



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

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

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**May 2021**

**May Calendar**

Tuesday,	4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m.	Virtual Stated Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>
		7:30 p.m.	Happy Half Hour- <b>Zoom</b>
Tuesday,	11 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed
Tuesday,	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30p.m.	Candidates & New Members- <b>Zoom</b>
Wednesday,	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Trustee Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>
Tuesday,	25 <sup>th</sup>		Hall Closed

**Hall Events**

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	14 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Friday,	21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall

**San Pablo Assembly No. 117**

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**

Tuesday,	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark
Tuesday,	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Dark

**Bethel No. 15**

**International Order of Job's Daughters**

Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Saturday,	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall

**El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay**

Wednesday,	5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Hall Closed - Small Hall
Wednesday,	19 <sup>th</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

**In the East**  
**The Oriental Chair**

Salutations my Brothers of Faith, Hope & Charity

Light rising in the East, its rays at first diffused, heralds of a new day. And as always, I hope your blessings will be abundant, family & loved ones healthy & safe, your mind inspired, your troubles few & surmountable. We Masons continue the work, (*our cherished labor*) - building that better, fuller, harmonious life and becoming that better person, neighbor and citizen. Good news from MWGM Weiss (*please see below*), the past month resumed some time-honored events (Public Schools Observance, visitation from Bethel 15 of Job's Daughters, fundraisers from them and OES Mission Bell chapter). Preparation for this future day has begun, the drawings & designs on the trestleboard forever changing, moving forward, I will leave it to our Wardens to allude and tempt you with the events and pitfalls (*below*) coming in May. Let's give thanks we are here to begin, share and work together. As Lodges, Chapters, Shrines, youth orders, along with our communities, states & nation begin the recovery let us not only remember but employ charity and patience in our actions, deeds and thoughts for a new dawn.

We pause to wish W Mike T., W. Frances W's family, W. Larry D, Bro Emmitt Z. & those I may have missed a speedy full recovery from illness, note with sadness the passing of four brothers this past month (with appreciation for the aid & relief by WI.Greg T, WI. Mike T., AGL W. Tony C., W. Gary D. and especially to Bros. Joe C. SW and Noel S. JW for a moving Masonic funeral service); we rejoice in the prospect of potential new members, the resumption of long overdue degree work (I thank W. Alex G, Deacons & Stewards) for Juan E. and others, and anticipation for looming proficiencies ahead. A few surprises, bumps and turns along the way, maybe so, though after a year plus hibernation aren't you ready to come out, work and enjoy the light? I know I am! So, I invite you to the next virtual HHH (Happy Half Hour) and our May Stated Meeting. I entreat you to participate, become involved, and share yourself & with your brethren those ideals of **Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth** while we remake a brighter future. You never know what *epiphany* may be revealed, what monument or testament you'll erect & be a part of..... **but then you're a mason, aren't you?**

With God's speed, travel healthy, safe and in harmony my brothers,

Fraternally  
John Forcum, Master

## From the West

I commend Brother John Caldwell and those who helped him with our Public Schools program held via ZOOM on April 6. I was very happy to see and hear how Collins Elementary students will benefit from the new washer and refrigerator donated by our lodge members.

Kudos to our members who have attended our ZOOM meetings, knowing from my experience how difficult is to learn how to use ZOOM. Please plan to attend what may be our last ZOOM meetings: The HHH and Stated Meeting on May 6 as well as a special online meeting on May 18, where our special guests will be our candidates and new members.

As the County, State, and Grand Lodge have modified our restrictions, our lodge is working to resume in-person meetings at our building as soon as possible. I hope we can better serve all our members from what we learned, as we continue to practice our gentle craft under such changing and restrictive circumstances.

We have a whole lot of change to undergo and a lot of work to do, to help our Worshipful Master get us back to the business of the craft. I recommend that you finish getting vaccinated against COVID-19 if you are able, and that you start your own plan to engage with the people in your world. Do not forget that your lodge brothers are here to help you do this. To learn more of the changes required for us to have in-person lodge meetings, check the Masons of California site:

<https://freemason.org/octoberupdate>

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.*

As most of you probably know by now, our Grand Master, Most Worshipful Arthur Weiss has issued a directive superseding his October 2020 plan. In his town hall meeting last April 13, he stated that we can begin in person meeting as early as April 15. This is quite good news for all us since this is what we've been all waiting for.

