



November - 2020

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

48 East San Joaquin St. Salinas, CA 93901

2020 Officers

Master: Thomas Crompton, PM

Senior Warden: Mike Chasen

Junior Warden, Sam Mante, PM

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Senior Deacon: Vacant

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

Our new Grand Master, Arthur H. Weiss, forwarded his restrictions on masonic-sponsored meetings and events during Covid-19 on October 19, 2020. These are identical to the restrictions that were already in place. Therefore, it appears that we will still not be able to hold any Masonic activities or meetings for the next few months. All masons in California should have received notice of this decision online by the Grand Master. I remain hopeful we will be able to hold masonic degree nights, stated meetings and dinners sometime in the not-so-distant future. I would remind our members that dues are due and payable by January and we still have a number of our members who have not yet paid their dues. Our secretary will be notifying all members of their dues. Please remit your dues payments as soon as possible.

In the meantime, unfortunately, the lodge is dark and all masonic and non-masonic activities have been cancelled.

There is one addition to the dearth of masonic activities in California. The Grand Master has issued guidelines for on-line Stated and Special Meetings. These would be via the Zoom software platform on line. I have decided that we will hold our next Stated Meeting as a virtual meeting on Zoom. Our Trestleboard editor, George Lange, has provided instructions on how to attend the Zoom Meeting on-line. You will need a camera-equipped computer laptop, I-pad or smart phone. If you have questions or concerns, you can contact myself, Brother Lange or one of your officers for assistance and guidance. It will be necessary for you to go on-line with your device and load the free Zoom software. It only takes a few minutes and is accessed simply by typing "zoom" on the internet. Zoom will take care of everything else.

While we cannot actually "open" a tiled lodge in the normal sense, we can discuss future plans, pay our bills and conduct the election of officers for 2021. Lodges are prohibited from opening and closing a tiled lodge, receiving reports from investigating committees, balloting, examining a candidate in the Candidate's Lecture of any degree or conferring degrees. The virtual stated meeting will be held on the same day and time as provided in the lodge by-laws for an in-person meeting. That is, Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7:30. Sign on 15 minutes prior to the meeting to test your computer hardware and assure you are signed in. The virtual lodge meeting will be conducted as per the agenda listed by the Grand Master. We will first verify all present are masons, verify a quorum is present, say the opening prayer, read and approve minutes of prior stated and special meetings, receive applications, read bills and communications, vote on paying bills and bring up any new business to include election of officers. Afterward, we will close with the closing prayer and gavel the lodge closed.

I know that this is not great, not being able to meet together in person. That is what we do. But the virtual meetings are a start anyhow. 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. 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. 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 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.

Of sad note, our Worshipful Brother Nick Cominos, PM died on Tuesday, October 27 at 12:30 AM. He was 99 years old and served his masonic community for over 56 years. He was also a member of Eastern Star and other masonic bodies. He was master of El Gabilan Lodge #803 in 1972 and 1983. He was a valuable resource and member of Salinas Lodge. He was a true mason's mason and he will be sorely missed.

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

November 2020

2nd Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260

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

10th – Stated Meeting Via Zoom 7:30PM

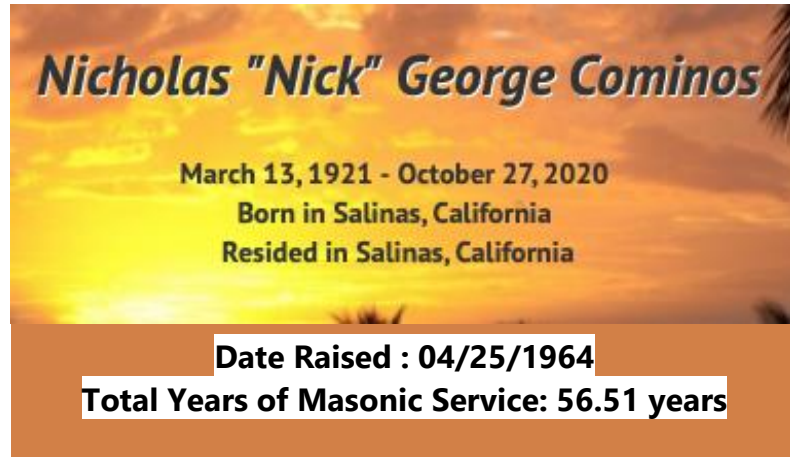
25th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

December 2020

2nd Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

8th – Stated Meeting Via Zoom. 7:30 PM

16th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom



From the West



November Greetings,

I hope everyone staying safe. We are well into the Fall season, especially with family holidays, it is going to be tough to maintain what we know is safe. It is great news that we will be able to meet together over Zoom for stated meetings. I'd like to be cooking for you too but we'll take baby steps for now. Hang in there and do the very best you can.

