



AAHMES NEWS

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There's Something New on the Web!

We're excited to announce the launch of the brand-new Aahmes Shrine website—your go-to destination for all things Aahmes! Thanks to the creative talents and hard work of Mark Leo from Aloha Shriners, we now have a fresh, modern site designed to keep our Nobles, families, and friends informed and engaged.

You can find us online at aahmesshriners.org.

The new site features:

- An updated events calendar so you never miss a meeting, parade, or social
- News and articles on Shrine happenings, fraternal highlights, and messages from leadership
- Easy access to membership resources and contact information
- A clean, mobile-friendly design so you can stay connected wherever you are

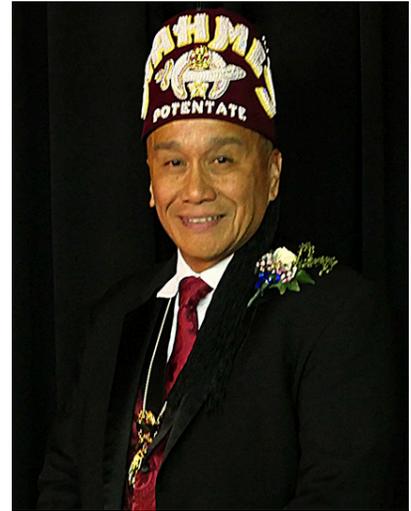
We encourage you to visit often! This site will be regularly updated with the latest information about our work, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. It's also a great resource for prospective members who want to learn more about who we are and what we do.

Huge thanks to Noble Mark Leo for helping us bring this vision to life. We're proud of the new look, and we hope it becomes a valuable tool for staying in touch with all things Aahmes.

See you online at aahmesshriners.org—and don't forget to bookmark it!

*Visit
Now*

Potentate's Message



Nobles,

As spring unfolds around us, we are reminded of the season's spirit of renewal and growth—a perfect symbol for what we hope to achieve together at Aahmes Shrine this year. Just as nature reawakens with new life, we have the opportunity to revitalize our fraternity with fresh energy, new members, and stronger engagement.

One of our key goals this year is to increase membership and encourage participation in our Shrine events. Whether it's a ceremonial, parade, fundraiser, or fellowship gathering, every event is a chance to bring our Shrine to life. Your presence, your enthusiasm, and your outreach make all the difference.

The best way to connect with Masons and plant the seeds of future membership is by visiting and supporting our local Blue Lodges. When we show up, lend a hand, and build genuine relationships, we remind our Masonic Brothers that the Shrine is an extension of the values we all hold dear—fellowship, charity, and fun with a purpose.

This is the perfect season to reconnect—with each other, with our mission, and with Brothers who may be ready to take the next step and join our Shrine. Let's extend a warm welcome to those who haven't yet experienced the joy and purpose that comes with being part of our Noble fraternity.

Together, let's breathe new life into Aahmes Shrine—just like spring, full of promise, color, and hope.

Yours in the faith,
Leo F. Bautista, Potentate
FBO (For the Benefit of the) Children



Shriners Children's Hospital BikeFit Program

Illustrious Potentate Leo F. Bautista's Special Project

Helping Kids Ride with Comfort and Confidence

Shriners Children's Northern California BikeFit Program is a comprehensive service that helps children with physical disabilities ride bicycles safely and comfortably. The expert team at Shriners Children's works with each child individually to ensure they have the right bike and proper adjustments so they can enjoy cycling and improve their mobility and overall well-being.



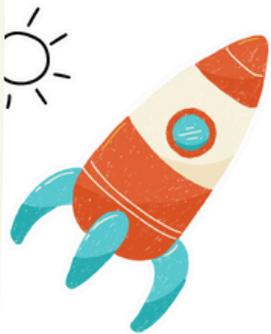
Join Aahmes Shriners in helping children experience the joy of cycling with your donation to Shriners Children's Hospital Northern California!

Donate Today

925-373-4880

www.aahmesshriners.org

Projects of the Potentate and First Lady



A AHMES SHRINERS FIRST LADY'S PROJECT



Please support Shriners Children's Northern California Special Care Center for pediatric colorectal and gastrointestinal care, First Lady Joann Bautista's special project for 2025. Your donations will allow children with bowel disorders and digestive issues to receive innovative treatment that will significantly impact a child's home life, school performance, friendships, and overall emotional health.

