

AAHMES NEWS

FEBRUARY 2025



In a celebration of heritage and leadership, the Aahmes Shriners recently held their Annual Shrine Presentation and Potentates' Ball, ushering in a new year for the fraternity. This meaningful event marked the transition of leadership as Illustrious Sir Leo Bautista stepped into his role as Potentate, succeeding Illustrious Sir Mike Salazar, Past Potentate (2024).

The ceremony highlighted the seamless continuity that defines the Aahmes Shriners' leadership, emphasizing the collaborative spirit that has long driven their success. Congratulations to Illustrious Sir Mike Salazar, P.P., and Lady Janet for a great year of service to the Temple and Shriners Children's, and best wishes to Illustrious Sir Leo Bautista and Lady Joann as they assume their roles in leading Aahmes Shrine into a new year of growth and service.

The Aahmes Divan, the governing body of the organization, upholds the values at the heart of Shriners International—fun, fellowship, family, and dedication to our philanthropy. These principles are not confined to ceremonial traditions but are actively embodied throughout the year in the Shriners' philanthropic efforts and community participation.

As Illustrious Sir Leo Bautista begins his term, the Aahmes Shriners look forward to a year filled with shared purpose, charitable endeavors, and meaningful contributions to the community. The Annual Shrine Presentation and Potentates' Ball not only honors the fraternity's history but also inspires optimism for the future, ensuring the Aahmes Shriners remain a steadfast force for good, true to the mission of Shriners International.

Presentation



2025

Potentate's Message

Nobles of Aahmes Shrine,

As we begin this exciting new year together, I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and share my enthusiasm for the journey ahead. It is an honor to have been elected Aahmes Potentate by the Nobles. Your faith and trust in me will not be taken lightly. I am excited to work with all the Nobility as we continue to build on the incredible foundation we've established.



It is also my great privilege to serve on the board of governors of Shriners Children's of Northern California in 2025. Our continued support of the children under our care is what Aahmes is all about!

The coming year holds immense promises, and I want to share a few of the key priorities and initiatives that will guide us forward.

- 1. Membership & Forward Planning** - Our top priority is ensuring that we place even greater emphasis on growing our membership. With the development of the Potentate's Unit a team will work on reaching out to Blue Lodges and interested Masons to grow Aahmes as an example of who Shriners are.
- 2. Investing in Our Future** - Building on priority No. 1 above, we want to ensure that we foster an environment where every Noble feels included while growing our membership for a bright future. In 2025, Aahmes will participate and host many fun events. They will be entertaining and inclusive for the Nobility, their ladies, families, and friends. Investing in our future also includes identifying a new location for Aahmes Shrine as we near the end of our lease agreement with New Beginnings Church.
- 3. Strengthening Our Core Values** - Our core values have always been the cornerstone of our success. This year, we will work to further deepen these values across every aspect of our work. By fostering a culture that celebrates these principles, we will continue our work for the Children's Hospital and the immeasurable good that it does.
- 4. Sustainability and Responsibility** - The Brothers & Nobles that came before us worked tirelessly to build Aahmes. We are responsible and required to carry forth their legacy with responsibility for the next generation of Shriners. We can and must work together to keep our investments and financial obligations working for what is best for Aahmes. As George Patton once said, "*Moral courage is the most valuable and usually the most absent characteristic in men.*"

Here's to a successful and transformative year ahead!

Warm regards,
Leo F. Bautista, Potentate
FBO (For the Benefit of the) Children



AAHMES 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.

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(925) 373-4880
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Dear Nobles,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to share an important update regarding changes to our administrative structure at Aahmes Shrine. As we continue our commitment to serving our members and strengthening our future, we recognize the need to evolve and adapt to ensure long-term success.



Over the past two years, we have experienced a drastic decline of membership from over 600 to less than 300 members, resulting in the loss of a Representative, making it increasingly important to focus on growing and engaging our membership while maintaining the highest levels of service and operational efficiency.

Additionally, with the sale of our building three years ago, our operational needs have shifted, reducing the necessity for dedicated office space. This also resulted in streamlining of many of the administrative tasks.

To better align with these changes and ensure long-term sustainability, we engaged the services of an outside independent consultant to assist us in determining our needs for the current operations. Based on these recommendations, we are merging the Office Manager and Bookkeeper roles into a Director of Operations and Membership Development position, with additional critical duties and responsibilities.

Key directives of the new position will be:

- Developing and increasing membership while providing excellent support to prospective, incoming, and current Shriners.
- Overseeing office management to ensure smooth day-to-day operations.
- Providing full event support, enhancing our ability to serve Nobles and their families.
- Maintaining strong customer service and operational excellence.

These critical strategic changes have been discussed with our existing staff, and they will each have the opportunity to apply for the new Director of Operations and Membership Development position should they wish to continue serving in this capacity.

This change is a strategic step toward strengthening the future of Aahmes Shrine. We are committed to ensuring that our members continue to receive the support, resources, and engagement they deserve.

We understand that transitions like this may bring questions, and we welcome any feedback or concerns you may have. Please feel free to reach out to us directly, and we will be happy to discuss further.

