



July 2020

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

Senior Warden: Mike Chasen

Junior Warden, Sam Mante, PM

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Junior Deacon: Brian Vanderpool

Senior Steward: Tom Folliard

Junior Steward: Jim Riley

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From the East



Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge

Hope everyone is weathering this quarantine/shelter-in-place well and that you've not caught the COVID-19 virus.

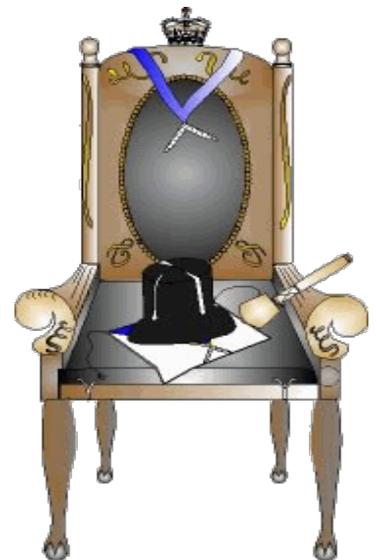
Based on instructions from the Grand Lodge, The State of California and the County of Monterey, it appears that we will still not be able to hold any Masonic activities or meetings for at least the month of July. I'm hopeful we will be able to hold a masonic stated meeting and dinner sometime soon and will plan accordingly. We organized a phone committee and hopefully every member of the lodge received a phone call from one of our members checking on him, his family and his wellbeing. Our phone committee should probably reach out again to our members. I will send out instructions for them to reach out, once again, to our members. I would remind our members that dues were due and payable in January and we still have a number of our members who have not yet paid their dues. Please remit your dues payments as soon as possible. We held on-line stated meetings for April and May to pay our bills. We conducted an executive committee meeting and approved paying our bills in June. We will have an on-line meeting in July to pay bills. We will defer all other matters to our next regularly scheduled stated meeting.

In the meantime, the lodge is dark, and all 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 the lodge. Also, Grand Lodge has set up a masonic charity to help out our brethren in need. The Grand Master has sent this notification out to all masons in California.

Fraternally,

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



From our Secretary – J. David Isaacs

Brethren, your 2020 dues were due by Jan 1. For those who haven't paid yet or if you are unable to pay due to a Covid-19 hardship, please get in touch with myself or WM, SW, or JW. There is a way we can help.

From the West



Happy July!

Are we over this yet? I hope everyone staying safe and staying sane!

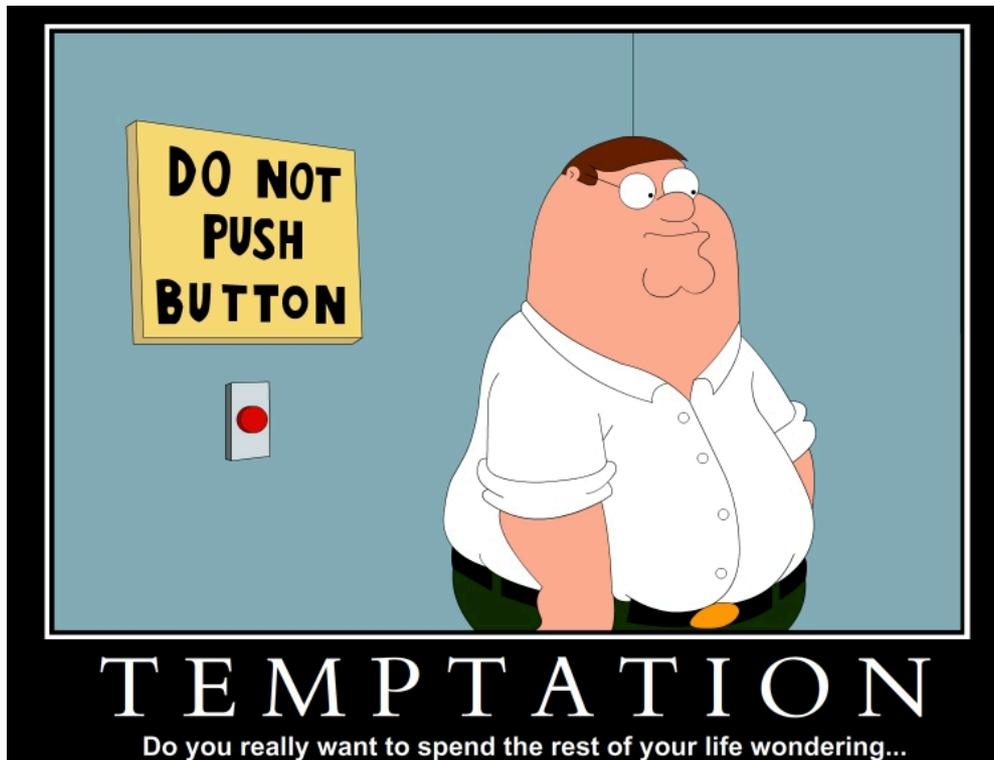
We are all hopeful that we will be able to be together again and enjoy some fellowship and good conversation and possibly a good meal! I look forward to the day I will be able to cook for you again.

