



September 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

Treasurer: John Williams, PM

Secretary, J. David Isaac, PM

Senior Deacon: Vacant

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,

Based on instructions from the Grand Lodge, The State of California and the County of Monterey, it appears that we will still not be able to hold any Masonic activities or meetings for the next few months. Grand Lodge will hold a Virtual Convocation in October to which I believe anyone with the interest may attend on-line. More information will be forthcoming from Grand Lodge I'm sure. I remain hopeful we will be able to hold a masonic stated meeting and dinner sometime in the not-so-distant future. I would remind our members that dues were due and payable in January and we still have a number of our

members who have not yet paid their dues. Please remit your dues payments as soon as possible. We have held on-line stated meetings monthly since April to pay our few outstanding bills. We have conducted executive committee meetings to discuss the future activities of the lodge and when we can meet again.

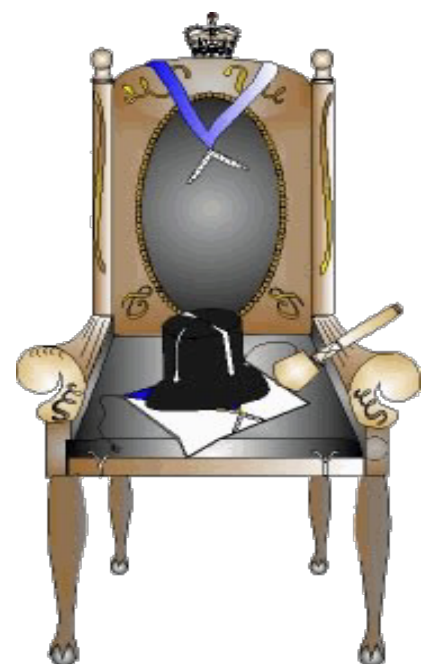
In the meantime, the lodge is dark and all masonic and non-masonic activities have been cancelled. I know that this is not great, not being able to meet together. This is what we do. But let's stay healthy and try to keep tabs on one another. If you know of a brother in need, reach out to our brethren 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.

I hope you liked the article last month on our Past Master Nick Cominos who is 99 years old. If you know of any other brothers who should be pointed out to our brethren, please contact one of your lodge officers or Brother George Lange, our Trestleboard Editor. By the way, he's doing a great job since he started the first part of this year, don't you think? If you do, please do not hesitate to let him know.

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 #2044



CALENDAR
September 2020

Lodge is Dark

2nd Job's Daughters Meeting via Zoom

Zoom Meeting Code: 932 6335 3260 (Please call Tiana for the passcode)

16th Job's Daughters Meeting Via Zoom

October 2020

Lodge is dark

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Information on how to view will be posted at freemason.org

October 10-11, 2020

Saturday, October 10, 2020

Business session

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Welcome by the Grand Master
Invocation by the Grand Chaplain
Registration report and orientation to technology
Grand Master's Message and Video
Trial Review Committee Report
2020-2021 Budget Proposal
2021-2022 Per Capita Proposal
Election of Officers
Benediction
Adjournment

Sunday October 11, 2020

Public ceremonies

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Welcome
Invocation
Grand Master's Youth Support Award
Grand Master's Mason of the Year Award
Grand Master's Lifetime Achievement Award
Farewell remarks (and 15 minute break)

Installation of Officers

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grand Lodge Officer Installation
Grand Master's Message
Benediction
Adjournment

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by Mark Parisi

YOU WHIPPERSNAPPERS THINK YOU
GOT IT TOUGH? GATHER 'ROUND
AND LET ME TELL YOU WHERE
I'VE BEEN...



From the West



Happy September,

I hope everyone staying safe and staying sane! Just when you thought it couldn't get worse there was lightening and fires!

We are all hopeful that we will be able to be together again and enjoy some fellowship and good conversation and possibly a good meal! I look forward to the day I will be able to cook for you again.

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,

I posted on our Salinas Lodge Facebook page on August 18th concerning our brother Rudy Garcia and wife Melna who were ordered to evacuate from their residence due to the Salinas Mountain fire on the River Road Hills. They stayed with their son Rod for two days. On Friday the 21st they were again ordered to evacuate where they had to stay at a hotel for another three days.

The good news is they were finally allowed to return home on Tuesday the 25th and hopefully for good this time. I know how hard it must have been for the family to go through the ordeal of being ordered to vacate their residence bringing only a handful of valuable belongings with them and not knowing if the house would survive the raging fire. How was your month of August?

I hope everyone of you and your families are staying safe. Looking forward to getting back to Lodge hopefully soon.

Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM



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 your member number which is printed on your dues receipt. Thank you.

Saw this and found it interesting and a little thought provoking.

From your Digest

Marcus Lester · August 11

I study politics, theology, economy & wood work at Retired (terminally unemployed) (2011–present)

Why do ex-members of the Freemasonry not publicly speak about what is going on in that society? Would anything happen to them if they did?

I've never been a Mason. On the other hand, I never speak publicly about my wife and family. It's none of your business, but that doesn't mean anything would happen if I did start talking about them.

Well, one thing would happen — you all would have that window open into my character.

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BIRTHDAYS

FOR SEPTEMBER

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



From our District 353 Inspector BJ McCuiston

Brethren,

Greetings from your Inspector.

September is upon us and there is no indication that Grand Lodge will lift the “lockdown” on Lodge meetings and assemblies at any time before the New Year. One major affect here is there will be no election of Officers this year. Current officers will continue to serve in their present Offices as we move into 2021. Should someone have to drop out, the vacancy will be covered by the Worshipful Master’s authority to appoint. When the lockdown is lifted, one of the first orders of business will be an Election of Officers, under an Inspector’s dispensation for a Special Election. Current Officers should discuss this situation and verify the status of current officers for the remainder of 2020 and availability for 2021. Officers are reminded that demonstrated proficiency is a requirement for advancement and study and preparation should continue.

Grand Lodge has directed that lodges be closed and not used for Masonic assemblies. This does not prohibit individuals meeting privately away from the Lodge for coaching or mentoring and social activities. CDC guidelines for social distancing and safety should be observed. No degree work can be exemplified outside the lodge (social distancing). Coaches and Mentors are urged to continue meeting with candidates and Officers to maintain their proficiency and learning of necessary ritual as well as to keep up their interest in the Fraternity.

Should any member need assistance, remember the Masonic Outreach through Grand Lodge and either contact them directly or ask for help from one of your Officers.

Information is coming regarding a “Virtual” Installation of Grand Lodge Officers in October at the usual time.

Please continue to stay in contact with members of your lodges to ensure their needs, if any, are being met.

Hope to see you in Lodge in the near future.

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B.J. McCuiston, Inspector
353rd Masonic District

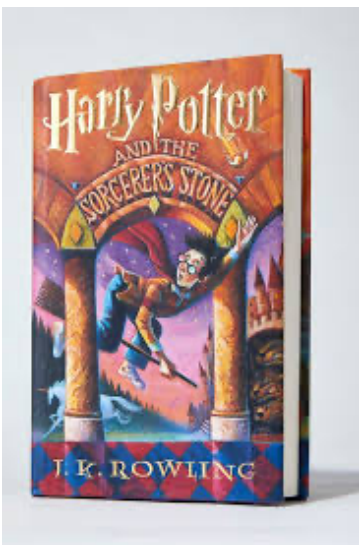


September Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230, Salinas

“It is more important than ever that the girls in our lives stay connected with their peers and adult mentors in a safe environment.”



This shut down certainly can't stop the girls of Bethel 230 Salinas from having fun. This past month the Daughters have been getting together virtually to still have activities and meetings. On August 5th we were finally able to bring **Alexis Vanderpool** into our fold with a Sisterhood ceremony. (She'll be initiated given our very first opportunity to do so.) On the 15th we celebrated National Bee Day for all of our little sisters who are waiting to “bee” a Job's Daughter. Our monthly Secret Sister theme was “A Favorite Book to Share” where the entire Bethel exchanged a favorite book. Great fun...we need to do that theme again! We held a Back to School Social, where the girls finally got to wear their new school clothes and tell their tales of digital learning. The Bethel wrapped up the month with a PJ Scavenger Hunt. You guess it: Your favorite PJs and hunting for selected items in your home and yard.



We have our regular Bethel Meeting on Wednesday, September 2nd and September 16th both at 7PM. It would be great if you could join us on Zoom, (Zoom Code 9326 3353 260). Meeting by Zoom has actually been a lot of fun. If you have anyone who would like to join in on the fun or become a

member of Bethel 230 Salinas, please call, text, or email me for information. **It is more important than ever that the girls in our lives stay connected with their peers in a safe environment.**

Sincerely,

Tiana Mohondro

Bethel Guardian No. 230 Salinas

Past Honored Queen Bethel No. 1 Dublin

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Social Media and Our Meetings

Facebook Page:
Job's Daughters, Bethel
No. 230, Salinas

Instagram:
Salinasjobsdaughters

Zoom Meetings:
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
Code: 9326 3353 260
Call Tiana for password

