

March 2026

Illustrious Sir Keith Jones
Potentate

THE EL BEKALAN



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Featured Event: Laughlin Ceremonial

What an opportunity to relive a wonderful tradition!!

The Laughlin Ceremonial, a time for brotherhood as we initiate our newest Nobles. Welcoming our new nobles with support is one of the most important steps for any shrine.

April Stated Meeting- Monday, April 13, 2026

Please take a look in the Noble News section and read all proposals and pertinent information prior to our stated meeting.

Outreach Team: Membership Drive

Our outreach team is ready to help YOU with our membership drive. Let's build a bigger and stronger El Bekal!



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"The Happiest Shriners on Earth!"



**IMPERIAL POTENTATE
Sir Brad Koeh**

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SHRINERS CREED

Shriners believe in God and that He created man to serve His purposes, among which is service to others in His name. We believe that care for the less fortunate, especially children who suffer from burns and crippling diseases, is our institutional calling. We are patriots, each willing to serve his country with fidelity and courage. We cherish independence under law and freedom with responsibility. We honor family. We respect our parents, wives and children. We should instill in our children the tenets of this creed, and the heritage from which it emanates.

As individuals we pledge ourselves to integrity, virtue and nobility of character. Our intentions will be honorable, our relations will be trustworthy and our spirits forgiving of each other. As brothers we offer each other fraternal affection and respect.

Together we will support each other in adherence to this creed, so that we and our communities will be the better because of our fraternity and its principles. As Shriners we look beyond ourselves to serve the needs of others, especially children who cannot help themselves.

We believe Shriners Hospitals to be the world's greatest philanthropy, and we covenant with each other to support its "temples of mercy" with spirit, time, talent and means.

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Potentate's Message

We'd hoped for a fun year in 2026, and so far it has surpassed expectations.

This year's Super Bowl game may not have been action-packed, but this year's Super Bowl party was fantastic.

The Super Bowl event planners had a big challenge. This event is coordinated by the O.G. with the assistance of the 1st and 2nd Ceremonials. This year, all three of those positions are being filled by brand-new officers. Does the phrase baptismal by fire mean anything to you?

Under the leadership of our O.G. Sean Mantuca and his Lady Devon, we enjoyed one of the best-attended Super Bowl gatherings in recent years. With almost 55 people on hand, the fellowship and friendship on which we pride ourselves were truly displayed.

Only five days later, El Bekal hosted our Valentine's Murder Mystery Night. I think that those in attendance would all agree that this was an amazing night. The setting was a wedding reception for the fictional bride Summer McDonald and Neil Burger. That's right; it was the McDonald-Burger wedding. Our partners at Fiesta Catering helped set the scene. If you want a party to look like a wedding reception, I highly recommend getting people who regularly set up the room for a wedding reception involved. Bravo to Clemente, Bianca, Christian, and the rest of the Fiesta crew.

I had no idea what great acting chops some of our own El Bekal family possessed! Bincins Garcia as Neil the groom, Sean Mantucca as Rhett the butler, and 1st Lady Natalie Jones as Prissy the wedding planner turned in stellar performances. Perhaps the best portrayal of the night came from Lady Pat Allen as 7-year-old Lucy Fur. I would like to personally thank all of the officers and ladies who helped the event belong. A special nod goes to Sean, Bincins, and Chuck Hayes for setting up a merchandise display.

Our next event on the fun train is our Laughlin Ceremonial. There are several ways you can help make this a successful reboot of one of our favorite traditions. If you know a Master Mason considering joining El Bekal, encourage him to submit his application by March 1st so that he can participate. The quickest way is to apply online at BeAShrinerNow.com. And of course, we would love for all of you to attend. The more, the merrier. Remember, YOU FUEL FUN.

I'm closing. I'd like to say that if you're looking for ways to become more active, we are seeking members to join our Outreach Team to help spread El Bekal fever and our Events Team to assist with our activities. Of course, there are plenty of units and clubs that can use a boost, and if you have an idea for a new club or unit, let us know and when it comes to our events, please always bring your fez.



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Message from our First Lady

Nobles, Ladies, and friends,

This year has gotten off to a great start! On February 7, Keith and I traveled to Sacramento to join our friends at Ben Ali for their Gala. It was really a nice opportunity to reconnect with our counterparts Illustrious Sir Rene and First Lady Tanya. It was a great evening.

