



Bay Cities Lodge No. 337
Free & Accepted Mason of California
 Stated Meetings, First Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

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Sept 2024

September Calendar

Tuesday,	3 rd	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		8:00 pm	Stated Meeting
Tuesday,	10 th	5:30 pm	Light Meal
		6:30 pm	1 st Deg 2 nd Sec Practice
Wednesday,	11 th	7:00 pm	MHAR— Regular Meeting
Sunday,	15 th	7:00 am – 4pm	El Sobrante Stroll
Tuesday,	17 th	6:30 pm	DOSI – Bay Cities Lodge 337
		7:30 pm	1 st Deg 2 nd Sec Exemplification
Saturday,	21 st	6:00 am	Feeding Program, GRIP Richmond
		8:00 am	Lodge Work Party

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	13 th	7:30 p.m.	Meeting - Small Hall
Friday,	27 th	7:30 p.m.	Meeting - Small Hall

Bethel No. 15

Job's Daughters International

Saturday,	14 th	11:00 a.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Saturday,	28 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



September is a delightful transition from summer to autumn, offering a mix of warm and mild weather across the state. This month is filled with anticipation and excitement, offering a blend of seasonal changes, cultural events, and outdoor activities that make it one of the most enjoyable times of the year. Autumn arrives in the Northern Hemisphere as summer passes, the days become shorter, and the air gets crisper. As the leaves turn, vivid red, orange, and gold hues cover the landscape. With students returning to school and the enthusiasm for new beginnings in the air, it's a season of new beginnings. As the summer heat gives way to the comfortable, introspective days of October, the month also evokes feelings of nostalgia. September is a vibrant month; a special combination of beauty and change, whether it's the peaceful, misty mornings or the exhilarating outdoor experiences.

Our Stated Meeting on September 3, 2024 will be special because no less than the Grand Master of Masons of California, MW G. Sean Metroka, will be joining us. It has been a long time since a sitting Grandmaster visited our Lodge, and we are very fortunate that we were accommodated in his very busy schedule. For this month, we will be having the 3rd feeding program for this year at GRIP in 22nd St, Richmond. Just like the previous activities, we will again be serving breakfast to the residents. As per coordination with MHAR, we will have another Lodge Work party during the 3rd week to maintain the grounds and to clean the interior of the large dining hall and big Lodge room. I am again hoping for maximum participation from the brethren. To create awareness in the community, we will again be

participating in the El Sobrante Stroll together with Mission Bell Chapet 205, Order of Eastern Star and Bethel No. 15, Jobs Daughters International during the 2nd week. With the above-mentioned activities, the Lodge will really be very busy for this month.

In closing, September is a month full of promise, with something to offer everyone. Whether you're drawn to the outdoors, passionate about flavors and food, or eager to explore cultural events, this month provides the perfect blend of activities and experiences. As summer gently transitions into fall, vibrant communities come alive in a truly special way, making September an ideal time to savor all that the month has to offer. Together brethren!

September Birthday's

Richard	Schulze	PM	2
Richard	Beck		4
Bill	Warner Jr.		5
Mingshut	Chu	PM	10
Stacey	Dryden	PM	11
Leonard	Battaglia		12
Romeo	Bauzon		13
Jason	Banks		16
Richard	Bentley	PM	16
Cornelius			
Van	Luspo	PM	16
Tony	Dover		18
Francis	Poong	PM	20
Delbert	Pruitt		21
Forrest	Tietz	PM	26
Darryl	Grant		28
Richard	Brown Jr.		29
Edgardo	De Castro	PM	30

BCL 337 Calendar of Activities for 2024

September

15 – El Sobrante Stroll

21 – Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)/
Work Party

October

12 – 125th Anniversary Ball (Gatsby Attire)

26 – Halloween Party (Tentative)

November

5 – Election of Officers

16- Feeding Program (GRIP @ Richmond)

22 – 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

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice is hereby given to all the Members of Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 that a possible amendment in our Lodge By-Laws (**change of Date & Time of Stated Meeting & change in the Annual Dues**) will be voted upon during our December 3, 2024 (not Oct 1, 2024) Stated Meeting. Details will be presented and discussed during the October, November and December stated meetings.

Please be guided accordingly! Thank you

BAY CITIES LODGE NO. 337

125th Anniversary Ball

With MW G. SEAN METROKA, Guest of Honor

October 12, 2024, 2pm - 10pm

Venue: Crowne Plaza Concord,

45 John Glenn Dr, Concord, CA 94520

Attire: Gatsby

Ticket: \$80.00

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BCL No. 337 participates in 3^o conferral at Salinas Lodge 204

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 travelled to Salinas, CA on August 10, 2024 to participate on the double 3rd degree conferral at Salinas Lodge 204. The candidates were Bro Charlie Banaag, an officer of Philippine Army and Bro Erwin Tolentino, an Officer of Philippine Coast Guard. Both candidates are presently taking up Masteral studies at Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. The BCL Brethren were assigned to do the 2nd Section for Bro Banaag.

