

The El Bekalan



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Illustrious Sir Merritt Read, Potentate

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Imperial Sessions



Top: El Bekal representatives with new International Patient Ambassadors Gianna and Juan Diego

Bottom: El Bekal gift presentation to new Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze and First Lady JoLynn



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 Facebook: [facebook.com/elbekalshrine/](https://www.facebook.com/elbekalshrine/)
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<https://www.shrinerschildrens.org/en>

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



,We finally had a month to catch our breathe after a very busy seven months. Imperial Sessions was fun and El Bekal was well represented. The Opening Program on Sunday had a local newscaster emcee a version of Name That Tune, and five patients entertained us with dancing and singing. That evening was our temple dinner at a Brazilian steakhouse. The food was incredible. Most of us attended the Monday first day of sessions, while some attended San Diego's Gene Yee being elected International Commodore of the International Association of Shrine Yacht Clubs. Some of our ladies attended a Ladies Luncheon hosted by Sacramento's Ben Ali Shriners. The next day we attended day two of sessions. At the Membership Luncheon, El Bekal was recognized as a Bronze temple. Our ladies attended the Imperial First Ladies Luncheon. Wednesday morning was the Pageant for our new Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze from El Zaribah Shriners in Phoenix and First Lady JoLynn. El Bekal presented them with several gifts, including a ceramic Imperial Potentate's gnome candy dish created by our First Lady Kim. El Bekal's Michael Sekera was installed as the appointed Imperial Chaplain. Congratulations, Illustrious Sir Michael. That afternoon there were award presentations and reports. It concluded with the Patient Success Story. The big surprise was our own Gianna Mantucca's selection as the female International Patient Ambassador. Congratulations to Gianna. That evening was the concert by country singer Joe Nichols. One thing that came out of sessions was a per capita increase. That, along with a price increase for fezzes, has caused us to increase our fee to join El Bekal to \$325. Kim and I hope to see you at the many upcoming events on the El Bekal calendar.

Merritt Read
Potentate



*First Ladies Victorian Luncheon
Honoring the Past First Ladies of El Bekal Shrine
Ladies bring your Victorian outfit, hats, purses, accessories*

Men wear your suit and tie

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Social -12:00pm, Escorts at 12:30

Lunch -12:45pm, Entertainment- 2:00pm

Door Prizes - Vendors - Opportunities - 50/50

At El Bekal Shrine Center

1320 S. Sanderson Ave.

Anaheim, CA 92806

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Please RSVP by Saturday, September, 2, 2023

Contact a Divan member for tickets or Send check to:

Pat Allen

78875 Champagne Ln.

Palm Desert, CA 92211

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(Memo: First Ladies Luncheon)

714-397-0446



CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles and friends,

Well I am back from Imperial Shrine held in Charlotte NC this year, and now looking forward to Reno NV next year. We only had enough members to send two delegates this year, Ill Sir. Merritt Read and James Segerstrom as our voting delegates, also was our Jr Past Al Turek as a voting delegate for us.

We are well into summer and the Temperatures are rising, you need to stay cool and stay hydrated and remember that if the ground is too hot for you to walk on, then it is too hot for your pet to walk on too. Make sure your pet has shade and lots of water also.

Coming up is the Family Picnic at the Kiwanis-Land park. I am looking forward to cooking up some hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings for every one. Ice cold beverages for kids and adults too.

We are having Fun and Games for the kids to play and compete in with Prizes. Also we will have some games for adults play the too.

Bring your fellow Masons, friends, family and kids.

This is a time for all of us to get together in a fun relaxed atmosphere and get to know your fellow Shriners, Nobles, and there famlies.

This is a Picnic style park so Bring you Parade chairs, lawn chairs, blanket for the ground if you like. We have picnic tables under a shaded area by the kitchen with lots of room to sit and eat. Come one come all, come out adn have some fun in the sun with us.

If you would like to help with all this fun, please let me know. We have a place for everyone.

Sincerely & Fraternally
Larry Griffin PP
Chief Rabban

El Bekal Shrine

2023 ANNUAL

FAMILY

PICNIC

And FUN DAY!