Donate

Call the Aahmes Shrine office
(925) 373-4880
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Welcome TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

RALPH FERNANDEZ
JESUS REY CLARETE
JOHN T. DEANGKINAY
SEAN A. HARRIS

August 2024

RICK A. LAUZIERS
FRANK H. NAPPI
LOUIS D. ROESSLER
FERDINAND DALOPE

DANIAL J. GRAHAM
ANGEL E. PASAG

October 2024

MICHAEL D. TAGULAO
NICHOLAS A. VERA

NESTOR R. DOMETITA
WILLIAM P. LABIT
RICHARDO D. REYES III
VERNON MORALES
ADAM BRISSEY

March 2025

ALEX B. RIVERA
EUGENIO T. TIANERO
GREGORIO BALUYOT, JR.
ANTHONY TAROC

ALL OF THE ABOVE BECAME NOBLES DURING A COLD SANDS CEREMONY AT A STATED MEETING.

IN ADDITION, ABNER LUMABAS AND EUGENIO TIANERO PARTICIPATED IN A HOT SANDS CEREMONY
AT BEN ALI SHRINE ON APRIL 13, 2025.

Congratulations



AAHMES Shrine

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FBO (For the Benefit of the) Children

March 31, 2025

Dear Nobles of Aahmes Shrine:

I'm pleased to share an important update about our organizational leadership. After a careful and thoughtful recruitment process, we are excited to welcome Kim Hegg as our new Director of Operations and Membership Development.

Kim brings a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to our mission, and we are confident that she will be an invaluable asset to our team as we continue to grow and strengthen our work. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Kim as she begins this new role.

This position was created as part of a broader restructuring of our operations, which, as many of you know, resulted in the elimination of two staff positions. This was not an easy decision, and we want to recognize the valuable contributions of those individuals. Both were invited to participate in the recruitment process for this new role, and we are grateful for their professionalism and continued support throughout this transition.

We are optimistic about the future and look forward to the energy, vision, and leadership Kim will bring to our organization. Thank you all for your ongoing commitment and for helping us build an even stronger community together.

Fraternally,
Leo F. Bautista
Potentate

Gary Charland
Recorder



2025 Divan

Leo F. Bautista, Potentate - Brad Rupert, Chief Rabban - Patrick Quinn, Assistant Rabban
Romy Damiles, High Priest & Prophet - Pompey Festejo, Oriental Guide - Gary Charland PP, Recorder - Joseph Pritchard, Treasurer



AAHMES SHRINE SPECIAL RELOCATION COMMITTEE

Committee Overview: The Aahmes Shrine has formed a Special Relocation Committee tasked with gathering information, developing, and qualifying potential new location options.

Our process will involve gathering detailed information, presenting it to the Temple Board and Past Potentates (PPs) for feedback, and holding in-person meetings before finalizing any decisions. The final decision will be presented to the membership for approval.

Important Note: This committee does not have the authority to make any decisions regarding the relocation. The membership will always have the final approval.

Request for Help: The committee requests your support in keeping rumors to a minimum during this process. Please refrain from starting or passing along rumors regarding the Shrine's relocation plans. Rest assured, you will receive regular updates and surveys from this committee as the process moves forward.

We understand this is an emotional and challenging time for Aahmes Shrine. Together, we are committed to making thoughtful, informed decisions for the future.

Committee Members:

- Brad Rupert – Chair (Chief Rabban)
- Mike Cornell – Secretary, PP
- Fraser Marshall
- Terry Killgore
- Gary Charland - Recorder
- Leo Bautista – Potentate

Committee Assistants

(Volunteers helping gather information):

- Dain Warton
- Pat Quinn (HP&P)
- Joseph Pritchard (Treasurer)
- Tim Wilbur

Goals of the Relocation Committee:

1. Gather Information:

- Collect data on current and future needs for the Shrine, its units, and clubs.

2. Write a Business Plan for the Shrine:

- Short-Term (5 Years): Develop a plan for the next 5 years.
- Long-Term (20 Years): Develop a long-term strategy for the next 20 years.

3. Develop a Membership Feedback Questionnaire:

- Create a survey for the membership using tools like Survey Monkey to gather feedback on the relocation plans.

4. Evaluate Location Options:

- Develop a list of pros and cons for both purchasing vs. leasing new locations.

5. Identify Possible New Locations:

- Develop a list of potential new locations with pros and cons for each option.

Our current lease agreements with the Church runs through June 2027. Our goal is to have this entire process complete in the next 6 to 12 months, allowing us extra time if needed.

We look forward to working together and involving all members in this important process. Your input will be invaluable as we move forward with careful planning for the future of Aahmes Shrine.

Respectfully submitted,

Aahmes Shrine – Chief Rabban



MEET NOBLE POMPEY FESTEJO, JR. ORIENTAL GUIDE

Pompey Festejo, Jr. began his Masonic journey when he was raised a Master Mason at Sublime Benicia Lodge No. 5 on August 22, 2013. He later affiliated with Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 on January 5, 2016, where he proudly served as Marshal in 2020. Shortly after, Pompey joined Aahmes Shrine on November 8, 2016, and has been an active member ever since, including being part of the Islander's Club.