The conferral team for Bro Banaag were the following: **2nd Section:** KS-WB Dan Laynes; HT-Bro Sam Bayle; JW-Bro Jun Aquino; SD-Bro Abner Lumabas; 1C-Bro Ely Ramolete; 2C- Bro Vernon Morales; JD-Bro Romeo Bauzon; JA-Bro Jachin Brown; JO-Bro Jaymcee Castro; JM-WB Erwin Arceo; and SM/WB-WB Ming Chu.

The double 3rd degree conferral was attended by brother Masons from different Lodges. Aside from BCL 337, there were also brothers from San Benito Lodge No. 211, Monterey Lodge No. 217 and Liberty Lodge No. 299. The conferral started at 10:00 in the morning and lunch was served in the Dining Hall at high twelve. The foods were brought by the two candidates and by the Lodge. Fellowship followed after the conferral. The brethren of Salinas Lodge 204 were grateful of our participation in their 3rd degree conferral.

BCL No. 337 joins Gift Giving Activity

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 joined American Canyon Lodge 875 in their gift giving activity in Isabela Province, Philippines on July 18-22, 2024. The giving of school supplies and feeding program was made possible through the efforts of WB Butch Caratiquit, WM of ACL 875, as part of the 2024 Master's Trip. The recipients were elementary school pupils of Masigun Elementary School and Bacnor Elementary School, all of Burgos, Isabela Province. The activity benefitted more than 200 children, from 1st Grade to 6th grade, in both schools. The gift giving activity was in collaboration with District VII-Northeastern Luzon, Order of the Amaranth, Grand Court of the Philippines and Aurora Lodge 405, Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines. The activity was also graced by no less than Hon Dominique Uy, the Mayor of Aurora Municipality.

On July 23, 2024, another gift giving activity was conducted at Guanzon-Balagos Elementary School in Dulao, Bago City, Negros Occidental. This was made possible thru the efforts of Bro Mark Valencia in coordination with Kanlaon Lodge No. 64, Free & Accepted Masons of the Philippines under the leadership of WB Rodel T Legaspi. School supplies and school bags were given to more than 100 pupils ranging from 1st

Grade to 6th grade. Food packs were also given to the kids.

The gift giving and feeding program in the Philippines was participated by brethren from American Canyon Lodge No. 875, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337, Columbia Brotherhood Lodge No. 370 and San Leandro Lodge No. 113. The sitting Masters of ACL 875, BCL 337 and SLL 113 were all present. WB Mike Tagulao, Inspector of 305th Masonic District and WB Allan Nubla, Inspector of 141st Masonic District, were also in attendance. The kids, parents and teachers of the recipient schools were all very grateful. The activities were a big success and had a meaningful impact on the community. It resulted to positive relationships and made a difference by promoting the image of our fraternity, thereby winning the hearts and mind of the populace. Together brethren!

BCL No. 337 presents Hiram Award

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 presented the Hiram Award upon WB Erwin Arceo on August 17, 2024. The event was jam packed with almost 180 people in attendance. The event started with Hors d'oeuvres at 3pm then followed by the ceremony at 4pm. Aside from Masonic brethren from different Lodges, the occasion was also attended by friends and families of the honoree. Two Past Grand Masters, MW David Perry, PGM of Grand Lodge of California, and MW David San Juan, PGM of MW Grand Lodge of Prince Hall of California, were also in attendance.

The Hiram Award is the highest award given to a Mason by his own Lodge as a recognition of his dedicated service to the Lodge and Masonic Principles in general. It is a fitting acknowledgement of all the hard work a brother done without expecting anything in return. WB Arceo served in different capacities in the Lodge highlighted by serving as Worshipful Master in 2019. After his term as Master, he was still very active in different Lodge activities. Presently, he is the Candidate Coach, who is in charge in making sure that the candidates are proficient and ready to advance to the next degree. He is also one of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Association of Richmond.

After the ceremony, dinner and drinks were served in the Large Dining Hall followed by dancing and fellowship. The attendees had fun dancing with the music provided by DJ Buster. Likewise, a photobooth was also available at the lobby and everybody enjoyed taking pictures. The event was a huge success and it was indeed a night to remember!



Brethren at Tuguegarao Airport



**With Brethren from Kanlaon Lodge No. 64,
Grand Lodge of the Philippines**



Guanzon-Balgos Elementary School



Masigun Elementary School



**With Hon Dominique Uy,
Mayor of Burgos, Isabela**



Bacnor Elementary School





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