



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

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

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August 2020

August Calendar

Tuesday,	4 th	7:30 p.m.	August Stated Meeting "Cancelled"
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – "Cancelled"
Tuesday,	11 th	7:30 p.m.	"Cancelled"
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – "Cancelled"
Tuesday,	18 th	7:30 p.m.	"Cancelled"
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – "Cancelled"
Tuesday,	25 th	7:30 p.m.	"Cancelled"
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – "Cancelled"

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	14 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	28 th	Cancelled – Small Hall

San Pablo Assembly No. 117

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Tuesday,	4 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	18 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15

International Order of Job's Daughters

Saturday	8 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	22 nd	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	5 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	19 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

As the Sun Rises in the East



As dawn brings a new beginning, hope and opportunity to start afresh, as Master, I send my encouragement to all Brethren, family & friends to meet each day with joy, optimism and relief; that we have been granted yet another chance to work, connect *with one another* and make a difference in improving our lot. Though the year has been challenging, the trials & afflictions we have been destined to endure great. The fraternity remains strong through our bonds and obligations. An observation of history teaches us time, patience and perseverance shall accomplish all things. Looking forward to a brighter day, I urge everyone to find your voice (through social media, calls or text), reach out to each other (maybe by signing up with iMember 2.0 @ Freemason.org - the replacement to our lodge app - **yes we are building again**), and take positive steps to better ones' self perhaps joining brothers cycling, taking online masonic education courses, or making that donation that you've been thinking about. Though normal lodge activities remain idle, Masons have always deemed it "essential" that our good work goes on; **as it should!**

Having passed the halfway mark of my term as Master "sheltered in place", the road ahead still has much to offer. Foremost in my mind is your health, safety & well being in these difficult times. Though absent from our normal meetings/ventures. Planning is ongoing, engaging our future on everyones' mind, labor never done - we move forward. During this pandemic I ask all to care for one another, look to family, children, widows, and friends - stay safe, follow reasonable health guidelines & precautions and travel well, my brothers, rising to greet that beautiful & glorious day.

Fraternally,
John Davis, Master

Brethren and Ladies,

During this time of "shelter in place" due to the COVID 19, the Secretary has been working from home.

If you need to reach the Secretary, please e-mail at:
baycitieslodge@comcast.net
or call his cell @ **510-928-3211**.

From the West

As sunset marks the end of today's labors, a time for refreshment & repose, a pause to measure & reflect direction, knowledge and progress along the winding road. Happy to congratulate: B. Dan L. on completing his FB challenge, also to those cycling brothers (as well as some friends - some of whom, I hear, expressed interest in our craft), the addition of new grandchildren for W. Erwin A./Noemi, W. Alex G./Rebecca, W. Dale H. and W. Gary D./Judy. The ties of love (brotherly & family) serve to lift us all in these difficult times.

A special shoutout to those members still doing essential work and those who look to our widows and brothers in need. Our fraternal connections strong, our best wishes to W.Larry D/Ruthie, W.Greg T./Sarah, Nerissa S. for speedy resolution to recent woes. As lodge business/news grinds slowly my apology brethren to connect and assist so far as you can do so. (*you can always call, text or email me or other line officers for help*).

The truth that we are dependent on the WGM, state and localities to resume activities, the fraternity has not stopped. The Hall Association is planning for eventual reopening... those wishing to advance in the line, can work on their proficiencies (again thank you to W. Alex G./Rebecca for hosting sessions) ... Concord Assembly IORG has done a fundraiser by planting pink flamingos. Grand Lodge, as stated before, will move forward and our hope is so shall Bay Cities Lodge. Traveling in a turbulent age with many hidden recesses, the most excellent tenets of our craft, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, strengthen & support us in our journey until, on the level, we meet again.

With grace from above, always travel safe, my friends,

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)

Today my report lets our members and friends know who we are. The majority of our more than 340 Bay Cities Lodge master masons live and work in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano. We share the mission of the Grand Lodge of California, on whose web page (freemason.org) a mission statement is offered:

The mission of the Masons of California is to make true friendships, foster personal growth and improve the lives of others. Our mission is guided by the enduring and relevant principles of our fraternity: BROTHERLY LOVE, RELIEF, AND TRUTH

While the lodge building remains closed for the foreseeable future, I encourage us to take advantage of some new tools provided by the Grand Lodge of California. The newly-activated Member Portal is available for all California Master Masons to use. Once the member gains access by applying online through a web browser, he gains access to:

- Lodge social feed, where members can chat and share pictures and videos
- Lodge locator for California
- Member profile, including pictures and communications preferences

- Masonic education courses, seminars, and more

The member portal replaces our former lodge app, which had been in use by 70 of our members. The new portal works BOTH on an app-enabled cell phone, as well as on any computer or laptop with a web browser. If you want help getting access to the member portal, I would be happy to help you.

To learn about the members and activities of our Bay Cities lodge, members and friends can visit our lodge web site: lodge337.freemason.org, and check NEWS section, where you can find Trestleboards back to June 2019..

Fraternally,
Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

August Birthdays

Marvin	Weissberger	1
Hector	Rubio	3
Severino	Gorospe	3
J. C.	Hamilton	5
Wilmer	Wade	6
William	Elberfeld	8
David	Jacob	9
David	Hill	10
Richard	Dixon	12
Philip	Emmanuele	12
Noel	Santos	12
Steven	Spiro	12
Edward	Ma	13
Gary	Schmidt	13
Dennis	Luptak	15
Michael	Lingg	16
Kenneth	Poteete	17
Jack	Woodfin	18
John	Semas	18
Douglas	Watson	18
Theodore	Gibson	18
Richard	Skillman	18
Timothy	Francis	18
Norman	Tinkham	19
Pompey	Festejo	22
Luis	Cabuhat	25
Raymond	Mc Kinley	26
David	Balentine	27
Harry	Jungi	28
Arthur	Johnson	30
Bong	Mendoza	31

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.

iMember 2 - Start up information

As many of you may know, July 1, 2020 iMember1.0 was replaced with iMember2.0. The new iMember2.0 will allow **all** members to logon and update their own contact information, print a virtual dues card, as well as many other features.

Many of the members have also been using a program called the **Lodge App**. This is a social application in which the Lodge Members were able to communicate with each other on a platform similar to Facebook. Lodge App was discontinued July 1 and replaced with iMember2.0's social feed and events.

Below is the link to access iMember2.0:

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

First, register using your **Member ID** number which is found on your **dues receipt**. You can also select **APP** to download onto your smart phone.

Key in your **e-mail address**, and create a **Password**.

Once in iMember2.0, you will see a page called **My Portal** From there, you can view your profile information and are able to make any necessary changes to your contact information. You will find pre-recorded seminars which you can watch to get acquainted with iMember2.0.

For any questions, you can ask me at baycitieslodge@comcast.net. If you are having a problem with logging in or need to have a password reset, please contact **Member Services** at **415-776-7000** as they have administrator rights.

Masons 4 Mitts is back!

To donate online and buy mitts for kids, here is the link for Masons4Mitts:

<https://masons4mitts.org/>

Job's Daughters 100th Anniversary

When: Tuesday, October 20, 2020

Time: 12:00 AM - 11:59 PM

Join us in our worldwide celebration of JDI's 100th Anniversary on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/jdi100th>

Participate in our virtual birthday party and join in celebrations in your Job's Daughters community.

Covid Closure Update

The facilities remain closed in compliance with Contra Costa County.

The Hall Association continues to monitor State and County reopening information. A plan is being drafted to prepare for eventual reopening.

Good luck and good health to all our members, families, and guests.

Thank you.
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