

Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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July-August Donations

365 Club

Larry Cerini

General Donations

Donations:

- Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation Trust
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- San Francisco Lodge F AM
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- Ray Godeke
- Anonymous
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- Jerry E. Fanburg
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In Memory of:

Marshal Zemon

-Sara Mae Zemon

Peter Serezlis

-Evelyn Rose

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-Emilios Pavlou

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?

Congratulations to our Honourmen

Burlingame Scottish Rite would like to congratulate our Honourmen chosen from Burlingame Scottish Rite this year to receive the honour and designation of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour (KCCH) for Marty Cusing and Walter Ancheta and for Chris D. Smith, Inspector General Honorary (IGH/33°).

The Northern California biennial honours and banquet will be held at Oakland Scottish Rite on Saturday, September 14.



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.

CHOOSE YOUR CHARITY

- Rebuilding the Temple Campaign
- Scholarships
- California Scottish Rite Foundation

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.

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



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

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



September-October 2019 - Our 97th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



James L. Cutsigner, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection



It is with great sadness to report that on the evening of August 17th Brother Bill Price 33rd degree passed away. His passing is an enormous loss to all of us within the masonic community. I have been fortunate to first meet Brother Price when I joined Masonry in 2007 and has exemplified what being a true Mason and brother is all about. He has been an immense influence on countless people from coast to coast. I will truly miss the smile he always had and his wonderfully detailed stories. It has been more than a privilege to have known him and a sincere honor to call him my friend. He will be dearly missed and his memory forever cherished within all our hearts.

Sunday, October 6th



Check out the flyer in this bulletin for the upcoming Tournament benefiting our San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center

CALENDAR Upcoming Events

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

Sunday, Oct 6th - Golf Tournament benefiting the Childhood Language Center
12pm - Noon Poplar Creek Golf Course
See flyer enclosed

Saturday, Oct 26th - Fashion Show benefiting the Childhood Language Center
See flyer enclosed

Monday - Oct 28th - Stated Meeting
6:00pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
6:30pm - Festive Board Dinner

Saturday - Nov 2nd - Degree Reunion
8:00am Breakfast
Degrees to follow

Monday Nov 25th - Stated, Capping and Thanksgiving Dinner
6:00pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
6:30pm - Capping Ceremony
7:00pm - Thanksgiving Dinner (Burlingame #400 Co-Hosting)

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

In Memorium

Ill.: William E. Price, 33°

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, September 21st, 6pm at the Burlingame Masonic Center.



From the Office of the Personal Representative



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

At the time this bulletin is delivered, I will have returned from my journey around the world sailing on the seven seas. I write to you tonight from Pitcairn Island, a few days after leaving Easter Island, both of which are known to be two of the most remote inhabited islands in the world. My journey has opened my eyes to the practices of ancient civilizations and modern ones, and the rare freedoms we enjoy in America. I thank the Executive Committee for holding down the fort while I was away, and look forward to getting back to the grindstone.

For the month of September we will hold our annual Feast of Tishri, and October the Festive Board and Halloween, which means that we will observe early/short stated meeting times for these two months. I will send out email reminders of these times and dates through our emailer, so please watch out for these.

Noting again that the San Francisco/Burlingame Childhood Language Center (CLC) will be teeing off the 7th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the CLC. The tournament will return this year to the Poplar Creek Golf Course on Sunday, October 6th with awards dinner held at the Burlingame Masonic Center later that afternoon. The CLC will also host the very first Burlingame Charity Fashion Show at the Burlingame Scottish Rite on Saturday, October 26th. San Francisco Scottish Rite has hosted a contemporaneous spring fashion show for the past two years with acclaimed success. Your donation and participation in these events will benefit the low-income youth in our community with speech, language and literacy issues.

The Fall Reunion is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, November 2nd where the 18°, 30° and 32° will be exemplified. These Degrees will be team intensive and we are looking for more members to help bolster the team. Practices for the Fall Reunion will begin on Mondays starting September 9, and subsequent Mondays to follow.

