

## Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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#### March/April Donations

##### 365 Club

- Chris & Lynise Smith
- David Jones
- Durward & Caroline Ayre
- Evan Brewer
- James Pettit
- Jim McMillen
- Jose & Linda Gonzales
- Lawrence Boysen
- Lefty & Carole Karkazis
- Len & Sue Froomin
- Melvin Clark
- Mike & Janet Salazar
- Nolan Katz
- Philip & Michelle Busalacchi
- Rich & Aurelia Campbell
- Robert & Lovella Diaz
- Todd Herschberg & Wendy Levine
- Walter & Filamer Ancheta
- William & Janet Price

##### General Donations

**\$10,000 or more:**  
Curusis Family Foundation

- Donations:**
- Anonymous
  - Apollo Lodge 123 IOOF
  - Burlingame Scottish Rite
  - Carlos Montes
  - Chris & Lynise Smith
  - Durward & Caroline Ayre
  - Irving & Cynthia Shapiro
  - Jim McMillen
  - John & Jocelyn Kohler
  - Joseph W. Welch Jr Foundation Trust
  - Ken & Michele Ward
  - Ken Holmes & Suzanne Leigh
  - Len & Sue Froomin
  - Melvin Clark
  - Pacific-Starr King Lodge #136
  - Paul Jones
  - Pauliukonis Family
  - Ray Godeke
  - San Francisco Lodge #120

#### In Honor of:

**Melvin Clark**  
-Ken & Bobbie Lebovitz

#### In Memory of:

**Alan Bonapart**  
-Marshall Zemon  
**Glen G. Whiteside**  
-Marshall Zemon

Checks for contributions to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center should be made payable to the **California 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**

**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.**

#### 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

#### 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?



**Generate income for you and your family and help the charity of your choice through a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).**

When you make a donation of \$5,000 or more to our CGA program, you will receive quarterly income based on your age and the corresponding rate as set by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

#### BENEFITS OF A CGA\*

- Fixed income for life
  - Significant tax deduction
  - Competitive rate of return
  - Capital gains tax advantage
- \* Gift Annuities are not available in some states.

EXAMPLE: \$10,000 GIFT ANNUITY	
AGE 50	4.0%
AGE 60	4.7%
AGE 70	5.6%
AGE 80	7.3%
AGE 90	9.5%

These fixed rates, current as of 9/22/18, are for a single life Gift Annuity. Chart is for illustrative purposes only.

- #### CHOOSE YOUR CHARITY
- Rebuilding the Temple Campaign
  - Scholarships
  - California Scottish Rite Foundation

To learn more about the CGA Program, please contact Major Donor Officer Donald W. Heath, 33° O.P.F. at 1-858-335-2070 or dtheath@scottishrite.org.



### Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

K.: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

# The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies



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

May/June 2019 - Our 97th Year

## The Lodge of Perfection



**James L. Cutsinger, 32°**  
Venerable Master  
Lodge of Perfection

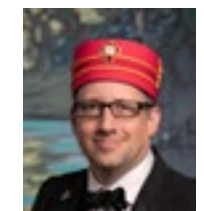


Greetings fellow brethren and happy Spring. I'd like to dedicate this newsletter to Brother Alberto Jacinto following his passing on April 4th. Brother Alberto has been a member of our Valley since 2001. Within our Valley, he served as Venerable Master in 2009 and had the honor of being our PR until 2019. At Burlingame, Alberto was twice Master at Blue Lodge 400, a member of York Rite as well as the building manager. He was a tremendous contributor to our craft. During his short time, he has left an enormous impact on our numerous Masonic bodies in many ways. I'll forever miss having him around our Valley and his magical sense of humor. May the memory of Alberto live on forever.

In more uplifting news, the Whiskey tasting event that took place on April 6th was a great success and more fun than most of us anticipated. We had 20 people in attendance as well as a few guests. In addition to the six tastings of American spirits, we enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Brother Whit

and Brother David Jones. The event was also educational as I learned that while sipping Whiskey it should really open up with a little water. By adding the water, you can observe the oils pulled out that was imparted from the barrel process. Everyone seemed to have a different favorite Whiskey. My favorite Whiskey of the evening was the Jefferson's Ocean Voyage which was aged at sea. It had a salty yet sweet taste. Events like this strengthen our brotherhood and social aspect of our organization and I look forward to more social events in the future. As always, if you have ideas for something you think our brothers would enjoy, please submit to me to at any time.

I'll keep this introduction short as I am running on a few hours of sleep since the arrival of my daughter, Raegan Brienne Cutsinger, on March 13th. Like I once was man years ago, she is a night owl and enjoys the nightlife, limiting the number of hours of sleep my wife and I get. It amazes me how something so small can grow and change so much each and every week. She brings the greatest joy to my family! The last month of experiencing fatherhood first-hand has helped me truly understand and adapt to life's unpredictable moments and learning to be nimble. It has tested my patience, but bringing a child in to this world underlines how thankful I am for support and lifelong friendship that our incredible organization provides.



