



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

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

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**June 2021**

**June Calendar**

|            |                  |           |  |
|------------|------------------|-----------|--|
| Tuesday,   | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 8:00 p.m. | Virtual Stated Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>                         |
|            |                  | 7:30 p.m. | Happy Half Hour- <b>Zoom</b>                                 |
| Tuesday,   | 8 <sup>th</sup>  |           | Hall Closed  |
| Wednesday, | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:30 p.m. | Hall Board Meeting - <b>Zoom</b>                             |
| Tuesday,   | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 p.m. | Hall Closed  |
| Thursday,  | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30p.m.  | Golden Veterans Award – <b>Zoom</b><br><u>Richard Golden</u> |
| Tuesday,   | 22 <sup>th</sup> |           | Hall Closed  |
| Tuesday,   | 29 <sup>th</sup> |           | Hall Closed  |

**Hall Events**

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

|         |                  |           |                          |
|---------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Friday, | 11 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 p.m. | Hall Closed - Small Hall |
| Friday, | 25 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 p.m. | Hall Closed - Small Hall |

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

|          |                  |           |                    |
|----------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Tuesday, | 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 7:00 p.m. | Hall Closed - Dark |
| Tuesday, | 15 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. | Hall Closed - Dark |

**Bethel No. 15**

**International Order of Job's Daughters**

|           |                  |           |                                  |
|-----------|------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 7:00 p.m. | Virtual Installation of Officers |
| Saturday, | 26 <sup>th</sup> | 1:00 p.m. | Hall Closed - Small Hall         |

**El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay**

|            |                  |           |                          |
|------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Wednesday, | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 7:30 p.m. | Hall Closed - Small Hall |
| Wednesday, | 16 <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**

Ever mindful of the honor, respect & responsibility the Master's Chair commands, the faith and trust you, my brothers, have reposed in me & past masters is an awesome burden, at times difficult, but always cherished. Often speaking of going forth into the light of that new day, our faith resolute even in uncertain times, the designs on our trestle boards build upon the lodge's past and those hopes in a bright future for the betterment of ourselves, family, each other, neighbors & country. *Layer upon layer....* When we knocked, of our own free will & accord, seeking admission, the first step was at the zenith of the t7day the better to observe the time & call to labor and refreshment; the second was at twilight for quiet reflection, education and preparation for the next dawning. The climb to that 3rd step, while surrounded by brothers, we aspire to improve in an unknown, everchanging and turbulent world. I take a great deal of pride and solace in the #337, our accomplishments, where we have been & done, our progress forward. I am pleased many have contributed to our meetings (esp. 5/18 Welcome to Bay Cities, stated, committee/board meetings & virtual HHHs, *Happy Half Hours*) - a shout out to Jason, Abner & Rommel (prospects), Virgil (EA) and David R. - I applaud all others in attendance too, combined with their labors and encourage wayward brothers to take an active part in **your** lodge. Bay Cities is doing some amazing things right now (*please read below*). Strong foundations rely on the strength of all its parts working together and as we again begin a *new* rest assured you are welcome, needed, integral and cared about at Lodge. While the lodge still mourns the passing of so many of our brothers & friends, I am happy to announce that brother Narcicso H. has stepped up to fill the Tiler's position in the near term. Please review the event calendar for offerings (installations, sports and fellowship) of most note is Brother W. Rick Golden's PM 50th Golden Veteran's Award night (let's really turn out to wish him the best for such a feat!) June retreats are happening (virtual ones offered in July free). Ritual practice continues as do several applicant investigations (are you ready & knowledgeable enough to vote yet on candidates and business matters?). The Finance Committee, Hall Board and your line officers are toiling diligently towards the hall reopening.

