

Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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Greetings CLC Supporters!

I'm sorry to announce that Bobbie and Ken Lebovitz will be resigning from the CLC Board. Thank you for your many years of service Bobbie and Ken – you will be missed!

After that sad news, here's some awesome news! The 2017 edition of the Fashion Show has come and gone – I do hope you were able to attend! This event is led by Bro. Todd Herschberg and is successful because of him. The models and designers that provide the fashion support the event because of their relationship to Todd. He has a past (and fortunately current) life in the fashion industry – you should ask him about it sometime! If you didn't attend, here are some details: >400 attendees and >\$10k raised! Awesome job Todd – looking forward to next year!

The next event is the fifth annual golf tournament on 24 September. The deadline to signup is 15 September so don't wait! This event is led by my Bro. Mark "the Whit" Stephens and gets better every year – I can't wait to see what's new this year! Also, I'm sure that Whit would love to sign you up as a volunteer for the day, so contact him

and lend a hand! By the way, there's a prize for the best outfit, anyone willing to give that a shot? You never know – could be a hole in one!

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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.

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**

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

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



September/October 2017 - Our 95th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



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



Brethren,

On Monday, September 25th, we will have our Stated Meeting and the Feast of Tishri. This article will be on "Freemasonry, the Feast of Tishri and Why Scottish Rite is important."

According to the Book of Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite, the Feast of Tishri is not only a sharing of our fraternal spirit but the origins and significance of the Feast of Tishri make it the most important of all Scottish Rite festivals. Although originally celebrated as a harvest and gathering festival, no other occasion epitomizes the character and purpose of the Rite more wholly than this historic celebration, held in conjunction with the dedication of King Solomon's Temple (2 Chronicles 7:8-10). To marshal the meanings of the feast is to summarize the principal ideals and traditions of our Fraternity.

The symbolic details of the Temple's position, design, construction, furnishing, and decoration carry special meaning as they apply to the metaphorical temple of Freemasonry. Through the symbols of the Temple, we learn to recommit ourselves to building Freemasonry "in the hearts of men" and among nations. Significantly, Solomon, a king of peace and wisdom, built the Temple. Solomon, whose very name drives from the Hebrew word shalom, meaning peace. Thus in observing the Feast of Tishri, we reaffirm our dedication of human concord and the brotherhood of all men in a world of peace. As individuals and Brothers of the Rite, we resolve to build, as Solomon did, through harmony and cooperation, ever seeking peace for all mankind.

So at this Feast of Tishri we gather as Scottish Rite Masons with the Masonic Family of Burlingame remembering and reaffirming

who we are. This celebration is done by us so as to re-dedicate ourselves to the purposes, charities and beliefs of what we hold important within the Masonic Fraternity. This is why this re-affirmation if you will is considered as one of the obligatory observances of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

Scottish Rite in Burlingame is important though for a number of reasons.

Some of the first occasions where one may meet other Brethren not from their own lodge is in the Scottish Rite. The newly made Mason sometimes has no idea of the actual size of the Fraternity that he has just joined. To him the confines of his own lodge may be his perception of the size of our fraternity. Not until his first Reunion, Stated meeting or event such as the Feast of Tishri does it start to dawn on the new member as to the benefit of belonging to this Rite. His circle of companions increases and indeed the realization of the size of the Fraternity becomes more evident.

Scottish Rite Ceremonies and Festivals are loaded with symbolism that may take a lifetime to learn. And this annual event was just one in many in our journey for more light and knowledge

Also according to the Book of Forms the Feast teaches the equality and unity of all members where a spirit of fraternal fellowship is fostered. This occasion may also be the first time for us to introduce our spouses, partners, family and friends to the Masonic Fraternity.

"Freemasonry" offers many things to many people. Scottish Rite the philosophical college of Freemasonry offers much more.

All of us no matter what creed, color, religion, or political persuasion gather at this table of thanks.

The Feast of Tishri, or this Masonic Feast of Feasts, is a symbolic celebration of re-dedication to our beliefs and to the Rite and allows us to join together as one Masonic Family as we build Burlingame Scottish Rite stone by stone and brother by brother.

