



**Bay Cities Lodge No. 337**  
**Free & Accepted Mason of California**  
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**May 2024**

### May Calendar

Tuesday,	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Stated Meeting Dinner
		8:00 p.m.	Meeting (Inspector Official Visit)
Thursday,	9 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
		6:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Practice
Friday,	10 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Annual Review of Lodge/MHAR Books by the Inspector
Tuesday,	14 <sup>th</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Light Meal
		6:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Practice
Wednesday,	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 p.m.	MHAR- Regular Meeting
Thursday,	16 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Light Meal
		7:30 p.m.	DOSI – Orinda Lodge
Tuesday,	21 <sup>st</sup>	5:30 p.m.	Dinner
		6:30 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Practice
Saturday,	25 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 a.m.	Light Snacks
		10:00 a.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Conferral Bro Ramolette and Bro Leon

### Hall Events

#### Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

##### **Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Friday,	24 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Meeting – Small Hall

### Bethel No. 15

#### **Job's Daughters International**

Saturday,	11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 a.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Saturday,	25 <sup>th</sup>	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



The month of April was a very busy month for Bay Cities Lodge No. 337. Aside from conducting two 2<sup>nd</sup> degree conferrals and Lodge Work Party/Beautification Drive, several lodge members and family also attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter Lodge Picnic at Silver Oak Park at American Canyon, CA participated by six Lodges. It was a fun filled event overflowing with free foods and beverages.

Our District Inspector will have his official visit during the May Stated Meeting. I am hoping that many members and ladies will be attending the event to show the Lodge solidarity and also to express our support and appreciation to Worshipful Mike Tagulao for the works he had done not only to BCL 337, but also to the other three Lodges under his supervision. The theme during May Stated Meeting will be Mexican in observance of Cinco de Mayo. Delicious Mexican foods will be served during the dinner.

For this month, we will be having the Lodge first 3<sup>rd</sup> degree conferral for this year. We will be raising 2 FCMs and will be a Past Masters' Degree. The plan is to have Past Masters who are all members of BCL 337 do the conferral to one of the candidates and the current set of Officers to the other candidate. This will entail lots of work that's why I have scheduled numerous practices this month in order that the conferral team will be well prepared to give the candidates a memorable and meaningful degree. And I am proud to say that our set of Officers have been working so hard to do better in our rituals. Again, I am looking forward to a busy but beautiful month ahead. Together brethren!

## May Birthdays

Felix	Oseguera	Jr.	1
Michael	Freitas		1
Richard	Camp		2
Dan	Laynes		3
Jorden	Webster		5
William	Low		5
John	Filler		7
Steven	Sexton	PM	9
Peter	Chambers		10
Lynn	Powley		12
Mark	Porter		12
Maxwell	Richardson		13
Aurelio	Gavieres		14
Thomas	Hidayat		16
Gibran	Leon - Perez		17
Mark	Valencia		17
Richard	Von Tickner		17
Joselito	Santos		20
Shernan	Moselina		20
Michael	Consiglio	PM	21
Jean	Royaute		22
Donald	Clark		25
James	Hicks		26
Kenneth	Epley		26
Narciso	Honrada		28
Duffy	Best		30
Joe	Beckham		30
Robert	Jennings		31

## BCL 337 Calendar of Activities for 2024

### June

1 – BCL Annual Golf Tournament  
 15 – Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)  
 21 – Summer Dinner Dance Hawaiian)

### July

4 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Picnic

### August

3 – We Run Richmond (Community Activity)  
 17 – Hiram Award Presentation  
 23-25 – Lodge Family Camping

### September

15 – El Sobrante Stroll  
 21 – Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)

### October

12 – 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball (Formal) – Venue TBAL  
 29 – Halloween Party

### November

16- Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)  
 29 – Master's Appreciation Night

### December

15 – Annual Installation of Officers  
 20 – Christmas Party

\* Schedules are subject to change  
 \* Degree Practices & Conferrals will be scheduled as necessary

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mission Bell Chapter, OES will have a **Taco Bar Fund Raising Event** on May 5, 2024 (Sunday) from 11am – 2pm...

Ticket Cost is \$15.000....

