



May 2020

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204

Serving the greater Salinas area since 1869

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From the East

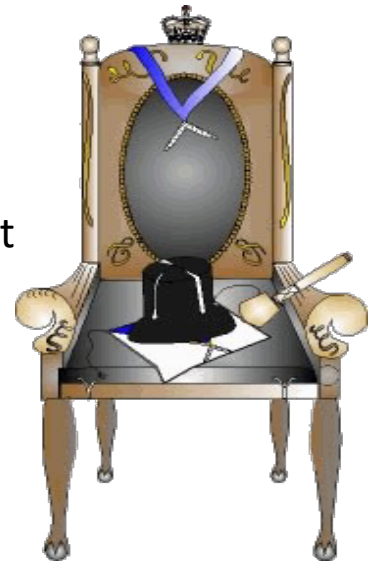


Brothers and Friends of Salinas Lodge,

Hope everyone is weathering this quarantine/shelter-in-place well and that you've not caught the COVID-19 virus. Based on instructions from the Grand Lodge, The State of California and the County of Monterey, it appears that we will not be able to hold any Masonic activities or meetings for at least the month of May. I'm hopeful we will be able to hold a masonic stated meeting and dinner on June and we will plan accordingly. I have organized a phone committee and hopefully every member of the lodge has received a phone call from one of our members checking on him, his family and his wellbeing. We held an on-line stated meeting for April merely to pay our bills and will do so for May as well. We will defer all other matters to our next regularly scheduled stated meeting, hopefully on June 9. That is our goal anyhow.

In the meantime, the lodge is dark, and all 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 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.

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



THE TRESLEBOARD

by Brother Donald Weisse Sr.

The chimes are softly striking
Twelve high is the hour they tell
When we call the Craft from their labors
A time to meditate well.

Look into your sanctum sanctorum
That place there beyond your mind
Where on the trestleboard of your soul
Your life has made its design.

Is it really a beautiful picture?
Are its lines and angles all true?
Does it show the life you are living?
Are you proud of the picture you drew?

If you had the chance, would you change it?
By the better deeds to be done,

Through applying the lessons taught you
By the square, the compass, and plumb?

This road we travel, my brother,
Is one way, to the east from the west.
Therefore, the designs on your trestleboard
Should never be less than your best.

So when the Supreme Architect greets you
Your trestleboard in his hand,
You can stand there just and upright
As a Mason and as a man.



From the West



Happy May Brethren!

I hope you all are healthy and safe and weathering this Pandemic as best as you can during this trying time!

I am looking forward to things getting back to some sort of “normal” and being able to once again meet at the lodge.... We will all toast each other and drink a Corona beer to celebrate this virus’ defeat or at least containment.

This is a very trying time for all of us and if anyone needs assistance, please reach out for help from your Brothers and your Lodge. We are all here to support each other and will do whatever we can to assist in anyway needed.

Be safe and stay sane!
Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



From the South



Brethren,

I hope everyone is staying safe and sound. Please continue obeying the restrictions put in place which are designed to prevent the spread of COVID19.

I pray this passes quickly and we are back to seeing everyone at lodge. Please stay safe and may the GAOTU Bless us all and our families.

Fraternally,
Sam Mante, PM
Junior Warden



FROM OUR DISTRICT INSPECTOR



Slainte Mhath & Bi sàbhailte (Scots Gaelic for Good Health & Be Safe)

From the District 353 Inspector:

I am wishing all members good health and safe social distancing practices. Let common sense prevail in all you do. Thanks for all the efforts in maintaining contact with members, widows, concordant and appendant members. Keep in mind that assistance is available through Grand Lodge and the Masonic Outreach Program. Do not hesitate to ask if you are aware of a need.

Please remember that one day this pandemic will end and we will all return to our usual occupations and fraternal and social activities. Plan for that day by picking up your Masonic ritual and refreshing your memory on the Opening & Closing ritual as well as the ritual for the three degrees. Officers are reminded that the time will come for advancement to the next station in the progressive line. It is required that you are proficient in the memory and floor work prior to certification and installation. Officers' coaches, Masters and Inspectors are available for contact if assistance is needed. We may not assemble for ritual team practice, but one on one instruction may be arranged...

Brethren, we are leaders and examples for the communities in which we reside. Let us continue to practice those measure of safety, (face masks, Gloves, hand washing and sanitizing) until it has been deemed safe to do otherwise.

S&F

BJ McCuiston, Inspector

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- May 2020: Dark.
- Job's Daughters Spring on-line auction ends. Thank you for supporting our girls!
- June 9, 2020, 6:30 PM. Stated meeting and dinner. Look for details in the June Trestleboard.

Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas

Well this certainly isn't how Bethel No. 230 Salinas thought they would be spending the first half of our 100th year anniversary. Our Bethel has been trying to stay busy during this time all the while becoming experts at Zoom! Each of our meetings have had a theme such as Crazy hats and winter, coming up at our next meeting is a Junior Princess Formal Party.

The Great Jobie Bake Off

BETHEL 230 SALINAS
SATURDAY APRIL 18TH AT 2PM
LOG ONTO ZOOM AND BE READY TO BAKE!



We have also been having fun events for the girls. They enjoyed watching Onward together as well as The Wallabys using Zoom and Netflix party. While there were many technology glitches, we still were able to have fun together as a Bethel. We also hosted the "Great Jobie Bake Off" where daughters had to follow instructions on baking cookies without any adult help. All our daughters were successful in baking those treats, which is great to know they can follow directions so well.

Lastly, we still have some upcoming events this month. On May 16th we will be hosting a Virtual Birthday party to celebrate the daughters who missed their Birthday due to this Lockdown. This is open to girls who would like to join the party, if you have anyone who would like to join us for this party please call, text, or email me by May 10th so we can deliver the crafts and party favors in time for the 16th. Contact Information: (925) 336-0219 or t.mohondro@gmail.com

Finally, we are starting to wrap up our Silent Auction on May 12th. Please make sure to log onto the website <https://www.32auctions.com/JobsBethel230Salinas> and bid on some of our wonderful items. Thank you to those who have registered and have bid already and an especially huge thank you to those who have made cash donations to help our Bethel! It's great to have support from

our lodge and other lodges in the area for our daughters.

Be looking for a shout-out in the upcoming California Freemason Magazine about our Salinas girls. The article will focus on some of the innovative ways our Bethel and all youth orders are doing to keep in touch with our members.



Sincerely,

Tiana Mohondro

Bethel Guardian No. 230 Salinas

Past Honored Queen Bethel No. 1 Dublin

KABBALAH



The Jewish mystical tradition known as the Kabbalah formulated in Spain in the late 12th century. It has been called the heart of Jewish mysticism. We know by the late 14th century its influence had spread to other areas of Europe and by the late 15th century studied deeply by the Careggi circle of Marcilio Ficino in Italy. It was Giovanni Pico and later his associate Johann Reuchlin who are credited with incorporating the Kabbalah into a Neoplatonic Christian framework that has led to the form used today in Hermeticism, Rosicrucianism, Tarot and Freemasonry.



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START **15** January 2020
08:00 PM PST

END **12** May 2020
07:00 PM PDT

RAISED
\$3,773.00

GOAL \$4,000.00

94.3%

To Goal

**HELP PUSH THE GIRLS TO
THEIR FUNDRAISING GOAL
(and beyond)**

12 DAYS TO GO

THANK YOU!