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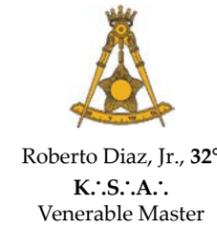
The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

A Small but Mighty Valley
Working to Support Freemasonry and Our Community



July/August 2016 - Our 94th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



Scottish Rite Brothers,
Burlingame S.R. has had a busy schedule in the past two months:

-In May we had our **Annual Burlingame Scottish Rite Scholarship Education Awards Fete**. We awarded two deserving public high school students with scholarship awards:

1. Miss Jessica R. Reyes from Oceana H.S. in Pacifica. This Fall Jessica is enrolled to attend California State University in Los Angeles where she is planning to major in Chemistry and pursue her dream of a career in Forensics. A quote that Jessica lives by is, "We can not always build the future for our youth, but we can build the youth for our future".

2. Miss Aubra N. Gutierrez from San Mateo H.S. This Fall Aubra is enrolled to attend California State University in Chico where she is planning to major in Biochemistry / Microbiology and also pursue a career in Forensics.

Congratulations to both award recipients and their parents. These students received not only a beautiful framed certificate (courtesy of Ill. Richard Brown, 33°) but also a monetary award. We as Scottish Rite Masons should be proud we are able to help in their journey of enlightenment and accomplishment.

In the way of offering some background on our scholarship selection process let me present the criteria used: **The**

Burlingame Scottish Rite Scholarship is a one time award, offered to San Mateo County high school seniors enrolling in BA/BS, AA/AS and vocational programs at public colleges or institutions. The applicant must participate in community activities (must participate in one or more school, local, city or county sponsored programs designed to improve the community) and show academic achievement (should have at least a 3.2 GPA, graduate high school that year, and apply for a public college and be admitted for the Fall of the same year).

We also had at this years Education Fete a previous award recipient return to not only thank Burlingame S.R. but also share her accomplishments. Dr. Monica Devoy formely from San Mateo H.S. received one of our scholarship awards in 2002.

Traditionally we donate to the San Mateo Adult School and the school's director, Mr. Larry Teshara was there to receive the award.

Thank you to all SR members who were involved in helping and organizing this worthwhile event. Special thanks to the San Mateo H.S. Jazz Band (all 20+ members) for their musical entertainment.

-DeMolay presentation: The son of one of our SR brothers, (Bro. Rey Reyes, 320), made a presentation to all the mothers present in our May SR Stated meeting. This young DeMolay member (Arkin Reyes, 12 y/o, and Senior Councilor for SSF Chapter of DeMolay) was able to flawlessly recite from memory the "Flower Talk" (Ode to all Mothers). His ritual floor work and proficiency in memorization, for someone so young, should be emulated by all. It was a presentation that was very heart felt by all those present (Senior DeMolays,

Brethren and ladies alike).

-Cubatripupdate: Myapologieshermanos, but due to recent circumstances the Cuba trip will have to be postponed until further notice. A most likely alternative and also more affordable would be a trip to the Phillipines. Preparing a trip there is more feasible and easier to coordinate especially due to our new Filipino SR brothers and also due to one of our members who owns a travel agency and can make direct masonic arrangements. Will keep you updated.

-In parting I would like to wish a Happy Father's Day to all the brethren. I would like to share a poem given to me by my daughter many years ago:

WHAT MAKES A DAD A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea, the generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle's flight, the joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need....Then God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, and so He called it....DAD!

CALENDAR

Saturday - July 16th
SF Charity Fashion Show
San Francisco Scottish Rite
See enclosed flyer for details

Monday - July 25th
Stated Meeting
6:30 Dinner - Indoor Picnic
Stated Meeting to Follow
Casual - No ties or jackets

Monday - August 29th
Stated Meeting
6:30 Dinner
Stated Meeting to follow
Casual - No ties or jackets.

Monday - September 26th
Feast of Tishri/Stated Meeting
Stated Meeting 6:00 (Short Meeting)
Feast of Tishri - 6:30



Burlingame SR Scholarship Education Awards Fete (May 2016)
(L to R) Alberto T. Jacinto, 32° KCCH, Personal Representative to the SGIG; Scholarship recipients Miss Jessica Reyes and Miss Aubra Gutierrez; Roberto Diaz, Jr. 32° KSA, Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection; Chris D. Smith 32°, KCCH, Assistant Secretary of All Bodies.

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From the Personal Representative

Alberto T. Jacinto, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in California, Valley of Burlingame

Moving around the Masonic community, I am often asked this \$64 question - which of the two major lineages of Masonry is better, Scottish Rite or York Rite? I myself ask this same question many times. This may be likened to the question – which of my children do I love more?

