

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies



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

March/April 2023 - Our 101st Year

The Lodge of Perfection



Joseph J. Becker 32°
K.:C.:C.:H.:
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection

Brethren:

A good start to our new year for the Valentines brunch at Crowne Plaza. Well attended by our members, plenty of food to feast on, and some gift distribution. There was a special guest missing, Jack Burrous, 56 years a mason, and his 85th birthday February 12. There was a card that was signed by our members and following the meeting Charlie Drechsler, his wife Cynthia, Roberto Diaz, and myself presented Jack with his card at his home. He also received a Past Masters pin from Roberto Diaz. Reaching out to our members has always been a high priority at our Valley and listening to the reports from our members at our Stated meetings reflects the charitable aspects of our craft. It is always difficult to imagine the anxiety a sick member may internalize when they are confined or cannot make our meetings, share food at our tables, and socialize with our brothers. This becomes more critical as age becomes an issue and good health becomes harder to maintain. Thank you for all the special occasions that a visit, a card, or a phone call has been made to show our support to distressed Fraternal brothers.

The last stated meeting and the installation of officers was well attended. It was pleasing to be among familiar faces, and a good start to our future events, meetings, and dinners. Planning for future events at our Valley is an ongoing process and I hope that we will have some announcements regarding social activities, and gatherings.

The Burlingame Lodge Hall Association has a planned lodge room decorating event. This process will start April 17 and continue until June 17. The lodge room will not be available during this time. However, there will be alternative plans to continue with our stated meeting business during this hiatus.

Fraternally,
Joseph J Becker



(L to R: Roberto Diaz, Joseph Becker, Jack Burrous, Charlie Dreshler)



In Memoriam

Kenneth V. Hill, 32°

b. 9/10/24

dir. 7/7/23

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

March

Monday, March 20:
**Remembrance & Renewal
Cast Rehearsal [6:30PM]**

Monday, March 27:
**Stated Meeting / Remem-
brance & Renewal Ceremony
[6:30PM]**

April

Monday, April 23:
Stated Meeting [6:30PM]

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Events RSVP to
650 344-4841**

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From the Office of the Personal Representative



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

In February I had the pleasure of spending a week in our nation's capital Washington, DC to attend the Conference of Grand Masters with the delegation of Grand Lodge officers of California. Not only did I get to see many of the monuments that honor the people that formed this country, the endless museums of the Smithsonian, and wine & dine at George Washington's home, James Monroe's law office and the rotunda of the National Archives – but I also had the opportunity to meet brethren from all over the world gathering together to celebrate of centennial celebration and reenactment of the laying of the cornerstone for the George Washington Masonic Memorial Temple. Imagine thousands of Masons in their full regalia marching over a mile down the streets towards the Temple with equal thousands of people that gathered to cheer and watch the parade. I was told that the sight was much like one hundred years ago when the Temple was opened and dedicated. Illustrious and Most Worshipful Kenneth Nagel, 33°, Personal Representative of the San Jose Scottish Rite, is the centennial President of the Board and presided over the festivities. Illustrious and Most Worshipful James Cole, 33°, Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction also had a part in the reenactment of the cornerstone laying. The parade and ceremony were televised, and I heard a copy can be seen on YouTube or gwmemorial.org

Along with my travels, I was finally able to visit the House of the Temple, home of our Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite. I was able to find many artifacts from the Orient of California, and even a very old and worn penny from King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter No.95, who hold their meetings in our building.

As some of you have no doubt heard, we have postponed our Spring Festival to give Oakland Scottish Rite some time to re-form their degree team. We are looking to hold the 4°-14° on October 9, with Oakland taking the 18°-32° October 20-21. Next year in 2024 brings back the Orient-wide Reunion where all degrees from 4°-32° will be performed by the Valleys, and Burlingame will be responsible for the 26° and 28°.

Additionally, the lodgeroom at the Burlingame Masonic Center will begin construction and renovations from April 17 through June 17 and our meetings will either be moved to the banquet hall or offsite temporarily – details will be released as we approach those dates.

Lastly, Edwin Sherman Research Lodge will be instituted on Monday, March 20, 2023 @ 6:00 PM at Oakland Scottish Rite. This new research lodge plans to study and exemplify the old Scottish Rite degrees, choosing one degree annually. Those that are interested in being a part of this research lodge, please reach out to me. Our first Master will be Jonathan Prestage, 33°, Personal Representative of Oakland Scottish Rite, and first Junior Warden will be yours truly.

Chapter of the Rose Croix



Joshua L. Cusing, 32° K.S.A.
Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix

Greetings Brethren,

As Wise Master of the Chapter of the Rose Croix, I would like to formally invite you to our Remembrance and Renewal. It will be held at Burlingame Masonic Temple on Monday of March 27, 2023. It is an event to remember the brethren who have passed away in the last year and also to renew our friendships and bonds. Please come and join us for the event and we will also have a dinner. I will be reaching out to several brothers to help in the ceremony and I will also arrange for a practice. Thank you and hope to see you all there!

Fraternally yours,

Joshua Cusing
Wise Master

Annual Ystävänpäivä (Finnish Friend's Day) & Sweethearts Brunch at Crowne Plaza Hotel



Conference of Grand Masters in Washington, DC



102nd Burlingame Bodies Scottish Rite Installation of Officers



(L to R: Froilan Ancheta, 33° Master of Kadosh; James Cutsinger, 32° Commander; Joshua Cusing, 32° KSA Wise Master; Joseph Becker, 32° KCCH Venerable Master)

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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°
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of the Supreme Council in California

Latest News from the Burlingame Childhood Language Center



Ill. Chris D. Smith, 33°
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Board of Directors



Greetings friends and supporters of our CLC!

During the month of January, we had 15 total children: seven children receiving individual speech therapy, three children receiving group speech therapy, and eight children receiving individual occupational therapy. Of the 15, one child does individual and group speech therapy, another does individual speech and occupational therapy, and a third does group speech therapy and occupational therapy. While we love having this many clients, this number is above our budget, and unfortunately we are in the process of reducing the number of clients to get back on budget. The decision to offer occupational therapy (OT) to was more successful than any of us imagined – there is a significant need for OT in our area, which leads to the ask – we need your donations! Or your connections to a place that would provide a grant to us!

Speaking of such a connection, I was at the Intero office in Burlingame for the “big check” presentation for the grant we received from them at the end of last year – thanks again to our board members Valerie and Martin for making that connection! In the photo you will see yours truly, and our internal Intero advocate Cecilia Crisostomo on my immediate left and helping me hold up the check.



Another exciting opportunity (which I can now discuss) is a partnership with the San Mateo County Sheriff (and the Sheriff’s Activities League), brought to us by Victor Aenlle. Our new Sheriff Christina Corpus loves what we do, and we are working on a path to help build our waiting list of children through this partnership. More details as we sort them out, but you all should know that Sheriff Corpus sincerely values the early intervention work we do and wants to help us succeed!

2023 Donations January/February

General Contributions

- Todd Birnbaum
- Evan Brewer
- Adobe
- Vincent Chan
- Allan Young

In Memory of Kenneth V. Hill

~ Blake Hill

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

Please use QR Code above to donate or 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
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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.

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