

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



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Frank Loui  
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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.**

##### 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?



When you make a donation of \$5,000 or more to our CGA program, you will receive quarterly income based on your age and the corresponding rate as set by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

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- Fixed income for life
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- California Scottish Rite Foundation

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AGE 70	5.6%
AGE 80	7.3%
AGE 90	9.5%

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To learn more about the CGA Program, please contact Major Donor Officer Donald W. Heath, 33°, CFP at 1-858-335-2070 or dhealth@scottishrite.org.



## Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

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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

# The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



July/August 2019 - Our 97th Year

## The Lodge of Perfection



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



our Valley.

This year, we have 3 recipients who won our Scholarship! The recipients are: Jean Carlos (JC) Gomez, Hanan Elqossari and Sabrina Martinez. We will have a presentation which will be made after our July stated meeting dinner (Monday, July 29th). Please attend and congratulate our recipients for their hard work!

Speaking of our July dinner, we are looking into getting our July stated meeting dinner catered. It will be BBQ in honor of Independence Day.

As always, if there are any event ideas, you're interested in please reach out and share your suggestions. We are always looking for fun new activities.

Summer is finally here! I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather.

We have been very busy at the Valley. On May 6th, we had 6 new candidates for our 14th degree. We are planning on having the 15th – 32nd degree on November 2nd. I hope everyone can attend and show our new brothers the strength and unity we have at

## Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew



Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew, at our May Stated Meeting, knighted Brother Rolando M. Gabriela to our fraternal order. Brother Roberto Diaz KCCH and Brother Whit Stephens KCCH were most gracious to lend a helping had to make the knighting ceremony a memorable occasion for all, especially our new knight Brother Rolando M. Gabriela. Brethren our year is at its midpoint and the Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew is a strong and vibrant order of dedicated Masons. We support Burlingame Scottish Rite by coming early and setting up the lodge room, staying late and returning paraphernalia to their proper places.

In doing so we are accumulating funds which, at the years end, will donate in the name of all the Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center. If you would like to become a Knight of St. Andrew and serve the Fraternity, please contact me for more information and also an application.

Fraternally,  
Jim Pettit, K.S.A., Chieftain



## The Word from the Orator

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

Brethren of Burlingame Scottish Rite –

The next speaker at our Valley will be Bro. Patrick Bailey on 26 August, and the topic will be: "Real Alchemy 1 – What is it? How do we know? What is the Real Truth?" Bro. Patrick's talk will be over dinner, so everyone will be able to listen in. Bro. Patrick will also deliver an esoteric talk on 25 November entitled "Real Alchemy 2 – Masonic Teachings. What can we do with it? Why? How? Can we get the Philosopher's Stone Today?"

## CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**Monday, July 29th - Stated Meeting and Public Schools Program**

6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
6:30pm Dinner (Indoor Picnic)  
7:30pm Public School and Scholarship Program - Casual Dress

**Monday, August 26th - Stated Meeting**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Stated Meeting  
Casual Dress

**Monday, September 30th - Stated Meeting and Feast of Tishri**

6:00pm Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
6:30pm Dinner - Feast of Tishri

**Sunday, October 6th - Golf Tournament benefiting the Childhood Language Center**

Noon- Poplar Creek Golf Course  
See flyer enclosed.

**Saturday, October 26th - Fashion Show benefiting the Childhood Language Center**

See flyer enclosed.

**Monday, October 28th- Stated Meeting**

6:30pm Dinner  
7:30pm Stated Meeting

**Saturday, November 2nd - Degree Reunion 18th, 30th and 32nd Degrees**

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

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From the Office of the Personal Representative



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

At the time this bulletin is published and in your hands, I should have left the Mediterranean Sea, and be sailing in the Baltics. Masonry has been on my mind, as I research the areas that I have thus traveled, and yet to travel, to see the Masonic impact on the area, or how the ancient masons tooled and worked the great edifices. I have met many Freemasons from Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland and Ukraine aboard the ship, and meet regularly to retell stories of Masonic heritage and practices in our own hometowns. The retelling of one Past Master of a Lodge in the bush areas of Western Australia walking to the center of their sparsely populated town calling out to his Brethren to come to Lodge so that they may have a quorum that night was not unlike the experiences many of the other Masonic Brothers told of their own mother Lodges. I look forward to sharing some of these stories and experiences with all of you whence I return.

