



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

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

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**February 2021**

**February Calendar**

Tuesday,	2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:00 p.m.	Virtual Stated Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>
		7:30 p.m.	Widows Observance - <b>Zoom</b>
Tuesday,	9 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed
Tuesday,	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Valentine's Day celebration - <b>Zoom</b>
Tuesday,	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Hall Closed

**Hall Events**

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	12 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed - Small Hall
Friday,	26 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed - Small Hall

**San Pablo Assembly No. 117**

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Tuesday,	2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark
Tuesday,	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark

**Bethel No. 15**

**International Order of Job's Daughters**

Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	196 <sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers - <b>ZOOM</b>
Saturday,	27 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall

**El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay**

Wednesday,	3 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Wednesday,	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall

**Light in the East**

Best wishes & "how do you do?" this first turbulent & unusual month passing at the dawn of a new year, I am looking forward to soon seeing you all, **hope** you remain safe, healthy & calm, in **faith** our labors will bring us together in harmony and **charity** to allow each of us to travel our *own* way on that journey into a brighter day. This last month marked Bay Cities first Stated Meeting of the Masonic New Year and I thank all those able to attend on Zoom [if you had any obstacle(s) please contact either Joe C, Noel S or myself for help in the future]. My hope is that we will steadily increase attendance as we travel forward. We also continued the work left undone during our sheltering in place from 2020 and laid the groundwork for the upcoming year. To that end, always looking for ways to engage and include all brethren, family and friends, I have attached the 2021 Calendar of events for your perusal.

This last month saw also meetings with the Masonic Hall Board Association of Richmond as well as our Trustee's Meeting and I am gratified at the robust participation of many of our brothers who were there, **again my thanks** goes out to those who step up to the challenge(s) we face during this time and their use of tools available to complete necessary tasks.

Implements available to our craft are increasing, technology improving and the opportunities that lay ahead boundless as our road may be rocky, with hidden turns, false starts & hard stops **please** have the grace to patiently preserve the monuments, pillars and traditions we hold so dear. In January the lodge saw the start of investigations, the initial unveiling of the years' budget, discussion on amending lodge policy for introducing members & applicants, alike, at state meetings (TB voted on @ February Stated Meeting) and the instituting of a "virtual Happy Half Hour" (HHH) prior to all future zoom stated meetings; which at our February meeting will be dedicated to lodge Sweethearts (our widows). Again it is my intention this year to increase participation and get us back to normal lodge functions, fun and fellowship. While the lodge will never turn away anyone, I only ask that we observe the time honored old tradition of **RSVP** when mandated (ie. especially for **Feb. 16th's Zoom Valentine Get Together**), henceforth, in calendars and trestle boards so adequate preparations can be made. This year let us return to *somewhat* normal, *possibly* improved and *hopefully* invigorated masonic activities of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

I would be remiss in thinking & not acknowledging just how difficult and often frustrating recent events and losses have been this year; but I end with the admonition that as Masons we are called to higher ideals, obligations and virtues. And knowing that the rollout of vaccines to curb the spread of Covid19 has been a mess, I urge all brothers to do their part for themselves, family, friends, their neighbors and country - wear masks when out, wash hands repeatedly, keeping safe social distances, follow all other health guidelines, keeping abreast of updates/information and, by all means necessary, get vaccinated! Yes it's demanding, but *though apart, we can & will get through this TOGETHER, to a brighter future.*

Travel well my friends,  
John Forcum  
Master of Bay Cities Lodge #337

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. Leave a message**

## 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)

At the December 2020 Lodge Officer Installation that many of you attended, our Assistant Grand Lecturer, Very Worshipful Antonio G. Cimmara, Jr., charged your Lodge Wardens with the following: "You are assiduously to assist the Master in the discharge of his trust; diffusing light and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care. In absence of the Master you will succeed to higher duties; your acquirements must therefore be such as will insure proper instruction to the Craft."

