



DECEMBER - 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

From the East



Brethren and Friends of Salinas Lodge #204,

We have elected our officers for 2022 and we are getting ready for a new masonic year. At the same time, we are going to be enjoying the initiations and raising of our new brethren. Please try and be on hand to welcome them into the craft.

Perfecto Gonzales, II will be initiated at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Manny Pinole will be initiated on Thursday, December 16, 2021, at 7:30 in the evening. We are doing a degree on Thursday to accommodate his travel schedule. I'm sure everyone will enjoy coming to watch these two initiations. We are expecting the third degree on a Saturday for brother Charles Hewitt. There will be more on that later.

We are planning an installation of officers for both Salinas Lodge 204 and said Veneto Lodge that will occur as a joint ceremony at Salinas Lodge on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 2 PM. This will be followed by an excellent meal, and I hope you can all plan to attend. This will be a very well attended event and I'm looking forward to it.

Your officers have spent many many hours learning their work and it is my sincere hope that you can make it to the lodge to see one of these excellent degrees. Both myself and Sam Mante remain available for officer coaching. I continue to make myself available for Kennedy coaching along with the other kids coaches in the lodge. Don't make the mistake of taking your first degree in thinking you've seen all of masonry. There is much more to offer.

Hope to see you at the Stated Meeting...or at our scheduled special meetings in the very near future. Hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and looking forward to a joyous Holiday season coming up.

Thomas C. Crompton, PM
Master

PS, The Bang Bang Committee had a great Sunday morning meeting at Brother Steve Elliott's home on November 21, 2021, and made a lot of noise with an assortment of firearms. We finished this off with a potluck lunch. Everyone had a fine time. Many thanks to brother Steven Elliott.



From the West



Happy December!

This is going to be an exciting month and there are a lot of Masonic events planned, ushering this year out with a bang! Please check the schedule to see what we have in store. Thank you all for your participation and energy that you put into the lodge.

We will be having a Christmas dinner for our stated meal to include: Ham, baked sweet potatoes, roasted asparagus, piping hot rolls and pies for dessert.

Please come out and enjoy a wonderful meal with us.

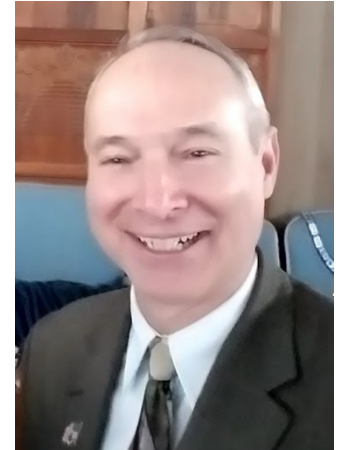
Thank you for your support!

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



Brothers of Salinas Lodge,

It's been a pleasure to have worked with you over the years at many shared events at the Salinas Masonic Temple and I am so honored to be able to support you now in my new role. I congratulate the new slate of elected officers and am excited to work with you all in 2022 and look forward to the Installation in January. I know those officers who need to be certified have been working with your officers' and I am also glad to help complete your proficiencies as needed. Please reach out to me anytime by phone, text, or e-mail.



Installations are a great opportunity to share the outstanding ceremony and ritual of our Fraternity with non-masons, including our family and friends. It can often spark the interest of attendees in learning more about Masonry or even seek membership in the Craft. Perhaps this Installation will be the one that brings in that interested candidate!

As we finish up this year with the busy holiday season, I hope all of you have happy and healthy holiday celebrations with your family and friends. If you travel, please do so safely and return home ready for a great new Masonic year in 2022!

Fraternally,
Mark S. Breckenridge, PM
Inspector, 353rd District
831-682-5552
breckenridge@msn.com

From the South



Brethren,

Here are more Masonic tidbits.
Educational Center - PARALLEL LINES

In every well-regulated Lodge there is found a point within a circle, which circle is bordered by two perpendicular parallel lines. These lines are representative of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist, the two great patrons of

Freemasonry to whom our Lodges are dedicated, and who are said to have been "perfect parallels in Christianity as well as Freemasonry" In those English Lodges which have adopted the Union System established by the Grand Lodge of England in 1813, and where the dedication is "to God and his service," the lines parallel represent Moses and Solomon. As a symbol, the parallel lines are not to be found in the earlier instructions of Freemasonry. Though Oliver defines the symbol on the authority of what he calls the Old Lectures, it is not to be found, any anterior to Preston, and even he only refers to the parallelism of the two Saints John.



- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry

Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



BIRTHDAYS

FOR DECEMBER

Robert Gordon Gentry 1st
Gerald Eepeleta Aledo 4th
Jamcy Castro 14th

Kevin Joe Miller 24th
Bryan Matthew Whaley 24th

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

2021-2022

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting, 7:30PM Initiation of Mr. Perfecto Gonzales, II

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 7, 2021 Salinas Lodge Dark. Please attend the Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting, Probable Installation.

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting
6PM Holiday Dinner / 7:30PM Meeting

Thursday, December 16, 2021 7:30PM Initiation of Mr. Manny Pinole
Preceded by a Dinner at 6PM

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 LODGE IS DARK

Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas. Celebrate with family and friends.

Tuesday, December 28 2021 LODGE IS DARK

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Installation Practice at the Salinas Lodge Bldg.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting
6PM Dinner / 7:30PM Meeting

Saturday, January 15, 2022 Joint Installation of San Benito and Salinas lodges
Installation at 2PM with a reception to follow