



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

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

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October 2020

October Calendar

Tuesday,	6 th	7:30 p.m.	October Stated Meeting “Cancelled”
		6:30 p.m.	Stated Dinner – “Cancelled”
Saturday,	10 th	10:00 a.m.	Virtual Annual Comm. – Bus. Session
Sunday,	11 th	9:30 a.m.	Virtual Annual Comm. – Publ. Ceremonies
Tuesday,	13 th	7:30 p.m.	“Cancelled”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “Cancelled”
Tuesday,	19 th	7:30 p.m.	“Cancelled”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “Cancelled”
Tuesday,	20 nd	7:30 p.m.	“Cancelled”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “Cancelled”
Tuesday,	27 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,	9 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	23 rd	Cancelled – Small Hall

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

Tuesday,	6 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	20 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15
International Order of Job’s Daughters

Saturday	10 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	24 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	7 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	21 st	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

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

As the Sun Rises in the East



Like many of our members, I resisted the use of computers and modern smart phones. Then the dreaded COVID virus came. I found myself at a complete disadvantage staying connected with my officers and active members. I miss our times when we had meetings and dinners at our beloved lodge building and we could enjoy visiting each other.

However, my officers and active members have done great service in supporting me as I have upgraded my mobile phone and learned to navigate Duo, Zoom, and other internet tools from my cell phone. Kudos to my Junior Warden and Senior Deacon for applying their skills to connect me and our members with one another through the use of this new technology.

Despite our meetings being canceled since March, we still serve one another and our neighborhoods. Thank you, brother Senior Warden, for leading the several people who telephoned and sent letters to our “at risk” members under COVID-19 isolation and/or living near our area fires.

I enjoy hearing from our prospects and candidate as they share their hopes about joining Bay Cities Lodge. We had two online “Welcome to Bay Cities” meetings since August, where our officers also took questions from the prospects and candidate; and shared their own experiences with what they do at Bay Cities Lodge. I hope we do more of these virtual meetings!

I urge you to attend the ONLINE Grand Lodge Annual Communications on October 10 and 11. Sessions are open to all master masons, but registration is required. The public ONLINE ceremonies on Sunday, October 11 are open to the public. I encourage you to invite your friends to the public ceremonies, so they can get to know our fraternity.

We are all “on hold” right now, but I’m happy we are still reaching out. The building may be closed, but the Lodge is still at work.

Fraternally,
Wor. John Davis, Master

From the West

Having thought long & hard on this issue, as usual I hope that all are in good health, spirits and traveling safe. And, likewise, express optimism that we will soon meet, again, together on the level, the wish that our members will continue reaching out to one another, family, our sweethearts, and friends keeping our fraternal bonds & obligations ever strong, **plus** relief that the lodge is moving towards those goals [the hall prepped & nearly ready to resume when permitted, the on-going virtual meetings

(the last one with fourteen in attendance - *you can join the next one*), new prospects (possibly 4 - TY Bros. Marius S, Dan L. & Noel S.), a candidate waiting for his 1st degree, **and**, within our current limitations, our business duly handled]. Endeavoring to keep my part short, I offer in *passing this familiar passage*, "**For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will bloom again, and the tender branch thereof will not cease.**" (appropriate in our current state)

Reminding all (again): It is not too late to register to vote (or request a mail in ballot ***see below**), get recorded for the census (**yes it matters a lot!**), make that donation (*does wonders for ones' frame of mind*) **if & only if you can** or attend Annual Communication (*no not too late to sign up*).

Take action: Check Your Voter Registration Status :: California Secretary...www.sos.ca.gov/elections/registration-status ...Register by: Oct 19 by mail and online or call

Complete the 2020 Census Today - Take the 2020 Census.....2020census.gov (Did you know Bro. Joe C. & OES Sis. Kay Q. are census takers. Ty)

or in tougher times <https://covid19.ca.gov/resources-for-emotional-support-and-well-being/>

Time to get those flu shots (even if waiting on a Covid vaccine you still need this protection & care).