Sunday - August 6th

11 'til 4



KiwanisLand

9840 Larson Avenue
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Hot Dogs &
Burgers
Beverages

Chips & Salads
Fun & Games
Prizes for Kids

ASSISTANT RABBAN



“Greetings Nobles!

What a great month of July we have had.

From Imperial Shrine at the start of the month, a Stated Meeting on July 10, and the Potentate’s Gala on July 22, it has been a productive, albeit warm, month for us.

In August, we have another good month ahead.

On the 6th is the El Bekal Family Picnic at Kiwanisland in Garden Grove. This is an event that is open to everyone. Bring your friends, family, Lodge Brothers, Youth Order Members, and anyone else who wants to have a good time. This event is also a good opportunity to get non-Shriner Masons possibly interesting in wanting to become Shriners....

August 7th is a POV to the Valley of Orange County, Scottish Rite.

August 15th there is a Picnic at the Shrine Children’s Medical Center in Pasadena.

That is pretty much it for the month of August.

Remember that the Divan is here to serve you, and the Temple. If you have any issues, good or bad, we are always available to be of assistance.

This is also a good opportunity to tell you Nobles, that this summer is a particularly warm one. Please stay hydrated, and be on the lookout for any signs of heat related health issues. If you have to take a few minutes to rest, do so. Better to be safe with this heat, Nobles.

Have a safe month!

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

James Segerstrom
Assistant Rabban”



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HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET

Greetings Nobels,

I hope this article finds you well.

The big news in July from the HPP has to do with the Huntington Beach Fourth of July parade. It was once again a smashing success. El Bekal become such a mainstay favorites that the banner for this year's parade webpage was that of our Shrine units rolling down Main Street. This year we were as well received as usual. Given that Imperial was the same weekend our Potentate, Chief Raban, and Assistance Raban were busy in North Carolina representing El Bekal.

Nonetheless, we were still well represented with 11 Tin Lizzies and 2 Chariots, with the Calliope bringing up the rear. A great time was had by all who participated.

In addition, the nobility has done an excellent job attracting new nobles this year. At this time, we have added 26 new nobles.

Great job and keep up the good work!

Keith Jones

High Priest and Prophet



1st CEREMONIAL MASTER



Noble Edwin Calayag

On June 30, 2023, Mabuhay Shrine, Philippines, President Maharlika Shrine Club Noble Rayner Lorenzo pays a visit at El Bekal Temple in Anaheim California. He was received by Illustrious Coy Love P.P.-Recorder and 1st Ceremonial Master Edwin "edhearts" Calayag. He was so impressed on Temple size, it's different shrine collections and individual Past Potentate souvenirs during their term.



El Bekal Shriners at 4th of July Huntington Beach Parade

The El Bekal Shrine participation at the 4th of July Independence parade at Huntington Beach, attended by High Priest and Prophet Keith Jones, 1st Ceremonial Master Edwin Calayag, 2nd Ceremonial Master Lito Soliven and the Chariots Noble Bob and Steve. The Tin Lizzies Club and the Calliope (Director's Staff).



EL BEKAL CEREMONIAL CLASS

Sunday, August 20, 2023, at
9:00 AM
El Bekal Shrine Center
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.
Anaheim, CA 92806



Please mark your calendars. Ladies are welcome. For lunch, we will participate in the Daughters of the Nile Hamburger Fry Fundraiser. \$20 per person. You can pay at the door. See flyer for the hamburger fry.

Robing: 9:00
Indoctrination: 10:45
Ceremonial: 10:30
Light lunch: 11:30
Fezzing: 12:30



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



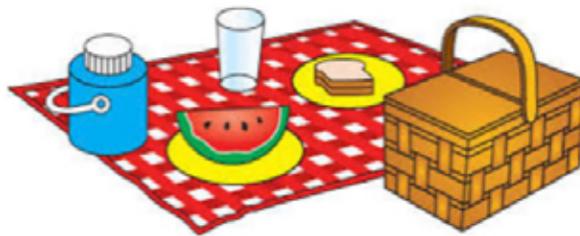
And fun entertainment

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
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#103,
Anaheim

Friends, neighbors, children, ALL welcome!

