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Aahmes News

A newsletter by and for Aahmes Shriners



A Word from the Potentate

By Illustrious Sir Brad Rupert

It is both an honor and a privilege to serve as Potentate of our great fraternity. As members of Aahmes Shriners, we are bound together by fellowship, fun, and—most importantly—our commitment to the children served by Shriners Children's.

As members of Aahmes Shriners, we share a mission far greater than ourselves — supporting the life-changing work of Shriners Children's. Every event we host, every parade we participate in, and every fundraiser we support reflects our devotion to helping children and families in need.

Our fraternity has always stood on the pillars of brotherhood, compassion, and service. Each parade we march in, each fundraiser we support, and each meeting we attend strengthens not only our temple but also our mission. Because of your dedication and generosity, we continue to change lives and provide hope to families in need.

I encourage each Noble to remain active, join a club or unit, invite a prospective member to join us, and take pride in the work we do. Let us work together to lead with integrity, unity, and enthusiasm.

The divan, first Lady Ghie and I are looking forward to a very exciting and memorable 2026. I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped make the 2026 presentation a special event: especially Lady Kim Hegg for all her help setting up the event, Lady Janet Salazar's work with Kim on centerpieces, and back up "super" photographer Kevin Scott from Modesto who stepped up when our photographer got sick.

A Word from the Potentate - Continued

Our theme this year is **New Beginnings & Brighter Tomorrows!** We hope this for our membership, the kids we treat, and hospital staff that treat them. This year's Potentates project will build up the Aahmes Transportation Fund. The transportation fund allows Aahmes to help needy families get their children to the hospital or clinics. Our fund is currently under 4K and my goal this year is to build up the funds to at least 10k. First Lady Ghie's Project this year is scoliosis awareness and treatment. Two to 5% of US children need treatment for this condition and Nor Cal Shriner's has one of the best programs in the world. Remember no donation is too big or too small!

Together, we will ensure that Aahmes remains a shining example of what it means to be a Shriner.

Thank you for your loyalty, your service, and your brotherhood.

Fraternally,
Brad Rupert
Potentate, Aahmes Shrine

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Dine Well Do Good

Nobles and Ladies, join us for a fantastic evening at the Aahmes Shrine Crab and Prime Rib Dinner! Enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship, and plenty of fun—all while supporting two important causes. Net proceeds will benefit the First Lady's Scoliosis Project for Shriners Children's Northern California and the Potentate's Project for the Aahmes Shrine Transportation Fund. Come hungry, leave happy, and help us make a difference for the children and families we proudly serve.



Aahmes Shrine

Crab & Prime Rib Dinner

Saturday, February 28
5 p.m. - Social
6:30 p.m. - Dinner
\$80 per person

170 Lindbergh Ave
Livermore

Reservations Required by
February 21, 2026
Call (925) 373-4880
Email: reservations@aahmes.org
Scan the QR code to Pay



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From the Recorder

By *Kristofer Johnson*

I am deeply honored and grateful for the trust the Nobels have placed in me by electing me to serve as Recorder. This confidence means more to me than I can properly express, and I do not take this responsibility lightly. The Shrine has played an important role in my life, and I am proud to give back through dedicated service. I am committed to working diligently on behalf of our brotherhood, upholding our values, and supporting our continued growth and success together.

