



TRESTLEBOARD
Salinas Masonic Lodge
F&AM #204

October 2015



Salinas Masonic Lodge F&AM #204 2015 Officers



Master
Senior Warden
Junior Warden
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Marshall
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Tyler
Officers Coach
Inspector

Thomas Crompton, P.M (Nanci)
Dennis Smith, P.M (Sun)
Jonathan Wong (Ana)
David Isaac, P.M (Karen)
Andrew J. Bonfield
John Williams, P.M (Lan)
Jamcee Castro
Mark Washburn
Orlando Jimenez
John Mungia
Michael Chasen (Carli)
Ron Wilmoth, P.M (Doris)
Samson Mante, P.M (Julia)
B.J. McCuiston, P.M



FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Friends,

The events at our September stated meeting were both well-attended and outstanding. Not only did we have an outstanding dinner, but great fellowship and a fine time was had by all. We had the opportunity to award the Golden Veterans Award to Brother John Henion which was a great honor. We hope to continue to see Brother Henion at our meetings for a long time to come. Many thanks to our Senior Warden, Dennis Smith, Junior Warden, Jonathan Wong and the stewards committee, who planned and presented a delicious Dinner with all the Trimmings for our stated meeting dinner.

Worshipful Jon Pariser, PM continues to heal from his serious traffic collision in Wyoming. He is convalescing now at the Forest Hill Manor in Pacific Grove and appreciates visitors. Call ahead. Prayers for Jon's health and quick recovery.

Please try to make it to our October Stated Meeting dinner and enjoy both the dinner and the fellowship the goes with it. We will be having miscellaneous appetizers, baked ham, scalloped potatoes, a vegetable, salad and pumpkin pie for desert. We will discuss the legislation that passed and was deferred during Grand Lodge.

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

We have had some interest from non-members in joining our Lodge. They have been invited to the next stated meeting dinner and I encourage all members who see a new face to greet them and get to know them. We are always seeking new membership applications so if you know of a likely candidate, please invite him to a dinner so we can get to know them too.

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

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Crompton, PM

Master of Salinas Lodge #204





FROM THE WEST

Ladies and Brethren,

I have been out of the loop for quite a while attending to a house full of visiting family from Europe. Our September dinner went well with certain reservations those being, we need more attendees especially considering the amount of work preparing and presenting our meals.

Our Hall Association is getting a lot of neglected work done on our building and you will see many changes soon especially our heating and cooling system. The west wall repairs are still out for bids and that work must be approved by Grand Lodge because of the costs attributable thereto.

Hopefully, the new signage (Masonic Center) replacing (Masonic Temple) will be in place on the front of our building by our October stated meeting. We, according to Grand Lodge, were instructed to accomplish this long ago and will finally, although belatedly be in compliance with those instructions.

As I will be gone from 14 Oct thru 11 Nov our WM Tom will be preparing our Oct stated meeting dinner with the assistance of our JW and stewards, The menu is as follows:

Appetizers

Green salad

Baked ham with scalloped potato's and green beans

Dessert, Pumpkin pie

Meal preparation is not normally one of the WM's duties but since so many of our younger member's work Tom stepped right up to take over in my absence. Thanks Worshipful.

Well, that's it from the West.

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith, P.M

Senior Warden





FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

As the seasons change, we have the opportunity to continue the momentum we have had all year round with many events coming up. We have made strides and huge progress with the hard work and dedication of the hall association in improving our lodge. We need this to continue as I can't emphasize enough how this is our lodge. Huge kudos to the hall association for their time spent in improving the many neglected areas of the lodge as we have started to see improvement. Let's keep at it!!

We do have non-masonic members that will be attending our meeting. Prior to when I joined the craft, I recall entering a lodge for the first time as a potential applicant. I was nervous, amazed, and curious. I was nervous to be among a group of men that I really had no idea what they were about. And amazed at how calm and interesting their conversations and lives intertwined with one another. And most importantly, I was curious as to how I could potentially fit in. I felt more relaxed as men, whom at the time I did not know, walked up to me and introduced themselves. And felt welcomed as the conversations progressed and realized I was among men whom I could see myself belonging with. I encourage all of you to welcome any non-mason and have conversations that can show what we are about and who we are. Keep that momentum going as we're going to grow this lodge.

