

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies



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

November/December 2022 - Our Centennial Year

The Lodge of Perfection



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

Greetings and I hope you all are doing well and are in fantastic health. Well, this is it, my final article, and I have gotten minimal comments, so I must either be doing something right or completely wrong. Oh well... on we go. Now that my term as Venerable is nearly done, I look back on the accomplishments and goals, of which there are many but our top goal was our CLC's 1st and Valley's 100th Anniversary Celebration. Seems like May 7th was a long time ago but the celebration and year all went better than expected. BSR also wanted to put together a Wine/Food pairing and my apologies for changing the date to Sunday December 4 but I believe we will have more of us participating in this fun event. Thankfully Table Wine accommodated our change. Speaking of date changes, we have moved our original date for Installation to January 30. If the stars line up, Worshipful Joseph Becker will be our 2023 Venerable Master. Details on the installation will follow as we get closer, but put January 30, 2023 on your calendars for this wonderful event. Congratulations Joe.

We did perform the 4th and 14th degree this year in Burlingame with our candidates supposedly receiving the 18th, 30th and 32nd degrees in the fall at Oakland Scottish Rite, but things did not go as planned. I

understand that we will again be doing the 4th and 14th in the Spring and hopefully we can get to the additional degrees. I have a big part in the 18th degree, but we have not performed these degrees since before Covid.

The Holiday season is nearly upon us. I was out with Lori at Michaels (the craft store) and it is looking like Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and all the fall holidays are in full swing. Of course, we had to pick-up hay bales for our fall porch theme and came out with a whole bunch of stuff, mostly orange- and yellow-colored decorations. I suppose that will change following Thanksgiving to red and green. So here in October, Happy Holiday Season to you all! From my understanding the Burlingame Masonic Center will be "erecting" the huge Holiday Tree this year. David Jones is leading the effort, so I suppose holiday "cheer" will be expected.

In ending, I want to thank you all for being so supportive during my time as Venerable Master, making Burlingame Scottish Rite the finest and Mightiest Valley in California. Thank you again and we will see you all soon.

Love always,
VW

P.S. Geaux Joe in 23.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

November

Tuesday, November 8:
Thanksgiving Dinner with
Burlingame Lodge 400
(6:30pm)

Friday, November 18:
PR & GS Annual Meeting
(Pasadena)

Saturday, November 19:
74th Annual CSRF Annual
Board Meeting (Pasadena)

Monday, November 28:
Stated Meeting / Oration Part 2
(6:30pm)

December

Thursday, December 1:
Burlingame CLC Meeting
(Zoom)
(6:30pm)

Sunday, December 4:
Wine Tasting & Food Pairings
Event (Table WINE!)
(12:00pm)

Monday, December 12: Stated
Meeting / Elections / Holiday
Dinner
(6:00pm)

For all Dinners & Special
Events RSVP to

650 344-4841

rsvp@burlingamesr.com

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www.burlingamesr.com

Save the Date

2023

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Monday, January 30th

From the Office of the Personal Representative



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

Another year is at its end, and the 2022 year is nearly over. I look back at what this year has meant to our Valley and am pleased that not only did we make it out of the pandemic early in the year to function in-person again, but we retained much of the same membership, events and participation. It was a pleasure working with the presiding officers of 2022 to create and observe the planned events, and with the Venerable Master "The Whit" combing over every last detail up to and through the Centennial Celebration. We couldn't have asked for a better group of Brothers who compose the Executive Officers- keeping our finances in check, our documents and reports submitted, and our ritual and ceremonies looking fresh and relevant. As the books close on 2022 and a brand-new chapter is opened, I look forward to being surprised at the evolution of our Valley the new year will bring.

For those that were able to attend the 173rd Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of California in October you might have caught on that I will be taking on a little bit more responsibility in the coming year. As Junior Grand Deacon I will be traveling our great state shaking hands and kissing babies, but I also hope to be representing both my blue lodge and our venerable Valley. With any great responsibility comes a juggling of the amount of time I have available on my 24-inch gauge for extracurricular masonic activities. Officers from our Executive Board will step up on some events that I may be called away for, but especially our Assistant to the Personal Representative, Chris Smith, 33° will support the Venerable Master when I cannot attend a stated meeting. Nothing else will change, and my appointed term of office in Grand Lodge ends at the next Annual Communication.

The pandemic has kept our Brethren from breaking bread together in thanksgiving for two years, and now we have so much to be thankful for. This year's Thanksgiving Dinner is being coordinated by Burlingame Lodge and will be held on Tuesday, November 8 @ 6:30 PM. Family are welcomed to break bread and drink together in thanksgiving. You may RSVP by email to secretary@burlingamemasoniclodge.org

You may have also received a notice from our General Secretary about our updated Wine Tasting & Food Pairing Event being postponed due to calendar conflicts. The new date will be Sunday, December 4 @ High Noon. An update flyer accompanies this bulletin.

December's stated meeting is again observed two weeks early on Monday, December 12. An early meeting and election of officers will be held. If you have not yet served as an officer for our Valley and desire to do so, don't be shy, contact me. The the Venerable Master will have something special planned for our holiday dinner.

Finally, our annual installation of officers will be moved to our regular stated meeting night on Monday, January 30, 2023. More details will be sent out with the next bulletin.



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.

Latest News from the Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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



Greetings friends and supporters of our CLC!

We've had some very exciting developments since my last article – we now have 10 children (six in speech therapy and four in occupational therapy) benefitting from your generosity! As we worked with Speech Goals to onboard more children, we learned of a critical need beyond the services we had been providing – that of Occupational Therapy. This is one of the exciting aspects of our partnership – the opportunity to help more kids! Your Board of Directors discussed expanding our offerings, and in continuance of our forward-thinking (we were the first in the state to offer teletherapy when we were San Francisco/Burlingame), we are the first in the state to offer Occupational Therapy through your CLC! Now the natural next question is – do we change our name? The short answer is not yet, as this is a pilot program to make sure that it will meet the needs of our CLC long term.

Lastly, as we near the end of the tax year, please remember your CLC as you make those year-end donations. Be on the lookout for any matching opportunities with your employer – that is an outstanding way to multiply your own generosity! The QR code below will allow you to make a donation to our CLC from anywhere! Just scan the code with your phone and enter the information requested. It's safe, secure and provided by our CASRF!

Stay safe...

Ill. Chris D. Smith, 33°

Chairman, Burlingame CLC Board of Directors



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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

Burlingame Childhood Language Center



2022 Donations- September/October

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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
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

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
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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 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.

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.

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- Fixed income for life
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* Gift Annuities are not available in some states.

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- California Scottish Rite Foundation

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AGE 50	4.0%
AGE 60	4.7%
AGE 70	5.6%
AGE 80	7.3%
AGE 90	9.5%

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In Memoriam

John Y. Adam

b. 7/13/52 eir. 5/4/22

Kent W. Hundley, PM

b. 8/8/44 eir.10/3/22