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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
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Marshal: Nelson Cargo
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Junior Steward: Jim Riley
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From the East



Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge,

Welcome back to our in-person meetings at Salinas Lodge #204. All the dinners we have held since we reopened were 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 October stated meeting dinner and have a good time together.

This stated meeting we will be responding to the requests of attendees and holding our barbeque. See Senior Warden Mike Chasen's article for the details.

Last month we awarded seven scholarships to seven very deserving high school seniors. We also conducted a second degree during the stated meeting. The first degree night in over 18 months!

We are now planning a third degree that will occur in November. We kept the faith and came out on the other side, intact. 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. We will not require proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 tests, 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, finally we can say that **TUESDAY NIGHT IS.....LODGE NIGHT!**

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

From the West



Happy October!

Thank you for coming out and supporting the lodge, and watching a great second degree!
Everyone did a fantastic job and it was refreshing to be doing our thing once again!!!

The stated meeting dinner for October will be a BBQ!!! We will enjoy Tri Tip and Chicken, Ranch beans, garlic bread, Green Salad and of course something sweet for dessert.

Please come out and enjoy a good meal and great fellowship and I look forward to seeing you!

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



From the South



Brethren,

Last month I posted the first of three series of Masonic etiquette rules in the lodge room and I'm posting the second series this month of October. As I said I broke it into three series due to its length because I didn't want to bore you. So here it is.



Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden

CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE (Part 2 of 3)

Over time, and by watching others, members conform themselves to exhibit proper Masonic etiquette behavior to learn lodge customs.

As a newly Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason, it is expected that you will exhibit the proper decorum and propriety in observance of the formal requirements which govern behavior in polite societies... BEFORE someone takes you aside to explain your errors...or you wouldn't be reading this.

2. SITTING IN THE EAST:

Brethren do not take a seat in the East without an invitation... even if all other seats are full.

Why? While all Brethren within a tiled room are equal to one another, and the officers are servants of the brethren, all lodge officers have worked and studied long and hard for their lodge.

It is, therefore, the Master's prerogative to recognize this devotion and their loyalty by inviting distinguished visitors or a special member whom the Master wishes to honor to sit with him in the East.

In other words, if you were in church, synagogue or mosque and the pews were full, would you go up and sit beside the Pastor, Rabbi or Imam (Muslim Priest)?

CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE (continued)

3. ALWAYS FULLY DRESSED:

Brethren do not enter their Lodge room either without their apron nor while putting on that apron...not even the tying of its strings.

Why? In respect to the formalities of their Lodge, officers expect that the Brethren will have the courtesy to enter it fully dressed and ready for the labor

They should not have to wait for a member to be fully "dressed", even just tying or adjusting their apron, to salute that member. It is expected that you will be properly and entirely dressed when you pass by the Tiler and enter your lodge room.

4. STAND WHEN YOU SPEAK:

No man sits while speaking in the lodge room, no matter if he addresses an officer or another brother.

Why? All lodge activity is based on each man in the lodge as being a servant of the Brethren. This includes the Worshipful Master and his officers.

While the man, himself, who has been elected Worshipful Master does not gain any special honor, personally, as the Worshipful Master, it is to the Worshipful Master as the Master of the Lodge that a member stands to address.

It is simply a form of respect ...and no different than attending a shareholder's meeting or a City Council meeting.

It is expected that if you wish to address the audience, you will stand so all may see who is speaking.

5. TALKING:

"Side" talk while a degree is being conferred is considered bad manners.

Why? The lodge room is a Temple of the Great Architect of the Universe. The brethren within are working to make the best ashlar (stones) for His spiritual temple.

Just as it is impolite to talk in a church, synagogue or mosque service, so it is improper to distract the officers, the workers in the degree or the candidate. Talking without asking to do so shows irreverence for the proceedings. God's house is not for social conversation within the lodge room. It is for worship and learning the lesson of the day which is being taught.

Unless you have requested of the Master to speak, silence is the rule. This also means no whispering.

CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE (continued)

6. SPEAKING:

If you wish to offer a predetermined motion or matter for discussion, advise the Master beforehand.

