



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

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

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**September 2020**

**September Calendar**

Tuesday,	1 <sup>st</sup>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	August Stated Meeting <b>"Cancelled"</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – <b>"Cancelled"</b>
Tuesday,	8 <sup>th</sup>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<b>"Cancelled"</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – <b>"Cancelled"</b>
Tuesday,	15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<b>"Cancelled"</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – <b>"Cancelled"</b>
Tuesday,	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<b>"Cancelled"</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – <b>"Cancelled"</b>
Tuesday,	29 <sup>th</sup>	<u>7:30 p.m.</u>	<b>"Cancelled"</b>
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – <b>"Cancelled"</b>

**Hall Events**

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	11 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cancelled – Small Hall

**San Pablo Assembly No. 117**

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Tuesday,	1 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Dark

**Bethel No. 15**

**International Order of Job's Daughters**

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	25 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

**El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay**

Wednesday,	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

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](mailto:baycitieslodge@comcast.net)

or call his cell @ **510-928-3211**.

**As the Sun Rises in the East**



As increasing light on the early morning horizon illumines & brings warmth to new beginnings...I send tidings of brotherly love, a message of hope and solace in these difficult times. My hope that you, family, our widows &

friends are healthy, in good spirits and traveling safe, our condolences to W. Greg T (*Sarah*) on the loss of his sister, Brother William H (*Ilona*) on the passing of her mother and my concern for those truly in "harm's way" from the pandemic, fires/horrific evacuations (Gary D., Jun Jun G., Lance L., Michael C. Daughter, and Ken M. Son), unrest and unusual weather.

I encourage us, all, to stay connected, reach out to brethren/family/dear ones, pass along timely information and maintain the ties that bind us together in Faith, Hope and Charity. I remind everyone that although the fraternity remains sheltered in place, as well; Masonic Outreach Services is active, as are the elected officers of your lodge for help (***please refer to contact numbers below in this Trestle Board***), which we take very seriously, if in need or for engagement.

I, in turn, am relieved to announce I have a new phone (*so it should be easier to contact me, at the same number*), that was put to good use in a virtual trial test on 8/20 with a get together of a few (8) members. My thanks to our junior warden, Joe C for putting this together and if you are interested in being so connected for fellowship, planning or just catching up with friends, please let either brothers, Joe C, John F, or Noel S know to include you in our next session .... we'd love to see & hear from you. My thanks, also, to brother Frank B.'s letter for a call to action in these unsettling times, striving to meet challenges, uphold truly Masonic virtues, ideals, history, landmarks and support of widows & family. The saying,

***It's better to light a candle than curse the darkness,***

holds significant importance to every Mason and reminds us, all, that the precepts of Masonry, no matter our differences or shared past, are meant to guide us to be better men, to work in harmony and be true to family, neighbor and country.

Standing in the East at a new dawn in time, I trust, my brothers, you will travel safe, stay healthy, labor for the welfare of all and be that better man....

Fraternally,  
John Davis, Master

## From the West

The darkening sky at sunset, like the fellowcraft ascending the winding staircase, makes it hard to see the journey's end. These days it is difficult to remain altruistic when one surveys nature & her proportions, our "passing" (indeed) strained & turbulent, the lapse of 2020 challenges us; we can only muse about the Supreme Grand Architects' design drawn upon the trestle board. Our labors to be that better man, our faith, teachings & trust being tested daily; we endeavor to learn & build a stronger, brighter future (*our obligation*) through this troubling year of change & new horizons. Sometimes it is "*darkest before the dawn*", so I ask, my brothers, that you ever follow those principles of our craft.... **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.** As the past is a roadmap, we use traveling our lonely way (*sometimes mistaking or missing sign posts in route*), the future (*though we pray for the best*) always unknown but the **present is a gift** we only touch upon once.... Our Ancient Masters (*knowing they were not 'perfect' men*) strove to establish landmarks, pillars and tenets that have withstood the destruction, ordeals & ravages of time still shining the beacon of Masonry so admired & needed in this and every age. That is our shared strength, conviction and greatest secret. **So,** may your journey on that better path be one of enrichment, health, harmony, love, respect for yourself, one another and the world as well.

P.S. Take that step(s) forward friend: annual communication, the census (if *not already done*), the elections... be the change you envision, guided by light within you. The new day awaits

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)

After months of shelter-in-place, I have learned to work by phone call and online meetings with those who love the members, families, and friends of Bay Cities Lodge.

