



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

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

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September 2021

September Calendar

Tuesday,	7 th	8:00 p.m.	Stated Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Stated Dinner
Tuesday,	14 th	7:00 p.m.	Practice – 1 st Degree
Tuesday,	17 th	7:00 p.m.	Practice - 1 st Degree
Tuesday,	21 st	7:30 p.m.	Bay Cities #337 DOSI – 305 th District
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal
Tuesday,	28 th	7:30 p.m.	Mr. John Espanol 1 st Degree Conferral
		6:30 p.m.	Light Meal

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	10 th	8:00 p.m.	Small Hall
Friday,	24 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	11 th	1:00 p.m.	Small Hall
Saturday,	25 th	1:00 p.m.	Small Hall

El Cerrito - Albany DeMolay

Wednesday,	1 st	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall
Wednesday,	15 th	7:30 p.m.	Small Hall

In the East

As we come to the end of the "Dog Days of Summer", the leaves beginning to fall, the days unfortunately still warm, hazy & full of ash we truly have reached the turning point of yet another Masonic year. At this *milestone*, as sitting Master of the 337th, I ask brothers & friends not to dwell on a troubled, lost past; but rejoice that we are still together in our labors, that the way

ahead though difficult is seemingly improving, and with temperance, fortitude, prudence that we all transition to a brighter, better world. After all, the craft has always built to improve not only ourselves, our neighbors, communities and our nation when each new day looms on the horizon. The solemn injunction from the Oriental Chair ever to walk as a just and upright Mason could not be more useful, true and important in our coming, collective destiny.

Though old ways may change, new designs needed, I draw attention to recent accomplishments (*along with my gratitude*): our impressive funeral service for our deceased brother W Don Markret PM, well attended, newly seen meaningful floorwork exceptionally done by the officers (my thanks all & to officer's coach, that day's Marshall W. Alex but especially to W. Dean Dagdagan PM, Master of Ceremonies not only the best & good looking but a beautiful ritualist - great job), our celebration of commitment to public education & students by awarding scholarships to three deserving youth - two of whom, with family attended our presentation at August's Stated meeting to give their thanks, the third sending her appreciation via video (*available on email request to me - you should view it*), happily the successful balloting of five new members to receive their degrees & one affiliation, the wonderful reception of our sister Judy D., Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of California, Order of the Eastern Star 2020-21 (*my dismay in not to see more brothers supporting Judy & Gary and our concordant chapter*), the tremendous news of elevation of W Gary D. PM to Associate Grand Patron Designee for OES of California, as well as the birth of their newest Grandson Jameson on Aug. 20, the resumption of ritual practices for the 1st degree that are consistently showing improvement. (our thanks to W's. Francis W., John D., & Larry D. PMs lending helping hands as well as our newly appointed Asst. Secretary Dan H. and Tiler Narciso H. who have taken up the call to serve the lodge effortlessly). 2021's Oriental Chair could not have been more blessed or hoped for more!

Updates of what lies ahead:
With the joyous news of newly elected members - as soon as the investigating committees return their reports the next Stated Meeting will again have balloting (consider this advanced notice and be sure to attend in September and October), also more inquires have reach the Master's chair recently (BC's future holds promise of yet new growth!),

As the stated meeting dinner, posted in August's trestle board, was postponed please be advised that those plans have simply been moved up to September as a start for those that were listed RSVP absolutely required, 9/7 at \$5, WM choice and 10/4

at \$10 meatloaf with the trimmings (if too few reserve in any given month late cancellation will be sent out accordingly),

Please take note of invites to the Masonic lecture series and opportunities to enjoy baseball with Masons at the park (if not posted in your emails [please contact our assistant secretary for help](#))

Masonic Service for our late Brother Robert Elton Keldgord
Date/Time: Saturday, September 18, 11:00am - Location: St Luke's Lutheran Church, 2491 San Miguel Dr., Walnut Creek, CA. MC W. Dean D PM., Ch. WM. John F., Mar. TBA

September 21st will be the 305th DSOI at BC Lodge, light meal at 6:30 - school at 7:30 again RSVP needed no charge.

