



**March - 2021**

# **The Trestleboard**

## **Salinas Lodge #204**

**Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869**

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

### **2021 Officers**

**Master: Thomas Crompton, PM**

**Senior Warden: Mike Chasen**

**Junior Warden, Sam Mante, PM**

**Treasurer: John Williams, PM**

**Secretary, J. David Isaac, PM**

**Chaplin, Mark Washburn, DDS**

**Marshal, Nelson Cargo**

**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,

It's been over three weeks since my back surgery and I am recuperating appropriately at home with the assistance of Mrs. Worshipful Nanci. Many thanks for your kind messages, thoughts and prayers. I am still unable to perform the duties of the Master of the lodge due to continued physical inability. I am glad that our Senior Warden, Mike Chasen, was able to conduct the February stated meeting with the able assistance of Sam Mante, John Williams, David Isaac, Mark Washburn and George Lange. I'm going to have to call upon Michael to act in my stead as Master for the March Stated

Meeting as well. It still looks like actual meetings in the Lodge are a ways off. We will continue to await the Grand Lodge OK to resume our regularly scheduled meetings with anticipation. By the way, I can now accept phone calls (if I'm awake).

In the meantime, officers need to get ready for their advancement to the next position next year. Coaching is available through Worshipful Samson Mante, Myself and, by special arrangement, through our Worshipful Inspector, BJ McCuiston. Also, officers need to get their Trestleboard input into George Lange and if you have anything of interest to include, please do not hesitate to write.

The same goes for my position as Worthy Patron of Reveille Chapter, OES.

Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Thomas Crompton, PM  
Master, Salinas Lodge #204

**CALENDAR  
MARCH 2021**

**3rd Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom**

**Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260**

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

**9<sup>th</sup>— Lodge Stated Meeting Via Zoom. 7:30 PM**

**Zoom Meeting Code: 834 7794 4778**

**17<sup>th</sup> Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom**

## **From the West**



Spring is almost here!!!

Let's keep our fingers crossed that we will be able to meet again soon. We will be having another zoom stated meeting this month and hope you can be there.

Please give our brother George Lange a huge THANK YOU, he has been working tirelessly on our Trestle boards and running all of our Zoom meetings. 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.

Mike Chasen  
Senior Warden



## From the South



Brethren,

I hope 2021 has been treating you all good so far. We have more challenges ahead but we as Masons are focused in our personal and Masonic growth. We will come out of these trials dazed but victorious because this fraternity was built on solid foundation and throughout history, we proved that we can adopt to every situation and take care of ourselves.

So far, our Lodge and Freemasonry in general has managed to survive the pandemic but not really enjoying ourselves. The virtual lodge took away our fun from the personal contacts during our SOI, stated and special meetings and fellowships. But it's not that bad because we got to realign a portion of our own priorities, Lodge's and family's priorities. It gave us a little more time to reconnect and do more work for the family.

Looking back at 2020, we have to be grateful that Freemasonry is alive and well after 300 years because Masons adapt to changes. We are not the World-renowned gentlemen's fraternity today if we keep the old saying "Why do we have to change? That's the way we've been doing it!" Change is a part life. We are living it.

Please attend our next virtual stated meeting on Zoom on Tuesday March 9, 2021.

Fraternally,  
Sam Mante, PM  
Junior Warden



## FROM OUR SECRETARY – J. DAVID ISAAC



Grand Lodge is keeping \$5 of your dues to make the payment by credit card. If possible, please send your dues in a check, like in the past to:

Salinas Lodge #204

PO Box 1432

Salinas, CA 93902

I'm no longer able to print a traditional dues card as your card is now online at the iMember site. You can download it to your phone or print it on your printer, if you want a hard copy. If you don't have the means to print your card and want a hard copy to let me know and I'll print and mail it to you. Grand Lodge will be sending reminders in Jan. and Feb. to pay your dues. If there is a hardship which makes it not possible to make the payment, please contact either myself or the Master for consideration of dues remittance for the year.



Do you have something to include in the April Trestleboard or on our webpage (<https://salinasmasoniclodge204.org>)? Please submit an article. Something about our Masonic Youth/Family, Masonic history, cartoon, a joke, whatever to lighten or enlighten your brother's month. ([george.lange2@gmail.com](mailto:george.lange2@gmail.com))