It is going to be tough maintaining good healthy decisions for yourself and your family during this time of the year especially. Please continue to make good choices as you enjoy this year's holidays.

Finally, we lost a special brother and friend in Worshipful Nick Cominos's passing, 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,

The recent loss of one of our Lodge treasures in Worshipful Brother Nick Cominos has saddened many of us. He was one of the strong pillars of Salinas Lodge as far back as many of us can remember. I myself learned many things in life from him both inside and outside of Masonry. He will be greatly missed.

Our Worshipful Master, Tom Crompton

is hard at work putting together a plan for the Lodge to get started with virtual meetings under guidelines from the Grand Lodge. Hopefully we can slowly get started having some kind of meetings again using the web.

Please take care of yourselves and family and hopefully see you soon on the web.

Best,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



FROM OUR SECRETARY – J. DAVID ISAAC



REMINDER: I-Member 2.0 is the new software program that manages information on the Grand Lodge's database. Please login to I-Member 2.0, explore and more importantly update any incorrect information listed for you. You can reach the page at <https://freemason.org/> and click on the "For Members" tab. You'll need you're your member number which is printed on your dues receipt. Thank you.

Do you have something to include in the December Trestleboard? Please submit an article, something about our Masonic Youth/Family, Masonic history, cartoon, joke, whatever to lighten or enlighten your brother's month.

George.lange2@gmail.com

WILL BE MEETING VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, November 10th at 7:30PM and

Tuesday, December 8th at 7:30PM

[You can practice logging in starting at 7:00PM]

YOU CAN DO THIS!!!

Got a phone (any type), a smart phone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer? Yes? You're ready to login.

We've got you covered!



1. Download the Zoom application to your phone, tablet or computer. Go to: Zoom.us
2. Type in the Meeting code: 8347 7944 778 (that will always be our Zoom Meeting number)
3. You will be placed in a virtual waiting room until the WM lets you in.

You can also join by typing this link into your browser on your smart phone, tablet or computer:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83477944778>

Or you can join us by “older” cell phone or even your house phone by dialing, 669-900-6833 when you are asked for your meeting code enter: 8347 7944 778#. This is pretty “old school” technology so if this is the method you use, you’ll only have the ability to hear the meeting and because of background noise the host may mute your ability to ask questions or share input.

If all else fails, pay your grandchild to log you in or give me a call and I’ll talk you in. No man left behind!

(EASIEST METHOD: There will also be a *hot link* in the email that brought you this month’s Trestleboard. Click on that link and it should take you directly to our meeting.)

