



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

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

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July 2021

July Calendar

Tuesday,	6 th	8:00 p.m.	Virtual Stated Meeting - Zoom
		7:30 p.m.	Happy Half Hour- Zoom
Tuesday,	13 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice – Opening
Saturday,	17 th	9:00a.m.	Practice – 1 st Degree
<u>Sunday,</u>	18 th	1:00pm – 4:00pm	Masonic Family Unity BBO Orinda Lodge No. 122
Tuesday,	20 th	7:30 p.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree
Saturday,	24 th	9:00a.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree
Tuesday,	27 th	7:30p.m.	Practice – 1 st Degree
Saturday,	31 th	9:00a.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	9 th	8:00 p.m.	Dark - Small Hall
Friday,	25 th	8:00 p.m.	Dark - Small Hall

San Pablo Assembly No. 117

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Tuesday,	7 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	21 st	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15

International Order of Job's Daughters

Saturday	10 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Saturday,	24 th	1:00 p.m.	Dark

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	7 th	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall
Wednesday,	21 st	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall

In the East

Lazy, Hazy Summer Greetings My Brothers,

Dawn's light heralds the coming of a new day, as the 2021 Masonic Year rounds the halfway point; and after fifteen months we still wait, plan and toil on tasks at hand.

First a thunderous gavel clap to enunciate the hard work, success, pride and joy of June's completed masonic efforts, the June 5th **Friendship Golf Game** in Vallejo -WOW! (report below)- a **big shout to** Noel S., Alex G., Emil M., & Lloyd E. - great relief, charity & work brothers ~ *plus*~ June 17th's **Golden Veteran's Award** conferral to Brother Richard V.

Golden (*special appreciation to Rick & Inspector W. Mike T.*) - robust turnouts for both events, good times & fellowship.

Secondly, having required the pillars to be brief in their TB postings this month and next, I request for your collective consideration the **Bios** from those prospects (*also below*) petitioning Bay Cities for membership so we might be better acquainted and knowledgeable when **we ballot at BC's first in person meeting** upon returning to our hall this year. The privilege & responsibility deciding admittance into our brotherhood is a serious, solemn and essential duty we share and should never take lightly. If there be a question, reservation, obstacle or issue you have **please, in confidence** contact me (*as WM*) well prior to that **1st in person meeting**; our code & reputation warrants that kind of resolve & harmony. **Look well to the Order** and your conscience my friends.

Hopefully July's *Virtual* Stated Meeting will bring welcomed news, relief & information ~~ **please** attend as there is also serious business to consider & attend to moving our lodge/hall forward.

May your travels be safe, healthy and harmonious until we meet again

Fraternally
John Forcum, Master

From the West

One generation plants the trees in whose shade another generation rests." - Chinese proverb.

I delight that we soon will ballot our applicants for degrees. It is one of the most important tasks that our lodge can do. Each of our applicants has completed a rigorous process designed to help us get to know him well enough to decide if he will ultimately be a member of our beloved lodge. Many of us have met these applicants during one of at least three virtual meetings or in-person events.

On August 3, unless this event is delayed, our Lodge members will ballot on each applicant as to whether we will accept him as a candidate to receive the degrees of masonry, and eventually become one of us.

Will each applicant ultimately reflect honor on our ancient institution, and help us preserve the ancient usages and customs of the craft? This is the question each master mason will decide at this meeting. Because a UNANIMOUS "yes" vote is required in order for any applicant to be elected, each brother voting possesses a preemptive right to reject the applicant. If you have concerns about any applicant, talk with the Worshipful Master about it well before in advance of stated meeting where the vote gets taken.

Each applicant for degrees must receive an affirmative vote from every member present at the meeting. This vote is by secret ballot. Every vote is important. Please vote carefully, and vote in accordance with our masonic traditions and your own conscience.

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....

Summer is upon us and as such everybody is excited to do their usual things outdoors. So is our beloved Lodge Bay Cities 337. We have been on lockdown for over a year and everybody is patiently waiting for the doors to open back up. As we wait for the word from the Hall Board as to when we are going to open the Lodge, the Sports and Outdoors committee had their Friendship Golf game last June 5, 2021.

Shout out to the group that achieved the lowest score of 67! WB Rick Arqueza, Bro Nar Honrada, Bro James Resayo and Bro Czarnie Alinzod. Congratulations! We also would like to thank the Brethren who participated, supported and donated to this charity event. We were able to raise \$1575.00 of which \$945.00 will be donated to the Masons4Mitts program and \$630.00 to the California Masonic Foundation for our Distressed Worthy Brother Relief fund.

