



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

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

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June 2020

June Calendar

Tuesday,	2 nd	8:00 p.m.	June Stated Meeting – “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Stated Dinner – “ Cancelled ”
Thursday,	9 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday	16 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday,	23 rd	7:30 p.m.	Practice “ Cancelled ”
		6:30p.m.	Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday,	30 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,	12 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	26 th	Cancelled – Small Hall

San Pablo Assembly No. 117

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Tuesday,	2 nd	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	16 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15

International Order of Job’s Daughters

Saturday	13 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	27 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	3 rd	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	17 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

As the Sun Rises in the East



My Friends & Brothers,

Long has it been since we were able to meet and enjoy the fellowship our fraternity is renowned for. Though sorely missed, we note strides to move forward, a loosening of the restrictions and the hope we may again soon return to normalcy. As Master, I urge all to remain faithful to yourselves, your brethren & sisters by maintaining standards of good health and safety as we are “**ALL IN THIS TOGETHER**”. My hope is that this finds all in good spirits & well being.

We all wait on word from those governing, especially our Grand Master. I am happy to report, lodge business (though minimal) progresses smoothly, thank those putting in the time & effort (some noted in this TB issue below) and encourage all to join/participate by keeping abreast of upcoming news and offerings. Changes to i-member, a new lodge app manager, grand lodge lectures & classes (noted by our JW, brother Joe Collignon) are all on the horizon. You can always find Masonic information on social media. And I remind brothers that June is Masonic Home Month as proclaimed by our Grand Master Most Worshipful Trauner (please read @ your GL website and enjoy those articles in your FREEMASON) as it is, indeed, one of the truly great things the fraternity does. As we travel the Great Architect’s path may brotherly love, relief and truth abide within us.

May your journey be safe, peaceful and cherished my brothers.

Fraternally,
John Davis, Master

**Designed for masters and wardens, now open to all:
Presenting the all-new Online
Masonic Leadership Course.**

The California Masonic Foundation is sponsoring this online lodge management course, which is offered to replace the canceled Master and Wardens Retreats. Attendance is **FREE** for all California Masons, both officers and non-officers alike. But you must reserve your spot in advance. For information, check the Grand Lodge information site:

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/14/masonic-online-leadership-course/>

Once you've registered at the Grand Lodge web site, a reminder email will be sent to you prior to your session. Online sessions start June 9 and end July 2

Setting in the West

The sun at evening twilight wanes bright & clear; the day's labor is done, a time for refreshment/repose, reflection of lessons learned and designs for what is ahead. As history & our Masonic traditions have shown us, faith in the Supreme Architect's plan, though the journey is over rough & rugged road, we trust in each other and envision a brighter, stronger future. Masonic principles of relief, hope and charity echos in today's often quoted saying "**We Are All in this together**". Something Masons are taught in every progressive degree.

At this posting, may it find all in good spirit, healthy, safe and hopefully not consumed by cabin fever or too squirrely. As June is **Masonic Homes Month**, (Ed R.) reports that there have been no cases of the virus at the Union City Home amid ongoing construction & hiring there. **Masons for Mitts** is back. These are real efforts in an already challenging year, but both of these deserve our consideration, praise and support. Abreast of fun times, good news and trivia - thank you all for positive posts on social media and app sites. Those wee bits (*I know at least for me*) have kept us connected, entertained and sane. Our work is never done, beautiful masks that answer an urgent need (De Castro's, T. Markert, N. Arceo + so many more), moving forward with cartoons, news/opinions of hope (R. Duvick, Louie C., Mary G., Sue L.), photos of families, friends & remembrances (N. Arceo, Sam T, Albert M., Mylady & more), puzzles/queries that stretch restless minds (Greg T. et al) stories of love & devotion that warm a heart (Dale H., Denise MW.), wishes in celebration (Chito C., Luico D.) and so much more.

at day's end the Masonic lesson we all know and learned so well, is that the Fraternity's appeal, devotion, longevity, and strength lie in it's brothers, sisters and families

Travel Healthy & Safe my Brothers, Sisters & Friends, Exercise, start a project, clean out some cobwebs, take a walk, plant a garden, enjoy an activity, rid yourself of junk. Patience being a virtue. Know soon we will meet on the level again!

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

As many of us begin to emerge from shelter in place, it is my belief that we need to be especially prudent during these upcoming weeks. Prudence is an essential virtue for masons. By prudence, we try to act in the interest of the present and future happiness of our brothers and our neighbors.

