

*A beautiful system of morality,
veiled in allegory and
illustrated by symbols.*



Salinas F&AM #204
Trestleboard
February 2016 Edition



Salinas Masonic
Lodge F&AM #204 2015
Officers

Master	Thomas Crompton, P.M (Nanci)
Senior Warden	Jonathan Wong (Ana)
Junior Warden	Dennis Smith, P.M (Sun)
Secretary	David Isaac, P.M (Karen)
Treasurer	Jon Pariser P.M (Hannah)
Chaplain	John Williams, P.M (Lan)
Senior Deacon	Jamcee Castro
Junior Deacon	Mark Washburn
Marshall	Orlando Jimenez
Senior Steward	John Mungia
Junior Steward	Michael Chasen (Carli)
Tyler	Ron Wilmoth, P.M (Doris)
Officers Coach	Samson Mante, P.M (Julia)
Inspector of the 353 rd District	B.J. McCuiston, P.M



FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Friends,

We started the new year off with a great Installation of Officers on January 9. As promised, there were ample refreshments after the Installation. We have the prospect of some new members this year already and we are looking forward to increasing our membership.

Back on December 1, 2015, we had the honor to initiate a new mason into our lodge, Brother Edsel Salindo. At our stated meeting, Brother Salindo will demonstrate his proficiency in the first degree. Please plan to attend and support him in the first steps in his journey and adventure in masonry. We need to have a lot of these in the coming years to keep Masonry in Salinas alive. Your Lodge officers and I are looking forward to seeing you there. Also planned at our February Stated Meeting will be the installation of those officers who were unable to attend the Open Installation in January.

Officers and Candidates: Worshipful Sam Mante, PM. Officers Coach and I are both available just about any time for our candidates and our upcoming officers to learn their ritual. Keep up the hard work so we can be ready for 2017.

This Trestleboard is being sent both electronically to all our members who have listed e-mail addresses with our lodge and by the U.S. Postal Service. It is an added expense for the lodge but I believe that we need to better communicate with our membership. For those of our members who have gotten out of the habit of regular lodge attendance, I urge you to take part in the activities of our lodge. Come to meeting, become re-acquainted with your lodge brothers and enjoy the fellowship which is such a vital part of each masonic gathering. I hope to see you in 2016.

And always remember, "Tuesday Night is Lodge Night!"

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Crompton, PM

Master of Salinas Lodge #204



Feb 2, 2016 – Tuesday

Practice and Exec. Committee Meeting 7:30PM

Feb 3, 2016 – Wednesday

Lifescan Screening 8-5PM

Feb 9, 2016 – Tuesday

Stated Meeting, Installation of Officers

Dinner: Pot Roast 6:00PM

Stated Meeting 7:30PM

Feb 16, 2016 – Tuesday

Practice 7:30PM

Feb 23, 2016 - Tuesday

Possible 2nd Degree 7:30PM

Feb 27 – Saturday

3rd Degree EJ Smith 10:00AM

Breakfast starts at 9:00AM

Mar 1, 2016 –

Practice 7:30PM

Mar 8, 2016 –

Dinner: Pot Roast 6:00PM

Stated Meeting 7:30PM



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and friends,

We had an amazing turnout for the installation in January. I counted roughly 70 people with travelers from adjacent lodges. I was pleased to see brothers from Bakersfield show up and support the brethren. They assure me they will have a lot more show up next year.

We have to gear up and get ready to perform some amazing degrees as we have EA's and FC's ready to receive their next degrees. Your attendance will be critical to show them the brotherly love and support we're all about. I would love to be able to have the entire lodge filled up for their degrees. Let's make it happen!

I am excited to also announce that the 353 and 357 Masonic District app is fully functional and up and running. If you do not have access yet, see below for instructions. This app will continue to build on the communication to all of our brethren in these 2 districts but also show us a calendar of events going on. We have admins from each of the lodges including the inspectors that will post current events. This is also a tool for you to share and express opinions, ideas, and anything going on in your life. If you need help installing the app, don't hesitate to ask me.