The April 13th directive by Most Worshipful A. Weiss while allowing lodges to resume meetings/events effective 4/15, with restrictions & guidelines, has been a difficult and daunting task (again I encourage you check in on its process) as it is ever evolving and (like layers advancement is seen by degree) it is not just Grand Lodge, the CDC and Bay Cities but a myriad of agencies, concerns and issues to resolve moving on. June 15th changes may again loom ahead for the state and county

that could impact plans and dates of our return to in-person gatherings. With the above, my concern is with the welfare, safety and health of brothers, family etc. ...so with a heavy heart I am canceling July 4th celebration at the Live Streamers in Tilden, postponing the re-obligation ceremony and announcing that July's stated meeting will again be virtual on **zoom**. Should events move quicker allowing for in person at the hall, I will schedule with W. Alex G PM, our officers' coach, 1st degree practices and proficiencies during July. [likewise note that some concordant rentals for the hall have opted out or limited their use in the near future until 2022] A side addendum: Secretary W. Gary D. PM & I have decided that with the proposed increased work in record keeping, RSVPs, guest lists and required miscellany - We need & I am reinstating an assistant secretary post for the foreseeable future. And I have happily appointed Brother Dan Hariton to serve for the remainder of this Masonic year. (I entreat you to join us at June's Virtual Stated Meeting as we install Brothers Dan & Narciso in their offices) While we are all anxious, eager & hopeful of returning soon even with various obstacles and pitfalls; I ultimately serve to best insure & promote a vibrant, safe, positive, healthy and harmonious lodge for all. I request your patience and indulgence.... Travel well my friends,

Fraternally  
John Forcum, Master

## From the West

*...no eminence of station should make us forget that we are Brethren; for he who is placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel may be entitled to our regard; because a time will come, and the wisest know not how soon, when all distinction save that of goodness shall cease; and death, the mighty leveler of human greatness, reduce us to the same state.*

As I write these words, I am reflecting with melancholy on the loss of many happy events during the last 14 months. The necessary lockdowns and restrictions due to Covid-19 have kept me away from people I really wanted to see in person, and sadly, some of these people have passed away.

It is not too soon to begin a serious preparation and rehearsal of what each of us can safely do in order to reconnect with the people we miss and love. My high point of last month was taking a 4 day trip with my beloved spouse of 30 years along the beautiful Oregon coast. Many places were closed, but we enjoyed hiking, finding some recently-reopened places to dine, visiting beaches and lighthouses, and leaving the television OFF. We wore our masks whenever we were anywhere near people, and endeavored to maintain social distance and sufficient handwashing.

It is a pleasure to assist Master Forcum in leading our lodge to begin having in-person meetings and practices for degree work. I am happy to see the preparations underway by the Hall Board as they prepare a Covid Site Prevention Plan for our building and help us train our members to carry it out. As much as we want to OPEN our building, we need to do so as safely as we can.

It was very encouraging to me to attend the Welcome to Bay Cities Meeting on May 18. The masons, families, and friends made a very attractive reflection of the kind of public meetings we want to have when meetings resume. We had present three new attenders who are likely to apply to our beloved lodge. If you attended, you have my gratitude.

To attend in-person meetings and participate in degrees, you MUST get vaccinated and be ready to present proof of vaccination to enter the building. There will be other requirements we will have to adhere to as well. Do not forget that your lodge brothers are here to help you adapt to these

changes. To learn more of the changes to make to have in-person 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 .....*

We are almost halfway of the year 2021 and the pandemic is still upon us. As things lighten up in the horizon, we are still unsure of what we are about to face in the days and months ahead of us. Our Lodge Hall Board has been working diligently with the Grand Lodge and the CDC in preparation of opening the doors of the Hall. Site Prevention Plan (SPP) are being implemented and other modes of safety precaution are being adopted so we can get back in the Lodge and start working again on our rituals and degree work.

While we are still occupied in doing the leg work of what needs to be done in order to have a smooth and safe operation of the building, I would like to interject some Masonic education in my article so that the brethren and our future members might have an insight of what Masonry is all about.

If you would like to read or talk about an article that might be interesting, send me an email or text message and I will gladly do the research and hopefully we can get it published on the next Trestleboard

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

How did the term "Free and Accepted" originate? Ancient craftsmen were very skilled, and their craft was considered to be indispensable to the welfare of both "Church" and "State". For this reason, they were not placed under the same restrictions as were other workers, they were "free" to do their work, travel and live their lives in a manner befitting their importance.

