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**Burlingame Scottish Rite, Burlingame
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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.

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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?

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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:

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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 2017 - Our 95th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



Gary L. Stephens, 32°
K.:C.:C.:H.:
Venerable Master

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Easter holiday. Easter is a wonderful time to get together with family and friends. Many attended the special services given by their church and reflected upon the meaning of Easter, and also reflect upon the resurrection.

Our Remembrance and Renewal presentation in March was a very special time to remember our Brothers who have been called from labor last year. I wish to thank Wise Master Chris Smith who led this presentation and all the brothers who took part in the ceremony.

Masonry, as an institution, is very important to me. I am following in the footsteps of both of my grandfathers, who were Scottish Rite Masons, and Shriners, my father who was a member of two Masonic lodges and of my brother who is a Mason, and active in Scottish Rite Masonry and the Shriners

As with all Masons, my first allegiance to the craft is to the Blue Lodge, the foundation of all Masonry, and the place where the infinite wisdom of the Order was first introduced to me. It was through the degrees of the Scottish Rite, how-ever, that the depth of meaning of the three degrees of Masonry began to really come to life in my mind. Above all, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Masonry is an educational institution. We presented the 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees in March and every time I witness and participate in these degrees, it reminds me of how meaningful the ritual is and what important messages it conveys. Throughout its history the Scottish

Rite has stood as a beacon guiding us away from the dangers of ignorance. Our rituals and writings are deeply involved with teaching us about great ideals of morality, philosophy, religion and philanthropy, As a movement, it seeks not to teach the "truth," but rather it teaches a way to find the truth, leaving it up to each individual to discover what his own truth is. It seeks only to be a guide to the commonalities of various philosophical and religious approaches to belief so that we may be more united in our standards of right and wrong, and in our understanding of the reality of God.

There is an interesting quote from the great work by Albert Pike; Morals and Dogma, which states, "Everyone is entirely free to reject and dissent from whatsoever herein may seem to him to be untrue or unsound. It is only required of him that he shall weigh what is taught, and give it fair hearing and judgment." It is a clear indication that the symbolism of Freemasonry is open to many viewpoints and the "true" viewpoint is your own understanding.

This points out the very democracy of Freemasonry, and much of the beauty of the Scottish Rite. We will soon be conferring the 4th and 14th degrees. Why not attend (or participate) in these degrees and witness the moral and philosophical ideals presented, but, more importantly, realize it is the individual who must decide for himself what the important truths really are.

Gary Stephens
Venerable Master, Burlingame Lodge of Perfection

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

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 20th - Education FETE

3:00pm - Celebrating the Craft (CTC) webcast

4:00pm Refreshments & Jazz Band

5:00pm Scholarship Presentations

Monday, May 22nd - Stated Meeting and Cinco de Mayo Celebration (Casual)

6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)

6:30pm Mexican Food and Mariachi Band

Monday, June 19th - 4th and 14th Degree Conferral

6:30 Dinner

Degrees to Follow

Monday, June 26th - Stated Meeting and Filipino Night (Casual)

6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)

6:30pm Filipino Dinner and Program

July 31st - Monday Stated Meeting

6:30 Dinner -- Indoor Picnic

7:30 Stated Meeting

Mark your calendar: Scottish Rite Annual Golf Tournament

September 24th - Sunday Poplar Creek, San Mateo

**For all Dinners & Special Events
RSVP to Abraham T. Rafanan, Jr.
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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

"Don't if you are an expert ritualist be too ready to condemn the Brother who is not. Don't imagine that the word-perfection of the ritual is the Alpha and the Omega of Freemasonry. It is important, but there are other things far more important." Masonic Don'ts

Ritual work is essential to the vitality of the Lodge. Degree work can, and should be, inspiring to both the candidate and to the brethren. Its impact is largely diminished when it is delivered in a mechanical, halting or uncertain manner, punctuated by frequent prompting. When performed and executed to standard, ritual is a source of great pride. Strive to do it perfectly and understand the what's, the why's and the how's within it. But a word-perfect ritual is not the backbone of Masonry, it is not the impetus or crux of what we stand for as Masons. The exact pronunciation of some of the words is unimportant to us and the many hours of conflict in the lodge trying to correct regional accents has us puzzled. Many of us did not join Freemasonry because of the ritual, pomp and ceremony. Although we all agree that it is important, the esoteric and philosophical tenets, precepts and friendships may appeal to us more.

