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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greetings Nobles, Ladies, and Friends!

Michelle and I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, we hope you were able to spend some quality time with your families and friends. This is truly our favorite time of the year; we get to take time and give thanks for the many blessing in our lives. We are so grateful for this year, and the many memories we have made serving as Potentate and First lady of El Bekal Shrine. We thank each and every one for your support and we hope you have enjoyed this year as much as we have.

November has been a very active month! We continue to host Monday Night Football every Monday night through December 2nd, we also attended the Riverside Veterans Parade, then the Clay Buster POV Annual Turkey Shoot at Prado Dam. Michelle and I had a blast and want to thank the Clay Busters for a great POV and their hospitality. First Lady Michelle did awesome for her firsttime ever shooting trap, scoring 21 out of 50! We are looking forward to joining the Clay Busters next year for another round on trap! We closed out the month with the Romana Shrine Club POV. Thank you to every one who makes these events happen, again proving if we all do a little we can accomplish a lot.

As we approach December and our year comes to an end, Michelle and I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year! As we transition in to the new year, we want to be first to wish Merrit and Kim a great 2020. I know they will do a great job and have a fantastic year planned out for us all and see what else they have in store for us.

Upcoming events:

- Tin Lizzy Christmas Party Sunday December 1stth
- El Bekal Final Monday Night Football December 2nd
- Nomads Christmas Party Sunday December 8th
- Laguna Niguel Parade Saturday December 14th
- El Bekal IN & Out Saturday January 4th

Fraternally, Mike Selix Potentate El Bekal Shrine

El Bekal Annual Meeting, Election, and Installation of Officers

IN AND OUT 2020 SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.

**Being held at the El Bekal Shrine
1320 S. Sanderson Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806**

Annual Meeting, Program and Dinner
Honoring
Illustrious Sir Michael Selix and First Lady

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular scheduled ANNUAL MEETING of El Bekal Shrine will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 at the El Bekal Shrine Center, 1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806, commencing at 2:00pm. Business to be conducted will include voting on all petitions received since our last Stated Meeting and adjustments to Shrine budget. Annual Elections and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

2020 Dues Cards required, wear your Fez. By-laws are available for inspection at the Shrine Center office.

Fraternally, Michael Selix
Potentate

Attest: Coy Love P.P.
Recorder

Schedule: 2:00pm Business Meeting, El Bekal Shrine Center,
2020 Dues Cards required.
4:00pm Potentates Hospitality, open to the general Nobility
and their Ladies.
5:00pm Dinner for Nobles and their Ladies, Awards for 2019,
Installation of 2020 Officers.

Attire: Nobles, for the evening & dinner, Tuxedo or Coat & Tie with Fez. Ladies, for the evening & dinner, Cocktail Dress or Formal. Pick up your tickets for seating reservations at El Bekal Shrine Center foyer.



Reservation Form for In & Out Dinner 2020 must be made by **Friday December 27, 2019**. Tickets will not be sold at the Door. Please reserve [_____] place(s) for the In & Out Dinner \$30.00 per person. \$ _____

Donation for Lady Michelle's gold Wheelchair Charm \$ 7.00 \$ _____ Total amount \$ _____

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF RABBAN



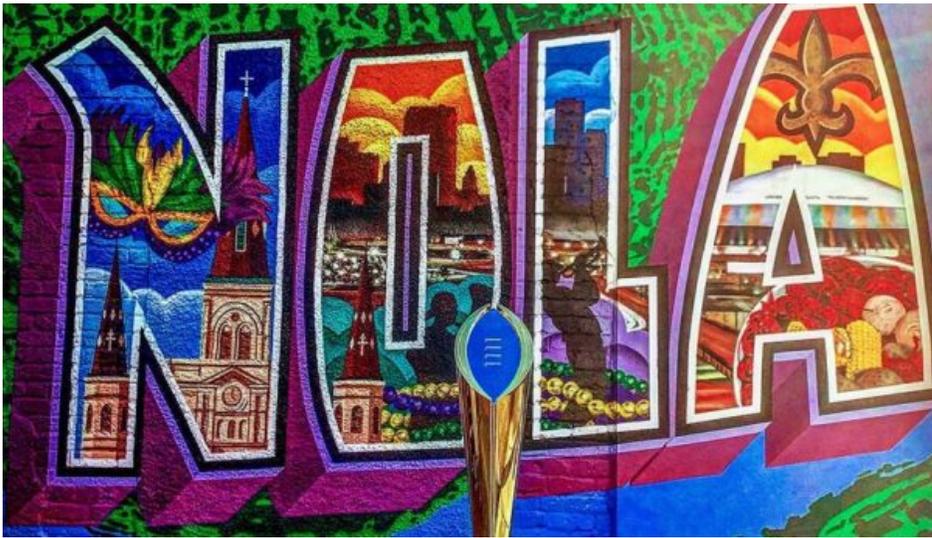
We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We all have so much to be thankful for. My congratulations to Noble Doug Highlen and Lady Arlene on being installed as Worthy Patron and Matron of Ami Tai Chapter OES. Also congratulations to Noble Al Jazwiecki on being installed as Worthy Patron of Septer Chapter OES. We hope both organizations have a great year. We have several nobles who are going to be installed as Worshipful Master of their lodges in December and January. Andrew Prutsman will be installed on December 14 at Cornerstone Lodge, Shan Kulasingam will be installed on January 4 at Gateway Lodge and Arman Ordian will be installed on January 18 at Desert Daylight Lodge. Clint Atherton was elected Master of Coachella Lodge and Theodore Parker was elected Master of Palm Springs Lodge. As of this

writing their installation dates have not been announced. Congratulations to all five of you and we hope each of you will have a fantastic year. If there are any other nobles of El Bekal being installed as the leader of an organization, please let me know and I will mention you in my next article.

