



# The Trestleboard

## February - 2024

### Salinas Lodge #204

#### **OUR GUYS IN TUXEDOS FOR 2024**

Worshipful Master: Lee Blankenship, PM

Senior Warden: David Isaac, PM

Junior Warden, Mike Chasen, PM

Treasurer: Tom Folliard

Secretary, Thomas Crompton, PM

Asst. Secretary: David Isaac, PM

Chaplin, Jim Riley

Marshal, Nelson Cargo

Junior Deacon, Mark Washburn, DDS



# FROM THE EAST

WM Lee Blankenship, PM



For those of you who were unable to attend the Installation of Officers on January 27<sup>th</sup>, we had terrific ceremony led by installing officers Wor. Jon Wong, Past Master of Salinas Lodge as Installing Officer, Wor. Robert Robbins, Past Master of Texas Lodge and current Master of Carmel Lodge as Master of Ceremonies, and Wor. Ron Chambliss, Past Master of Pacific Grove Lodge. Eastern Star's Reveille Chapter No. 47 decorated the dining room and attended in numbers; Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 presented the US Flag and did a beautiful job. An excellent Italian dinner was arranged by Wor. Mike Chasen, our immediate Past Master, and Italian dinner music was arranged by Wor. Sam Mante. This was a rewarding start to the new Masonic year and everyone who attended seemed to have a good time and plenty of food.

The February stated meeting will be jam-packed. We will begin with a Valentine's Night dinner at 6:00 pm, and you are invited to bring your lady and to wear Valentine red or pink. We will dress casually for the Stated Meeting. Business for the evening will include approval of the Lodge budget and calendar for the year, the Treasurer's report, Secretary's report, Audit Committee report, appointment of required and discretionary committees, installation of officers who were unable to attend the Installation Ceremony, one proficiency, and scheduling upcoming First and Third Degrees.

Although there may be some relatively minor changes, I will propose at the Stated Meeting the following social functions for the year:

February 13	Valentine's Night Dinner and Stated Meeting
February 20	First Degree Practice 7PM
February 27	School of Instruction – All elected and appointed officers, 6PM

March 12	St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Stated Meeting
April 27	Public Schools' Dinner with speaker
May 14	Taco Tuesday Dinner and Stated Meeting
June 11	Stated Meeting followed by refreshments
July 9	Western Night BBQ and Stated Meeting
July TBD	Joint District BBQ
August 13	Stated Meeting followed by refreshments
September 10	Stated Meeting followed by refreshments
September TBD	Constitution Observance Dinner w/ speaker
October 8	Past Masters' Night and Stated Meeting
November 12	Stated Meeting and refreshments
November TBD	Joint District Thanksgiving Dinner
December 10	Christmas Dinner and Stated Meeting

We look forward to your attending these dinners, Stated Meetings, and degree nights as they are scheduled. Remember, YOU are the Lodge; you energize us with your presence and active participation.

If, at any time, you would like to communicate with me about the Lodge or Masonry in general, feel free to text me at 831-214-0331 or email me at [blank2mmr@gmail.com](mailto:blank2mmr@gmail.com).

Be well, my Brothers.

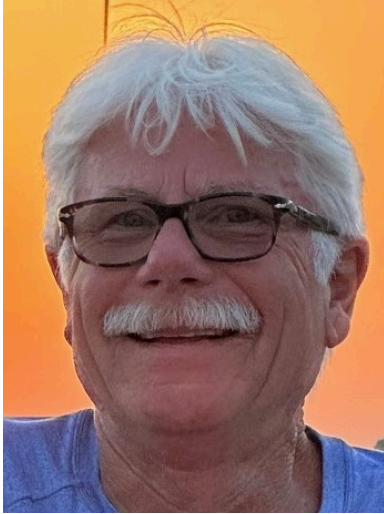
Our Job's Daughters meet every First and Third Wednesday at 7:00 PM, in our Lodge Room. Please build a visit into your schedule soon. All Masons can attend.



