



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

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

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TRESTLEBOARD

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December 2020

December Calendar

Tuesday,	1 st	8:00 p.m. <u>December Virtual Stated Meeting - Zoom</u> 6:30 p.m. Stated Dinner – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday,	8 th	7:30 p.m. “ Cancelled ” 6:30 p.m. Light Meal – “ Cancelled ”
Tuesday,	15 th	6:30 p.m. Children Christmas Party “ Cancelled ”

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205
Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	11 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	25 th	Christmas Day - Holiday

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

Tuesday,	1 st	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	15 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15
International Order of Job’s Daughters

Saturday	12 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	26 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

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



Seasons' Greetings My Brothers, Family and Friends,
May the Blessings, Joy and Prosperity be with you &
your family, now & always; *regardless of the troubles and
woes this year has given so many.* Thanksgiving having
just passed, decorations going up, dreams of presents & parties
plus the hope for an improved new year reminds me, as my time
in the Oriental chair draws to a close, **just how lucky we have
been.** Let our tenets of Love, Hope and Charity (as we meet
each new day) guide us, fill each house with thanks for what we
have, allow us to see the way to a brighter, healthier, safer
future and work in harmony towards mutual love & respect that
binds family, neighbor and nation alike. As Charity begins at
home, may our Lodge and its members remember those in need
and our obligations to build that better life & world for
generations to come.

This pandemic has hit our Lodge really hard that I was only able
to preside over three stated meetings.

A widow's night event which turned out to be good, a superbowl
gathering and honoring our youth group night, & that was it. We
could have done a lot more social and fraternal events if it
wasn't for COVID-19. Anyway, sad as it may seem, words
cannot express my deepest gratitude to the past master and his
lady, the junior past master & his lady, the officers coach, the
line officers and brethren who stood by me during this
pandemic, I thank you all! I am confident that with the newly
elected and appointed officers, we will be able to rebound on all
things that didn't happen during my term as Master. Many
thanks to you all.

I am grateful to my wardens, officers and the members who
reached out to our brothers to check on their welfare, especially
as the pandemic struck and the fires raged. I also thank our
members who helped their friends find out about our beloved
lodge.

I thank our inspector & Hall Board Manager, Worshipful Greg
Thompson, for helping me and my officers during this year, as
well as his being inspector all the years I was advancing as an
officer of this lodge. Despite the pandemic, our lodge had a
great year. Yet I leave our new Master-Elect with a lot of work to
do. Please help brother Forcum get that work done! We will
need many hands, my brothers, to build this happy brotherhood.
May we become known as men who love each other and who
have great affection for the neighbors around us.

With brotherly love,

Fraternally,
Wor. John Davis, Master

From the West

Holiday Salutations Brethren, Family and Friends,
I hope, even with restrictions in place, that your Thanksgiving was good and fulsome; surely it, like this past year, will be one long remembered and we are blessed to have survived (*that's good isn't it?*). As this season is usually very busy, I'll try to make my addition to this trestle board short, for indeed there is work and happenings aplenty. As always travel safe, healthy, & content knowing we've been granted another sunrise, a beautiful day, a glorious setting sun and the opportunities to forward yet again.

I thank Worshipful John Davis for the privilege of serving the lodge during his difficult year as Master, and appreciate the trust the brethren have reposed in me for 2021 (please see the **Installation Invite** attachment **and use**) and I am optimistic we will soon meet again to accomplish the good works our craft & lodge are known for (also see **Neighbors Loving Neighbors** attachment - *and please donate if you can*). Be sure to attend our 2nd Virtual Stated Meeting as I am sure there will be a few good surprises that have been in 'works' for a while (**that's fulsome**). As we dream of *sugar plum fairies, stockings hung over the fireplace, presents around the tree and the night before Christmas* may the holidays bring harmony, joy and charity to you, your family, our lodge and the fraternity.
In Peace, with Love *respectfully*,

Bro. John Forcum, Senior Warden, Master Elect

From the South

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

As fall has arrived, so has an increasing number of cases of COVID 19. Our building will remain closed for much longer than most have expected. Fortunately, rather than despair and do nothing, our members and leaders have stayed connected and busy by using Online and other low-contact methods. November 3 was our first online stated meeting, attended by around 25 persons, some of whom live as far away as Reno, Nevada. We successfully elected our new officers for 2021.