The next morning we rushed back to attend the Super Bowl party. Thank you to Sean and Devon for organizing the event. It was festive and fun with cool turf centerpieces and football themed plates and decorations! We celebrated the day with good food and great company!

Friday, February 13 we hosted the Murder Mystery event. Who knew how many great actors we had in our midst! We mixed and mingled trying to gather and bribe for clues from our suspects. At the end of the night we all submitted our guesses on who did it. Thank you to Devon and Sean, Chuck and Simina, Pat and Russ, Kat and Josh, and Bincins and Edith for helping with the set up and clean up. Your help made all the difference in the world!

Coming up in March we are gearing up for the Laughlin trip. Check out the flyer for details or reach out if you have any questions. Please stay safe until we see each other again.



Natalie Jones, First Lady



The Silent Messenger (Shriners Walking Tall)

The photo known as the "Editorial Without Words" is probably one of the best recognized symbols of Shriners Hospitals. Randy Dieter, the photographer, recalled that in 1970, he had been on assignment covering Hadi Temple's annual outing for handicapped children at the now-defunct Mesker Amusement Park in Evansville, Indiana. "I saw a local Shriner walking by carrying a little girl in one hand and her crutches in the other. I ran past them, but the camera jammed. I had to take my last shot as they walked by. It was the end of the roll. If I had to think about it, I wouldn't have come up with something like that. Fate guides you.

Bobbi Jo Wright, the little girl in the photo. "I have many wonderful memories of the years I was a patient at the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and remember all the fun activities. I was born with cerebral palsy, which resulted in many orthopedic problems that made walking difficult. I had many surgeries at the St. Louis Hospital. They greatly improved my ability to walk.

Today, the famous photo is an integral part of the Shriners Hospitals logo, and has been reproduced on stained-glass windows, mosaics, tie tacs, pins, and in statues. A larger-than-life replica of the "Editorial Without Words" stands outside the International Shrine Headquarters building in Tampa, Florida, in front of El Kahir Shrine in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and most shrine temples around the world.

The shriner immortalized in the photo carrying Bobby Jo was Al Hortman whos daughter, a shriner patient is also in the photo.



Message from our Chief Rabban

Nobles, Ladies & Honored Ladies:

Here it is March already, where has the last 2 months gone. Remember it is the "Ides of March". Hope everyone is safe and healthy.

In March we will be traveling to Laughlin Nevada for a ceremonial. I am looking for Nobles to help in loading the paraphernalia at El Bekal, unloading in Laughlin, reloading and unloading on Sunday afternoon at El Bekal. Without your help it won't get done, as I cannot do this alone. Please contact me with your offer to help. We need to load on Friday March 20th around 8 am and unload on either Friday late afternoon or Saturday morning. Then when the ceremonial is finished, we will need to reload back up and then unload on Sunday afternoon.

Looking forward to a great weekend with friends. It should be a time for fellowship and making new friends.



Noble Russ Allen, Chief Rabban

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Message from our Assistant Rabban

THE FUN HAS JUST BEGUN!!!

The month of Heart (February) brought us lots of happy memories indeed. We started with Superbowl weekend headed by our Oriental Guide, Noble Sean Mantucca. We had a great evening of fun and food... and the game between the Seahawks and Patriots? Well, we all know who the winner is. Sorry not a fan of either team, RAMS, baby. RAMS!!!

Then came the Friday the 13th VALENTINES MURDER MYSTERY! Oh yah, it was indeed unforgettable. It was an evening full of secrets, suspense and mystery as we unveil "who killed Bob?" Did anyone find that out? Who killed Bob???

HOPE EVERYONE CELEBRATED VALENTINE'S DAY FULL OF LOVE!!!

As we move forward to March, looking forward to our first Ceremonial of the year. Though we have new Nobles on deck, we're still looking for more that can join us on March 20 -22, 2026 in Laughlin, Nevada. It would be a good break to get out of SoCal for a few days and get a breather and enjoy the camaraderie. Maybe play some chips...oh no, unfortunately I don't gamble and if there's food to gobble, I'm all for that.

The Nobility is moving along well and let's keep the momentum going... see you next issue Nobles, ladies and gentlemen...

Till next issue...ALOHA!