Our July 29th stated meeting will again see an early and shortened business meeting at 6:00PM, with a special annual Public Schools Program and indoor picnic dinner to follow. In the previous years a separate day would be carved out for the Public Schools Program night, but we decided to move this event to our July stated meeting in order to encourage more of our Valley membership to be involved and meet the local student awardees whom we support. These students worked diligently to maintain a certain GPA and apply for and will be awarded a monetary scholarship to pursue further education. Our August 26th stated meeting will return to our regularly scheduled meeting.

In other philanthropy event news, the San Francisco/Burlingame Childhood Language Center (CLC) will be teeing off the 7th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the CLC. The tournament will return this to the Poplar Creek Golf Course on Sunday, October 6th with awards dinner held at the Burlingame Masonic Center later that afternoon. The CLC will also host the very first Burlingame Charity Fashion Show at the Burlingame Scottish Rite on Saturday, October 26th. San Francisco Scottish Rite has hosted a contemporaneous spring fashion show for the past two years with acclaimed success. Your donation and participation in these events will benefit the low-income youth in our community with speech, language and literacy issues.

Our annual Spring Reunion kicked off in May with several brand new Perfect Elus receiving their 14° from the Burlingame Scottish Rite. Those candidates that were not able to make the Spring Reunion were courteously taken through the 14° by the generous hospitality of the Oakland Scottish Rite and San Jose Scottish Rite. Congratulations to Martin Chavez, 14°; Emilio Alinea, 14°, Jaeson Cusing, 14°; Fenolex Menos, 14°; Todd Birnbaum, 14°; Aidan Cotter, 14°; and Jason Fox, 14°. Special thanks go out to the ritual masters, ritual team, tech crew and backstage crew for one of the smoothest and well exemplified Spring Reunions!

The Fall Reunion is right around the corner and will be held on Saturday, November 2nd where the 18°, 30° and 32° will be exemplified. These Degrees will be team intensive and we are looking for a more members to help bolster the team. Perhaps you have the time but don't think you can be useful? We can always find a job for a Brother that would like to volunteer: many hands make light work!



Cast, Crew and Perfect Elus from our May Reunion



May Stated Meeting Aztec Dancers



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

This issue's article was written by a student who recently graduated from our program.

-Jim Cartwright, RiteCare Language Center Director

A Board Meeting Member Meets a Center Student: Sue Froomin and Marissa Holmes

By Marissa Holmes

Sue and I first corresponded via letters last year, and I asked her a few questions about herself. She wrote me back with some very detailed answers and asked me questions about me and my life too. I discovered that we both grew up in the Sunset district of San Francisco. I still live there, although Sue now lives in Foster City. Sue went to Lincoln High School, which is one of my high school's biggest competitors. I attend Lowell High School, which is where Sue's husband, Len Froomin, went to school. In May 2019, Sue and I finally got the chance to meet in person, we had a very nice conversation, and I got the chance to learn more about her life.

Another thing I learned that Sue and I have in common is that our least favorite subject is math, especially word problems. I was a girl scout when I was young, and Sue was a Rainbow Girl. She has been involved with Masonic organizations for most of her life. In addition to being on the board for the Scottish Rite/ Rite Care Language Center, she helps the Shriners Hospitals for Children by working on clothing items, making quilts, and stuffing dolls for children so that doctors can tell them where their surgery will take place. I'm so overwhelmed with school work all the time, that I only do volunteer work in the summer. I do volunteer work at the zoo helping to take care of the animals. When I'm older, I want to work in the helping professions. I'm thinking about being either a pediatrician or a psychologist.

Sue shared with me that, when she was young, she looked up to the girls in her Masonic organization who were three years older than her because of the way they carried themselves and because they were good public speakers. I looked up to my older sister because she was a good role model for me and always helped me with my homework.

Sue and I also talked about her many travels, including to many European countries, Asia and on the Top of the World Cruise. On the cruise, the vacationers were supposed to see the northern lights. Unfortunately, Sue was in a wheelchair because she had fallen, and it was so foggy that no one got to see the lights. Her favorite place to visit was Israel. She got to float in the Dead Sea when she was there. Outside of the USA, I've only visited Toronto, and I am going to Cabo this summer. Some places I hope to travel to are Italy and Australia.

Sue told me that her hopes for children and the future are that the world becomes more settled and safer. I hope the people in power don't change the world for the worse and I want there to be safer streets too. My time at the Rite Care Center is now coming to a close, but I deeply appreciate my time spent here and everything I have learned. I know it will be challenging, but I feel confident that I will do well during the rest of my high school years and move on to go to college when the time comes. Thank you to Sue, and to all of the people involved with your philanthropy, for helping me, and for continuing to help many children and teenagers every year.

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