



Bay Cities Lodge No. 337
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 Stated Meetings, First Tuesday 8:00 p.m.

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December 2024

December Calendar

Tuesday,	3rd	6:00 pm	Stated Meeting Dinner
		8:00 pm	Stated Meeting
Tuesday,	10th	5:30 pm	Light Meal
		6:30 pm	Installation Practice
Thursday,	12 th	7:00 pm	MHAR– Special Meeting
Tuesday,	17th	5:30 pm	Light Meal
		6:30 pm	Installation Practice
Friday,	20th	6:00 pm	Kids Christmas Party
Sunday,	22 nd	2:00 pm	Hors d'oeuvres
		3:00 pm	Installation Ceremony
Wednesday,	25 th		Christmas Day

Hall Events

Mission Bell Chapter No. 205

Order of the Eastern Star

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



December is a month full of celebration, coziness, and introspection in the United States. Snow covering most of the northern states signifies the beginning of winter and produces a beautiful scene despite the frequent cold weather. The holiday season is well underway, with Christmas lights illuminating houses and city streets and festive decorations and music creating a joyous atmosphere. Shopping centers are a hive of activity as people prepare for customs surrounding gift-giving, while neighborhood gatherings like parades and tree lightings unite neighbors. The United States becomes a glittering wonderland during this season. The Christmas tree is among the most recognizable representations of Christmas. Christmas tree decorating is claimed to have started in Germany in the 16th century and was brought to the United States by German immigrants in the 19th century. The Christmas tree takes center stage in many American homes and public areas today. Whether it is artificial or real fir, families gather to select the ideal tree and spend hours adorning it with tinsel, lights, and ornaments.

As Masons, we often celebrate Christmas in ways that align with our family's traditions and personal values, just like any other group. Many of us participate in the following Christmas-related activities:

1. Charity Work - Most of our brethren organize or participate in charitable works over the Christmas season. The activities include food contributions, toy drives, and helping needy families. The Masonic values of generosity and service to others are reflected in these endeavors;
2. Community Events - To promote fellowship and the spirit of togetherness, we masons, host Christmas parties, dinners, or festive gatherings for members,

their families, and the community; 3. Celebrating Brotherhood - Our members have the opportunity to deepen their relationships, send each other well wishes, and consider our common ideals of harmony and goodwill over the holiday season.

The Christmas spirit is very much alive at Bay Cities Lodge No. 337. As part of the holiday celebration, our Lodge will be hosting a Christmas Party on December 20, 2024. As has been our Lodge tradition, we will be distributing gifts to the kids during the party. To make sure that every kid will have a gift, please text me the name, age and gender of your kids if you have not done so. Another important event that we will have for December is the Installation of Officers which will be on December 22, 2024. I wish all the best to our incoming Lodge Officers for 2025 headed by Bro Charles Kimbrell, the WM elect.

My term as Master of our Lodge is now about to end and what a journey it has been. I would like to thank all the brethren and ladies for all the support you extended to me and my wife during my incumbency. It has been a productive and wonderful year for our Lodge, and I hope that we will be able to sustain the gains and accomplishments for the years to come. Again, my heartfelt gratitude to Team 337. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to all!

December Birthdays

William	Sandeen		1
Edgardo	Tandoc		3
Peter	Lemos		4
Fred	Glueck		5
Ruben	Sison	Jr.	6
Virgilio	Virata		8
Edward	Mahon		9
Timothy	Steele	PM	9
Petros	Vasdekis	PM	12
Nicholas	O'Donnell		13
Eugenio	Tianero		13
Christopher	Wilson		13
Donald	Gibson		15
Arsenio	Pogoy		15
Richard	Hill		16
Clinton	Lowell	Jr.	17
Ferminico	Gallardo		18
Ricky	Hershman	PM	20
John	Palmieri		21

Walter	Powers		23
Frederick	Ramolete		23
Erwin	Arceo	PM	26
Ronald	Rather	Jr.	26
Charles	Conley	PM	28
Farris	Cearley		29

BCL 337 Calendar of Activities for 2024

December

20 – Christmas Party

22 – Annual Installation of Officers

* 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 hosts Kids Workshop

For the first time, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 hosted a Kids Workshop on October 26, 2024. The event was conceptualized and facilitated by the Ladies headed by Sis Delza Laynes. It was well attended and the kids enjoyed carving pumpkins and making Gingerbread House. The adults who escorted their kids also had fun participating. Snacks and lunch were provided for the participants and candy bags were also given to the kids. The brothers and ladies who participated in the activity were Sis Delza Laynes, Sis Joann Bautista, Sis Corazon De Castro, Sis Myra Valencia, Sis Jocel Asilum, Sis Elma Morales, Sis Beng Delos Santos, WB Edgar De Castro, WB Ming Chu, Bro Lloyd Espiritu, Bro Jonee Asilum, Bro Ely Ramolete and Bro Zhengzhe Zhang. It was participated by 16 kids, some of whom

look cute in their costume. Hopefully, more kids will participate in the next Kids Workshop.

