

**Contributions to the San Francisco & Burlingame
Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center**



Your donations to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center are critical to the continuing operation of the Center. The children of San Francisco and the Peninsula are counting on your generosity.

Checks for contributions to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center should be made payable to the **Scottish Rite Foundation** with the note "SF/Burlingame CLC" on the memo line. Checks may be sent to the following address.

**Burlingame Scottish Rite,
Burlingame Masonic Center, 145
Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010
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**San Francisco & Burlingame
Scottish Rite Childhood Language
Center Mission Statement & History**

The California Scottish Rite Foundation has a clear-cut mission: set up and operate clinics in the state of California that provide evaluations and therapy-free of charge-to children three to twelve years of age with speech, language, and reading disorders. Treatment of these disorders improves the academic and social skills of children, helping them to lead more productive, independent, and fulfilling lives.

Established in 1962, the San Francisco Center was the pioneer clinic of its kind in California. Over the past 40 years, we have served more than 3,000 children-regardless of race, religion, economic status, or Masonic affiliation. The San Francisco & Burlingame Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center is located in the San Francisco Sunset District-annexed to the Scottish Rite Masonic Center. We are a member-supported non-profit center. This service is possible through the generosity of the Scottish Rite Masons, their families, friends and associates in the community; however, we also rely on public contributions and other organizations for funding. Donations are gratefully accepted and are 100% tax deductible. Donations should be made to the Scottish Rite Foundation, noting the San Francisco Center on the "For" line of the check. One hundred per cent of each donation is allocated to our center.

Our clients have a variety of disorders ranging from speech and language problems to learning and reading disabilities. Because we serve such a diverse population, we are in high demand: children come not only from San Francisco County, but also from San Mateo, Marin, and Alameda Counties.

How Can I help?

As members of the Burlingame Scottish Rite, we have the responsibility, duty and honor of supporting the San Francisco and Burlingame Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.

Contribute directly to the Center:

- A. Join the 365 Club.
Only \$250.00 per year.
- B. Contribute in Memory of a departed friend or family member.
- C. Contribute in Honor of a friend or family member.

Attend and take part in the fundraisers that are run by both the Valley of Burlingame and the Valley of San Francisco.

Consider a contribution to the Center by way of your will.

Besides monetary support, we can and should take part in one of the committees that are formed to coordinate the various fundraisers. Do you have a talent or idea that may help raise the funds needed to keep the Center alive and vibrant?

Join the 365 Club

How can you become a member of this special and important club?

Actually it's easy, just contribute \$250.00 or more in a year. That is less than \$21.00 per month. How do you pay this contribution? Use your credit card, a check, even cash! Want to spread out your payments? We can do that too. Just call the office 650-344-4841.

\$5,000.00 and more:

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**The Bulletin of the
Burlingame
Scottish Rite Bodies**

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



January/ February 2016 - Our 94th Year

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

January 11th – Installation of Officers

6:30 Installation

7:30 Dinner

See flyer enclosed

January 25th - Stated Meeting

6:30 Dinner

7:30 Meeting

February 7th - Superbowl Party

2:00 Doors Open

3:30 Kick Off

See flyer enclosed

Feb 14th - Sweethearts Brunch

See flyer enclosed

Feb 29th - Stated Meeting

6:30 Dinner (Chinese Food)

Meeting to follow

March 14th - St. Patrick's Dinner

6:30 Dinner

**March 28th - Stated Meeting
and Remembrance and Renewal**

6:00 Short Meeting

6:30 Dinner

Program to follow

To the Families of our Members:

Please let us know if one of our members is in the hospital or nursing home, or is incapacitated in any way.

Please write or call:

Burlingame Scottish Rite

Burlingame Masonic Center

145 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010

650-344-4841

The Lodge of Perfection



Roberto Diaz, Jr. 32°

K.:S.:A.:

Venerable Master

Scottish Rite Officers & Brethren:

I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me. I am truly honored to be elected Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for Burlingame Scottish Rite "A Small but Mighty Valley" for the 2016 Masonic Year.

Working alongside our new Personal Representative of the SGIG Bro. Alberto T. Jacinto, K.:C.:C.:H.:., Valley Secretary Ill. William E. Price, 33°, Valley Treasurer. Ill. David D. Jones, 33°, and our line of dedicated officers, we are planning to have a great year full of fun and educational events.

Upcoming events for this year will include our traditional Superbowl Party, Sweethearts' Brunch, St. Patrick's Dinner, and Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony.

We are also planning alongside our new Chieftain for the Knights of Saint Andrew, Bro. Lou Clavijo, 32°, K.:S.:A.: a Knighting Ceremony ASAP. Our KSA Brothers have put in their time and work and justly deserve a proper knighting worthy of their efforts.

Regarding education, the Lodge of Perfection will work closely with our new Orator Bro. Valdeir Faria-Filho, 32°, in organizing educational speakers (including some in the Medical/Health Field) as well as a regular education presentation in stated meetings.

Brethren, a major event that is being planned for this coming year is a Masonic Educational Trip/Adventure to the Caribbean. We are considering

organizing a group of Scottish Rite Masons to visit Masonic/Scottish Rite Lodges either in Cuba or Puerto Rico. We will keep you updated as the plans unfold and logistics are coordinated.

Please be informed that our upcoming Scottish Rite Installation of Officers is on Monday 1/11/16 starting at 6:30 pm followed by dinner around 7:30 pm. We are planning a traditional Filipino dinner including a whole roast pig ("lechon") and of course fried lumpia. There will also be many other delicious options as well. We will have a wonderful band for your listening and dancing pleasure. Please bring your spouses and invite your masonic brothers. We highly encourage you to RSVP so we can provide adequately.

Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays and a great New Year!

In parting, a blessing my brothers:

God and Father of us all we thank You for the many things that enrich our life especially our families, friends, and those who care about us and help us become the persons we strive to be.

For those who listen to us and guide us through times of decision.

For the past officers and leaders of this Valley who have contributed greatly to our high quality and success.

For the new officers and the ray of hope and promise they bring with their own unique qualities of leadership. May they be reminded of the high concepts of Freemasonry and in doing so may they be guided by Your love and strength, as well as supported by their families, to be equal to the task that lie ahead of them.

May we all be open to Your guidance and work together to help make Masonry stronger, more viable and with a greater desire to serve.

For the Lodge and its future. May it find stability, security and adventure in the days ahead and continue to attract excellent leadership and dedicated men.

May the blessing of God Almighty rest upon us all and upon the work done in His name. May the Great Father give us the light to guide us, courage to support us, and His love to unite us now and forever more. AMEN.

So mote it be!



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

I congratulate the presiding officers of all Bodies, Bros. Roberto Diaz, Jr., 32° K.S.A., Venerable Master, Mark L. Stephens, 32° K.S.A., Wise Master, Evan Brewer, 32° K.C.C.H., Commander, A. David Goodman, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Kadosh, Lou Clavijo, 32° K.S.A., Chieftain. With this roster of such capable brethren, all leaders in their fields of endeavor, they will surely make our beloved Scottish Rite grow upward and outward. And to all the officers and members, all of you have served our Valley with distinction and I thank you for your tutelage, supportive ways and outstanding contributions to the governance and growth of our Order.

Here is my personal message to you, my Brethren.

While I have been elevated for a short time to this position of honor, I assure you that I will always keep in mind that I am nothing more than a representative on your behalf. I further assure you that Valley decisions will be made with your best interest as well as those of our Craft in mind. It is my intent to uphold the integrity of the office of the PR. Should I overstep my boundaries, or overreach myself, I admonish you to please whisper good counsel in my ears. And please feel free to talk to me directly to address any of your concerns, it is not necessary to go through any middlemen or third party channels. We are all aware that our great Order is currently suffering from certain setbacks. Not many new members are forthcoming to join us. And so together, we must pledge our united effort to conquer the greatest challenge facing us today, that of declining membership and attendance. We do not measure our strength in numbers alone but each organization must have good numbers to thrive. Towards this end, I ask every brother to aim toward the goal of increasing our membership by enthusiastically promoting our beautiful Order especially to our Blue Lodge brethren. As 100 percent of our membership is derived from the Blue Lodge, we must continually endeavor to strengthen our relationship with the Blue Lodges by attending or participating in as many meetings and functions as possible. We are all representatives and ambassadors of the Scottish Rite. I ask that you communicate the life and work that we do. We must walk that extra mile, take that extra effort to talk with a brother about our Order. We should encourage the brethren to apply for membership in the Rite without awaiting a specific invitation. I carry petition forms with me. If and when asked, I can provide one on the spot, face-to-face. Our aim is to increase and multiply to assure our survival. Will we be successful? No guarantees. But we will strive to stay on the path of growth, not only in numbers. Above all, I wish to see better closeness, camaraderie, care, concern, cooperation, commitment and communication among all brethren. After all, we exist not for ourselves but for one another.

May we continue to be blessed and guided by the One who gives us life, and purpose and meaning to that life.

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

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.



UPCOMING EVENT
March 14th
St. Patrick's Day Feast
SAVE THE DATE



Hello Friends of the San Francisco & Burlingame Scottish Rite Language Center!

To all Scottish Rite Members and Spouse-

We need your help in keeping your philanthropy, our Speech Clinic for those children in need, active and viable. This can be done by your kind donations throughout each year. Another way you can donate to our Clinic is through your Will and Truse.

When you make out your Will or Trust or redo it, please keep the San Francisco/Burlingame Speech Clinic in your thoughts. Should you need help in just how this can be done in your Will, we do have a Brother who is an

Attorney who would be more than happy to help in creating a bequest in your behalf.

Ken Lebowitz
Board Member
bobbieken@aol.com



From Chris D. Smith 32° K.C.C.H. - Assistant Secretary of All Bodies

My recital at the December Stated Meeting was the part of the Grand Minister of State from the K.C.C.H. investiture:

"I now invest you with the Synthetic Badge – so called because, like the points of the Compasses, the Tenets of Masonry are contained within its bounds. It is rectangle of gold or yellow metal, one inch long and one-half inch wide, in the form of an oblong square. In it are imbedded three white sparkling jewels in the form of a triangle with equal sides, the apex point upward. It is to be worn on the right lapel of the coat.

Badges were originally trophies of the battlefield, the chase, or the hunt. When men had through difficulty and danger performed some feat of daring or heroism, the trophy was a reminder of the conflict or the danger through which they had passed.

You are entitled to wear this Badge as a trophy secured by days and nights of toil and service in Masonry – the oblong square, the step of the Entered Apprentice. The metal of the Sun – itself a symbol of intellectual light an knowledge, as its genial warmth is of loving kindness and sympathy – may suggest to you your continuing duty to

spread the blessings of education, and to abound in charitable deeds.

While its triangle of reflected light will impress you – and each of us- that the highest teachings of the Fraternity of Freemasons is symbolized by the Triangle, the Badges sums up all Masonry, and we would wear it as a constant reminder of our Duty to be a True Mason."



Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

K.C.C.H. and 33rds
Need Not Apply

If you're not afraid to serve the Burlingame Scottish Rite then ask a man with a feather in his cap how to get involved

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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.

Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°
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of the Supreme Council



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