



AUGUST - 2022

Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901

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From the East



Happy August Brethren,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the Summer!

We had a great double 3rd degree conferral followed by a BBQ / party on Saturday July 16th. A special thanks goes out to WB Jon Wong and WB Jamcy Castro for coordinating the event and thank you to all the PM's who participated! We had a great time and fantastic

fellowship. Congratulations to our brothers Charles Hewitt and Perfecto Gonzales for being raised!

We will be dark for this August stated meeting, and I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Have a great
Month!
Mike Chasen
Master



Devoted championship of our public schools is a cardinal teaching of the Order of DeMolay.

We are unalterably opposed to the same building housing a school, a church, and a seat of civil government. Civil, religious, and intellectual liberty are the three sources of our country's greatness, but they must stand alone, upon separate foundations and under separate roofs.

From the DeMolay Opening Ceremonies

From the West

Lee Blankenship PM, Senior Warden



SLOW DOWN – SCHOOL ZONE! As school begins in the seven local elementary school districts, one high school district, and one community college district in the Salinas area, I remember the mixed emotions that I experienced when I returned to school each fall. Disappointment that the summer vacation ended all too soon was mixed with the excitement of seeing old friends, making new friends, figuring out the new teacher (or teachers), and wonder about challenges ahead in the new school year. There were always new clothes and larger books,

sometimes altogether new schools, new school buses or carpools.

I remember the back-to-school orientations, parent-teacher nights, parent-teacher conferences, PTA solicitations, and sign-ups for various school activities – not only for myself more than a half century ago but also for my children and grandchildren (one a second-year college student at Cuesta Community College, one a rising junior and accomplished baseball player, and one just starting transitional kindergarten).

This is our opportunity as Masons to celebrate that great experiment of universal public education – learning basic social skills, perhaps learning to interact with others who are different from us, learning how to learn. The Three Rs mixed with history, science, art, music, civics, sitting quietly at times and speaking up at other times. And it is an opportunity to support our school boards, school administrators, classroom teachers, classroom aides, school secretaries, custodians, and bus drivers.



From the South



Brethren,

The Grand Master of Arkansas has issued a manifesto pointed at ignorant Masons. He says: "Brethren, it is time that Masonic ignorance was no longer tolerated. When self-constituted leaders, with the solemnity of owls and the self-imposed wisdom of Solomon, merely rehearse the ritual after the fashion of a parrot, they should be told to

take a back seat, and young men of learning and industry be brought to the front.

It is a burning shame that in this day of enlightenment, with so much excellent Masonic literature so easy of access, men seeking to occupy prominent places at the head of the Craft should show how utterly ignorant they are of Masonic information.



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Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden

Greetings from the District Inspector



Brothers and Friends,

This Summer has been an exciting time! Many of us have enjoyed vacations and travel (in spite of airline problems and gas prices), celebrated mid-Summer and the 4th of July, and of course there have been many Masonic celebrations in the District, including dinners, degrees, and local community events. And the summer's not over so we have more to look forward to!

Planning ahead for the fall, I would like to let everyone know about an important event coming up in October. It is a masonic fraternal family social event scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2022, called the “**Unity Event**”. It will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Rainbow Girls and all the Masonic Concordant Bodies! The casual “western wear” BBQ

event will be held at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center in the afternoon from 12:00-4:00 and is being hosted by our own Division 3 with special administrative support from our brothers in Salinas Lodge, No. 204. Since all of us in Division 3 are pseudo-hosts for this event I encourage each Lodge in the district to consider providing a donation to help support the event and the masonic youth groups and charities. And of course, I hope all of you can make plans to attend this great summer season ending event with your families! Donations to the **Unity Event** can be made through Salinas Lodge. In the Trestleboard I have provided a flyer and letter from our Worshipful Brother Jon Wong, Inspector at Large, and Unity Event Chair. These have additional details about this exciting event in them. I hope to see you all there!!

In preparation for next year, I have already heard some excellent officer proficiencies, so please continue to work on and then schedule your proficiency with me. My hope is that a majority of officers will already have their proficiency completed by the time elections come around in November. Our August Officers’ School of Instruction will be hosted at Salinas Lodge, No. 204 tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 24 from 7:00-9:00 PM. We will be covering the 3rd degree opening/closing and the 1st section. It is our masonic duty to attend SOIs so if you are unable to attend, please let me know ahead of time.



Finally, the Grand Master has proclaimed August as First Responders Month. All over the state and nation, first responders support us when we have medical, fire, crime, and other emergencies. Many of our brethren serve, or have served, in these roles. Please join me in honoring and sincerely thanking them for their continued sacrifice and service to our community.