As 2019 winds to a close, we want to remind everyone to send in their reservations for the In- and-Out on January 4. Elections will be at 2:00 with the social hour, dinner, presentations and installation to follow. Come out to celebrate a great 2019 year for Illustrious Mike Selix and First Lady Michelle, and also to meet your new officers for 2020. Kim and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year as we look forward to 2020. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you always.

Merritt Read Chief Rabban





College Football National Championship

Monday
January 13, 2020
Party starts at 4:30
PM, kick-off 5:00PM
EL BEKAL CENTER
1320 S. Sanderson Ave.,
Anaheim, CA 92806

All you can eat and drink
Hamburgers, hotdogs, Brats, chili and etc.
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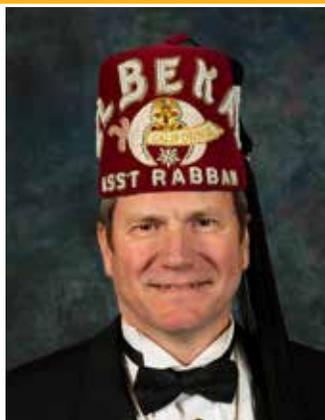
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MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT RABBAN



Michael Sekera,
Assistant Rabban

Nobles and their Ladies,

As we have bid our last farewell to the summer of 2019, I look forward to El Bekal Shrine center and what it has to offer to you and your family, but most of all what it offers to the nobility. Things continue to change at El Bekal Shrine and you can be an integral part of the future. The role it plays in our fraternity, community life and support of our most precious Shriners Medical Centers for Children. The opportunities are endless for us as a Shrine center to grow, but there is one thing missing, your involvement, your motivation and your determination to make the world a better place. When you became a Shriner at El Bekal you made a commitment to work and help the children of the world that have disabilities.

If you've been coming out and taking part of the happenings at El Bekal Shrine then you know what fun we have and what good food we enjoy together. If you have not been taking part, why not? What's keeping you

away? Are you new and perhaps feel that you don't know folks? Is it difficult for you to travel? Are you not sure what's expected of you? The folks who come out to El Bekal Shrine on Mondays to meet, socialize and plan functions will tell you it's time well spent. Not only does El Bekal Shrine need your involvement to grow, but you joined for a reason and I'm quite sure that reason was not to be a "silent partner."

Since the first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922, the healthcare system has improved the lives of more than 1 million children. Yes, you are needed to help change the world and make El Bekal a better place. Your age is not a factor, you have the ability and opportunity and endless avenues to pursue. Now go to your closet and reach up to your top shelf, take your Fez down and put it on and already you should feel better. Now gaze into the mirror and your almost ready to make a difference. Make that difference. Now that you have your fez on and you represent El Bekal Shrine. Sit down and write down a few things that can help our shrine today or in the future, as a El Bekal Shriner you're an important part of our fraternity and your input is very important, your knowledge and background and years of life experience is the greatest asset to us. Please let me know your ideas and your concerns to help us once again become one of the leading Shrine centers. To do this you don't need a computer, you don't need to write a book or an essay all you need to do is jot some of your thoughts down on a napkin and give me a call. We are not perfect by any means, just men striving to be the best men we can be and to serve a purpose higher than ourselves.

I look forward to your input and remember we all took the same journey to get our fez. Your part as a Shriner is not over.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Michael J. Sekera, Assistant Rabban



MESSAGE FROM THE HP&P



HP&P December Message

Greetings Nobles,

December marks the end of the traditional year and the time to begin a new year. The ancients would follow the position of the sun in different seasons and realized that late December marked the farthest south point of the sun's path. Many ancient faiths held solemn rituals or joyful celebrations to mark the sun's northward turn and the promise of warmer weather. We still use the name of one of these celebrations today, the season of Yule or Yuletide.

Some of the celebrations and Holidays of December are Christmas (of course) St Nicholas' Day, Advent Days, Holy Innocent's Day, St. Stephen's Day, St. Lucia's Day and St. John's Day... and these are just the Christian Holidays.

Special days of other faiths are held in December, but some of them move around like Hanukkah. There's also Bhodi Day, Omisoka, Kwanza, Festivus, and Saturnalia.

There are even secular observances in December like the solemn Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (Dec 7); Bill of Rights Day (Dec 15); and National Disabilities Day (Dec 3.)

