

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



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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 "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**

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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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**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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#### 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?

### From the Chapter of Rose Croix

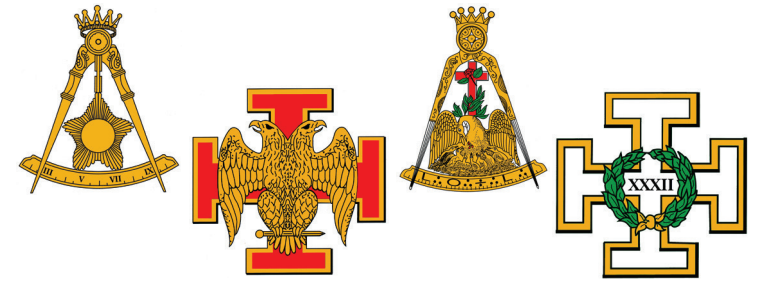


**Evan W. Brewer, 32° K.S.A.**  
 Wise Master  
 Chapter of Rose Croix

Brethren and ladies alike, as Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix for the Valley of Burlingame, I bring you fraternal greetings as well as an invitation. As the Vernal Equinox arrives in March, so does our annual ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. Following dinner after our regular Stated Meeting on Monday March 25th, the officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix will perform one of the very few ceremonies of the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, available for the public to observe. This ceremony is not a religious observance. It is neither the Feast of the Passover nor a Sacrament of Holy Communion, although it commemorates the spirit of both days. The Chapter of Rose Croix observes this celebration as a memorial service, honoring those who have passed during the preceding year. We celebrate the lives of those departed Brethren and promise to abide by the New Law, the Law of Love, with our present Brethren and all mankind. I encourage you to join us and bear witness to this solemn occasion which we treat with precision and dignity.

# The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



March/April 2019 - Our 97th Year

## The Lodge of Perfection



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



What an exciting start to the 2019 Scottish Rite year! I want to thank everyone who showed up to the Installation of Officers. It was a great event and very well attended. SGIG Frank Loui did a tremendous job officiating our installation. It was an honor to have him there. As always, the dinner was exceptional.

We have had exciting changes to our Valley this year. Marty Cusing has accepted the position of Personal Representative for our Valley. Marty was born for this position, and I foresee Marty leading our Valley in a direction we have never seen before! I am excited to see what the future holds for our Valley.

We have some exciting events and dinners coming up.

-March 11th, will be our annual St. Patrick's dinner. Our Executive Chef Janet Price will be cooking her world-famous corn beef and cabbage. This dinner will be better than anything you'll find in Ireland! You won't want to miss this.

-Remembrance and Renewal will take place during our March 25th Stated Meeting. This is an important tradition that I hope everyone can attend.

-On April 6th, we will host our first Whiskey Tasting at the Burlingame Masonic Hall. Renowned Scotch & Whiskey expert, Mark Cassidy, will treat our Valley to a 4 flight Whiskey tasting. Space will be limited to the first 40 people who RSVP. Please see the flyer for more information. This will be an enjoyable evening that you won't forget.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our next Stated Meeting.

### Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrews



**James E. Pettit, 32° K.S.A.**  
 Chieftan, Knights of St. Andrew



Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew has been given the assignments to setup the lodge for the stated meeting as well as to return all the regalia to its proper place afterwards. I would ask all the Knights to please come early to make this task easier with many hands to do the work. Always remembering that service and support of our Valley is our purpose for being Knights of St. Andrew. We will, in recognition of our service, be compensated by Burlingame Scottish Rite for each stated meeting setup as well as serving at the stated meeting dinner. I have proposed that these monies be collected and at the end of the year Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew will donate to the San Francisco-Burlingame Scottish Rite Child Language Center. The March Stated Meeting will be our opportunity to knight three Brothers into our fraternal organization; this will take place at the close of the stated meeting. The Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew are growing, with your support we have a bright future.

### CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**March 11th - Monday 6:30pm**  
 St. Patrick's Dinner with Burlingame #400  
 Dinner and Entertainment  
 Please RSVP - See flyer enclosed

**March 25th - Monday 6:00pm**  
 Stated Meeting and Remembrance and Renewal  
 6:00pm Stated Meeting (Early)  
 6:30pm Dinner  
 Remembrance and Renewal to follow

**April 6th - Saturday 6:30pm**  
 Whiskey Tasting -Stag Only  
 Please RSVP - See flyer enclosed

**April 29th - Monday 6:00 pm**  
 6:00pm Stated Meeting (Early)  
 6:30 Dinner  
 Mexican Food and Band

**May 6th - Monday 6:30pm**  
 Conferral of 4th and 14th Degrees  
 6:30pm 4th Degree  
 Dinner to follow  
 14th Degree to follow dinner

**May 20th - Monday 6:00pm**  
 6:00 Stated Meeting (Early)  
 6:30 Feast of Consistory

**For all Dinners & Special Events RSVP to**

**650 344-4841**

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## From the Office of the Personal Representative



**Marty M. Cusing, 32° K.S.A.**  
Personal Representative

On January 15, 2019, our Sovereign Grand Inspector General Frank Loui, 33° declared my appointment as his new Personal Representative for the Valley of Burlingame to forge and make headway for the new generation of Scottish Rite Masons in and around Burlingame and retain our veteran members that have made this "Small but Mighty Valley" great.

Those that may not know me yet, allow me to share a bit about myself. I am a native of the Bay Area, born in San Francisco and eventually moving down to Burlingame in 2002. Married for the last 11 years to my lovely wife Jennifer, and father to two daughters, 9 and 6 years old. I have a Masters in Clinical Gerontology and have worked in clinical research, cognitive behavioral therapy and adult placement services for nearly two decades, and have several published manuscripts and portions of textbooks. My wife and I now manage income properties in California, Hawaii and the Philippines and volunteer in our children's schools and a few local churches.