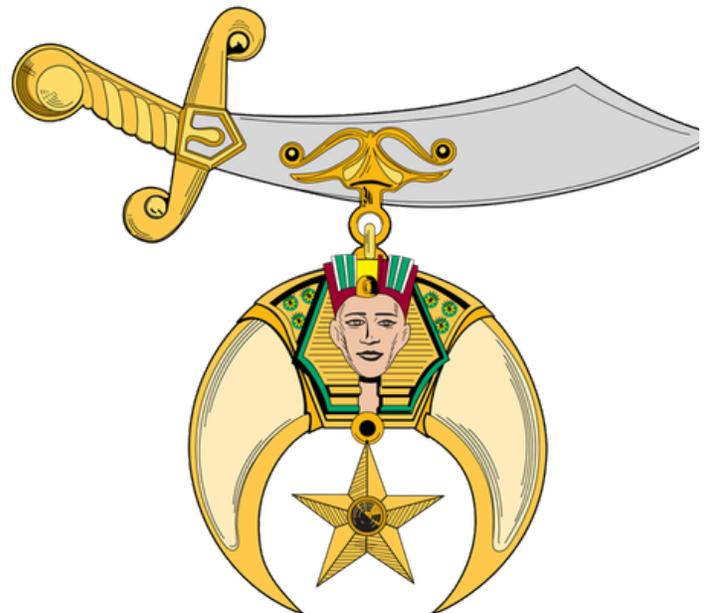
My Masonic journey began with DeMolay, where I served as Master Councilor of Pleasanton Chapter in 2000, followed by roles as Senior Councilor of the Pacific East Bay Division in 2001, and Junior Councilor of the Northern California DeMolay Association in 2002. I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 25, 2003.

I am a member of San Jose Pyramid No. 9, Ancient Egyptian Order of Sciots; Oakland Valley Scottish Rite; Oakland Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; Oakland Council No. 12, Cryptic Masons; Oakland Commandery No. 11, Knights Templar; Mosabel Council No. 238, Allied Masonic Degrees; and Mission Bell Chapter No. 205, Order of the Eastern Star.

Through these experiences, I have developed a deep appreciation for Masonic principles and a strong commitment to service, fellowship, and leadership.



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Units and Clubs

If you are interested in joining a Unit or Club, please contact either the President or Secretary for information on Unit/Club dues, application, or for more information.

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Contra Costa Shrine Club

“May Our Shrine Light
Always Be Bright!”

By Rick A. Lauziere, President

Greetings fellow Nobles from Contra Costa Shrine club.

First, I would like to congratulate Illustrious Brad Rupert, and all the newly elected Divan members. It looks to be an exciting 2026 with your leadership in place.

In January, we celebrated our 80th change of gavel ceremony and lunch. I would like to thank the past and present Potentates, members of the Divan, Aahmes staff members, nobles and wives, widows, significant others, and family members of all who were able to attend.

I congratulate Noble Ken Moeller in joining the ranks of past presidents of CCSC and extend my gratitude and thanks for his tutelage and this past year of service to our club.

Below is the club calendar for the year. Please note there will be some fluctuation with dates and meeting places as we intend to become more accessible for all who would like to attend our monthly luncheon/events. Also, some dates are still yet to be determined for events such as this year 's OV which looks to be a combined effort with other clubs.

Stay tuned for more information in future Aahmes publications. As club president my goal for this year is to continue our support for our children's Hospitals and to endeavor in promoting and growing our club, Aahmes temple, and our Shriner organization as a whole.

Upcoming Meetings

February 27 Sweethearts Luncheon
March 27
April 24
May 24
June 24 Official Visit - Location TBD
July 24 - Location TBD
August 28
September 25
October 23
November 20
December 11 (Nobles only)

Meetings are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Location: La Tapatia, Concord

Meeting dates, times, and location are subject to change.





Donate to Strengthen the Transportation Fund!



Chosen as the **2026 Potentate's Project** by **Illustrious Potentate Brad Rupert**, the Aahmes Shrine Transportation Fund helps ensure children can receive care at Shriners Children's Hospitals by covering travel costs. The fund supports air and ground transportation and related travel expenses, removing distance and cost as barriers to care.

Because no child should be denied treatment due to transportation limitations.

How to Donate:

- Mail a check to the Shrine office payable to Aahmes Shrine Transportation Fund and note "2026 Potentate's Project" in the Memo
- Call the Shrine office to make a credit card donation
- Snap the QR code to donate through PayPal



Contact Us

925-373-4880 (Kim Hegg) | 170 Lindbergh Ave, Livermore, CA 94551 | www.aahmesshriners.org

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Aahmes Shrine, Livermore

ONE DONATION, A THOUSAND SMILES

In the U.S., 2–5% of children develop scoliosis, a condition where the spine curves into a C or S shape instead of growing straight. Without proper treatment, the curve can worsen as a child grows, causing pain and, in severe cases, affecting vital organs.

