



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

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

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August 2021

August Calendar

Tuesday,	3 rd	8:00 p.m.	Stated Meeting No Dinner
Tuesday,	10 th	7:00 p.m.	Practice – 1 st Degree
Wednesday,	11 th	7:30 p.m.	Hall Board Meeting – Zoom
Tuesday,	17 th	7:00 p.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree
Tuesday,	24 th	7:30p.m.	Practice – 1 st Degree
Tuesday,	31 st	10:00a.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	13 th	8:00 p.m.	Small Hall
Saturday,	14 th	1:00 p.m.	Grand Martha Reception -Large Hall
Friday,	27 th	8:00 p.m.	Small Hall

San Pablo Assembly No. 117

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

Tuesday,	3 rd	7:00 p.m.	Dark
Tuesday,	17 th	7:00 p.m.	Dark

Bethel No. 15

International Order of Job's Daughters

Saturday	14 th	1:00 p.m.	Dark
Saturday,	28 th	1:00 p.m.	Dark

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	4 th	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall
Wednesday,	18 th	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall

In the East

My faith that this finds all well, safe and healthy. Activity at Richmond Masonic Hall has resumed (*amid growing business & few obstacles*) - happily officers have met (*with a good turnout*) to begin practices for meetings, events (GWM Family Unity BBQ) and looming degrees, while at our July virtual stated meeting brethren voted to begin "in-person" again, an infusion of funds for the hall to continue through the year (*other adopted measures below*). For health & safety reasons masks are presently required inside the hall as we welcome everyone back to August's stated meeting (please be sure to make your reservations). August is time to reacquaint, preview, participate and enjoy the fellowship Bay Cities thrives on. I look forward to a great turnout (though sad as it is) for Brother W. Don Markert's, **Celebration Of Life** funeral services on **July 31st at 10:00AM** at our temple; as W. Don was active in Eastern Star, Shrine and Masonry for countless years, devoted to family, community, our lodge & Order and hope to see you there as well. (our relief for a departed brother & his family)

Please take note of our calendar for August and as stated in BC'S June TB balloting on those prospects that have progressed through the initial stage of joining Bay Cities will be the highlight of August's stated meeting - your attendance is of the utmost importance. Having posted BIOS in July of some of our candidates, be pleased to review others, below, requesting admission at our doors. Our long traditions of welcoming newcomers as the friendliest lodge in the area is equaled only by the care we take in their selection and elevation into the oldest, largest, and best known fraternity in the world. Any concerns, issues, impediments prior to balloting I hope you will bring, privately, to my attention as everyone's reputation should be respected, by all accounts (our charity), as we move forward. Having passed through a tumultuous difficult time, our path ahead is still uncertain. We have the opportunity and obligation to build a brighter solid future, our labors far from over. All we have to do is show up & begin work together!

May all our travels be safe, harmonious and healthy,

Fraternally
John Forcum, Master

From the West

As determined by our Executive Committee, we are again requiring our dinner attendees to RSVP, either by the lodge app or by calling the assistant Secretary at 510-758-7031. Please reserve as early as possible to ensure we have the correct number of meals prepared. If you RSVP but later cannot attend, please cancel your reservation.

We are also phasing in an increase in the cost of dinners. We are NOT having a dinner prior to the August 3 Stated Meeting. Our September 7 dinner will cost \$5.00, and a RSVP is REQUIRED. The October 3 dinner cost will be \$10.00 for the member, \$7.50 for the spouse/partner, member's children will be no charge, as well as Widows. The October dinner will be meatloaf and mashed potatoes with all the trimmings. The cost of dinners in later months will reflect the actual caterer's "per-meal" price, including the cost of covid-19 required cleaning protocols and increase in the wholesale cost of food.

