

Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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Collaborating with Our Professional Community

By Jim Cartwright, MS, MFA, CCC-SLP
 Center Director

As part of a drive to expand our services and be an active member of our local community, the San Francisco Burlingame Scottish RiteCare Childhood Language Center is broadening its collaborative efforts with other organizations. We now have a more formalized partnership with San Francisco State University. I have been to campus several times this fall/winter to meet with professors and work with graduate students. At present, all of our speech and language evaluations are being done on campus by graduate students, supervised by professors. I occasionally go their diagnostic clinic to assist with the evaluations. Next month, I will be acting as a Spanish interpreter for a Spanish speaking mother whose daughter is scheduled to have an evaluation. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in receiving an evaluation for anyone in your family, please see the information on our website (www.ritecaresf.org). Furthermore, San Francisco State is sending four students to our center, once a week this spring, to assist me with the creative writing classes in exchange for university credit. Later this spring, I will be giving a presentation about my work at the center to college students on their campus.

In addition to deepening our connections with our local university, we are also becoming more involved with an affiliate Masonic organization, the Masonic Center for Youth and Families. Their primary location is in San Francisco's Presidio district. They offer individual, family, group and educational therapy, as well as psychological assessments. There have been several meetings between our centers over the course of the fall/winter, and I gave a presentation to their entire staff regarding my work at the language center. Working with them is a great opportunity for professional collaboration regarding children who may be benefitting from both psychological counseling, as well as speech and language therapy. We look forward to working more closely with MCYAF in the future. If you would like to learn more about their services, please explore their website (www.mcyaf.org).

As it is our goal to serve a broad range of children and adolescents throughout the community, we continue to network with professionals from many different schools, including private non-parochial, private parochial and public schools. I am always happy to be in contact with any member of the educational community and speak with them about our services. Please feel free to direct anyone you know to our website (www.ritecaresf.org). Thank you for being part of our community and helping to support our speech and language center.

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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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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?

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



March/April 2018 - Our 96th Year

The Lodge of Perfection




 Dennis Mahoney, 32°
 Venerable Master

My dear Brothers,

What a great start to our new year we had at our January Stated Meeting. Attendance was strong. Our meeting was brief. Fellowship was outstanding. The highlight of our evening was a visit and talk by Right Worshipful Brother Stuart Wright, who gave us a thought provoking talk on membership and recruitment.

Just today, along with over 40 other Scottish Rite Masons and guests, I had a great time at our annual Sweetheart's Brunch. The food was great and the company better. Thank you to David Jones and Alberto Jacinto for all their work to make the morning such a good time.

A tremendous and rare event is coming up on June 29th - July 1st at the Oakland Scottish Rite when all 32 degrees will be performed. The degrees start on Friday June 29th and finish on Sunday July 1st. Burlingame Valley will be performing the 26th degree on Sunday, July 1. This is perhaps a once in a lifetime opportunity – please take advantage and attend.

I am working on organizing a 3-day weekend trip to Lake Tahoe in October. I cannot

guarantee it will take place, but we are working diligently to make it happen. Please "stay tuned" for updates and send me any ideas.

Fraternally,
 Dennis Mahoney,
 Venerable Master, Burlingame Lodge of Perfection

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



Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

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 Need Not Apply
 If you're not afraid to serve the Burlingame Scottish Rite then ask a man with a feather in his cap

CALENDAR Upcoming Events

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

Monday March 19th, 6:00pm
Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
 Dinner 6:30pm
 Remembrance and Renewal to follow

Monday April 30th, 6:00pm
Stated Meeting
 Dinner 6:30pm
 Mexican Food with Mariachi Band

Sunday, May 20th
Golf Tournament to benefit the SF/Burlingame Language Center at Crystal Springs
 Details in next bulletin

Monday May 21st, 6:30pm
Dinner followed by Stated Meeting

June 29th - July 1st
Oakland Scottish Rite Center Conferral of the 4th through the 32nd Degrees

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

St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Tuesday, March 13th
at 6:30PM





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

How many Masons does it take to change the light bulb in the Lodge room?
Ssshhh. It's a secret!

But of course, it is a secret no more . . . and the answer will electrify you.
After much research this tricky question can now be answered.

