

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies



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

January/February 2022 - Our 101st Year

The Lodge of Perfection




Mark Whitney Stephens,
32° K.:C.:C.:H
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

GREETINGS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In December I was elected Venerable Master of Burlingame Scottish Rite (A Small but Mighty Valley), and what an honor you have bestowed upon me, thank you.

We are all hoping that 2022 will be much better than our last 2 years where everything we do (and will be continuing to do), is based on Covid requirements and safety precautions. Our 2022 planning is already in full action. Just when you think you have had enough turkey, red meat, and all the magnificent indulgences the holiday season brings, we bring you more eating, fun, and family. Mark your calendars for February 13th, our annual sweetheart's brunch. The enclosed flyer will give you all the details for reservations and venue.

May 7, 2022, will be the biggest bash Burlingame Scottish Rite has had in 100

years. YES, it's our 100th Anniversary Ceremony! Details will follow as things get settled, but reserve the date on your calendar now. That night we will also be celebrating the 1st Anniversary of our newly designed Childhood Language Center, so a very special night indeed.

Numerous other events will take place this year (Covid willing) including in person Stated Meetings and Ritual ceremonies and all the fun events we look forward to and do as a masonic family.

Please stay healthy, and come and enjoy our Burlingame Scottish Rite family, we will see you "looking good" in 2022.

Your 2022 Venerable Master,

Mark Whitney Stephens, (but you can call me VW if you like)

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 8, 2022

5:00PM

101st Annual Installation of Officers

(See Flyer)

Monday, January 24, 2022

7:00PM - 8:00PM

College of the Consistory Study Group Zoom

Monday, January 31, 2022

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Meeting Stated Meeting

Sunday, February 13, 2022

12:00 PM

**Sweetheart's Lunch
Sapora Italiano Ristorante
*(See Flyer)***

Monday February 28, 2022

6:30PM Dinner / 7:30PM Meeting Stated Meeting

**For all Dinners & Special Events RSVP to
650 344-4841**

rsvp@burlingamesr.com

Save The Date

Burlingame Scottish Rite

100th Anniversary

MAY 7, 2022

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

From the Office of the Personal Representative



Hon. Marty M. Cusing, 32° K.C.C.H.
Personal Representative

As I conclude another year as Personal Representative of Burlingame Scottish Rite, I reflect on how fortunate we are as a nation in 2021. The Grand Master of California, Most Worshipful Art Weiss lifted restrictions on in-person meetings mid-year when vaccinations became more readily available from Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson, mask restrictions were lifted, then reintroduced, then lifted again (unless meeting indoor when food was present and not actively eating). Our SGIG, Illustrious Frank Loui, 33° then lifted restrictions on in-person meeting as a Valley, but with the requirement to follow state and county restrictions, and we quickly grouped and began holding in-person events. Granted, as I write this, we're not over the COVID-19 pandemic yet, the Delta variant was the main COVID-19 variant a few months ago and booster shots were used as a preventative measure, and now Omicron has landed on our shores.

In 2021 we had the opportunity to shed some light on our community by providing donations to Call Primrose Center foodbank in Burlingame, pack food items with the San Francisco-Marin foodbank and create a new Childhood Language Center right here in our Valley. The members of our Valley never shied away from supporting both the members in our Valley that needed some help through our Almoner's fund and the Masonic youth in our area, and those that desperately need help outside of our walls. For that I am proud to be a member!

With 2022 brings another brand new set of officers that will be installed at the Burlingame Masonic Center on Saturday, January 8, 2022 @ 5:00PM during our 101st installation of officers, and our centennial year! The following officers have been chosen to lead the Burlingame Bodies: Hon. Whit Stephens, 32° KCCH as Venerable Master, Hon. Hjalmar Nilsen, 32° KCCH as Wise Master, Ill. Chris Smith, 33° as Commander, Ill. David Dionida, 33° as Master of Kadosh and Bro. Joshua Cusing, 32° KSA as Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew. The Venerable-elect requested a more casual installation that usual this year so the Valley can shift more focus on our centennial celebration in May 2022.