Why? Advising the Master before the meeting that you intend to bring up a specific motion or a matter for discussion is an important courtesy.

You may, indeed, do it without advising him in advance, but the Master may have plans of his own for that meeting, for which your proposed motion or discussion may not easily fit into the allotted time frame.

As a courtesy to him, his work, and his dedication to the members, it is best to ask him privately, beforehand, if he will be able to recognize you to speak your purpose. This saves "face" for both of you.

You will not publicly be refused and he will not have to seem disagreeable or arrogant in his refusal of your motion. If you wish to speak, (see number 6.), above.

7. OBEY THE GAVEL:

You must immediately obey the gavel.

Why? Failure to immediately obey the gavel is a GRAVE DISCOURTESY and VERY poor Masonic Etiquette.

The Master is all powerful in the lodge and his word is final.

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He can say what he will, and what he will not, permit to be discussed.

Brethren who think him unfair, arbitrary, unjust, or acting illegally have redress.

The Grand Lodge can be appealed to on any such matter. However, in the lodge, the Master's gavel, which is his emblem of authority, is supreme.

When a brother is rapped down, he should obey at once, without any further discussion. It is VERY bad manners to do otherwise. In fact, it is perilously close to the line between bad manners and a Masonic offense. Masonic etiquette decries anyone who does not obey the gavel.

CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE (continued)

8. TURNING YOUR BACK:

Never turn one's back on the Master to address the lodge without first receiving permission from the Master to speak.

Why? Any debates that are in motion must be conducted using proper Masonic etiquette. One always stands to order when addressing the chair.

Customs differ in various jurisdictions as to the method of salute, however some salute should always be given when addressing the Master.

Two brethren, both on their feet, simultaneously arguing a motion, who are facing each other and ignoring the Master is unacceptable.

To be continued next month



BIRTHDAYS

FOR OCTOBER

Lloyd Appling 3	Charles Hushbeck Jr. 14	Roy R. Fellows 28
Mark A. Washburn 4	Lancelot L. Dong 17	Mark Domanic 29
Gregorio Resngit 7	Jack L. Colburn 19	David R. Ramon 30
Franklin Otsu 9	Jorge L. Hernandez 24	James H. Smith 30
Wilfredo Bacenas 12	Evaristo Sumagang 26	Honorio Lomboy 31

FALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- Tuesday, October 5, 2021 Lodge Dark. Visit Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting.
- October 8, 9 and 10th 172 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California., San Francisco.
- Tuesday, October 12, 2021 Salinas Lodge, Stated Meeting. Barbeque Dinner: 6:00 PM
7:30 PM, Stated Meeting.
- Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3rd Degree Practice and Executive Committee Meeting.
- Tuesday, October 26, 2021 3rd Degree Practice.

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.
- Tuesday, November 16, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting. TBA
- Tuesday, November 23, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting, TBA
- Tuesday, November 29, 2021 Salinas Lodge Meeting, TBA.

DECEMBER

- Monday, December 6, 2021 Salinas Lodge Dark. Please attend the
Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting, Probable Installation.
- Tuesday, December 14, 2021 Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting 6PM -Dinner,
7:30 Stated Meeting



*Where girls Bloom
learn to Lead
& Soar
to greatness.*

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

Dear Friends and Family,

In early September, we got a new directive about COVID from the Job's Daughters Board of Trustees that has required us to limit attendees at our meetings and indoor activities. However, this has not stopped us from having a good time.

On September 25 we went Apple Picking at Gizdich Ranch. Since this was an outdoor activity, the girls were allowed to invite friends: and invite friends they did! Our two girls at this activity brought a total of four friends! We enjoyed walking through the orchard, then ordered lunch and pie. It was great to see so many girls enjoying their day outside.



October EVENTS

Unfortunately, we are not allowed to invite guests to our indoor events at this time.

We are planning to go to Swank Farms in Hollister on October 23 in the afternoon. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Kellie Rodden at 831-840-7727. At this time, our activities still require masks.