Our most recent "Welcome to Bay Cities" meeting on November 17 had 25 attenders, 6 of whom were visitors checking out our lodge. Your officers have a commitment to answer any questions from men interested in freemasonry. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have had four men apply for membership in our beloved lodge. I thank several of our members who consistently invite friends to check us out.

Finally,
as I am following Brother Forcum into the Senior Wardens station, I have the pleasure of welcoming Brother Noel Santos, into the Junior Warden's station. I trust that Brother Noel will take very good care of our members, families and friends.
May you have a very happy Christmas.

Fraternally,
Bro. Joe Collignon, Junior Warden

December Birthdays

Peter	Lemos	4
Fred	Glueck	5
William	Brown	5
Ruben	Sison	6
Virgilio	Virata	8
Edward	Mahon	9
Timothy	Steele	9
Raoul	Harris	12
Petros	Vasdekis	12
Alan	Friend	12
Nicholas	O'Donnell	13
Christopher	Wilson	13
Walter	Meyer	13
Eugenio	Tianero	13
Vern	Cole	14
Donald	Gibson	15
James	Gallardo	15
Arsenio	Pogoy	15
Richard	Hill	16
Clinton	Lowell	17
Ferminico	Gallardo	18
Ricky	Hershman	20
John	Palmieri	21
Walter	Powers	23
George	Rose	24
Lawrence	Duvick	24
Ronald	Rather	26
Erwin	Arceo	26
Howard	Garlinger	27
Charles	Conley	28
Frank	Monahan	29
Farris	Cearley	29

Virtual Stated Meeting on "Zoom"
Tuesday December 1, 2020
8:00pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=clhtZjhleEtRbWRZT3ZtRIJQSUJMdz09>

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211
Passcode: 2PzuFR

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)

New Horizons Meeting Special Event December 5, 2020 - 7:00 pm

As we start of the new lodge year, we will consider the importance of the "First Lady" in the lodge. This should be of interest to our line officers, as well as our upcoming "First Ladies".

Join via Zoom at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=clhtZjhleEtRbWRZT3ZtRIJQSUJMdz09>

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Neighbors helping Neighbors

Family and Friends...Want to help our neighbors help our neighbors?

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic continuing, we regret that we will not be able to donate toys and nonperishable foods in our usual way.

However, we did find a reliable cadre of religious and service groups that some of us may want to lend a hand to. This collaboration includes the San Pablo Rotary Club, the Middle College High School (WCCUSD) Interact Club, and the San Pablo Youth Commissioners, and the Richmond Rescue Mission.

This collaboration is looking for donations of new unwrapped toys and nonperishable food to share among people in San Pablo on December 19. Here is how anyone can help:

- Assemble a supply of toys and nonperishable foods
- Bring them to the Senior Warden at the parking lot in front of the lodge on one of 2 drop-off days:
 - Sat. Nov. 28 from 10 am to noon, or
 - Sat. Dec. 5 from 10 am to noon

Call or text the Junior Warden (510-847-1388) by December 10 to schedule a no-contact pickup at your home

**This is not a Bay Cities Lodge sponsored event*

You are invited to the first



Virtual

*124th Annual Installation of Officers
Bay Cities Masonic Lodge No. 337
Sunday, December 13th, 2PM*

*Worshipful Master John Davis Master Elect John Forcum
Installing Officer Worshipful Antonio Cimarra AGL Div III
of the Grand Lodge of California, Free & Accepted Masons*

To attend please - Join Zoom Meeting@

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=clhtZjhleEtRbWRZT3ZtRIJQSUJMdz09>
Meeting Id: 510 928 3211 Passcode: 2PzuFR

Kindly RSVP at : j51forcum@gmail.com

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbxgQDH950>

LODGE OFFICERS

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Joe Collignon	223-1277	<u>Trustees</u>	
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Elmer A. Manaid	707-246-3412	Jing Gavieres	707- 373-7785
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Denise Wright	332-0376	<u>2020 through 2022</u>	
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