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July 2024

July Calendar

Tuesday, 2nd 5:00 pm Dinner (Picnic at the back parking) 8:00 pm Stated Meeting

Wednesday, 10th 7:00 pm MHAR– Regular Meeting

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205 Order of the Eastern Star

Bethel No. 15 Job's Daughters International

Saturday, 13th 11:00 a.m. DARK Saturday, 27th 11:00 a.m. DARK

2024 Grand Master's Proclamations

March Youth Orders Month
July Support Our Veterans Month
August First Responders Month
September Public Schools Month

From the East



The June Stated Meeting was a well-attended event showcasing Filipino Heritage Night. It was pleasing to see many members present that night. The ladies were very beautiful and elegant in their

Filipiniana attire while the brethren were equally good looking in their Barong, the national costume of the Philippines. There was abundance of foods in the buffet table, and everyone was in festive mood. Kudos to all the brethren and ladies who continuously brought food to share making the Filipino Heritage Night a success.

As we start to experience the summer heat, July is a month that beckons us to embrace the warmth, revel in the freedom of long days, and savor the simple pleasures of life. One important holiday that we observed during this month is Independence Day, which stands as the pinnacle of July's festivities, igniting the skies with fireworks and uniting communities in a shared sense of national pride. It's a day when families gather for barbecues, parades march down main streets, and the American flag waves in the summer breeze, symbolizing the enduring spirit of liberty.

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 will also be commemorating Independence Day. In lieu of July 4th Picnic, our stated meeting dinner on July 2nd will be picnic stye in the parking area at the back of the Lodge. We will be serving grilled hamburgers, sausages, chips, salad, cookies, etc to the attendees. As what we had been doing in the past, July will be dark. Aside from our stated meeting in July 2nd, the only other activities we have for this month is the MHAR regular meeting in July 10th. There will be no practice, conferral or DOSI for this month.

As we navigate through the month, let us embrace the diversity of celebrations that July offers. Whether we're enjoying a scoop of ice cream, watching a parade, watching fireworks or simply laying down relaxing, let's take a moment to appreciate the joys and freedoms that define this midsummer month. In closing, July is a vibrant mosaic of events and observances, each piece a reflection of the myriad ways we connect, celebrate, and care for one another. Happy 4th of July Team 337!

July Birthday

Mario	Mandapat	·		2
Isaac	Carbajal			4
Bernardo	Quirino			4
John	Caldwell			5
Arnel	Clemente			5
Jaime	De Guzman			5
Gregory	Rueger			5
Nikolaus	Jackson			6
John	Dworak			8
Stephen	Winfrey			8
Martin	Hathaway			9
Eliseo	Ramolete			10
Michael	Harvey			11
Greg	Thompson		PM	11
Steven	Parks			12
Manases	De Fiesta			13
John	Forcum			14
Kenneth	Gustafson			14
Wilfred	Blessing			16
Johannes	Kupelian			16
Generoso	Apacible			17
Elmar	de Ocera			17
Billy	Hastings		PM	18
Randall	Parent			18
Gregory	Tam			19
Romeo	De Lumen		PM	21
Keith	McPherson			22
Fred	Aichinger			23
Eduardo	Apelado		PM	23
Donald	Davis			25
Robert	Fouke	II		25
Wayne	Mc Bride			27
Elmer	Manaid		PM	28

BCL 337 Calendar of Activities for 2024

June

- 1 BCL Annual Golf Tournament
- 11 2º Conferral
- 12 MHAR Regular Meeting
- 15 Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)
- 21 Summer Dinner Dance Hawaiian)
- 29 Double 3º Conferral

July

2 – Stated Meeting Dinner (Picnic style)

<u>August</u>

- 17 Hiram Award Presentation
- 23-25 Lodge Family Camping

September

- 15 El Sobrante Stroll
- 21 Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)

October

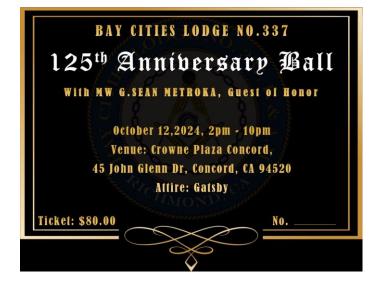
- 12 125th Anniversary Ball (Formal)
- 29 Halloween Party

