW



Please RSVP by November 22, 2023.

Tickets will NOT be sold at the door

Name _____ Guests _____ \$15 Per Guest

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please include a check payable to Anaheim Lodge 207 and mail to
303 W. Lincoln Ave Suite 200, Anaheim CA, 92805

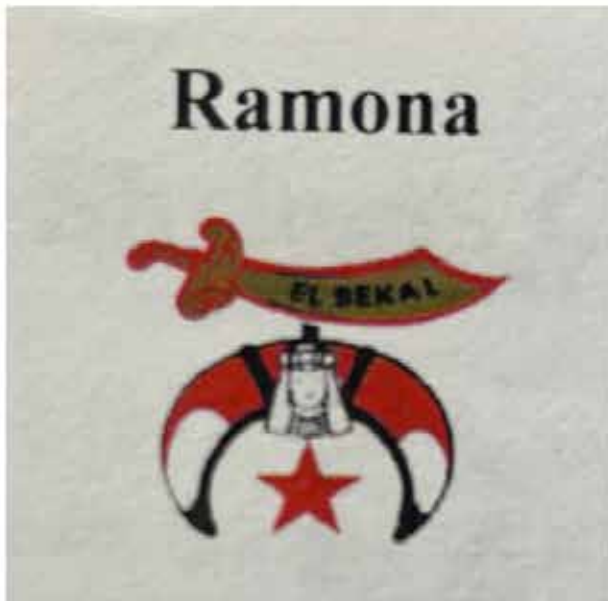
If you would like to pay with a Credit Card, please contact
WM Luciano Leon at 714-349-7705.

Christmas Toy Drive for our kids at the Medical Center



We will be collecting unwrapped toys through November to present to the Medical Center at a date TBD in December. We can also accept money donations that we will turn into toys. Last day to donate is November 30.





**Ramona Shrine Club
POV Sunday Oct 22nd
Time 2:30pm
Place Dennys Restaurant
2675 W Florida Ave,
Hemet, CA 92545
Order off the menu
Call for reservations
Allen Bowman
951-287-0109**



**Noble Don Payne's
9/12/23 Hiram Award
Presentation at
Bellflower Lodge #320**





BBQ at the Medical







**El Bekal Official Visit to
Long Beach Scottish Rite
Tuesday, October 10, 2023
855 Elm Avenue Ave.
Long Beach, California**



**Social at 5:00 pm
Dinner at 6:00 pm
\$10.00 for dinner call
562-436-3983 for reservations
OV to follow
Meeting at 7:00 pm**

Halloween

DANCE



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HALLOWEEN DANCE

OCTOBER 20, 2023

6 PM

SHRINE AUDITORIUM
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FUN





El Bekal Shrine Center
**SPOOKTACULAR
 HALLOWEEN PARTY**



trick
 or
 treat

Sunday, October 29, 2023

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Cost is FREE



Hosted by

Illustrious Potentate Merritt Read and First Lady Kim
 And Ernie and Maria Ramirez

WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

EVERYONE INVITED - BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & KIDS



**LOTS OF FUN
 AND
 GAMES**



For reservations call or email
 Ernie Ramirez (562) 458-1156 or erniemanyhats@hotmail.com
 by October 23rd, 2023

EL BEKAL CLAYBUSTERS TURKEY SHOOT!

Only 30 spots available! Sign up now!

The Claybusters Fundraiser

Turkey Shoot will be on November 19, 2023 @11 AM.
Come out and win a Turkey for the holidays!

2 rounds of Trap. A one time score enhancement
opportunity available for \$15.00.

Turkey prize for high score men &
women shooters.

\$50/shooter includes lunch. \$5.00/non-shooter lunch.

