

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



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#### January/February Donations

#### 365 Club

- Melvin Clark
- David & Diane Jolliffe
- Jose & Linda Gonzales
- Ken & Barbara Lebovitz
- Charles Remington
- James Pettit & Maria Luisa Dalusong Cruz

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- William Kneebone
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- Joseph W Welch Jr Foundation Trust
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- San Francisco Lodge F AM
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- Jon Armantrout
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- Melvin Clark
- William Kneebone
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#### Donations \$10,000 or More:

- Curusis Family Charitable Foundation

#### In Honor of:

**Len & Sue Froomin**

-William Kneebone

**Durward and Caroline Ayre**

-William Kneebone

#### In Memory of:

**Allan Thompson**

-Lorraine E. Thompson

**Hilda Owens**

-Len & Sue Froomin

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**

**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:  
 Burlingame Scottish Rite  
 Burlingame Masonic Center  
 145 Park Road  
 Burlingame, CA 94010  
 650-344-4841

#### 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?



**Generate income for you and your family and help the charity of your choice through a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).**

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.

#### BENEFITS OF A CGA\*

- Fixed income for life
- Significant tax deduction
- Competitive rate of return
- Capital gains tax advantage

\* Gift Annuities are not available in some states.

#### CHOOSE YOUR CHARITY

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- Scholarships
- California Scottish Rite Foundation

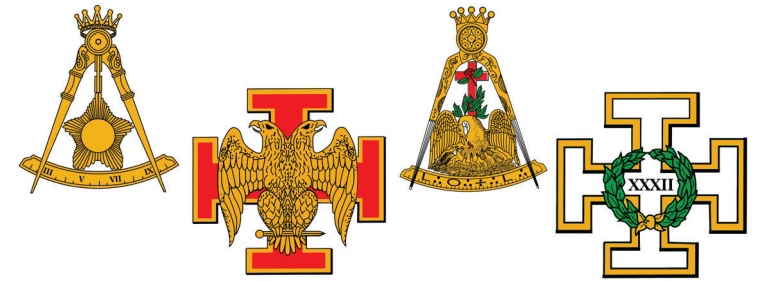
EXAMPLE: \$10,000 GIFT ANNUITY	
AGE 50	4.0%
AGE 60	4.7%
AGE 70	5.6%
AGE 80	7.3%
AGE 90	9.5%

These fixed rates, current as of 9/22/18, are for a single life Gift Annuity. Chart is for illustrative purposes only.

To learn more about the CGA Program, please contact Major Donor Officer Donald W. Heath, 33<sup>rd</sup> GPP at 1-858-335-2070 or dtheath@scottishrite.org.

# The Bulletin of the Burlingame Scottish Rite Bodies

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



March/April 2020 - Our 99th Year

## The Lodge of Perfection



**Vincent D. Chan, 32<sup>o</sup>**  
 Venerable Master  
 Lodge of Perfection



Spring is upon us and the day becomes longer than the night season. My brothers, we have much to do to revitalize ourselves to continue on our journey. With this in mind, we have opportunities to do good and be better. As the earth around us awakens, so must our thirst for the truth, service to our fellowmen, and celebration of life must be ignited. Shrug off the remnants of the winter months and awaken to the activities that about in our valley.

I would like to take a look back at the Sweethearts' Brunch: fond memories of good times for the couples that were present. Laughter and good cheer abounded. But with fond memories comes heartache, heartache from the Superbowl potluck. Congratulations to the Kansas City Chiefs, they earned the win. I'm sure our niners will be back stronger than

ever next year. For the month of March, the valley has partnered with Burlingame Lodge to celebrate the Saint Patrick's day feast, a dinner I look forward to each year. Burlingame Lodge will be hosting this event. At the March stated meeting will be our remembrance and renewal, a solemn ceremony conducted by the Chapter of Rose Croix. Looking to future events, it would be negligent of me not to mention the Scottish Rite Reunion to be held in Oakland this year on June 5th-7th. Please support our valley by attending this event at the Oakland Scottish Rite and welcome new Scottish Rite brothers into the fold. Contact myself or our Personal Representative, Marty Cusing, for details.

Thank you so much to all the brothers that make our valley what I know it to be: warm, welcoming, and full of great fellowship. I leave you all with this toast:

*May no honest heart even know distress.*

*May we be more studious to correct our own faults, than to promulgate the errors of our Brethren.*

*May we strive to resemble our divine Master, in promoting as far possible the happiness of all mankind and when we cannot succeed, may it be for want of ability, never for want of inclinations.*

## Burlingame Scottish Rite Knights of St. Andrews



**Joshua L. Cusing, 32<sup>o</sup> K.C.C.H.**  
 Chieftan, Knights of St. Andrew



Greetings Brethren,

We will have a knighting ceremony for our new Knights. It will be during our April 27th Stated Meeting. To all KSA, regular and emeritus, please come join us and wear your Knights of Saint Andrew regalia. Let us show our support to the new Knights!

