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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.

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.

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To the Families of our Members:

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The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



May/June 2016 - Our 94th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



Roberto Diaz, Jr., 32°
K.:S.:A.:
Venerable Master

Mis Hermanos (My Brothers):

First I would like thank everyone who in one way or another participated or helped arrange the Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony during our March stated meeting. Special thanks to Chapter of Rose Croix Wise Master Mark "Whit" Stephens, 32° K.:S.:A.:. Brother Stephens worked hard not only planning and coordinating the ceremony but also the wonderful dinner that followed. Thank you Bro. Whit for your leadership and for "honoring and remembering those good Knights of Rose Croix who joined us in the battle, but who have passed on in the last year".

Second I would also like to give thanks to Bro. Ted A. Korosy, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: for his many years serving as our Prelate. Recently due to health concerns Bro. Korosy made a decision to step down from his position. His last official duty as Prelate was saying grace prior to our March dinner. I always found it comforting to look at the South and see Bro. Korosy and his reassuring smile. Thank you Bro. Ted and know that our prayers are with you.

Brethren an update on our SR Cap Rack/Storage system. Thanks to our P.R. Bro. Alberto T. Jacinto, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.: the shelves have been

restructured, freshly painted and a lock has been placed for safe keeping. The storage will be opened prior to our meetings and locked at the end of the night. At present Bro. Jacinto and myself have keys. If you are interested in storing your SR Caps or Glengarrys please approach us since there is plenty of space. Remember use of the shelves is on a first come first served basis and will require a yearly donation of \$20 to be given to the Almoner's Fund. Brothers, please no more excuses of forgetting your SR caps.

From our Knights of St. Andrew Chieftain, Bro. Lou Clavijo, 32° K.:S.:A.: has informed us that he and his fellow Knights have planned a knighting ceremony for two very committed KSA scribes, Bro. Michael Green, 32° and Bro. Jan "Johnny" Jezek, 32°. These two brothers have worked diligently for our Brethren and the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies. They have satisfactorily performed their duties as KSA scribes. The ceremony is set to occur during our April stated meeting (April 25). Please plan on attending and supporting our Knights of St. Andrew.

We have a major event planned for the month of May. We will be holding our annual Education Fete along side Burlingame Lodge # 400. The event will consist of awarding two worthy college bound high school seniors with a scholarship. There will also be a scholarship presentation to the San Mateo Adult School. We as Scottish Rite Masons support and honor our public schools. Since the beginning of Freemasonry education has been central to the fraternity. Our Masonic forefathers set a precedent for equal access to education, and

paved the way for public schools. If Freemasonry is about "anything", it is about the education of the individual to become a knowledgeable, informed and moral human being within society. Education is valued above ignorance and we as masons believe education is the movement from darkness to light.

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

Brothers let us keep trying to change the world!

Remember to RSVP for Scottish Rite dinners and events to the following email:

JOHNNY.JEZEK27@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

**May 21st - Saturday - 4pm
Public Schools Night and Scholarship Presentation
See Flyer Enclosed**

**May 23rd - Monday
6:00 Stated meeting (Short Meeting)
6:30 - DeMolay Program Mother's Recognition followed by
The Feast of the Consistory**

**June 25th - Saturday
9:00 - Degree Reunion
18th, 30th, and 32nd Degree Conferalls**

**June 27th - Monday
6:30 Dinner - Filipino Buffet
Stated Meeting to follow**

**July 25th - Monday
6:30 - Dinner -Indoor Picnic
Stated Meeting to follow**

VMAP Update

Brethren:

VMAP is alive and well for 2016! Don't know what VMAP is? Go to scottishrite.org/vmap and find out! What happened in 2015 you may ask? Thanks to the hard work of: Roberto Diaz, Valdeir Faria-Filho, Steve Hill, Alberto Jacinto, David Jolliffe, Bill Price and myself, Burlingame Scottish Rite has been certified for achievement! Sounds great doesn't it -"Certified for Achievement!" This means that we have a methodical approach attracting and retaining members - an approach that was suggested by the membership and fits within our Valley. It also means that we will receive a perpetual plaque showing our progress.

Below you will see the categories and how they changed in 2016. One might infer that there is importance in the order of the items. Although I personally think that retention of members is more important than recruiting new members, we must execute equally on all of these items in order to have a strong Valley. In addition to the reordering/renameing show below, there have been new tasks added to the list. Details can be found at the website above.

2015	2016
Membership Recruitment	Membership Retention / Engagement
New Member Engagement	Scottish Rite Education for Members
Degree Conferral Proficiency	Membership Recruitment
Reunion Experience	New Member Engagement
Scottish Rite Education - Candidates	Reunion Experience
Scottish Rite Education - Members	Scottish Rite Education for Candidates
Officer Responsibilities & Engagement	Philanthropy
Philanthropy & Public Image	Public Image
Member Retention	Degree Conferral Proficiency
Valley Organizations	Officer Responsibilities & Engagement
	Valley Organizations

What's the most important cog in this vast machine? You. Each and every one of you. You are essential to helping our Valley thrive.

Want to help or learn more? Ask me!