Job's Daughters  
P E N N S Y L V A N I A

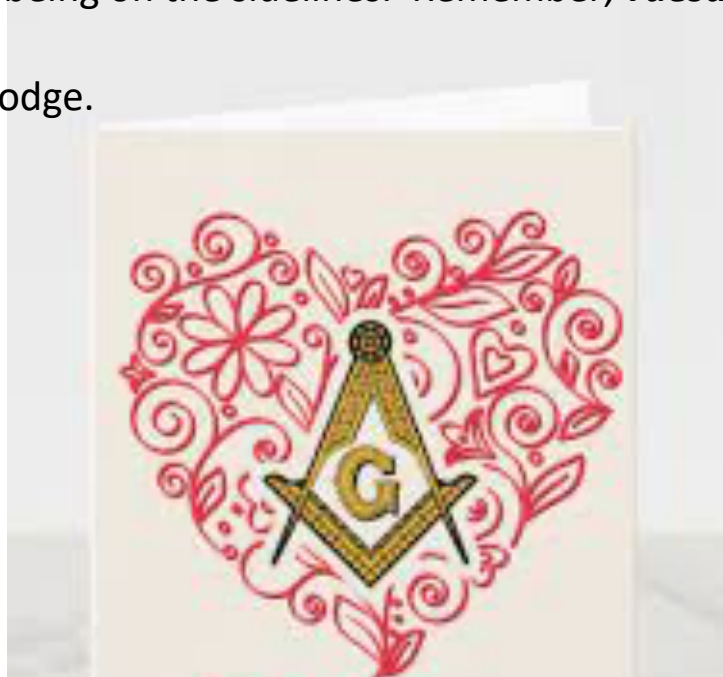
## From the West

David Issacs, PM, Senior Warden



Congratulations to our newly installed and soon to be installed officers. I look forward to a new year and working with you all. I encourage all our brothers to come to Lodge and support our new line. As the days are starting to get longer, I hope to see our brothers who don't feel comfortable driving after sunset to return to Lodge and enjoy the camaraderie we enjoy at our Stated Meeting dinners. Looking at Worshipful Lee's schedule for the year we can plan ahead and block off our calendars. We also have several upcoming Degrees to confer, and we should all support our new brothers by being on the sidelines. Remember, ***Tuesday is Lodge Night***

See you in Lodge.



## From the South

Mike Chasen, PM, Junior Warden



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Hello from the South!

We had a great turnout for the installation, and we welcomed Worshipful Lee to the East with a great Italian feast provided by Luigi's restaurant in Gonzales! Thank you everyone who attended.

February's stated dinner will be on Feb 13th, and we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. We will prepare a nice meal and will serve our ladies, so please bring them along! The menu is TBD, but it will be a nice event. Please come out

and enjoy.

Happy February

## From our Secretary Tom Crompton, PM



Brethren,

Happy new year and welcome to another year in the life of our Masonic Lodge. Now is the time to make sure you've paid your annual dues for the year. Get out your dues card and make sure it says 2024 on it. If not, you have two choices to pay your dues. You can either do it by credit card through the Grand Lodge website, freemason.com or by snail mail.

Send a check written to Salinas Lodge number 204 for \$165.50 to :

Salinas Lodge 204  
PO BOX 143  
Salinas, CA 93901

I hope to see you all at Lodge meetings this year. Our new Master, Lee Blankenship, promises several social functions in addition to quite a number of Masonic degrees in the coming months.





## George Washington is Born



George Washington was an American politician and soldier.

Washington was born on Pope's Creek Estate which is near present day Colonial Beach, Virginia. Washington's father passed away when Washington was eleven. Washington's older brother, Lawrence, became a surrogate and role model for Washington. Due to the death of Washington's father, Washington was unable to travel to England for a more formal education. Instead, Washington was taught by tutors and attended a school run by Anglican clergy.

At the age of 15, Washington sought an appointment to the Royal Navy. His widowed mother refused to allow him to go. By the age of 17, Lawrence, using his influence in Virginia society, had secured Washington a well-paying position as a surveyor. This allowed Washington to begin investing in land, which he acquired a large amount of over his life.

In 1751, Washington traveled with Lawrence to Barbados. Lawrence was suffering at the time from tuberculosis, and it was hoped the trip would improve his health. The trip had no effect on Lawrence and died the following year.

