

Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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**Burlingame Scottish Rite,
Burlingame Masonic Center, 145
Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010**

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.

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.
A payment plan is available.
- 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?

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
145 Park Road
Burlingame, CA 94010
650-344-4841



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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 2018 - Our 96th Year

The Lodge of Perfection




Dennis Mahoney, 32°
Venerable Master

Dear Brothers,

I am truly honored and grateful to have been elected Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection for 2018. Thank you for your trust and support.

I look forward to a great year ahead for all of us together. What would you like us to accomplish together? What activities, events, programs or causes would you like to engage in this coming year? Please tell me of your interests, your ideas and your hopes for the Burlingame Valley in 2018.

I would like to see us focus on a couple of things, if you also desire them. First, I would like to strengthen and invigorate our Sickness and Distress Committee. I would like us to stay in regular contact with all our members who do not attend our meetings. I would like us to provide more companionship, support and assistance to our members and widows who struggle with wellness and the chores of daily living.

Second, I love social events and fraternal fun. I recall a great trip to Lake Tahoe several years ago. How about a trip this coming year? Would you like more parties

and social gatherings?

I would like to see us continue to support and build our amazing golf tournament and to revitalize our Education Fete. Let us strive to continuously increase our support for our Child Language Center and public schools.

Lastly, that brings me to finances, our 365 Club, and our investment portfolio. We must continue to build for our future.

Again, I ask each of you my Brothers, tell me what you think and what you want our focus to be in 2018.

Together we prosper.

Fraternally yours,
Dennis Mahoney

Venerable Master, Burlingame Lodge of Perfection



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CALENDAR Upcoming Events

January 6th, 5:00pm
Installation of Officers
Dinner and Party to follow
Please RSVP to Hjalmar Nilsen by January 2nd

January 29th, 6:30pm Dinner
Speaker is RWB Stuart Wright
Stated meeting to follow

February 11th, 10:30am
Sweetheart's Brunch
See flyer enclosed

February 26th, 6:30pm Dinner
Chinese New Year's Celebration
Stated Meeting to follow

March 13th, 6:30pm
St. Patrick's Dinner
Hosted by Burlingame #400

Please Note Date Change:
March 19th, 6:00pm Stated Short Meeting
6:30pm Dinner
Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony to follow

April 30th, 6:30pm Dinner
Stated Meeting to follow

For all Dinners & Special Events
RSVP to Hjalmar Nilsen
(650) 576-6156
email: hjalmarnilsen@comcast.net

Did you know you can find current updated information, flyers and archived bulletins on our website
www.burlingamesr.com

SWEETHEARTS BRUNCH

Sunday, February 11th
at 10:30AM
Crowne Plaza
Foster City





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

The Olympic motto is the hendiatis Citius, Altius, Fortius, which is Latin for Faster, Higher, Stronger

This February is the 2018 Winter Olympics, officially known as the XXIII Olympic Winter Games. The Winter Olympics happen once every four years and their splendor never goes away. Only once every four years do athletes journey from the five continents, symbolized by the five interlocking rings in the official logo, to gather together. Although I am not a sports enthusiast I recognize the values in life a game teaches. The Olympics illuminate powerful virtues, it actually serves the purpose of promoting harmony and respect among nations and it can teach us a lot about discipline and determination, faith and sacrifice, peace and fraternity. These are the virtues that we must learn from the Olympic Games and although this takes place every four years, these lessons must be rooted into our mindsets in our day-to-day lives.

The Olympic Games, both the Summer and Winter Olympiad, have long shaped public imagination, whether one is a spectator watching the game over the airwaves or one lucky enough to watch in the stands. Modern historians trace the Games to at least 776 B.C.E., so it is no wonder that biblical authors referred to sports when describing the life of faith. We recognize the endurance a marathon runner must have simply to finish the race. How similar is the endurance needed to be faithful over the long haul, to remain steadfast day after day, particularly on days when life seems more like a penitence than a pilgrimage.

Sports analogies are convenient currency for illustrating virtues such as courage and perseverance, or vices such as cheating, dirty play, obsession with winning at all cost, where one motto dominates – “Winning isn’t everything, it is the only thing”. Athletes fight for prizes, for glory in honor of their country and for great fame, some even worshipped and idolized like deities.

Why are people moved by the success of athletes in Olympics and world championships?