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Message from our High Priest & Prophet

Nobility, Family and Friends

In January 17 2026 I attended the instalations of Elected and Appointed Officers of Mecca Shrine number 1 through the invitation of Illustrious Paul Guererro Potentate.

Mecca Shrine 1 was born in 1872 from where the Shriners began with its 13 founding members, till it growth now into over a hundred Temples at different part of the world and now we already have 22 Shriners Hospital for children and through our dues, donations and fund raising where its funds came from.

They patterned pilgrimage from Hadj of Mecca, Saudi Arabia and it's a tradition who visits Mecca Shrine 1 receive certification as a HADJI , and I was certified "Hadji" considering I'm done my pilgrimage and I'm gone from the number 1 Shrine Temple.

On the 13th of February, El Bekal Shrine celebrated valentine's with its team "Valentine's Murder Mystery" , the Love & Mystery unveiled, it's brings more fun challenge to the mystery and every one the participated. This event is different from a regular Valentines celebration as its twisted your mind at the story. Happy Valentines to everyone!!

Yours in the Faith



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Message from our Oriental Guide

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Super Bowl Party this year! It was a fantastic day of fellowship, fun, and camaraderie — and it wouldn't have been the same without you. Whether you cheered on every score, helped with setup and cleanup, or just brought your enthusiasm, your participation made the event memorable. These gatherings remind us why we're part of this great fraternity: to enjoy each other's company while supporting the mission of Shriners Children's Hospitals.

Looking ahead, don't forget to mark your calendars for March 20-22 when we will have our next ceremonial in Laughlin, NV! It's a wonderful opportunity to welcome new Nobles, strengthen old bonds, and enjoy another weekend of Shrine fellowship. Events like these are at the heart of our fraternity and help us continue the tradition of fun, fellowship, and service that defines Shriners. We look forward to seeing you there — fez on, spirits high, and ready for another great time together!

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	Long Beach	8:00 am arrival

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NOBLE NEWS

NOBLE SPOTLIGHT

LARRY GRIFFIN P.P. - THANK YOU!

Noble Larry Griffin (Cheryl) has faithfully served as Editor of the El Bekalan for more than seven years, dedicating countless hours to ensuring the temple's publication remains informative, engaging, and reflective of the spirit of El Bekal Shriners. Through his leadership and attention to detail, the El Bekalan has consistently highlighted member achievements, temple events, and the ongoing mission of Shriners, helping keep Nobles and their families connected and informed.

As a Past Potentate, Larry has already demonstrated his commitment to strong leadership and service, guiding the temple with dedication and integrity. Even after completing his term, he has continued to generously give his time and talents to the broader Masonic Family. Recently, he has been elected Venerable Master of the Orange County Scottish Rite.



BINCINS GARCIA EL BEKALAN - NEW EDITOR

Noble Bincins Garcia (Edith) is currently a music teacher in Orange County, where he shares his passion for education and the arts with his students and community. In addition to his professional career, Noble Garcia has been an enthusiastic advocate for El Bekal Shriners, recently taking the lead in promoting the temple's activities, events, and mission across social media platforms. His efforts have helped increase visibility, strengthen communication, and showcase the fellowship and philanthropy that define the Shrine.

Building on that momentum, Noble Garcia is now stepping into the important roles of El Bekalan Editor and 2nd Ceremonial. As Editor, he will oversee the temple's publication, ensuring members stay informed, engaged, and connected. Through his leadership, creativity, and dedication, Noble Garcia continues to contribute significantly to the growth and spirit of El Bekal.

GEOFFREY RAY- MEMBERSHIP

Geoffrey Ray at El Bekal Shriners will play a crucial role in recruitment and membership development, ensuring the continued growth and strength of the temple. Focused on engaging Master Masons and introducing them to the fellowship, philanthropy, and fun of Shrine membership, the team actively builds relationships within the Masonic community and the public. They provide information about the mission of Shriners International, highlight opportunities for service and leadership, and guide prospective members through the petition process. Through personal outreach, event participation, and ongoing member engagement efforts, the team helps cultivate a welcoming environment that supports both new and existing Nobles, securing a vibrant future for El Bekal Shriners.