November

- 5 Election of Officers
- 16- Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)
- 22 Master's Appreciation Night

December

- 15 Annual Installation of Officers
- 20 Christmas Party
- * Schedules are subject to change
- * Degree Practices & Conferrals will be scheduled as necessary



BCL 337 holds Annual Golf Tournament

On June 1, 2024, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 held the Annual Golf Tournament at Blue Rock Springs Golf Course in Vallejo. It was participated by 43 players, both Brother Masons from different Lodges and Friends of Masons. The registration started at 6:00 in the morning and the tee off was at 8:00am. After the game, the lunch and awarding ceremony was held at the Grove Picnic Area, Blue Rock Springs Park. This Golf Fund raising event was made possible thru the efforts of the Golf Committee chaired by Bro Virgil Cabading with WB Dan Laynes, WB Arnold Abaya, Bro Sam Bayle, Bro Emil Miranda, Bro Nar Honrada and Bro Lloyd Espiritu as members. Several members and ladies of the Lodge were also present and helped in the site preparation and serving of food. The event was very successful, and the amount raised this year was \$ 4,204.00 which will help in the social and fraternal expenses of the Lodge.

BCL 337 conducts Community Outreach Service

On June 15, 2024, several brethren and ladies of Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 conducted community outreach service at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), a shelter located at 165 22nd St, Richmond, CA servicing families with minor children. The volunteers, headed by WB Dan G. Laynes and Sis Delza, Bro Sam Bayle, SW, and Bro Charales Kimbrell, JW, met at the Lodge parking area early that Saturday morning and proceeded to the shelter before 6am. The group cooked scrambled eggs, sausages, spam, tater tots, pancakes and prepared assorted fruits for the breakfast of the residents and several walk in adults. There were 35 adults and 18 minor children who benefitted in the said feeding program.

The complete list of volunteers were WB Dan & Sis Delza Laynes, Bro Sam Bayle, Bro Charles Kimbrell, WB Ming & Sis Beng Chu, Bro Jing & Sis Sally Gavieres, Bro Mario & Sis Evelyn Pimentel, Bro Leo & Sis Joann Bautista, Bro Mark & Sis Myra and Gregor Valencia, Sis Corazon De Castro, Bro Gino Tianero, Bro Jonee Asilum, Bro Fred & Sis Bambi Ramolete, Mr Efren and Mrs Lida Lunar and Mr ZZ Zhang.

This feeding program was the 2nd activity conducted by the Lodge, the first was on March 16,

2024. For this year, it was scheduled once every quarter and the expense was included in the annual budget. This outreach service was geared towards creating positive awareness in the community and promoting charitable works of our fraternity. The next feeding program will be on September 21, 2024.

BCL No. 337 confers 2nd Degree

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 conferred the 2nd degree of Masonry upon Bro Frederick Ramolete. He was initiated as EAM on January 25, 2024 and delivered his 1st degree proficiency during the June 4, 2024 stated meeting. He was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on June 11, 2024 with WB Dan Laynes sitting in the East. The staircase lecture was delivered by Bro Mark Valencia, the Senior Steward, and the 2nd degree charge was given by Bro Ely Ramolete. Dinner was served in the Large Dining Hall before the ceremony and fellowship followed after the conferral. It was well attended and several BCL ladies were also present during the event to show their support to the candidate.

BCL No. 337 host Summer Dinner Dance

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 welcome the summer with a bang by hosting a festive Summer Dinner Dance on June 21, 2024 attended not only by our members but also guests from other lodges. The attendees showed up in their best Hawaiian attire. Several BCL 337 brethren entertained the crowd by rendering a surprise dance number (in a grass skirt costume, with wig and make-up) at the start of the program, which was received with standing ovation to the delight of the crowd. Aside from brethren and ladies of BCL 337, the event was also attended by Masons and Ladies from Suisun Lodge 55, San Leandro Lodge 113, Carquinez Lodge 853 and American Canyon Lodge 875. The Inspector of 305th District, WB Mike Tagulao with his lady Sis Donna, was also present. The total number of attendees was estimated to be more than 90 individuals. Foods and drinks were overflowing, and the attendees had fun dancing with DJ and Live Music provided by 858 Vibes. Likewise, there was also a photobooth at the lobby and everybody enjoyed taking pictures. The event was a huge success, and it was indeed a night to remember.





































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