Sunday, February 13, 2022 brings back our Sweetheart's Lunch after a two year hiatus. For the first time in years, we move our even from the Crowne Plaza to Sapore Italiano Ristorante on Burlingame Avenue at noon. We reserved the whole upstairs area for our event, so please see the flyer to RSVP. Don't be afraid to come stag to this event, because after a few glasses of wine you're bound to forget if you even brought someone!

My hope is that when I sit to write my year end/beginning of the year article a year from now, I can report more positive news. For the time being, Governor Gavin Newsom has enacted another order to enforce the use of facemasks indoors from December 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022, so keep safe and stay healthy my Brothers.



In Memoriam

Stephen C. Hill
EIR 9/27/21

Joseph R. Davidson
EIR 12/6/21

Congratulations Miss Grace Zhou

Redwood City Assembly #16, International Rainbow for Girls

Grand Religion and Representative to Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina
and daughter of Shan Zhou, 32°
member of Burlingame Scottish Rite and Past Master of Peninsula Lodge



Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrews



Joshua L. Cusing, 32° K.S.A.
Chieftain, Knights of St. Andrew

Greetings Brethren!

Happy new year to you and your families. I hope all is well with you. I wanted to thank and congratulate our Junior past chieftain, Bro Cris Advincola, for a very good year. The pandemic slowed us down, but the KSA still stood at the ready and managed to Knight new members.

I want to thank the valley for putting their trust in me as the Chieftain for our 100th year anniversary. The KSA will have a few events planned for the year and we will plan to do a knighting of new members in the coming months. Please feel free to ask to join this service organization. 32nd degree black hats only. 32nd degree KCCH and 33rd degrees need not apply. (you have done your service to the valley already and we thank you very much.) And as always, the Knights of Saint Andrew is at the ready to serve the valley. Our junior past chieftain will remain at the Rocky Mountain outpost. Good luck my brother in all your endeavors and keep a watchful eye over Castle Black.

May the Great Architect of the universe continually watch over you and your family.

Fraternally yours,

Joshua Cusing



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.

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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. James D. Cole, 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
of the Supreme Council



Ill. Frank Loui, 33°
Sovereign Grand Inspector General
of the Supreme Council in California

Latest News from the Burlingame Childhood Language Center



III.: Chris D. Smith, 33°
Chairman
Burlingame - CLC
Board of Directors



Greetings friends and supporters of our CLC!

Our contract with Speech Goals has been duly signed by all parties, and we are actively looking for kids to enroll in the program. If you know of anyone in need of our services (younger than 18 and having a financial need), please contact me, and I will make sure they are connected with Jasna at Speech Goals. Of the many positive aspects of this partnership, the most impactful one is the expansion of therapies that will be available in our program. Please visit speechgoals.com/about/ for more information.

After the many months of the pandemic and all the difficulty and loss associated with it, our new CLC gives me a positive feeling about 2022. Just a reminder – this is the first new CLC in California since 2004, and it will require support from all of us to make it a success! Should you every have any questions about our CLC – just ask a board member!

Vice Chair – Roberto Diaz; Treasurer – Aidan Cotter; Secretary – Gary Stephens; Members – Martin Chavez and Valerie Nolan.

Advisory Members: Evan Brewer, Marty Cusing, David Jolliffe and David Jones

Stay safe...

III.: Chris D. Smith, 33°

Chair, Burlingame CLC Board of Directors

November / December Donations

365 Club

- David D. Jones
- Hjalmar J. Nilsen

General Donations

- Burlingame Bodies Scottish Rite
- Jerry E. Fanburg
- Michael K. Petterssen
- Robert O. Whyte
- Shan G. Zhou

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

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?

How Can I help?

As members of the Burlingame Scottish Rite, we have the responsibility, duty and honor of supporting the Burlingame Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center.

Contribute directly to the Center:

- A. Join the 365 Club. Only \$365.00 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 the Valley of Burlingame.

Checks for contributions to the Burlingame Childhood Language Center should be made payable to the **California Scottish Rite Foundation** with the note "Burlingame CLC" on the memo line. Checks may be sent to the following address.

**Burlingame Scottish Rite
145 Park Road
Burlingame, CA 94010**

Your donations to the Burlingame Childhood Language Center are critical to the continuing operation of the Center. The children of the Peninsula are counting on your generosity.



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 5/22/18, 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°, CFP at 1-858-335-2070 or dheath@scottishrite.org.