



**January - 2021**

# **The Trestleboard**

## **Salinas Lodge #204**

**Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869**

**48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901**

### **2021 Officers**

**Master: Thomas Crompton, PM**

**Senior Warden: Mike Chasen**

**Junior Warden, Sam Mante, PM**

**Treasurer: John Williams, PM**

**Secretary, J. David Isaac, PM**

**Chaplin, Mark Washburn, DDS**

**Marshal, Nelson Cargo**

**Junior Deacon: Brian Vanderpool**

**Senior Steward: Tom Folliard**

**Junior Steward: Jim Riley**

**Tiler: Ron Wilmoth, PM**

**INSTALLATION  
OF OFFICERS**

January 9<sup>th</sup> at  
2PM via Zoom.  
Details inside.

## From the East



Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge,

Based on instructions from the Grand Lodge, The State of California and the County of Monterey, it appears that we will still not be able to hold any Masonic activities or meetings for the next few months.

I would remind our members that dues are due and payable in January. You will receive your dues notices directly from Grand Lodge this year and you can either pay by check or by credit card. Only takes a few minutes if you are online with Grand Lodge through iMember. If not, it only takes a few minutes to sign up. All you need is web access and your member number printed on your membership card. Please remit your dues payments as soon as possible.

I hope you were able to attend our on-line stated meetings for the last two months. They were held on the Zoom web portal and were well attended. It is wonderful to get to see and speak with many of our members. Try to come on-line this month for our virtual installation on January 9 and our virtual stated meeting on January 12. This on-line Installation of officers will be a first for Masonic Lodges throughout the state. You can enter the installation through the same Zoom portal as our other meetings on Saturday, January 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The Zoom link is printed in the Trestleboard along with instructions. In the meantime, all masonic and non-masonic activities at the lodge have been cancelled. I know that this is not great, not being able to meet together. Until we can meet together again, let's stay healthy and try to keep tabs on one another.

If you know of a brother in need, reach out to our brethren and to the lodge. Also, Grand Lodge has set up a masonic charity to help out our brethren in need. If you need assistance, contact one of the officers who will help you connect. It's really quite easy. You just have to remember that you need to register on iMember beforehand.

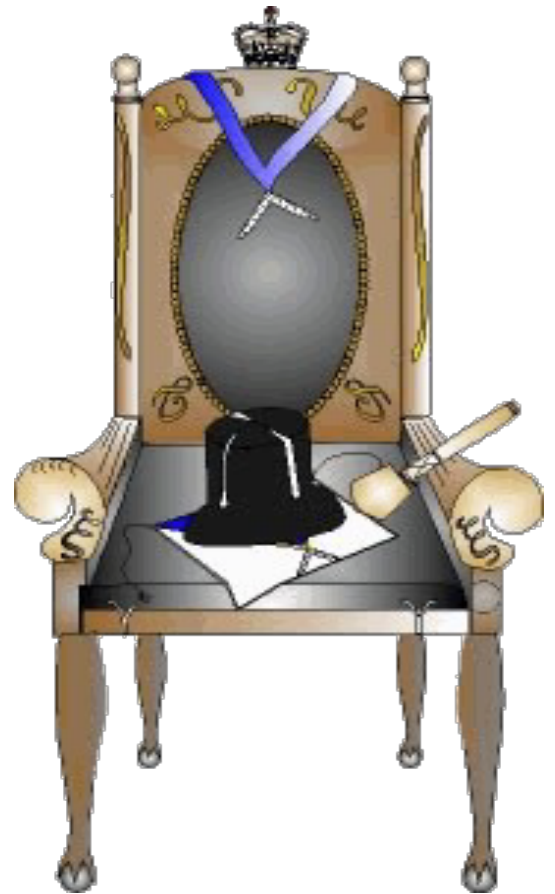
We suffered yet another loss in our masonic chain last month with the passing of our brother Worshipful Herschel Amos. Information about a memorial service to follow on Facebook or on the Lodge Application on iMember.

We'd like to hear how our brethren are handling this period of enforced quarantine. If you would like to share some of your stories in our Trestleboard, please do not hesitate. Again, contact one of your lodge officers or our editor, Brother George Lange.