With fraternal affection,
Mark S. Breckenridge, PM
Inspector, 353rd Masonic District
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The Master's Apron



Today in Masonic History we present The Master's Apron by Robert Burns.

There's many a badge that's very grand;
With ribbon, lace, and tape on;
Let kings and princes wear them all,
Give me the Master's apron!
The honest craftsman's apron,
The jolly Freemason's apron,
Be he at home or roam afar,
Before his touch fall bolt and bar,
The gates of fortune fly ajar,
When he but wears the apron!

For wealth and honor, pride, and power
are crumbling stones to base on;
Eternity should rule the hour,
and every worthy Mason!
Each Free Accepted Mason,
Each Ancient Crafted Mason.
Then Brethren, let a wholesome song
Arouse your friendly ranks along.
Good wives and children blithely sing
To the ancient badge with the apron
string
That is worn by the Master Masons!





BIRTHDAYS

FOR AUGUST

Marvin Ganaden 1	Harold Denney 11	Ricardo Torres 23
Julio Herrera 4	David Deckert 12	Ronald Wilmoth 23
Raymond Ryan 5	Joseph Ventura 13	Tommy Clifton 24
Sam Mante 6	Frederick Harris 15	Nelson Cargo 29
Juanito Reduque 9	Manuel Quebec 16	Steven Elliott 30
Ronald Edson 10	William Lippert 21	Zafer Aktan 30
	Aristoteles Fernandez 30	
BIG ZERO BIRTHDAYS		

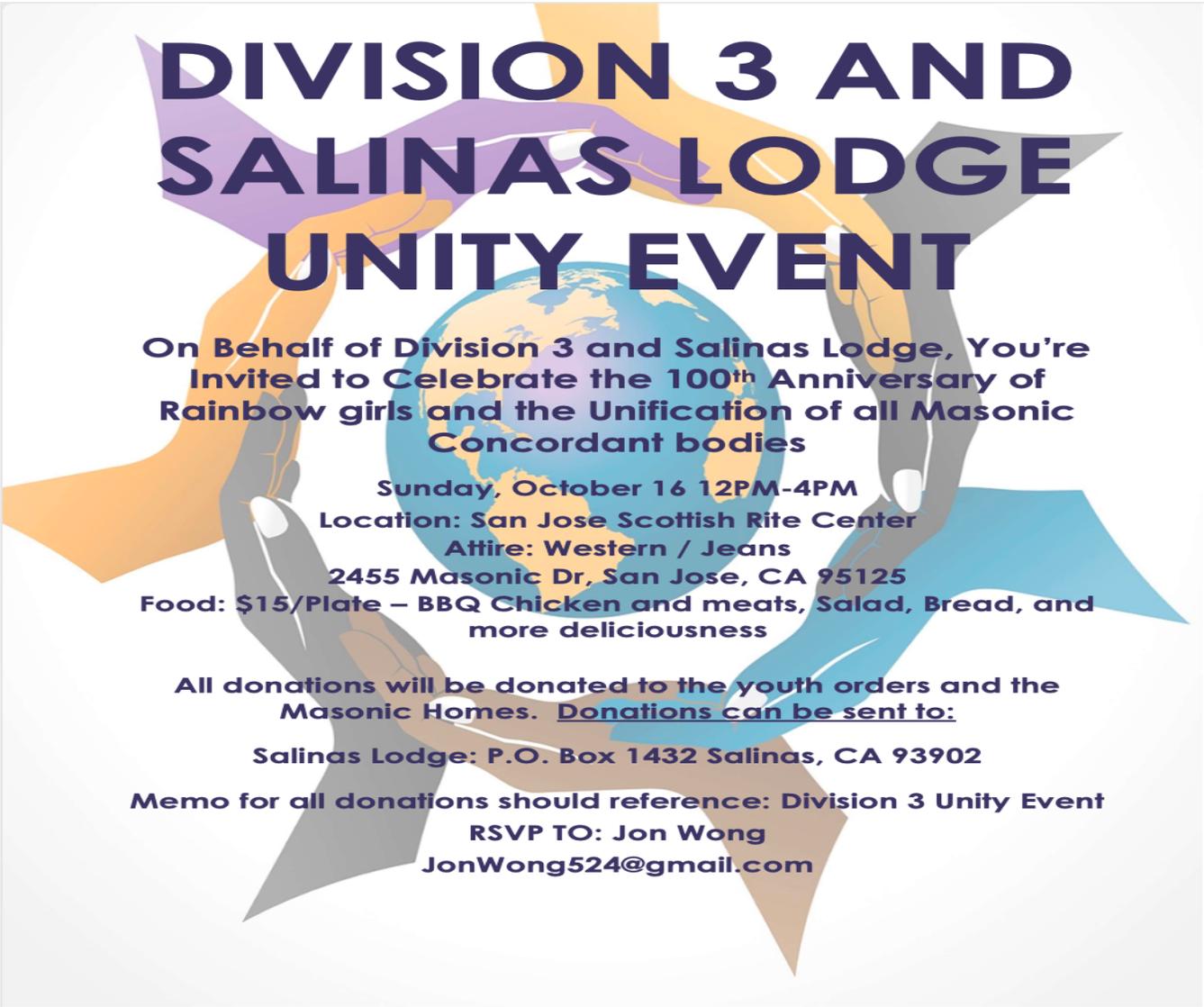
MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES FOR AUGUST