Please keep in touch with your brothers and let us know if anyone needs assistance or can use a helping hand.

I miss you all and please call if you need anything.

Have a great month!

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



From the South



Brethren,

I hope everyone is staying safe and sound. Please keep your guards up and continue obeying the restrictions put in place which are designed to prevent the spread of COVID19. We all want to come out of this unscathed.

I pray for this pandemic to end quickly so we can resume our lodge functions back to normal.



Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



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

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 our District 353 Inspector
BJ McCuiston, Inspector



Slainte Mhath Bhráithrean,

(good health Brethren)

Wishing Y'all Peace, good health and happiness during this 2nd Half of 2020. May the Grand Artificer guide and protect us all. Happy American Independence Day, July 4th.

Soon all Lodges will be receiving a template for preparedness from the Grand Lodge, preparedness for the time restrictions are lifted and we are able to resume Masonic meetings and activities. That time will come, however, at this time there is no estimate as to when it will be other than it will be when the State is in Phase 4 recovery. Lodges will be required to use the template to enact

requirements for attendance at their meetings and activities and file them with Grand Lodge. Such things as the use of a digital thermometer for checking temperatures, wearing of masks, gloves and sanitizing before and after entering the Lodge, etc. "ZOOM" meetings, with no esoteric work, are encouraged to maintain contact with membership and social interaction.

An updated list of all events sponsored by the Grand Lodge of California, and their status, are listed on a website shared by the Grand Master. It is: <http://californiafreemason.org/2020/03/12/masonic-event-status-spring-2020/>

July 1, 2020 Grand Lodge will transition to I-Member 2.0 which will include a new social feed created by Grand View and will replace the current District and Lodge Apps many members are using.

Plans are in place for the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; however they are not being released at this time. The transition of New Grand Lodge Officers will take place whether it be virtually or otherwise.

Election of Officers for lodges will be required for 2021 whether it be to re-elect current officers for another term or to elect new officers. The process will depend on our Phase of preparedness.

All Officers and members are encouraged to make use of available time to access the Member Learning Center and complete the Leadership training courses. They are required for line officers and highly desirable for anyone aspiring to enter the line of Officers for any lodge.

Again, proficiency and certification, by the district Inspector is a requirement for all Officers prior to Installation. Be prepared. The NEW Monitor and Officers' manual is available in .PDF format in the Member Center on the Grand Lodge web site. LAFSCO do not have hard copies available at this time. There is no charge for downloading the .pdf copies from the member center.

Thanks for your Representatives attendance at the June ZOOM meeting for Masonic Outreach. There were 26 Masons in attendance, as was Nancy Crompton. Each Lodge should have regular representative in attendance. That representation may include wives and other members. The next meeting will be in October 2020. These are quarterly meetings. More information will follow.