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As some of you may know, our Supreme Council, 33° Southern Jurisdiction was in sessions in Washington, D.C. for it's biennial in August. This Biennial Session marks the retirement of our Sovereign Grand Commander, Ronald A. Seale, 33°, who fearlessly led the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the last 16 years. Those that have had the opportunity to meet Ron have told great stories of how fine a man and Mason he is in person. We wish him godspeed on his endeavors in his retirement and heartily anticipate the man to fill his shoes.



The Word from the Orator

Ill.: Chris D. Smith, 33°
Orator

Photos from left to right:

Roberto Diaz, Hanan Elqossari, Chris Smith

Roberto Diaz, Sabrina Martinez and family, Chris Smith,
Joshua Cusing

Roberto Diaz, Jean Carlos Gomez and family, Chris Smith



Brethren and Friends of Burlingame Scottish Rite:

Thanks to all who attended our scholarship night in person and in spirit! It was a great evening where we awarded three scholarships to deserving high school seniors. For me, the best part of the evening is being able to chat with and learn more about our recipients. One of the recipients and his father were asking about the Fraternity and were visibly moved by our story and good works. So much so that I won't be surprised if they petition for membership! If they do join, we will certainly have two worthy men! Photos of the evening are above.

Next year, we will be changing up the Scholarship Program and will sourcing additional applicants from a group that provides applicants to the California Masonic Foundation. We've always struggled to get applicants for our two-year/trade school offering, and this group has many kids that could apply. If you want to learn more about them, here's a link a shortened link for your convenience <https://bit.ly/2KVEWbD> (note that the upper/lower case of the link matters).



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

Jordan- A Thriving Student

-Jim Cartwright, RiteCare Language Center Director

Allow me to introduce you to Jordan. This past summer, I had the pleasure of being visited by him and his mom. Jordan is an ex-student of mine. We worked together during his late elementary school/early middle school years. He is now a thriving student at Riordon High School with a 3.57-grade point average.

When I first met Jordan, he was struggling with putting his thoughts into words. He also needed help with writing, reading comprehension, and vocabulary skills. He participated in both 1:1 speech and language therapy and creative writing classes at our center. He made incredible improvements during his time here, in part due to his determination and positive attitude. It was always a pleasure to work together, and it was sad when it was time to say goodbye.

I recently interviewed Jordan and discovered that he is a young man involved with many projects and clubs. These clubs include the DJ club, the newspaper club (Jordan interviews people and writes about them for his school newspaper), the Pilipino American Club and the Core Leadership Club.

We both reminisced about our time together when we worked on interviewing and writing skills. Jordan remarked that the work we did together on his writing skills is now helping him in both his world literature class as well as his work as a journalist. We also thought back to when we read about

Pilipino culture (Cora Cooks Pancit was a favorite book of his as he is a fan of Pilipino cuisine.). Jordan was always proud of his cultural heritage. It is a firm belief of mine that is important to expose children to literature that reflects their heritage so that they can experience books as mirrors of their own lives. This helps make reading a more meaningful experience for them

When I first met Jordan, he was quite shy, so I was delighted to see him now taking on a leadership role in the Core Leadership Club. He is enthusiastic about spreading the message to younger students that genuine faith is all about love.

In addition to his studies and clubs, Jordan does volunteer work as he has already grasped the importance of giving back at his young age. He works with young, disabled children, helping them to learn American Sign Language. He also does volunteer work at Laguna Honda hospital with the senior citizens and provides meals for the homeless. As if all of this wasn't enough to keep him busy, he is also holding down a part-time job.

It is a pleasure to maintain contact with this dignified young man and his family, see how well he is thriving in high school and hear about the subjects he is actively interested in including history and journalism. The Scottish Rite/RiteCare Language Centers have long been pioneers in integrating working on speech, language, and literacy skills all at the same time. This approach helped Jordan become the outstanding student that he is today. The work we do at our centers, and the support of the Masonic community, allows kids like Jordan who need extra support to blossom fully. Jordan, his family, and I all thank you for your continued support.

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