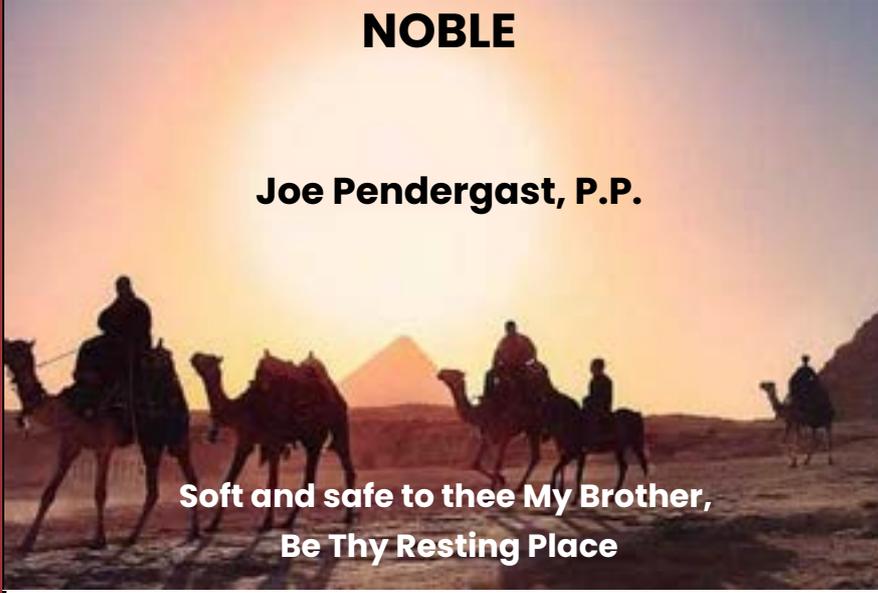
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Joe Pendergast, P.P.



**Soft and safe to thee My Brother,
Be Thy Resting Place**

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 - * Ralph C. Bryson (Edie) 1977
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- * Fred Sorsabal (Marlene) 1986
- * Fred Gutierrez (Marie) 1990
- * Robert Lash (Donna) 1991
- * Donald A. Nielsen (Sally) 1994
 - * Don Eyer (Joan) 1998
 - * Joe Pendergast 1999
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- William Salpaka (Virginia) 2007
- * William "Bill" Roland (Kay) 2008
 - Coy Love 2009
- * Gary Hooper (Sharon) 2010
- John Rider (Barbara) 2011
- George R. Boyd (Mary) 2013
- Roger Ross (Lynn) 2014
- * John Kahvedjian (Rosie) 2015
- * Donald A. Leger (Gloria) 2016
- * Carl G. Spalin (Fran) 2017
- Larry Griffin (Cheryl) 2018
- Mike Selix (Michelle) 2019
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- Larry Griffin PP (Cheryl) 2024
- James Segerstrom 2025

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- *Hans Lindquist, (Priscilla) 1998
- Nile David Wehmeyer (Diane) 2012 Al
Malaikah

*Deceased, but Lady is still alive.

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EVENT SQUAD & OUTREACH TEAM



Event Squad

You said “More fun please!” and we listened. We have plenty of great events planned for 2026. Mixers, Tournaments, Comedy Nights, just to name a few. The Chairmen of these activities could use a little help and that’s where you come in.

We’re looking for some volunteers to help keep them running smoothly. This opportunity is available to all Nobles, Ladies and Candidates.

If you’d like to pitch in, call the office and let us know.

Outreach Team

We have a pretty good thing going here at El Bekal and it’s time to get the word out and spread the love.

Our Outreach Team will be on the front lines as we increase our visibility in the Masonic community.

Outreach activities include

- Flag Presentations
- Lodge Visits
- Masonic Homes Visits
- Welfare Visits
- Appendant Body Interaction
- Youth Group Visit
- Recruitment

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HISTORY- REMEMBER WHEN....



FIRST CEREMONIAL EL BEKAL TEMPLE, u.d. A.A.O.N.M.S. Long Beach, CA October 27, 1951



El Bekal Temple in the Byline Parade

Motor Band leading up to El Bekal Temple



The Pyramus Fife in Byline



The Royal Chariots with the Dean



The Temple Band

Sign of Honor presenting scroll



Temple Guard marching in review



Motor Riders of Victoria Shrine Club



The Temple Band playing at the picnic

Several Nobles sitting on the side with the President



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Why Every Noble Should Join a Unit or Club!