BCL No. 337 hosts Halloween Party

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 hosted a Halloween Party on November 1, 2024 attended not only by our members but also guests from other lodges. The attendees showed up in their best Costume attire. Aside from brethren and ladies of BCL 337, the event was also attended by Masons and Ladies from Suisun Lodge 55, San Leandro Lodge 113 and American Canyon Lodge 875. Several Non-Mason friends were also present. The total number of attendees was estimated to be more than 70 individuals. Foods and drinks were overflowing, and the attendees had fun dancing with DJ and Live Music provided by our very own BCL 337 "The Hawks" Band. Before dancing, parlor games were held and prizes were given to the winners. The event was a huge success, and it was indeed a night to remember.

CL No. 337 conducts Feeding Program

On November 16, 2024, Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 conducted the 4th community outreach service for this year at the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), a shelter located at 165 22nd St, Richmond, CA servicing families with minor children.

The volunteers, headed by WB Dan G. Laynes and Sis Delza, met at the Lodge parking area early that Saturday morning and proceeded to the shelter at 5:30am. As requested by the staff at GRIP, the group cooked and served several Filipino breakfast menu consisted of sweet pork longganisa (Filipino sausage), sunny side up eggs, fried rice, picadillo (ground pork) and assorted fruits for dessert to the residents and several walk in adults. There were 24 adults and 11 minor children who benefitted in the said feeding program.

This outreach service was geared towards creating positive awareness in the community and promoting charitable works of our fraternity. The brothers and ladies who participated in the activity were WM Dan & Sis Delza Laynes, Bro Abner & Sis Lorraine Lumabas, WB Ming Chu & Sis Beng Delos Santos, Bro Jing & Sis Sally Gavieres, Bro Leo & Sis Joann Bautista, Bro Jonee & Sis Jocel Asilum, is Bambi Ramolette, Bro Joe Collignon, Bro Romeo Bauzon, Bro Jhune Aquino, Bro Zhengzhe Zhang, Fred Ballesteros, Chris Derleth and Edwin Cuenco.

Looking forward on the feeding program activities next year. Go Team 337!

BCL No. 337 holds Master's Appreciation Night

Bay Cities Lodge No. 337 held a Master's Appreciation Night on November 22, 2024 purposely to give thanks for all the blessing and success the Lodge have accomplished for the year. The event started with a Dinner at around 6pm. After the Dinner, WM Dan Laynes rendered an Outgoing Master Report via a powerpoint presentation regarding Report on Personnel, Report on Finances and Report on Activities Conducted covering the period from January 1, 2024 to November 15, 2024. On Personnel, there were 5 gains and 21 losses with 266 total members as of the ending period. On Finances, Total expenses is \$70,865.39 with a Budget Utilization of 65.74%. It was also reported that the Lodge received \$250,000.00 from the Vida Mason Trust and this amount will be invested in the Grand Lodge Investment. Total Running Balance as of October 31, 2024 is \$30,512.98. On activities conducted, aside from the regular MM meetings, MHAR Meetings and DOSI, there were 14 Degree Conferrals, 4 Celebration of Life, 3 Lodge Work Parties, 5 Dinner Dances, 4 GRIP Feeding Programs, and 1 each of Inter Lodge Picnic, Hiram Award, El Sobrante Stroll & Kids Workshop.

After his report, WM Dan Laynes awarded Certificate of Appreciation to the Lodge Officers and their wives for their active participation and unwavering support to the different Lodge activities; to Bro Vernon Morales and Bro Zhengzhe Zhang for donating their time doing maintenance work in the Lodge; to WB Edgar & Sis Cora De Castro for ensuring that the Lodge properties are well maintained and profitable; and to Bro Jing & Sis Sally Gavieres for their unwavering support and 100% attendance in the different Lodge activities.

During his remarks, WM Laynes expressed his grateful appreciation to the brethren and ladies for their valuable support during his incumbency. He emphasized that whatever the Lodge have accomplished, it was because of the involvement and participation of everybody, that it was a team effort. And he encourages everyone to continue supporting one another for the good of the Lodge. The event was well attended despite the inclement weather. After the awarding, fellowship followed through karaoke singing.

Kids Workshop



October 26, 2024



Annual Communication



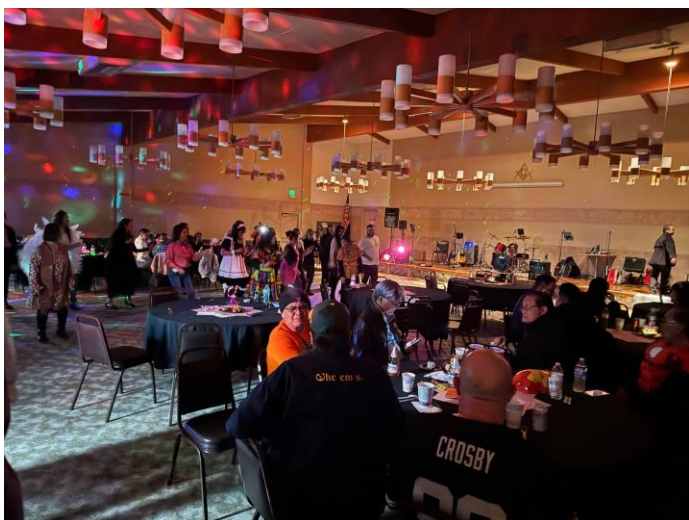
October 25-27, 2024



Halloween Party



November 1, 2024



Stated Meeting & Dinner



November 5, 2024



GRIP Feeding Program



Master's Appreciation Night



November 22, 2024



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