



Bay Cities Lodge No. 337
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November 2024

November Calendar

Tuesday,	5 th	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		8:00 pm	Stated Meeting (Election of Officers)
Saturday,	9 th	9:00 am	Lodge Work Party
Wednesday,	13 th	7:00 pm	MHAR – Regular Meeting
Saturday,	16 th	6:00 am	GRIP Feeding Program
Tuesday,	19 th	6:30 pm	DOSI – Acalanes Fellowship 480
		7:30 pm	Exemplification – Installation
Friday,	22 nd	6:00 pm	Master's Appreciation Night
Tuesday,	26 th	5:30 pm	Light Meal
		6:30 pm	Installation Practice
Thursday,	28 th		Thanksgiving Day

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

Friday,	8 th	7:30 p.m.	Meeting - Small Hall
Friday,	22 nd	7:30 p.m.	Meeting - Small Hall

Bethel No. 15

Job's Daughters International

Saturday,	9 th	11:00 a.m.	Meeting – Small Hall
Saturday,	22 nd	1:00 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



November in America is a month of change and excitement. The landscape changes as the last traces of autumn give way to the first indications of winter, displaying a mix of vivid fall foliage and the first frost. The weather cools considerably in many regions of the nation, making it the ideal time for warm inside activities and holiday preparations. The last of the trees' vibrant leaves fall, as the air gets crisper and the daylight hours get much shorter. People start dressing in sweaters and scarves; a spirit of introspection and readiness marks the month as families start planning for the next winter months as the natural world begins to fade.

Thanksgiving, a beloved holiday observed on the fourth Thursday of the month, is one of the highlights of November. Families and friends get together to enjoy each other's company, share a feast, and express appreciation. Thanksgiving is celebrated with parades and festivities in many places as it is a deeply American holiday, and one of its most distinctive aspects is its celebration. Joining forces, families, and friends enjoy a feast that often consists of turkey, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie. People give thanks and consider the blessings of the previous year during this time of year. This is the month when we expect to see its first snowfall, particularly in the northern regions. Vibrant autumnal colors give way to bare limbs and chilly mornings - the peaceful beauty November offers. During the November Stated Meeting, the brethren will be electing a new set of Officers who will serve during the ensuing year. Let us carefully exercise our right to choose the leaders who will be steering our Lodge to the right direction moving forward.

As Masons, we typically celebrate Thanksgiving by spending time with friends and family, and engaging in charitable endeavors. In line with this, our Lodge will again be hosting breakfast at GRIP Richmond for the underprivileged this 3rd Saturday of November as our way of giving back to the community and promoting our fraternity. Likewise, we will have a Master Appreciation Night on Nov 22, 2024 to look back and celebrate the different accomplishments that our Lodge have done for this year. Just a bit of trivia, President George Washington and Elias Boudinot, two well-known Freemasons, were instrumental in making Thanksgiving a national holiday in the United States.

We have a lot of things to be thankful for. Just recently, we celebrated Lodge 337 125th Anniversary, which is a great milestone. With 265 members on the roster, our Lodge is thriving, and expected to continue to grow with several prospects knocking at the door. Our stated meetings and other Lodge events are very well attended, a testament that Masonry is very much alive in our Lodge. These are just some of the things that we should be thankful to the GAOTU. May his blessings continue to overflow to each and everyone. Happy Thanksgiving BCL 337 Family.

October Birthdays

James	Resayo		3
Carlos	Arrozal	Jr.	4
Carlos	De Sagun		4
Ray	Bronken		8
Michael	Levine		11
William	Johns		12
Rene	Quiambao	PM	12
Charles	Kimbrell		13
George	Moore		13
Robert	Johnson	PM	14
Andrew	Miller		16
Austin	Hicks		19
Albert	Matel		25
Walter	Johansen	Jr.	26

BCL 337 Calendar of Activities for 2024

October

12 – 125th Anniversary Ball (Gatsby Attire)

25-27 – GLC Annual Communication

November

1 – Post Halloween Party (Costume Party)

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

BCL No. 337 donates School Supplies

In observance of September as Public School Month per proclamation by the Grand Master, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 donated school supplies to not just one but two elementary schools. Headed by WM Dan Laynes & Sis Delza, several brothers and ladies donated school supplies on September 27, 2024. First stop was at the Hannah Ranch Elementary School in Hercules, CA wherein 100 reams of copy paper were donated for the use of the students. The donation was received by Mr Greg Santiago, the School Principal. Next recipient was Tara Hills Elementary School in Pinole, CA wherein the following items were given: 5 Jump Ropes, 2 Sensory Fiber Optic Lamp, 1 Meavia Reversible Sequins Sensory Fun Toy, 1 Kids Play Tent, 2 Novelty Expandable Breathing Ball and 3 Bean Bags. These were received by Ms Shari

Salinas, the School Principal. The brothers and ladies who participated in the activity were WM Dan Laynes, Sis Delza Laynes, JW Charles Kimbrell, WB Noel Santos, Sis Jojie Santos, Bro Abner Lumabas, Bro Mark Valencia, Sis Myra Valencia & Goryo, Bro Vernon Morales, Sis Elma Morales, Bro Ely Ramolete and Sis Bambi Ramolete.

