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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



We had a terrific turnout at the July stated meeting with many of our newest members in attendance. We also had fantastic turnouts for Lil John Ludwig's 50 Year Masonic Pin Presentation and the Celebration of Life for Illustrious Sir Don Leger. Thanks to everyone for attending. The Potentate's Gala was an incredible success. The leaders of all four ladies organizations, representatives from five Shrine Temples, and two

Past Grand Masters attended. The 140 in attendance enjoyed the food, dancing and camaraderie. Our thanks to everyone who attended and especially everyone who helped to make it such a wonderful evening. The Family Picnic was great fun. About 75 attended and there were plenty of kids. Chairman Larry Griffin and Lady Cheryl, along with their crew, did a marvelous job and we thank all who worked so hard to make it a success. All five of our elected line officers, plus 3 wives and Chuck Wilson attended the Orange County Scottish Rite Official It was a nice evening and we were well received by their Visit. Don't forget to signup for the First Ladies Luncheon on members. September 10. It should be an outstanding event. At our Movie Night on September 15 we will be showing the new Avatar movie. And Monday Night Football begins on September 11. Kim and I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events. Have a wonderful Labor Day.

Merritt Read Potentate





First Ladies Victorian Luncheon Honoring the Past First Ladies of & Bekal Shrine Ladies bring your Victorian outfit, hats, purses, accessories Men wear your suit and the Sunday September 10, 2023 Social -11:00am Escorts at 12:15pn Lunch -12:30pn, Entertainment- 2:00pn Door Prizes - Vendore - Opportunities - 50/50 At & Bekal Shrine Center 1320 & Sanderson Ave. Anahein, 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 In. Palm Desert, CA 92211 Payable to El Bekal Shrine (Memo: First Ladice Luncheon) 714-397-0446

CHIEF RABBAN MESSAGE



Greetings all NOBLES, Brothers and Friends,

As you all know I have been working 3rd shift hours full time for the last 2 years. This means I do my sleeping during the day time and miss a lot of what is going on with my Masonic body's. As it is now I am the Chief Rabban here at El Bekal, I'm your editor for the El Bekalan, Treasure for the Director staff, Photographer for the Officers, plus I do IT and Audio Video when called upon to do so. Along with that I am the Junior Warden for the Orange County Scottish Rite Valley.

Now I'm not telling you all this to toot my own horn, I telling you this so that you may know that even though a brother may not be seen, may not attend

some or many events, that is not to say they are not there working for the betterment of there Masonic body's, Nobles and Brothers. As you may know that in the past we have been a bit judgmental on some of our Brothers for not being at events and places when in reality, while taking care of work and family, they were working very hard for El Bekal in the background. We are getting more and more new members now and they are young, working, and raising a family. We need to work on finding ways to get them and their family involved, excited and engaged, and want be part of El Bekal, there Clubs and Units along with new and exciting events that's interesting to them. Get out there and talk to the new members and find out what drives them to be part of El Bekal.

We had a fantastic Family picnic last month and it would not have been the success it was without all the help for the Nobles and there Ladies. We had some new members come in the morning and help Russ Allen load, transport and unload food and equipment for the event. I have to thank the Ladies (Pat Allen, Natalie Jones, Maria Ramirez and others)for all their help the day before and the day of for preparing the food and serving. We had some fine cooks (Nobles Steve Steel, Gary Leister and Jame Segerstrom) slaving over the HOT grill preparing very large hot-dogs and hamburgers, We had Snow cones and cold beverages thanks to Karl Sandhoff and his team. We had some great music with sound supplied by Keith Jones. Ernesto Ramirez headed up the games and toy prizes for the kids along with a mean game of Corn Hole and a large Janga game. There were approx 75 guest and 25 kids all having fun under the sun, games, food and fellowship. There so many that helped behind the scenes and I know I did not get all of your names in. Thank you to all that came out and help El Bekal make this a Grand picnic this year. Of course you all know I would be in BIG trouble if I did not thank my lovely lady Cheryl for her help and support too.

