

Updates from the San Francisco & Burlingame Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center



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Greetings CLC Supporters!

You may be wondering why I'm writing the CLC message this month. Well, there have been a few changes. First, Ill.: Irving Shapiro, 33° has retired as Chairman of the Board, and I have been elected in his place. Please join me in thanking Irv for his many years of dedicated service! I'm counting on each and every one of you to further honor Irv by increasing the support of our CLC! Secondly, due to budgetary constraints, Glenna Milleman is no longer a part of the CLC. Please join me in also thanking Glenna for her many years of dedicated service to the children of the CLC!

Does this mean that we will be closing the CLC? No way! All it means is that difficult decisions were made to enable the CLC to continue. It also means that now, more than ever, we need your support. As you may, or may not, know, we hold three fundraisers annually: 1) a program honoring contributors/supporters of our CLC, 2) a fashion show and 3) a golf tournament. If you want to know more about these events (e.g. how you can help), feel free to talk to me or Ken Lebovitz (1), Todd Herschberg (2) or Whit Stephens (3). I know we are all terribly busy with kids, work (unless you're retired),

Lodge, Shrine, York Rite and life! All I ask is that you commit to attending at least one of our events.

In closing, it occurs to me that the operation of the CLC Board may be somewhat opaque, so here are some details. The Board is composed of two groups – Executive and Advisory. The Executive members vote and are responsible for decisions of the Board. Advisory members participate and provide input to the Executive members. Also, the members of the board are appointed by the PR, but in our case that is PRs, since we are San Francisco – Burlingame. Contact me if you have any questions!

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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.

Checks for contributions to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center should be made payable to the **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.

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



July/August 2017 - Our 95th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



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



I was saddened to hear of the passing of Bob Hunter. Bob was raised a Master Mason on August 20th, 1953 and has been a dedicated and devoted Mason. Bob was a 50 year Mason and was honored with the Hiram Award. I would always look forward to seeing him at our Stated meetings and other social events but more importantly, when asked to help out with anything, Bob was there. You know the old expression: You will get out of it what you put into it. Well Bob "put into Masonry". I remember seeing Bob and Chris in the lodge many times stuffing envelopes with our monthly tresleboard. When asked to do a 1st degree lecture, Bob was there and he did it with enthusiasm, emotion and did it flawlessly. As Past Master Vince Chan would say, Bob hit a home run in ritual work. Well, Bob has circled the bases now and I will miss him. Bob was active outside of Masonry and was a long time volunteer at Peninsula Hospital. He and Chris's names are on a Surgery Recovery Room at the Hospital.

We conferred the 4th and 14th degrees on June 19th and the class is named the Robert G. Hunter Jr. Memorial class of 2017. As Venerable Master, I will recommend we name our annual Blue Lodge pilgrimage in honor of Bob Hunter. Bob, "Virtus Junxit Mors Non Separabit", which translates to "Whom virtue unites, death will not separate".

On May 20th, BSR hosted an annual Public Education Fete. The two high school students chosen for scholarships were Darlene Silva and Ben Frame. Darlene was active in Job's Daughter achieving Honored Queen and was

a role model for her peers and Bethel Sisters. She graduated from St. Ignatius College Prep High School and will be attending the University of California at Merced majoring in Sociology. Ben was active in the community volunteering at the San Mateo Senior Center and was a peer tutor. Ben graduated from Hillsdale High School with a 4.2 GPA and will be attending San Diego State majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

I have been asked the question, "Is Freemasonry relevant in today's world?" To these students, Masonry is not only relevant, it's vital to their ability to succeed in life. Grand Commander Ron Seele once noted, in his address that we are instrumental in giving young people, "the ability to proceed with a life that is not defined by their manner of speech or their ability to communicate, but by their desire. At least we can say as Scottish Rite Masons, we believed in these students and we can feel proud that we played a part in helping them start their college journey.

Our PR, Alberto Jacinto has done a great job recruiting new members, and adding affiliates. Why is this important? With numbers comes financial support, and we have one of the greatest charitable programs in existence that generates a sense of fulfillment in all who participate. We add five or ten men to our rolls each year and lose ten or twenty. Our funding program is great, but the needs of the community are greater. Do what you can, my brothers. The rewards are great and clear. It is the satisfaction of people helping people, a rare commodity in today's world.