Thanks again for your efforts in maintaining contact with your members, widows and orphans during this time. All it takes is a phone call to brighten someone's day and possibly discover a need. Consider using ZOOM to reach out to your membership to stay in contact. Remember, much can be done so long as we abide by Social distancing requirements as set forth by the CDC.

I hope to see you in lodge soon.

Mar sin leat, an drasta,

(bye for now)

BJ McCuiston

I Read it Some Where

To all Masons, from the "Handbook for Candidate Coaches",
"Therefore, we must impart that respect and tolerance which we feel for all religions and our underlying resistance to any force, either clerical or political, which would destroy our religious freedom and substitute the tyranny of dogma, either of the Church or of the State".

Does this mean we allow someone who advocates the overthrow of government or terrorism? Of course not! Yet, throughout our histories, sects, kingdoms and individuals have seen individuals act horribly, denigrating whatever good from their religious tenets into cause for violence, intolerance, and xenophobic hatred and mistrust. All must be vigilant toward this tendency, and speak rationally, judge discerning, and recognize that the individual or subgroup does not necessarily speak or act for the whole.

Our fraternity spans literally the world, with various political and religious views, and hence the reason those two topics are not discussed at our meetings or among brothers, lest they ferment trepidation amongst brethren who must work together on those things in which we best agree and best work. For California, as envisioned by our Grand Lodge and officers, that's education, in various forms according to the individual lodge's location and abilities. For friends of any religion, but most especially those of the Catholic faith, Masonry poses no threat to your beliefs.

There is no current plot to seek Rome's destruction, nor evangelize anyone from their own religious view. Yes, a couple of centuries ago, Masons (specifically Templars) and Pope Clement II had issues, resulting in the attempt to eradicate Masonry via Masonic genocide. The Vatican's motivations, reasons, endgame for that horrific Friday? - all long ago

forgiven. Freemasonry does not state, by word or action, a prohibition or vengeful memory toward those candidates who find their faith in Holy Mass, or any faith that believes in God. That's part of our tolerance tenet! In today's crises amongst citizens. I thought I would share all this for your perusal, reflection, and civil, thoughtful comment.

Michael J. Dremel, PM
Secretary
Monterey Lodge #217



Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas



With summer in full swing, the daughters of Bethel No. 230 Salinas have been having fun connecting with each other as best as possible online. In June, we had the opportunity to connect with several Bethels around the state of California.

June started off with our Association Game Night which was open to all 13 Bethel's in our association as well as any prospects and friends who wanted to join. The girls played several games including, this or that, scattergories, and a scavenger hunt where our Jr Custodian, Addy, won a \$15 gift card to amazon.

After that, many Bethels started hosting virtual installations. While our Bethel has chosen to wait until reopening and host an in-person installation, some of our Daughters attend other virtual installations which is truly a once in a lifetime experience.



We are continuing with our online meetings, where each night is a different theme. Our first meeting of the month was 'Casual' theme (or as I call, every day in shelter in place) and the second meeting was 'Red, White, and Blue'. I think our girls may be a little excited to celebrate the 4th of July.

Lastly, in June we typically end with our Grand Bethel but this year it was cancelled. Instead the girls of California Job's Daughters hosted an online Summer StayCA which was planned and hosted by the Grand Bethel Girls. Starting on Wednesday June 24th we got to hear from several dignitaries online before transitioning to virtual events on Thursday through Sunday. The girls attend activities such as ice cream making, guided yoga, corsage making, how to cook chicken fajitas, Zoom Kahoot, Zoom Dance Party, and so much more. Each day was packed with activities for all the daughters in the State. It was a great alternative since we were unable to meet in person.

Bethel 230 will continue to host fun activities online throughout the summer to help the daughters stay connected. Unfortunately, we are unable to host in person events until the end of August.

We are hoping that after that time, our Masonic Family will be reunited, and these girls will be able to see their sisters in person again.

Sincerely,

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



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