

## Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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Wise Master, Chapter of Rose Croix  
Chairman, SFBRCCLC Board of  
Directors

Greetings CLC Supporters!

The fifth annual golf tournament has come and gone – thanks to Hon. Whit and the rest of the volunteers and donors for another great event! The final numbers aren't in yet, but it looks like this event will net our CLC another \$10k! Awesome!

If you have been reading my articles, you have seen \$10k here and another \$10k there, and you may be thinking that we are doing such an awesome job raising funds, that your donations aren't needed. This couldn't be farther from the truth. We (the Valley of Burlingame, the Valley of San Francisco and the CLC board members) have to raise around \$40k to fund our CLC as it is. That is, \$40k is the amount of additional funds required to stay flat – no new services, no more kids in the program and no money back into our investment portfolio. At our last CLC Board meeting, I asked the members if they thought this was acceptable – they said NO! I hope you all agree with us and will commit to supporting our language center!

How can you help? I'm glad you asked! You can:

1. Donate \$250 and become a member of the 365 club for a year
2. Donate any other amount of money you can afford
3. Tell your friends about our CLC and the great work we do
4. Explore donation matching with your employer
5. Volunteer at our fundraising events
6. Support our social media efforts
  - a. Like the California Scottish Rite Foundation page on Facebook

- b. Like San Francisco-Burlingame RiteCare Childhood Language Center on Facebook
- c. Follow the California Scottish Rite Foundation on LinkedIn
- d. Follow on Instagram and Twitter
- e. Most important is the like/follow, but sharing posts is definitely a close second.

Our CLC doesn't have very many likes on Facebook, so I'll be checking next week to see how many of you have responded to my request, so no pressure!

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### San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center Donations

July, August, September and October

#### 365 Club:

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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**

# The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



November/December 2017 - Our 95th Year

## The Lodge of Perfection



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



Brethren,

This will be my final article for 2017 and with this the holiday season is upon us. For many, the holiday season is not only the most anticipated time of year, but it is a time when even the busiest individuals can take time out to be with their families. Aren't you glad our Thanksgiving dinner is always on a Tuesday, and not Thursday, so you can get a chance to be with your Masonic family as well?

For activities in the next months, in addition to the Thanksgiving dinner, we have our December Stated Meeting/Holiday party on December 11th with the usual carolers, Santa, and fellowship. Burlingame Lodge Holiday Party will be on December 16th (with some new surprises). Look for flyers with details for both events.

Let the season of the year remind all Masons no matter what their religious beliefs, to

follow those universal tenets of our Craft and the 18th degree (Knight Rose Croix) – Faith, Hope, and Charity. In so doing, satisfaction should come during this Holiday time.

It is also a time to look ahead to opportunities in the new year. We look forward to our new Burlingame Scottish Rite Masons to become active members and take a leadership role in our Valley. We look forward to a new BSR degree team to confer the 26th degree at Oakland Scottish Rite, where all 29 degrees will be conferred for the first time ever in Northern California. We look forward to our new Director of the Childhood Language Center bringing new ideas, leadership and hope to the many children with speech and language challenges. We look forward to BSR to continue to be a "small but mighty valley" by continuing to participate as an active organization in Burlingame and beyond.

Finally, be proud of our Masonic culture, our commitment to Free Masonry, our values and present ourselves to the world with assurance, dignity and humility. Be proud that you are a Mason, and that becoming a Mason, you have become a better person.

Fraternally,  
Gary Stephens

Venerable Master, Burlingame Lodge of  
Perfection



**Thanksgiving Dinner at Burlingame Lodge  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST  
6:30PM**

## CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**November 21st - 6:30pm (Tuesday)**

**Thanksgiving Dinner**

See enclosed flyer.

**Burlingame Lodge #400 Hosting**

**November 27th - 6:30pm (Monday)**

**Stated Meeting Dinner**

Meeting to follow

**December 11th - 6:00pm (Monday)**

**Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)**

**6:30pm Christmas Dinner and**

**Party**

**January 6th - 5:00pm (Saturday)**

**Installation**

Dinner to follow

**January 29th - 6:30pm (Monday)**

**Stated Meeting Dinner**

Meeting to follow

**For all Dinners & Special Events**

**RSVP to Hjalmar Nilsen**

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## 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 Master Mason realizes Charity to be one of the greatest traits which the elder Brethren have unfolded, which means not only properly regulated charity of the purse such as donations of cash, checks, stocks, bonds, and other financial instruments but charity in thought and action and other equally legitimate forms such as gifts of time, skill and energy (pro bono work).

As has been alluded, 19th century was the age of capitalism, 20th the age of socialism, and the 21st seems to be the age of charity. If you take a cursory look around you, you will read about the emergence of several prosperous industrialists and software giants that are channeling their largesse or enormous resources to fund projects worldwide to alleviate poverty and to improve access to advances in health and learning in an active effort to improve the quality of human life.