We are also looking for new pledges who would like to join the Knights of Saint Andrew. All 32nd degree Scottish Rite masons are welcome to join. We are a service-oriented group within the Burlingame Scottish Rite. We have many different activities planned and please see me, Bro Joshua Cusing, for more details. And sadly, 32nd K.C.C.H. and 33rd degree Scottish Rite Masons are not eligible.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

## CALENDAR Upcoming Events

**Tuesday - March 17th**  
 6:30pm - St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
 Burlingame Lodge #400 Hosting

**Monday - March 30th**  
 6:30pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
 7:00pm - Dinner  
 7:45pm - Remembrance and Renewal

**Monday - April 27th**  
 6:30pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
 7:00pm - Dinner (Mexican with Entertainment)

**Monday - May 18th**  
 6:30pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
 7:00pm - Dinner - Feast of the Consistory

**Saturday - Sunday - June 6th and 7th**  
 Northern California Reunion  
 Conferral of Degrees  
 Oakland Scottish Rite

**Monday - June 29th**  
 6:30pm - Stated Meeting (Short Meeting)  
 7:00pm - Dinner and Education Program

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

**650 344-4841**

**rsvp@burlingamesr.com**

**Did you know you can find current updated information, flyers and archived bulletins on our website [www.burlingamesr.com](http://www.burlingamesr.com)**



## From the Office of the Personal Representative



**Marty M. Cusing, 32° K.C.C.H.**  
Personal Representative

As we enter the Spring months, and our 2020 Masonic year is well on it's way, we have a few events coming up. Burlingame Lodge will be in charge of the St. Patrick's Day Feast this year, and they plan to do things different. Instead of the usual Irish Dancers, Burlingame Lodge has booked Magician Michael Feldman known across the country as one of the best magicians performing today. The event will still be offered at the low price of \$15, so don't miss out and please RSVP on the flyer.

March is the time when we observe our Remembrance and Renewal ceremony. Many of our Brothers were taken up to be with the Great Architect in 2019, and this will be a time for our Valley to remember them.

In April, we're excited to have some Mexican food and entertainment during our stated meeting dinner. Please stay tuned for more information.

Remember that on June 5-7, the Valleys in Northern California will host another joint Reunion at Oakland Scottish Rite. The weekend will cover the 4° - 32°, and Burlingame Scottish Rite has been tasked with the 26° and 30°. Now is the time to reach out to your fellow Brothers that have not joined the Scottish Rite. We have already ramped up our practices and could always use a helping hand.



**Gary L. Stephens, 32° K.C.C.H.**  
Wise Master  
Chapter of Rose Croix

## From the Chapter of Rose Croix

The Christian world traditionally fixes the date of Easter as the first Sunday after the full moon on or after the vernal equinox (March 21). Holy Week begins with the preceding Sunday (Palm Sunday) and Maundy Thursday falls in the middle of Holy Week. The members of the Chapter of Rose Croix have, since 1866, observed Maundy Thursday as a special day, when they honor those who have passed on during the previous year.

In 1994, it was decided the Scottish Rite ceremony would be called "Celebration of Remembrance and Renewal". This observance would be held near the vernal equinox.

This new ceremony is not a religious observance. Chapters of Rose Croix observe the celebration of the Mystic Banquet as a memorial service honoring those who have died during the year. This observance strengthens the ties of brotherly love, past and present. We meet together to break the bread of fraternity to reconcile themselves with those whom we may have offended, and to drink the wine of refreshment and renewal. We celebrate the lives of their departed Brethren and promise to abide by the New Law, the Law of Love, with their present Brethren and all mankind.

In this celebration, we also commemorate the lives of all those who labored to improve mankind and were rewarded with betrayal, punishment, and death. Whether poet, religious leader, scientist or social reformer, all who seek to elevate humankind may be considered as Brethren. Masonry is duty, and its practice, often fraught with personal sacrifice, requires the performance of duty for the good of humanity. -- Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite.

**This year the celebration will be held on March 30th**, and is a great opportunity to share a bit of what Scottish Rite Freemasonry is about with friends and family, as the ceremony is open to the public.

## Installation 2020



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



### Max is College Bound By Jim Cartwright, MS, MFA, CCC-SLP Rite Care Language Center Director

Max is a young man who has received services at our center and is one of our many success stories. When I first met Max, he was much younger, very shy, and often had a blank expression on his face. He barely spoke and was struggling in all school subjects, except math. His biggest challenges were his limited vocabulary and writing skills. His mom was relieved to finally get him into our center, after being on the waitlist for more than two years. It took a while for us to develop a rapport, but I always felt I was in the presence of someone with great potential. We worked together for over a year, by which time he had met all of his goals and was doing well in school. Just as important, his self-esteem had improved and he developed a determination to persevere. When it came time for him to write an essay to apply for high school, he wrote about his learning challenges and his determination to never give up.

It's not uncommon for us to hear from a family whose child was doing fine when they initially graduated from our services, and everything was going along smoothly at school for a couple of years, but then they found themselves facing difficulties they need help to overcome. This was true for Max. We all have our strengths and challenges. I see a part of our work here as not only helping to remediate children's and teenager's challenges but also help them realize what their strengths are and understand that everyone is smart in their own way. Once we enter the work world, we generally lead with our strengths. As the content got significantly more difficult in high school, Max found that he needed assistance once again and I was able to fit him in. When I look at the high school curriculum today, it looks like what I had to do in college. We got the opportunity to work on some higher level, but essential skills involving essay writing, reading

comprehension and organizational skills. Max even discovered that he likes journalism and began writing for his school newspaper.

When it came time to apply for college, it was very stressful. All the self-doubts around whether or not his skills would be good enough, given the competitive nature of getting into college, came to the surface. The SAT and ACT were extremely difficult and he was concerned that he did not do well enough on them. I've had a look at some of the sample questions for those tests and some of it was challenging even for me, in spite of having a BA and two master's degrees. In the end, Max was accepted by every single college he applied to, including his first choice, the University of Portland.

Max is soon to graduate from high school and his services here. He is looking forward to his future. He is ready to move away from home, but not too far away, and enjoys both the city of Portland and the natural world that surrounds it. He found the people on their campus to be very welcoming during his visits there and is planning to live with his uncle. It's thanks to your support that kids and teenagers can get the extra help they need at any time at our center, from the beginning of their school careers right up through the end of high school. Your support is helping these kids and teenagers get ready to create the future of our world.



## 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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