



February 2020

The Trestleboard

Salinas Lodge #204 F&AM

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From the East

Brothers and Friends,

We enjoyed a great joint open installation of officers with Texas Lodge #46 on Saturday, January 4, 2020. The occasion was very well attended, and this was the third time we conducted a joint installation with Texas Lodge. Congratulations to all the newly installed officers of both lodges. As usual, a tempting festive board following the installation was enjoyed by all.



On January 14, we had a great Stated Meeting Dinner by our Senior Warden, Mike Chasen on the Theme, "Super Bowl Parties" which included lots of pizza from Ryle and Pop's Pizzeria and Salad along with dessert. On Tuesday, January 21, we also welcomed our newly obligated brother, Ferdinand "Ferdie" Villanueva into our lodge.

Finally, we hosted the Joint District 252 and 257 School of Instruction at Salinas Lodge on Tuesday, January 28 that was well attended and very informative to all who attended.

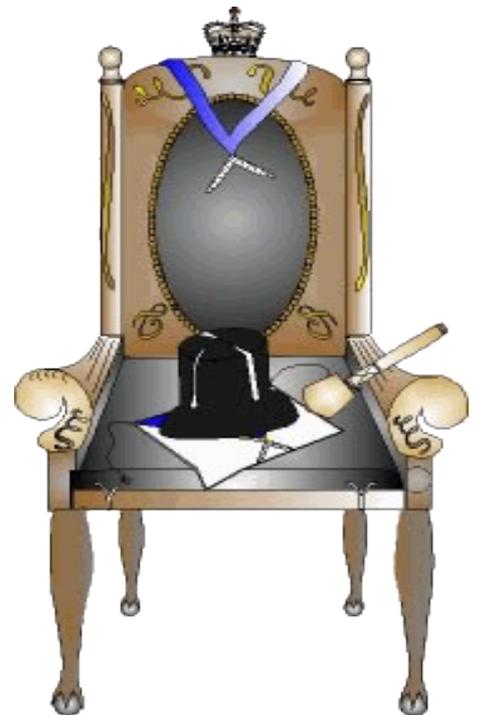
We will continue our Brobucks Get-togethers at the South Main Street Starbucks as they seem popular. We will continue the consolidation process with Carmel Lodge #680. We have approved a consolidation committee to meet with Carmel Lodge's Consolidation committee to work out terms for consolidation. Look for your notification in the mail.

All officers and members are invited to Carmel Lodge to help them with their stated meeting on Tuesday, February 4 2020. Dinner is 6:30, meeting at 7:30 PM. Our own stated meeting and dinner will be on the 11th of February 2020 at 7:30.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM

Your new and dynamic Corps of Officers plan a great year for our lodge. Please try to attend and get to know your new officers for 2020.

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



From the Secretary's Desk



Brethern,

Your 2020 dues are due!

David Isaac, PM
Secretary



From the West

Happy February Brethren,

Congratulations to all the newly installed officers and thank you Brothers for coming out to support our lodge and enjoy the camaraderie and fellowship afterwards.



I am excited to be in the West this year and look forward to learning everything that I can to better prepare me for the big move!! With that being said, your support is paramount to the success of our lodge and the Craft as a whole.

At the February stated meeting we will be serving Roasted Chicken and red potatoes / fingerlings, fresh French bread, green salad and something sweet for dessert!

We will begin cooking around 4pm for anyone who is available to help, and we will also need some assistance setting the tables and getting ready.

We are always open to suggestions for menu options, so please let me know if you have any ideas for stated dinners that you would like to see. I will coordinate this year with Wor. Sam and we will make sure to continue serving fantastic meals always prepared with Love! Speaking of love.... Remember Valentine's day on the 14th and bring your wife, girlfriend to come join us.

Have a great month!

Mike Chasen
Senior Warden



From the South

Brethren,

It's an exciting time to be a Mason and a part of Salinas Lodge. This past month, we not only welcomed our newly installed officers but also welcomed our newly initiated brother, Brother Ferdie Villanueva.

The lodge has prospered under the guidance and leadership of Wor. Tom Crompton and its exciting that he will be leading the lodge once again this year. His dedication to the craft is one to be emulated and I encouraged everyone to not only support our WM but also try and emulate his undying devotion.



We have a packed year filled with events. I encourage everyone to share your thoughts and ideas at our stated meeting so we can keep the momentum going.

Thank you for all that you do for the craft and our beloved lodge.

Fraternally,

Sam Mante, PM.
Junior Warden



Our 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

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2020 is an Election Year.