One of the most widely referenced sections of the Mishneh Torah is the section dealing with Tzedakah. Tzedakah is a Hebrew word commonly used to signify charity. Here is Maimonides' (in the Rambam, Hilchot Matanot L'Ani'im 10:1,7-14) Hierarchy of the Eight Degrees of Charity as quoted in the Mishneh Torah, his book of Jewish laws and concepts. (Maimonides, Mishneh Torah, Laws of Presents to the Poor)

1. The greatest level, above which there is no other, is to strengthen the name of another Jew by giving him a present or loan, or making a partnership with him, or finding him a job in order to strengthen his hand until he need no longer beg from people, supporting himself instead of living upon others.
2. One who gives tzedaka to the poor, but does not know to whom he gives, nor does the recipient know his benefactor
3. One who knows to whom he gives, but the recipient does not know his benefactor
4. One who does not know to whom he gives, but the poor person does know his benefactor
5. One who gives to the poor person before being asked
6. One who gives to the poor person after being asked
7. One who gives to the poor person gladly and with a smile
8. One who gives to the poor person unwillingly.

Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President of the United States, made some remarks which relates back and gives credence to Mishneh Torah's first degree of charity. The text of his remarks follows -

"Nothing is finer than the open hand and the generous heart that's prompt-free and unselfish giving. But modern social science knows, also, that ill directed charity is often directly responsible for encouragement of pauperism and mendicancy. The best service we can do for the needy and the unfortunate is to help them in such manner that their self-respect, their ability to help themselves, shall not be injured but augmented. Nobody is necessarily out merely because he is down. But, being down, nobody gets up again without honest effort of his own. The best help that benevolence and philanthropy can give is that which induces everybody to help himself."

Freemasonry is not, per se, a relief organization. It does not exist merely for the purpose of dispensing charity. Nor has it great funds with which to work its gentle ministrations to the poor. Fees are modest, dues often are too small. Yet Freemasons support many charitable causes to propagate the philosophy and principles of equality, brotherhood and the feel of love for every other sentient being. Let us set examples of charity, kindness and forbearance. Let us remember that it is better to love than to hate; that your duty is not to be better than others, but to be better than yourselves; and that the more you have, the more you owe to those who need assistance.

And never forget to give thanks. The best way to give thanks is to pay forward. Giving back to whom it is due is being grateful, but paying forward by serving without cost is gratitude a thousand fold. You don't succeed by yourself so be thankful and pass it on. To the Charitable, you have given the greatest gift of all.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Proud to be a Scottish Rite Mason, I remain.



## 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



## Speech and Language Therapy 101

"What is speech therapy and what do we work on with the children who come to our center?" - Jim Cartwright, Director

### Broad Overview of the Field

1. Educational Branch- this branch focuses on the educational needs of children and teenagers. Most commonly found in schools, private practices and speech and language centers such as the Scottish Rite/Right Care.
2. Medical Branch- this branch addresses all ages, but often focuses on the needs of senior citizens. It includes working with people who have had strokes, head injuries, etc and most commonly takes place in hospitals.

### Nuts and Bolts of What We Do at Our Center

1. Speech- this involves working on pronunciation (articulation) of sounds in spoken speech with children who have not mastered them by the ages at which most of their peers have been able to (e.g. w/r-wock/rock)
- 2) Language- this is a much broader area than speech and is generally seen as having two parts:
  - a) Expressive language- the ability to communicate using spoken or written language. (Including being able to use a wide variety of vocabulary while speaking and writing).
  - b) Receptive language - the ability to understand language that you hear or read. Note: Expressive and receptive language work together in a loop. For example, being able to answer questions about what you have heard or read requires both expressive and receptive language.
- 3) Literacy- the ability to write and read. Essentially, writing is a form of expressive language and reading is a form of receptive language. Some of the skills we work on include:
  - a) Writing Skills
    - Creative writing- writing for self-expression.
    - Essay Writing- learning to write five paragraphs essays
    - Use of technology to assist with spelling and grammar
  - b) Reading skills
    - Some basic phonics.
    - Reading Comprehension
    - Reading Fluency and Motivation
- 4) Additional Services
  - a) Parent Counseling - helping parents learn how to help their children and counseling them regarding emotional and logistical aspects of having children with learning differences.
  - b) Voice Therapy - helping children who have poor vocal quality to improve the quality of their voices.
  - c) Pragmatic language - helping children learn the appropriate social use of language (e.g., taking turns vs. interrupting, staying on topic).
  - d) Critical Thinking and Executive Functioning Skills- helping children learn to think clearly, ask appropriate questions and get organized.

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