There are a lot of fun days too, the most popular being New Year's Eve. And some silly ones like National Cookie Day (Dec 4.)

Don't forget that we Shriners have a special event of our own near this season. The In-and-Out (our election and installation of officers) is coming up on January 4.

I would like to extend a very heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped me throughout the past year. Being an officer in the Divan is not an individual effort, it is definitely a team event. Thank you all.

Fraternally,

-Al Turek-

High Priest & Prophet

JUST ONE

Who do you know
that would make a good
Shrine Mason?

Make a difference
when you refer Just One.





A message from Jim Ridley

Hello all,

Just a quick note to introduce myself. I'm Jim Ridley and have served on the Divan as First Ceremonial Master for the past year. I am also running for the High Priest and Prophet in January. Please attend the meeting in January and support your officers. We need each and every one of you to continue our growth.

I am currently in my eighth year as Inspector of the 830th Masonic District in Palm Springs. I will term out of that position next year. I want to thank everyone for supporting me as I start through the line at El Bekal Shrine. I served five terms as Master of Hemet/San Jacinto Lodge #338. I joined El Bekal in 2002 but have been busy with my lodge(s) and now looking forward to serving our Shrine and our Childrens Hospital.

We are currently upgrading our membership development efforts and have plans to continue our growth. I am really excited about the changes we are implementing. EVERY person on our roster is responsible for our future. Please be a part of the great things coming. Our new Ambassador club is up and running and the amount of our new Nobles is a testament that we are going in the right direction.

Everyone has a skill set. We have a place to utilize yours. Please feel free to contact me and let's determine what we can accomplish together.

Fraternally,

Jim Ridley

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Nobility of El Bekal Shrine,

In accordance with El Bekal's By-Laws, (Articles 5.1 Initiation Fees) the Divan, with the concurrence of the Cabiri, hereby recommends that the Application fee for a new member be increased from \$200 to \$250 which would include payment for both the first year's dues and a Fez. The entire body of El Bekal Shrine will be asked to approve this at our January 4th, 2020 Stated Meeting. A simple majority is all that is required to approve this increase.

Fraternally, Mike Selix

Potentate El Bekal Shrine



A message from Tom Thomas

Member's Bio running for the office of Oriental Guide

Hello everyone,

I am officially putting my hat in the ring to serve as Oriental Guide for the ensuing year.

Many of you know me already, but for those of you who don't, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tom Thomas and I have been a Shriner for 33 years and a Master Mason for 35 years. I have served in many capacities in the shrine over my 33 years. I was the Captain of the Temple Guard for Al Malaikah for 2 years, Bowling Chairman, York Rite Liaison, Assistant Housing Chairman and Aide. I have served my lodge as Steward, Junior Deacon, Junior Warden and I am currently the Senior Warden elect for Cornerstone Lodge #659.

I have been active in the Shrine and my lodge for many years but found a real niche in the York Rite bodies and I have served almost every position in the Commandery, as well as multiple positions in the Council and Chapter. I was honored to be appointed to the progressive line of the California Grand Commandery in 2010 and had the distinct honor of serving the state of California as the Grand Commander in 2017. One of the things that I am most proud of while serving as Grand Commander was to appoint Roger Ross to the progressive line which makes me Roger Ross' Templar Father. I look forward to supporting him and Lynn as they serve in 2023. I have been honored with many awards through the York Rite bodies, including the Meritorious Service Award in both Commandery and Royal Arch, Grand Commander's award of excellence on two different occasions, and the Knight Commander of the Temple award. I have served on multiple committees for the California Grand Commandery, as well as the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

I am a Past Governor of Southern California York Rite College, currently serving as the Puissant Sovereign of the Red Cross of Constantine – St. Croix, and the Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

On a personal note, I have been married for 36 years to the love of my life, Pam, and we have two beautiful daughters, two wonderful son-in-laws and the two most amazing grandchildren imaginable. Our oldest daughter, Mary Ann, is married to Andy Prutsman who is a Master Mason and a member of El Bekal and they are the parents of our amazing grandchildren, Nathan and Emma. Our youngest daughter, Alison, is married to Justin Hill who is currently not a Mason but we are happy to have everyone help us encourage him to become a member of these great orders. Both of our daughters were actively involved in Job's Daughters and Mary Ann is a past Honored Queen.

I own an Auto Repair Shop in the city of Whittier and our family enjoys camping, motorcycle riding and boating. I am a member of the Bonneville 200 mph club and gained membership to that club by setting a speed record in excess of 200 mph. I have driven 275 mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Thank you for your consideration,

Tom Thomas

EI BEKAL CLAYBUSTERS TURKEY SHOOT & POV WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

We fielded 35 shooters this year. A new record for our Turkey Shoot event. We also had a first this year as we fielded an entire squad of Lady shooters! Those ladies were: Erin McKinley, Jane Rivera, Bree Myers, Rae Segerstrom & First Lady Michelle Selix.

Each shooter shot 2 rounds of trap with an opportunity for a 3rd score enhancement round at the end. We had 7 takers trying to better their total score. Some did, some didn't but that's how it goes sometimes. We also had several first time shooters attending our event who are now new enthusiasts of the sport, one of which is our Pote Mike Selix.