Not all Masons are created equal. Please remember that not every person is endowed with the same amount of memory, mode of delivery or stature as yourself. If we see a Brother who may be falling short, we should offer him assistance, not condemnation. Such brethren who are not endowed surely have in them equally important compensatory good qualities, such as sincerity of purpose, administrative ability, or highly benevolent disposition. Some others do extensive research and share their knowledge with the brethren on the history and real story of the Craft, they provide interpretations on the mysteries of our teachings and help us understand the meaning and messages behind the allegory, symbols and illustrations.

Some others will contribute more from the Floor of the Lodge, than from the Chair. This does not deny equality, but recognizes different skills. It is essential that we recognize that our Brethren possess differing talents and interests and varying resources to put at the disposal of Masonry. Whether wealth, time, skill, no two men have the ability or indeed, the inclination, to contribute to Masonry in the same way. The important thing is that we each participate. We are all part of a team and we ought to work together, with that peace and harmony which should characterize Freemasonry.

St. Ignatius Loyola redefined leadership completely, as former Jesuit Chris Lowney writes: "Everyone is a leader, and everyone is leading all the time; sometimes in dramatic ways, but more often in subtle, hard-to-measure ways, but leading nonetheless. For each of us here to be called a "leader" is at once a validation and a challenge. It affirms that each one of us is gifted and capable, and each one of us is called and commissioned, whether we prefer to speak from a podium or work quietly behind the scenes".

"The internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards."

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.



Chris D. Smith, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Some statistics on YOUR CLC

Have you ever wondered why donating to the CLC is so important? Or wondered how much of a difference are we really making? I have some numbers to share with you. Our CLC serves monthly, on average, 62 children for therapy and seven for evaluations. This is the most that we can accommodate with the current number of staff (three). While the two-per-day number sounds great, the other side of the discussion is that we also have more than 200 children on our waiting list. The sad truth is that we will never be able to engage many of these kids, because we don't have the necessary funds for additional staff.

What happens to those that don't become part of our program? Many will drop off the list, and never get the therapy they need. Further, many of the parents come to us because they can't afford to pay for the necessary therapy even if it did happen to be available. Did you ever wonder what we are getting for our money? A parent might have to pay up to \$200 for an hour of therapy. We provide that therapy free of charge to the parents, and at a cost to us of less than 50% the market rate. Glenna and her staff do an amazing job of seeing more kids than several other CLCs in the state. So, when you see Glenna, Jim or Denise say hello and thank you!

Chris D. Smith, 32° K.:C.:C.:H.:
Burlingame Representative
California Scottish Rite Foundation

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



Hello Friends of the Childhood
Language Center:

I'd like to introduce you to our latest "Super Star". Kellie is 5 years old and has lots to say about her world. Trouble is when we first met, most of what she said was not understandable. Her parents recognized that she was going to need more than a little help to improve her speech and immediately sought help from our Center. We set up an evaluation to measure her language skills and her articulation needs. As it turned out, Kellie is terrific in language but below normal levels for several sounds. We went to work immediately. Beginning with "f" then "sh" "ch" and now "th". We addressed all these sounds by starting with how to place her lips, tongue and control her breath. We began moving onto single syllable words with the targeted sound at the front, or initial position in each word. Once we reached approximately 80% accuracy we moved on to the final and medial position of the sound in single words. As each sound was reached correctly we then started on two syllable words, short phrases and then sentences, ever increasing the complexity. In addition we continued to monitor the original sounds.

In Kellie's case she is extremely motivated to succeed. Just yesterday she entered the Center holding up one

of her cards and proudly pronounced the word "thermometer!" Her eyes were dancing! We are very proud of her and very proud of her parents who work faithfully with Kellie during the week. Kellie's parents have expressed their gratitude in a number of ways. They drive more than an hour to reach us and always arrive with smiles. They are dedicated, Kellie is dedicated and we are dedicated. However it is the dedication of our Scottish Rite membership that makes this possible. I fully expect to open the Center door some day and Kellie will be standing there with a college diploma, possibly in Speech pathology, and you will have made this transformation possible.

Thank you!
Glenna Milleman



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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