



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

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

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**March 2021**

**March Calendar**

|            |                  |  |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Tuesday,   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 8:00 p.m. Virtual Stated Meeting - Zoom<br>7:30 p.m. Remembrance Gorgonio Gabriel - Zoom         |
| Tuesday,   | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Hall Closed  |
| Tuesday,   | 16 <sup>th</sup> | Hall Closed  |
| Wednesday, | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. Virtual Annual Board Meeting - Zoom<br>7:30 p.m. Virtual Board Business Meeting - Zoom |
| Tuesday,   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Hall Closed  |
| Tuesday,   | 30 <sup>th</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. Hall Closed - Small Hall |
| 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 |

**In the East**

As diffused rays begin to bring everything into better view at dawn, quiet solitary reflections in the early day, (*some clear & bright, others not so much*), weigh on one's thoughts. Faith being tested, Charity seeming never enough, ongoing labors, amidst the strife & woes faced this last year, gives one pause to only Hope. With the wisdom of our ancient tenets, the strength of ideals & obligations, the beauty of becoming that better man, brother, neighbor or citizen becomes all the more a necessity on our turbulent path. Yes, indeed, it's a question of balance - especially in an imperfect world; and though one tries to be 'upbeat' the task now at hand is my concern for your happiness, health, prosperity my brothers. In openings & closings, a door left unattended stirs thoughts of sorrow, remembrance, the lost of those that have traveled on too early from us. Our deepest condolences to wife Fe, family and loved ones in our brother's Gabe G passing. He will truly be missed and long remembered. Having progressed through **February's month of Love**, devotion to family, an essential virtue is brought even closer to our hearts at this time. Our well wishes & concerns go out, also, to all those sick, suffering or in distress (*please remember we care & are here to help*).

**The prospect that 2021** would bring *the light at the end of the tunnel, (though diminished)* is still ever increasing - my intention had been that we are **all be** there to see it. In that endeavor I was most pleased to have seen so many at last months' celebrations and meetings. And take this time to thank you all, especially: Joe C. SW, Noel S. JW, Dan L. SD (+ *their wives Judi, Nerissa, Delza*), Gary D. PM Sec. John C. Treas. Billy H. Chapl., SS/JS Luis c & Genaro P., Brothers, Jun Jun G. & Lloyd E. - what an amazing gift for the lodge, EA Mark P. and prospect Mark V, who all worked to make the Valentines' Zoom Party so successful. The Lodge was also thrilled and privileged that W. Mike T. PM, Inspector of the 305th District (& *his Lady Donna*) were there - we thank you so much for joining us, the families (**esp. the wives & kids** - *thanks for lifting our spirits*), renewed interconnections, stories, and new associations will, I hope, reap great benefits in moving the 337 forward on its path to recovery.... Bay Cities' **virtual 1st Happy Half Hour** in February celebrating our **SWEETHEARTS**: Karen F., Mary G., Gloria M, Denise M-W, Sue L. Debbie W, and Veda M. was equally well received and attended by many. I am confident that, with the use of new technology & ideas, our brothers' desire to return to labor, coupled with new prospects now knocking at our doors **AND** the grace from above, Bay Cities future is bright! The Lodge truly appreciates those who **RSVP** to the last two special events (the response was fantastic *besides aiding in our ability to be as successful as we were*) and be assured this year will be busy. To **note a few**:

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**

### 1. **March's Virtual Stated Meeting & Happy Half**

**Hour** will be a celebration of life & brotherly love; (a *wake of sorts*) dedicated & in remembrance of our Tiler Gabe G. So please, don't miss the opportunity to pay homage and share. Have your glasses charged at 7:45 in offering a parting toast(s) & farewell as our brother travels on to that celestial lodge we are all destined to voyage to. The special gift from Brothers JunJun & Llyod, first presented at the Valentines' Party, will also be aired that night.

