



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

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

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**April 2021**

**April Calendar**

Tuesday,	6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m.	Virtual Stated Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>
		7:30 p.m.	Public Schools Program - <b>Zoom</b>
Tuesday,	13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Virtual Golden Veteran Award - <b>Zoom</b> Brother Richard Golden
Tuesday,	20 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed
Tuesday,	27 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed

**Hall Events**

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205  
Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	9 <sup>th</sup>	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Friday,	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Hall Closed - Small Hall

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

Tuesday,	6 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark
Tuesday,	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark

**Bethel No. 15  
International Order of Job's Daughters**

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Saturday,	24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall

**El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay**

Wednesday,	7 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Wednesday,	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Hall Closed - 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](mailto:baycitieslodge@comcast.net)

or call his cell @ **510-928-3211. Leave a message**

**The Oriental Chair**

The symbolic emblem of our ancient first grand master's throne representing a lodge's sitting worshipful master's obligation to: extol the tenets of Brotherly Love, Relief & Truth, embody the Faith, Hope & Charity and bring the peace & harmony (that our craft so highly cherishes & has always been known for), to it's draw brethren, families, neighbors and communities at large; an undaunting labor in a winter of discontent that has stretched far into this last long year. As Masons have done in the past & continue to do now & probably into the unknown age, we journey on, towards the light of a new day, a better future *ours for the making*. Having been accustomed to my normal salutations, though times are rough and disconcerting, I give thanks that things are changing: the vaccine rollout is picking up speed (thanks to all who have gotten theirs & hopes others, still waiting are soon on board), much has begun to reopen (please remain vigilant & do your part so we can safely proceed), and our craft labors have reaped positive results.

My thanks to the many brothers in attendance at our beloved tiler's (Brother Gabe G.) services, (a special thanks to W. Dean D. PM & SW Joe C. for their outstanding presentation; I am gratified by the love and support by all; but sadly I must also acknowledge and offer condolences to family & loved ones on the passing of Brother James McCabe (38 yr. Mason 1/2021), Wor. Jerome Miller PM (35 yr Mason 3/2021), Wor. Raymond Harrison PM (62 year Mason 3/2021), our sweetheart Marilyn Scott (2.2021) , and Brother Mike Magnawa (our brother Jun G.'s uncle & frequent guest at the 337-2/2021) . In deed & action Bay Cities brothers align themselves with compassion, devotion, and honor to those high ideals which makes this master privileged and proud to serve his short term.

I can also draw attention, with appreciation, those who have recently supported our sister lodges fund raising crab feeds (for "Raising a Reader" truly worthwhile relief), the Job's Daughters' Bethel #15 event ("Tea for Dessert" what fun!), and welcome the line of newly elected officers of the MHAR Board of Directors plus the amazing work done by both the Public Schools Observance & Hiram Awards committees (revelations to these & more reported at our next stated meeting & HHH) . Having this past month renewed efforts to return to degree ritual, proficiencies while increasing our own events & membership BC has moved ever forward in creating a rich & rewarding path toward that better way.

There still remains much to accomplish with your participation for the lodge's reformation. And as I encourage all to think outside the box & more, (not only for ones' health, safety, peace of mind) and stay the course (*wear that mask, wash hands frequently, maintain social guidelines*), I invite my brothers and friends to join us for those special events coming this

month (Collins' Elementary, Golden Veterans', See's Candy etc.) . For **my True belief** is we all have a role to play between bemoaning the problems & cursing the dark or aiding in the solution and becoming a part of the light the world so sorely needs now! . *The Question is friend:*

**Where on the balance scales you, my brother, choose to be?**

With free will and accord I trust & wish you well, the grace from above, and a journey without restraint until we can again meet on the level.

Fraternally  
John Forcum, Master

**From the West**

*"In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education."  
-Earl Warren (1891-1974), Governor of California 1943-1953, Supreme Court Justice 1953-1974*

I consider it a masonic value to want to maintain the peace and good order of society. One of the ways we do this is to support the Public Schools. We want our children to have a good education, and to be able to think for themselves. One of the traditions of Bay Cities Lodge is to help provide practical help to area public schools. This year, the brothers of Bay Cities Lodge have provided two new appliances to replace some worn out appliances at Collins Elementary School. You can learn more about this project and other happy news by attending our "Happy Half Hour" Zoom Meeting, on April 6 at 7:30 pm.