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

Lots of opportunities

Text or call for reservations by August 15

Allison Cassiday (562) 335-5288

Tickets are also sold by Merret Temple

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Tickets are \$20.



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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Signature _____

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

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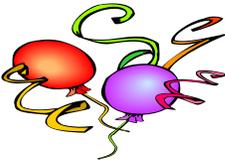
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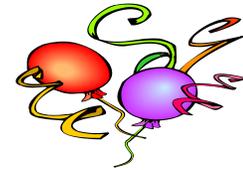
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MASONS OF CALIFORNIA ARE COMING OUT SWINGING FOR YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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!





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

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

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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.

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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



Noble Edwin edhearts Calayag

The 2023 Imperial Session is a great year for El Bekal Shrine of Anaheim California, as its former 2020 Ambassador Club President and 2021 Potentate, Illustrious Sir Michael Sekera PP, officially installed by Imperial Potentate Sir James E. "Ed" Stolze Jr. into the office of Imperial Chaplain. Illustrious Sir Sekera is the first El Bekal member in its history and the first Imperial Chaplain to be from California in the 151 history of shriners International.



Our new Imperial Year 23-24 International Patient Ambassador Gianna Mantuca, daughter of our very own Noble Sean Mantucca, Board of Governors of Pasadena Shriners, Medical Center.



The Huntington Beach 4th of July Parade with the Royal Chariots and the Calliope.
(See the Tin Lizzie's article for their pictures.)



Tin L Lizzies

July 2023

Well, we did it finally! The old favorite parade of the year-Huntington Beach 4th of July parade! It has been a favorite parade of all units of El Bekal Shrine for many years and this year was no different. All the crowds lining the parade route 20 people deep in some places, were all there cheering us along. They really miss El Bekal & our Tin Lizzies and the other units. Of course, we had the usual number of people who walk across the street in front of us, or ride their bike alongside of us making our turns pretty harrowing at times. Capt. Rick Schade lead the way with 9 Tin Lizzies participating in the parade this year, including 3 of our newest members who have acquired lizzie cars. Thanks to Al Jazwiecki who spent countless hours restoring and problem solving the older lizzie cars so they could start participating in parades now. Hats off to Al for all his work!

The members who participated this year were Capt. Rick Schade, Treasurer Ted Segerstrom, Mike Williams, Al Jazwiecki, Gene DeRaad, & Doug Highlen. Our newest members who made their television debut, were Alfredo Bon, Karl Sandhoff, & Hilario Espe. One of our newest members had just finished unpacking after moving the family down south a little bit, and forgot how to set his alarm clock to make it work, and another hasn't finished his lizzie yet.

Well as it goes, Murphy also showed up at the parade. Hilario Espe's new lizzie, fresh from a new engine installation, broke a new fan belt of his drive transmission at the beginning of the parade, and had to be towed through the parade route. Not to worry Hilario, we've all been there at one time or another, and we had to endure the "Tow of Shame". Alfredo was experiencing motor stalling out throughout the parade, but at least it started up again every time it stalled. Newbie Karl Sandhoff was experiencing some steering issues & throttle sticking problems so he kept the speed down and nursed his lizzie through the parade. Our Captain wasn't immune from Murphy either and smoked his drive belt pretty bad right at the finish of the parade, and received a push from Ted Segerstrom for the last 200 feet of the parade, and back to his truck. Even Ted Segerstrom experienced Murphy during the drive over to our starting location in the parade. About halfway there, he lost a bolt holding his brake rod to his disc brakes. Thanks to Gene DeRaad, he was able to secure another nut & bolt to make his brakes function again. However, once at the starting spot, he noticed that his battery cable had come undone which made all his noise makers not work & his electric starter for the motor not work either. Once again Gene DeRaad came to his rescue with another nut to fix that problem.

As we made our way through the parade, we all were just glad to get back to normal again after all the lockdowns we all had from Covid. Let's keep it going people!



Capt. Rick Schade leading the group to the staging areas.



Gene DeRaad ready to go parading.



Master Mechanic Al Jazwiecki ready to go.



Karl Sandhoff II excited about his first 4th of July parade.



A Sea of US Flags & a lot of Patriotism!



