

Updates from the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center



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September/October Donations

365 Club

- Durward Ayre
- Barrie Copp
- Len & Sue Froomin
- Dorothy Lo Schiavo
- George & Charlotte Masson
- Patrick Muldoon
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General Donations

- Burlingame Scottish Rite
- Dorothy Lo Schiavo
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- San Francisco Lodge #120
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- Pacific Starr King Lodge #136
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- Vizcon Construction Company
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In Honor of:

Len & Sue Froomin
-Dorothy Lo Schiavo

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-Len & Sue Froomin

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Dewayne Hartman
-Marshall Zemon

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-Marshall Zemon

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Dewayne Hartman
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William Price
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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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Burlingame, CA 94010
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Join the Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew

K.'.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

The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



November/December 2019 - Our 97th Year

The Lodge of Perfection



James L. Cutsinger, 32°
Venerable Master
Lodge of Perfection



I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer and are enjoying the fall weather. We have been busy at the Valley getting everything ready for our Thanksgiving feast. In October, we had our 7th annual Golf Tournament to benefit the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center. Brother Whit Stephens put on an impressive event this year. We had 16 golfers and many spectators. This year's winners were Brothers Joe Becker, David Jones, David Jolliffe and Bill Baus. The awards ceremony was hosted back at

the lodge and it was catered by one of the Valley's favorite Taco Trucks. Brother Cusing, our Personal Rep, took some great photos of the event that he has posted to Burlingame Scottish Rite App. I hope to see everyone at this year's Thanksgiving Feast on November 25th.

Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrew



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



Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew upheld its code of support by lending a helping hand with our annual golf tournament in support of the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center's Golf Tournament. It was a gorgeous day and well attended. We support Burlingame Scottish Rite by coming early and setting up the lodge room, staying late and returning paraphernalia to their proper places as well as performing whatever duties that will support our Fraternal Order as well as promote the same. In doing so we are accumulating funds which, at the years end, we will donate in the name of all the Burlingame Knights of St. Andrew to the San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center. We are a small, but mighty body and if you would like to become a Knight of St. Andrew and serve the Fraternity, please contact me for more information, and an application.

CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Saturday - November 2nd, Degree Reunion

- 8:00am-9:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am - 18th Degree
- 30th and 32nd Degrees to follow

Monday - November 25th

- 6:00pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)
- 6:30pm - Capping Ceremony
- Immediately following - Thanksgiving Dinner (See flyer enclosed)

Monday - December 9th

- 6:00pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting - Casual)
- 6:30pm - Dinner and Holiday Party

Sunday - January 19th

- 5:00pm - Installation of Officers
- Dinner to follow

Monday - January 27th

- 6:30 - Dinner
- 7:30 - Stated Meeting

Sunday - February 9th

- 10:00am - Sweetheart's Brunch
- Crown Plaza - Foster City

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.C.C.H.
Personal Representative

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. We will have a class of at least 7 this fall, and may be expecting a few more to join us. Continental breakfast will be served, and registration will begin at 8:00am, with the 18° following shortly thereafter. Lunch will be provided for all candidates, ritual cast and crew and all other Brothers that RSVP. Please join us in witnessing these new members complete their 32° journey at the Valley of Burlingame.

Our candidates will be in for another treat this year. Burlingame will be bringing back our long awaited 32° Capping Ceremony on Monday, November 25 immediately following our November Stated Meeting at 6:00pm. We will have the pleasure of witnessing our newly branded 32° Masons cross through the threshold and receive their "badge" of a Scottish Rite Mason – cheered on by their loved ones and top line signers! Remember how wonderful it was when you raised your cap and placed it upon our head for the very first time?

Immediately following the 32° Capping Ceremony on Monday, November 25, Burlingame Scottish Rite and Burlingame Lodge will break bread and celebrate our annual Thanksgiving Dinner together. All members, friends, family and guests are welcomed!

For the month of December we hold our Stated Meeting earlier in the month on Monday, December 9, in observance of Christmas break and travels. Election of officers will also be held, and the officers for 2020 will be announced and later installed on Sunday, January 19 at 5:00pm. Perhaps you have an itch to become more involved in our Valley as an officer, or you have a passion for Masonry, administration or even some grunt work? Don't be shy! Connect with one of our Executive Team for more information.

The San Francisco/Burlingame Childhood Language Center (CLC) 7th Annual Golf Tournament at Poplar Creek Golf Course on Sunday, October 6th was a winner again this year. The tournament would not have been a success without the leadership and direction of Whit Stephens, 32° KCCH and the Brothers from SFSR and BSR that devoted their time and energy for the cause! Your donation and participation in this event will benefit the low-income youth in our community with speech, language and literacy issues. With this, I thank you!



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

Ill. Chris D. Smith, 33°
Chairman, Board of Directors
San Francisco and Burlingame Childhood Language Center

Thank you all for your continued support of our CLC! And thank you all who volunteered, donated and/or golfed in our 7th Annual Golf Tournament! Special thanks to Whit Stephens for once again chairing this fundraiser!

