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February 2024

February Calendar

Saturday,	3 rd	6:00 p.m.	Masonic Funeral Services WB Charlie Dalangin Colonial Chapel Vallejo
Tuesday,	6 th	6:00 p.m.	Dinner
		8:00 p.m.	Stated Meeting
Friday,	9 th	6:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.	Sweethearts & Widows Night
Sunday,	11 th	12:00 p.m. - 5:00p.m.	Superbowl BBQ Party
Tuesday,	13 th	5:00 p.m.	Light Meal
		6:00 p.m.	2 nd Degree Practice
Tuesday,	20 th	6:30 p.m.	DOSI – Acalanes Fellowship Lodge
Tuesday,	27 th	5:00 p.m.	Light Meal
		6:00 p.m.	2 nd Degree Practice

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	9 th	7:30 p.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Friday,	23 rd	7:30 p.m.	Meeting – Small Hall

Bethel No. 15

Job's Daughters International

Saturday	10 th	11:00 a.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Saturday,	24 th	11:00 a.m.	Meeting – Small Hall

2024 Grand Master's Proclamations

March	Youth Orders Month
July	Support Our Veterans Month
August	First Responders Month
September	Public Schools Month

From the East



February is always considered as the Love month since Valentine's Day is celebrated every February 14th. It is a time to express our love and gratitude to the special people in our life such as our spouse, partner, family and friends. The origin of the name "Valentine" is not clear, but some scholars believe it comes from a Roman priest named Saint Valentine, who was martyred in the 3rd century for performing secret weddings for Christian couples.

One of the principal tenets of Masonry is brotherly love. It is the bond that unites all masons, regardless of our ethnicity, religion, color, or social status. Love inspires us to seek the truth, practice justice, and do good. Love is also the force that enables us to transcend our differences and foster harmony in diversity among the brethren.

There are many ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. Some people celebrate it by giving cards, flowers, chocolates, or other gifts while others may have a romantic dinner, watch a movie, or enjoy a spa day together. For Bay Cities Lodge No. 337, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day by having a Sweetheart and Widow's Night on February 9, 2024. This has been a long standing tradition in the Lodge to show our appreciation not only to our spouses but also to the widows of our departed brothers. For this year, aside from the usual red roses, gifts will also be given to the Ladies. So I am inviting all BCL Ladies and Spouses to please attend our event in February 9.

No matter how we celebrate Valentine's Day, we should always remember that the most important thing is to show our love and appreciation to the people in our life. Valentine's Day is not only about romantic love, but also about friendship, family, and self-love. You can use this day as an opportunity to express your gratitude, kindness, and support to yourself and others. And we should always keep in mind that expressing love is not limited to one day of the year, but that it should be celebrated every day in many different ways. Together Brethren!

February Birthdays



Romeo	Poblete	PM	3
Jonee	Asilum		3
Joseph	Dworak		4
Donald	Godwin	PM	5
Thomas	Johnson		6
Dean	Flint		7
Albert	Salido		7
Forrest	Ebert		9
John	Ozenberger		12
Brandon	Osman		15
Gibran	Leon-Perez		17
Joseph	Collignon		18
Luis	Mangaser		18
Robert	Reed		19
Donald	Blairsdale		20
James	Boehner		20
Edgar	Cantrell		20
Earle	Moeller		20
Virgilio	Cabading		21
Samuel	Bayle		22
Les	Johnson		23
John	Fischer		27
David	Rosenbaum		28



In Memoriam

Corseno D. Dalangin, PM

Born February 2, 1944
Raised December 15, 1981
Entered into Rest January 2, 2024

*Soft and safe to thee my brother
 Be thy resting place
 Bright and glorious be thy rising from it.*

Love in the BCL No.337 Family

By: Sis Sally Gavieres

What is love? No one can define love, we can just feel it. Love is a thread which joins and connect us together. It is a sentiment not able to be characterized by words. Actual love is what we feel inside. The BCL # 337 family love is the oil that eases friction, the cement that binds closer together, and the music that brings harmony. In music, a harmony refers to two or more complementary notes played or sung at the same time. Certain harmonies can make the listeners feel optimistic and happy. Understanding harmony can shape how we want to play chords and how we want other people to feel when they listen to us. Harmony is when currents come together in synchronicity and togetherness. This is oneness.