Outside of Masonry, Pompey is the proud owner of International Realty LLC, specializing in mortgage services for the past 38 years. His dedication to helping others in his professional life shines just as brightly in his Masonic and Shrine work.

Family is everything to Pompey. He and his wife, Edna, are blessed with three wonderful grandchildren – Gianna, Gage, and Tala – and he'll tell you without hesitation that the best title he's ever earned is "Grandpa."

On January 8, 2025, Pompey was installed as Oriental Guide of Aahmes Shrine. We're excited to see his energy, heart, and leadership continue to enrich our Shrine family!

WE NEED YOU!



Get Involved! Join an Aahmes Shrine Club or Unit Today

Are you looking to get more out of your Shrine experience? Now's the perfect time to connect with your fellow Nobles and have some fun while supporting the mission of Shriners International. Aahmes is proud to offer a wide range of Clubs and Units — there's truly something for everyone!

Whether your passion lies in service, adventure, music, or simply good fellowship, our Clubs and Units provide meaningful ways to get involved, build lifelong friendships, and strengthen our Shrine community.

UNITS AND CLUBS

- Legion of Honor
- Motorcycle Patrol
- Mounted Patrol
- Purveyors
- Contra Costa Shrine Club
- Fort Bragg Shrine Club
- Modesto Shrine Club
- Oakdale Shrine Club
- Islanders Club
- Redwood Shrine Club
- Westside Shrine Club
- Wine Club
- Sonoma County Shrine Club
- Sonoma Rod and Gun Club
- Sonoma County Arabian Band

Each Club and Unit is unique, offering a mix of social events, parades, community outreach, and fun activities. Whether you're new to Aahmes or a longtime Noble, there's a place for you to plug in, participate, and make a difference.



New Club Alert!

We're excited to announce that Past Potentate Alan West is launching the Aahmes Rod and Gun Club. If you enjoy the outdoors and want to connect with fellow sportsmen, this is the club for you! To learn more or express your interest, please reach out directly to Alan West.

Not sure where to start?

Ask a fellow Noble about their Club or Unit experience, visit an upcoming event, or attend a meeting as a guest. You might be surprised by how much you enjoy it — and how much you're needed. Let's keep the spirit of fellowship alive and thriving at Aahmes — join a Club or Unit today!

NOBLE SPOTLIGHT

Rodney Owen

If you've ever attended an Aahmes Shrine stated meeting, chances are you've been greeted with a warm smile—and maybe even one of his famous Gin Fizzes—from this month's featured Noble: Rodney Owen.

Rodney is the true definition of dedication and heart. A longtime, hardworking member of Aahmes Shrine, Rodney has worn many hats (and fez) over the years. He has served as our Membership Chairman, Special Aide to Potentate Chuck Cross (2007), and Personal Aide to Potentate Terry Erlandson (2015). His behind-the-scenes support and friendly presence have helped shape countless Shrine experiences for members and guests alike.

But Rodney's commitment doesn't stop there. He's an active and enthusiastic member of several Shrine clubs, including:

- Rod & Gun Club
- Turlock Shrine Club
- Purveyors
- Clowns
- Oakdale Shrine Club
- Nomad Car Club
- Modesto Shrine Club



Outside of Aahmes, Rodney is also deeply involved in the Blue Lodge. He is a Past Master of Oak Summit Lodge No. 112, where he currently serves as Secretary, and he was honored with the prestigious Hiram Award in 2007 for his outstanding service to the Craft.

Whether he's organizing an event, supporting our Nobles, or holding court behind the bar, Rodney brings a special blend of fun, dedication, and genuine care to everything he does. He's not only a pillar of Aahmes Shrine—he's a friend to all.

THANK YOU, RODNEY, FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO. WE RAISE A GLASS (PREFERABLY A GIN FIZZ) IN YOUR HONOR!

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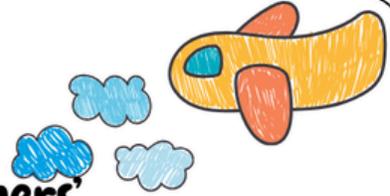
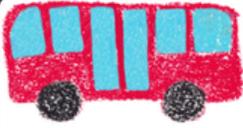


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Support the Aahmes Shriners' Transportation Fund Your Generosity Makes a Difference!

Aahmes Shriners are an important cog in the wheel of Shriners Children's Northern California by funding transportation needs for the children who receive treatment at the hospital so vital to their well-being. However, to continue this mission, Aahmes Shriners relies on the support of kind donors like you.

How Can You Help?

We are seeking donations to the Aahmes Shriners Transportation Fund. Your contribution will directly support the travel needs of our kids and their families.

Double Your Impact!

Aahmes Shrine will **MATCH** every donation made, effectively doubling the positive impact of your gift!

