



**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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January 2021

January Calendar

Tuesday,	5 th	8:00 p.m.	January Virtual Stated Meeting - Zoom
		6:30 p.m.	Stated Dinner – “Cancelled”
Tuesday,	12 th	7:30 p.m.	“Cancelled”
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal – “Cancelled”
Wednesday,	13 th	7:00 p.m.	Hall Association Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday,	19 th	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting via ZOOM
Tuesday,	26 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,	8 th	Cancelled – Small Hall
Friday,	22 nd	Cancelled – Small Hall

San Pablo Assembly No. 117

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Tuesday,	5 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	19 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15

International Order of Job’s Daughters

Saturday	9 th	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Large Hall
Saturday,	23 rd	1:00 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	6 th	7:30 p.m.	Cancelled – Small Hall
Wednesday,	20 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

Salutations my Brothers of Peace, Promise & Prosperity in the New Masonic Year. At dawn, footsteps of the past, opportunities that lie ahead, emblazoned in awe, hope & joy, as the sun on the eastern horizon brings fresh life into view. I sincerely hope your blessings are abundant, family & loved ones healthy & safe, your mind inspired, your troubles few & surmountable; **are you ready for this new year?** I am a follower of the way & having passed through many high *hollowed* days on the heels of a difficult year, I reflect on the power of Masonry, (*reminiscence of the Twelve Days of Christmas*) and offer this to muse upon: (*our Foundation*) Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, (*our pillars*): Wisdom, Strength & Beauty, (*our tenets*) Time, Patience and Perseverance, (*our Blessings*) Faith, Hope & Charity as we endeavor to toil, building a greater, fuller, harmonious life & becoming that better person, neighbor and citizen.

As with any year I have faith it will be full, hope to engage all in our craft, and the charity of mind to know that a hard worthy task lies ahead. Time heals wounds & accomplishes all things, let us all practice patience, and persevere on a positive path, The beauty of our ancient teachings as a testament, the strength of Masters (*like MW Trauner PGM, our own W. Davis PM*) have sustained lodges through perilous times, the wisdom of MWGM Wiess to safely guide and slowly permit the resumption of lodge activities, in accord with all, belies the truth Masonry is the oldest, preeminent and most successful of fraternities. Incumbent to relief, those burdened we are sustained by Brotherly Love to achieve all these goals and more.

I look forward, (*remembering the past*), to seeing all who can make our 'virtual' stated meeting in January (& *subsequent ones thereafter*). And, with gratitude for W. Davis, executive board, hall board & manager, trustees, committees and inspectors that kept the 337 afloat governing these last ten months, it is now time brothers return to the business at hand. There is much to do & accomplish - *the sands of time are running*. Starting with unfinished business left prior to sheltering in place, budgets, investigations, necessary improvements, plans, and updates, your engagement, ideas, opinions and voices are needed as we resume these labors.

For too long have we been absent from one another and our work!

I thank: W. Davis for the pleasure of assisting him in 2020 serving the lodge, to those able to attend our recent installation of officers (*sorry* to have missed those who could not), AGL W. Tony C., Inspectors W. Mike T & W. Greg T. (*the installation team*), the core of officers, *elected and appointed this year* who have stepped up to serve (*announcements for additional ones at January's 1st meeting too*), escort Ms. Sue L. ,and all those

others I may have missed (*but deserve equal credit*) I strive to be concise, not long-winded. Please enjoy this Trestle Board and its offerings as we are one of the few lodges this year, with a truly *1st time* line of officers and that will continue into the foreseeable future.... ***I expect we will need your help.***

Travel content, healthy & safe with my best wishes,
Fraternally,
Wor. John Forcum, Worshipful Master

From the West

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." — attributed to Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)

Our present speculative craft of masonry is often compared to a stonemasons trade union. For the thousands of years that such craftsmen built temples and cathedrals, old masons died and young masons took their places. What kept the craft alive is that the older masons continually trained younger ones so they could continue the work when the teachers were gone.

