



**Bay Cities Lodge No. 337
F. & A. M.**

Stated Meetings, First Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

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May 2020

May Calendar

Tuesday,	5 th	8:00 p.m.	May Stated Meeting – “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Stated Dinner – “ Cancelled ”
Thursday,	12 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday	19 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday,	26 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”

Hall Events

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205
Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	8 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	22 nd	Cancelled – Large Hall

**San Pablo Assembly No. 117
International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Tuesday,	5 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	19 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

**Bethel No. 15
International Order of Job’s Daughters**

Saturday	9 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	23 rd	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	6 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	20 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

As the Sun Rises in the East



Greetings My Brothers

I wish you all good health, fraternal blessings of brotherly love, peace and relief in these difficult times. As the sun rises on the month of May, flowers bloom and hope abounds that soon restrictions to ordinary life can loosen. Though encouraged that we may soon be together again, I urge you to follow safe precautions of physical distancing, wearing face masks when out in public, wash those hands and follow all other good social/health measures. Through our Masonic degrees, history & teachings we learn the true rites & virtues incumbent upon all good men & citizens especially in days of need. As all good Masons strive to better themselves! While apart, with much shut down; I along with my fellow officers & many members have busied ourselves moving forward, keeping in touch, and supporting one another. And while much has fallen to the wayside - planning and essential business of the lodge/hall board continues. It is very important when we finally meet again attention to these ongoing issues ultimately resolve, which can only be accomplished with your participation.

So, from the oriental chair to a brighter future I end with this refrain:

Happy to meet, Sad that we have parted, Happier when we finally meet again.

Fraternally,
John Davis, Master

Stated Meetings

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337
First Tuesday of each month

**May: Cancelled
June: TBD
July: TBD**

Dinners start at 6:30p.m. for members and guests.
Cost is \$5.00

Please RSVP for the dinner by the 25th of each month. RSVP with the Lodge App, on sign-up sheet, or contacting our Junior Warden, Brother Joseph Collignon. Email collignonfamily@sbcglobal.net; Phone or text (510) 847-1388

Stated Meetings are at 8:00p.m. for masons only

From the West

On a mason's long road to journey's end, having recently passed through many of the high holy holidays; it is my hope all have been renewed, relieved & rewarded with bounties of brotherly love, good health, and uplifted spirits. Did all see the message from the Grand Chaplain (*very special in troubling times*). The hard work before us (conforming to health precautions amid the pandemic - **please insure you are!**), while apart & difficult, good news still abounds. Especially happy to report - brothers Emmett Z. & Genaro P. though sick seem on the path to recovery, our widows & many brothers give word of their ample care, safety & well wishes (*hoping the same for you*), congratulations to brother Ed R. on becoming a Grand Uncle **yet again**, Lodge business still moves forward as all else remains on hold [bills paid (Gary D.), mail collected (John C.), our connections through social media firm (zoom w/ Joe C. et al other "webbers"), ongoing ideas/planning/talks (Greg T., John C. Dale H.) for when we return to normal, and continued hall maintenance (Denise M.W.) ... ty you all], the Grand Master's speech & huge donation at the virtual Grand Assembly for Rainbow Girls on Facebook (are you, as well, tuned in for the weekly nine o'clock toast's? - stay connected on the Grand Lodge Facebook page). The many outpourings of thanks and gratitude we see to first responders, essential workers, especially to medical workers give rise to hope & a brighter future. Many of our wives, sisters and youth donating DIY face masks (Noemi C, Teresa M., Jessica C., Jobs & Rainbow, again et al- ty) all demonstrate the strength & good will the fraternity embodies.

While the return to normality may entail restrain from the hugs, kisses & handshakes we're accustomed to, our bonds remain ever strong and enduring. And I encourage all brothers to join in our renewed efforts to promote the best Masonry has always offered the world - men striving to improve themselves, a charitable neighbor full of encouragement & a smile and a good citizen committed to a healthy community & a better way of life...

Please, my brothers, continue your great posts of good news, humor, recipes, suggestions and thoughts as we soon travel to meet again on the level. Stay safe and well

Fraternally,
John Forcum, Senior Warden

From the South

"Let me assert my firm belief that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself" - excerpt from 1933 Inaugural Address by Franklin D. Roosevelt

I am a freedom-loving man. I cherish my freedoms to assemble where I wish and to visit and engage with whomever I want. As I write this, it has been over a month since shelter-in-place has been the rule at my house. While I understand the need to flatten the hospitalization curve of the Covid-19 virus, I am beginning to feel like I am under house arrest. I find relief from my distress whenever I reach out by phone or by zoom meeting to other masons and their families.

If you feel the need to talk to a mason, our phone numbers are here in the Trestleboard. Most of us will pick up the phone or return your call as soon as we can.

