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## New - All Children's Preschool Language Class Thriving

by Dave Scheiber from All Children's Hospital

Mr. Potato Head is the man of the moment on a recent morning inside the **Scottish Rite Preschool Language Class**, a new addition to the landscape of development and rehab service programs at All Children's Hospital.



“EARS ON,” says speech-language pathologist Maria Sansone to a little girl named Baela, simultaneously placing the plastic ears on the iconic toy. In her high-pitched voice, Baela mimics the simple phrase with gusto.

Seconds later, fellow speech-language pathologist Jenn Ziemak repeats the exercise with another toddler, a curly headed boy named Samuel. “HANDS ON,” she states while sticking Mr. Potato Head's hands into place. Samuel follows the lead and blurts the words out as best he can.

It is all part of a unique soundtrack for teaching young children with communicative disorders at All Children's.

Inside a second-floor room of the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, you see what looks like a typical nursery school class—fully equipped with kid-friendly art supplies, building blocks, peg boards, a puppet theater and Barbie house, a pint-sized wooden kitchen and boxes of cars, trains and dolls.

But what you hear is another story altogether. “What's our letter of the day?” Jenn asks the three students in attendance this day. :DOUBLE-u. Say it with me, DOUBLE-u.”

Pointing to a picture of snow, Maria helps the class describe the color: “Wu-wu-WHITE.”

“BUB-bles,” the two teachers call out later as they blow bubbles that float amid the excited kids, who cheerily pronounce the hard consonant while trying to catch or pop the soapy spheres.

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## Personal Representative

by Ill. Russell B. Glendinning, 33°

Brethren: As you see by reading our lead article this month, we as Scottish Rite Masons can be proud of the work that we do to support the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida and the clinics that are located throughout the state of Florida. It is through your work and efforts that we are having a positive impact on the lives of so many children and helping them live productive

lives as they grow up to be teenagers and adults. If you are wondering how you may help further in providing these services, please consider a provision in your last will and testament or some other vehicle where our foundation will be able to continue in the years to come. Information on this may be obtained from our General Secretary, Ill.: John Drewett, 33°.

Our Spring Reunion will be here before we know it (April 20 and 27) in memory of **Ill.: Ernest Borgnine, 33° G.: C.: Brethren**, we need to have a good showing at this Reunion to help replace some of the brothers who were suspended for NPD in 2012 and for those who were called to the Celestial Lodge above. Please encourage those brothers who are not members of the Scottish Rite to take that next step in Freemasonry. Petitions for the degrees are available from the office or may be obtained by visiting our website, [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org).

In this issue of The Bulletin, we introduce to you our 2013 Wise Master and Venerable Master. Please take the time to read about their backgrounds. Both of these brothers are very well qualified to lead their respective bodies and I know that they will do a great job for the Valley of Tampa.

Finally brethren, if you have not been with us recently, please mark your calendar for the 2nd Monday of each month. We would love to have you with us and share in the brotherhood that the Scottish Rite offers its members. 🐾

## Check your Dues Card

Brothers if you have not attended a Scottish Rite meeting or activity lately, please take this moment to verify that your dues card is current. You may make payment online at [www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org) or by calling the office at (813) 886-0578. We accept Visa, Discover and Master Card. Purchases at the Valley Emblem Shop may be paid with credit or debit cards also. 🐾

## The Scottish Rite Creed

Human progress is our cause, liberty of thought our supreme wish, freedom of conscience our mission and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere our ultimate goal. 🐾

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So it goes on another morning in a new program created by the All Children's Speech-Language Pathology Department—under the supervision of Speech and Hearing director Therese Montanari and taught by the talented and passionate tandem of Maria and Jenn.

The class, made possible by funding from the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida, meets for 90 minutes one morning a week. Children can continue attending without a set timetable, allowing them to be discharged at an appropriate time. The goal is to work with patients ages 2-4 on improving language and social skills, which are often inextricably linked in a preschool environment. The initial Monday class of eight kids has been so successful after only a few months that a second class will be added in February.