My Brothers as the lodge resumes activities it is my sincere wish to see you all travel healthy, safe and protective of those around you & especially yourselves. A new dawn awaits us all, one I hope we will see working together. Have the Faith and Charity of mind to make that happen. Change is inescapable!

Fraternally
John Forcum, Master

Just over 100 years ago, seven lodges served our region

The decade ending in 1920 was a period of much suffering, and lot of change. In 1918, World War One ended, with an American death toll of more than 116 thousand. During 1918 and 1919, over 650 thousand Americans died of the Spanish Flu. The 18th Amendment ended most legal alcohol consumption, and the 19th Amendment finally gave American adult women the right to vote.

In response to these events, freemasonry changed and new masonic organizations were created. In 1919, Frank S. Land and a group of young boys, including some orphans of freemasons, started what later became the first Chapter of DeMolay International. Also created about this time were two organizations for girls: The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls and Job's Daughters International.

In California, freemasonry became more popular. The number of California Freemasons quadrupled from 21,579 in 1899, to 85,181 in 1921. American freemasonry was entering its golden age. The number of American freemasons reached over 3 million by 1924. By that time, nearly 6 out of every 100 American males were freemasons.

Lodge membership in our area grew from 25 members from 1 lodge in 1899, to over 2,000 members from 7 lodges by 1921, which included:

Carquinez No. 337 (Founded 1899), Crockett
Pinole No. 353 (Founded 1903), Hercules
McKinley No. 347 (Founded 1902), Richmond
Alpha No. 431 (Founded 1912), Richmond
Berkeley No. 363 (Founded 1904), Berkeley
Charter Rock No. 410 (Founded 1910), Berkeley

Thousand Oaks No. 478 (Founded 1920), Berkeley

As the covid pandemic eases, and we cautiously start attending meetings again, the members of **Bay Cities Lodge No. 337** are remembering our past and building a better tomorrow. Our members want to have a direct and beneficial impact to our communities, through our charities, and on a personal level. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month for stated meetings at the Richmond Masonic Hall, 5050 El Portal Drive, in Richmond at the edge of El Sobrante.

From the West

Having learned that we have voted in new applicants for the degrees of Masonry, I am refreshed by the hope that each new applicant brings to our beloved fraternity.

Over the last 18 months, our beloved lodge focused on practicing the craft "at a distance". We contacted our members by letter, phone, email, ZOOM, and sometimes "one-on-one" at a careful distance.

We are now beginning to have in-person meetings. We want to be engaged with one another, but we must live with the reality that for public safety issues, our meetings can be stopped on short notice. The present face mask requirement looks like one we will have to adhere to for some time. We also have members who have made the determination that they will stay out of meetings for an indefinite time due the real risk of a Covid-19 infection and its effect on co-morbidities.

One of the ways our lodge members can stay engaged is to RSVP for our stated meeting dinners and other events. The lodge app and iMember is the most effective way to have up-to-the-moment information about our meetings. Please use them.

Whether you are newly-initiated, or you have already earned your 50-year Golden Veteran membership pin, there is much to learn from the first degree of masonry. Please take an opportunity to join us in a practice, hear a brother's proficiency, or watch and assist in a first degree. It is my hope to see all our Entered Apprentices advance to the Fellowcraft degrees this fall and winter.

Thank you for your interest in our gentle craft, and for cooperating with your leaders during this stressful time.

Fraternally
Bro. Joe Collignon, Senior Warden

September Birthdays

Richard	Schulze	PM	2
Robert	Stern		4
Richard	Beck		4
Reijo	Arakorpi		5
Bill	Warner	Jr.	5
Stacey	Dryden	PM	11
Leonard	Battaglia		12
Richard	Bentley	PM	16
Chester	Rocher	Jr. PM	16
Van	Luspo		16
Jason	Banks		16

Tony	Dover		18
John	Davis		18
Francis	Poong	PM	20
Delbert	Pruitt		21
Forrest	Tietz	PM	26
Brodie	Riley		28
Franklin	Young		28
Darryl	Grant		28
Richard	Brown	Jr.	29
Edgardo	De Castro	PM	30

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.

Effective July 17, 2021 a COVID 19 SANITIZING FEE 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 \$135 for the Front Hall areas and \$65 for the Back Hall areas. This fee is separate from your normal cleaning fee(s). 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
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