Volunteers: Rich Campbell, Gary Shweid, Jim McMillen, Irving Sambolin, Marty Cusing, Dennis Silva, Lori Whipple, Mike and Janet Salazar, Whit Stephens.

Donors: Albert Electric, Asiya Shriners, Burlingame Lodge #400, Crocker Lodge #212, Drs. Dee and Caroline Ayre, IPC Produce - Jim Cutsinger, Jones Accountancy, Lorraine Thompson, Lynise Smith Real Estate, Marty Cusing, Mission Lodge #169, Pacific Starr King Lodge #136, Paper and Ink, Richard Modolo, San Francisco Lodge #120, SC Plumbing, Vizcon Construction Company, WEB Electric.

Whether you donated of your time or money (or both), please know that your contributions will provide therapy hours to deserving kids and that you truly make a difference in their lives!!!

Lastly, 2020 will make 50 years that our CLC has been in operation! Please watch for information about a special event to celebrate both the last and next 50 years!



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

Ariana: Welcoming a New Child to Our Center

- Jim Cartwright, Center Director with
Kathleen Robertson

Note: This article is co-written by the mother of a child who recently began attending our center and our center director, who is also the child's speech and language therapist.

Ariana started coming to our center this past summer and entered kindergarten this fall. Her mom, Kathleen, has long been part of the Masonic community. She was Past Honor Queen Bethel 37 when she was a part of Job's Daughters. At that time, she didn't imagine that she would one day have a child who would benefit from our services at the speech and language center. Now, the family commutes from San Bruno to receive services at our San Francisco center.

Even though Ariana is young, her journey with speech and language services before arriving at our center has been a bumpy one. Since birth, her family has been aware that she would likely have speech and language issues. They initially sought help via their insurance and encountered many obstacles. They were given a list of vendors covered by their insurance, all of whom initially had no openings, so could only put Ariana on their waitlists. Additionally, the family's insurance only gave them 30 days to find a vendor on their own. When no one was available within this time frame, the insurance required the family to reapply and begin the entire process all over again. At the San Francisco/Burlingame Scottish Rite/RiteCare Language Center, we have one simple application form that all interested families fill out which does come with a 30-day expiration date. While we hope to get families in as soon as possible, we automatically leave all families on our waitlist for 1-2 years. If we are not currently seeing them, they are contacted before being taken off our list to make certain that they are no longer seeking services.

Once Ariana's family finally found services through their insurance, they still had trouble finding an appropriate speech and language therapist. They were initially given a therapist who did not know how to work appropriately with their daughter. After three months of Ariana hating and resisting therapy, they were finally given a different speech therapist. However, this therapist was not fully licensed and was not able to determine what to do with Ariana without her supervisor making the decisions for her. After their third try, they finally found a compatible therapist, but their insurance put up more hurdles regarding what the speech and language therapist was allowed to work on with Ariana.

Since their insurance only covered a specific list of skills, it would not cover the speech therapy if it targeted anything not on their list, even though both Ariana's mother and her speech therapist were in full agreement about the need for these skills to be addressed.

In the end, the family became so frustrated by insurance hassles, as well as the limited amount of coverage provided, that they have essentially decided to give up on trying to get insurance to cover their daughter's needs. At our center, students receive an average of two years worth of free services, and we can make our own determinations regarding which skills are targeted without any red tape being placed in the way of children and their families getting their needs met. Kathleen states, "at the Scottish Rite, Jim can just jump right in and start working on what needs to be focused on, and there is no waiting for insurance companies to give the OK."

Finding services through the public school system has not been easy for Ariana's family either. Many of the children who come to our center need extra help, but their skills are not low enough to qualify for extra help in the schools. To qualify, a child must be in the 7th percentile or lower on two tests. Ariana was able to qualify but lost her speech therapist twice during pre-school. She didn't receive any service for months at a time because no one was hired to fill the position, even though the family had a legal document (an IEP) requiring these services. As Kathleen says, "even with an IEP on file, there is no guarantee your child will get the help they need." Our public schools are often too overwhelmed to give the services they are legally required to provide. Both Catholic and non-Catholic private schools rarely employ speech therapists, so these families are left on their own to find the services they need as well.

One aspect of the services we provide at our center involves sending work home that the parent can do with the child as part of a home program, in addition to being seen at the center. While not all families can take on this extra work, Kathleen is very on top of helping her daughter with her skills. This is having a significant impact on Ariana's progress. Kathleen states, "there is good working communication between Jim and I. I appreciate the caring, communication and patience it takes to work with a young child who has a speech and language problem. What we find easy is hard to say for someone with a language problem. It takes a lot of patience as a parent and a therapist to help children." The service provided by the Scottish Rite/Rite Care Center is a rare gift to the families in our communities. Your continued support for our language center is deeply appreciated.

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