BCL No. 337 renders Masonic Funeral Services

On October 7, 2024, Masonic Funeral service was rendered to WB Romeo Poblete, PM during the viewing at Colonial Chapel 1000 Redwood St, Vallejo, CA. WB Dean Dagdagan, PM was the Funeral Master, Bro Sam Bayle was the Marshall and WB Arnold Abaya was the Chaplain. The viewing was attended by Masons from different Lodges, friends and family members. The overflowing number of guests showed how well loved and how well-respected WB Poblete was, not only from Masons but also among his friends and families. Interment with Military Honors followed the next day at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, CA.

BCL No. 337 celebrates 125th Anniversary

On October 12, 2024, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 held an Anniversary Ball at the Concord Plaza Hotel to celebrate the Lodge's remarkable journey and history for the last 125 years. The event was attended by no less than the Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of California, MW G. Sean Metroka and First Lady Margaret. Other dignitaries present were RW Garrett Chan- Grand Senior Warden, WB Antonio Cimarra, AGL of Division III, WB Steven Yeffa – Grand Marshall, WB Gabriel Mariscal- Senior Grand Steward, MW David Perry-PGM in 2015-1016 and WB Mike Tagulao-Inspector of the 305th Masonic District. Aside from the brethren and ladies of our Lodge, we also had brethren and ladies from Suisun Lodge 55, Naval Lodge 87, San Leandro Lodge 113, Carquinez Lodge 858 and American Canyon Lodge 875. All the attendees look dazzling in their Gatsby Attire.

The Anniversary Program started at 5pm with Bro Abner Lumabas as Master of Ceremonies. WB Dan Laynes, WM of BCL 337, shared a Brief History of the Lodge. The original Lodge 337 was Carquinez Lodge which was granted Dispensation on April 26, 1899 and subsequently Chartered on October 12, 1899. Through the years, several Lodges

in the area consolidated to form the present day Bay Cities Lodge No. 337. The Grand Master then awarded the 125th Certificate to the Lodge and delivered his Anniversary message. A sumptuous dinner followed after the program. To add color to the event, a raffle was conducted and prizes consisting of Amazon Gift cards, Bose Bluetooth speakers and 10th Generation Ipads were given away. The proceeds of the raffle amounting to \$1,710.00 will be donated to the Masonic Homes of California.

The Attendees then enjoyed a night of dancing which lasted until 11pm. The 125th Anniversary Ball was well attended with 127 Masonic brothers, sisters, friends and families in attendance. This is the first time that such kind of event was conducted to celebrate a very important Masonic milestone. The guests, officers, members and ladies of BCL 337 were all very happy to witness and experienced a very wonderful anniversary celebration. Cheers to another 125 years of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

BCL No. 337 confers 1st Degree

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 conferred the 1st degree of Masonry upon Mr Zhengze Zhang, who was elected during the October stated meeting to receive the degrees of Masonry in our Lodge. He is 27 years old, works as a researcher at Berkeley Laboratory and a resident of El Cerrito, California.

Mr. Zhang has been attending the different activities in the Lodge and already familiar with most of our members. His first degree conferral on October 15, 2024 was a well-attended ceremony graced by the brothers of our Lodge and several visiting brethren from Suisun Lodge 55 and San Leandro Lodge 113. Dinner was served in the Large Dining Hall before the ceremony and fellowship followed after the conferral. Several Ladies were also present to show their support to Bro Zhang. The conferral team were composed of the following: WM- Bro Abner Lumabas, SW- Bro Sam Bayle, JW- Bro Charles Kimbrell, Treas- Bro Romeo Bauzon, Sec- WB Dan Laynes, Chaplain- Bro Arnel Clemente, Sr Deacon- Bro Mark Valencia, Jr Deacon- Bro Jonee Asilum, Marshall- Bro Gino Tianero, Sr Steward- Bro Ely Ramolete, Jr Steward- Bro Vernon Morales, Organist- WB Junjun Gorospe and Tiler- Bro Jun Aquino. The 1^o Lecture was given by Bro Abner Lumabas and the 1^o Charge by Bro Fred Ramolete.

Public School Month Observance



September 27, 2024



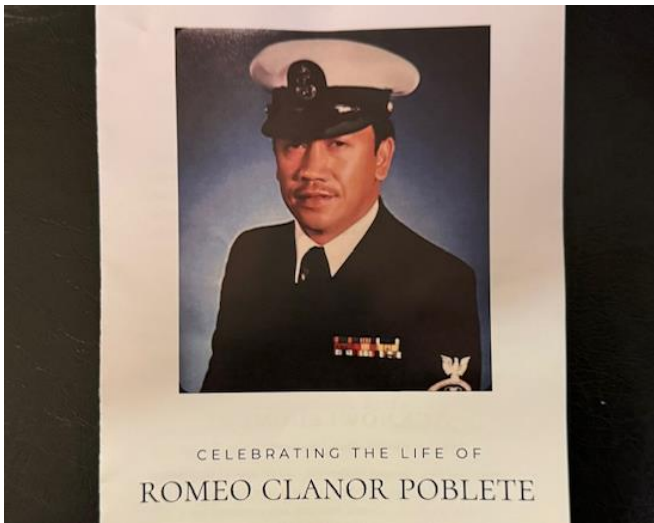
Stated Meeting & Dinner



October 1, 2024



Masonic Funeral for WB Romeo Poblete



October 7, 2024



125th Anniversary Ball



October 12, 2024



125th Anniversary Ball



October 12, 2024



1st Deg Conferral - Bro Zhang



October 15, 2024



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