This year, **First Lady Ghie Seagraves** has selected Scoliosis Treatment as **her special project**. Your donation supports Shriners Children's Hospital Northern California in providing specialized, compassionate care to children with scoliosis. Help straighten a child's path forward – give today and make a lasting difference.



WAYS TO DONATE

Mail a check to the Shrine office payable to Aahmes Shrine and note "2026 First Lady's Project" in memo line ✓

Call the Shrine office to pay by credit card ✓

Snap the QR code below to donate through PayPal ✓



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2026 Elected Divan



*Illustrious Potentate
Brad Rupert*

Illustrious Potentate Bradley Orren Rupert was raised a Master Mason on March 18, 2003, in Acalanes Fellowship Lodge No. 480 in Lafayette, California. A dedicated leader within his Lodge, he has served six years as a Line Officer and more than fifteen years as a Candidates Coach. Brad is a two-time Worshipful Master, serving in 2013 and again in 2024, and has provided long-standing leadership as a Hall Association Board Member for fourteen years, including five years as Treasurer.

Brad joined Aahmes Shrine in 2012 at Hot Sands in Reno, Nevada. He has remained actively involved in Shrine leadership and service, including serving as President of the Contra Costa Shrine Club in 2019, Treasurer of the Mounted Patrol for twelve years, and a member of the Membership Committee for three years.

Professionally, Brad serves as a Strategic Account Manager in Refining with Caltrol. He resides in Walnut Creek and enjoys competitive sports. Supported by his Lady, Virginia “Ghie” Seagraves; his sons, Jason and Michael; and a strong Masonic family legacy, Brad brings his extensive Masonic leadership experience to Aahmes Shrine, focusing on strengthening membership, fostering fellowship, and guiding the organization with dedication and vision.

Patrick “Pat” Quinn was raised a Master Mason on August 7, 2010, in Crow Canyon Lodge No. 551. An active and dedicated Mason, he has served his Lodge as Marshal, Junior Deacon, and Treasurer. Pat was honored with the Hiram Award from Crow Canyon Lodge in 2019 and received the Grand Master’s Youth Support Award at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California on October 10, 2021.

Pat currently serves as an Advisor for Pleasanton DeMolay and, along with his Lady, Donna Jo, is actively involved with Special Olympics. Pat has been a member of Aahmes Shrine since June 2018 and is a member of the Mounted Patrol and the Purveyors. He is presently serving Aahmes Shrine as Chief Rabban, where he brings his passion for youth, service, and community engagement to the Divan and its ongoing work.



*Pat Quinn
Chief Rabban*

2026 Elected Divan



*Romeo "Romy" Damiles
Assistant Rabban*

Romeo "Romy" Damiles was raised a Master Mason on September 27, 2012, in Modesto Lodge No. 206. A dedicated and active member of the Craft, he served as Master of the Lodge in 2020 and has been recognized for his service and leadership with the Mason of the Year Award in 2021 and the prestigious Hiram Award in 2022. Since 2021, Romy has served as Inspector of District 1042.

Romy joined Aahmes Shrine in 2019 and is an active member of the Modesto Shrine Club. In January, he was installed as Assistant Rabban at the annual Presentation. Romy and his Lady, Rita, are looking forward to continuing the success and growth of Aahmes Shrine while supporting its mission of fellowship, philanthropy, and fun.



*Fraser Marshall
High Priest & Prophet*

Fraser Marshall, age 65, serves as High Priest & Prophet of Aahmes Shriners. Born in the United Kingdom, Fraser has lived in the United States since January 2000 and currently resides in Walnut Creek, California, with his wife, Brooks.

Professionally, Fraser is an executive specializing in Organizational Development and Learning, with a global focus on leadership and sales development. Throughout his career, he has worked with organizations around the world to strengthen leadership capability, develop high-performing teams, and build sustainable growth cultures.

Fraser was raised to the degree of Master Mason in 2019, with the clear purpose of becoming a Shriner. He is a 32° Scottish Rite Mason and has held various lodge leadership positions. In 2024, he proudly served as President of the Contra Costa Shrine Club, where he focused on strengthening fraternity, membership engagement, and support for Shriners Children's mission.