Pote Selix enjoying his new sport of Breaking clay



First Lady Michelle Selix getting down and besting our Pote's score!



The historic team of Ladies.



After lunch and a day of shooting, the winners were announced. They were: Ms. Bree Myers & Daniel Morris! Ms. Myers had a score of 29/50 and Daniel did a 48/50!



The Pote & Capt. Robert Thomas, Jr. exchanged gifts & then Capt. Robert then presented the Pote with a \$2000 check from the Claybusters, and Mr. Mark Thorpe, owner of Thorpe Construction, presented a check for \$500 to Pote Selix for the Shriners Medical Center for Children.



Tin Lizzies

Ted Segerstrom November, 2019

The Tin Lizzies, and El Bekal in general, have been busy in October with 3 parades in the month! First of the month, we did the Tustin Tiller Days parade with 5 Tin Lizziers participating. Only 4 of us were able to drive the parade. Those members were Gene DeRaad, John Lake, Bill Hardy & Ted Segerstrom. Bob Katz had a winch problem so he couldn't drive in the parade, so he walked in it with his blue lodge of Tustin. There were 3 Lizzie Ladies who were able to ride in the Calipee with Russ Allen. They were Pat Allen, Meryl Lake, & Rae Segerstrom. With the Legion of Honor cart leading the way, followed by the Royal Chariots & Divan, then the firetruck, & Lizzies, El Bekal was well received along the whole parade route.



Following on the heels of the Tustin parade, came the Placentia parade. Capt. Rick rounded up 7 Tin Lizziers for this exciting parade. Following an appetizing pancake breakfast in the park, Capt. Rick led John Edgmon, Mike Williams, Dale Edwards, Ron Michal, Gene DeRaad & Bob Katz through the parade. Bob Katz had a heavy, in-depth conversation with his lizzie car, and told it he would turn back into a lawn mower again, if it didn't start! Way to go Bob!



Bob Katz and his red lawn mower

Gene DeRaad

John Edgmon

Dale Edwards

The Tin Lizzies

To wind up the month of parades, the ever popular Anaheim Halloween parade. Boy the goblins and ghosts came out in high numbers that night! Capt. Rick Schade along with Mike Williams, Bob Katz, Gene DeRaad, & Ernie Ramirez as a Clown.



Super Bowl Sunday El Bekal Shrine Center February 2, 2020



The legacy continues

1320 S. Sanderson Ave., Anaheim, CA 92806

Party starts at 1 PM, kick-off 3:30 PM.

All you can eat and drink. Hamburgers, hotdogs, Brats, chili and Etc. Bring your family, kids under 12 eat free. All this for \$10 each. Any questions call Coy Love (714) 563-9111



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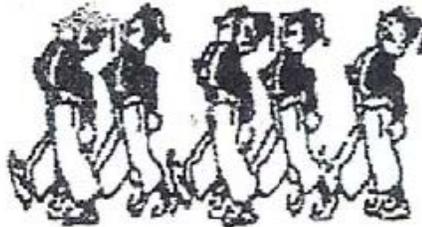
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*Everyone's Invited to The First
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Ali Baba Sheiks



Oasis Patrol



Nomads

Sunday February 9th, 2020

Social Hour at 12:30pm Brunch @ 1:30pm

El Bekal Shrine Center

1320 South Sanderson Ave

Anaheim California 92806

Dress Casual Unit or Club Shirt with Fez

Featuring:

Food Catered by Lucci's of Huntington Beach

Prime Rib | Chicken Cordon Bleu, + Fixens

Free Wine Beer and Sodas

A great time for All

All for \$25.00

Per Person

Reservations are Necessary and Required by January 24th, 2020

Mail Checks as "El Bekal Nomads" to:

Dale Edwards

9649 La Esperanza

Fountain Valley CA 92708

(714) 968-2353



*You are cordially invited to the
El Bekal Oasis Patrol, Nomads and Ali Baba
Purveyor's annual*

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Cocktails at 6pm

Dinner at 7pm

Catered by Lucci's

At the Shrine Center

Dance to the music of Punch and Judy

Cost per person \$25.00

Christmas Casual

*Please RSVP and send your checks to Nomad Treasurer,
Dale Edwards at 9649 La Esperanza Ave, Fountain Valley,
CA 92708-3554 (no payment at the door!)*



more THAN JUST A GAME



More than just a game

For the perfect combination of fun, fellowship and philanthropy, look no further than Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Florida, on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2020. The East-West Shrine Bowl is our organizations' premier signature sporting event, which has been played since 1925. If you haven't already, it's time to think about your plans for this exciting game that is such an important Shriners tradition.

To better reflect the quality and stature of this event, we recently changed its name to East-West Shrine Bowl.

A ONE-OF-A-KIND TRIP

One option is to make memories with your whole family by traveling to St. Petersburg for the game. It will be an experience like none other: Where else can you enjoy a tropical getaway, and have the opportunity to mingle with professional NFL scouts, agents and coaches, and meet college football's finest athletes?