Fraternally,
Chris D. Smith



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

This virtue is not specifically emphasized in our lectures, nor stressed in our instructions. It is not one of our cardinal virtues, not one of our theological virtues, not one of our social virtues. But of all the virtues propounded by Craft Masonry, this virtue is of utmost vital and is found as a continuing theme in the great religions of the world. It is the most basic of all virtues yet is, for many people, one of the most difficult to apply.

In 1726, at the age of 20, Benjamin Franklin created a system to develop his character. In his autobiography, Franklin listed his thirteen virtues and he listed this particular virtue as his 13th virtue, the virtue that means "to imitate Jesus and Socrates". What virtue are we referring to?

This virtue is called HUMILITY.

Humility is a form of language in which the "I" is silent because it never needs to advertise itself. Power and success can impress some people, but humility is something that can impress all people.

Here are some illustrations on humility.

President Gerald Ford's inaugural remark included the memorable line, "I am a Ford, not a Lincoln" which captured his self-effacing and unpretentious character.

Henry Ford was revered for his immense success because he started with nothing. But he always said, "No, sorry, I started with God." That is humility. He recognized that he did not build anything himself, but it was by the grace of God which enabled him to build an empire.

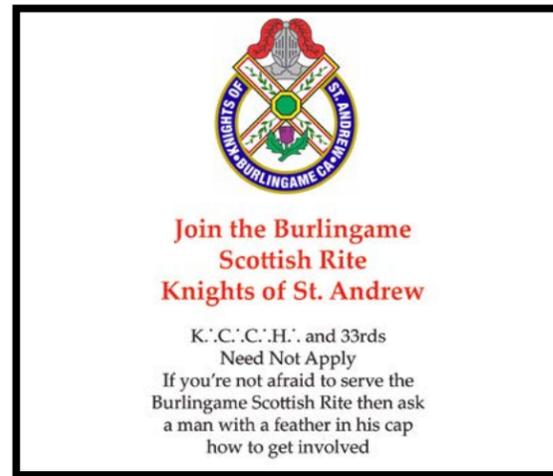
William Barclay tells the story of Paedaretos who lived in Sparta in ancient Greece. A group of 300 men were to be chosen to govern Sparta. Though Paedaretos was a candidate, his name was not on the final list. Some of his friends sought to console him, but he simply replied, "I am glad that in Sparta there are 300 men better than I am." He became a legend because of his willingness to stand aside while others took the places of glory and honor.

On a visit to the Beethoven museum in Bonn, a young American student became fascinated by the piano on which Beethoven had composed some of his greatest works. She asked the museum guard if she could play a few bars on it and the guard agreed. The girl went to the piano and tinkled out the opening of the Moonlight Sonata. As she was leaving she said to the guard, "I suppose all the great pianists who come here want to play on that piano." The guard shook his head. "Well, Paderewski (the famed Polish pianist) was here last summer, and some of his friends wanted him to play, but he said, 'No, I am not worthy.'" — Sunday School Chronicle.

"Brethren, let us not as Freemasons feel that we have achieved something great by our Masonic Ranks. All of us are well aware that outside Freemasonry these ranks are not at all significant. No Policeman on the street is going to salute me just because I am a Grand Master. In fact, if truth be told, if I happen to mention that I am a Grand Master to any of my former colleagues on the bench, some of them may even remark "Oh! I didn't know that you were good at Chess as well!"

-- M.W. Bro. Justice Devindar Gupta

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.



For updated info and pictures please go
to our website
www.burlingamesr.com

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

Dear Friends of the San Francisco and Burlingame RiteCare Childhood Language Center-

"Groovy Get Together at the Scottish Rite A Great Success!!"

Thanks to the efforts of many of our Scottish Rite Brethren, their spouses, friends and Board of Directors we celebrated the efforts of four of our outstanding supporters of the San Francisco and Burlingame RiteCare Childhood Language Center in grand style. The honorees noted at this year's Awards Dinner were Ulysses Patropulos (posthumously), Harold Stein, Donald Constine and Frank Ruggiero. These men have shown extraordinary stewardship for the Childhood Language Center. We will be forever grateful for their faithful support in our cause to bring free therapy to children who suffer with communication disorders. Approximately 125 people attended; most dressed in the wild Hippy 60's style of flowers, bell bottoms and funky hats. The food was delicious, table settings were strung with colorful beads and VW buses, and a large variety of auction items were donated to bid upon. In fact, our auction raised over \$15,000.00! Amazing!! We send a multitude thanks to all who donated baskets, services, art work, jewelry and

much more. Thank you to all who gave so freely of their time, money and imagination to make this one of our most successful events to date. A special thanks to those of the Burlingame Scottish Rite who traveled the distance to attend and who also contributed so generously to our successful action. Our Childhood Language Center is doubly blessed to have two Scottish Rite Bodies supporting our efforts to help our community children. Thank you one and all! Every child who will benefit from this extraordinary effort on the part of our outstanding members and associates will live an improved and hope-filled life. Our world is already a better place because of each of you! Gratefully,
Glenna Milleman, Director

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events benefitting the Childhood Language Center:

July 16th, Fashion Show (More information to follow)

September 25th, The Burlingame Scottish Rite Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner

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

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

Ken Lebowitz
Board Member
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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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