Our coaching staff remains available for coaching and if anyone wants to move forward in their progress forward through the degrees or learn/review any officer's ritual, now's the time. Contact your candidate's coach or officer's coach and get this work completed before we start meeting again. We'll be able to start the year with a bang!

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Crompton, PM  
Master, Salinas Lodge #204



## CALENDAR

January, 2021

6<sup>th</sup> Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260

(Please call Bethel Guardian for the passcode at 925-336-0219)

9<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Installation of Officers – 2PM

Via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477944778>

12<sup>th</sup> – Stated Meeting Via Zoom. 7:30 PM

20<sup>th</sup> Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

## From the West



Happy New Year my Brothers!

I am, like many of you are, anxiously awaiting the end of this crazy year...

I hope that you will be able to join our first Zoom installation of officers on January 9th. It should be something to remember and at least entertaining...

Please reach out to your brothers and check in. If anyone is in need, please let us know and we can do everything in our power to help out.

I miss you all and look forward being back together as soon as possible.

Mike Chasen  
Senior Warden



Do you have something to include in the January Trestleboard or on our webpage (<https://salinasmasonyclodge204.org>)? Please submit an article. Something about our Masonic Youth/Family, Masonic history, cartoon, a joke, whatever to lighten or enlighten your brother's month. ([george.lange2@gmail.com](mailto:george.lange2@gmail.com))

## From the South



Brethren,

I wish you all and your Families a Happy and Blessed New Year. Another year another dollar. Hopefully we can start to get together again soon when things go back to normal. Like the rest of you I'm excited to find out what 2021 is in store for us all because I'm optimistic that it will be a lot better than the past year.

Yesterday Monday, December 28, 2020, I and six other Brethren represented Salinas Lodge #204 at the Funeral of our late Brother, Aristoteles "AB" Fernandez Jr. The Services were held at Madonna Del Sasso Catholic Church followed by the interment at the Queen of Heaven Cemetery. There was no Masonic funeral as it was not allowed by the Parish Priest. However, our Master, Worshipful Tom Crompton, PM, as a Salinas Lodge tradition offered the use our Lodge for a Masonic Memorial to the Family sometime when local restrictions are lifted.

Last but not least, you are all invited to our Virtual ZOOM Annual Installation of Officers on January 9, 2021 at 2pm. Please continue your support to the Lodge and the Brethren.

Fraternally,  
Sam Mante, PM  
JW



## FROM OUR SECRETARY – J. DAVID ISAAC



Grand Lodge is keeping \$5 of your dues to make the payment by credit card. If possible, please send your dues in a check, like in the past to:

Salinas Lodge #204

PO Box 1432

Salinas, CA 93902

I'm no longer able to print a traditional dues card as your card is now on line at the iMember site. You can download it to your phone or print it on your printer, if you want a hard copy. If you don't have the means to print your card and want a hard copy let me know and I'll print and mail it to you. Grand Lodge will be sending reminders in Jan. and Feb. to pay your dues. If there is a hardship which makes it not possible to make the payment, please contact either myself or the Master for consideration of dues remittance for the year.



## BIRTHDAYS

FOR JANUARY

Charles Perez 1st  
John Mungia 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Samuel Dejillo 12th  
Charles Pilon 12<sup>th</sup>  
Howard Bowden 13<sup>th</sup>

Mike Chasen 14<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Norris 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Crompton 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dante Chan 18<sup>th</sup>  
Basil Mills 18th

George Lange 20<sup>th</sup>  
Edward Mahler 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Robert Rieger 25<sup>th</sup>

*A "Zero" Birthday*

**SALINAS MASONIC LODGE #204  
WILL BE MEETING VIA ZOOM  
INSTALLATION - Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM  
(1:30PM Officers only Lodge Opening)**

**Stated Meeting on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM**

**YOU CAN DO THIS!!!**



**Type this into your web browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477944778>**



## FROM OUR MASONIC INSPECTOR



**Goodbye 2020**

**“Failte Toilichte Hogmanay” 2021**

**(fal cha, toil li che, Ho Ma Nay**

**(Welcome Happy New Year)**

Greetings Masonic Family and welcome to a new Year. My personal thanks to all of you for keeping the spirit of Freemasonry alive during this trying time in our lives. Many of us have lost immediate family members as well as Masonic Brothers and sisters during the past year and some during this special holiday season. We must recognize our grief and the grief of others and move forward. Hopefully, the day will soon come when we will be able to meet together again in peace, harmony, safety and good health and rejoice.

