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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.

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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 "Burlingame Scottish Rite" on the memo line. Checks may be sent to the following address.

Burlingame Scottish Rite, Burlingame Masonic Center, 145 Park Road, Burlingame, CA 94010

## From the General Secretary

Ill.: William E. Price, 32°, K.:.C.:.C.:.H.:.

## Brethren,

It's that time of year to pay our dues. This year you will receive a card with a sticker showing the year 2015. This sticker is to be placed on your membership card over the 2014 showing that you renewed your membership. These instructions are also on the card.

Also please remember our charity this year. Our Child Language Clinic is our way to help our community and a child in need. Teaching a child to overcome a language disability can change that child's life and help in their Fraternally, success in the future. This service is at no charge to the family because of your generosity, every dollar counts.

If you have any difficulty with your dues please call me so we can work something out to remedy any situation you may have. All our members are important to us and the craft. We look forward to the New Year and hope to see all our members and hope that you will become active in the Valley this coming year. If you would like to be more active call any of our officers and they can assist you in becoming more active.

Have a happy and successful New

Bill Price General Secretary



## In Memorium

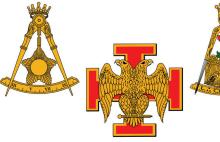
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## To the Families of our Members:

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## The Bulletin of the Burlingame **Scottish Rite Bodies**





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

January/February 2015 - Our 93rd Year

## **CALENDAR**

## **Upcoming Events**

Jan 12 Installation -Dinner at 6:30. Installation following.

Jan 26, Stated Meeting - Dinner at 6:30, with special speaker Gina Mazzetti, author and graduate of our Clinic. Meeting to follow.

Feb 1, Superbowl party – See flyer enclosed.

Feb 10. Joe Becker's Crab feed A joint event with Burlingame Lodge #400. See flyer enclosed.

Feb 15 - Sweetheart's Brunch See flyer enclosed.

Feb 23 - Stated meeting Dinner 6:30. Meeting to follow.

## **Future Events:**

March 10 - St. Patrick's Day Feast March 30 - Remembrance and Renewal

April 18 - Spring Reunion. 4th and 14th Degree Conferrals

May 2 – Education Fete

June 20 - Spring Reunion Continued. 18th, 30th and 32nd **Degree Conferrals** 

## Why Join the Scottish Rite?

Loys T Newton, Orator, Stockton Scottish

Why join the Scottish Rite?

Why should every Master Mason receive the Scottish Rite degrees?

You confer a great favor upon a Master Mason when you invite him to petition for our degrees, but he does not know

He will no doubt, ask you why he should expend his time and his money for these degrees. This is your opportunity to convince him of the value to him, as a Mason, of the Scottish Rite degrees, and also to inform him of the worthwhile objectives we seek to attain.

First explain to him that Masonry is not just a lodge, in the sense in which that designation is usually accepted, but that it is an institution dedicated to the search for the divine truth as it affects the lives and destinies of men, and which uses symbols and allegories as its method of teaching.

Call his attention to the fact that there were many symbols and allegories in the first three degrees, the esoteric or hidden meaning of which it was impossible for him to understand or acquire in the ritual and lectures of these degrees.

Assure him that we, as the legitimate successors of many of the ancient doctrines, rites, and mysteries, will be able to explain their true meaning to him, and that he will be amazed at the real purpose and thought underlying the Masonic degrees.

## My thoughts...

Gary L. Stephens, 32° K.:.S.:.A.:.

You should stress, I think, the fellowship he will enjoy by affiliating with us. 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, or Stated Meeting 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.

He should know that the Scottish Rite is truly a militant branch of Freemasonry. Through our governing body, the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States, in whose temple in Washington DC, a continual battle is being waged for and against legislation as it affects the rights of the people

## The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal.



3/10 – St. Patrick's Day Feast SAVE THE DATE







Chris D. Smith, 32° K∴C∴C∴H∴ Venerable Master

Well here we are – another year has come and gone. We have expended more of that currency which we can't replace. If you look back on 2014, what would you say? Did you do all of the things you wanted to do? Did you do things you would have preferred to avoid? Was it a good, average, or bad year? Are there things that you wish you could change? Are you carrying regrets into 2015? Did you lose a loved one? I did...

Now if we each think about all of the bad things that happened to us in 2014, could it have been worse? Can you think of anyone in your circle of influence that had it worse than you? I surely can. Now this isn't meant to diminish anyone's pain, but to remind each of us that most of the time, when things get bad – they could have been worse. Of course there are those, two Brothers in particular come to mind, that have suffered an unimaginable sorrow this year that I can't imagine how their year could have been any worse. I have not heard either of them complain about their year though - I see them both looking

## The Lodge of Perfection

forward. They are both looking to what lies ahead and doing so with a pretty amazing attitude if you asked me. All I ask of you is that when you think about your year, remember your Brethren who may have had a more challenging year than you did.

