



**SEPTEMBER - 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

Well, we have weathered the storm and finally had two in-person stated meetings at Salinas Lodge #204. The dinners were all well attended, and we enjoyed our dinners prepared by your Junior Warden and his minions in the Steward's Committee. Please plan on attending our September stated meeting dinner and have a good time together.

This stated meeting will be especially notable because we will hopefully be awarding our scholarship awards and we will conduct a second degree during the stated meeting. The first-degree night in over 18 months!

Yes, 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. Please plan to attend this degree and cheer on our candidate, Charles Hewitt, and our officers.

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 resuming 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. On August 31, 2021, Grand Lodge will visit Monterey Lodge for their 150-year anniversary. The Grand Master and many Grand Officers will be present to honor Monterey Lodge in this most noteworthy accomplishment.

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 September!

Thank you for coming out and supporting the lodge and I truly enjoyed seeing the dining room full once again.

This is going to be an exciting meeting as we have a 2nd degree which has been long overdue!

The stated meeting meal for September will be a build your own sandwich buffet, complete with your choice of meats, cheeses and all the fixings, chips and a 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,

I came across this unpublished and unspoken topic in Masonic etiquette rules in the lodge room and thought it would be appropriate information for all Masons, so I'm posting this here. It is too long of a list of do's and don'ts so i will break it up into three series of posts starting this month of September then the other two will be posted in the October and November edition of our monthly Lodge Trestleboard.

Learn the Do's and Don'ts of Masonic Etiquette. Masonic Etiquette, for the most part, is merely good manners and respect for your lodge, its members, its Worshipful Master, and the convention of Freemasonry, in general.

Unfortunately, Masonic Etiquette ...or Blue Lodge Etiquette, (as it is called in the United States) is largely unpublished as well as unspoken, therefore, up until now, it has been more difficult to learn its rules and nuances.

You may study ritual work, degree work, floor work and know all Masonry's glorious history, Masonic symbols, jewels, etc. but there is very little written about how to comport yourself, so you do not look foolish or be regarded as disrespectful.

Some are small things, and some are not, but your Lodge conduct is continually on display. Few Masonic mentors include a list of proper Lodge behavior, as they have learned it, themselves, incident-by-incident, and usually learned by them after their having made an error and being kindly informed by another member as to the correct Masonic etiquette of the situation. I hope you find this informative. Thank you.



Fraternally,  
Sam Mante, PM  
Junior Warden

## CONFORMING TO MASONIC ETIQUETTE

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.

### **THE MASTER'S AUTHORITY:**

During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the most powerful member of the Lodge. He also shoulders all of its many responsibilities.

The Worshipful Master has the authority to:

1. Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time.
2. Decide what can and cannot be discussed. Should a brother believe that the Master is arbitrary, unjust or unfair or is acting in an illegal manner, he can appeal to the District Deputy Grand Master.

If that officer agrees that the appeal is a valid one, he will forward the complaint to the Grand Master.

If, however, that brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense.

Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination committee, the investigation committee and other duties, as determined by the Lodge's needs.

The following items are not Masonic offenses, they are simply a lack of Masonic Etiquette...or in other words, considered to be "bad form" or bad manners.

So... Let's begin:

### **1. WALKING BETWEEN THE ALTAR AND THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER:**

Brethren do not pass between the Altar and the East when the lodge is open.

Why? As a courtesy to the Master, it is necessary that the three Great Lights which shine their eternal light and wisdom upon the Master to help him govern the lodge should never be in shadow, not even for a millisecond, during the processes of an initiation or degree work.



**STATED MEETING and  
FELLOW CRAFT DEGREE  
For Br. Charles Hewitt  
Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 PM  
Dinner starts at 6PM  
Worshipful Ron Chamblis from  
Pacific Grove Lodge will  
perform the charge.**

**From our District 353 Inspector  
BJ McCuiston**



Greetings Members and Family of Salinas # 204 F&AM

My continued best wishes for good health and prosperity. I look forward to visiting with you in Lodge and for the evening repast prior to the meeting now that the ban on in house meetings has been lifted. Yes, we still have safety procedures to follow to ensure continue good health.