The survey says it takes a minimum of 30, as follows:

- 2 to complain that the light doesn't work
- 1 to pass the problem to a committee or to the Worshipful Master
- 2 WM needs to discuss the matter heatedly with the Treasurer
- 1 Senior Warden needs to find references in the Ritual into changing anything
- 1 to check if the Grand Lodge sanctions the change
- 3 the Junior Warden, Senior and Junior Stewards to bring refreshments
- 1 the Secretary needs to check all by-laws and minutes for the past 3 years for references to light bulbs
- 1 the Chaplain needs to consult the Scripture for guidance
- 1 to consult with a licensed electrician for a possibility of fixing instead of changing the light bulb
- 1 to do a study on light bulb FAQs
- 1 to analyze on how you define 'change'
- 2 to check out the types of lights the Knights of Columbus use
- 2 to argue for the obligatory 60 minutes about who installed the light fixture in the first place and why
- 3 to plan a fund-raiser for the bulb
- 2 grumbling about how they used to change the bulbs
- 1 to caution about the dangers of changing light bulbs
- 3 to debate which method of changing light bulbs is superior, what brands of light bulbs work best for this technique, where to buy the best light bulb and what brands are faulty
- 1 to motion to put it to a vote and then ballot upon it since this is an issue about Darkness and Light (wait a minute, come to think of it... the decision to change the bulb was tabled at the past business meeting because no one would second the motion to have it changed)
- 1 to enlighten us not to fear darkness, that Thoreau was right when he said that darkness reveals the heavenly lights
- Ahhhhh, finally, 1, the Entered Apprentice, to get the ladder, change the bulb and do the job right

And now do you really think this is just a lame joke, or does it reflect reality?

There are numerous versions of the lightbulb jokes satirizing a wide range of cultures, beliefs, denominations, and occupations. Light bulb jokes abound. We have the how many politicians, how many esquires, how many CEOs, how many NASA engineers, how many conspiracy theorists, how many TV evangelists, how many Elvis impersonators, and so forth and so on.

I am sorry to be direct, but whenever we face a crisis, whether real or imagined, we gather in our "Mensa" meetings and vow we will make the needed changes, or at least accelerate from our usual snail pace to the breakneck speed of a turtle. Then we go back to our daily routines and seemingly, nothing happens. I've seen this happen many times in many Lodges. Are our Lodges a NATO (No Action Talk Only) organization? Do we just talk about it or do we do something about it? In our discussions, do we talk in sentences that does not seem to have any verbs? Do we pass the responsibility on to someone else when faced with a problem? Am I waiting for someone to switch me on first or do I take it upon myself to take charge, to do some action instead of a simple reaction? The proverbial light bulb joke revolves around the concept of taking initiative, of taking responsibility and simultaneously taking action. The prescribed answer to the question gives insight into the weaknesses and strengths of the group, it lays bare to what kind of people we are – talkers or doers? Instead of sitting back and taking it easy, do you take charge even if you were not put in charge? Are you a part of the solution or part of the problem?

I now ask you one last question –

Are you the one who will change the light bulb?

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

The Latest News from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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

Other than a few important fundraiser dates for our CLC: 1) Golf Tournament, 20 May, Crystal Springs Golf Course (sign up with Walter Ancheta or Whit Stephens), and 2) Fashion Show, 14 July, San Francisco Scottish Rite (sign up with Todd Herschberg), I'm yielding the floor to Hon. Kevin Day. Please read on!

Have You Considered Planned Giving?

With a planned gift to the California Scottish Rite Foundation, you can align your desire to give to a charity you care about with your personal financial goals in mind.

Your gift can take many forms. By making California Scottish Rite Foundation, the beneficiary of a gift, such as a bequest, charitable gift annuity, or through charitable trusts, you can plan today for a gift in the future. Specific gifts either in dollar amount or percentage may be made through your Will, your Living Trust or working creatively to make California Scottish Rite Foundation the recipient of proceeds from life insurance or the remainder interest in your retirement account can also be made. If you have appreciated real property or appreciated stock, a Charitable Remainder Trust is the perfect answer for you to keep more money during your lifetime and the tax advantages allow you to gift more to California Scottish Rite Foundation. There

are many estate planning tools that can be used for planned giving. You will be helping our Childhood Language Centers, Our Americanism programs and our Scholarship programs not only today, but into the future.

Your planned gift can be made to the California Scottish Rite Foundation for general use, or the gift can be specifically designated to support a particular program, such as the Childhood Language Center in a specified Valley.

There are further benefits for you as well! Depending on your goals - maximizing your tax deduction with little red tape, avoiding capital gains tax, making a gift without affecting your cash flow, reducing your tax liability while retaining income, eliminating income tax on retirement plan assets, or another goal - there is a plan out there for you!

Please contact attorney Kevin Day, 32° KCCH at the law firm of Day & Associates Inc.: 858-755-6672 or kevin@day-law.com for more information. The attorneys at Day & Associates can give you options that best meet your estate planning and charitable giving goals. Help yourselves and help California Scottish Rite Foundation all at the same time.

Our continued mission depends on the generosity of supporters like you! Thank you for considering a planned gift to California Scottish Rite Foundation!

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