“We sometimes will take a child a little before the 2-year-old level, so if they're 22 months, we take them,” Therese explained. “They all have an expressive language delay, so their verbal skills are not where they need to be. And a lot of times, it's their first experience in a group setting—and their parents are very concerned about putting them into a classroom where they can't verbalize what's going on.

“What happens a lot of times is that these kids have tried to start in a regular preschool and they may bite other kids because they can't verbalize, ‘No, my toy!’ or ‘No my truck’ as another 2 or 3 year old would. And then the teacher has to do something about it because it's behavior you can't accept. So the child spends a lot of time in ‘time out’ or whatever because they don't have the expressive skills—and it becomes a downward spiral.”

That's where the Scottish Rite Preschool Language Class comes in—as an early intervention in what could otherwise be a progressively negative educational spiral. The class works on myriad levels. Its broader objectives, beyond improving speech, sound and social growth, is to enhance concept development, help the youngsters learn through arts and crafts and music, build vocabulary, teach them to follow directions and get them prepared for a structured preschool environment.

To accomplish these goals, Maria and Jenn introduce the kids to a new theme each week—such as “Winter holidays” from this past December, with a focus on words starting with “W.” Each session includes activities that target both “receptive” language

(that which is heard) and “expressive” language (verbalizing thoughts and feelings to others).

The class on this particular day begins with the teachers reading a book called “I Like Winter” and discussing the winter season in circle time. The letter of the day takes center stage, with Maria and Jenn underscoring the sound that the letter makes, using it in different words and finger painting ‘W’ in the art center. And the parents play a crucial role as well. They receive a recap of the lessons from each class and the theme for the week or month.

“We let them know how they can continue to work with their child on these things during the week,” Maria says. “We'll let the parents know how we focused on a particular theme that day and give them some ideas on how to follow up at home. Being really specific about what you're working on allows the parents to be more involved.”

Tara Harrell, mother of 2½ year old student Delaynee, has seen some improvement with her daughter in only a few weeks of class. Delaynee has trouble putting two or three words together to form a sentence and tends to mumble. Concerned, Tara and her husband discussed the situation with their family pediatrician, who referred them to the program at All Children's.

“It's been a little hard dropping her off, because Laynee has separation anxiety, but she does like it here,” Tara says. “She makes pictures and she likes to take them to her daddy. She'll remember the letter of the day and then she'll say it all week long. She hasn't really been much of a talker, but she's slowly coming around. This is definitely helping her.”

Separation anxiety is a common hurdle early, but the kids have been adjusting well. “When Laynee started here, there were tears throughout the entire class, but she's really come a long way in the last three weeks,” says Maria. “Even when she did not stop crying, she'd stay away from the group. But now she's completely in there.”

Laynee initially had trouble with the concept of turn-taking and would get upset if she didn't get to go first every time. But through the games Maria and Jenn utilize and frequent interaction with other kids, her sharing skills have improved drastically and she's even trying to imitate putting several words together in a sentence.

“It's difficult without socialization and it's hard not to say what you want,” says Jenn. “In another setting,

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## Scottish Rite Clubs

### Lake Region Scottish Rite Club

3rd Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

in April, May, September and November.

(dark June, July and August)

Lakeland Lodge No. 91

505 N Mass. Avenue, Lakeland, FL

### North Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

2nd Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

Reservations preferred, phone (727) 460-1824

Kally-K's Steakery Fishery

1600 Main Street, Dunedin, FL

### Pinellas Scottish Rite Club

1st Friday, 11:00 a.m.

Perkins Family Restaurant

8841 Park Blvd., N, Largo, FL

Information & Reservations (727) 577-5923

### Sarasota Scottish Rite Club

2nd Friday, 11:30 a.m. in odd numbered months

(dark July)

Sahib Shrine

600 N. Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL

or

1st Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in even numbered months

(dark December)

Scottish Rite Club Building

240 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota, FL

### Sun City Center Scottish Rite Club

3rd Monday, 11:30 a.m.

