



May - 2021

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

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From the East



It's now been over a year since we were able to meet together in person and I know that you all miss the opportunity to get together with your brethren. The Grand Master has sent his in-person meeting instructions to all California Lodges. The Hall Association has provided the necessary personal and institutional protective equipment. The other requirements are that everyone one who enters the hall must have either their VAX card or proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 72 hours. A quick poll of officers and members disclosed that this may be unworkable for many for the time being.

As a result, the executive Committee has agreed that we will hold our regularly scheduled Stated Meeting on May 8 by Zoom and await developments. The Governor has announced that he intends to open California on June 15th. Grand Lodge may back down on some of the entrance requirements and enable us to meet in person.

Keep the faith brethren. We will get through this and resume practicing our craft. Please attend our virtual Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th at 7:30 PM. Please try to sign on 10-15 minutes early. The Zoom link is printed in the Trestleboard along with instructions

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 are having a few "Brobucks" get-togethers online. If you want to be included, text or email myself or one of your officers for information. I know that this is not great, not being able to meet together. Until we can meet together again, 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 to the lodge. Remember, Grand Lodge has set up a masonic charity to help out our brethren in need. If you need assistance, contact one of the officers who will help you connect. It's really quite easy. You just have to remember that you need to register on iMember beforehand.

We'd like to hear how our brethren are handling this 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!

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

CALENDAR

MAY 2021

5th Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260

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

11th – Lodge Stated Meeting Via Zoom. 7:30 PM

Zoom Meeting Code: 834 7794 4778

19th - Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

From the West



Happy May!!

I hope everyone is doing well and I always appreciate your support and participation in our zoom stated 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



Do you have something to include in the June Trestleboard or on our webpage (<https://salinasmasonyclodge204.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)

From the South



Brethren,

It's been a long hard fifteen months we endured in California

Freemasonry and here we are still dealing with this pandemic but hopefully not for long according to the Grand Master. As we start to open our Lodge and return to physically hold our fellowships, dinners and meetings in person with the strict guidelines from GL and our local Government, we have work to do. Our line of officers

have to get our grooves back and be ready for perform our rituals. We got to shake those rusts, hit the cypher, and hold practices. I myself admit I need some studying and some practice.

Our May 11 stated meeting will still be on ZOOM and we are awaiting for words from GL for our June meeting. Your attendance and participation will be greatly appreciated. Let us not forget to divide our time but most importantly take care of yourself and family.

Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



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

Stated Meeting on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:30 PM

WM Thomas Crompton in the East

Zoom Meeting Code: 834 7794 4778

Greetings from the District Inspector



Slainte Mhath (good health) Brethren,

As officer coaches for your respective lodges, it is imperative that we are satisfied with the lodge's ritual work and the performers for each degree.

We cannot allow sloppy ritual work to occur especially after the dormancy that we have had for the last 1.5 years of no lodge/work.

Please meet with your lodge officers, confer a minimum of 3 practices before reporting back on the status of where the lodge is at with their work. Consider the need for conferring degrees, 1st, 2nd or 3rd and schedule practices to accommodate the need. Degrees will not be conferred until I have observed a practice and conferred with the Officers' Coach and given approval. As in the past, we will be able to request assistance from other lodges in the district and adjoining districts; however, those volunteering to assist must also be certified as being currently proficient in the ritual work.

Obviously, the first priority will be to develop a written open Lodge meeting procedure to comply with the Grand Master's directive & CDC requirements. The procedure will be approved by me prior to being disseminated to all members and posted at the Tiler's station. Our first priority is to schedule our first "in person" Stated Meeting and conduct necessary business.

Our purpose is to ensure the health and prosperity of the Lodge and to do that we must ensure that all ritual work is done in an exemplary manner so as to impress, educate and encourage applicants, candidates and members to continue to be exemplary Masons.

Thank you for your understanding in this necessity and work to get us back to lodge.

Fraternally,

B.J. McCuiston

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Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas

With spring coming up, the girls of Bethel 230 Salinas have been busy as things have started to get back to some type of normalcy.

While we are continuing with meetings online for the time being, the recent reopening guidelines may change all of that. We have continued with the theme meetings, and the girls will definitely miss those when we go back to regular Bethel Meetings. This month was Easter themed and 90s Cartoons!

Thank you to all those who supported our popcorn fundraiser this month. All the funds raised from this sale will go towards Grand Bethel. This year Grand Bethel is a hybrid event, where the session will be held in Ontario, Ca with the Grand Bethel Officers and newly elected officers. The audience will be able to join via livestream, we will have our usual competitions, such as arts and crafts, ritual, music, librarians report, etc. The daughters will still be able to win awards for the work they put in for these competitions.



While we are sad that Emily will have to give up her office of Grand Bethel Junior Princess, we know that she is still going to continue to support and be involved with the Bethel.



For our fun even this month, we were able to host the first in person event in over a year. We had a bring your own



picnic. Fortunately the sun decided to shine on that day, all the daughters brought a picnic and we spent time together, talking and making tie dye masks. Afterwhich, there was cornhole and games to play. Everyone had a wonderful time, and it was amazing to be reunited in person with all the members.

We are looking forward to being reunited with everyone soon.

Sincerely,

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

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Anthony Sandoval 5th
James Perry 8th
Thomas Bingaman 11th
Peter Shah 13th
Joel Vitug 21st
Robert Struve 22nd
Jonathan Wong 24th
Michael Mason 27th
Bobby Anthony 30th
Dennis Barron 31st

