



**March - 2022**

# **The Trestleboard**

## **Salinas Lodge #204**

**Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869**

**48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901**

### **2022 Officers**

**Worshipful Master: Mike Chasen**

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**Senior Steward: Tom Folliard**

**Junior Steward: Jim Riley**

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## From the East



Happy March Brethren,

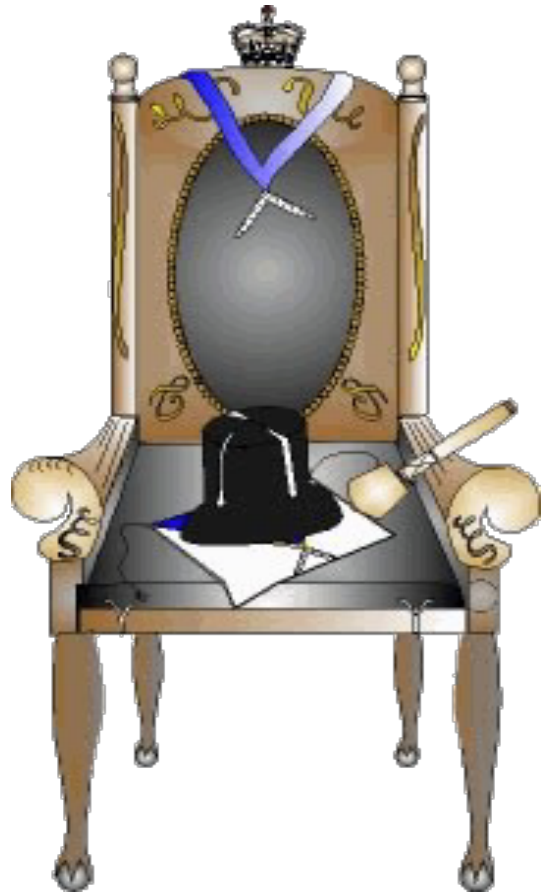
I hope everyone is doing well and starting to feel comfortable being out and about again. We are looking forward to not only having meetings and get togethers, but also some upcoming degrees. A couple of our new brothers are making headway and should be ready to move up the ladder within the next month or so. I will keep everyone posted as this date becomes solidified.

Virginia Allen's funeral service was beautiful and there was a great attendance from family and friends. Let's please take a brief moment to pay our respects to a wonderful person who's love and support for our lodge will be greatly missed.

Our March stated meeting will be on the 8th and the theme will be St Patrick's day, so let's all wear something green and be prepared for Corned Beef and Cabbage complete with all the fixings! I am looking forward to seeing you and thank you for coming out and supporting the lodge and enjoying some good food and camaraderie.

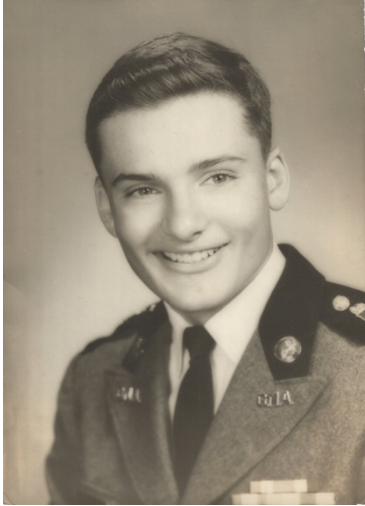
See you soon!

Mike Chasen  
Master, Salinas Lodge #204



## From the West

Lee Blankenship, Junior Warden



Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow, at least in Gobbler's Knob, Pennsylvania this past month, so the legend holds that there will be below-average temperatures for the next six weeks. Nonetheless, as I look out my window on the outskirts of Salinas most mornings, I see blue skies – at least after 11:00 am – and realize that Spring is just around the corner. Spring is the seasonal time for blooms, growth, and new life.

So, it is with our Lodge. We are meeting in person. We have Entered Apprentices who are diligently working on their proficiencies, with conferral of Fellowcraft degrees in the near future. We are seeing more brothers on the sidelines, perhaps due to Wor. Bro. Mike's culinary wizardry, but at least as likely due to our intrinsic need to socialize and be with others. Our Inspector is leading Schools of Instruction each month as officers regain their proficiency in the work. There are Grand Lodge retreats for Secretaries and Treasurers and for Masters and Wardens to assist these officers in leading the Lodge.

You are cordially invited to join us to check out what is happening in YOUR Lodge, to support your officers, and to celebrate with brothers who are taking their degrees in Masonry. There are also meals and refreshments to tempt your palates, so what is not to like!



## From the South



Brethren,

“Once a Mason Always a Mason.”

It is not the taking of an obligation that makes the Mason, but the keeping of that obligation. When a member knowingly and continuously violates his obligation, technically, he ceases to be a Mason. When a member violates any of the by-laws, rules and regulations of his Lodge, one of which requires him to pay dues, he may be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, which certainly puts him outside the pale of the institution. If expelled, he is as dead to Masonry as profane, his only advantage being that, like the burglar who has the combination of your safe, he may rob you if you are not continuously on guard. A profane may be a good man and true, to whose application for full membership no objection can be made, but one who has been expelled, may only approach the “wailing place by the outer wall.” He is an enemy of Freemasonry, infinitely less entitled to consideration by Masons, than one who never stood at a Masonic altar. It is worse than absurd to make use of the expression "once a Mason, always a Mason;" it is wrong. — Missouri Freemason.



Source. Masonic Standard, September 1, 1900, page 3

Best,  
Sam Mante, PM  
Junior Warden

## FROM OUR MASONIC INSPECTOR



Brothers of Salinas Lodge,

Happy March greetings to our entire Fraternal Family! This is particularly appropriate because the Grand Master has proclaimed March as Masonic Youth Order Month. We recognize and celebrate DeMolay International, Job's Daughters International, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls as the next generation of California Masonry that embody the Masonic values of our fraternity. This year is especially notable because we observe the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Please make an extra effort to engage your Lodge to support all of our Youth Orders and help celebrate this historic and important milestone for Rainbow Girls!