### 2. **Early spoiler alert:** Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 Bay Cities' will be privileged to present Richard Golden his **Golden Veterans Award** at a very special zoom event (more details next month)

FYI- We missed five **GVA** last year and have four in 2021 -all of which are presently in the **works AND (Through the efforts of our Treasurer) Public Schools Month** will be equally amazing

### 3. **Would not miss the opportunity to highlight the fantastic work done by your Lodge Secretary Gary D.** Always quietly working, especially during tax time & retreats

### 4. Be sure to read the rest of your Trestle Board for other upcoming events in the coming month(s) Please show your love and support

As the sun shines bright on the horizon I close with wishes for a balanced life, continued good health, and journeys that are safe for all my brothers, their families and loved ones. Congratulations to those who have gotten vaccinations and I encourage all to do what it takes to now get yours. *Until we meet on the level again*

Fraternally  
John Forcum, 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)

Having entered my 6<sup>th</sup> year as a Master Mason, I find that I am continuing to learn about the benefits of this program. One place I am seeing great things is at the Zoom meetings. Our members have demonstrated politeness and enthusiasm at the "Happy Half Hour" Widow's Observance and the Valentines Day Virtual Event in February. We love our families and it gives us pleasure to host such pleasant times.

Back in 2019, out of over 350 members, less than 50 of us had been attending lodge meetings more than once or twice per year. The pandemic has brought our lodge more "on the level". We are now working to make our masonic experience better for *all* our members, even for those who, due to distance to the lodge, did not come to the building. I enjoy seeing some of our older members who I have not seen at stated meetings, now attending by Zoom. If you are a member and want to join our next Zoom stated meeting, let me know and I will find you some help.

One of my pleasures of being Senior Warden is encouraging our line officers to prepare to advance in leadership. We should be proficient in the ritual whether we are permitted to confer degrees or not. One tool we all can use to improve our skill is to individually review our ritual, both for the present year and for the upcoming year. The Ritual book helps us to learn more about the things we can do in order to most effectively build a happy lodge.

As the pandemic continues I still am using my time to read masonic books. This month, I am re-reading **Observing the**

**Craft**, written by Andrew Hammer. My copy was published in 2016.

Fraternally  
Bro. Joe Collignon, Senior Warden

## From the South

*As the sun at meridian height is the beauty and glory of the day , so stand the Junior Warden in the South.*

Spring is just around the corner and soon we will be springing forward to daylight saving time. I hope the current weather conditions we had last couple of weeks was enough to water our plants! It sure looks like the sun is starting to heat up the environment much like our beloved Lodge having some virtual fun which just shows you that we are alive and the tenets of the craft are still within us.

The virtual widows night and Valentines night was the highlight of February. Although I wasn't able to make it on widows night due to some unforeseen circumstance, the wife and I enjoyed seeing some familiar faces on Valentines night. It was nice to see the ladies and brethren that you haven't seen for awhile. The event went well with trivia questions, dessert instruction from the Master and the main feature was a video presentation of Bro JunJun, Bro Lloyd, WBro Andrei and some bros from Pittsburg Lodge. I also want to thank Brothers Luis, Genaro and one of our candidate Mark Valencia who helped in delivering the care packages to the ladies who attended the event.

While many of the lodges connect to their members on Zoom platform we are encouraging the brethren to attend the Masters happy half hour at 7:30 pm for fellowship and also to meet some of our prospective candidates. At 8 pm the lodge will start the stated meeting and non masons and guests will be requested to sign off.

Lastly , we hope that everyone is practicing social distancing and staying safe. Let us help in preventing the spread of this virus, wear your mask and use sanitizers to wash your hands frequently.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

## March Birthdays

|           |              |    |
|-----------|--------------|----|
| Valerian  | Antonio      | 5  |
| Gary      | Hardesty     | 6  |
| Leovino   | Allanigue    | 14 |
| Michael   | Bournonville | 15 |
| Marlow    | Carter       | 16 |
| Neil      | Zickefoose   | 17 |
| Borden    | Price        | 17 |
| Jimmie    | Williams     | 17 |
| Kristofer | Johnson      | 17 |
| Larry     | Butler       | 17 |
| Dean      | Dagdagan     | 18 |
| Donald    | Spurlock     | 19 |
| Ali       | Hemmat       | 20 |
| Rock      | Brown        | 20 |
| Judson    | Owens        | 21 |
| Gary      | Pastoor      | 22 |

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|---------|-----------|-----|----|
| Dale    | Hicks     | Jr. | 23 |
| George  | Earlywine | Jr. | 25 |
| Harold  | Mc Grath  |     | 25 |
| Ronald  | Edley     |     | 27 |
| Ernesto | Asuncion  |     | 28 |
| Thomas  | Perricone |     | 31 |