I am eager to get back on track to support our Master with the ongoing task of insuring proper instruction to the members of our beloved Bay Cities Lodge. I am deeply touched by what our Grand Lecturer, Very Worshipful Ricky Lee Lawler, said during the November 2020 Virtual Annual Communication, a portion of which I am quoting here: "due to the current restrictions we are facing, there is no ritual in our jurisdiction. When we are finally able to resume our work, I fear that we will find it in great disarray and in need of rebuilding. Let's try to be prepared for that day..." Now is the time to resume training our local lodge leaders and all members wanting to learn the craft. Our ritual contains the "why" of what we do. It is my own plan this year to work with our Master and our Officers Coach to practice on whatever makes our member and guest experience a better one. Our training topics are limited by what we can do on Zoom. For now I think that means we better learn how to have engaging member meetings and member/visitor virtual events.

As the pandemic continues I still am using my time to read masonic books. This month, I am re-reading the **Monitor & Officers Manual**, in use since 1941 in California lodges. My copy was revised 2017.

I hope you will attend our Sweethearts (Widow) Observance, on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM. Following the Observance, the Stated Meeting starts at 8:00 PM. Stated Meeting is for Masons only.

Fraternally  
Bro. Joe Collignon, Senior Warden

## From the South

A wise person once said "the first principle of achievement is mental attitude. People begin to achieve when they begin to believe". If the purpose of Freemasonry is "to make good men better", then men should only become Freemasons when they are good and consider themselves capable of becoming a better men.

Determining the qualifications of men seeking admission is an important part of upholding the integrity of our ancient institution. The procedures of the investigation by the Lodge are designed to ensure that the Brethren of the Lodge have enough information about the candidate they vote on.

The teachings and symbols of Freemasonry should be provided by their Lodge and we as Master Masons are always encouraged to provide Masonic instruction to the Brethren by giving presentations, answering questions, and promoting discussion. Every Mason's intellectual development should be on applying the teachings of Freemasonry in his daily life.

Brethren, as we embark on the year 2021, we will be needing your participation in promoting the welfare of our new candidates. The Worshipful Master of our Lodge will need mentors to be assigned to mold our new candidates to be better Masons

One day when this pandemic is over, we should be ready and prepared in doing Lodge work again. Let us all be safe and continue to be good Masons.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

## February Birthdays

Cristobal	Vigil	2
Corseno	Dalangin	2
Romeo	Poblete	3
Joseph	Dworak	4
Donald	Godwin	5
Thomas	Johnson	6
Albert	Salido	7
Dean	Flint	7
Forrest	Ebert	9
John	Ozenberger	12
Thomas	Fletcher	13
Brandon	Osman	15
Joseph	Collignon	18
Luis	Mangaser	18
Robert	Reed	19
Donald	Blairsdale	20
Earle	Moeller	20
Edgar	Cantrell	20
James	Boehner	20
James	Mc Cabe	22
Samuel	Bayle	22
Les	Johnson	23
John	Fischer	23
Kenneth	Johnson	28
David	Rosenbaum	28
Alex	Gabriel	28

### *In Memoriam*

#### **Lamar E. Knighton**

Born	November	15	1942
Raised	November	11	1982
Entered into Rest	July	01	2020

*Soft and safe to thee my Brother be thy resting place  
Bright and glorious be thy rising from it*

### **Virtual Stated Meeting on "Zoom"**

**Tuesday February 2, 2021**

**7:30 Happy Half Hour**

**8:00pm Stated Meeting**

**Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTStiUkRrdkkydz09>

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](http://masonichome.org)  
Or call **(888) 466-3642** to speak with  
Mason Outreach staff

Masonic Homes of California

For other Grand Lodge related services please visit  
[www.freemason.org](http://www.freemason.org)

### 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.

Rental fees have been and continue to be waived for all regular building tenets during the COVID19 Closure.

There is no "back payment" of rent fees for regular building tenets during the COVID19 Closure.

