



December - 2020

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901

2020 Officers

Master: Thomas Crompton, PM

Senior Warden: Mike Chasen

Junior Warden, Sam Mante, PM

Treasurer: John Williams, PM

Secretary, J. David Isaac, PM

Senior Deacon: Vacant

Junior Deacon: Brian Vanderpool

Senior Steward: Tom Folliard

Junior Steward: Jim Riley

Tiler: Ron Wilmoth, PM

From the East

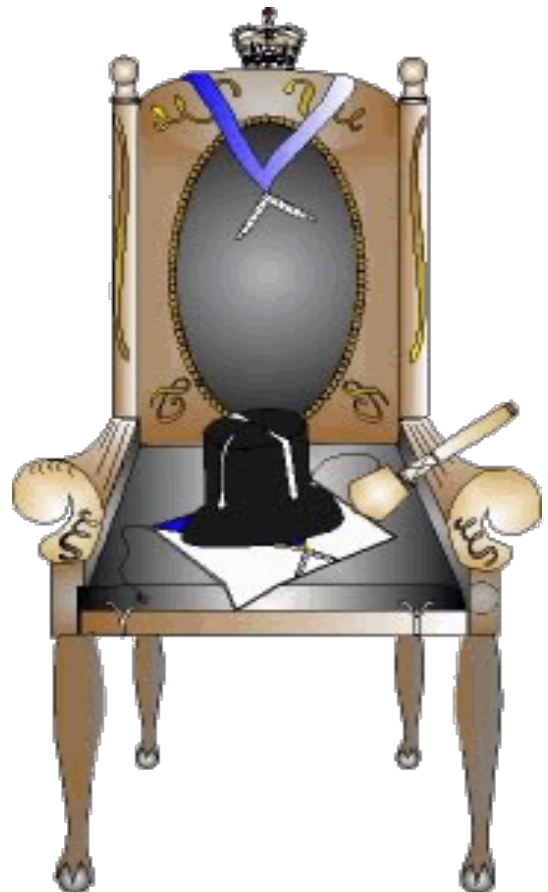
Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge,



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. Grand Lodge will hold a Virtual Convocation in October to which any member with the interest may attend on-line. Grand Lodge has sent information to attend through iMember 2.0. I remain hopeful we will be able to hold an in-person stated meeting and dinner sometime in the not-so-distant future. I would remind our members that dues are due and payable in January. You will receive your dues notices directly from Grand Lodge 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.

We held on-line stated meetings monthly since April to pay our few outstanding bills and we conducted executive committee meetings to discuss the future activities of the lodge and when we can meet again. I hope you were able to attend our on-line stated meeting last month. It was held on the Zoom web portal and was most well attended. It was so wonderful to get to see and speak with many of our members. Try to come on-line this month for our virtual stated meeting on December 8. The Zoom link is printed in the Trestleboard along with instructions. In addition, we will be scheduling an on-line Installation of officers thorough the same Zoom portal on Saturday, January 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

In the meantime, the lodge is dark and all masonic and non-masonic activities have been cancelled. I know that this is not great, not being able to meet together. This is what we do. But 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. Its really quite easy. You just have to remember that you need to register beforehand.

We suffered yet another loss in our masonic chain last month with the passing of our brother, AB Fernandez on November 24. The family advises there will be a memorial service sometime in December. Worshipful Samson Mante, PM is coordinating with AB's family. More information 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

December 2020

2nd Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260

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

8th – Stated Meeting Via Zoom 7:30PM

16th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

January 2021

6th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

9th INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2:00PM Via Zoom

12th – Stated Meeting Via Zoom. 7:30 PM

20th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

From the West



Happy December Brothers....

I hope that everyone is doing well and that your Thanksgiving festivities were wonderful.

Entering into the final stretch of this crazy year, I hope that everyone will be able to enjoy a peaceful holiday season among family and friends!

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.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



Do you have something to include in the January Trestleboard? Please submit an article, something about our Masonic Youth/Family, Masonic history, cartoon, joke, whatever to lighten or enlighten your brother's month.

