



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

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

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July 2020

July Calendar

Saturday, 4th 11:00 a.m. 4th of July Picnic – **“Cancelled”**
Tuesday, 7th 7:30 p.m. July Stated Meeting **“Cancelled”**
6:30 p.m. Light Meal – **“Cancelled”**

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205
Order of the Eastern Star

Friday, 10th Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday, 24th Cancelled – Small Hall

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

Tuesday, 7th 7:00 p.m. Dark
Tuesday, 21th 7:00 p.m. Dark

Bethel No. 15
International Order of Job’s Daughters

Saturday 11th 1:00 p.m. Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday 25th 1:00 p.m. Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday, 1st 7:30 p.m. Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday, 15th 7:30 p.m. Cancelled – Small Hall

I-Member 2.0 is Coming soon

THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE HOW WE COMMUNICATE,
GET ANY AND ALL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR LODGE
OR THE GRAND LODGE AND LOTS MORE.

IT WILL GO LIVE ON JULY 1st!

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

As the Sun Rises in the East



While our members, families and friends continue to navigate our current Covid-19 crisis, the lodge remains closed. Our traditional July 4 barbecue at the Live Steamers at Tilden Park will not happen this year. Despite the lack of familiar and happy events; it is my hope we continue to seek greater light in masonry, and to practice brotherly love, relief and truth.

I deeply appreciate the fraternal aspect of our Masonic community. I am extremely proud and honored to have participated in a drive-by to honor one of our beloved widows and former Building Manager on her birthday by the officers on my leadership team along with the leaders of the Mission Bell Chapter of OES. I was pleased to see social distancing, masks, and the use of Facebook Live to ensure that our dear widow friend would know she is appreciated.

I am happy that our Leadership Board (Myself, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer) performed the needful tasks to ensure that bills get paid during the time our members cannot meet. I am especially thankful for the patience my fellow officers had in helping me navigate the use of Duo, the online tool that allows us to meet “virtually” from my Android phone.

As a brother, I am greatly appreciative of seeing how our members use letters, the telephone, and modern technology to connected with one another, their friends, and their communities. Thanks also, to the brothers who worked with our Secretary to get lodge news to the brothers who had missing or outdated email addresses.

Our members practice out in the world what we learn in the lodge. May we carefully and compassionately enjoy our friendships during these times as we begin to venture out from shelter-in-place.

Fraternally,
John Davis, Master

Brethren and Ladies,

During this time of “shelter in place” due to the COVID 19, I have been working from home. If you need to reach me, please e-mail me at: baycitieslodge@comcast.net or call me on my cell @ 510-928-3211.

From the West

Greetings, my brothers, as we travel this long journey together, we endeavor to improve, remaining on the level in our actions, lives & thoughts,

As always, I hope this issue finds you, family and friends, in high spirit, healthy, following good common sense protocols & safely shelter in place. Challenges abound; news, events and our work ahead never ending, some good, some not so good. And like many (*truth* be known), I struggle, at times, to put pen to paper. Never absent from the bonds of brotherly love, lodge labor continues and we learn new ways (phone calls, social media posts, texts & messages) to stay connected, the fraternity is strong. From the Grand Master (the annual communication will indeed happen in some form), Grand Lodge offers Master & Wardens online series as well as an interesting lecture series (Masonic education - both free & open to all members), our inspector, W. Greg T. reminds officers to prepare for proficiencies (*also that he is there for help*). In this time of so much need I am reminded that Bay Cities' officers have always had a 100% contribution rate, see enclosed MOS article (*our inspector's favorite Mason's 4Mitts, mine the Masonic homes* and encourage all to do the same this troubled year. ("*No one has ever become poor by giving*"). *Relief, though we are 'privileged' through our fraternal ties of love & respect, especially in hard times* should be, through concept, ritual & practice, our constant undertaking, a great mantra. FreeMasons never look down on someone unless they are helping them up. No, it isn't easy, but it will be worth it. Time, patience and perseverance accomplishes all things.

Travel well my Friends until after these down turnings & uprisings we can meet again on the level,

Fraternally,
John Forcum, Senior Warden

From the South

"When in doubt tell the truth. It will confound your enemies and astound your friends." — attributed to Mark Twain (1835-1910)

By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family. I find myself looking for ways to connect with people, even those whose opinions are dissimilar to mine. I get some great ideas talking with freemasons. I miss those times when we get together; I hope we see each other soon.

While I still spend a significant amount at home in shelter-in-place, I enjoy learning of ways to enliven our fraternity by attending the online Master and Wardens classes offered at the Grand Lodge web site

<https://californiafreemason.org/2020/05/14/masonic-online-leadership-course/>. Classes are free to all California Masons.