People are awe-inspired with the athletes’ maneuvers, precision and wonderful plays, acquired through years of tectonic stresses, of brutal pressures, of 24/7 sleep and social deprived life, of many years of sweat, blood and tears. Like ancient warriors in combat, each person devoted their whole life to mastering their craft, to be battle-ready to conquer in an arena where the offense inevitably meets a fierce defense. Athletes demonstrate immense physical endurance and mental toughness, the results of their long years of rigorous training and a combination of their sincerity and passion. As children we all had dreams. As people grow and experience harsh realities, they realize that dreams are just that, dreams. They lose the innocence and luster in their eyes they had as children. They find themselves to be ordinary mortals. Olympians are living proof that you can live and breath your dreams, that you have infinite possibilities for your future. Their actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more. These Olympians are not great simply because of their technique; they are great because of their passion. When you find that passion, that drive, that fuel, you will also realize that the pains of your labor only make your life story better. The best are not born but are molded through fire and pain. For if there is no pain there is no gain, no guts no glory. Overnight success? There is no such thing. Malcolm Gladwell said greatness or success is amassing 10,000 hours of spending time on what you want to achieve. That is not a hyperbole, Olympians work real hard to achieve their moment in history.

On the home front, I would like to congratulate our 2018 officers, all well poised to pursue the same ideals embodied by the Olympic motto - Citius, Altius, Fortius! And as we usher in a new era in governance and leadership, it also accords us the opportunity to commend all the outgoing Masters of each Body who served this past year, each a Perfect 10 - Bros. Gary L. Stephens, 32° K.C.C.H., Venerable Master, Chris D. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, James E. Pettit 32°, K.S.A., Commander and Evan W. Brewer, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Kadosh, along with Roberto Diaz, Jr. 32° K.C.C.H., Chieftain. Each made important and lasting contributions to our common enterprise in upholding our Fraternity’s deepest values and highest aspirations.

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

Greetings from the Orator’s Lectern!

The first speaker of 2018 (at our January Stated Meeting) will be the Deputy Grand Master of Masons in California, RWB Stuart Wright.

Make sure to get your reservation in so you will be able to hear what RWB Stu has to say!

Also, if anyone has a recommendation for a guest speaker, please reach out to yours truly!

Fraternally, **Chris D. Smith, 32° K.C.C.H.:**

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Chris D. Smith, 32° K.C.C.H.:
Chairman, SFBRCCLC Board of
Directors

Greetings CLC Supporters!

In my last message, I mentioned the then upcoming fundraiser at Sports Basement, and I’m writing this message having just returned from the event. When all is said and done, we will have netted about ~\$1200! Not bad for something that essentially cost us nothing! Thanks again to Bro. Jim McMillen for being present at the event and making this happen! Thanks also to Ill. Len Froomin and Bro. Rich Campbell for being present with me, and our Brother Garret Chan who attended as well.

As we move in to 2018, it is time for everyone to renew their 365 Club memberships. Your \$250 gets you one year of membership – the year in which you made your donation. Please join me in renewing our memberships in January, and let’s make 2018 a breakout year for our 365 Club!

Looking further ahead, the sixth annual golf tournament fundraiser for our CLC will be

20 May 2018 at 1:00PM at Crystal Springs Golf Club. Please mark your calendars, and tell your Brethren to mark their calendars! Note that this event is open to anyone who wants to participate (Masonic affiliation not required), so tell your friends and neighbors as well! This is one of the major fundraisers for our CLC, so I give it to you strictly in charge to spread the word far and wide!

Since we have a number of new Masters of the Royal Secret who may not have seen my most recent article, I’ll close with how everyone can help. You can:

1. Donate \$250 and become a member of the 365 club for a year
2. Donate any other amount of money you can afford
3. Tell your friends about our CLC and the great work we do
4. Explore donation matching with your employer
5. Volunteer at our fundraising events
6. Support our social media efforts
 - a. *Like* the California Scottish Rite Foundation page on Facebook
 - b. *Like* San Francisco-Burlingame RiteCare Childhood Language Center on Facebook
 - c. *Follow* the California Scottish Rite Foundation on LinkedIn
 - d. *Follow* on Instagram and Twitter
 - e. Most important is the *like/follow*, but sharing posts is definitely a close second.

Chris D. Smith, 32° K.C.C.H.:
Chairman, SFBRCCLC Board of Directors



Congratulations to our newly Knighted KSA members (10/30/17):
(L-->R) Bros.
Dennis Silva 32°KSA,
Walter Ancheta 32°KSA,
Joshua Cusing 32°KSA

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