This month marks the end of the first quarter of the Masonic year, and we are in full swing with practices, degrees, and other special events. The Master & Wardens Retreat will be in San Ramon this month and I hope each Master and SW/JW is able to attend. Even if you've been in your station many times before I promise you, you will learn something new about how you can better serve your Lodge Brothers.

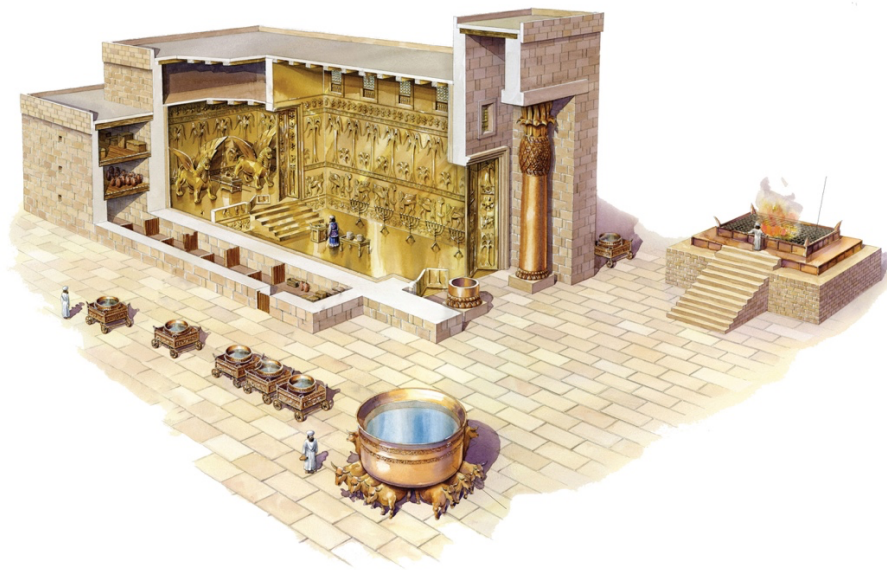
This month's District Officers School of Instruction will be March 22 hosted by Salinas Lodge No,204 from 7:30-9:00 PM. The Salinas Lodge officers and WB Tom Crompton, the Officer's Coach, will assist me in reviewing general floor work and rod work as well as a brush up on the officers Jewel March. I hope some of you will also share any thoughts or ideas you gained from the Leadership retreat.

Finally, I will be privileged to visit some District lodges this month with my Official Visit. This is truly humbling for me, and I cannot tell you what an honor it is to serve you as your Inspector. Please do not hesitate to reach out if I can help in anyway.



With fraternal affection,  
Mark S. Breckenridge, PM  
Inspector, 353<sup>rd</sup> Masonic District

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*Artists rendering of Solomon's Temple*

Today in Masonic History we discuss King Solomon's Temple.

King Solomon's Temple is a biblical structure built in Jerusalem during the reign of King Solomon.

King Solomon's Temple, here after simply called the Temple or the First Temple, is believed to have been built sometime around the 9th or 10th century B.C.E. Most of the details known about the Temple come from the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament.

The dimensions of the Temple are given in cubits. A cubit is roughly the distance from the tip of your middle finger to the base of the elbow. In fact, the word cubit in English comes from the Latin word *cubitum* which means elbow. The Temple is described as being 20 cubits wide, 60 cubits long and 30 cubits high. It consisted of

three areas inside the structure and two courts which surrounded the Temple where priests and others assembled for prayer. There were also chambers built on the south, west and north side of the Temple. The chambers were believed to be for storage of some kind.

The three inside areas of the Temple consisted of the Porch or Vestibule, the Holy Place or Great House and the Holy of Holies or Inner House.

The Porch is described as 20 cubits in width with two great pillars standing on either side of the porch. It was 10 cubits deep. The Porch is stated to have been 120 cubits high. It is unclear by the descriptions given in the Bible whether a wall separated the Porch from the Great House.

The Great House was 30 cubits high, 40 cubits in length and 20 cubits in width. The walls were wooden and covered in gold. They had carvings of palm trees, flowers in bloom and cherubim.

The final and most sacred portion of the Temple was the Holy of Holies, the inner most room of the Temple. The room is described as being a perfect cube, 20 cubits in width height and length. The discrepancy of the missing 10 cubits from the height has been explained by the belief the Holy of Holies was actually elevated and there was a space underneath. The Holy of Holies is believed to have contained all of the sacred relics of the time. This included the seven branched candlestick and more importantly the Ark of the Covenant.

There is no archaeological evidence the Temple ever existed. Most scholars agree it did exist and when, roughly, it was built. There has been no real excavation of the Temple Mount since the late 1800's. This is due to the religious conflicts existing in the region.

For Freemasonry Solomon's Temple has become a metaphor for the building up of the individual into a better person and member of society. The stones used in the building of the Temple become metaphors for the good deeds and knowledge one gains in life and through positive life experiences.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Geoffrey Mante 1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Folliard 12 <sup>th</sup>
Barrington Hilliker 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Victoriano Lacuata 17 <sup>th</sup>
Philippe Gonzaga 8 <sup>th</sup>	Earnest Cunningham. 18 <sup>th</sup>
Edsel Salindo 18 <sup>th</sup>	Jobert Bueno. 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Brother Barrington

**Don't miss our Stated Meeting and Dinner  
APRIL 2022**

**12<sup>th</sup>– Lodge Stated Meeting  
Dinner at 6PM and  
Meeting at 7:30 PM**