Salinas 204 has completed necessary practices for the Officers to return to working their duty stations for Stated meetings. Practices are now being conducted in degree work for which candidates are waiting and to prepare for new

candidates. The task before all of us now is to encourage members to return to attending lodge on a regular basis. Masonic education and Masonic Outreach Services are even more needful of our attention.

A reminder that the Election of Officers for 2022 is back on schedule for November 2021 Stated Meeting. Proficiency should not be a problem since there has been no activity to interfere with study time for more than one year. Officers (WM, SW, JW, SD) must be certified, by the Inspector, for the memory and floor work in their office prior to Installation. Do not procrastinate.

Stay safe and healthy. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

S&F

B.J. McCuiston, Inspector  
353rd Masonic District

# CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2021

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday, August 31 <sup>st</sup>      | 6 PM <b>MONTEREY LODGE'S 150<sup>th</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION</b><br>Reservations required for their dinner. <b>SOLD OUT</b> |
| Wednesday, Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>       | Job's Daughters Meet at 7PM all MM are welcome  |
| Tuesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree Practice 7:00PM – Salinas Lodge<br>Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting – light refreshments 6PM            |
| <b>Tuesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup>,</b> | <b>6:00 PM Dinner</b><br><b>7:30 PM Stated Meeting and</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for Brother Charles Hewitt</b>     |
| Wednesday, Sept 15 <sup>th</sup>      | Job's Daughters meet at 7PM, all MM are welcome   |
| Tuesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Practice and Executive Team Mtg, 7PM   |
| Tuesday, September 28 <sup>th</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Degree Practice, 7PM  |
| Tuesday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>      | Salinas Lodge will be dark. Visit Carmel Lodge's Stated Meeting   |
| Tuesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>     | Salinas Lodge Stated Meeting 6PM -Dinner, 7:30 Stated Meeting   |



## BIRTHDAYS

### FOR SEPTEMBER

|                                   |                                      |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Stephen Jove 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | Elton L. Borton 12 <sup>th</sup>     | Mannen P. Shan 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Alonso Rodriquez 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Carlos Gonzalez 12 <sup>th</sup>     | Dean Voelker 26 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Jim E Bradley, PM 6 <sup>th</sup> | John A Williams, PM 12 <sup>th</sup> | Rudy Garcia 27 <sup>th</sup>    |



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

## **JOB'S DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL**

Bethel No. 230, Salinas  
September 2021

Dear Friends and Family,

In August, our girls enjoyed a day at Tatum's Garden, followed by watching SpaceJam: A New Legacy in the theater. Later in the month, the girls went to Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, Ca for the 2020 make-up Devo Day. This year was a bit different with no devotional time but the girls loved getting to spend time with each other. Alexis had the amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of getting to go on stage to work with and touch a dolphin! The girls watched animal shows, rode some rides, met some characters, and shopped their hearts out. It was an amazing day.

In September, we will be again joining the Lodge at their monthly dinners with our Bring Your Families to Lodge Nights. Our Marshal, Addy, will be planning an activity for when the Lodge members are in their meeting.

On September 25th, we will go apple picking at Gizdich Ranch. We also plan to enjoy some wonderful pie and other delicious treats.

If you have any questions please call or text Kellie Rodden at 831-840-7727. At this time, our activities still require masks.

### **September EVENTS**

September 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
September 14<sup>th</sup> Bring Your Family to Lodge Night: we will join the Lodge for dinner, then we will have an activity during the meeting.

September 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
September 25<sup>th</sup> Apple Picking at Gizdich Ranch.

### **October EVENTS**

October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
October 12<sup>th</sup> Bring Your Family to Lodge Night: we will join the Lodge for dinner, then we will have an activity during the meeting.

October 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> Corn Maze at Swank Farms





*Tatum's Garden*



*Six Flags Discovery Kingdom*