Call if you need help logging in: George @ 831-760-5758



BIRTHDAYS

FOR NOVEMBER

Wayne Linnell Thorne 2nd

Lordhan Chua Binuluan 12th

Terry Arthur Dixon 17th

Ismael Achas 25th

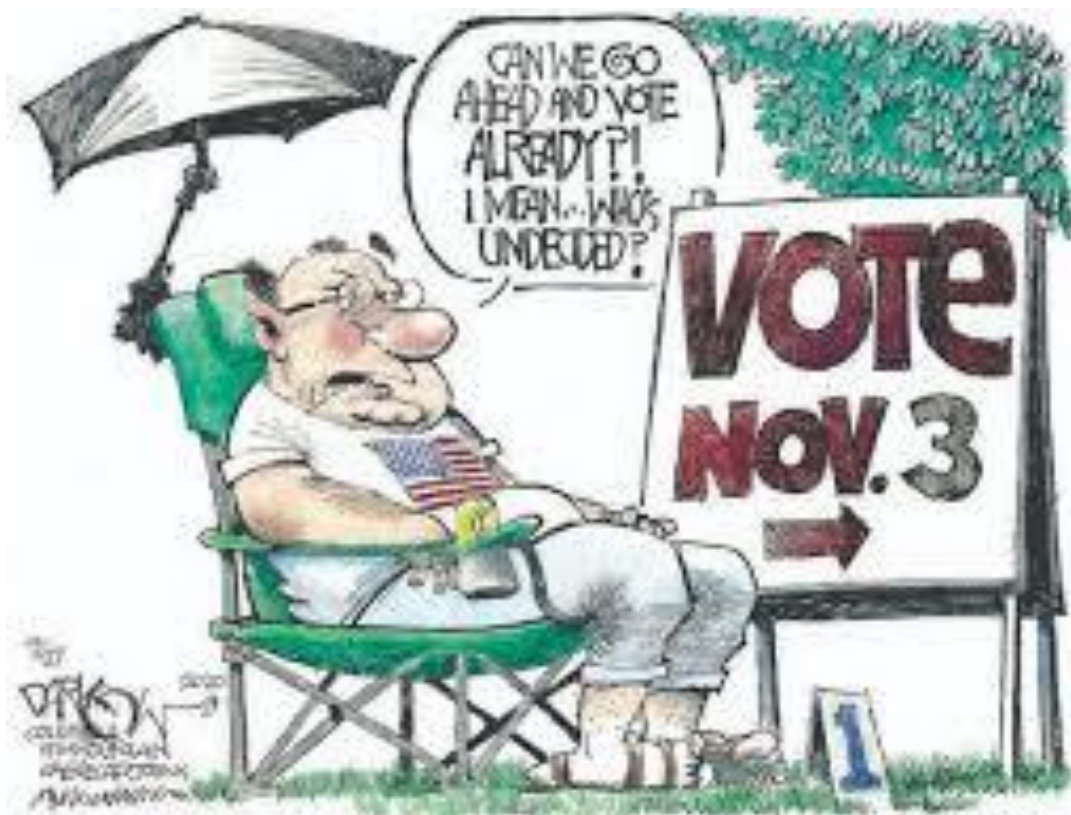
A "Zero" Birthday

Fernando Sotelo Bucsit 3rd

Frederick Breboneria 13th

Robert Ned Dani, PM 23rd

Jeffery Allen Franklin 28th



Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas



Fall is well underway and the girls of Bethel No. 230 Salinas are still keeping busy even with school starting up again. We have a few themed meets these past few months which included Floral, Pirate, Halloween Costume Contest, and Harry Potter. Of course, this led to a discussion of which is the best Harry Potter House and we discovered our Bethel consists of two Ravenclaws, two Hufflepuffs, one Gryffindor, and a couple of undecided. I may be a bit biased, but I think Ravenclaw won that one.

At the end of

September we hosted a Bethel Bingo night which consisted of a few rounds of JDI themed bingo cards. We discovered that Addy has quite a knack of bingo and won three out of the four rounds (with prizes), she did win the last round but allowed Alexis to win. Hopefully when we are able to resume in person events we can host a Bingo fundraiser and see if Addy's lucky streak continues. The next night Bethel No. 216 Santa Cruz hosted a trivia night, which Addy was able to win as well.

October was a big month as well for Job's Daughters International. On the 20th JDI officially turned 100 years old! There were virtual events held on both the World level and California level. These events included a Daughter's only Birthday Party, 100th Birthday Celebration, and a few ceremonies to Honor Mother Mick.



For those that don't know the History, Job's Daughters was founded by Ethel T Weadmick in 1920 in Omaha Nebraska. She wanted an organization to teach young women the necessary skills in life to be successful such as public speaking, leadership, and organization. Here we are 100 years later, teaching our girls these skills while having fun. This is a wonderful place that allows our members to learn in a safe and caring environment while becoming sisters for life. I look forward to another 100 years of this organization.

October we also hosted a Virtual Birthday party and pumpkin carving. We celebrated Addy's 11th Birthday (hard to believe she was initiated a year ago) and carved pumpkins together. The girls had a lot of fun and we even got a visit from two members of Bethel No. 115 Antioch, which are Addy's cousins.

Coming up next month, we have a Bethel Thanksgiving dinner and table decorations planned as well as Council training for the adults.

Sincerely,

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

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No. 230, Salinas

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