Come One, Come all. See you !!!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

During the May 7, 2024 Stated Meeting, the Lodge will be **electing one MHAR Director** to finish the term of the Director who stepped down due to medical reason....

## **Garden of WeEden by Sis Sally Gavieres**

I saw the weeds growing in our yard. But Jing (my husband) was too busy and said it's just a few weeds. Time passed, and the weeds multiplied. When I say multiplied, I mean exponentially... maniacally... viciously. All of a sudden, there are now more weeds than grass. Why didn't the weeds have just as much right to grow as the grass? Why couldn't we just let them live in harmony? Jing goes out there every day to pick weeds but he was caught in a battle that the grass and Jing are losing. He considered his options. He could have just let them die from neglect. Then he considered ripping them out of the ground by their roots, but it would take him hours upon hours of back-breaking labor just to remove the weeds. He had also tried the "lawn" friendly weed killer, but this does nothing except turn them slightly yellow and thrive. He would love to use the napalm variety of weed killer, but he is prevented by the Environmental Protection Agency, who seems to think that preserving our environment is more important than relieving the world of unwanted weeds. Try telling this to our Homeowner's Association. Then I got to thinking about what we would do. Who decided that grass is better than weeds anyway? Aren't weeds equal citizens? Aren't they worthy of life too? If you cut them, do they not bleed? (ha!ha!ha!... okay, so it may be this gross milky white substance, but stay with me here.) Just because grass is maybe prettier, and weeds can be not only ugly but also painful (the thistle variety), does this mean that the weeds deserve to die? If we were to rely purely on the laws of nature, then it should be the needy grass that dies because the weeds are stronger, they have earned their place on this planet through natural selection.... survival of the fittest. Why couldn't the weeds just be happy with what they had? Why did they try to take over the whole yard? Why couldn't they just live happily, side by side with the gentle, peace-loving grass? No, the weeds were not satisfied, they declared jihad on our lawn, and now they must all die. But because they are so intertwined with the grass, it too must go. We have to wipe the slate clean, destroy both the guilty and the innocent, and start over completely. It is sad, but we have to do what must be done, for the good of our yard, in the best interests of the neighborhood, for the greater good of the planet. Maybe next time we'll just plant a rock garden.

## **BCL No. 337 confers 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree**

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 conferred the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree of Masonry last April to two candidates. Bro Vernon Morales, who was initiated as EAM on January 16, 2024, was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on April 9, 2024 with Bro Sam Bayle, the SW, sitting in the East. Bro Jorden Webster, who was initiated as EAM on April 11, 2023, was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on April 23, 2024 with Bro Charels Kimbrell, the JW, sitting in the East. The staircase lecture was delivered to both candidates by Bro Abner Lumabas, the SD. Both degree conferrals were well-attended. Several BCL ladies were also present during the event to show their support.

## **BCL No. 337 hosts DSOI for April**

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 hosted the District School of Instruction (DSOI) of the 305<sup>th</sup> Masonic District last April 16, 2024. Dinner was served in the Large Dining Hall before the School of Instruction and the brethren were able to socialize and had fellowship with one another. After the usual updates and presentation of the Monthly Calendars by the Masters, BCL Officers exemplified the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree ritual with WB Erwin Arceo delivering the staircase lecture and WB Dan Laynes giving the Middle Chamber lecture. The DSOI was presided by WB Mike Tagulao, the District Inspector, and was attended by 41 Mason brothers coming from the four Lodges in our District.

## **BCL 337 attends the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inter Lodge Picnic**

On April 20, 2024, BCL 337 Brethren and Ladies attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Inter Lodge picnic hosted by Naval Lodge 87 held at Silver Oak Park in American Canyon, CA. Said picnic was participated by Brother Masons from Suisun Lodge 55, Naval Lodge 87, San Leandro Lodge 113, Bay Cities Lodge 337, Pittsburg Lodge 429, Carquinez Lodge 858 and American Canyon Lodge 875. The participating Lodges donated foods and beverages which was shared to all the attendees. The picnic started as early as 8am and lasted until 4pm. It was indeed a fun filled event. The next picnic will be on April 12, 2025 to be hosted by Carquinez Lodge 858.









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