Gary Stephens

Venerable Master, Burlingame Lodge of Perfection

CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Sunday - Sept 24th Noon
Golf Fundraiser for the
Childhood Language Center
Poplar Creek Golf Course
See Mark Whitney Stephens for details

Monday - Sept. 25th 6:00pm
Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
6:30pm Feast of Tishri

Saturday - September 30th; 2:00pm
Traitor Degree
SF Scottish Rite Center
See Mark Whitney Stephens for
details

**Saturday - October 28th; 8:00am -
3:00pm**
18th, 30th and 32nd Degree Conferral

Saturday - October 28th; 6:30pm - ???
Halloween Party
See enclosed flyer for
details and reservations

Monday - October 30th; 6:30pm
Stated Meeting Dinner
Stated Meeting to follow

Tuesday - November 21st - 6:30pm
Thanksgiving Dinner
(Burlingame Lodge #400 Hosting)

Monday - November 27th; 6:00pm
Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
Dinner and Festive Board to follow-

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

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www.burlingamesr.com**



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

Hats off to Bros. Mark “Whit” Stephens, 32° K.S.A. and Roberto Diaz, 32° K.S.A., who have been elected to receive the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour for 2017. They will be invested with the rank and decoration of K.C.C.H. at the Northern California Honours Ceremony which will take place at the Oakland Scottish Rite Masonic Center on Saturday, September 16, 2017. We offer our upcoming KCCH inductees our best wishes for their further service to the Scottish Rite. Congratulations to both brethren for attaining this Masonic milestone.

KNIGHTS COMMANDER COURT OF HONOUR, abbreviated KCCH, is not a Degree, but an investiture. To invest, from the Latin investire, means literally to clothe or robe someone with something. The KCCH may be recognized by the red cap they are entitled to wear.

At each Biennial Session of the Supreme Council (occurring every two years on odd numbered years) many brethren throughout the Southern Jurisdiction are elected to receive the KCCH and 33rd Degree honors. These are based on personal efforts and contributions by individuals that add to the effectiveness of the Scottish Rite.

Scottish Rite Masons wear different colored caps to our meetings and functions. The following is a listing of the various versions of the Scottish Rite cap.

The black silk cap, adorned with the recognizable Scottish Rite double-headed eagle, is the cap of a Master of the Royal Secret, the title of a 32° Mason of the Scottish Rite

The red cap, emblazoned with the red and gold cross of a Knight Commander, designates that the wearer is a 32nd Degree Mason who has been invested with the “rank and decoration” of K.C.C.H.

The white cap indicates that the wearer has received the 33rd Degree, Inspector General. It bears the red and gold Patriarchal Cross of the Degree. The name of the Degree is “Inspector General,” and the title is that of “Inspector General Honorary”.

The 33rd Degree, is conferred by the Supreme Council upon members of the Rite in recognition of outstanding service to the Rite, or in public life, to the principles taught in the Degrees.

The blue cap, decorated in front with a gold number 50 and surrounded by a wreath, is the cap of a Fifty-Year Scottish Rite Mason.

The purple cap is that of a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, or S.G.I.G.. It is surrounded by a band of purple velvet, bordered in gold and decorated with a gold vine of laurel leaves and berries. The front of the cap is emblazoned with a purple and gold Patriarchal Cross with crosslets. The wearer of this cap is the head of the Rite in his Orient.

The violet cap is reserved for the Sovereign Grand Commander, the highest ranking officer of the Supreme Council. It is surrounded by a band of violet velvet and, like the purple cap, is also decorated with a gold vine of laurel leaves and berries. The front of this cap is emblazoned with the Salem Cross with crosslets.

And now I also offer my profound congratulations to Bro. Chris Smith, 32° K.C.C.H., who has been elected as Chairman of the San Francisco and Burlingame Rite Care Childhood Language Center effective July 1, 2017.

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.



Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

K.C.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



**5th Annual
CHARITY
EVENT**

5TH ANNUAL GOLF AND AWARDS BANQUET
HOSTED BY THE BURLINGAME SCOTTISH RITE
BENEFITTING THE CHILDHOOD LANGUAGE CENTER

Sunday September 24, 2017

Golf Event

**Tee-off Times from 12 NOON
and our After Party!**

Golfing format is a modified scramble, bad golf attire is welcome, but please no cutoffs or tank tops. There will be Tee prizes, cart, box lunch, beverages, 18 holes of golf and our famous Awards Banquet at the Burlingame Masonic Center located at 145 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010. There will be prizes: closest to the pin, low score, best golf attire (so wear your most outrageous golf outfit) most accurate drive, and several others to be determined.

Our Childhood Language Center is a qualified 501(c)3 non-profit charity. Donations for tee sponsorships or other gifts are tax deductible. See the reverse side for more Sponsorship and Banquet Information.

Poplar Creek Golf Course
1700 Coyote Point Dr.
San Mateo, CA 94401



**19TH
HOLE
PARTY**

\$125 Individual
(includes Banquet)
\$500 Foursome
\$30 Awards Banquet
Hole Sponsorships
Ladies Welcome

For information & Registration contact:
Mark Stephens
650 588-1995
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or ritecare-sf.org
Entry Deadline September 15th



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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 yield allegiance.

Ill. Ronald A. Seale, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
of the Supreme Council

2017 14th & 30th Degrees



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of the Supreme Council
in California