Are you aware of the many programs the Grand Lodge of California supports? Part of our per capita fees directly finance these programs. Our Blue Lodge district inspector, Chris Smith has provided information on some of these programs. Please check it out Gary L Stephens

Venerable Master, Lodge of Perfection

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

Monday - July 31st 6:30pm
Dinner - Indoor Picnic (Casual)
Stated Meeting - 7:30pm

Monday - August 28th 6:30pm
Dinner - TBD (Casual)
Stated Meeting - 7:30pm

Sunday - Sept 24th Noon
Golf Fundraiser for the
Childhood Language Center
Poplar Creek Golf Course
See Mark Whitney Stephens for details

Monday - Sept. 25th 6:00pm
Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
6:30pm Feast of Tishri

October 18th - Saturday 8:00am
18th, 30th and 32nd Degrees
Breakfast 8:00am
Degrees to Follow

October 28th - Saturday 6:30pm
- ???
Halloween Party- Food, Dancing

October 30th- Monday 6:30pm
Dinner
Stated Meeting to Follow

For all Dinners & Special Events
RSVP to Hjalmar Nilsen
(650) 576-6156
email: hjalmarnilsen@comcast.net

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www.burlingamesr.com



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

The United States Declaration of Independence has come to be considered a major statement on human rights, particularly the second paragraph, which probably contains the most famous lines of the Declaration – “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

I don't know if any other country offers pursuit of happiness as a fundamental right, but we got it, in writing!

Life and liberty are easy enough to grasp. But what exactly did our Founding Fathers mean by the pursuit of happiness? Simply put, the freedom to pursue our own beliefs, aspirations and ideals.

Happiness is pursued in two ways, the worldly way and the heavenly way.

Like people of today, Solomon tried the worldly way.

He pursued the worldly pleasures of wealth, possessions, power and knowledge.

The world was all his – seven hundred wives of royal birth, the most magnificent structures, the most precious gems, the purest purple robes, the rarest wines, the grandest ships in the harbor, stables that had 12,000 horses, aviaries that housed birds from foreign countries, gardens that had trees from faraway lands.

Solomon was a wise and capable ruler, a mighty prince, whose reign was filled with prosperity and peace. He was the most famous and illustrious of all Kings of Israel, and who gained such fame for his wisdom that his name has been a byword for at least three thousand years. Solomon wrote many of the wise sayings in the Book of Proverbs, he wrote the Song of Solomon, and the Book of Ecclesiastes, the last chapter of which is one of the gems of literature, and had he written nothing else, the philosophy of life contained in that chapter would have been enough to immortalize the name of Solomon.

There was no one like him before his advent, nor has there been since his departure.

If anyone should have been happy, it ought to have been Solomon.

Yet when Solomon surveyed all that he had toiled to achieve, he discovered that everything meant nothing, all of it meaningless and useless. With all the endowment granted him, even in the purest atmosphere and the highest platform, Solomon felt emptiness and could find no happiness. He undoubtedly miscalculated the proportion of emphasis he placed on material things and on spiritual things. Finally, in his unequalled wisdom, Solomon proclaimed: “Here is the conclusion of the matter:

Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”

Ecclesiastes 13th verse of the 12th Chapter

Masonic philosophy teaches us that in practice, happiness pertains to our charitable, educational and fraternal endeavors, given freely and wholeheartedly, expressive of a Mason's genuine concern for the well-being of his fellow men. What is essential to living a happy life is that people cultivate the basic human qualities to be just, to be good, and to be true.

Happy 241st Birthday, America!

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.

2017 Education Fete

On Saturday May 21st, we held our Annual Public Schools Night and Scholarship Presentation where we honored our Scholarship Recipients and the San Mateo County Teacher of the Year. We celebrated the Craft, had refreshments and enjoyed music from a Jazz Band.



Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew



Roberto Diaz, Jr., 32° K.S.A.:
Chieftain, Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Burlingame

Greetings Brethren / KSA Knights,

This year the KSA has been busy revitalizing itself by obtaining and reviewing its bylaws, creating some changes while creating uniformity within our KSA regalia, and increasing its membership. Congratulations to our qualified 32° KSA Squires who were recently Knighted to the Burlingame Valley Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew: Bro. Marty Cusing, Bro. Abraham Rafanan, Bro. Nenar Nicolas, Bro. James Pettit, Bro. Joseph Tagatac and Bro. Oscar Dimaandal. Our knighting ceremony took place during our Stated Meeting on 4/24/17. Please join me in congratulating our new fellow Sir Knights.

To be a qualified KSA Squire you must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a 32nd Degree Master Mason in good standing
2. Have fulfilled at least one of the two requirements listed below:
 - attended a minimum of three Lodge of Perfection meetings during a 6 month period
 - attended two KSA workdays (SR degree conferrals, SR events)
3. Submitted to the Chieftain a completed “Application for Ascension

to the Knights of Saint Andrew” .

There will be another knighting ceremony for two more qualified KSA squires later this year. Any other 32° brother interested in becoming a squire or , if qualified, being knighted please contact me.

Our 2017 KSA Officers are the following:

Knight Chieftain/1st Knight - Bro. Roberto Diaz, Jr., 32° KSA

Knight Keeper of the Realm / Heraldry & Regalia- Bro. Marty Cusing, 32° KSA

Knight of Merriment- Bro. Mark Stephens, 32° KSA

“To all Good Knights and True Masons: Be faithful, fearless and merciful”.

Roberto Diaz, Jr., 32° KSA
Chieftain, Scottish Knights of Saint Andrew, Valley of Burlingame



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

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of the Supreme Council



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