George.lange2@gmail.com

From the South



Brethren,

Our Worshipful Master, Tom Crompton's hard work putting together a plan for the Lodge to get started with virtual meetings under guidelines from the Grand Lodge have brought forth some good results. We have had a couple of productive meetings via Zoom and hopefully we can get more members to participate and get involved in our meetings and discussions during these trying times. We gotta do what we gotta do to

keep ourselves active, informed and involved.

Update on Bro AB Fernandez passing on Nov 24th. According to Sister Louella the wife, she'll keep us posted of the memorial service sometimes in December. However, it's only limited to family members and friends only due to Covid restrictions of 35 people as per the Queen of Heaven Memorial Cemetery. The body will be cremated in San Jose and will be shipped back to Salinas later due to backlogs at the crematory facility. She will keep us posted if there are any changes.

Please take care of yourselves and family and hopefully see you soon on our next virtual meeting on Zoom.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



FROM OUR SECRETARY – J. DAVID ISAAC



REMINDER: I-Member 2.0 is the new software program that manages information on the Grand Lodge's database. Please login to I-Member 2.0, explore and more importantly update any incorrect information listed for you. You can reach the page at <https://freemason.org/> and click on the "For Members" tab. You'll need you're your member number which is printed on your dues receipt. Thank you.

SALINAS MASONIC LODGE #204 WILL BE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30 PM and

Saturday, January 9th at 2:00 PM

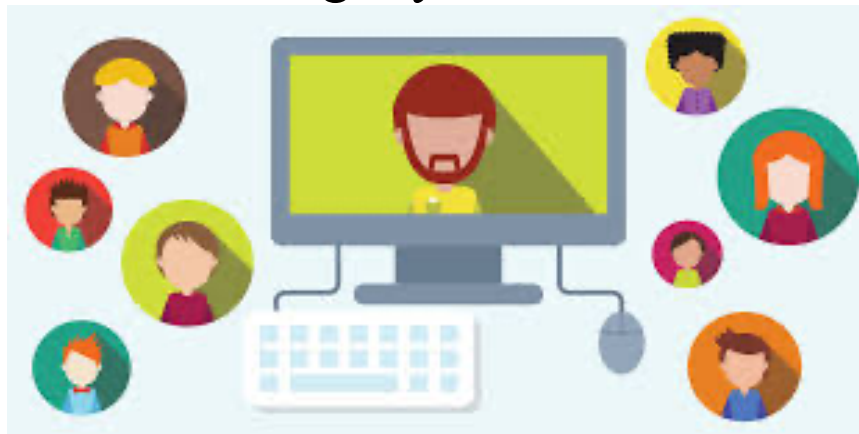
Tuesday, January 12th at 7:30 PM

[You can practice logging in starting at 7:00PM]

YOU CAN DO THIS!!!

Got a phone (any type), a smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer? Yes? You're ready to login.

We've got you covered!



1. Download the Zoom application to your phone, tablet or computer. Go to: Zoom.us
2. Type in the Meeting code: 8347 7944 778 (that will always be our Zoom Meeting number)
3. You will be placed in a virtual waiting room until the WM lets you in.

You can also join by typing this link into your browser on your smart phone, tablet or computer:

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

Or you can join us by “older” cell phone or even your house phone by dialing, 669-900-6833 when you are asked for your meeting code enter: 8347 7944 778#. This is pretty “old school” technology so if this is the method you use, you’ll only have the ability to hear the meeting and because of background noise the host may mute your ability to ask questions or share input.

If all else fails, pay your grandchild to log you in or give me a call and I’ll talk you in. No man left behind!

(EASIEST METHOD: There will also be a *hot link* in the email that brought you this month’s Trestleboard. Click on that link and it should take you directly to our meeting.)

Call if you need help logging in: George @ 831-760-5758

HAPPY CHRISTMAS



BIRTHDAYS

FOR DECEMBER

Robert Gordon Gentry 1st

Gerald Ecpeleta Aledo 4th

Jamcy Castro 14th

Kevin Joe Miller 24th

Bryan Matthew Whaley 24th

A "Zero" Birthday