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

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

### Virtual Valentine's Day Celebration on "Zoom"

**Tuesday February 16, 2021  
Time: 7:30**

**Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTStiUkRdkkydz09>

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
Passcode: BC#337

## Sports and Outdoor Committee

Purpose: To promote the Health, Welfare and Morale of the Brethren of Bay Cities Lodge No. 337

Meets: Last Wednesday of the month or as needed.

Members:

Noel T Santos - Chairman  
Dan Laynes - Vice Chairman  
Lloyd Espiritu - Asst Chairman

## Bethel No. 15 of Jobs Daughters International Cordially invites you to attend the 196<sup>th</sup> Installation of Officers and our 1<sup>st</sup> Zoom Event

**Saturday February 13th @ 7:00pm**

Please contact:

Mrs. Debbie Lowry, Bethel Guardian  
email: [deb.wolff@comcast.net](mailto:deb.wolff@comcast.net)  
or text: 510-260-6315  
for RSVP and ZOOM information.

## History of Bay Cities Lodge No. 337

Carquinez Lodge No. 337 was chartered by the Grand Lodge of California, in 1899, just as the California Beet Sugar Company began producing sugar in Crockett, CA. It was the first Masonic lodge serving Western Contra Costa County. Two other lodges were chartered shortly afterward: McKinley Lodge of Richmond in 1902, and Pinole Lodge of Pinole in 1903. Over the next 52 years, 12 additional lodges would be chartered by the Grand Lodge of California to serve West Contra Costa and West Alameda Counties. By 2006, all fifteen lodges had become consolidated into Bay Cities Lodge No. 337. Our 333 active members include school administrators, businessmen, teachers, seafarers, factory workers, and medical personnel. The building we currently use was completed in 1970 with the expansion of the building to include a large public dining area and large lodge room. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month for Stated Meetings

## LODGE OFFICERS

Master	John C. Forcum <a href="mailto:J51forcum@gmail.com">J51forcum@gmail.com</a>	882-0705
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Treasurer	John Caldwell (Joyce) <a href="mailto:John.caldwell@mac.com">John.caldwell@mac.com</a>	243-0898
Secretary	Gary R. Dunham (Judy) <a href="mailto:BayCitiesLodge@comcast.net">BayCitiesLodge@comcast.net</a>	928-3211
Chaplain	Billy Hastings PM (Connie) <a href="mailto:BillsRingtail@att.net">BillsRingtail@att.net</a>	758-8007
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## COMMITTEES

### Audit and Budget

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Luis Cabuhat	415-241-3588

### Scholarship

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Jerry Wachowiak	708-5618
Jun Jun Gorospe	707-673-4010

### Charity

John Forcum	882-0705
Joe Collignon	223-1277
Noel Santos	812-9029

### Sunshine

Clark Johnson	233-4315
Joe Collignon	223-1277

### Membership Retention Committee

Samuel Bayle	707-529-6508
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### Trustees

#### 2019 through 2021

Bill Elberfeld PM	925-570-1408
Alex Gabriel PM	245-3075

### Entertainment

Jing Gavieres	707-373-7785
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#### 2020 through 2022

Luis Cabuhat	415-706-8968
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### Widows Committee

Denise Wright	332-0376
John Forcum	882-0705

#### 2021 through 2023

Jerry Wachowiak	708-5618
John Caldwell	243-0898

### Hall Board

#### 2019 through 2021

Gary Dunham PM	928-3211
Emil Miranda	367-9047
Edgardo DeCastro PM	230-8740

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Jun Jun Gorospe	707-673-4010
Clark Johnson	233-4315
Jerry Wachowiak	708-5618

#### 2020 through 2022

Mike Consiglio PM	220-4132
Greg Thompson PM	376-7155
Noel Santos	812-9029

#### Trestleboard Editor

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#### 2021 through 2023

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Phil Emmanuele PM	408-262-6437

#### Hall Manager

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