Lawrence's passing brought changes to Washington's life. Washington inherited Mount Vernon from his brother's estate. At the time of his passing, Lawrence was the Adjutant General of the Virginia Militia. The Governor of Virginia split the militia into 4 parts giving Washington one of the posts of district adjutant along with the rank of Major.

In 1755, before the beginning of the French Indian Wars (part of the 7 years' war), Washington was sent by the Governor of Virginia to request the French withdraw from the Ohio River Valley, a request the French refused. On his trip Washington met the Indian leader Tanacharison, the two men became longtime friends. On his journey Washington also kept a journal of the events, on his return to Virginia the Governor insisted his journal be published, this gave Washington a great deal of notoriety.

Throughout the war, Washington was a military leader and received commands of his own. He sought a commission in the British Army and never received it. He took the opportunity to study British tactics and learned military, political and leadership skills which served him well in his life.

In 1775, when the American Revolution began, Washington appeared at the 2nd Continental Congress in full uniform, indicating he was ready for war. Although he tried to convince the delegates he might not be the best selection for the head of the newly formed Continental Army, he was voted into the position of General and Commander-in-chief.

Washington led the Continental Army through good times and bad. Through shortages of gunpowder and other critical supplies. Finally in 1781, the surrender at Yorktown all but ended the American Revolution and Washington's troops were victorious.

In 1783, with the signing of the Treaty of Paris, Washington resigned his commission and returned to Mount Vernon.

In 1787, Washington was convinced to go to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia. When he arrived, he was elected President of the Convention. As President he stayed out of the debates and voted little, except on specific articles. Washington kept the delegates on task during the convention. When the convention was done, it was Washington's support of the Constitution is what convinced many to sign it.

In 1789 and 1792, Washington was elected by the electoral college to be the first President of the United States. To this day his two elections to office are the only times a president has received 100% of the votes from the electoral college.

Washington made sure his Presidency in no way resembled the Royal courts of Europe. When Congress voted to pay Washington \$25,000 a year, a large sum in

those times, he initially refused. Congress convinced him he needed to create a precedent future Presidents needed to be independently wealthy. Washington also insisted on being called "Mr. President" instead of some of the more majestic titles Congress came up with.

Washington insisted on serving only two terms, again trying to set a precedent for future presidents.

Washington passed away on December 14th, 1799.

Washington was initiated into Alexandria Lodge No. 22 in Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1753.



## *Valentine's Day Dinner*

*You and your Sweetheart are invited to dinner  
To Celebrate Valentine's Day*

*On*

*Tuesday, February 13, 2024*

*6:00 pm*

*Salinas Masonic Center*



# MILESTONES FOR FEBRUARY 2024



## BIRTHDAYS

<b>ROBERT ANTHONY (67)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>CHARLES MILLS (97)</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>BONIFACIO FERNANDO(77)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>BRADLEY CLARK (32)</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>EARL FISCALNI (88)</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>

## MASONIC ANNIVERSARIES\*

<b>DONALD SMITH</b>	<b>64<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>BERT ROBINSON</b>	<b>59<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>WILLIAM DICKENS</b>	<b>46<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>RAYMON RYAN</b>	<b>37<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>JON PARISER</b>	<b>26<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>RUDY GARCIA</b>	<b>25<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>EDWARD SMITH</b>	<b>8<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>EDSEL SALINDO</b>	<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>

\*Based on the date of being raised

# FEB 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				01	02	03
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
	BREAKFAST MOST MONDAY MORNINGS 8AM First Awakenings, Salinas		JOB'S DAUGHTERS 7PM ALL MMs and Parents WELCOME			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY 	VALENTINE'S DINNER 6PM Dinner 7:30PM Stated Meeting	VALENTINE'S  DAY			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	PRESIDENT'S DAY 	FIRST DEGREE PRACTICE 7PM (Early Start Time)	JOB'S DAUGHTERS 7PM ALL MMs and Parents WELCOME			
25	26	27	28	29	Anyone can contribute to the Trestleboard. Get your submission in today.	
		SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION ALL OFFICERS PLEASE ATTEND 6PM	TRESTLEBOARD ARTICLES ARE DUE 		George.Lange2@ gmail.com	