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Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center**



**January/February
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**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.

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?

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:
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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 2017 - Our 95th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



Gary L. Stephens, 32°
K.C.C.H.
Venerable Master

Happy New Year!! With the holiday season behind us, it is time to install a new corp of officers on January 7th, 2017. Our SGIG Frank Loui will be the Installing Officer.

It is time to look ahead to another wonderful year in the Valley of Burlingame. I would like to congratulate outgoing Venerable Master Roberto Diaz for a great job leading us through 2016. Good deeds speak for themselves!

Thank you for electing me to the important position of Venerable Master. I curiously looked up the definition of "venerable" and here is what I found: "Accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character." I will try to live up to these attributes, and not just for one year. I know I have the age part covered already!

Our schedule of events for the year include the following with more details to follow:

January 6th – Installation

February –

- Super Bowl Party
- Joe Becker's Famous Crab Feed
-When did it become famous?
- Sweethearts Brunch (all Lodges)

March –

- St. Patrick's Dinner (with Burlingame Lodge 400)
- Remembrance and Renewal
May – Public Education Fete
June – Mystery Trip
September –
- Golf tournament (Big support for the Burlingame/San Francisco Childhood Language Center)
- Feast of Tishri

October – Halloween Party

November – Thanksgiving Dinner (with Burlingame Lodge 400)

And please don't hesitate to give new ideas for events to bring us together.

In addition, I would like to bring back the Festive Board to honor the Worshipful Masters who are serving in our district this year. We exist only because our Craft Lodges are strong and we wish to honor those brothers who keep our lodges together.

I look forward to some interesting talks during our Stated Meetings. January's talk will be from John Parsons and the topic is the importance of education in the lodge.

Remember what Scottish Rite Masonry is all about. It is a part of the Masonic family and in Scottish Rite we challenge men to be better spiritually, morally and intellectually through a series of degrees from the Fourth to the Thirty Second Degree. Throughout the year, we'll continue to plan and develop programs to promote Fraternity, educate our brethren, and push for increased Membership. Be on the lookout for flyers containing new and exciting events.

Remember that our philanthropy is the San Francisco/Burlingame Childhood Language

Center. As members of the Burlingame Scottish Rite, we have the responsibility, duty and honor of supporting this organization. There are several ways to do this:

- Join the 365 Club (\$250 donation)
- Contribute in Honor of a friend or family member
- Contribute in Memory of a departed 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.

And lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support which I am sure will continue throughout my year as Venerable Master. A Scottish Rite Valley is not just the Master, the Officers or the sideliners; it is ALL our members, whithersoever dispersed. I speak to those members of this Valley whom we do not see often and who have not been active in recent years. Now is the time to renew your own Masonic spirit and return to support the events of this Valley. I hope to see many of you at our degrees and events. Let us make 2017 our best year ever!

**2017 INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS
JANUARY 7TH**

RSVP to Abraham T. Rafanan, Jr.

Cell: (650) 430-2825

Email: Atrajjr@gmail.com



SUPER BOWL PARTY

**Sunday, February 5th
Starts at 2:00, Game time is 3:30
See flyer for more information**



From the Personal Representative

Alberto T. Jacinto, 32° K.C.C.H.
Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General
in California, Valley of Burlingame

Divine Providence has given us yet another year, 2017, during which to subdue our passions and improve ourselves in Scottish Rite Masonry.

May I first state how honored I am to have this opportunity to continue to represent you as the Personal Representative of Burlingame Valley. I must confess I still consider myself amateurish to assume the official duties of this office. Nevertheless, like I always do when called upon, I will give it my best shot. While I sincerely question my worthiness for this important post, I will do my very best to serve the Order. My predecessors in this office have left a legacy of service and fraternal acumen that provide me with the motivation to work as hard as I can, and with God's grace and your support and encouragement, to ensure that Scottish Rite Freemasonry continues to flourish in Burlingame.

The office of the PR is a job of at least 3 people, but we are fortunate to have had the great help, participation and engagement of a hundred more. I deeply and sincerely thank everyone, most especially our faceless supporters who tirelessly work behind the scenes.

To Brother Roberto Diaz, our outgoing Venerable Master, we deeply thank you not only for the first 100 wonderful days of your term in office but for a whole year of hard work which ended in the satisfaction of a job very well done.