50th Thomas Edward Bingaman



- 47th Earnest Lee Cunningham
- 44th Louis Joseph Vallejo, Jr.
- 43rd Thomas Charles Crompton
- 42nd Manuel Tismo Quebec
- 37th Jeffery Allen Franklin
- 21st Ismael Achas
- 20th Bonifacio Fernando, Jr.
- 20th Walter Carl Days
- 16th Stephen Jove
- 5th Richard John Adams
- 5th Ricardo Torres, Jr.





DIVISION 3 AND SALINAS LODGE UNITY EVENT

**On Behalf of Division 3 and Salinas Lodge, You're
Invited to Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of
Rainbow girls and the Unification of all Masonic
Concordant bodies**

Sunday, October 16 12PM-4PM

Location: San Jose Scottish Rite Center

Attire: Western / Jeans

2455 Masonic Dr, San Jose, CA 95125

**Food: \$15/Plate – BBQ Chicken and meats, Salad, Bread, and
more deliciousness**

**All donations will be donated to the youth orders and the
Masonic Homes. Donations can be sent to:**

Salinas Lodge: P.O. Box 1432 Salinas, CA 93902

Memo for all donations should reference: Division 3 Unity Event

RSVP TO: Jon Wong

JonWong524@gmail.com

On Sunday, October 16, 2022, 12PM at the San Jose Scottish Rite Center, Division 3 and Salinas Lodge 204 will be hosting the Unity Event for all of Division 3. The Unity event unifies all Masonic Bodies along with the youth orders (The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Jobs Daughters, & DeMolay).

This year, in particular, has more meaning as one of our youth orders, The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, is celebrating their 100th anniversary. To help celebrate this joyous occasion, in attendance will also be the Grand Family.

Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkins, Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons, State of CA, along with his Grand Family will be there to help unite us. There will be great food, fun, and fellowship.

This event does not come without a cost, and we are looking for sponsors and donations from each of our division 3 lodges. All donations will be used to fund the event as well as offering our youth orders a monetary donation. Additionally, we will be providing a donation on behalf of Division 3 lodges to support Most Worshipful Jeff Wilkin's charity of the Masonic Homes.

Can we ask that your lodge be part of the joyous festivities, fellowship, and recognition of all Masonic families? Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

If your lodge can also donate to the event, the funds will be much needed and appreciated. Donations can be sent to PO Box 1432, Salinas, CA 93902 Attention: John Williams MEMO: Unity Event.

Come join us as we celebrate, recognize, and acknowledge all of our Masonic family.



*Where girls Bloom
learn to Lead
& Soar
to greatness.*

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS
INTERNATIONAL**
Bethel No. 230, Salinas
August 2022

Hello Masonic Family,

Our July was a bit slow, with one meeting, and no Daughters attending our Association Picnic. However, the girls have been traveling with their families and enjoying their summer breaks.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask for your help: our Bethel is in need of members. While we have managed to make it this far into the pandemic with the same four girls we had in March 2020, those girls are now two years older, and one of them is approaching majority. For an organization built for 19 officers, this is a very small group.

I learned at our Association Picnic that two of the lodges in the area had expressed an interest (admittedly, pre-pandemic in 2019) in having a Job's Daughters Bethel at their location. We may not be specifically in those locations, but we are your local Bethel, and we need that enthusiasm in Salinas.

Please invite your daughters, granddaughters, nieces, family friends, etc. to attend one of our upcoming events. Please contact me for additional information for any of the activities listed on the right.

Kellie Rodden, Bethel Guardian
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Job's Daughters International
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Association Picnic

Even though we had no Daughters attend,



Salinas Bethel was represented, and we even won an award for being the table for a "Time to Chill". Our table was the home for those who were flying solo for the picnic.

Upcoming Open Events

August 27- Picnic and Swimming Activity

September 24- Majority Degree Ceremony and Movie Night

October 22- Mystery Trip
(the council and other adults know the destination, but the girls do not)

November 19- Mall Scavenger Hunt

December 31- New Year's Eve Sleepover