I was raised at Crocker Lodge, and am a Past Master of Burlingame Lodge, Past Commander of Golden Gate Commandery, Past Wise Master of the Chapter of Rose Croix, Past Chieftain of the Knights of St. Andrew and Past Commander of the Council of Kadosh. I am currently serving as High Priest of King Solomon's Chapter and Inspector of Department IV, Division A Knights Templar.

My vision for the near future of Burlingame Scottish Rite is to have a closer working relationship with the executive committee to plan events and education that our membership desires. We want to make Scottish Rite feel distinguished from all other concordant Masonic bodies, and Burlingame Scottish Rite your Rite. This does come at a cost to your time and commitment in Burlingame: I will persistently ask you as a member to step up and take an active role in your group, and to give feedback and be part of the change you would like to see and to give willingly to the Childhood Language Center or to give your time to better our Rite. The future of Masonry in the Peninsula profoundly depends on you, and has only been able to survive by active involvement – in an age where paradigms have shifted to electronic connections. With that being said, Burlingame Scottish Rite has a full calendar of events and activities for 2019 and I looking forward to seeing you attend.

## The Word from the Orator



**Chris D. Smith, 32° K.C.C.H.**  
Orator

If you haven't been able to attend one of our annual scholarship events, this is why scholarships are so important. This is the affect we have on our recipients. This is the connection that we make. This is from an email I received from one of our recipients.

*My name is Andrea and I was one of the scholarship winners for 2015. I was looking through my paper work and came across my certificate and remembered how you asked to one day send an update on how we are doing. Well, I am very pleased to say that I will be graduating this May 2019 with honors (Cum Laude) from California State University East Bay with a B.S in Criminal Justice Administration with a double focus in Justice and Enforcement, Community Alternatives and Corrections. It has been an amazing four years. I have had the amazing opportunity to find my passion, make long lasting relationships, and really flourish throughout my college career. I have participated in several different internships that have help me discover the best career for me. When I first received this scholarship in 2015 I was going to study biology and be a forensic scientist. Today, I plan on going to law school and hopefully one day being a juvenile defense lawyer. I found this passion in my internship with Bay Area JusticeCorps and with my connections with Juvenile Probation officers. Upon graduation, I will continue my education and enter a paralegal studies program. Once I receive my certificate I plan on working with a law firm or non-profit organization for a few years just to gain more experience in the field and to save up for law school.*

*Once again, I wanted to thank you for the amazing opportunity. The scholarship I received went towards books and other school supplies for my first year of college, this helped me not stress over cost and focus more on my first year. As a first-generation student and coming from a single parent household, this scholarship truly helped me advance my college career. I cannot thank you all enough.*

Best,  
Andrea

I hope you can attend this year and meet the recipients first hand. You won't be disappointed!



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

### Outstanding Oliver

- Jim Cartwright, Center Director

Oliver was born with a profound hearing loss. When he was a very young child, he communicated by using hand signs rather than spoken words as his hearing was not good enough for him to develop speech. When he was in kindergarten, he received cochlear implants. They didn't completely correct his hearing, and he continues to need hearing aids. But, the implants improved his hearing to the point where he could develop speech and attend regular education, rather than being put in classes for the deaf. Nonetheless, he was left with a significant delay in speech and language.

Oliver began receiving services at the San Francisco RiteCare Language Center when he was in fourth grade. While you could understand a lot of what he was saying, he was making mistakes with certain speech sounds and was not always able to be understood, especially when he was excited and spoke too quickly. We had to work a lot on speaking slowly and clearly at a conversational level, rather than just targeting specific sounds. His articulation has improved by leaps and bounds since I first met him.

Aside from his pronunciation skills, Oliver also needed help with his language skills. He did not know as many vocabulary words as most children do at his age and had trouble understanding such idiomatic expressions as "he has butterflies in his stomach." One way we worked on these skills was through creative writing. He wrote poems using words that were new to him to help him deeply learn their meanings. One word that was new to him was "panic." Here is an excerpt from a vocabulary poem he wrote using this word.

**Panic(v)**  
By Oliver Gilreath

To suddenly get scared  
And express your feelings  
Without thinking about what you are  
doing

The opposite of panicking is calm

The word panic  
Comes from the Greek god Pan  
He was half man and half goat  
And had a full beard when he was a baby

If you saw a blue blob  
With blue fangs and blue venom  
Flying towards you  
What would you do?  
Panic

If a tootsie roll had teeth,  
Opened itself up and bit you  
So hard on the fingers  
It felt like two hammers pushing together  
as hard as they could  
And your hand started turning into a  
tootsie roll  
What would you do?  
Panic

As you can see, Oliver has quite a sense of humor. Here is a very silly excerpt from a short story he wrote using many different idiomatic expressions he studied in language therapy with me.

### The Man Who Married a Haystack

Jim was happy as a clam but nutty as a fruitcake. He fell head over heels in love with a haystack. He actually hugged it, watched a romantic movie with it and asked it to marry him. He stuffed chocolate hearts into the haystack because he thought it could really eat them. After all, he was nutty as a fruitcake.....

Oliver will be leaving our center soon. It has been a pleasure working with him, he loved coming to our center and has made significant progress on all of his goals. He will always need his hearing aids, and his speech may not always be 100% clear all of the time, but he is now able to be understood much better by everyone. It is thanks to the RiteCare Childhood Language Centers, and all of the people who generously donate to them, that children like Oliver can lead better lives. His success was made possible by donors like you. So please, continue to give generously.

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