Did you know that...

Fourteen presidents of the United States have been Freemasons. The first was Brother George Washington with the most recent being Brother Gerald Ford.

"The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another, and no man can know it alone."

Bro. William Howard Taft, Freemason
27th President of the United States



"Political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of its social democracy. What does social democracy mean? It means a way of life which recognizes liberty, equality and fraternity as the principles of life."

B. R. Ambedka

Our Influences Go Back A Long Way

In China, about 300 B.C., the philosopher Mencius wrote "A master mason, in teaching his apprentices, makes use of the compasses and the square. Ye who are engaged in the pursuit of Wisdom, must also make use of the compasses and the square." Additionally, in a book called Great Learning, 500 B.C., we find that "A man should abstain from doing unto others what he would not they should do unto him; and this is called the principle of acting on the square."

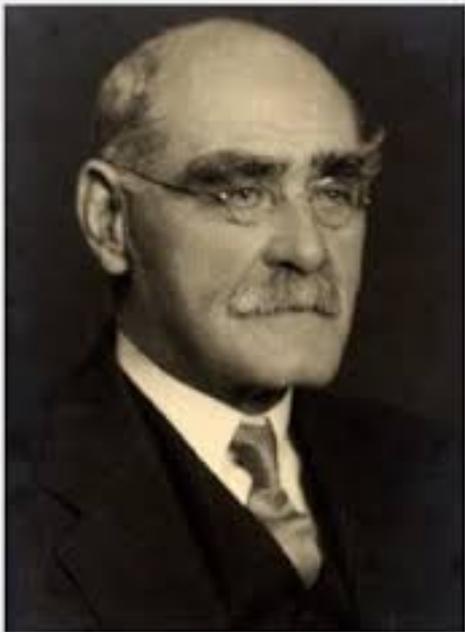
"Let not a man do what his sense of right bids him not to do, nor desire what it forbids him to desire. This is sufficient. The skillful artist will not alter his measures for the sake of a stupid workman."

Mencius



Famous Freemasons

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India, on 30 December 1865. His father was an artist and teacher. In 1870, Kipling was taken back to England to stay with a foster family in South Sea and then to go to boarding school in Devon. In 1882, he returned to India and worked as a journalist, writing poetry and fiction in his spare time. Books such as 'Plain Tales from the Hills' (1888) gained success in England, and in 1889 Kipling went to live in London.



*Rudyard Kipling
by Walter Stoneman*

In 1892, Kipling married Caroline Balestier, the sister of an American friend, and the couple moved to Vermont in the United States, where her family lived. Their two daughters were born there, and Kipling wrote 'The Jungle Book' (1894). In 1896, a quarrel with his wife's family prompted Kipling to move back to England and he settled with his own family in Sussex. His son John was born in 1897.

By now Kipling had become an immensely popular writer and poet for children and adults. His books included 'Stalky and Co.' (1899), 'Kim' (1901) and 'Puck of Pook's Hill' (1906).

The 'Just So Stories' (1902) were originally written for his daughter Josephine, who died of pneumonia aged six.

Kipling turned down many honors in his lifetime, including a knighthood and the poet laureateship, but in 1907, he accepted the Nobel Prize for Literature, the first English author to be so honored.

In 1915, his son, John, went missing in action while serving with the Irish Guards in the Battle of Loos during World War One. Kipling had great difficulty accepting his son's death - having played a major role in getting the chronically short-sighted John accepted for military service - and subsequently wrote an account of his regiment, 'The Irish Guards in the Great War'. He also joined the Imperial War Graves Commission and selected the biblical phrase inscribed on many British war memorials: 'Their Name Liveth For Evermore'.

Kipling died on 18 January 1936 and is buried at Westminster Abbey.

Kipling was initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India in 1886. A special dispensation was necessary as he was only twenty years and six months at the time. When he took the degrees, there were four Holy Books upon the altar representing the dominant religions in the area. Upon his rising he was immediately elected secretary; and he prepared the minutes of that meeting himself.

Many years later he wrote: "I was secretary for some years of Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, E. C., Lahore, which included Brethren of at least four creeds. I was entered by a member of Brahma Somaj, a Hindu, passed by a Mohammedan; raised by an Englishman. Our Tyler was an Indian Jew. We met, of course on the level, and the only difference anyone would notice was that at the banquets, some of the Brethren, who were debarred by caste from eating food not ceremonially prepared, sat over empty plates.