**Virtual Stated Meeting on “Zoom”  
Tuesday March 2, 2021  
7:30 Remembrance  
8:00pm Stated Meeting**

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

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
Passcode: BC#337

**Virtual Hall Board Meeting on “Zoom”  
Tuesday March 17, 2021**

**7:00pm Annual Board Meeting  
7:30pm Business Meeting**

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

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
Passcode: BC#337

**Division III Lodge Outreach Meeting - March 25th at 6:3PM**

Bay Cities and the lodges of Division III know their members, but do not know all the tools for helping the distressed member. Grand Lodge Staff have some great tools to help our distressed members, but don't know who among us needs expert help. To close the gap, interested lodge members get together 3 or 4 times per year with the staff of the Masonic Homes Outreach Services. We share our comparative strengths to better serve our members. Registration is now open for the next outreach meeting!

To attend:

- Visit the following Zoom link and *enter your name and email address* to register <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qd-ihrzqgEt3sy1d6Hup1JDHcWGSBlc4T>
- Then *check your email* used for the registration above. You should receive an email confirmation which contains the Zoom link.

Lodge Outreach (LO) Skills workshop –  
Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 PM

- Have you ever felt like you wanted more help with starting outreach conversations with a Brother?
- Have you ever wondered what sort of confidentiality rules you should follow?
- Have you ever struggled with a Brother that just won't take the help?

Discover what engagement with your brothers looks like, and get some knowledge about the soft skills that can make engaging your brothers effective. Find additional ideas in zoom breakout groups, and practice these skills with support from MOS staff.

Follow this link to register for the workshop: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsf-qprj8vG9O5pievaozlvC5wRRcVHarL>

**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)

*In Memoriam*

**Philip Henry Kandler**

|                   |         |    |      |
|-------------------|---------|----|------|
| Born              | October | 15 | 1945 |
| Raised            | August  | 28 | 1975 |
| Entered into Rest | January | 14 | 2021 |

**Gorgonio Miranda Gabriel**

|                   |          |    |      |
|-------------------|----------|----|------|
| Born              | October  | 21 | 1949 |
| Raised            | July     | 13 | 1991 |
| Entered into Rest | February | 21 | 2021 |

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

**Bethel 15 Richmond**  
cordially invites you to attend an

**“English Style Dessert Tea  
& Game Night”**

In honor of Mrs. Ethel T. Weadmick Founder of  
Job’s Daughters International



**Date: Saturday March 13, 2021 Time: 7pm**

Zoom Location: The comfort of your own home

Please have your favorite tea cup, filled with a cup of tea and a  
dessert of your choice. Please dress in your best “tea party  
outfit”!



Ladies: Don’t forget your gloves, tiaras, pearls and tea bonnets,  
boas are greatly encouraged!

Gentlemen: Please dress for a proper English style dessert tea!

We will be enjoying our tea and dessert together, while playing  
some fun games!

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583333873?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583333873?pwd=OHdvMTcraFZlYWJnRm5FVjNHU1N2QT09)  
[pwd=OHdvMTcraFZlYWJnRm5FVjNHU1N2QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88583333873?pwd=OHdvMTcraFZlYWJnRm5FVjNHU1N2QT09)

Meeting ID: 885 8333 3873  
Passcode: 181515

**“AREME Belles”  
Fundraiser**

**The Original Red Onion - Pinole**

2470 Pinole Valley Road  
510-758-9462



**March 24<sup>th</sup> All Day**

No flyer needed! Just let them know that  
AREME Belles of Mission Bell Chapter OES  
sent you!

**PLEASE support Job's Daughters  
Bethel 15 Spring Fundraiser!!**

Check out the Easter designs!! It's easy!! Just click on the  
link below to order, all orders will be sent to your home, or  
have it sent to someone you love as a wonderful Easter  
surprise!! Sales are available now through March 19,  
2021!! Thank you so much for your support!!"

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/jobsdb\\_jobs\\_daughters\\_bethel\\_fundraiser26/candy?h=Deb\\_Low3368&c=fb3533](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/jobsdb_jobs_daughters_bethel_fundraiser26/candy?h=Deb_Low3368&c=fb3533)

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### Audit and Budget

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|-----------------|--------------|
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### Charity

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
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### Sunshine

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
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|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
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|                     |          |
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