**SALINAS MASONIC LODGE #204  
WILL BE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

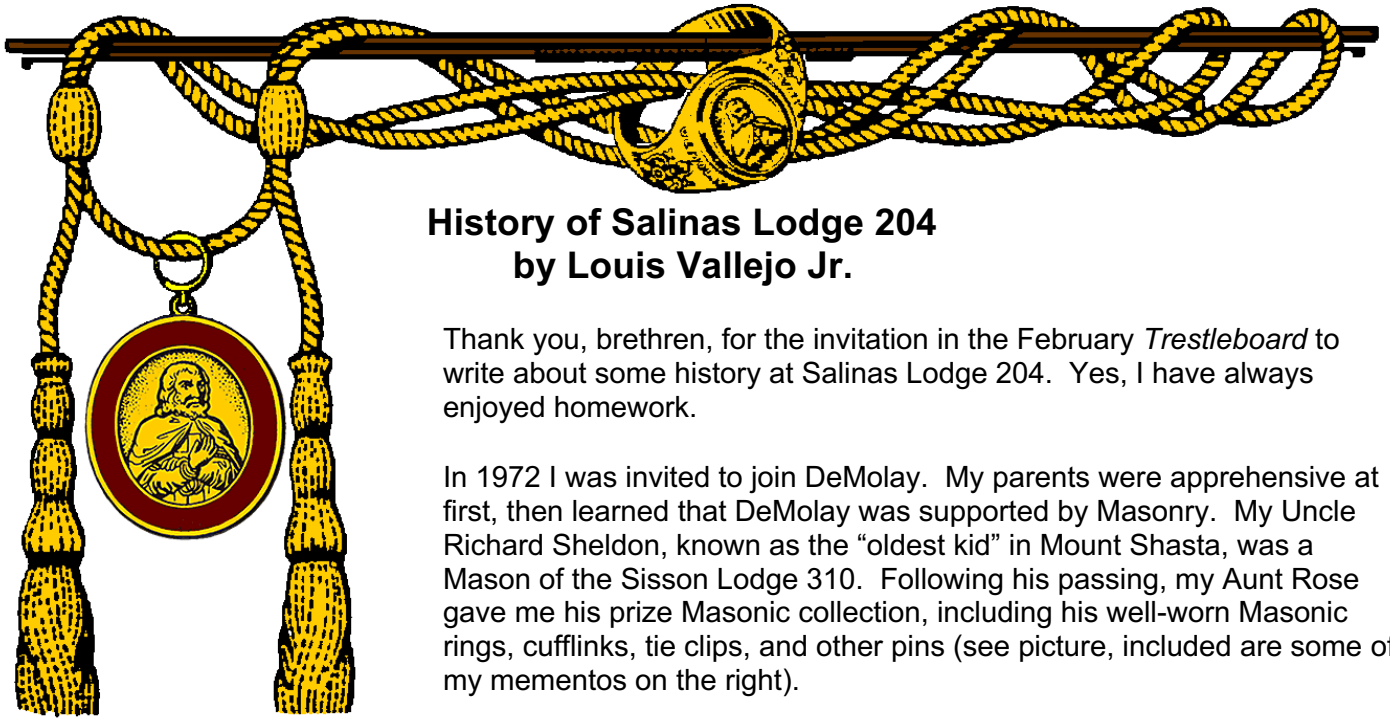
Stated Meeting on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:30 PM

SPECIAL SESSION AT 7PM to learn to use  
the I-MEMBER application from Grand Lodge



Type this into your web browser:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477944778>





## History of Salinas Lodge 204 by Louis Vallejo Jr.

Thank you, brethren, for the invitation in the February *Trestleboard* to write about some history at Salinas Lodge 204. Yes, I have always enjoyed homework.

In 1972 I was invited to join DeMolay. My parents were apprehensive at first, then learned that DeMolay was supported by Masonry. My Uncle Richard Sheldon, known as the "oldest kid" in Mount Shasta, was a Mason of the Sisson Lodge 310. Following his passing, my Aunt Rose gave me his prize Masonic collection, including his well-worn Masonic rings, cufflinks, tie clips, and other pins (see picture, included are some of my mementos on the right).

DeMolay taught that when you put a tie on a young man, he suddenly grew a foot taller and conducted himself with greater maturity and respect.

"The Mothers Talk" was especially gratifying. It was an evening dedicated to mothers with an impressive series of rituals, including a 30-minute recital from memory, exemplifying mothers.

The Masons, by their example, encouraged me to pursue leadership. I rose through the ranks in DeMolay and found great value in providing younger members the same opportunity to mature and find their value in learning and participating in the rituals.

As mentors, the Masons had a unique kind quality that provided us with guidance, brotherly love, and a path to maturity. One of the best events I ever attended was at the Masonic banquet hall: Dancing with Rainbows and Job's Daughters to a 12-piece band that played some of the best 70's rock music.

Roger and Basil Mills are fondly remembered for their kindness, support, and generosity to DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls.

Jim Riley was the DeMolay Dad. Jim's tutelage gave us the opportunity to mature and grow into adults. On one of many events, Jim took us on a historical tour of San Francisco. We learned that many doors opened to a well-dressed and well-mannered group of young men. We saw amazing ballrooms in the finest grand hotels that were normally not open to the public.