Many thanks to all the brothers for their active participation on the stated dinners, meetings, and all other social events.

Let's keep at it

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Junior Warden





Masonic Education:

The Senior Warden sits in the West and represents the column of strength which is representative of Jachin, the right-hand pillar which stood at door to King Solomon's Temple.

Jewel of Office: *His jewel of office is a Level, a symbol of the equality which exists among the Craft while at labor in the Lodge.*

The term Warden is derived from the Middle English word "Wardein" and from the Anglo-French word, circa the 13th Century, "Gardein", meaning guard or guardian.

The definition of the word Warden has many different meanings in today's world, however its basic meaning is one having care of or being in charge of something with supervisory duties or with the enforcement of specified laws or regulations.

In Masonic terminology, he is the second Officer within the Masonic Blue Lodge. He presides over the Craft during the hours of labor.

The Senior Warden's primary duty is to assist the Worshipful Master in opening and closing the Lodge. In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden presides over the Lodge.

Senior Warden's Duties:

- 1. Assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties.*
- 2. To discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to his position.*
- 3. During the absence of the Master, succeed to and be in charge with all the powers of the Master.*
- 4. To be responsible for the mentoring of all new candidates by selecting competent [Masonic education mentors](#).*
- 5. To insure that all candidates are progressing at a reasonable rate.*
- 6. To serve as Committee Chairman or member of the Lodge's principle committees.*
- 7. To prepare the calendar for his own year as Master and set goals, create a well-thought out list of members to head up each of the [Masonic lodge's committees](#). during his tenure as Master.*

8. *To consider Officer appointments for his year as Master and as members to serve in these positions.*
9. *To consider membership goals for the next year.*
10. *To attend the Grand Lodge Annual Communication.*
11. *To attend all Lodge functions and communications.*
12. *To attend the District Schools of Instruction.*
13. *After receiving the Lodge's Audit, which is prepared by the [Audit Committee](#), it is his duty to request that the [Budget Committee](#) prepare an estimated budget for his own year as Master.*
14. *To prepare the Trestleboard items as required by the Master.*



Calendar of Events:

October 9, 10 & 11' 2015, 166th Grand Lodge Communication, San Francisco

Tuesday, October 13, Stated Meeting, Review Grand Lodge Legislation

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, Lodge 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 27, 2015, Lodge 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 3, 2015, Lodge 7:30 PM

Tuesday, November 10, 2015, Stated Meeting, Officer's Elections

Dinner: 6:00 PM

Meeting and Elections: 7:30 PM



CONCORDANT BODIES

WATSONVILLE COMMANDERY #22,

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, BETHEL 230 (Meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.)

Wednesday, September 2, 2015, Jobs Daughters Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015, Jobs Daughters Meeting

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Reveille Chapter #47. Meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:30 PM

At Salinas Lodge, 48 San Joaquin Street, Salinas, CA 93901

Monday, October 5, 2015, 7:00 PM: Elections – Red, White & Blue

October 15 – 18, 2015, Grand Chapter, Visalia, CA

Monday, October 18, 2015. DARK

Monday, November 2, 2015, 7:00 PM: Farewell & Grand Chapter Reports

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 2:00 PM: Installation of Officers.

Monday, November 16, 2015. DARK – 1st Meeting Practice

LIVING PAST MASTERS OF SALINAS LODGE 204:

Nick G. Cominos, P.M.	1972 & 1983 (803)
Robert L. Dani P.M.	1979 (803)
Fred Roel, Jr., P.M.	1980
Dennis D. Stephans, P.M.	1980 (803)
James Carpenter, P.M.	1981
Ernest L. Cunningham, P.M.	1983
Thomas C. Crompton, P.M.	1985
Danny McCabe, P.M.	1986
Leroy W. Blankenship, P.M.	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:

Jim Myers, P.M.	203
John A. Williams, P.M.	217
Cecil F. Abrams, Sr., PM	1981 (680)
James E. Bradley, P.M.	2008 (680)