Fraser is deeply committed to the principles of Freemasonry and to advancing the fellowship, philanthropy, and fun that define the Shrine. He considers it a privilege to serve Aahmes Shriners and contribute to its continued growth and impact in the community.



*Tony Wilkinson
Oriental Guide*

Richard "Tony" Wilkinson resides in Danville, California, with his wife, Cyndi and became a Master Mason on August 15, 2013, in Crow Canyon Masonic Lodge No. 551. He joined Aahmes Shrine on November 18, 2013, and remains an active and dedicated member, including participation in the Aahmes Shrine Contra Costa Shrine Club and the Mounted Patrol. Since 2014, he has served as Vice President of the Mounted Patrol, reflecting his strong commitment to Shrine fellowship and service. Tony has also been a devoted supporter of Masonic youth, serving in 2012 and 2013 as Associate Bethel Guardian for Danville Bethel No. 247, Job's Daughters International, where he helped mentor and guide young leaders. He has served on the Castro Valley Masonic Center Temple Board and on the Aahmes Temple Board

He is retired from a successful career as a Master Diagnostics Technician with Toyota, where he was respected for his technical expertise and dedication to excellence. Today, he continues to enjoy camaraderie and service through his ongoing involvement in the Masonic and Shrine communities.

Imperial Shrine Session

*Be Part of the Fun and Fellowship of
Imperial Session in Tampa!*

Imperial Potentate Brad T. Koehn and First Lady Cheryl and the 2026 Imperial Session Committee look forward to welcoming you to Tampa, Florida, for the 152nd Imperial Session of Shriners International.

Where: Tampa Convention Center
333 S Franklin St, Tampa, FL

When: July 12-16, 2026

Tentative Schedule:

Tuesday, July 14

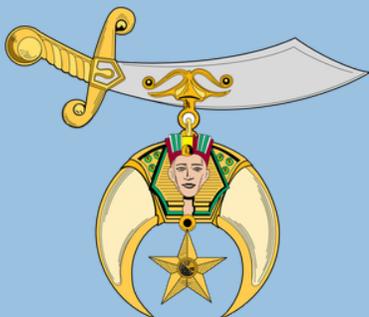
- Imperial Session
- Ladies Luncheon
- Parade

Wednesday, July 15

- Pageant for Newly Elected Imperial Potentate
- Award of Merit
- All Nobility Evening

Thursday, July 15

- Imperial Session



Interested in Attending?

Tentative information is available on the Imperial Session Website. Continue to check back for updated information on hotels, activities, and meal events.

[Click Here for Imperial Shrine Website](#)

Important Dates and Events

STATED MEEETINGS

March 18
June 17
September 16
December 9 - Election of Officers

PARADES

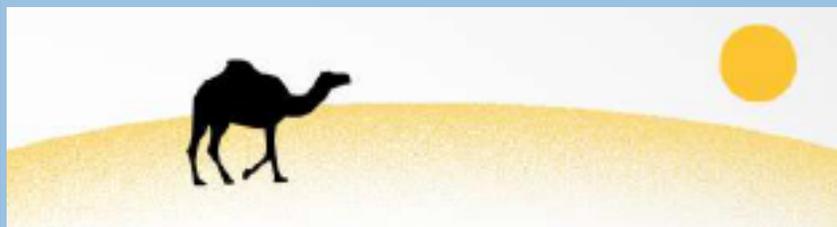
March 14 - Dublin St. Patrick's Day
April 11 - Oakdale Rodeo
April 26 - Rhody Parade, Eureka
May 9 - Rowell Ranch Rodeo, Castro Valley
June 13 - Livermore Rodeo
July 4 - Danville 4th of July
July 4 - Modesto 4th of July
July 4 - Fremont 4th of July
July 18 - Fortuna
September 7 - Fort Bragg