Bro. Gary Stephens will be this year's Captain in the cockpit and he will be our compass that gives us direction. He is a newly minted Past Master possessing that needed wisdom of experience. Let me assure you that with him at the helm our aircraft is completely air worthy and safe in all respects. We will cruise safely and go places.

I congratulate the presiding officers of all Bodies, Bros. Gary L. Stephens, 32° K.C.C.H., Venerable Master, Chris D. Smith, 32°, K.C.C.H., Wise Master, James E. Pettit, 32°, K.S.A. Commander, Evan W. Brewer, 32° K.C.C.H., Master of Kadosh, and Roberto Diaz, Jr. 32° K.S.A., Chieftain. With this roster of such capable brethren, all leaders in their fields of endeavor, they will surely make our beloved Scottish Rite grow upward and outward.

As you can see, we are in the "change mode" in Freemasonry, where we prepare the stage for a change in the guard and pass the baton for the next generation to take up the mantle. To this end I salute and extend my sincerest appreciation, congratulations and thanks not only to all the outgoing and incoming officers but to all the supportive members of our Valley. I also thank all the brethren from all quarters for the many, long and tangential conversations which covered a multitude of subjects that always leave me feeling wiser and tougher.

Happy New Year! This is the time of the year we all review our lives to identify areas where we want to invest more of our time and energy. I am lobbying for some of that time and some of your energy to focus on rehabilitating our Membership and sharing our Scottish Rite message with your local lodges. Remember, we are all Blue Lodge Ambassadors and Liaisons. We are all walking billboards for the Craft. Promoting Scottish Rite is not the sole responsibility of the person sitting next to you or the person in charge of the membership committee or someone else who you might think would be better at it or someone who may have more time. Membership is not someone else's job — it's my job, it's your job, it's every Mason's opportunity.

We are not competing with any other Valley nor with any other Orient, we are simply striving to improve our own Valley membership. We were great once. Let us make our Valley great again.

So, welcoming with optimism, confidence and realism the entrance of the first month and beginning of a new year, I cordially wish all of you good health, effectiveness and prosperity. May the Most High continue to shower his blessing on us all and our Craft.

Enjoy the Lodge,
Enjoy life,
Enjoy the experience of both at Burlingame Scottish Rite.

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

January 7th - Saturday 5:00pm

**Installation of Officers
Dinner to Follow**

**January 30th - Monday 6:30
Dinner and Stated Meeting**

**February 5th - Sunday
Superbowl Party
Doors open at 2:00
Kickoff around 3:30
Flyer enclosed**

**February 12th - Sunday 10:30am
Sweetheart's Brunch
Holiday Inn Crown Plaza
Foster City
Flyer Enclosed**

**February 21st - 6:30pm
Crab Feed - Hosted by
Burlingame Lodge #400
Flyer enclosed**

**February 27th - Monday 6:30pm
Dinner and Stated Meeting**



**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.

You too can support your Rite Care Center

By William E. Price 33°, Chris D. Smith 32°
KCCCH and Mark "Whit" Stephens 32° KSA
Valley of Burlingame, Orient of California

When faced with the need for more money to support our center, the board of directors discussed many options and settled on a golf tournament. It will be easy, they said. People will line up to donate, they said. Well, yes and no.

The first step for us was selecting the venue. Fortunately in the San Francisco Bay Area, there are many golf courses available. This might lead you to believe that there would be competition for our business, and then reality sets in. Most of the courses in the area already had plenty of business, so an organization appearing and wanting to hold a tournament, was of little interest to them. Persistence did pay off though, as there were a couple of courses that were helpful and interested. Once the course decision was made, we selected a date – 12 months in the future. Why so far out? We felt that this was a sufficient amount of time to find sponsors, get on peoples' calendars and develop a great event.

We actually made money the first year! We had the standard fare of golf tournaments: closest to the pin, hole-in-one, win a car and sink a putt for \$5,000. No one won the car, but someone did win the \$5,000! In case you are wondering, we didn't pay the \$5,000 the insurance policy did. Word to the wise though; capture all such putts on video if you go this route. The final result of the first year was a net donation to the San Francisco-Burlingame Rite Care Center of approximately \$6,000. Each year we tried new things, and each year the money grew. The most popular additions were a video recorded the day of the event and allowing golfers to purchase mulligans. The net donation for 2016 was approximately \$16,000, and the planning to make 2017 an even better year, is well underway.

Have any questions about getting your own tournament off the ground? Or maybe you want to share some advice? Contact us!

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.

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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.

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of the Supreme Council



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