This year at El Bekal we have the honer of having the daughter of Noble Sean Mantucca, Gianna Mantucca as the Shrines International Ambassador this year.

Also we have Noble Ill Sir. Michael Sekera PP as Imperial Chaplain for Shriner's International. In our mist is Noble Ill Sir Roger Ross as "Right Eminent Grand Commander of California" for York Rite.

An honorable mention to Noble Worshipful Ralph Shelton as the "Most Reverent Grand Chaplin" of the Grand Lodge of California.

Thank you for lending me your ear, I hope I didn't ruffle too many feathers. May Brotherly, love, prevail and peace be with you all

Sincerely & Fraternally, Larry Griffin PP, CR

ASSISTANT RABBAN



"Greetings Nobles!

Can you believe that summer is almost over?

We have had a busy summer. From Imperial Shrine, to the 4th of July Parade, and an Appreciation BBQ at the Shrine Children's Medical Center. Also our traditional picnic at Kiwanisland.

There was even a Ceremonial on August 20th.

But alas, with summer winding down, we have a huge event coming up....The Return of Monday Night Football!

Even if you are not a football fan, come on down and enjoy some fellowship....as well as good food and drinks.

There is also a movie night on September 15. There's also a couple of other things in the works for the temple.

Until next month, everyone have a fantastic September.

Sincerely & Fraternally,

James Segerstrom Assistant Rabban"



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

HIGH PRIEST AND PROPHET



August saw a fantastic picnic. Everyone who attended had a fantastic time and everyone who didn't make it was greatly missed. The highlight of the afternoon was probably the cornhole competition which was ultimately won by our Potentate, and First Lady.

El Bekal also hosted a barbecue for the staff of the Shriners for Children Medical Center in Pasadena. Thank you to everyone who was able to volunteer for this event. I would also like to remind everybody that are golf tournament is quickly approaching. There are still opportunities to sponsor holes and get your foursomes put together. Keith Jones, HPP



1st CEREMONIAL MASTER





1st Ceremonial Master

Noble Edwin Calayag

On the 22nd of July 2023 El Bekal Shrine, celebrated the 2023 Potentate Gala Night led by Illustrious Sir Merritt Read Potentate and the motif colors are amazing Red and Black with a center table of a red roses, the events attended of different Temple Officers, Past Grand Master and Officers and Master Masons of different lodges.



El Bekal Shrine Divan 2023

(Left to Right) 2nd Ceremonial Master Lito Soliven, 1st Ceremonial Master Edwin Calayag, Asst. Rabban James Segerstrom, Illustrious Sir Merritt Read Potentate, High Priest and Prophet Keith Jones, Oriental Guide Ernie Ramirez, Treasurer Illustrious George Boyd PP.



El Bekal Shrine Divan Ladies 2023

2nd Ceremonial Master Lady Myla Soliven, 1st Ceremonial Master Lady Jasmin Calayag, Potentate 1st Lady Kim Read, High Priest and Prophet Lady Natalie Keith, Chief Rabban Lady Cheryl Griffin, Oriental Guide Lady Maria Ramirez and PP Treasurer Lady Mary Boyd.



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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 _____

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Larry Griffin PP **Ernie Ramirez George Boyd PP James Segerstrom** Keith Jones Chief Rabban **Oriental Guide Assistant Rabban High Priest & Prophet** Treasurer 10

Merritt Read Illustrious Potentate 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

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



Go to <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Jap5rkEVmE</u> for Diego's story. Go to <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QArRD4IiybQ&t=1462s</u> for both stories.