I am a member of both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite, among other Masonic organizations such as the Eastern Star and the Amaranth. Both Rites will fulfill your goals of learning more about the Masonic Philosophy. We actually call these Rites “Masonic Colleges”, as they expand on the first three degrees of the Blue Lodge. Members of both colleges honor the same Alma Mater, that of the Ancient Craft. Both groups are Masonic organizations dedicated to the benefit of society through improvement of the individual. By morality lessons and peer association, they promote behaviors which civilize the man and strengthen his society.

Both of the Rites support humanitarian endeavors, each actively supporting its own philanthropies, each providing charitable outreach, often focusing on a specific need.

The Scottish Rite established the RiteCare Scottish Rite Childhood Language Program and maintains a network of clinics and centers. Children who might have remained educationally handicapped for a lifetime can now talk, read and lead useful lives. The York Rite supports the Auditory Research Assistance Program, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation for vascular disease and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation which makes it possible for needy persons with sight problems to get medical help. The Knights Templars also support a Holy Land Pilgrimage program which sends ministers on tours dedicated to the locales important to Jews, Christians, and followers of Islam. Both groups practice local charity and sponsor educational scholarships.

When it comes to theatrics, both Rites use elaborate costumes, stage props and stage backdrops in their rituals and morality lessons.

The nice thing about both Rites is that a man can be a Republican or a Democrat or anything else and this does not in any way disturb the peace and harmony among the brethren and its environs.

For a distinction between the two, York Rite is the “Christian” path of Freemasonry. York Rite Masonry in its concluding Degrees or Orders is the champion of Christianity. A man must pledge to defend Christianity to become a Knight Templar Freemason. Scottish Rite is wholly non-sectarian and the degrees are much more religious tolerant of different spiritual belief systems. Good men of other religions (Jews, Muslims, Hindus, etc.) believing in Deity may become Scottish Rite Masons. The Scottish Rite Mason is urged to take an active leadership role in the promotion and protection of individual rights: government by democracy, free speech and press, equitable treatment before the law, freedom of religion - so that we may enjoy the precious freedoms we hold so dear in the United States of America.

There is so much to learn and understand from just the Blue Lodge alone (first three degrees) that a newly raised Master Mason would benefit to wait a while to join either or both Scottish or York Rite (there is also much to learn as an old Mason). You don't have to, you can do whatever you like especially if you are up to it, but my experience is that there is so much to be learned in the Blue Lodge that by going through the Rites you will have far more information on your hands than you can absorb. Think of it as trying to take a sip from an open hydrant or having so many irons in the fire that will get you burned out. Get a good foundation in the Craft Lodge first. You are free to join any Masonic order of your choice, but go step by step, not orbit to orbit.

That said, both Rites offer totally different yet similar Masonic experiences. A Freemason can go in both, you do not have to choose just one.

And do remember that you join because you want to be a better person, to be better for your family, to reexamine yourself and refine what is good about you and share that with others.

Now then, which Rite is Right for you?

There is no black or white answer to that question, there are shades of gray in between. Individual Masons determine their shade of gray depending on their individual inclinations and circumstances. Remember that whether you go Scottish Rite or York Rite is up to you. But you will only get out of it what you put into it no matter what direction you choose.

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

A TEST: Are You Meeting Your Responsibilities as a Scottish Rite Mason?



When you earned the 32°, near the last of the ritual work, you swore upon your honor that you would do ALL within your power to help the needy in your community by giving charity during the stated meetings and by supporting Scottish Rite's philanthropy. In our case that philanthropy cause is our San Francisco and Burlingame Bodies Childhood/Rite Care Language Centers. The instruction the children receive in those classes positively impact the students' lives for the rest of their lives; their interactions within their families, their classroom learning; their social interactions with all the people they meet. This FREE instruction/training is a process “working against the clock.” If it is carried out by the end of the third grade, there is great promise of success!

During the thirtieth degrees, you officially/ publically obligated to help to finance the

above. When you and your significant other become members of our **365** [the days of the year that the need exists] **Club**, you fulfill your promise. The annual donation is \$250 (fully tax-deductible) and keeps you in good standing throughout the year in which it is contributed. It may be paid in increments. It should be your first donation each and every year. Due recognition comes in two forms: your name(s) will appear on the monitor in the lobby each time the bodies have a function, and you will be gifted with a lapel pin you should wear every time you attend one of our events.

Please obtain an envelope for submitting your 365 Club membership fee. PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE.

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CHILDREN
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DeMolay “Flower Talk” presentation during SR Stated Meeting (May 2016)
(Arkin Reyes, Senior Councilor for SSF Chapter)

The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.

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Burlingame Bodies of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, sitting in the Valley of Burlingame, Orient of California, derive their charters from the Supreme Council; Mother Council of the World of the Inspectors-General, Knights-Commander of the Temple of Solomon; of the 33rd and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose See is at Charleston, in the state of South Carolina. Unto said Supreme Council and its duly constituted officers, these bodies acknowledge and yield allegiance.

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