Freddie Bon heading out to his first 4th of July parade.



Mike Williams was our Tailgunner for this parade.



Hilario Espe getting decorated for his first parade as a new Tin Lizzie.



Ted Segerstrom fixed his Murphy issues and headed to the staging area.



Doug Highlen heading out to the staging area with the group.



HERE WE COME!



Karl Sandhoff nursing his lizzie through the parade. He did a great job and made through the whole parade.



Al Jazwiecki towing Hilario Espe through the parade.



Capt. Rick Schade having his own private BBQ at the end of the parade!





**EL BEKAL SHRINE
TIN LIZZIE UNIT**

"Petition For Membership"

I am interested in becoming a member of the TIN LIZZIE UNIT of EL BEKAL SHRINE. I am a member in good standing of _____ Masonic Lodge, # _____, and a member of El Bekal Shrine. _____

PRINT FULL NAME _____

WIFE'S NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE _____

CELL PHONE WITH AREA CODE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER _____

Upon acceptance, I understand that I will owe a one time initiation fee of \$50.00 plus yearly dues of \$ 20.00 (not pro-rated) and will become an active regular member upon purchasing the first available car. I agree to be governed by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Unit.

Signed and Dated

Submit for consideration at our next business meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7PM in the Shrine Oasis.

Recommended by: _____



New Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze

**Imperial
Session
2023**



Congratulations, Mike





Michael Sekera



*New Imperial Chaplain
New International Patient Ambassador*



Gianna Mantucca





Juan Diego and Gianna



Proud Potentates with their Patient Ambassadors





Chima steakhouse



El Bekal's Temple Dinner



Al Bahr's Temple Dinner



Ben Ali's Ladies Luncheon





Imperial First Ladies Luncheon



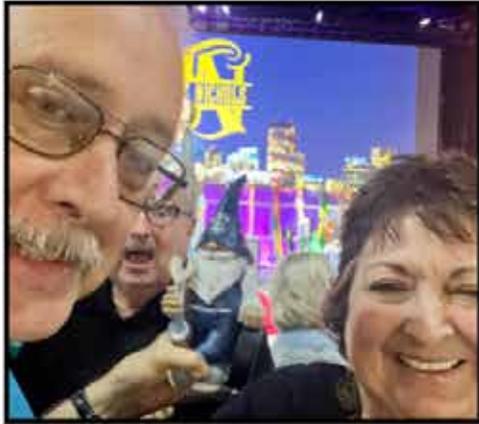


*Reno 2024 Reception for Potentates and Chief Rabbans
New Imperial Potentate Ed Stolze and First Lady JoLynn*





All Nobility Concert featuring country singer Joe Nichols



Our traveling gnome is everywhere!



Back stage





Having fun at Imperial.



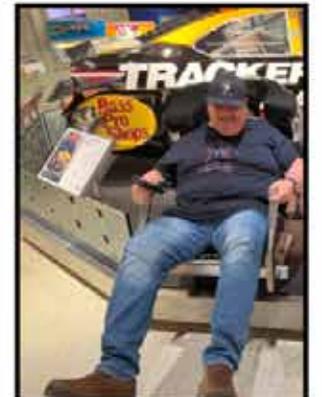


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The **East-West Shrine Bowl**, a 98-year-old annual college football all-star tradition, took place in February in Las Vegas, Nevada, as part of the NFL's Pro Bowl Week. The game, which was broadcast live on NFL Network, has produced more than 500 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



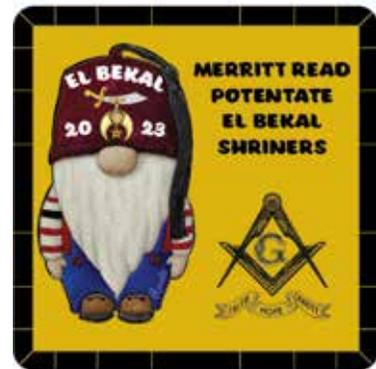
on campus and had them serve as honorary team captains. Patients were recognized on the field during games, had pre-game interactions with the teams, and even threw the first pitch out at each game.

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.