A number of your leaders have helped me in contacting several of our members we have not seen in lodge for a while. I have enjoyed having a telephone visit with many of those members. Remember, brother, whether you can attend lodge or not, you are still a mason and you have a masonic family.

As I hear the reports that the increase in new Covid-19 cases is leveling off, I believe it is time for us to dare to dream about how we will engage with our members, families, and communities. I expect some of the restrictions to be lifted; but we need wisdom on how we should behave to keep our communities safe, but engaged. Whether the lodge meets or not, we should continue to govern ourselves like masons, and do what is best for our community. If you have any ideas, please email them to me at collignonfamily@sbcglobal.net. Between Trestleboards, you can still get news and see pictures of masons in action at our web page: <http://lodge337.freemason.org>.

Fraternally,
Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

May Birthdays

Michael L. Freitas	1
Dan G. Laynes	3
William J. Low	5
John A. Filler	7
Steven M. Sexton	9
Peter E. Chambers	10
Lynn R. Powley	12
Aurelio B. Gavieres	14
Darrol D. Davis	15
Thomas W. Hidayat	16
Richard B. Von Tickner	17
Donald L. Boehner	20
Michael J. Consiglio	21
Jean C. Royaute	22
Donald L. Clark	25
John W. Mason	25
Kenneth W. Epley	26
James E. Hicks	26
Narciso S. Honrada	28
Edward L. Lundberg	28
Michael J. Klinger	29
Joe D. Beckham	30
Duffy L. Best	30
Robert J. Jennings	31

Brethren,

At our February Stated Meeting, the Finance Committee presented their findings that supported raising our Stated Dinner prices, as it was found that the \$5.00 charge, now in place, was not covering the cost to prepare the dinners.

A motion was made to consider raising the Stated Dinner prices, but after much discussion the price to change it to, was not determined. The motion was tabled until our next Stated Meeting. It is now hereby posted and will be discussed further at our next Stated Meeting, which is tentatively set for June 3, 2020 as our May Stated Meeting is cancelled due to the Contra Costa County Civil Order.

How to Reach Masonic Assistance

Contact Masonic Assistance by **submitting a request for information** at: <http://masonichome.org/>; by calling **(888) 466-3642**, or via email at masonicassistance@mhcuc.org

Please provide your name, contact information, and the best time to reach you.

If you are calling on behalf of someone else, please provide their name as well. We must speak with you before contacting the person for whom you are requesting services or support.

Masonic Assistance will respond to your inquiry by the end of the next business day. As our intake calls are somewhat lengthy, you will likely receive a voicemail the first time you call. Please do not be discouraged – you will receive a return call in a timely manner.

Brethren, during this time of shelter in place, the Trestleboard is being sent out only via e-mail as our printing company is not available for printing of the Trestleboard at this time.

Myself and the Wardens are working on updating all of our members e-mails, phone numbers, and addresses. If you have recently moved or changed any of your contact information, please send those changes to the Secretary at baycitieslodge@comcast.net or by calling my cell number at 510-928-3211 and leave a message.

**Thank You,
Gary Dunham, PM
Secretary**

March 19, 2020

The Masonic Hall Association of Richmond (MHAR) has elected to close its facilities in compliance with the Contra Costa County Civil Order imposing restrictions on individuals and congregation thereof. As a regular client, you have indicated that your organization intends to comply with these same civil orders. Consequently, you have notified the MHAR of your intent to postpone your organizational meetings and use of MHAR facilities during the period of time civil restrictions are in effect.

Please be advise that you will not be charged for the facilities during the closure. Furthermore, you will be able to reschedule any special events that were postponed

during the restricted period to a future date, subject to availability and on a "first come, first served basis".

We are hopeful that the current situation improves quickly, reducing the risk to each of us. However, it remains uncertain that the current restrictions will end in May 2020. Therefore, please be advised that the MHAR will continue to abide by any and all civil restrictions until lifted by the appropriate authority. Furthermore, we will notify you when MHAR facilities will again be available for use.

In conclusion, we ask that you keep our Property Manager, Denise Matthews-Wright, informed of your organization's intentions regarding resumption of your meetings, at your earliest convenience, so as to avoid any confusion.

We thank you for your patience during these trying times and hope that your members remain healthy and happy.

Thank you.
Regards,
Board of Directors
Masonic Hall Association of Richmond (MHAR)



In Memoriam

Richard Dean Holt

Born	January	14	1938
Passed	July	25	2000
Entered into Rest	April	20	2020

Dan Rhodes Deabenderfer Jr.

Born	January	15	1938
Raised	April	30	1970
Entered into Rest	April	26	2020

*Soft and safe to thee my brother be thy resting place
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it.*

LODGE OFFICERS

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<u>2020 through 2022</u>		Denise Wright	332-0376
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