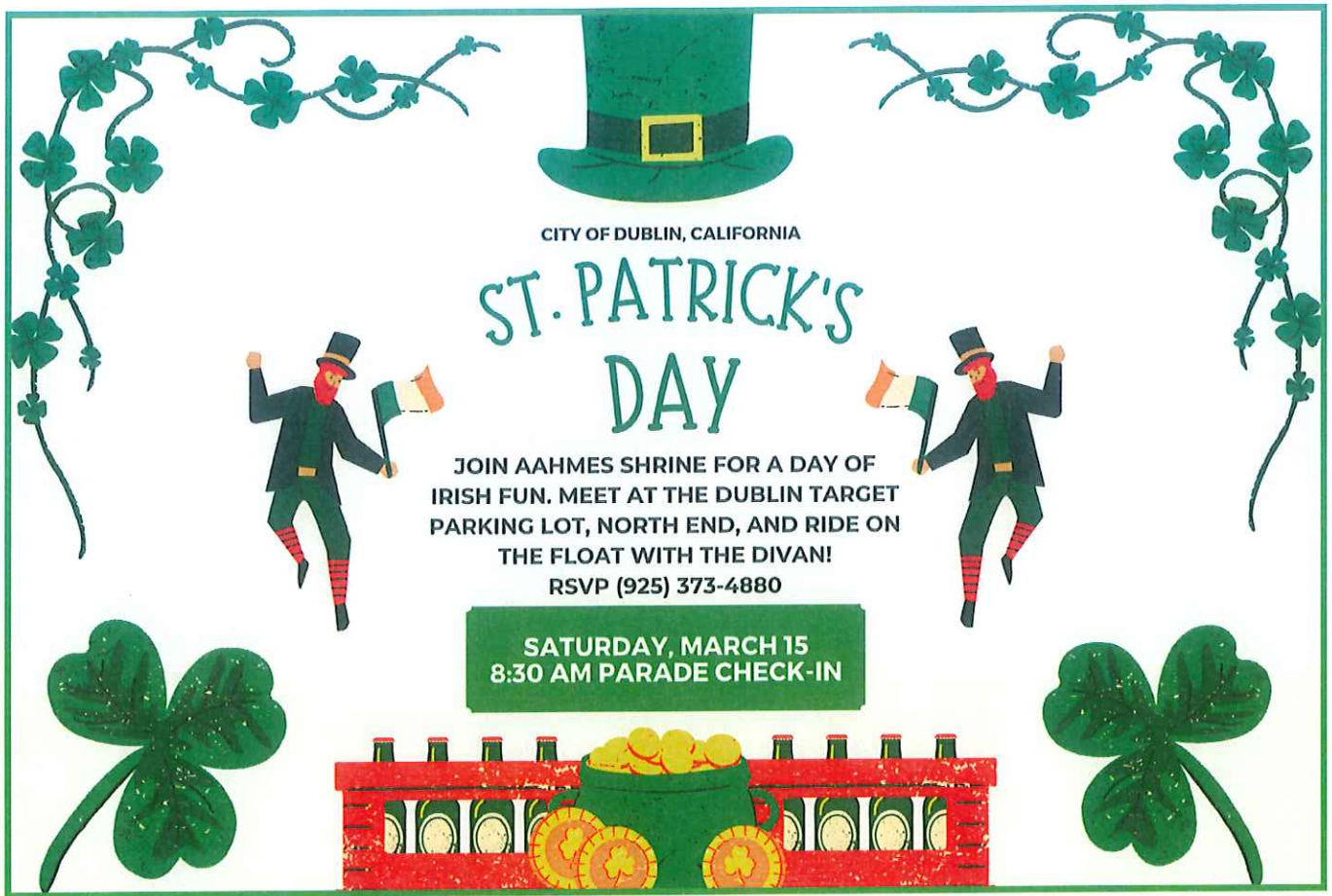
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Calendar



Date	Event	Attire
Mar 8	Sonoma County Shrine Club OV, Windsor	C
Mar 15	Dublin St. Patrick's Day Parade	D
Mar 15	Nefru-Ari Temple, Daughters of the Nile Installation of Officers, Orinda Former First Lady Norma Cornell to be installed Queen	A
Mar 19	Shrine Stated Meeting and Dinner	C
Mar 21	Fort Bragg Shrine Club Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Fort Bragg Hall	C
Mar 27-28	Shrine Hospital Boot Camp w/Ladies	C
Mar 29	Annual Crab Feed	E
Apr 5	Divan Breakfast	C or E
Apr 11	Grand Lodge of California Leadership Retreat San Ramon Marriott Hosting Hospitality Room	C
Apr 19	Gin Fizz Breakfast, Modesto	C or E
Apr 25-26	Rhody Parade, Eureka	D
May 22	SAVE THE DATE - Social at San Leandro Lodge; details to follow	

A = Formal (tuxedo/long gown); B = Business Casual; C = Temple Shirt/Black Pants; D = Temple Shirt/Jeans



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In Memoriam

Soft and Safe to Three Brothers

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September 15, 1932 - September 17, 2024

Harvey McAninch

September 25, 2024

Ronald R. Peterson

March 11, 1948 - October 22, 2024

Leroy K. Swanson

August 17, 1931 - October 23, 2024

Albert J. Hunter, Sr.

December 18, 1943 - December 2, 2024

Loren E. Piper

December 31, 1931 - February 9, 2025

Wilford D. Roe

November 10, 1926 - February 19, 2025



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MARCH 19

6 P.M. HOSPITALITY

6:30 P.M. DINNER

7:30 P.M. STATED MEETING

\$20 PER PERSON

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