I continue to share our Master's concern that we follow the COVID-19 guidelines to minimize the transmission of the highly contagious virus. But I also hope to see steps taken to imagine what our lodge might look and act like as we are permitted to meet again. We have a few events highlighted in this Trestleboard that may be useful to you to imagine how you and I can move forward as Masons, friends and neighbors.

Our officers have spent some time last month checking in with members and friends who are in the evacuation area of the LNU Lightning Complex fires north and west of Vacaville, CA. If you have not already heard from us, and you are in or near the evacuation area, please call the one of the officers (Lodge office is closed). If you need help, maybe we can find you some. We want our members and friends to be safe.

Fraternally,  
Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

## September Birthdays

Richard	Schulze	2
Jerome	Miller	3
Robert	Stern	4
Richard	Beck	4
Reijo	Arakorpi	5
Bill	Warner	5
Michael	Gonsolin	11
Stacey	Dryden	11
Leonard	Battaglia	12
Richard	Bentley	16
Chester	Rocher	16
Van	Luspo	16
Jason	Banks	16
Tony	Dover	18
John	Davis	18
Francis	Poong	20
Delbert	Pruitt	21
Raymond	Harrison	23
Forrest	Tietz	26
Brodie	Riley	28
Franklin	Young	28
Darryl	Grant	28
Richard	Brown	29
Edgardo	DeCastro	30

### **2020 Scholarship Award Recipients**

Bay Cities Lodge has two Scholarship award recipients this year approved by the Scholarship committee for \$1,000 each. They are:

**Nicholas A. Fay**  
**Rowan L. Wilkinson**

They are the Great Grandson of Bro. Alfred Atwood and the Nephew of Wor. Paul Harrison. The checks will be mailed to the recipients and we are in hopes to be able to honor them at a dinner when the Hall is again open.

## 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](mailto: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.

## New Horizons for Bay Cities – Saturday, September 12 at 7:30 pm

New Horizons is intended as a means for lodge leaders, other master masons, families and friends to periodically share ideas about the future of our beloved lodge. To attend, please RSVP the Senior Deacon or Junior Warden by September 9. If there is still room, we will provide an online and phone link.

“Test” meeting on August 19 had 9 participants, including the Lodge Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Senior and Junior Deacons.

## 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.  
Board of Directors  
Masonic Hall Association of Richmond (MHAR)

## Masons 4 Mitts!

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

<https://masons4mitts.org/>

## From Most Worshipful Master, John Trauner

Brethren,

The 2019-2020 Masonic year has been drastically different than all of us expected. Through this pandemic we have had to experience Freemasonry from a distance, learn to connect with our brothers digitally, and lead through an unprecedented time in our lives. And yet, our Masonic fellowship has not been stronger – we have made new ways of working our norm, shown record-breaking generosity, and I would argue, flexed our Masonic muscle more than in normal years.

In light of this ongoing pandemic and the related restrictions, I am announcing that our 2020 Annual Communication will be a virtual event, taking place on the same weekend in October as was originally planned. We hope you will all make time to join us for a first-class virtual event that allows us to do the important business of our grand lodge, recognize the good work California Masons have accomplished this year, and transition our leadership, all while following laws and practices to keep our members healthy.

To facilitate a virtual Annual Communication, I will make at least two Grand Master's Decisions, which I will publish in due time. Due to the virtual nature of the event, we will open Grand Lodge without any Masonic Communication or other ritual -- the Grand Master may simply verify the presence of a quorum, declare the Annual Communication open and proceed with the Saturday agenda below. We will keep our business to a minimum. All legislation submitted this year will be considered at the 2021 Annual Communication.

We will require advance registration for our business sessions, and we hope to see California Master Masons from far and wide attend. Many of the usual reports and presentations will be available as videos on demand. As in the past, the Sunday session will be open to our entire Masonic Family and the public.

Details on how to participate will follow, with registration beginning in the second week of September. Please read the agenda below and join me and my fellow officers in October.

### Annual Communication October 10-11, 2020

**Saturday, October 10, 2020**

**Business session  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Welcome by the Grand Master  
Invocation by the Grand Chaplain  
*Registration report and orientation to technology*  
*Grand Master's Message and Video*  
*Trial Review Committee Report*  
*2020-2021 Budget Proposal*  
*2021-2022 Per Capita Proposal*  
*Election of Officers*  
*Benediction*  
*Adjournment*

**Sunday October 11, 2020**

**Public ceremonies  
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM**

Please know that the Grand Lodge is considering how lodges might proceed this year as well. While this announcement is bittersweet for me personally, I look forward to seeing you all online, and to when we can meet in person again.

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