TradeWinds Island Grand Resorts is the host hotel for the event, with a fantastic location on St. Pete Beach, along the Gulf of Mexico. For reservations, call 800-808-9833. Ask for the special East-West Shrine Game rate, available through December 19.

General admission tickets are \$15 and may be purchased online in advance at shrinegame.com, or on game day at Tropicana Field box offices. Temples, clubs and units may request General Admission tickets to sell, in advance, for a 20% sales commission.

Special Shriener friends and family ticket packages are available for advance purchase through Jan. 6. During game week, Jan. 13-17, any remaining ticket packages will be sold on-site at the host hotel, TradeWinds Island Grand. For ticket package and additional game information, call the game office at 813-281-8686.

WATCH PARTIES

If you can't go to the game, consider hosting or attending an East-West Shrine Bowl watch party. Watch parties are a perfect opportunity for Shriners to come together with fellow nobles, family, friends and community members to enjoy this special game.

You can invite potential new members and connect with existing nobles over your favorite tailgate snack and cold drinks at a watch party. Also, a watch party is a great time for member recruitment: Invite friends or colleagues you think would make great Shriners to enjoy one of the nation's top

college all-star and NFL Draft recruitment games while learning what being a Shriner is all about.

Watch parties can be held at your local temple, lodge or recreation center. Create a potluck list of your favorite tailgate munchies and beverages, or organize a cook-off! Bring your favorite tailgate games and invite all of your friends to come enjoy the party.

Another option is to meet at a local sports restaurant. Let the professionals take care of the cooking and cleanup, while you kick back, relax and cheer for your favorite players.

No matter where your party is held, we can help make it special with a watch party package. Packages include game posters, brochures, trivia questions and fun giveaway items. Call 813-281-8686, or email your watch party package request to EastWestShrineGame@shrinenet.org.



MORE THAN JUST A GAME

Since 1925, the East-West Shrine Bowl has helped support Shriners Hospitals for Children. Your contributions – whether by attending, watching on television, or by donating – have kept this tradition strong, for the benefit of children around the world.



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Legion of Honor
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Come out and Join
the men that carry
our Flag in parades
and Ceremony

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Who We Are

First we are all members of Shriners International and its network of Shriners Hospitals for Children Shriners International has 193 Shrine Temples throughout North America as well as Mexico, the Republic of Panama, the Philippines, and Puerto Rico. Its philanthropy supports 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children which are located throughout the United States of America and in Canada and Mexico.

Many of our Shrine Temples have a uniformed unit of Legion of Honor Legion of Honor members are Shriners who have served or are stil serving in the Armed Forces of the U. S. They are honorably discharged or retired, volunteer or draftee, officer or enlisted We are all proud to be doing or having done whatever our countries needed to keep our countries safe. It includes service in our country's Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and Merchant Marines, or in their reserve component.





If you are located in the South Orange County area and looking for a connection to the Shrine, may we suggest you consider South Coast Shrine Club, “The Host of the Coast”. South Coast was chartered in 1954 and is under the jurisdiction of **El Bekal** Shrine Center. We are a group of Shrine Masons, Ladies, Honored Ladies and friends from a number of jurisdictions around the world who enjoy each other’s company, good food, fellowship and our dedication to Shriners International & Shriners Hospitals for Children. We also have an active group of ladies who are an important part of our Club. We have several social events outside our dinner meetings such as theater parties, trips and our Italian Night & Potentate’s Visitation party.

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday night of each month at Polly’s Pies, Moulton Parkway & Santa Maria, in Laguna Hills. Social time is at 6:00 PM with a no-host social hour before that we refer to as, “lies and old war stories time” followed by dinner. We order from the standard menu and pay our own checks. Reservations are suggested to assure correct seating set up. The location is convenient, the food and service good and the fellowship warm and friendly.

We distribute our newsletter (Bulletin) monthly and offer you the opportunity to visit and/or join our group. There will be no pressure or solicitation. While we welcome you to our meetings, the decision to affiliate with South Coast is entirely a matter of your personal choice. It is the Brotherhood of other Shriners and Ladies that we offer, with no strings attached.

If you think you would like to join us, we’d be glad to see you. If you have any questions, or need further details or directions, please feel free to contact me directly at 949/584-9716 or at: southcoastshrine@sbcglobal.net . We would be proud to have you associate with us. We welcome the opportunity to extend to you the hand of Shrine Fellowship. You are always **WELCOME** at South Coast.

Fraternally,
Chuck Wilson, Bulletin Editor

Some helpful websites

- El Bekal: elbekal.com
- Facebook: facebook.com/elbekalshrine/
- ShrinersVillage.com (Need membership No. to join)
- beashrinernow.com
- webfez.shrinenet.org/ (Need membership No. to join)
- webfez.shrinenet.org/referral
- shrinershospitalsforchildren.org
- imperial2019.com
- westernshrine.org



Hi Noble, looking for a place for lunch ? May we suggest Valencia Shrine Club ?

If you’re looking for a place to connect with other 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.