## The Word from the Orator

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

Brethren of Burlingame Scottish Rite –  
The next speaker at our Valley will be Bro. Sebastien Taveau, 32°, who recently completed the last segment of the Master Craftsman Program. Please join us 24 June to learn about the different Master Craftsman Courses, and his journey to completing them all. If you want to read up on the Master Craftsman Program before the next meeting, go to <https://bit.ly/2PeQk3Y> for all the details. I hear there's a cool pin and certificate for completing them all!

## CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**Monday, April 29th Stated Meeting**  
6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
6:30pm Dinner - Mexican  
Entertainment- Aztec Dance Performance

**Monday, May 6th - 4th and 14th Degrees**  
6:30pm 4th Degree  
7:15 Dinner  
8:00pm 14th Degree

**Monday, May 20th - Stated Meeting and Feast of the Consistory**  
6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
6:30 Feast of the Consistory

**Thursday, June 13th**  
**Reception for Christopher D. Smith Senior Grand Deacon**  
See Marty Cusing's article for time, place and RSVP

**Monday, June 24th - Stated Meeting**  
6:30 Dinner  
Stated Meeting to follow

**Monday, July 29th - Stated Meeting and Public Schools Program**  
6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
6:30pm Dinner (Indoor Picnic)  
7:30pm Public School and Scholarship program

**For all Dinners & Special Events RSVP to**

**650 344-4841**

Did you know you can find current updated information, flyers and archived bulletins on our website [www.burlingamesr.com](http://www.burlingamesr.com)

From the Office of the Personal Representative



Marty M. Cusing, 32° K.S.A.  
Personal Representative

On Monday, May 6, 2019, our annual Spring reunion will kick off with the 4° through the 14° with several candidates in tow ready to become Burlingame Scottish Rite Masons. If it's been a while since you've attended or witnessed these Degrees, I invite you to come join us for a good hearty meal and enjoy renewing your interest in our ancient craft and teachings.

If you have a heart to serve or be active in our Valley, I implore you to reach out to me and we can discuss how best we can use your skills to assist in ritual, management, community outreach and membership. We are always looking for a good ritualist or two . . . but we can always use a Brother that can help us behind the scenes (literally in the back stage, costumes or tech booth).

Our May Stated Meeting will be held early at 6:00 pm to allow the Burlingame Consistory, lead by Ross Chassy 32° (Master of Kadosh), to observe the annual Feast of the Consistory. Reminders for Stated Meetings and dinners are being sent out by me through Constant Contact this year. If you have not been receiving my emails, please contact me and I will make sure you are on the email list.

On Saturday, June 13 Peninsula Lodge No. 153 will host a reception to honor our Brother Chris Smith 32°, KCCH as the Senior Grand Deacon for the Grand Lodge of California. The reception will be held at 136 Brecon Court in Redwood City. RSVPs are being received by following the link:

<https://conta.cc/2VcbJQU>

A couple years ago, I planned a trip to bring the family to see the sights around the World to teach them about the different cultures and different peoples that exists outside of our beloved country. Well, that time has quickly snuck up on me, and beginning on May 14 we set sail from Brisbane, Australia and to circumnavigate the globe – and only after visiting 41 countries, we return to Australia on August 31. What this means for our Valley is that we will have a gap in leadership holding the PR's duties, but plans were already in motion to bridge this gap. As many of you already know, our main leadership council consists of our Treasurer David Jones 33°, General Secretary Bill Price 33°, Venerable Master Jim Cutsinger 32° and the Personal Representative. To these, I am officially added two Assistant to the Personal Representative roles for 2019 that will complement the council with their own unique personal qualities and Scottish Rite qualifications. Please allow me to introduce Chris Smith 32°, KCCH and Roberto Diaz 32°, KCCH into the mix. Chris Smith 32°, KCCH is also serving multiple roles as Orator and the Chairman of the SFSR/BSR Childhood Language Center, and Roberto Diaz 32°, KCCH is the Preceptor of our Burlingame Consistory.

St. Patrick's Day Feast with Burlingame Lodge and dancers from J.Flynn Academy



Whiskey Tasting Night



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

Greetings friends and supporters of our CLC!

I have some exciting news to share – our San Francisco Scottish Rite Brother Steve Cheechov has connected us with two foundations that provided sizeable grants in support of our CLC! The Curusis Family Foundation and ????? Foundation both saw fit to donate to our cause because of Brother Cheechov's recommendation/connection. Thank you to Brother Cheechov for making the connection!

I don't expect everyone to have these kinds of connections (I certainly don't), but sometimes all it takes is simply mentioning our cause to a friend. One path that many of you may have available is employer donation matching. My company offers donation matching – it's a great way to double our collective efforts. If you company doesn't match, maybe your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins or neighbors' companies do. See where I'm going with this?

About half of our CLC's operating budget comes from our allowable portfolio draw, but the other half comes from fundraisers, member donations, public donations and grants. Can you help spread the word???

Thank you all for your continued support!

Chris D. Smith 32° KCCH  
Chair, SFBRCCLC Board

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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



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