After more than a year of apparent inactivity, it is becoming imaginable that we may soon begin to hold limited-capacity meetings, member training and start practicing on conferring degrees. We have eight people who are ready to work on their degree proficiencies. We also have four people who are willing to help people get ready. If you would like to work on your degree proficiency, or can help someone else prepare, please check with the Candidate's Coach or with me.

Remember, masonry does not stop when the building is closed. Keep on looking for light, keep on practicing the great tenets - Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. And, from time to time, do something that gives pleasure *to yourself*.

Many of us are still spending more time at home than we want to spend. This month, I am using my extra at-home time re-reading **The Craft and Its Symbols**, written in 1973 by Allen E. Roberts.

Fraternally  
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, ....*

Spring has sprung and we've been getting some nice weather, perfect for doing outdoor activities. Are we really ready to go out and do what we have normally done in the past? If you do, just don't let your guard down just yet. Continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently and wear your mask when you go outdoors.

This April, the Masons of California are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Public Schools Month. You can support this legacy by donating to the California Masonic Foundation. We need to work with local schools and districts to morally and physically support our schools and teachers.

As we enter the second quarter of 2021, we should get prepared and be ready for when the Lodge opens at a reduced capacity, there will be a lot of things to catch up on. The first thing that comes to mind is the degree conferral of several candidates that has been waiting to explore the mysteries of Freemasonry. We also have some brothers who are ready to advance in their proficiencies. We, the officers are looking for brethren who can offer their guidance in getting the proficiencies of these brothers who are ready to advance. If you are willing to accept the challenge, please step up to the plate and let us join in promoting each other's welfare.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

**April Birthdays**

Kenneth	Messer		1
Peter	Jones		1
David	Painter	PM	1
Dan-ion	Hariton		1
Rick	Arqueza	PM	3
Warren	Stolte		4
Rodney	Haney		4
Geoffrey	Saunders		4
Marius	Solis		6
Orvil	Sanford		7
Stephen	Kahn		9
Andy	Theopulos	PM	9
Daniel	Ming		9
Phillip	Glover		10
William	Godwin	PM	12
Lance	Langhorst		13
Dennis	Lambert		15
Ronnie	Stiles		16
Richard	Ross	PM	16
Bradlee	Carlos		17
Andrei	Carpo		19
Ramoncito	Celestial		19
David			
Hugh	Malcolm		21
Marvin	Heisler	PM	22
Roger	Person		24
Thomas	Hansen		28
Joseph	Bullock		29
Kenneth	Miller		29

**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 April 2021 *Trestle Board* with the intent to vote on the amendment during the May 2021 Stated Meeting.

Gary R. Dunham, PM  
Secretary

**Virtual Stated Meeting on "Zoom"  
Tuesday April 6, 2021  
7:30 Public Schools Program  
8:00pm Stated Meeting**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTSStiUkJrdkkydz09>

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.

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 Stated Meeting on "Zoom"  
Tuesday April 13, 2021  
7:30 Golden Veteran Award for  
Bro. Richard Golden**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5109283211?pwd=em00TmNiSkVhcDNvTSStiUkJrdkkydz09>

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The Gabriel family, friends, presiding officers, master and wardens appreciate being part of the great turnout of brother masons From Bay Cities, General Douglas MacArthur, and other lodges as we all honor the memory of our beloved brother Gabriel at the graveside Masonic Service.

The below photo:  
Our members getting ready



*In Memoriam*

**James Kapio Mc Cabe**

Born	February	22	1940
Raised	August	18	1983
Entered into Rest	January	26	2021

**Jerome Michael Miller**

Born	September	03	1942
Raised	September	14	1985
Entered into Rest	March	22	2021

**Raymond Paul Harrison**

Born	September	23	1934
Raised	May	28	1958
Entered into Rest	March	27	2021

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