The word "Accepted" also goes back to the time of operative mason. During the latter years of the Middle Ages, there were few educated men outside the monasteries of the world. Naturally, men wanted to become Freemasons to obtain the advantages of the craft has to offer. These were "Accepted" Masons, rather than operative masons. This practice probably originated when some of the people for whom the craftsmen were working asked to be admitted. This was an important transition for the Craft, because the secrets of the building trades were becoming more widely known, architecture was changing and membership was declining.

By becoming "Speculative", the Craft grew rapidly. As time went on, there became many more "Accepted" members than there were operative members, and eventually we became a Speculative rather than an operative organization.

Fraternally,  
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

### **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

## June Birthdays

|          |            |     |    |
|----------|------------|-----|----|
| Lester   | Bryan      | PM  | 2  |
| Raymond  | Ramos      | Dr  | 2  |
| Eliazer  | Savage     |     | 3  |
| Kenneth  | Byrum      | PM  | 5  |
| Gilberto | Villanueva |     | 6  |
| Felipe   | Torres     |     | 9  |
| Robert   | Kerr       |     | 9  |
| Arnold   | Abaya      | PM  | 10 |
| Doyle    | Clutts     | PM  | 11 |
| Miguel   | Ramirez    |     | 15 |
| Richard  | Golden     |     | 17 |
| Virgilio | Young      |     | 18 |
| Harvey   | Good       |     | 18 |
| Rizal    | Ednalino   |     | 19 |
| Kyle     | Parent     |     | 20 |
| Clark    | Johnson    |     | 20 |
| Charles  | Rhea       |     | 23 |
| Olaf     | Zumpe      |     | 23 |
| Louis    | Windhurst  | III | 24 |
| Eddie    | Gemo       |     | 25 |
| Simeon   | Adan       | Jr. | 25 |
| William  | Hodgson    |     | 28 |
| William  | Mc Queeney |     | 29 |
| Vincent  | Ko         | PM  | 30 |
| John     | Patterson  |     | 30 |
| Mario    | Pimentel   |     | 30 |
| Emiliano | Miranda    |     | 30 |
| Jason    | Purisima   |     | 30 |

### Virtual Stated Meeting on “Zoom” Tuesday June 1, 2021

**Happy Half Hour 7:30pm  
Stated Meeting 8:00pm**

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

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
Passcode: BC#337

#### In Memoriam

**Travis John Pollock - FC**

|                   |          |    |      |
|-------------------|----------|----|------|
| Born              | November | 18 | 1981 |
| Fellowcraft       | June     | 28 | 2011 |
| Entered into Rest | April    | 24 | 2021 |

### Virtual Hall Board Meeting on “Zoom” Wednesday June 16, 2021 7:30pm

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

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
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### Virtual Golden Veteran Award on “Zoom” For Bro. Richard Golden

**Thursday June 17, 2021  
6:30pm**

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

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211  
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### *Bethel No.15 Richmond, California of Job’s Daughters International*

**Cordially Invites You to Attend Our 197th  
Zoom Installation of Officers**

**Date: Saturday June 12th, 2021 Time: 7pm**

Topic: Bethel 15 Richmond’s Zoom Installation

Time: Jun 12, 2021 at 7PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86241539827?pwd=WXI3b0lEOTQrZmVOL0NINDNja1ZrQT09>

Meeting ID: 862 4153 9827  
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| Treasurer                      | John Caldwell (Joyce)<br><a href="mailto:John.caldwell@mac.com">John.caldwell@mac.com</a>   | 243-0898     |
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| Junior Deacon                  | Samuel T. Bayle (Ellen)<br><a href="mailto:sambayle@yahoo.com">sambayle@yahoo.com</a>   | 707-529-6508 |
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## COMMITTEES

### Audit and Budget

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|--------------|--------------|
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### Scholarship

|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
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| Jerry Wachowiak | 708-5618     |
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### Charity

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| John Forcum   | 882-0705 |
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### Sunshine

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| Clark Johnson | 233-4315 |
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### Membership Retention

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|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
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|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
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|               |          |
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|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
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#### 2021 through 2023

|                 |          |
|-----------------|----------|
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#### 2019 through 2021

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Gary Dunham PM      | 928-3211 |
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|               |          |
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### Sports & Outdoors

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