Once again, a big thank you to WB Alex Gabriel, Bro Emil Miranda (sister Cristy Miranda) and Bro Lloyd Espiritu for getting the logistics taken care of before the event. Our next event is scheduled for June 4, 2022. We hope to see you there again.

Finally, we are still being told that we can have our virtual meeting as long as necessary. I highly encourage everyone to attend our July 6, 2021 virtual stated meeting for this might be the time that they will announce our re-opening.

Fraternally,
Bro. Noel Santos, Junior Warden

July Birthdays

Rudolf	Yugo		1
Mario	Mandapat		2
Bernardo	Quirino		4
Gregory	Rueger		5
John	Caldwell		5
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Jaime	Guzman		5
Nikolaus	Jackson		6
John	Dworak		8
Stephen	Winfrey		8
Martin	Hathaway		9
Michael	Harvey		11
Thomas	Thompson	PM	11
Steven	Parks		12
Richard	Johnson		13
Manases	De Fiesta		13
Kenneth	Gustafson		14
John	Forcum		14
Brian	Zediker		14
Donald	Markert	PM	15
Wilfred	Blessing		16
Johannes	Kupelian		16
Generoso	Apacible		17
Randall	Parent		18
Billy	Hastings	PM	18
Gregory	Tam		19
Jerry	Wilson		20
Romeo	De Lumen	PM	21
Keith	McPherson		22
Fred	Aichinger		23
Eduardo	Apelado	PM	23
Neil	Andre		24
Robert	Fouke	II	25
Donald	Davis		25
Francis	Williams		27
Wayne	Mc Bride		27
Elmer	Manaid	PM	28

Division 3 Masonic Family Unity BBQ

All Masonic Families are invited to join
and celebrate reopening

Sunday, July 18, 2021
1pm - 4pm

Orinda Lodge #122
9 Altarinda Road, Orinda

Special Guest : Most Worshipful Arthur
Weiss, Grand Master of Masons in
California and his Wife Barbara

Dress Code: Casual

Cost: FREE

Please RSVP by July 6, 2021 on Eventbrite Link
Or call David Forsyth @415-425-2661

Contributions are Accepted and Welcome.

**ALL NET PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED
TO EAST BAY ACES - MASONS 4 MITTS &**

Below are some of our candidates to be balloted on during our
August 3, 2021 in-person Stated Meeting:



Pio Mendoza Velasquez Jr. 34 years old, live at Richmond
California, Married with two daughters, Work at University of
California Berkeley, Love cooking and having picnic with
family and friends. I was born and grew up in the
Philippines then came to America on January 2005.



My name is Jason Yason, 48 years old. I was born in the
Philippines, married and i have a son. I graduated in Manila
Central University with degree of Bachelor of Science in
nursing, I am a registered nurse in the Philippines. I came in
the US in 2003, I am currently residing in Hercules California
and working at Target Pinole for 17 years now as logistic
team leader.

My name is Mark M. Valencia born May 17, 1985 from
Philippines and I am an aircraft mechanic for Alaska
Airlines. Currently residing at 103 Oriole Ct. Hercules Ca. I
graduated from Wyotech in 2006 in Oakland Ca. I am
married with one son. While in school, I earned the top gun
award for students.
I enjoy cooking different kind of foods and also use my skills
to fix cars and help out friends who need help.

Brethren,

I am pleased to report that we are prepared to
**REOPEN ALL MEETING ROOMS, DINING ROOMS,
ENTRYWAYS, LOBBIES AND RESTROOMS on
MONDAY JULY 5, 2021.** Kitchen areas will reopen at
a later date, to be announced.

A memo will be forwarded to all tenants informing them
of our Reopening and resumption of rental invoicing
effective August 1, 2021 as per their respective
contracts. In addition, we are booking outside rentals.
Restrictions are based on common sense and the
protection of all our tenants and guests. We request
that you help set an example by observing the
guidance in our signs through sensible use of face
coverings and social distancing. All other conditions
are driven by State and Local governmental agencies
and are the responsibility of every tenant.

While the work party cleaned and sanitized, assembled
and mounted hand sanitizer dispensers, posted
appropriate signage; and restored furniture to normal
configuration(s) - much work still remains before we
reopen the Kitchens.

Please join me in extending a warm and sincere
appreciation to the brothers that contributed their time;
Worshipful's Philip Emmanuele PM, Dale Hicks, PM,
and Worshipful Master John Forcum as well as our
Property Manager Denise Matthews-Wright and myself.

Fraternally.
Greg Thompson, PM
President - MHAR

**Virtual Stated Meeting on "Zoom"
Tuesday July 6, 2021**

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

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211
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