DeMolay earned money through various fundraising events mostly with a food vending trailer that Charlie Hushbeck towed to events for us with his huge diesel truck. We spent those earned funds on a variety of fun trips, such as ski trips or movie nights. On one ski trip the lead driver, a CHP officer and Mason, kept the quick pace which resulted in the last vehicle I was in, also driven by a Mason, to be pulled over and cited for speeding. Masons were fun too!

Often, we visited the Monterey DeMolay chapter and after their meetings we all went to Perry Boys Smorgasbord. We probably hurt the restaurant's profit margin.



In 1978 I was raised in the 3rd degree five months following my 21st birthday. I was excited that I could travel to other lodges. Louie Bomio was my coach, from his mouth to my ear, we met a few times a week or more.

Brother Leland Smith of Sunnyvale Liberty Lodge 299 provided me room and board during my first college experience. It was a win-win arrangement because Leland was not ready to move in with his daughter, son-in-law, and young grandchildren.

There were discussions to build the other half of the lodge building as designed or allow the construction of a separate and different style building to support the lodge financially. The intended other half of the building was a mirror image to include a large space that may have been rented to the community for events such as wedding receptions.

I was fortunate to be present at a cornerstone laying at a Salinas School. I was an employee of the school district, at that time, and very proud of my lodge on this occasion.

And a collection of miscellaneous memories: how many chairs, in the banquet hall, can you carry on both arms to the racks? (12), serving spaghetti dinners, making gallons of coffee in the giant coffee maker in the kitchen, my father presenting me with my gavel that Brother Al Price made for me, Charlie Hushbeck at the organ, and the hallowed feeling every time I entered the main lodge, for a meeting or not.

Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth I explored through ritual and relationships with my DeMolay and Masonic brethren. These values have enriched and guided my life. I am grateful for these experiences. I hope my writings inspire other brethren to reflect upon their experiences.





## Greetings from the District Inspector



Best wishes and good health to everyone. Please give serious thought to getting the covid virus vaccination when it becomes available to you. I received both my Pfizer injections, compliments of the Veterans Administration and the Seniors program. I had no side effects other than a sore shoulder muscle for a few days. Better safe than .....ill.

Brethren, ALL, please focus your attention on learning to access the I-member program on the Grand Lodge Web site. It is becoming increasingly more important that All members learn to log in and update their own profile information. By doing so you will be able to pay dues, print out your dues card and participate in many online training/education programs. For those of you interested in entering the progressive officers' line you will be enabled to acquire much of the necessary education you will need to do your job. You should contact your installed officers and officers' coach if you have any difficulty gaining access to or using i-Member.

Due to the lockdown because of the "pandemic" situation, virtual Lodge meetings have been sanctioned. All of us should endeavor to participate in these meetings and to participate in the Grand Lodge provided WEBINARs and online training sessions.

At this time, we have no information when the restriction of in person, in Lodge meetings will be lifted. There is hope that we will have information in the not to distant future.

While we are not permitted to use the Lodge building for any type of Masonic activities, it is still necessary that Officers prepare for advancement in the progressive line. An Officer may meet privately with an Officers' Coach, away from the lodge, while adhering to CDC requirements for safe distancing, masking and sanitizing. That also includes meeting with the Inspector for certification which is a requirement for advancement and installation.

Be aware of your surroundings Brethren and maintain your good health. Hopefully, we will be able to meet in lodge again soon.

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*B. J. McCuiston*

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353rd Masonic District  
billiejo@garlic.com

## *Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas*

While we hadn't expected that with a new year we would be continuing with virtual events, but the daughters of Bethel 230 Salinas are staying connected however we can. We had our first ever virtual installation, and while it came with its own challenges, it was overall very smooth but I think the girls may have liked having such a short ceremony with our secret sister exchange afterwards.



We are still continuing with our themed meetings each month and the daughters are having fun with creating costumes or trying to dress up to match the theme of the evening.

In January we hosted a science day using various items that could be found around your house. These experiments include making dancing milk with food coloring, milk, dish soap, and a cotton swab. A homemade lava lamp with water, oil, and alka seltzer. Finally we got messy with Oobleck,

which is just a mixture of cornstarch and water but makes fun creation to rival the teenage obsession of making slime.

Then in February, the girls received all the necessary supplies to make rock art. It was a very relaxing event where the girls painted rocks of various shapes and sizes, we talked on zoom and showed off the pieces of art that was created. At first everyone started with the book that was provided to get inspired but once the subject of pinterest was brought up, we got lost in a rabbit hole looking for some talented art. We also learned about Monterey County Rocks which is a group that paints and hides rocks all over Monterey Bay. Be sure to keep an eye out for painted rocks hidden and who knows, you may even find some that our girls made.

March is coming up which means that girls will be celebrating the birthday of Mother Mick. It also signals the preparation for Grand Bethel! Although we don't know how Grand Bethel will look for this year, we are looking forward to seeing what happens, and hopefully the girls will be able to enter in the competitions even if Grand Bethel ends up being virtual again this year.



Sincerely,

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

### Social Media

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No. 230, Salinas

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