Fraternally,
Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

Relief and Community Service by the Fraternity

Report by Chandler Gibson, California Masonic Foundation

I'd like to highlight a couple of programs and projects that our Grand Lodge is actively pursuing.

Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund

First, I am proud to report on our charitable work during the quarantine. **The Distressed Worthy Brother Relief fund** has generated an unprecedented amount of Charity to help many of our brethren in need. Since late March, our Foundation has received more than \$400,000 from more than 2,300 gifts from members, lodges and individuals. This is the most successful annual fund appeal in our history, which underscores the urgency of the situation and the desire to help address the emergency needs of many members.

Masonic Assistance has distributed more than \$100,000 in cash grants to help brothers in distress due to the pandemic. We believe there will likely be a lot more need among our membership for this relief. As PGM and Chairman of the California Masonic Foundation John Heisner recently said, "our obligation as Masons is to care."

One reason that our fraternity has been able to get this new assistance program up and running so quickly is because the Masonic Outreach Services structure was already in place. As of today, Masonic Assistance has received 120 calls, 45 applications have been reviewed and 44 of those have been approved. As with many MOS inquiries, there are many requests for information about community-based resources to which MOS refers applicants. Job placement and assistance are increasingly being requested right now.

For assistance requests, please contact Masonic Outreach Services at **(888) 466-3642**.

Super Summer Book Bag program

Raising A Reader's **Super Summer Book Bag program** is a new partnership with our four Major League Baseball partners that the Masons of California facilitated. Given the disruptive school year, our Foundation has brought together two of our trusted community partners this summer to provide age-appropriate summer learning kits for pre-K, K, and 1st graders. In late June/early July, we will distribute 6,500 kits to at-risk youth enrolled in our MLB community fund leagues, including the SF Giants. Our goal is to keep families engaged with top-rate learning materials for 5-weeks in July and August.

1. SSBBs will supplement lost learning for the youngest learners ages 5-7, and
2. Mitts are still helping kids be active and have a fun summer!

The pandemic and subsequent quarantine have provided us with a rare opportunity to create an awesome summer enrichment experience for kids who are stuck at home, almost certainly without books to read. Raising a Reader will provide these Super Summer Book Bags with already approved funds committed by the California Masonic Foundation. The Giants Community Fund will handle distribution of the bags. Masons4Mitts Captains and our Public Schools Advisory Councils will help distribute the SSBBs in 5 regions in Northern California in July. Stay tuned!

And of course, Masons4Mitts is live! To donate online and buy mitts for kids, here is the link for Masons4Mitts: <https://masons4mitts.org/>

July Birthdays

Rudolf Yugo	1
Mario J. Mandapat	2
Bernardo L. Quirino	4
John L. Caldwell	5
Jaime H. De Guzman	5
Gregory M. Rueger	5
Nikolaus F. Jackson	6
John O. Dworak	8
Stephen F. Winfrey	8
Martin L. Hathaway	9
Michael E. Harvey	11
Thomas G. Thompson	11
Steven L. Parks	12
Manases De Fiesta	13
Richard M. Johnson	13
John C. Forcum	14
Kenneth A. Gustafson	14
Brian E. Zediker	14
Donald T. Markert	15
Wilfred E. Blessing	16
Johannes Kupelian	16
Generoso R. Apacible	17
Billy L. Hastings	18
Randall O. Parent	18
Gregory Y. Tam	19
Jerry W. Wilson	20
Romeo G. De Lumen	21
Keith S. McPherson	22
Fred N. Aichinger	23
Eduardo M. Apelado	23
Neil L. Andre	24
Donald W. Davis	25
Robert H. Fouke, II	25
Wayne E. Mc Bride	27
Francis P. Williams	27
Elmer A. Manaid	28

June 6, 2020

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

However, the State and County are cautiously permitting the progressive reopening of facilities. We continue to monitor these actions so that we may prepare our facility and implement the mandated governmental changes. Reopening of our facilities is contingent upon the approval of and compliance with governmental agencies and our Grand Lodge.

As previously stated, 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)

In Memoriam

Herbert Richard Uth Jr.			
Born	November	11	1928
Raised	September	12	1964
Entered into Rest	May	21	2020

Ali Hamid Alsokhari			
Born	August	26	1942
Raised	January	30	1957
Entered into Rest	April	18	2020

Bertell Henry Black			
Born	October	17	1922
Raised	February	29	1964
Entered into Rest	May	04	2020

In the May 2020 Trestleboard there was an incorrect name listed for Wor. Don Rhodes Deabenderfer Jr. PM. He was listed as Dan instead of Don. My Apologies to the family.

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

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