There is a love that brings and keeps people together in harmony and happiness. They serve as companions, confidants, and role-models and service of support. Although there are so many different personalities, we learned how to love and accept those differences. This family relationships teach us how to pick our battles and how to let things go. These lessons truly have been great for we have these brothers and sisters.

By nurturing our relationships with our BCL family, we create a lifelong bond that enrich our lives in countless ways such as source of fun and laughter. We share inside jokes, playful banter, and deep sense of camaraderie that make even the most mundane activities feel exciting. Our Lodge' Brother/Sister' love is a unique and powerful bond that deserves to be celebrated.

While this family love can be incredibly rewarding, it's not without challenges. Just like sibling rivalry, we can sometimes be competitive with each other. However, the bond we share with one another is irreplaceable. Our love is essential part of our experiences. While it is not without its challenges, the joys and benefits of our relationships far outweigh the negatives. It provides us with a sense of belonging, connection, and identity that can't be found anywhere else. It's a bond that often involves understanding each other's core values, beliefs, and life goes.

Just like the music, the harmony in this Lodge is not just about being in the same key musically. It's about coalescing ourselves with the flow of the

relationship. Acquiescing to be in unity with the other people we are connected to. Love in this Lodge is evident and the harmony works and feels best when different and unique perspectives come together. There is a fluidity that is truly powerful. Sometimes we keep wondering what it takes to have a happy family. However, there is no perfect family. We consider people in harmony when they fit together like concordant notes in a pleasing chord. Brothers and Sisters in our Lodge, share unique bond that can be difficult to describe. The love between us is a complex combination of loyalty, support, and a family ties that is unlike any other relationships. We share the nuances of brothers and sisters love, including the joys and challenges that come with it. There is no price-tag on our friendship. At its core, BCL brothers and sisters love is an unbreakable bond. This love is built on a foundation of deep understanding and respect of each other's personalities. BCL # 337 is our family, not by blood, but by choice.

BCL No. 337 confers 1st Degree

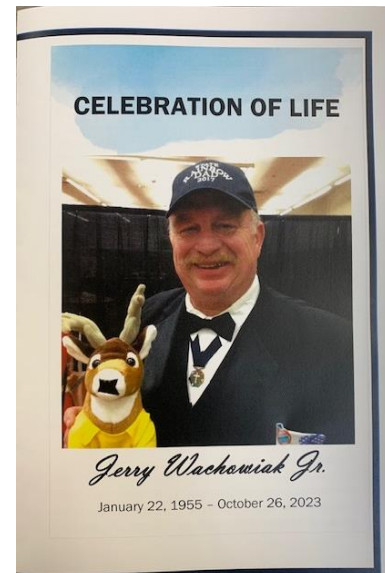
Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 elected during the January stated meeting two candidates to receive the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. One of the candidates is Mr Vernon Morales, a retired US Army serviceman and a resident of Richmond, California.

Mr. Morales has been attending the different activities in the Lodge. On January 16, 2024, Bro Morales was initiated on the first degree of Masonry. It was a well-attended ceremony graced by the brothers of our Lodge and a visiting brother from Naval Lodge 97 in Vallejo. Before the ceremony, dinner was served in the Large Dining Hall and fellowship followed after the conferral.



Celebration of Life for Bro Wachowiak

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 hosted the Celebration of Life for Bro Jerry Wachowiak Jr on January 20, 2024 at the Large Dining Hall. The event was well attended, and the dining hall was full pack despite the inclement weather. There were guests from the Masonic family, Shriners International, Order of Eastern Star & Rainbow for Girls. Likewise, some of his former co-workers from Tiburon PD, family and friends were also present. Diablo Star Chapter # 178 of the Order of Eastern Star conducted a memorial service for Bro Jerry. After the service, lunch was served among the attendees. The overflowing number of guests showed how well loved and how well-respected Bro Jerry was, not only from the different Masonic bodies but also among his friends and families.



AREME Bells of Mission Bell Chapter #205 presents our 2nd Annual Crab Feed Saturday, February 24th, 2024

Doors Open at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:00pm
\$60 per Person pre-sale only

Crab, pasta, salad, bread, & dessert
Chicken option or "to-go" upon request
Silent Auction

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