



JULY - 2021

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901

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Master: Thomas Crompton, PM

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From the East



Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge,

It has now been over a year since we were able to meet together in person and now, we can finally meet in person again! We've all missed the opportunity to get together with our brethren. The Grand Master's in person meeting instructions are no longer in force and we can attend our lodge as before. We will celebrate getting back together again by enjoying a nice meal of hamburgers and all the fixin's prepared by your Senior Warden and his minions in the Steward's Committee. Please plan on attending and having a good time together. And...we can once again plan on Degrees.

We kept the faith and have come out on the other side, intact, if not complete. We have had some losses during the past fifteen months, and we will discuss them. The passing of Nick Cominos and Herschel Amos leading the way. We will all have to be cognizant of the safety concerns involved in getting back together and remember the universal safety precautions, hand washing, sanitizing & etc. The Hall Association has provided the necessary personal and institutional protective equipment for safe meetings. Touchless hand sanitizer near the front door and hand sanitizer containers spread throughout the hall. We will not require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests, masks are no longer required. If you feel safer wearing your mask, by all means continue to do so.

I would remind our members that dues were due and payable in January. You should have received your dues notices directly from Grand Lodge this year. 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 will resume the occasional "Brobucks" get-togethers. If you would like to join us and be included, text or email myself or one of your officers for information. If you know of a brother in need, reach out to our brethren and to the lodge.

We'd like to hear how our brethren handled the 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!

And don't forget, for the first time in 15 months, **TUESDAY NIGHT IS...LODGE NIGHT!**

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



BIRTHDAYS

FOR JULY

2 nd	Clive Hughes	3 rd	William Burnett
3 rd	Troy Fink	6 th	Robert Rathie
9 th	Jasper De Franco	12 th	Roger Mills
14 th	William Dickens	15 th	Bert Robinson
15 th	John David Isaac	22 nd	Thomas Immermann
25 th	Alan Spoffard	29 th	John Amen

From the West



Happy July!

We made it!!! Our first live stated meeting in our lodge room will be on July 13th. Come out for a hamburger buffet with all the options, great company and a fantastic live in-person stated meeting...

Please reach out to your brothers and pass the word so we can have a packed house once again!

I look forward being back together and seeing everyone in-person.

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



Learning from the young men of DeMolay

(The Master Councilor during the public opening ceremonies)

“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. These books, representative of those being carried to and from the public schools by millions of boys and girls each day, are just as vital symbols of our liberties as the Holy Bible, which is the rule and guide of our faith, or the flag which protects the church, the school and the seat of civil power. We, therefore, place these books upon the Altar and I solemnly enjoin the members of this Chapter ever to stand unswervingly for the protection and perpetuity of the free public schools, the citadel of our safety and the source of the only real freedom possible in a government of the people, by the people and for the people.”

From the South



Brethren,

Now that our July stated meeting will be held in person in the lodge for the first time in a year, I encourage all the brethren to come out and attend to meet, greet and dwell together in unity and most importantly support our line of officers. Let us show that Masonry is alive and well in Salinas.

We have another prospective candidate which I will be meeting soon. I will keep the WM and the lodge posted on it.

Thank you for your continued support for the Lodge, our line of officers and the Craft.

Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



ON TUESDAY,
JULY 13th WE WILL
NOT BE MEETING BY
ZOOM.

WE ARE HAVING
OUR DINNER AND
STATED MEETING AS
GOD HAD
INTENDED... AT THE
LODGE BUILDING.