OFFICIAL VISITS

March 28 - Sonoma County SC
April 25-27 - Redwood SC Weekend
June - Contra Costa SC
July 17-19 - Fortuna SC Weekend
August 1 - Islander SC
September 5-7 - Fort Bragg Weekend
November 16 - Modesto & Oakdale SCs

SPECIAL EVENTS

February 28 - Crab and Prime Rib Dinner
April 4 - Divan Spring Breakfast
April 9-12 - SDA Convention, Universal City
July 11-16 - Imperial Shrine, Tampa, FL
October 3 - Cigars Under the Stars
November 14 - Chief Rabban Night



Black Camel

Verner Laursen

May 1, 1932 - October 14, 2025

Richard J. Daw

November 27, 1961 - September 25, 2025

*“A life that touches
others goes on
forever.”*



Join Aahmes Shriners for the Dublin

St. Patrick's Parade

Saturday, March 14, 2026

8:30 A.M. PARADE CHECK IN

Meet at Dublin Target Parking Lot,
north end, ride on the float!

LUNCH TO FOLLOW FOR SHRINE FLOAT
PARTICIPANTS IN TARGET PARKING LOT

RSVP

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Email: kim@aahmes.org



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St. Patrick's Day Parade - Dublin

Join Illustrious Potentate Brad Rupert, along with the Nobles and Ladies of Aahmes Shrine, for a festive and unforgettable experience riding the Aahmes Shrine float in the Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 14, 2026! Celebrate community spirit, fellowship, and fun as we proudly represent Aahmes Shrine and our mission to support the children and families of Shriners Children's Hospital. Don your green, bring your smiles, and be part of a joyful tradition that brings "New Beginnings and Brighter Tomorrows" to life! ✨

Meet at the north end of the Target parking lot in Dublin at 8:30 a.m. Dress warm and in layers - it can be chilly in the morning and warm up as the day goes on. Please RSVP to the Shrine office (925) 373-4880 or by email at reservations@aahmes.org if you are planning to join the fun. Barbecue lunch after the parade for Shrine participants!



AAHMES SHRINE
STATED
MEETING AND
DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

6 p.m. Social

 6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Stated Meeting

Menu

Corned Beef and Cabbage
with all the Extras! 

Invited

Nobles, Ladies, Family, Friends

Attire: Nobles - Casual & Fez

 Ladies - Casual

Wear Green!

Cost

\$25 per person 

Reserve your seat

RSVP requested by March 13, 2026

Call Shrine office (925) 373-4880

Email: reservations@aaahmes.org

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Nefru-Ari Temple Daughters of the Nile

March 14, 2026

Nobles and Ladies are cordially invited to attend the Installation of Officers for Nefru-Ari Temple, Daughters of the Nile. Join us as we celebrate the dedication and leadership of the incoming officers and honor the continued traditions of our extended Shrine family. Your presence will help make this a meaningful and memorable occasion filled with fellowship and support. We look forward to sharing this special day with you.



Nefru-Ari Temple No. 17
Daughters of the Nile

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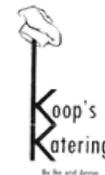
March 28, 2026

Nobles and Ladies are warmly invited to attend the Sonoma County Shrine Club Official Visit as we proudly welcome Illustrious Sir Brad Rupert, First Lady Ghie Seagraves, and the Divan for an evening of fellowship and celebration. Guests will enjoy a delectable Prime Rib Dinner along with great company and Shrine camaraderie. Don't miss this special occasion—please see the event flyer for complete details and RSVP information.



Sonoma County Shrine Club

Sonoma County Shriners invites you to join them as they welcome Illustrious Sir Bradley O. "Brad" Rupert the 115th Aahmes Potentate, for his 2026 Official Visit, featuring a delectable Prime Rib dinner prepared by Sonoma County's own Koop's Catering.



Where:

Windsor Masonic Lodge 371 Windsor River Road, Windsor California

When:

Saturday March 28, 2026 5:30 PM Social 6:30 PM dinner.

Suggested Donation:

\$40.00

Contact Jeff Schloo for reservations: 707-332-6836 or
jeffschloo@gmail.com



Aahmes Shrine Invites You To

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**APRIL 4
8AM TO 11 AM**

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