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**April 2026**

**April Calendar**

Friday,	3	6:00pm 7:30pm	<u>Stated Meeting Dinner</u> Business Meeting
Wednesday,	8	6:30pm 7:30pm	<u>MHAR Meeting</u> Special Meeting
Friday,	10	6:00pm 7:00pm	<u>Dinner</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Practice
Sunday,	12	TBD	<u>Celebration of Life</u> Bro. Stephen Winfrey 50 yr member
Wednesday,	15	6:00pm 7:00pm	<u>Dinner</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Practice
Friday,	17	6:00pm 7:00pm	<u>Dinner</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Conferral Tentative
Friday,	18	10:00am	<u>Inter Lodge Picnic</u> Cordelia Community Park
Tuesday,	21	6:30pm 7:30pm	<u>Bay Cities #337 Dinner</u> DOSI - Degree Opening
Friday,	24	6:00pm	<u>Dinner</u> Degree Conferral (Tentative)

**Hall Events**

**Mission Bell Chapter No. 205**

**Order of the Eastern Star**

Friday,	10	7:30 p.m.	Back Hall
Friday,	24	7:30 p.m.	Back Hall

**Bethel No. 15**

**Job's Daughters International**

Saturday,	11	11:00 a.m.	Back Hall
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**From the East**



Brethren,  
 During my recent visit to Gassan diamond workshop in Amsterdam, I had the opportunity to observe master craftsmen at work. I watched as a rough, unassuming stone was carefully examined, measured, and ultimately shaped into a brilliant gem. What struck me most was not merely the technical precision, but the philosophy behind the process.

Each diamond, no matter how rough or imperfect it first appears, is treated with equal care and attention. The craftsman does not judge the stone by its initial form, but by its potential. With patience, skill, and vision, he brings forth its hidden brilliance. And notably, in the final stages of refinement, it is said that only a diamond can polish another diamond—a truth both literal and symbolic.

Brethren, is this not a reflection of our own Masonic journey?

Just as the diamond begins as a rough stone, so too do we enter the Craft as rough ashlar—each of us bearing imperfections, yet each possessing inherent worth. And just as the craftsman works diligently to reveal the beauty within the stone, so must we labor upon ourselves, smoothing our rough edges and striving toward moral and spiritual refinement. Yet we do not do this work alone. Just as one diamond refines another, so too do we, as Brothers, refine and improve one another through our interactions, our guidance, and our shared labors.

But there is another lesson from that visit. In the workshop, there was no hierarchy of stones—no favoritism, no prejudice. Each diamond was evaluated and worked upon according to its nature, not its origin. The same principle must guide us in Lodge: we meet upon the level, recognizing that every Brother brings unique value, and that true worth lies not in outward appearance, but in inner character.

Let us, therefore, recommit ourselves to this principle. Let us ensure that within our Lodge, every voice is heard, every Brother respected, and every man regarded as an equal. Let us be mindful that the strength of our Fraternity lies not in uniformity, but in unity.

And as we continue our labors, may we strive—like the Amsterdam craftsman—to see beyond the surface, to nurture potential, and to help one another shine with greater brilliance.

Brethren, may we always meet upon the level, act by the plumb, and part upon the square.

Thank you.

### From the West:

Brethren, we now have three months completed. We've enjoyed the bonding of families, friends, and brotherly love. We've performed ritual together, socialized together, cleaned tables, and served food together. This fraternal opportunity is a special time for us.

April's full moon is named the Pink Full Moon, not for its color but after the Pink Moss Phlox Wildflower that blooms in Spring. April is a Latin word referred to as the "Opening of Buds & Flowers."

Julius Caesar in the early Roman days added one more day in the month of April (April 30th), as April had 29 days until 1896. Our own famous Mason (Past Master) Worshipful George Washington was inaugurated as the first President of the United States on April 30th, 1789.

Respect Equality and Keep It On The Level!  
Rock A. Brown PM

### From the South:

Brethren, as we approach the fourth month of the year, April is known for its beautiful spring weather, blooming flowers, and Easter celebration. However, there is much more to this month than meets the eye. There are plenty of interesting and surprising things that make April unique. Some of the most interesting facts about April are to name a few; Apri Fool's Day is celebrated on the first, where people play pranks and jokes on each other. In Ancient Rome, April was sacred to the goddess Venus, symbolizing love and *Beauty*. Earth Day is celebrated on the 22nd, promoting environmental awareness and protection.

The first modern Olympic Games were held in Athens, Greece in April 1896. Moreover, it is the first Olympic which was held in Olympia in 776 BC. Only *freeborn* men could participate. The victors were awarded olive wreath crowns. However, the Olympics were banned by Theodosius in 393 AD.

At present, nevertheless, there are the five most notable rings representing the five continents of the world, being Asia, Africa, and Europe. America (North & South) and Oceania (Australia and New Zealand, equally unified).

Notable events held in our Lodge were, firstly; on the 8<sup>th</sup> where the Worshipful Abner Lumabas raised his son to the sublime degree of Freemasonry. Secondly, BCL 337, hosted the Grand Lodge's Inspectors' retreat on the 20<sup>th</sup> thru the 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a very successful event which the attendants expressed their utmost appreciation for a job well prepared and executed under the Worshipful Master's guidance

BCL 337's Stated meeting will be on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you all, Brethren!

Let us all be reminded the next DSOI to be held at our very own lodge on the 21<sup>st</sup>, where we are scheduled to perform exemplification on the second section of the Second degree ritual. "*Practice makes perfect!*"

Fraternally,

Romeo C. Bauzon

Junior Warden





**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree for Brother Abner G. Lumabas**

**April Birthdays**

David	Painter	PM	1
Dan	Hariton		1
Kenneth	Messer		1
Rick	Arqueza	PM	3
Rodney	Haney		4
Vernon	Morales		4
Geoffrey	Saunders		4
Warren	Stolte		4
Marius	Solis		6
Andy	Theopulos	PM	9
Stephen	Kahn		9
Daniel	Ming		9
William	Godwin	PM	12
Lance	Langhorst		13
Ronnie	Stiles		16
Bradlee	Carlos		17
Ramoncito	Celestial		19
David	Malcolm		21
Marvin	Heisler	PM	22
Thomas	Hansen	PM	27
Henry	Pablo	Jr	28
Joseph	Bullock		29

*In Memoriam*

**Stephen F. Winfrey**

Initiated 6/14/1974

Passed 1/31/1974

Raised 4/11/1975

Entered into rest 3/22/2026

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



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