Over the last several years, the increasing costs of food and the lack of sufficient RSVP's has resulted in a food subsidy of about 75 percent. This impacts the needed funding away from other budgeted programs, including funding our training and events

Fraternally
Bro. Joe Collignon, Senior Warden

August Birthdays

Marvin	Allen	Weissberger	PM	1
Hector		Rubio		3
Severino	Tapales	Gorospe	Jr.	3
J. C.		Hamilton		5
Wilmer	Gene	Wade		6
William	C.	Elberfeld	PM	8
David	Leigh	Jacob		9
David	Luther	Hill	PM	10
Philip	Joseph	Emmanuele	PM	12
Richard	Michael	Dixon		12
Noel	Tria	Santos		12
Gary	Woodrow	Schmidt		13
Dennis	Lloyd	Luptak	PM	15
Michael	J.	Lingg	Jr.	16
Kenneth	Wayne	Poteete		17
John	Manuel	Semas	PM	18
Theodore	Glen	Gibson		18
Douglas	Hamilton	Watson		18
Richard	Steven	Skillman		18
Jack	Calvin	Woodfin		18
Timothy	Andrew	Francis		18
Norman	W.	Tinkham	PM	19
Pompey		Festejo	Jr.	22
Luis	F.	Cabuhat		25
Raymond	Don	Mc Kinley		26
David	Earl	Balentine	PM	27
Arthur	Edwin	Johnson		30
Florencio	Halili	Mendoza	PM	31

In Memoriam:

Donald Theodore Markert, PM

Born	July	15	1942
Raised	March	16	1964
Entered into Rest	July	8	2021

Robert Elton Keldgord

Born	October	24,	1930
Raised	May	31,	1952
Entered into Rest	July	10,	2021

Stated Meeting Tuesday August 3, 2021

No Dinner Meeting 8:00pm

The Lodge is awarding three Scholarship Awards as shown below:

Giahna Owens
Noah Gabriel
Ashley Mentor

COVID 19 CHANGES EFFECTIVE July 17, 2021 TO ALL TENANTS: FACE MASK/COVERING CHANGE:

On Friday July 16, 2021, the seven bay area counties agreed to recommend the wearing of face masks/covers whenever indoors regardless of vaccination status effective Midnight July 17, 2021. Effective immediately, the Richmond Masonic Hall Association (MHAR) requires all tenants and guests wear a face mask/cover within its facilities until further notice.

COVID 19 SANITIZING FEE: \$135 Front Hall Area. \$65 Back Hall Area. This fee is separate from your normal cleaning fee. Effective July 17, 2021 a charge will be applied to each rental event to pay for the labor and material costs to apply CDC COVID19 compliant sanitizer. Until further notice, these fees shall be charged as follows: Questions concerning these interim changes should be submitted in writing to the MHAR President, Worshipful Greg Thompson, PM c/o the Property Manager, Denise Matthews -Wright.

Fraternally,
Greg Thompson, PM
President - MHAR

**Virtual Hall Association Meeting on "Zoom"
Tuesday August 11, 2021**

Meeting starts @ 7:30pm

Join the Zoom Meeting at this link:

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

Meeting ID: 510 928 3211
Passcode: BC#337

**Mission Bell Chapter #205
Cordially Invites You
to attend a "Faith is Believing" Reception
Honoring**

**Sister Judy Dunham
Grand Martha**

**Of the Grand Chapter of California
Order of the Eastern Star
and the Marthas of California**

**Saturday, August 14, 2021 @ 1:00pm
Richmond Masonic Hall
5050 El Portal Drive
Richmond, California**

**RSVP by July 31, 2021
To: Nancy Powers at smilepow@aol.com
or call 707-373-2724
Formal Attire requested**

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.

I am Bobby Anthonette D Forto, 35 yrs old, currently residing around Richmond California, I am married and have three beautiful children who are sadly still back in the Philippines, I have been here in the USA for the past three years and presently working with California Army National Guard with a E-4 grade and a Specialist rank, I am under Active duty operational support for the past year now and working on to get on board as an active guard duty status.

Growing up, I always wanted to be a part of a group that fit my vision in life in faith and in terms being a better person and I believe if given the chance and opportunity to be a part of this prestige brotherhood, It will help me a lot with what I am trying to achieve later on with my life, I have high expectations in terms of belonging to the brotherhood just for the reason the I'm confident that all the members share the same vision as mine.

As far as dedicating my time, I will do my best to offer what time left on my career since being in the Army takes a lot of my personal time.

Looking forward to learn more about the brotherhood as a member

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2021 through 2023

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