(dark June, July, August, October and December)

Freedom Plaza Club

Sun City Center, FL

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## Deadline for May/June Bulletin

April 1 - Contributor deadline

April 8 - Office contributor deadline

April 12 - Transmit print file to our printer

## Good For You

Congratulations to the following members of the Valley of Tampa who have recently been installed Worshipful Master of their Blue Lodge:

Thomas A. Collins . . . . . Hernando Lodge No. 97  
 Ryan Lee . . . . . Tarpon Lodge No. 112  
 Scott Mitchell . . . . . Pearl of the West Lodge No. 146  
 Ken Giesow . . . . . Dunedin Lodge No. 192  
 Lawrence Wright . . . . . Tampa Bay Lodge No. 252  
 John R. Smith . . . . . Star Lodge No. 78  
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 Harris E. Dundore . . . . . Travelers Lodge No. 390  
 Alessio Ruggiero . . . . . Manatee Lodge No. 31  
 Juan de la Rosa . . . . . Sarasota Lodge No. 147  
 Jeffrey MJ Pick . . . . . Venice Lodge No. 301

Congratulations to Brothers Thomas E. Robinson, 32° and William H. Zurlo, 32° on their installations as Potentates of EGYPT Shriners and SAHIB Shriners respectively. 🐾

## Fred F. Ciampi, 32° Wise Master

Brother Fred Ciampi, 32° was installed Wise Master of the Tampa Chapter in January for the year 2013. A native of Boston Massachusetts, he moved to San Diego, California where he married Jean, his wife of 25 years. Brother Fred was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July 2000 in Mission Bay Lodge No. 771 (CA) F&AM and became a



Master of the Royal Secret in the Valley of San Diego on November 8, 2000. He and Jean moved to Tampa in 2001, where he demitted to Temple Terrace Lodge No. 330 and transferred his Scottish Rite membership to the Valley of Tampa. He has been active as a member of the Tampa Chapter Rose Croix and was the charter secretary of our Knights of St. Andrew Lodge. Our Wise Master has completed the Master Craftsman I program and is currently enrolled in the Master Craftsman II program. In addition to the Scottish Rite, Brother Fred is a noble of Egypt Shrine, where he is the Assistant Provost Marshall, Circus Administrator and is also the Chief Aide. He is also a member of Memorial Lodge No. 23 and is an officer in Zenda Grotto in Tampa.

Fred is retired from a career as a Logistics Consultant where for most of his professional life he worked with various warehouse firms and nationwide transportation companies. 🐾

## **William B. Garrett, Jr., 32° Venerable Master**

Our 2013 Venerable Master, William B. Garrett, Jr. 32°, a Florida native was born in Tarpon Springs, Florida. He is the son of Brother William B. Garrett, Sr., 32° KCCH and the late Elsie G. Garrett. He is a graduate of Dixie Hollins High School (Class of 1985.) While attending school, Brother Billy (as he is known) became active in Boy Scouts and received the rank of Eagle Scout in 1985. He later served the Scouting program as an Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader and other leadership positions. He is also a member of the National Order of Scout Honored Campers.

Brother Garrett was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Elmer O. Smith Lodge No. 307 in 1994 and served the Craft as Worshipful Master in 1998. He later transferred his membership to Pinellas Daylight Lodge No. 385, where he is still a member, and served Pinellas Daylight Lodge as



Worshipful Master in 2007. In Craft Masonry, he has served on various committees in the 21st Masonic District and most recently was District Marshal for 2009-2011. He is currently a member of the Grand Lodge Public Relations and Publicity Committee. In addition, he served as President of the Suncoast Masters and Wardens Association in 2008.

He became a Master of the Royal Secret in 1996. Since becoming a Master of the Royal Secret, Brother Garrett has served as a member of the 4th Degree team and as an At Large member of the Valley Executive Committee. 🐾

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they might get kicked out of school. This class gives them an opportunity to be around kids similar to their level, and they see we're working with all of them. They're not singled out like 'I'm the only one.' I really think socialization and learning about turn taking is essential."