On month’s with 5 Thursdays, or about quarterly, we conduct our special Lady’s Day program inviting our Ladies, Honored Ladies, significant others and guests. We offer a special meal and program with live entertainment designed for the enjoyment of all. However, on Lady’s Day reservations are a MUST.

So, stop by for a visit. No reservation required, the first lunch is on the Club and we just love company, especially Nobles.

JUST ONE



El Bekal Member # _____

Date: _____

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

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles of El Bekal Shrine, 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 Masonic 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 Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and become a member of your Shrine. If I be found worthy, and my request granted, I promise to conform to the Articles of Incorporation and 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 another Shrine Temple? _____ Is so which Shrine _____

When: _____

Residence: _____
Number & Street City State Zip

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Number & Street City State Zip

Mail address: _____
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Hat size: _____

Print full name: _____ Signature: _____

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

Noble: _____
Print Name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

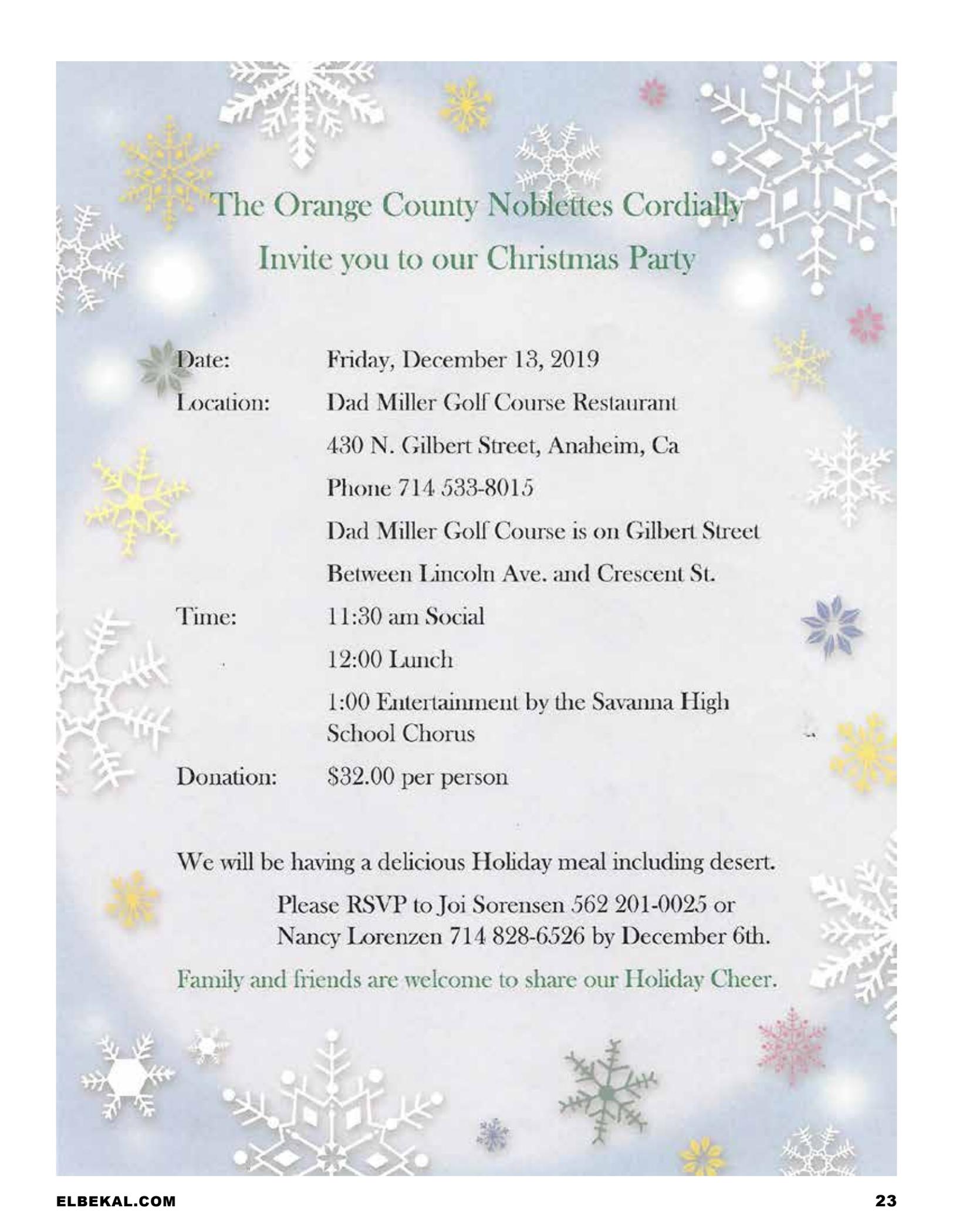
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Print Name Address Zip Phone Blue Lodge Card #

Credit, Unit-Club: _____

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The Orange County Noblettes Cordially
Invite you to our Christmas Party

Date: Friday, December 13, 2019

Location: Dad Miller Golf Course Restaurant
430 N. Gilbert Street, Anaheim, Ca
Phone 714 533-8015

Dad Miller Golf Course is on Gilbert Street
Between Lincoln Ave. and Crescent St.