“Spirituality does two things for you. One, you are forced to become more selfless, two, you trust to providence. The opposite of a spiritual man is a materialist. If I was a materialist, I would be making lots of money doing endorsements, doing cricket commentary. I have no interest in that.”

Imran Khan

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- Tuesday, February 4, 2020, Stated Meeting of Carmel Lodge. Dinner at 6:00, Open at 7:30.
- Friday, February 7 to Sunday, February 9, 2020, Secretary's and Treasurer's Retreat, San Ramon.
- Saturday, February 8, 2020, Texas Lodge Stated Meeting and breakfast. Breakfast at 9:00 AM. Meeting opens at 10:00 AM
- **Tuesday, February 11, Salinas Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30, Opening at 7:30. *Family Fun Night – Crafts and Games at 7:30***
- Wednesday, February 12, 2020 7:00 PM: San Benito Lodge #211 Stated Meeting.
- Thursday, February 13, 2020, 7:30 PM Santa Lucia Lodge Stated Meeting, King City.
- **Tuesday, February 18, 2020, Salinas Meeting**
- Saturday, February 22, 2020, 10:00 AM: School of Instruction at Salinas Lodge.
- Saturday, February 22, 2020, 1:00 PM. Convocation Of Central Coast Past Masters Association, Masonic Temple Hall, Morgan Hill.
- **Tuesday, February 25, 2020, Salinas Meeting**
- Thursday, February 27, 2020, 7:00 PM, Hall Association of Salinas City Meeting.
- Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Carmel Lodge Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:00, Opening at 7:30
- **Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Salinas Stated Meeting. Dinner at 6:30, Opening at 7:30 PM - *Family Fun Night – Crafts and Games at 7:30 PM***



Masonic Trivia

- In *Hammer v. State of Indiana* (1909), the Supreme Court ruled that it was a criminal offense to wear the emblem of any society or organization of which one is not a member. The court based its decision on the fact that the membership in such societies is the result of fitness and selection and that the wearing of such emblems by non-members is a deceit and false pretense.



- The letters of the English word GOD are the first three letters of Hebrew words for beauty, strength, and wisdom. “G” in Gomez, “O” in Oz, “D” in Dabar.



- In July 1863, Confederate raiders rode into Versailles, IN, capturing the local militia and stealing the county treasury. The next day, General John Morgan (CSA), learned that his men had also made off with the jewels of the local lodge. They were returned the following day. Morgan was from Daviess Lodge #22, Lexington, KY.

- Operative Lodge #150 in Aberdeen, Scotland is unusual in that it is only open to operative stonemasons.



Greetings from Job's Daughters Bethel No. 230 Salinas



As many of you know, 2020 marks the year that Job's Daughters International turns 100 years old! Our girls are off to a great start to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this amazing order. On January 4th Addy and Abby attended the Salinas Lodge and Texas Lodge combined installation and presented the flag. Then on January 11th Addy, Abby, and Brittneye presented the flag at the Hollister Lodge installation, the girls were given roses for doing such an amazing job. That was the first time our Bethel as been able to attend Hollister and they enjoyed it. If you would like any of the girls to attend an installation or dinner, please let us know. We would be happy to attend and even show an exemplification to let you all know a bit more about our order.

On January 14th we hosted another ***Bring Your Families to Lodge*** night at the Salinas Lodge

Stated Dinner. The girls had fun making their tutu projects, and even some of the Masons got a chance to show the tutus off.

Next up, on January 18th the girls attended the Women's March in Monterey. We promoted our order and handed out a ton of flyers. The girls did an amazing job getting out of their conform zone and talking to anyone who was interested in our order. Afterward we attended the escape room in Monterey where they girls had to put their detective skills to the test and help Sherlock Holmes solve a murder. They had a wonderful time, even if they got a bit scared when Mrs. Mohondro Hewitt had to do some science.

One of the most exciting days this month was on January 23rd. Abby and Emily attended the Antioch Initiation where Addy's cousin Natalie got to Join in Bethel No.115 Antioch and her other cousin, Taylor got pinned as a JD2B of the same Bethel! It was an amazing night.

Please join us on Sunday February 9th at 1pm for the Reception honoring Emily Salsberg, Grand Bethel Junior Princess 2019-2020. This is a formal event and we look forward to seeing everyone there to honor our Grand Bethel Officer.

Finally, there is our Spring Silent Auction. We need donations to post on our [auction site](#). Please let us know if you can donate something – Anything! We can even give you helpful ideas, please click the link to email jobsdaughterssalinas@gmail.com Thank you!

Sincerely,

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Past Honored Queen Bethel No. 1 Dublin

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