That's what makes this preschool program different—and vital for the children who participate. The two therapists, assisted by language and speech aide Morgan Hughart, are able to give the children the intense, focused attention and teaching that that can make all the difference.

"You don't always know the cause—you deal more with the problem itself. But this preschool allows the children to deal with separation, and to replace negative or aggressive behaviors with something that's more socially acceptable before they enter school. And that's big. I don't know where their language skills will be when they enter school. But if we can get the social skills to something that's more appropriate, then they can go to school and be more successful at it." Maria says.

The therapists bring a wealth of experience and dedication to the program, Maria, a Tampa native, had planned on a career in microbiology. But her best friend's sister was doing a hospital speech therapy internship working with children, Maria spend a day with her on the job and that was all it took to change directions. She switched majors and got her college degree in communicative disorders, and earned her master's at the University of South Florida. She then spent 16 years in New York City

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working as a bilingual group therapist before coming to work at All Children's last year.

“The progress you see in group therapy is really amazing, because the kids are motivated by their peers. It's really amazing to see how kids respond to other kids in this environment. For instance, I'll always put Baela last in turn-taking because she's more likely to imitate if she hears two other kids do it first,” says Maria.

Jenn, who also comes from Tampa, wanted to be a pediatrician at first and began college with a major in microbiology. But her sister had some experience with speech therapy and that influenced Jenn's career course. She earned her undergraduate degree in communicative disorders, got her master's from Florida State University and did her graduate internship at All Children's 13 years ago, leading directly to a staff job. “This is what I'm meant to do,” she says.

The class might not be possible; however, without the support of the Scottish Rite Foundation of Florida. Not all insurance covers the cost of group therapy and some parents don't have insurance at all. The organization's funding allows those families to benefit in the life-enhancing program.

“The Scottish Rite Foundation has done such a wonderful job. The funding is there if the insurance isn't. If it wasn't for them, this wouldn't be happening,” says Jenn.

The results of the first class have been so encouraging that there's talk of adding a bilingual class, and possible expanding the program to All Children's regional Outpatient Care Centers. Maria and Jenn are getting the word out to the Early Steps (birth to 3) program at All Children's to make parents aware of the Scottish Rite preschool class.

As another lively class session comes to an end, Maria and Jenn assemble the children in a circle and sing a farewell song with each child's name—getting the kids to pronounce 'BYE, BYE.'"

Laynee is the first to leave and the therapists use it as a teaching moment: “Laynee is going HOME.” And she, like her fellow classmates, will be taking along vital new skills to better cope in school and life.

**Source:** Reprinted by permission from “Faces and Places” a regular column highlighting those people, places and things that make All Children's Hospital special. Contact writer Dave Scheiber. All Children's Hospital, 501 6th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Web: [www.allkids.org](http://www.allkids.org) 🐾



## Director of Work

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

Our Spring and Fall Reunions this year will be held a month earlier, due to the 33° Coronation and the 32° Knight Commander of the Court of Honor being held in our Valley's facilities.

The 9th and 10th Degrees will be conferred once again after 12 years of not being seen. We ask all Brothers to attend and enjoy the renewal of these beautiful and informative Degrees. Another reason for being present for their presentation is that both Degrees will be conferred by the same Degree Team, as one Degree. I would like to remind all Brethren who have top line or second line signed a petition, by showing your interest in him, that he has joined the Scottish Rite Brotherhood, and by being in attendance to congratulate him upon becoming a member of Freemasonry's College. That he has now opened more doors to continuing Freemasonry's goal of making all its members, a better-educated Freemason, a better man, husband, father and citizen of our great country So mote it be. 🐾

## Valley of Tampa History

by Ill. C. Donald Prosser, 33°

The year 1913 saw our Assistant Secretary Brother W. V. Cole resigning and Brother F. I. Cole appointed and was paid the salary of \$50 per month. During 1913, the Lodge of Perfection was still located in Plant City, with the Rose Croix, Preceptory and Consistory Degrees were located in Tampa. During the year, all degrees were communicated, for a total of 44 new Masters of the Royal Secret. During the October 11, 1913 meeting, a motion was made and approved to cancel all back dues and fees due to the death of our Brother and a letter written to his widow of condolences and explanation. At the Supreme Council Session of 1913, Brothers George P. Sullivan, John C. White and Wilmot Fitts were honored by being coroneted 33° Honorary. Brothers Fred E. Fletcher, A. W. Windhorst and E. J. Keefe were honored with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honor.