Time: 11:30 am Social

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Entertainment by the Savanna High
School Chorus

Donation: \$32.00 per person

We will be having a delicious Holiday meal including desert.

Please RSVP to Joi Sorensen 562 201-0025 or
Nancy Lorenzen 714 828-6526 by December 6th.

Family and friends are welcome to share our Holiday Cheer.



You're invited to the East-West Shrine Bowl™ **WATCH PARTY!**

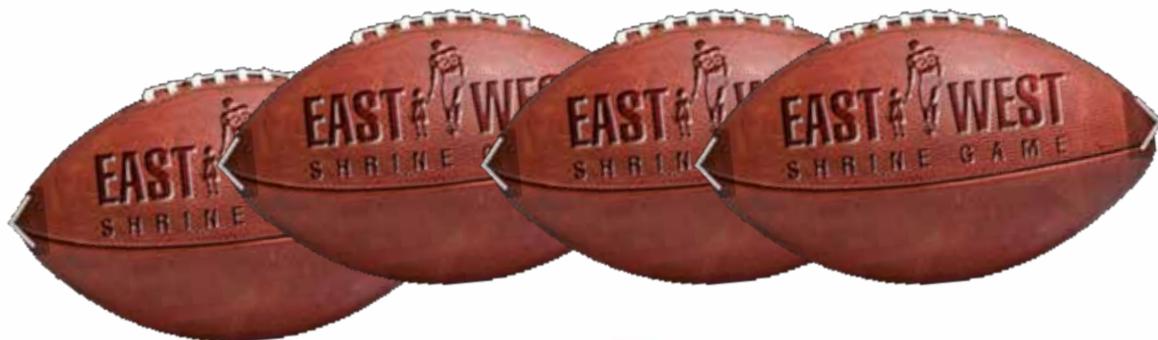
NOBLES, this is our time to cheer, have fun and welcome local football fans to join our SHRINERS TEAM! We are hosting a Watch Party for the 95th East-West Shrine Bowl, the premier college all-star football and NFL Draft recruitment event in the nation. For 95-years, the East-West Shrine Bowl has been an important Shriners' tradition benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children®. We hope you come to the party!

DATE: Saturday, January 18

TIME: 11:00 am. LOCATION: Calivino Wine Pub
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DETAILS:

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Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Social Hour at 6:00 pm Dinner at 7:00 pm

Catered by Lucci's

at the Shrine Center

Dance to the music of Punch and Judy

Cost per person \$25.00

Christmas Casual

*Please RSVP by 11 November 2019 and send your checks to Nomad
Treasurer, Dale Edwards at 9649 La Esperanza Ave., Fountain Valley,
CA 92708-3554 Please Make the Checks payable to:*

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AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Become a Charter Member of the Ambassadors Club

What is an Ambassador?

The Ambassador is a unique role in El Bekal Shrine, relevant to the unique nature of the Shrine itself. They are called Ambassadors. As the name has changed so the role has evolved over the years and they are now a very important part of El Bekal Shrine structure.

Who can be an Ambassadors?

Any member of El Bekal Shrine lodge who feels he can successfully carry out the duties described below can be appointed by the Chairmen. Anyone who wishes to volunteer for the ensuing year should contact the Potentate. If appointed it is expected that the Ambassadors will play an active part in the role when and if occasion demands

What are the duties of an Ambassador?

Whilst the list of duties may seem onerous there is often little to do but it is expected that these duties will be carried out diligently and promptly when required.

The principal duty is to assist in the administration of El Bekal Shrine which will include: -

- To assist the Secretary to locate members with whom we have lost contact.
- To assist the Treasurer to collect outstanding dues and subscriptions when serious arrears arise.
- To assist the Almoner in cases of sickness and distress and to act as the eyes and ears of the almoner in his area of responsibility.
- To assist the Assistant Secretary in the administration of applications to join El Bekal Shrine.
- Annual Dues are \$10.00 per year.
- The only special skill needed is to enjoy each other, people and we'll teach you the rest.

Want to know more?

Please contact the El Bekal Shrine



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Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, truth and relief.

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- Serving mankind through our philanthropy: Shriners Hospitals for Children®

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EL BEKAL SHRINE



Ambassadors Club

Nobles Name: _____
First Middle Last

Email: _____@_____

Ladies Name: _____
First Middle Last

Email: _____@_____

Telephone Numbers: _____
Residence Business Mobile

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Anniversary Date: _____

Nobles Birthday: _____

Years as a Master Mason: _____ Years as a Shriner: _____

Clubs you're a member of: _____

Units you're a member of: _____

Ladies Birthday: _____

Organization You're a member of: _____

Awards you have both received: _____

Blue Lodge & No.: _____
State (Current Blue Lodge if Different)