**Donating is Easy! Just scan the QR Code or
[Click Here to Donate](#)**



Thank you for your generosity!
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In Memoriam

ROYCE L. VAN BEBBER
5/13/1931 - 10/8/2024

JOHN W. GOBLE
6/13/1928 - 10/25/2024

RONALD D. LAWRENCE
12/26/1944 - 3/29/2025

until we meet again



Honor a Noble or Loved One with a Meaningful Gift

Consider making a donation in honor or memory of a Noble, a Unit or Club, or a loved one—a heartfelt way to celebrate their legacy while supporting the mission of Aahmes Shrine. Your gift can be designated to any of the following:

- Shriners Children's Hospital – Northern California
- Potentate's Project
- First Lady's Project
- Transportation Fund
- Aahmes Shrine General Fund

Every contribution helps us continue the important work we do for children, families, and our fraternal community. To make a donation or learn more, please visit aahmesshriners.org or contact the Shrine office.

Together, we honor the past and build a brighter future.

Upcoming events.

2025

MAY

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**ROWELL RANCH
RODEO PARADE**

Castro Valley
6 p.m. Parade Start

JUN

14

**LIVERMORE RODEO
PARADE**

9 a.m. Parade Start

MAY

16

**FT. BRAGG SHRINE
CLUB**

Spaghetti Dinner
Fort Bragg Hall

JUN

14

**SHRINE WALK OF
LOVE**

Shriners Children's
Hospital - Sacramento

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MAY

22

AAHMES SOCIAL

San Leandro Masonic
Center

JUN-JUL

30-3

**SHRINE IMPERIAL
SESSION**

Atlanta, Georgia

JUN

8

**THREE WAY
POTENTATE OV**

Legion of Honor,
Mounted Patrol,
Contra Costa SC

JUL

18-20

**REDWOOD SHRINE
CLUB PARADE
WEEKEND**

Please refer to flyers for more details for each event
located in this newsletter or check the
Aahmes Shriners Website!

www.aahmesshriners.org



JOIN AAHMES SHRINERS AT THE

★ ROWELL RANCH RODEO ★

History Festival & Parade



MAY 10 | CASTRO VALLEY

CASUAL LUNCH AT ALAN WEST'S RESIDENCE 2 PM
5811 SHADOW RIDGE DR, CASTRO VALLEY
RSVP BY MAY 5: [KIM@AAHMES.ORG](mailto:kim@aaahmes.org)

HISTORY FESTIVAL 3-9 PM
PARADE LINE-UP AT 5 PM; PARADE START 6 PM

CLASSIC CARS | COWBOY EXPERIENCE | STREET VENDORS | FOOD | MUSIC



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CINCO DE MAYO



Get ready to fiesta at Aahmes Shrine
Cinco de Mayo Social!

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, May 22nd, Time: 6 pm
San Leandro Masonic Center
116 W Joaquin Ave, San Leandro
Cost Per Person: \$20
Click link below or Scan QR Code

[Click Here to Purchase Tickets](#)



The Co-hosts



Request the presence of all Shriners, Friends, and Guests to attend the

Potentate's Official Visit
Honoring the Illustrious Sir Leo Bautista

When: Sunday, June 8th 2025; Social Time Noon, Lunch 12:30 pm.

Program 1:30 pm

Where: Siminoff Center, 34400 Mission Blvd, Union City CA 94587

Free Parking in Lorber Lot

Cost: \$40.00 per individual

Delicious catered Luncheon Buffet

Please include a donation with your check to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Which will be presented to Ill. Sir Bautista

Friends and Family Invited

Dress: All Shriners with Fez, and business casual

Please R.S.V.P. now to Noble Jim Westfall – jimginwestfall@sbcglobal.net

Your Co-host contacts:

Contra Costa Shrine Club – Ken Moeller – mkayess@sbcglobal.net

Legion of Honor – Bill Smith da190@aol.com

Mounted Patrol – Tim Wilbur timwilbur460@gmail.com

Mail (All Payments to Noble Westfall)

Make checks to "Aahmes Legion of Honor"

Mail to Jim Westfall

Attn: POV

4221 Sora Common Fremont, CA, 94555-3036



Aahmes Shriners, Horses, Buggies & Buckaroos! It's Parade Time in Livermore!



Livermore Rodeo Parade
Saturday, June 14, 2025
Downtown Livermore

Come early to help decorate the carriages.
Wear your best Western Attire!
Bring your family and join in the parade fun!

Meet at 8:30 a.m.; Line-up at 9:30 a.m.
Parade Start: 10 a.m.

Lunch to follow at
Joseph & Beverly Pritchard's
2422 Decker Lane, Livermore
Please RSVP to kim@aahmes.org
by June 8, 2025



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Save the Date

Aahmes Shriners
Stated Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

More Details to Follow