Your lodge leaders are working to update our contact list to ensure information is up to date. While trying to get the Lodge Trestleboard to members without known email addresses, we discovered that many members' phone numbers on our records are incorrect. Some of you will soon receive a letter from us asking that you check the phone and email information we have on file, and tell us of any corrections needed. This *task is essential to those of us who want to get hold of ALL our brothers at times of crisis.*

I would be happy to hear from you if you know of any brother mason or any widow that is need of help or encouragement.

Please stay safe and healthy. I want to see you again.

Fraternally,
Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

June Birthdays

Lester W. Bryan	2
Raymond D. Ramos	2
Eliazer R. Savage	3
Kenneth L. Byrum	5
Gilberto C. Villanueva	6
Robert H. Kerr	9
Arnold M. Abaya	10
Doyle F. Clutts	11
Timothy G. Renault	14
Miguel S. Ramirez	15
Richard V. Golden	17
Harvey E. Good	18
Virgilio C. Young	18
Rizal T. Ednalino	19
Clark L. Johnson	20
Kyle I. Parent	20
Charles A. Rhea	23
Olaf Zumpe	23
Louis A. Windhurst, III	24
Simeon B. Adan, Jr.	25
Eddie S. Gemo	25
William J. Hodgson	28
William W. Mc Queeney	29
Vincent C. Ko	30
Emiliano M. Miranda	30
John A. Patterson	30
Mario T. Pimentel	30

I-Member 2.0 is Coming

You may link to the "Testing" of our new i-Member 2.0. You have the chance to review, work, click and not worry about crashing or inserting something inadvertently. THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE HOW WE COMMUNICATE, GET ANY AND ALL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR LODGE OR THE GRAND LODGE.

I cannot emphasize the importance of getting to know this app. You can download it directly onto your phone or computer or pad and review its contents NOW!

IT WILL GO LIVE ON JULY 1st!

https://membertest.freemason.org/users/sign_in

May 1, 2020

As most of you are aware, the Shelter-In-Place order remains in effect for Contra Costa County and, consequently, our facilities remain closed in accordance with that Order.

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 unclear when the current restrictions will be eased and or terminated as applicable to our facilities. 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)

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and shelter in place remains in effect, Bay Cities Lodge finds it necessary to **CANCEL** our annual **4th of July Lodge picnic** at the Live Steamers in Tilden Park. We look forward to resuming the picnic again in 2021. I was also informed by our contact, Dave Bradas, that the Picnic area at the Live Steamers is closed for the foreseeable future.

As well, we were informed by the El Sobrante Chamber of Commerce that the annual El Sobrante Stroll in September has been **CANCELLED** as well.

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.



Masons for Mitts is BACK!

Join Masons from across California to ensure that kids who need baseball gloves get them.

Every baseball season, the Masons of California partner with the Anaheim Angels, Los Angeles Dodgers, San Diego Padres, and San Francisco Giants Major League Baseball (MLB) teams to bring fun and teambuilding skills of baseball to underserved California kids. In light of these unprecedented times, we are now working with our MLB partners to serve our communities by providing additional educational opportunities for these children. We believe that every child deserves to have a summer!

For more than 10 years, teams of Masonic lodges face off in friendly competition to help the most kids they can by raising funds for programs through these MLB partnerships. The COVID-19 crisis has hit these communities particularly hard. With the help of freemasons across the state, kids will still get an enriching summer experience. Now more than ever, these kids need our help!

We are encouraging our members to make their gifts online at:

<https://masons4mitts.org/teams/east-bay-aces/>

If someone only wishes to contribute via check, please make your check out to: Masons4Mitts and put "East Bay Aces" in the memo line. This is important because it is the only clear way that Grand Lodge will know that the check should be coming to our team. During the shelter in place, Grand Lodge does have staff that come into the office periodically that can process these donations.

Please mail your donations directly to:

Masons4Mitts
111 California St.
San Francisco, CA. 94508

Fraternally,
Mike Tagulao
San Leandro Lodge No. 113
Co-Captain – East Bay Aces
510-925-6414
Mike.tagulao@gmail.com



In Memoriam

	Don James Deming		
Born	March	18	1930
Raised	March	20	1959
Entered into Rest	January	17	2019

	Carl Leotis Parker		
Born	February	28	1929
Raised	June	28	1957
Entered into Rest	May	09	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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Elmer A. Manaid	707-246-3412	Jing Gavieres	707-373-7785
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