Our present craft teaches morality and philosophy. Though not a religion, masonry encourages us to adhere to the teachings of our holy writings, and be kind to one another.

I am looking forward to learning with our leaders and interested members how we can better practice our speculative craft. One of the tools I plan to use will be good masonic books. One book I am re-reading this month is ***Our Stations and Places***, written in 1938 by Henry G. Meacham and once used in lodges in New York State.

If you know of any other useful masonic books, please let me know. I may mention them in the Trestleboard.

As this new year starts, I continue to work in harmony with Master John Forcum. He has some great plans for our lodge. I hope our members will enjoy seeing one another on ZOOM and keeping in touch by phone and other electronic means until we can safely and physically meet again.

Bro. Joe Collignon, Senior Warden

From the South

"As the sun at meridian height is the beauty and glory of the day, so stands the Junior Warden in the South"

As the year 2020 comes to a close, we should all be thankful for the blessings from the Great Architect of the Universe. While we have all faced unprecedented challenges this year that none of us had imagined, this time has proved the importance of relationship and connectivity, of humanity and kindness and of strength and resilience.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season despite the pandemic that is lingering around the world. Hopefully we will surpass this challenge and comeback to a new normal soon.

Being home doesn't have to mean being bored. Get to know how to Zoom and familiarize yourself with the Grand Lodge I-member 2.0. With these apps you will be able to connect with the brethren, friends and loved ones in these times of uncertainty.

As of now these are the best ways of being informed and keeping connected.

Our first virtual installation last Dec. 13, 2020 was an event to remember. Aren't you glad to be a part of this milestone? We had 52 participants with some coming from out of state and the Philippines. Thanks to our MWGM Arthur H Weiss and the GL officers for setting the guidelines for us so we can move forward even in the midst of this pandemic.

As the new Junior Warden of our Lodge, I am interested to hear from the brethren the things that you would like to see improved in our Lodge. If you have any comment or suggestion let us know so we can discuss our way to prosperity.

Lastly, I wish each and everyone a very Happy New Year and congratulations to our new 2021 core of Officers!

Fraternally,
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

January Birthdays

Thomas	Amess	1
Loreto	Calara	3
Lloyd	Espiritu	3
Stanley	Hartmann	6
Rogelio	Navasca	7
Crispin	De Rosas	7
Kenneth	Moore	12
Merle	Williams	13
Angelito	Galang	13
Gary	Dunham	14
Thomas	Spadoni	17
James	Mobley	18
Francis	West	18
Richard	Davis	20
Todd	Creed	20
Jerome	Wachowiak	22
Gordon	Cumming	22
Timothy	Mc Kinney	23
Leonard	Lewis	25
Benjamin	Grubel	25
Lawrence	Cox	26
Carl	Davis	30

Virtual Stated Meeting on "Zoom"

Tuesday January 5, 2021

8:00pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTSStUkRkdjkydz09>

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211

Passcode: BC#337

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

Virtual Trustee Meeting on "Zoom" Tuesday January 19, 2021 7:00pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTStiUkJrdkkydz09>

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211
Passcode: BC#337

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)

Virtual Hall Association Meeting on "Zoom" Wednesday January 13, 2021 7:00pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTStiUkJrdkkydz09>

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Tabled Motion from December 1, 2020 Stated Meeting

During the December Stated Meeting, Bro. John Forcum moved to amend the Lodge's policy regarding prospective members. The current policy reads: "*Prospective members must attend three (3) Stated Meeting Dinners prior to submitting an application for the degrees so that the brethren may have time to become acquainted with the prospect.*" The proposed amendment will add, "**or attend three (3) virtual meetings held prior to a virtual Stated Meeting.**" The motion was tabled until it could be noticed in the January 2021 *Trestle Board* with the intent to vote on the amendment during the February 2021 Stated Meeting.

Gary R. Dunham, PM
Secretary

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2021 through 2023

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