El Bekal Official Visit to Orange County Scottish Rite

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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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		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
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
Ceremonial at El Bekal				Temple Fundraiser		
27	28	29	30	31		

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03	04	05	06	07	08	09
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First Ladies Luncheon	Start Monday Night Football	Divan/Business meeting				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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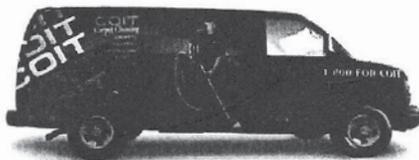
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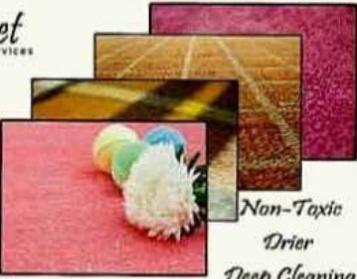


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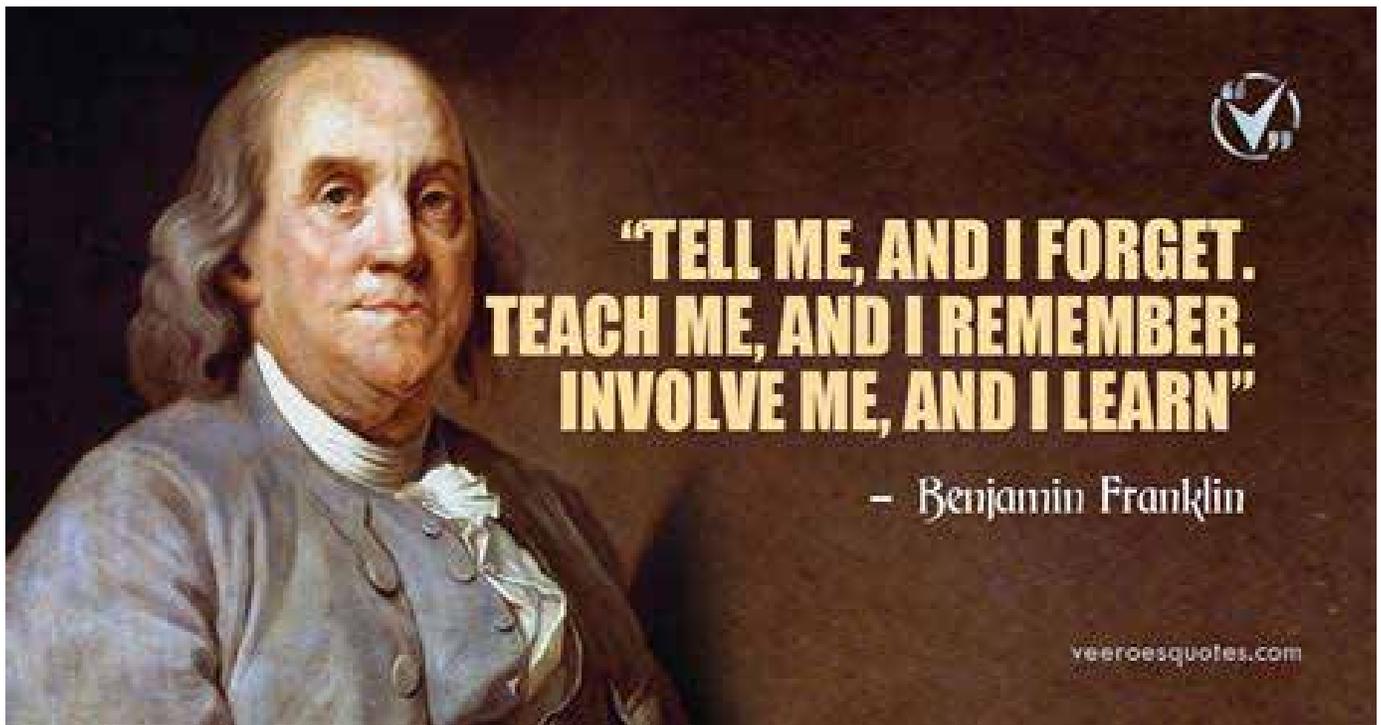
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Meeting 7:30 pm

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