Thanks to our new corps of Officers who were diligent in studying and preparing to advance to their new Officer stations for 2021. When the lockdown is lifted and we are able to resume normal meetings, we will first refresh our memory with actual practice in our ritual so that we may proceed in advancing current candidates and receiving new candidates into our ancient and honorable fraternity. In the interim, please continue to spend time refreshing your memory with the ritual for you office in lodge.

Please continue to follow the teachings of the Masonic Outreach Program and make frequent contact with all members of the Lodge, especially the more senior members. A simple telephone call may bring much comfort and pleasure to our membership. We still are unable to use our Lodge building for Masonic activities or meetings, but those facilities may be rented out so long as the renters comply with CDC and County and City regulations.

Salinas 204 is to be commended for their efforts in complying with the Grand Master's edict and scripts for Virtual meetings and installation of Officers. Those virtual meetings have even spilled over into our multi-district School of Instruction on a couple of Occasions. All Masons are invited to attend and participate. If you are not receiving an invitation, please ensure the Secretary has your current e-mail address.

Again, congratulations to the Newly installed Officers for 2021. Thank you for stepping up to the challenges of 2021. A Special Thanks to the Trestle Board Editor, George Lange for his efforts in maintaining a timely family newsletter.

Hoping to see Y'all soon.  
Mar sin Leat, An Drasta (bye for now)

S&F  
B.J. McCuiston, Inspector  
353rd Masonic District





## *Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas*

The Daughters and Council of Bethel 230 Salinas hopes that everyone in our Masonic family had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!



While this past year was not what we expected for the 100th anniversary of our organization, the daughters still managed to stay connected and continued to have fun together no matter what obstacles were thrown our way. Several people have jokingly called 2020 the 'Year of Job', with disaster following disaster trying our faith. I am proud to say that our girls have worked harder than ever to stay connected, having patience in all that is going on, and maintaining their faith that everything will get better. I am hoping that 2021 will be the year of the reward for these daughters.

With the Holidays happening this past month, the girls have started to wind down a bit for the year. We hosted

a virtual table decoration party for Thanksgiving. The girls got to paint their own decorations that could be put out on the Thanksgiving table. And they got cupcakes from the store that were HUGE, and had more frosting than actual cake.

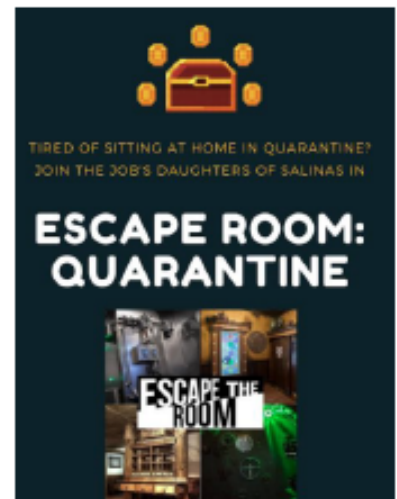
December brought about our first Virtual Installation on Zoom. The girls picked the theme "He always knew he was a little different but he always let his light shine. Be more Rudolf." And were installed in their new offices. We were lucky enough to have about 35 visitors join us, some local, some from elsewhere in California, and some from out of State! Including the Vice Supreme Guardian who joined us from Maryland, which would have been about 10pm her time). The installation was a success with Addison being installed as Librarian, Abigail as Inner Guard, and Alexis and Sister, I know these girls will do their absolute best in their new offices.

Later in December we hosted a virtual escape room, which supported one of the local escape rooms too. The girls had to solve puzzles and navigate to escape from quarantine and watch a movie. It was a great deal of fun and we managed to escape in time!

Coming up the next few months we are continuing to host virtual events and hopefully things will look up soon and we'll be reunited in person with this new year!

Sincerely,

Tiana Mohondro  
Bethel Guardian No. 230 Salinas  
Past Honored Queen Bethel No. 1 Dublin



### Social Media

Facebook Page:  
Job's Daughters, Bethel  
No. 230, Salinas

Instagram:  
salinasjobsdaughters