What if we likewise think about all the positive aspects of 2014? Did you start a new job? Get a promotion? Maybe have an addition to the family? Do the positives offset the negatives? If the answer is yes, congratulations! If the answer is no, is there anything you could do differently in 2015? To all of you that have had a great 2014, I'm very happy for you! If you are like me and 2014 was challenging, here's to 2015 being better than 2014!!!

Speaking of making 2015 better than 2014, I appeal to each one of you to attend our ceremonials in 2015. I think that when we bring Brothers into Scottish Rite we need a real presence of Scottish Rite Masons. Think about when you joined the Scottish Rite – how many sideliners were present? Wouldn't you like to provide the best experience possible for our new Scottish Rite Masons? I urge each of you to attend our Spring Reunion to help us welcome our new Brethren in the Scottish Rite!

I recently had the pleasure of attending the annual meeting of the California Scottish Rite Foundation, and here are some interesting details from the meeting.

- CASRF offers undergraduate scholarships for up to four years at \$2000/year and graduate scholarships at \$6000/year for one or two years depending on the scholarship
- 32 applications were from northern California and 26 were from southern California
- 17 male and 41 female applicants
- 23 scholarships were awarded
- Do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about the available scholarships? Send them to http://www.casr-foundation.org (or use the QR code) and click on scholarships!



As this is my last newsletter article as Venerable Master of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Lodge of Perfection – thank you for your support in 2014! Let's continue to work together to make Burlingame Scottish Rite even better in 2015!

Parting thought: I was talking with a Brother recently, and he said, "The urgent rarely leaves time for the important." Earlier in the year I wrote about time being our most valuable possession, and I wish each of success in being able to attend to the important things in life – making the most of our invaluable and fixed resource.



Evan W. Brewer 32°
K∴S∴A∴
Venerable Master
Elect

Brethren, first and foremost I would like to thank you for electing me as Venerable Master of the Valley of Burlingame. It's quite an honor, and I'm humbled by your trust and confidence.

I want to wish all of you and your families a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015.

My guiding principles for this year are three-fold: Fraternity, Education, and Membership. As we embark into the New Year, our social calendar will be full of interesting events and activities; each activity will be designed to enhance and improve the membership and Valley through one or more of these principles. Our members have varying reasons for

engagement, and I want to ensure that this year we include and encourage as many of the brethren as possible to participate. If there is a particular activity or event which you'd like to see happen this year, please let me know. Just as important, if not more so, like to see happen this year, please let me know. Just as important, if not more so, is the input of our ladies for these events. Ladies, your input is highly valued so if you have a suggestion for an event, I'm all ears!

Fraternity: In addition to our annual Feasts, be on the lookout for a variety of musical, theatrical, outdoor, and sporting events. Memorable activities not only develop tighter bonds between the brethren, but also promote membership retention.

Education: While a handful of speaking engagements are being arranged this year for notable Masonic speakers, I highly encourage those brethren who wish to present, or plan to present a paper or topic, to reach out to me. Each Stated Meeting is

an opportunity and a stage upon which to elucidate your research.

Membership: Ill. Richard Brown 33° works tirelessly to promote new membership. That being said, he and we the Valley, need continued assistance from you to help increase our numbers. Is your Blue Lodge preparing for a 3°? If so, make sure Ill. Brown knows so we can coordinate a Membership Ambassador to be present at the raising.

In closing, I'd like to thank Ill. David D. Jones 33° and William E. Price 32° K∴C∴C∴H∴ for their ongoing support of this Valley. I congratulate them for their efforts, as well as congratulate the newly elected presiding officers in the Chapter of Rose Croix, Council of Kadosh, Consistory, and to the Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew. It gives me great pleasure to know that our Valley is in such good hands. Happy New Year!

## Hello Friends of the San Francisco & Burlingame Scottish Rite Language Center!



Dear Friends of the Childhood Language Center:

I'm writing this article using our new logo recently approved by our President and Chairman, S.G.I.G. Frank Loui. You will note the combination of our old heart logo and that of the Rite Care logo used primarily throughout the Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction. We hope you are pleased with the new look.

I still can't believe how fast 2014 flew by. However, I am delighted to say we met our goals of increasing the number of children on our caseload - from 34 to 75, and hiring two clinicians to our clinical team. We increased our presence in the greater Bay Area by screening/evaluating more than 350 preschool and elementary children for speech and language disorders. In addition, we provided approximately 30 children with hearing screenings.

Our goals for 2015? Maintain, and/or increase the numbers achieved in 2014, as well as initiate parent counseling-support classes; develop our website to include articles of help for parents, students and the community alike; and increase the number of grants and membership donations we receive, making all of the above possible.

In closing I'll share a few thoughts from our kids:

thank you for teaching us about utopias and metaphors; thank you for letting us use your glitter - it makes us feel happy; thank you for helping me pronounce my "R sounds" - now I don't sound like I'm from Boston; thank you for teaching me to read, I have one more semester at state college and I will be a graduate! I will always remember the Scottish Rite as a safe place to learn and be confident.

Here's wishing you and all our students the very best of life in 2015! And, "Bravo & Thank You" to all who made 2014 such a success.

Sincerely yours,

Glenna Milleman, Director

# How Can I help the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center?

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?

## 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.

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