Reservations Required by Nov. 10

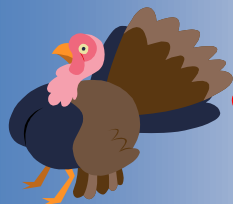
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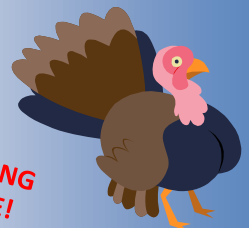
Ted Segerstrom 714-329-9861 Gt500krcon@aol.com

Bring your favorite beach chair, your favorite old Betsy shotgun and some
ammo and plan to have some fun! Bring a new prospective member and
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FIRST LADIES LUNCHEON HONORING OUR PAST FIRST LADIES



Pat Allen Chairperson of the Ladies Luncheon



Guests arriving for our Victorian Ladies Luncheon



Pat Allen and Kim Read



1998 Associate Past First Lady Priscilla Lindquist escorted by Potentate's Aide Roy Steinfeld



2004 Past First Lady Jo Anne Suehs escorted by Director Russ Allen



2008 Past First Lady Kay Roland escorted by HP&P Keith Jones



2012 Associate Past First Lady Diane Wehmeyer escorted by Past Potentate David Wehmeyer



2012 Past First Lady Lynda Sizemore escorted by AR James Segerstrom



2013 Past First Lady Mary Boyd escorted by Past Potentate George Boyd



2014 Past First Lady Lynn Ross escorted by Past Potentate Roger Ross



2015 Past First Lady Rosie Kahvedjian escorted by Past Potentate John Kahvedjian



2016 Past First Lady Gloria Leger escorted by Potentate Merritt Read



2017 Past First Lady Fran Spalin escorted by Past Potentate George Boyd



2019 Past First Lady Michelle Selix escorted by Marshall Choy Gomez



2021 Past First Lady Abeer Sekera escorted by Past Potentate Michael Sekera



2022 Past First Lady Rhea Turek escorted by Past Potentate Al Turek



2020 Past First Lady Kim Read, with Merritt Read Potentate 2020 and 2023









Comedian
Joe Dungan

Keith Jones doing the live
auction of the Gnome cookie jar





Rick Schade won the blanket donated by Diane Wehmeyer



From the Editors Desk

Greetings Nobles one and all,

We are looking for articles to put into the El Bekalan for you all to read and enjoy.

This is a great place for you, Your Club, or Unit to say what is going on in your group. Nomads, tell us about your latest road trip, Royal Chariots, Tin Lizzie's and other units tell us about the latest parades and or what you're up to around town, Purveyors tell us how to make your favorite cocktails or lounge snacks, Director Staff tell us what is going on around the building, the calliope and the fire truck.

Is there anyone that can give us a report about what's going on with our hospitals and clinics?

Nobles, tell us what you've been up to, how to cook the perfect steak, how do you make a nice Hearty stew for cold weather, what are some of your hobbies such as gardening or cars or airplanes.

Do you have any Shrine or masonic Education you would like to pass on, and tell us about?

What is going on with our other groups such as York Rite, Scottish Rite, or our Youth Groups, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow, our Ladies Groups, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine, Daughters of the Nile, Order of Eastern Star.

There's pages with lots of pictures, why can't someone write an article about what's going on at those events and in the photographs, did you have fun? What was the food like? Was there entertainment?

Please send it in to the editor for consideration to be put into the Elbekalan. Thank you

Directors Staff is looking for Drivers

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.

Russ Allen,
Director of Units 714-397-0449

Sports Keep Nobles, Patients in the Game

SIGNATURE EVENTS THRILL SPECTATORS
WHILE SUPPORTING THE PHILANTHROPY



The **East-West Shrine Bowl**, a 98-year-old annual college football all-star tradition, took place in February in Las Vegas, Nevada, as part of the NFL's Pro Bowl Week. The game, which was broadcast live on NFL Network, has produced more than 500 NFL Pro Bowl appearances over the years. This year, a record number of 72 players were invited to this year's NFL Combine. With its tagline "More than just a game," the East-West Shrine Bowl is also about recognizing Shriners Children's patients and telling the story of the amazing care available at our healthcare system.



Patients had a dedicated VIP area near the end zone, where they were able to meet NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. Kechi, a past Shriners Children's patient and *America's Got Talent* finalist, sang the national anthem, and patients were featured in the pregame run-out video. For the first time ever, two NFL coaching staffs, the New England Patriots and the Atlanta Falcons, coached the players during the East-West Shrine Bowl as part of the Pro Bowl Games week. The coaches and players, who were impressed with the opportunity to learn about and support Shriners Children's, participated in a "Watch Me Challenge" media event, in which they underwent physical challenges similar to what Shriners Children's patients face daily.