On the world scene, the United States Post Office began delivering parcel post on January 1. The first

sedan type of vehicle, a Hudson, was introduced at the New York Auto Show. Brother Jim Thorpe returned all his 1912 Olympic Medals when it was told he had received \$50 for playing in a baseball game. He then signed with the New York Giants Football Team as a running back. On February 25 the 16th Amendment to the Constitution was passed, authorizing a 1% income tax on all citizens. The 17th Amendment to the Constitution was passed authorizing direct election of all U. S. Senators. The first four engine aircraft was built and flown by Igor Sikorsky. 🐼

## Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal

The March 11, 2013 meeting at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center, The Valley of Tampa - Orient of Florida will be an open meeting, honoring those who died during the past year. Please join Wise Master Fred Ciampi, 32° and the Chapter of Rose Croix in The Ceremony of Remembrance and Renewal. This ceremony which was formerly called Maundy Thursday and was obligatory to all members of the Chapter of Rose Croix. The families of our fallen brothers and all Masons and non-Masons are invited.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Ceremony begins at 7:30 p.m.

Please call the Valley office for dinner reservations no later than Friday, March 8, at: (813) 886-0578. 🐼

## Coming Masonic Events

Please note ALL Scottish Rite Masons may attend the Executive Committee Meetings. The Executive Committee Meetings start at 4:30 p.m., dinner is 6:00 p.m. and regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Visit the Valley of Tampa Website for the latest information on meetings and events.

March 11, 2013:

Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Ceremony of Remembrance & Renewal.

April 8, 2013:

Executive Committee Meeting,  
Dinner and Regular Meeting.

April 20 & 27, 2013

Spring Reunion. 🐼

## Prelate

by Ill. Lou Ortt, 33°



What an exciting time of year for us as we celebrate both Holy Week and Passover! Many do not realize the very close connection these two events have. In Exodus 12 we hear about the Lord giving Moses instructions to inform the congregation of Israel on what was going to happen and how to prepare for the events to come. Having been in captivity in Egypt it was something they needed to hear and believe. Each household was to take a lamb without blemish in its first year, a perfect one, a male, and, on the fourteenth of the month kill it in the evening, share its meat with neighbors and place its blood on the door posts land lintel of the houses. By doing this the children of Israel were saved.

Many years later in the first letter of Peter 1:18-19 we read, "You know that you were ransomed from futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."

Jesus had lived among men and had been tempted and tested and was found to be without sin, like the lambs were without blemish during the plague of death in Egypt.

So, as we begin the Holy Season, let us be even more inspired by the shared symbol of the lamb to a strong faith in our Heavenly Father and to thankfulness for the blessings bestowed upon us. 🐼

## Scottish Rite Calendar

Have you checked out the Scottish Rite calendar on the website ([www.srtampa.org](http://www.srtampa.org))? We have listed all of the known events that will be taking place at your Scottish Rite in 2013 along with the meeting dates, times and places of our Scottish Rite Clubs. As new events are planned, the calendar will be updated to keep you informed so you may want to check back often. 🐼

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## In Memoriam

“Sunset and evening star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea, but such a tide as moving seems asleep, too full for sound and foam, when that which drew from out the boundless deep turns again home. Twilight and evening bell, and after that the dark! And may there be no sadness of farewell, when I embark; for tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place the flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face when I have crossed the bar.” — Tennyson



William T. Branch, 32°  
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