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MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL September 11





5:15 PM Kick—Off



Buffalo Bills @ New York Jets



Hosted By Tin Lizzies



Bring Prospective New Members Family and Friends



Great Food Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats Potato Salad, Beans Drinks



If you have any questions Contact *El Bekal* www.elbekalshrine.com







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



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

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7:30 AM shotgun start at 9:00 AM

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FOR INFORMATION CONTACT

PER GOLFER

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

REGISTRATION FORM 2023 GOLF TOURNAMENT SUNDAY OCTOBER 15, 2023

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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 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 9280

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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

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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













El Bekal Shrine Center SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEEN PARTY



Sunday, October 29, 2023 Trick 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm treat 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





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

EI 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. <u>Reservations Required by Nov. 10</u>

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AMBASSADORS CLUB

Noble Edwin Calayag

2023 EL BEKAL ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

On August 6 at eleven o'clock in the morning El Bekal Shrine annual picnic open to the Nobility Family,Brother Mason's, Guest's and Children who are so happy upon received their toys. Food was served by the finest Shriner Chef's through the help of our Ladies and the events attended by a brother Mason's from different mothers, Nobility from different Temple and a future Master Mason's. " Thank you El Bekal Nobility for another succesfull event."

The Ambassadors Club was able to recruit three new Associates Members and two Novices who will join the rest at the forthcoming August 20, 2023 Sunday Ceremonial at El Bekal temple.



Having fun with our Gnomies



























Lil John Ludwig's Masonic 50 Year Pin Presentation























El Bekal Official Visit to Orange County Scottish Rite dinner and played Jeopardy



PR Ralph Shelton and Venerable Master Andrew Todd









2023 POTENTATE'S GALA

EL BEKAL DIVAN





Our guests from Al Malaikah Shriners

Our guests from Al Bahr Shriners





Merret Temple Queen Allison Cassidy



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Representative from Al Bahr



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2nd CM Lito Soliven and Lady Maila



1st CM Edwin Calayag and Lady Jasmin



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OG Ernie Ramirez and Lady Maria



HP&P Keith Jones and Lady Natalie



AR James Segerstrom and Past First Lady Cheryl Griffin



Potentate of El Zaribah James Hoover and Lady



Legion of Honor presenting the Flag of Our Country.





Entrance of Potentate Merritt Read and First Lady Kim



Arlene Highlen singing "God Bless America"



Dedication dance "The Way You Look Tonight" sung by Keith Jones.












































































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 runout 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 pregame 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-journalistin-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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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. We also need back up drivers for the fire truck. Same rules apply. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you

Russ Allen, Director of Units 714-397-0449















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, The Nobles of Valencia Shrine Club



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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Anaheim #207 303 W. Lincoln Ave. Anaheim, CA 92805 Stated Mtg. 1st Wed. (714) 875-6344

Coachella #476 51100 Jackson St. Coachella, CA 92236 Stated Mtg. 1st Thur. (760) 398-5157

Fontana #653 16650 Arrow Blvd. Fontana, CA 92335 Stated Mtg 1st Mon. (909) 730-3571

Huntington Beach #380 601 Palm Ave. Huntington Beach, CA 92648 Stated Mtg. 1st. Wed. (714) 536-3119

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

Saddleback Laguna #672 23685 Birtcher Dr. Lake Forest, CA 92630 Stated Mtg. 1st. Thurs. (949) 458-5750

Veritas Lodge #855 24642 San Juan Ave. Dana Point, CA 92629 Stated Mtg. 2nd Thurs. (949) 441-0357



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Don't Forget to visit your BLUE Lodge. They need to see you too !

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You may also e-mail: <u>patientreferrals@shrinernet.net</u> to get a referral started. Flags Presented by

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*	Ray G. Thagard, Sr. (Gayle)	1982
*	T.D. "Ted" Grinager (Èrna)	1984
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*	Fred Gutierrez (Marie)	1990
*	Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
*	Donald A. Nièlsen (Śally)	1994
*	Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
	Joe Pendergasť	1999
*	Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
	David P. Suehs (Jo Anne)	2004
	Donald K. Sorsabal	2005
	Ron Schemm, MD (Barbara)	2006
	William Salpaka (Virginia)	2007
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	Coy Love (Margaret)	2009
*	Gary Hooper (Sharon)	2010
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	Larry Griffin (Cheryl)	2018
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Monday October 9th, 2023 Hospitality 5:00 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm

Meeting 7:30 pm

Reservations by Friday October 6th, 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 October 9th, 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

Attest, Coy Love, P.P., Recorder