Attention all nobles! Get ready for great golf for a great cause at the **Shriners Children's Open**. This high-stakes tournament brings together top PGA TOUR golfers from around the world to compete for over \$7 million in prizes, all in support of Shriners Children's. Patient ambassadors from around the healthcare system will be there to act as standard-bearers, and our National Patient Ambassadors will represent the many children who have received Shriners Children's life-changing care. But the Shriners Children's Open isn't just for golf enthusiasts – it's an opportunity for all of us to get involved and show our support for this incredible organization. Shriners across the country are encouraged to volunteer, attend the tournament, or organize watch parties to cheer on the golfers and help raise funds for our philanthropy.



The 23rd annual **Shriners Children's College Classic** not only showcased top college baseball teams, but also provided a special experience for patients. Held in March at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, the tournament drew a crowd of 34,243. All six schools hosted patients



on campus and had them serve as honorary team captains. Patients were recognized on the field during games, had pre-game interactions with the teams, and even threw the first pitch out at each game.

Special moments included National Patient Ambassadors Parker and Katherine joining the Astros fan and experience team and announcing each batter, and sports-journalist-in-training Alec interviewing coaches. Kaden, the Texas Tech captain, and Adison, the Texas A&M captain, were invited to hang out with the teams in the dugout on Sunday, a game that ended up running for 16 innings. The event raised funds for the philanthropy, including a donation of \$130,000 from Karem Shriners, and Shriners volunteers were on hand to help out. Louisville was named the Tournament Champion, going 3-0 with wins over ranked opponents Texas A&M and TCU.



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Learn more about all of our care specialties and request an appointment at shrinerschildrens.org.



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Thank you

Russ Allen,
Director of Units 714-397-0449



WELCOME



NEW NOBLES



**INVITE THEM TO
JOIN YOUR
UNIT OR CLUB**





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,
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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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01	02	03	04	05	06	07
	Monday Night Football					Tustin Tiller Days Parade
08	09	10	11	12	13	14
	Divan / Board STATED MEETING	Visit to Long Beach Scottish Rite	Shriners Open	Shriners Open	Shriners Open	Shriners Open Placentia Parade
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Shriners Open	Monday Night Football					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
POV Ramona Shrine Club	Monday Night Football					Anaheim Halloween Parade
29	30	31				
El Bekal Halloween Party		Halloween				

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Ceremonial at El Bekal (With Mandarin °) Daylight Savings Ends	Monday Night Football	USA Election Day				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Shrine Photo Day 	LAST Monday Night Football	Divan Board of Directors Meeting				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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26	27	28	29	30		

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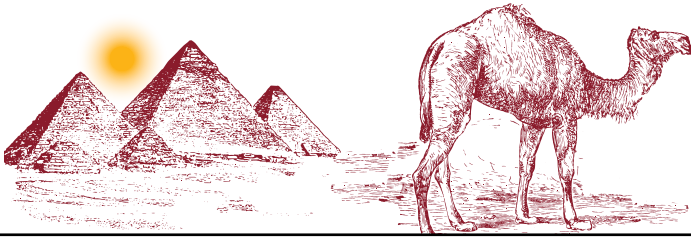
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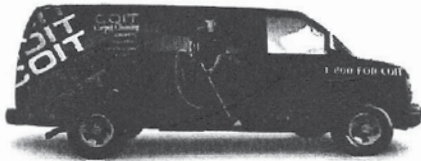
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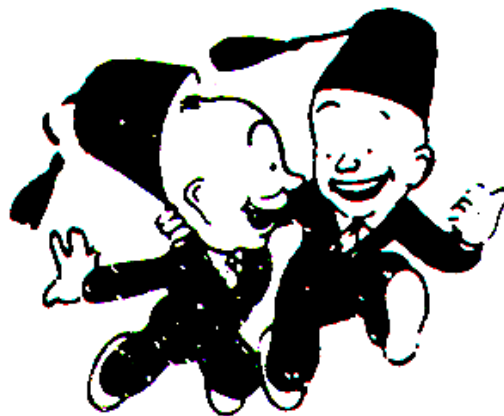
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Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday October 6th, 2023
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Dinner & Beverages Hosted by El Bekal

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