Well, this all sounds good but with it, we still have to follow some guidelines in order to resume our operations in the Lodge. Some of the guidelines mentioned are the site prevention plan (SPP), risk assessment, guest list, seating chart to name a few. Also, before you can be admitted inside the facility, you have to show your proof of full vaccination or a negative covid test result within 72 hours.

The bottom line is that the Master of the Lodge and the Hall Board should work together in getting our Lodge ready to open for the brethren, especially those who are waiting to be conferred. They still have the last say if we can open or to continue meeting virtually until all guidelines from the Grand Lodge are met. I figure we should all be back before the next Annual Communication.

Until then brethren, let's all be vigilant in practicing social distancing, wearing your mask and washing your hands frequently. The day will come when we can all meet on the level.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

## May Birthdays

Michael	Freitas		1
Dan	Laynes		3
William	Low		5
John	Filler		7
Steven	Sexton	PM	9
Peter	Chambers		10
Lynn	Powley		12
Aurelio	Gavieres		14
Darrol	Davis	PM	15
Thomas	Hidayat		16
Richard	Von Tickner		17
Michael	Consiglio	PM	21
Jean	Royaute		22
Donald	Clark		25
John	Mason	PM	25
James	Hicks		26
Kenneth	Epley		26
Edward	Lundberg		28
Narciso	Honrada		28
Duffy	Best		30
Joe	Beckham		30
Robert	Jennings		31

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

**Tuesday May 4, 2021**

**7:30 HHH**

**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 Meeting - "Zoom"**

**Tuesday May 18, 2021**

**7:30 Candidates & New Members**

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## Fellowship at the Greens

Brethren:

You are cordially invited to participate in the Sports and Outdoors second annual Friendship golf game, to be held at the Blue Rock Springs Golf Course in Vallejo on June 5, 2021.

It is the intent of the SOG committee to promote friendship and camaraderie among the Lodge members and other Lodges who might want to join.

This event will benefit the Masons4Mitt program and the Distressed Worthy Brother Relief fund. Please join us and let us have some fun while practicing charity and relief to the fraternity.

Contact: Loyd Espiritu 707-373-2653

Sports and Outdoors Group

## Virtual Trustee Meeting on "Zoom" Wednesday May 19, 2021 7:00pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
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## Covid Closure – reopening Update

Beginning April 15, 2021, the reopening plan for private events and meetings, with limitations depending on which tier our county is for red, orange, and yellow tiers only. This does not apply to purple tier. On April 13, 2021 the Grand Master issued his reopening directive. The Hall Board is presently working on this plan in order to assure we meet all of the requirements. The directive permits, but does not require Lodges to hold in-person meetings and events beginning April 15, 2021.

The Hall Association continues to monitor State and County reopening information, as a site-specific prevention plan (SPP) is being drafted to prepare for 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)



## Please help support Bethel 15's Mother's Day See's Candy Fundraiser!!

It's easy!!

Simply click on the link below:

- 1) The link will take you to Bethel 15's Job's Daughters Store Front.
- 2) Click on the "sweet items" you would like to put in your cart.
- 3) When your cart is full and you are ready to pay, you can choose to pay by PayPal, Debit or Credit Card.
- 4) Choose to have it sent to your home, or delivered to that special Mom or person you chose.

Your order is complete!! You have helped support our Bethel and spread some sweetness!! Thank you in advance. ♡

If you have any questions, or would like help with your order please contact Debbie Lowry, BG @ 510-260-6315.

Thank you so much for your support!!

[https://www.yumraising.com/secure/jobsdb\\_jobs\\_daughters\\_bethel\\_mothers\\_day\\_fun43/candy?h=Deb\\_Low3368&c=fb4346](https://www.yumraising.com/secure/jobsdb_jobs_daughters_bethel_mothers_day_fun43/candy?h=Deb_Low3368&c=fb4346)

*In Memoriam*

**None - It's been a good month**

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