Occupation (be specific): _____ or check Box
Retired

2020 EL BEKAL CRUISE

Final details for the 2020 El Bekal Cruise are not available yet. But the cruise itself has been finalized. The Enchanted Princess, which makes it's maiden voyage in June 2020, will sail from Barcelona, Spain on Saturday, September 5, 2020. The fantastic ports-of-call are [Gibraltar](#), [Marseille, France](#), [Genoa, Italy](#) and [Florence/Pisa, Italy](#). The ship will arrive in [Civitavecchia, Italy](#) for our trip to Rome on Saturday, September 12. We have reserved 12 Balcony and 12 Interior Cabins, in addition to the Owner's Suite which Kim and I have reserved. We already have several couples signed up for the cruise at this early date. We are going through Cruise Holidays of Upland. Our contact is Bonnie and her phone number is 909-946-6033. Refundable reservations can be made at this time through Bonnie. They are refundable until May 28, 2020. A small number of mini-suites are available at this time, but they may not last. We recommend if you are thinking about going on this cruise, you reserve your cabin as soon as possible. Here is a tentative plan for the trip:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 Fly from LAX

Thursday, September 3, 2020 Arrive in [Barcelona](#) in the afternoon. Dinner at a Flamenco Show.

Friday, September 4, 2020 All day tour of Barcelona. Dinner somewhere.

Saturday AM, September 5, 2020 Morning tour of the incredible Sagrada Família.

Saturday PM, September 5, 2020 Board the ship which sails at 10 PM.

Sunday, September 6, 2020 Sea day.

Monday, September 7, 2020 [Gibraltar](#)

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Sea day.

Wednesday, September 9, 2020 [Marseille, France](#)

Thursday, September 10, 2020 [Genoa, Italy](#)

Friday, September 11, 2020 [Florence/Pisa, Italy](#)

Saturday AM, September 12, 2020 Arrive at [Civitavecchia, Italy](#) and travel to [Rome](#).

Saturday PM, September 12, 2020 Afternoon on your own. Evening dinner/night tour of Colosseum.

Sunday, September 13, 2020 All day tour of Rome.

Monday, September 14, 2020 All day tour of Vatican.

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Fly home.

Except for the cruise, the rest of the schedule is not set in stone yet. We will arrange for the tours in Barcelona and Rome. Cruise excursions are on your own. There will be opportunities to gather in our suite at the back of the ship, which has a large balcony. Total cost of the trip has not been determined at this time. We hope you will join us on this exciting trip in 2020. Merritt and Kim Read



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*Cordially invites you to attend the Official Visit
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Sunday, January 26, 2020
Ceremonial 2:00 PM
Dinner 5:30 PM
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Pr. Sandy Alderman
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(562) 274-3324

Checks payable to Merret Temple No. 103
Must accompany reservations by January 15, 2020

Merret Temple No. 103

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*Make your Reservation now for Nile's
2020 Fashion Show
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Event. Bring a Friend and Enjoy Lunch
and a Great "Fashion" Show.*

Sunday, January 12, 2020

Social 11:00 AM Lunch 12:00 PM



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1919 West Coronet
Anaheim

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Pr. SueAnne Shamas (714) 578-0405
By January 9, 2020

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01	02 MN Football	03	04	05	06	07 Laguna Niguel Christmas Parade
08	09	10 Divan/Board Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Start Hanukkah	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 End Hanukkah	30	31				

JAN 2020



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			01 Happy New Year	02	03	04 El Bekal Elections In & Out
05	06	07	08	09	10	11
12 College Football National Championship	13	14 Divan/Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 Shrine East/West Game
19 POV Oasis Patrol, Ali Baba Sheiks, Nomads	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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* Robert Lash (Donna)	1991
* William Pherrin	1992
* J. Floyd Price	1993
* Donald A. Nielsen (Sally)	1994
* Leo Sutliff	1995
* Richard O. Hughes	1996
* Max Hiles	1997
* Don Eyer (Joan)	1998
* Joe Pendergast (Mollie)	1999
* Ken Jahr (Nancy)	2000
* Bill McIntosh (Lynne)	2001
* Art Menzel (Evelyn)	2002
* Ray Biggerstaff (Pauline)	2003
* David P. Suehs (Jo Anne)	2004
* Donald K. Sorsabal	2005
* Ron Schemm, MD (Barbara)	2006
* William Salpaka (Virginia)	2007
* William "Bill" Roland (Kay)	2008
* Coy Love (Margaret)	2009
* Gary Hooper (Sharon)	2010
* John Rider (Barbara)	2011
* Bill Sizemore (Lynda)	2012
* 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

Associate Past Potentate

* Hans Lindquist, Nile (Priscilla) 1998

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EL BEKAL STATED MEETING AND ELECTIONS

Saturday, January 4, 2020

Meeting & Election of Officers: 2:00 pm
Hospitality: 4:00 pm
Dinner: 5:30 pm

Installation following Dinner

Reservations by Monday December 30, 2020

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

No Dinners will be sold at the door

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the Quarterly Meeting and Elections of Officers of EI Bekal Shrine Temple will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020, 2:00 pm at EI Bekal Shrine Center. Business to be conducted will include voting on petitions received since our last stated meeting Elections of Officers and such other business as shall come before the Nobility.

YOUR FEZ & 2020 DUES CARD REQUIRED FOR MEETING

Fraternally,
Ill. Mike Selix
Potentate

Attest,
Coy Love, P.P.
Recorder