Membership in El Bekal is an honor — but involvement is what makes it meaningful. One of the best ways to deepen your Shrine experience is by joining a unit or club.

Units and clubs create smaller circles of fellowship within the temple. They provide opportunities to build stronger friendships, participate in parades and community events, and actively support the philanthropic mission of our fraternity.

Nobles who join units often find themselves more engaged, more connected, and more fulfilled in their Shrine journey. Units also provide opportunities for leadership development, teamwork, and personal growth.

Beyond fellowship, visibility in the community is essential. When our units represent El Bekal in parades and public events, they help raise awareness for the incredible work being done for children and families in need.

If you are not currently involved in a unit or club, now is the time. Speak with a Unit Director, Club President, or a member of the Divan to find where you fit best.

Don't just be a member — be active.

Don't just attend — participate.

Don't just attend meetings- Join a unit and make your Shrine experience unforgettable!



How to JOIN a Club or Unit

If you are interested in one of our current Clubs or Units you can contact or recorder (recorder@elbekalshrine.com) to get information or speak to a member already in that group for an application.

How to START a Club or Unit

If you have a certain interest and we don't have a club or unit, or we need to reactivate. **START ONE!**

Speak to our Potentate to get some guidance and recruit some of our brothers Masons/Shriner to create a groups that can enhance the experiences of shriners.

LONG BEACH SHRINE CLUB & IE HONORED LADIES



Long Beach Shrine Club Oldest Shrine Club in Shrinedom Celebrating 119 year

Long Beach Shrine Club held their latest meeting on January 25 at the Black Bear Diner in Buena Park. The next meeting will be on March 29th at 1:00 at the Black Bear Diner.



This is the original club which started El Bekal and we welcome new members. **Special note: The June 21st meeting is being moved to June 7.**



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INLAND EMPIRE HONORED LADIES MEETING AND INSTALLATION 1-26-26



Illustrious Potentate Keith Jones, assisted by Illustrious Sins Roger Ross and Merritt Reed, installed the new officers of the Inland Empire Honored Ladies. President - Sandra Butler, Vice President - Vera Lee and Secretary/Treasurer Priscilla Lindquist. Congratulations to the new officers.



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March 6, 2026
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6P Attitude Adjustment
7PM Dinner & DJ Dancing

Donation \$40 per person
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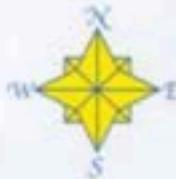
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Buffet Lunch: 12:00 PM

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(Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6pm - Divan Meeting & Board of Directors	3	4	5 6pm - LOS El Riva Court	6	7
8 Daylight SAVINGS STARTS	9 7pm - Tin Lizzie's Meeting	10	11	12	13	14 2pm - LOS Ra-Ma Court Installation
15	16	17 St. Patrick's	18	19	20	21
				WSA @ Las Vegas, NV, USA		El Bekal Laughlin Ceremonial
22 WSA @ Las El Bekal	23 6pm - El Tanya Installation 6pm - Orange County Scottish Rite Meeting	24	25	26	27	28 Al Malaikah GALA
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

APRIL CALENDAR

(Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
5 Easter	6 6pm - Divan Meeting & Board of Directors	7	8	9	10	11	
12 3pm - Shrine Sunday Program	13 6pm - El Bekal Quarterly Stated Meeting 7pm - Tin Lizzies Gen Meeting	14	15 Tax Day	16-18 Shrine Directors Association			
19 Shrine	20	21	22 10am Divan Day Shriner's Hospitals	23	24-25 Pote Disney Cruise Mexican		
26-30 Pote Disney Cruise Mexican Riviera Cruise						1	2 6pm - El Bekal Potentate's Gala
	27 6pm - Orange County Scottish Rite Meeting	28	29	30			

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

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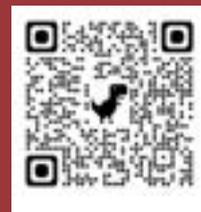
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting of El Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Monday, April 13th, 2026, @7:30PM at El Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petition received since our last stated meeting and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2026 DUES CARD REQUIRED

Fraternally,
Ill. Sir Keith Jones, Potentate

Attest,
Coy Love, P.P., Recorder