Lots of exciting things are going on and we're really progressing as a fraternity. Thank you for all that you do and let's keep up the momentum!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Senior Warden



CONCORDANT BODIES,
JOB'S DAUGHTERS, BETHEL
230 (1st and 3rd Wednesday)

February 3, 2016, Jobs
Daughters Meeting

February 17, 2016, Jobs
Daughters Meeting

ORDER OF THE EASTERN
STAR (1st and 3rd Mondays)

Reveille Chapter #47.

February 1, 2016 7:30:

Valentines. Ladies wear
slacks. Men may wear Jacket
and Tie. Red, White, and
Pink are the colors

February 15, 2016 – Dark

March 7, 2016 7:30:

Saint Patrick's Day. Green
and Orange are the
prevailing colors

March 21, 2016 7:30

Sweatshirt night.



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

Happy New Year and fraternal greetings from the South. There is not much to report other than we are looking forward to another fantastic year at Salinas 204. On a personal note I would like to thank all of those who showed so much concern in my daughter's battle with breast cancer. Her Chemo is about done and then she begins radiation. Even with all this she is still a PT stud running marathons and weight lifting. Now an Army Colonel she is assigned as an investigator in the Inspector General's office at the Pentagon and still plans to pin stars on some day.

My son, Major Edward Smith will receive his Master Mason degree at our lodge on Saturday 27 February. We are doing a Saturday degree as his Army duties preclude his driving from Sacramento on weekdays and max attendance would be appreciated. We will serve a pancake breakfast before the proficiency exam and degree so show up about 9:00 AM hungry.

Our 09 February Stated Meeting dinner will be:

*Appetizers
Soup (TBD)
Salad
Roast chicken, real mashed potatoes with gravy and hot biscuits
Dessert
Usual liquid refreshments*

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith, P.M

Junior Warden

Did you know?

Most of the Founding Fathers were NOT Freemasons. Two of America's earliest presidents, George Washington and James Monrie, were Freemasons, as were Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, and Paul Revere. But many leading figures in the American Revolution -- including John and Samuel Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and Thomas Pain -- were not Masons.

Of the 56 figures who signed the Declaration of Independence, only nine were confirmed Masons, according to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and of the 39 delegates of the Continental Congress who signed the draft of the new nation's Constitution in 1787, only 13 (1/3) were Freemasons.

353 and 357 Masonic District App (Iphone and Android):

<http://ourapp.link/353-357-districts>

Link above is to download the app. Make sure you go to your settings, general, device management and click on "Trust the developer".



Secretary's Desk:

Brethren:

CMC states that dues are due by the first of the year. Please check your dues card and send your dues if you aren't paid up through 2016.

Fraternally,

David Isaac

Secretary

***Living Past Masters of
Salinas Lodge 204:***

*Nick G. Cominos PM 1972/1983
(803)*

Robert L. Dani PM 1979 (803)

Fred Roel, JR. PM 1980

*Dennis D. Stephans, PM 1980
(803)*

James Carpenter, PM 1981

Ernest L Cunningham PM 1983

*Thomas C Crompton PM
1985/2015, Current Master*

Danny McCabe PM 1986

Leroy W Blankenship PM 1987

Lawrence Chapman, Jr. P.M.
1989

John David Isaac, P.M. 1998

Roger King, P.M. 1997

Ron Wilmoth, P.M. 2001

Bruce M. Campbell, P.M. 2002

Dennis R. Smith, P.M.
2004/2005

Samson Mante, P.M. 2006

Frederick W. Hughes, P.M
1996/2003/2007/2008/2009

Robert Gentry, P.M.
2010/2011/2012

Jon Pariser, P.M. 2013/2014

Past Masters by Affiliation:

John A Williams PM – 217

Cecil F. Abrams, SR PM – 1981
(680)

James E Bradley PM – 2008
(680)

Losses in our Masonic Family

Brother Richard Ward McClellan, Born, March 23, 1932, initiated, December 21, 1953, Raised, December 30 1953, Raised June 25, 1954, Died January 25, 2016.

Brother Jack Curtis Bolton, Born February 17, 1927, initiated November 27, 1953, passed: February 18, 1954, raised May 7, 1954.

Soft and safe to thee, my Brothers, be thy final resting place, Grand and Glorious be thy rising from it...