Thanks to: W. Greg T. coming to the end of his tenure as Inspector of the 305th, to all who care or watch over family, children, widows, together with friends in this unparalleled time (to many too be name here), those employed in essential services (again so many) as we strive to reopen, regaining some sense of normalcy. We can never, in **truth**, express our collective gratitude. To end my somewhat *Masonic education* a piece we all miss.... "**May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us, and all regular Masons! May Brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us"**

Fraternally,
Bro. John Forcum, Senior Warden

From the South

"History will be kind to me for I intend to write it." — *attributed to Winston Churchill (1874-1965)*

At the beginning of the year, I had the hope that my Junior Warden term would be my favorite year of service to the members of Bay Cities Lodge. I had hopes of gently guiding our craft during our times of refreshment, with attention to moderation and temperance. And as the Junior Warden is traditionally the keeper of the soda cabinet, I was ready to ensure that our brethren showing up for practices had their favorite beverages.

The closure of California lodges for physical meetings has changed the way I do my work. Instead of sitting at the welcome table, I am moderating our online meetings. It is great to see our Bay City officers sharing experiences and the ways they stay engaged with members and potential candidates. It is great to see how happy some of the online guests are when they see and hear people they have not been with for eight months!

Having known masons suffering from financial effects of the COVID-19 closures, and dealing with the hazards of the area fires, I am grateful that Grand Lodge has set up the **Distressed Worthy Brother Fund**. This fund, set up by the California Masonic Foundation, provides the means to help California brothers get help through these present distressing times. If you NEED help, call (888) 466-3642. These funds are used by Masonic Outreach Services to help our members in distress.

If you are fortunate enough to be free from distress, I encourage you to join me and the other lodge leaders in giving to this fund, or some of the other funds administered by the Masonic Foundation, such as **Masons 4 Mitts, Raising a Reader, and California Masonic Homes**.

Fraternally,
Bro. Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

October Birthdays

Remigio	Aquino	1
Kenneth	Macasaet	1
Edward	Rounds	5
Joel	Antonio	5
Edward	Margherio	7
Glen	Hicks	8
Marty	Plisch	8
Jose	Osorio	9
David	Newbry	9
Larry	Dovik	9
Philip	Kandler	15
Harold	Mc Carthy	16
David	Edwards	17
John	Papadakis	19
John	Larkey	21
Gorgonio	Gabriel	21
Licio	Dias	23
Robert	Keldgord	24
Teece	Chambers	25
Daniel	Teruel	25
Frevelino	Tabas	25
Emerlino	Manaid	25
Genaro	Paredes	25
Julius	Kahn	27
Charles	Castillo	27
John	Fairchild	29
Loreto	De Guzman	30

Brethren, notice is hereby given to Lodge members; if given approval by the Grand Master, all qualified elected Line officers will be permitted to advance to the next station in lieu of our Annual Elections

Gary Dunham,
Secretary

In Memoriam

Donald Lee Boehner

Born	May	20	1931
Raised	March	14	1955
Entered into Rest	September	07	2020

Distressed Worthy Brother Relief Fund

Do you need Masonic Relief? Due to Covid-19?

Masonic Outreach Services is here to help those who find themselves in need due to Covid-19. Relief includes emergency financial assistance, case management, information and referral services

Learn more at masonichome.org
Or call **(888) 466-3642** to speak with
Mason Outreach staff

Masonic Homes of California

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.

Stay safe and good health to all our members, families, and guests.

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

From Most Worshipful Master, John Trauner

Brethren,

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.

Register for the 2020 Annual Communication by going to freemason.org click on "Log in to register now". You can also go to "For Members" and follow the login information for iMember2.0. Go to "My Portal" and click on "2020 Virtual Annual Communication"

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

Installation of Officers 10:30AM – 11:45AM

Please know that the Grand Lodge is considering how lodges might proceed this year as well.

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2019 through 2021

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