



NOVEMBER - 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,

November is the month for Thanksgiving and a time we can be truly thankful for our family, friends, and lodge brothers. We are on our way back from our enforced quarantine. Welcome back to our in-person meetings at Salinas Lodge #204. All the dinners we have held since we reopened have been well attended and we enjoyed our dinners prepared by your Senior Warden and his minions in the Steward's Committee. Please plan on attending our November stated meeting dinner and have a good time together. See Senior Warden Mike Chasen's article for the details.

November Stated Meeting is when we hold elections for next year's officers. I hope you can attend and encourage your officers for 2022. Officers are reminded that this meeting will be a black-tie event. Also, a reminder that only Master Masons can vote during our officer elections. We are now planning a third degree that will occur in late November or December.

While we have not totally emerged from the threat of Covid 19, 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. Masks are encouraged in inside meetings but no longer required. If you feel safer wearing your mask, by all means continue to do so.

We have resumed 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.

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: **TUESDAY NIGHT IS.....LODGE NIGHT!**

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



From the West



Happy November Everyone!

I am thankful for you and your support of our wonderful lodge. It makes me happy to see everyone congregating and having such a good time. Going into the holiday season I am thankful for the time we get to spend together and to be able to break bread with you all.

We will be having a pre-Thanksgiving meal for our stated meal. Turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, piping hot rolls and pies for dessert.

Please come out and enjoy a wonderful meal with us.

Thank you for your support!

Mike Chasen

Senior Warden



From the South



Brethren,

The Masonic year 2021 is fast coming to a close and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We need to give thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for all the Blessings He provided us this year.

Together let us all be grateful and count our blessings and offer a prayer for more blessings in the coming year.

Fraternally,

Sam Mante, PM

Junior Warden



THE MERIDIAN SUN

The sun in the South is represented in Freemasonry by the Junior Warden, for this reason: when the sun has arrived at the zenith, at which time he is in the South, the splendor of his beams entitles him to the appellation which he receives in the instructions as "the beauty and glory of the day." Hence, as the Pillar of Beauty which supports the Lodge is referred to the Junior Wardens that officer is said to represent "the sun in the South at High Twelve," at which hour the Craft are called by him to refreshment, and therefore is he also placed in the South that he may the better observe the time and mark the progress of the shadow over the dial plate as it crosses the meridian line.

- Source: Mackey's Encyclopedia of Freemasonry



BIRTHDAYS

FOR NOVEMBER

Wayne Linnell Thorne 2nd
Lordhan Chua Binuluan 12th
Terry Arthur Dixon 17th
Ismael Achas 25th

Fernando Sotelo Bucsit 3rd
Frederick Breboneria 13th
Robert Ned Dani, PM 23rd
Jeffery Allen Franklin 28th

QUARTERLY CALENDAR

2021-2022

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Salinas Lodge Dark. Please attend the 7:00 PM Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting.
- Tuesday, November 9, 2021 Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting. 6:00 PM: Dinner 7:30 PM: Stated Meeting, Elections of 2022 Officers. Officers in tuxedos please.
- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting. TBA
- Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting, TBA
- Sunday, November 28, 2021 Hannukah begins at sundown
- Tuesday, November 30, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting, TBA.

DECEMBER

- Tuesday, December 7, 2021 Salinas Lodge Dark. Please attend the Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting, Probable Installation.
- Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting TBA.
- Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting TBA.
- Saturday, December 25, 2021 Christmas. Celebrate with family and friends.
- Tuesday, December 28 2021 Salinas Lodge Dark.
- Tuesday, January 4, 2022 Salinas Lodge Installation Practice.

JANUARY

- Saturday, January 8, 2022 Installation of officers. 2:30 PM
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022 Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting.

TODAY in Masonic History: October 31st

Harry Houdini Passes Away



Today in Masonic history Harry Houdini passes away in 1926.

Harry Houdini was a Hungarian-born American Illusionist and Stunt Performer.

Houdini was born on March 24th, 1874, in Budapest, Austria-Hungary (now just Hungary) as Erik Weisz.

Houdini arrived in the United States on July 3rd, 1878 with his pregnant mother and four brothers. The family settled in Appleton, Wisconsin where his father served as a Rabbi. In 1887 the family moved to New York City, New York.

Houdini began his magic career in 1891 and initially had little success. He changed his name to Harry Houdini after a French magician named Jean Eugène Robert-Houdin. He initially focused on card tricks and even billed himself as the "King of Cards." Most magicians at the time saw Houdini as a competent magician, lacking the finesse for slight of hand magic. Before long he started experimenting with escape acts.

In 1893, while performing with his brother "Dash," Houdini met his future wife Bess. She joined the act and a year later Houdini and Bess were married, and the act was renamed to "The Houdini's." In 1899 Houdini met Martin Beck in Minnesota who booked the act on the Orpheum Vaudeville circuit. In 1913, Houdini introduced the Chinese Water Torture Cell where he was suspended upside down in an overflowing water tank while handcuffed.

Later in life as the President of the Society of American Magicians he wanted to keep professional standards very high by exposing fraudulent performers. In the 1920's he turned his attention to alleged spiritualists and mediums. He was a member of the Scientific American committee offering a cash prize to anyone who could prove their supernatural abilities.

Prior to his death Houdini and his wife Bess setup their own test for the alleged mediums. They decided on a code word, after Houdini's passing, he planned to communicate from beyond the grave if possible. Bess held séances for 10 years on Halloween none of them were successful. After the

final unsuccessful attempt Bess put out a candle left burning by Houdini's picture since his death. She was quoted as saying "ten years is long enough to wait for any man."

Houdini passed away on October 31st, 1926. The official cause of death was peritonitis secondary to a ruptured appendix. Witnesses to an incident in Houdini's dressing room prior to his death said a McGill University student challenged Houdini about his belief in miracles in the Bible and whether it was true he felt no pain when he was struck in the stomach. The man began striking Houdini below the belt while Houdini was lying on a couch due to a broken ankle. Houdini was able to stop the man's blows, but the damage was done. After performing in the evening Houdini got a 102° fever.

Houdini was a member of St. Cecile Lodge No. 568.





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& Soar
to greatness.*

**JOB'S DAUGHTERS
INTERNATIONAL**
Bethel No. 230, Salinas
November 2021

Dear Friends and Family,
On October 23 we took some of the girls to Swank Farms in Hollister for some Fall-themed fun. They enjoyed the slides, the corn maze, and some great food truck food.

While we still endure COVID restrictions from our Supreme Board of Trustees, we continue to be thankful that we can hold our meetings in person with our girls and their families. We don't yet know our November restrictions are, but we are hopeful that we will be able to widen our bubble soon.



October Highlights

