



TRESTLEBOARD
Salinas Masonic Lodge
F&AM #204

June 2015



Salinas Masonic Lodge F&AM #204 2015 Officers

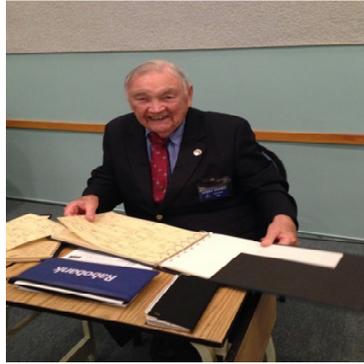


Master
Acting Senior Warden
Acting Junior Warden
Secretary
Treasurer
Chaplain
Acting Senior Deacon
Junior Deacon
Marshall
Senior Steward
Junior Steward
Tyler
Officers Coach
Inspector

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)
Samson Mante, P.M (Julia)
Mark Washburn
Orlando Jimenez
John Mungia
Michael Chasen (Carli)
Ron Wilmoth, P.M (Doris)
Samson Mante, P.M (Julia)
B.J. McCuiston, P.M



Andrew J Bonfield



Our dear brother, Andrew Bonfield the Treasurer of the Lodge, was not in the above picture. In appreciation to his dedication and hard work to the craft, Andrew was given his own page.

During our last stated meeting, Brother Andrew reported on our tax and all pertinent filings which we have not had the best track record in previous years. Brother Andrew's expertise as a C.P.A has assisted the Lodge in filing all the correct paperwork for the current year. The Lodge is very appreciative of you and thankful to have you as a Brother.

You deserve this page and many more, my brother



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

We had a very busy May and I hope you had an opportunity to honor the mothers in your lives on Mother's Day. Our Jobs Daughters had an exceptionally successful rose bouquet sale and plan another for next Mother's Day. Please plan to participate. It's a great deal for you and benefits our Jobs Daughters Bethel right here in Salinas.

The events planned for this month's stated meeting will be outstanding. Not only will we be having an excellent dinner but we will be awarding our five \$1,000 Scholarships to five outstanding seniors from our area public high schools: Salinas High School, North Salinas High School, Alisal High School, Everett Alvarez High School and North Monterey County High School. They were chosen, not only for their academic attainments but for the way they live their lives. Our Masonic principles translate to the right way they go about their routines. It will be a pleasure to honor them and their families at our Stated Meeting and we look forward to seeing them continue to advance through life. I want to thank our brothers on the Scholarship Committee for their hard work. These include Brothers John Mungia, Senior Steward, Jonathan Wong, Senior Deacon and Michael Chasen, Junior Steward and also our Brother Stephen Jove who generously donated \$1,000 for one of our scholarships to be awarded. Our Senior Warden, Dennis Smith, Senior Deacon, Jonathan Wong and the stewards committee plan on a delicious Dinner with all the Trimmings for our stated meeting dinner, so please try to meet with us and enjoy the dinner and the fellowship the goes with it.

We are still seeking new membership applications so if you know of a likely candidate, please invite him to a dinner so we can get to know one another.

And always remember, Tuesday Night is Lodge Night

Fraternally,

Thomas C. Crompton, PM

Master of Salinas Lodge #204





FROM THE WEST

Brethren and Ladies,

Summer is fast approaching and with the kids out of school many of us will be spending time with family. We have a new Temple Board with John Williams as President and they are moving quickly ahead to get many projects completed.

Our May stated meeting dinner was well attended and apparently everyone enjoyed themselves. I have a plan to "dress up" our dining room some to make it more appealing.

We are on the hunt for membership petitions and need everyone's help as a Lodge survives on its members.

Our June stated meeting will be the Official Visit of our District Inspector and also Installation of our Senior and Junior Wardens.

The menu for our June dinner is:

Appetizers

Chili

Salad

BBQ'd Baby Back Ribs and oven roasted red potato's

Grilled Asparagus

Home made brownies w/Ice Cream

Beer, wine and coffee

Jon, Sam and I will continue to put on the type meals 204 was recognized state wide for but we need your support and ATTENDANCE!!

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith

Acting Senior Warden





FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

We need to put our very best foot forward as the lodge has not seen any activity other than the current members. WB Dennis, WB Sam, and I, along with the other brothers who assist (Jamcy, WB Ron, WM Tom) are enjoying our time in the kitchen and the fellowship during our cook offs. We're attracting the current members to the dinners but would absolutely love to share this fellowship as an opportunity to teach prospective what Masonry is all about. In saying this, please invite those that you think may have an interest in the craft to enjoy a nice dinner and fellowship with the brethren.

As the Masonic year progresses, I would like to solicit ideas for fellowship outside the lodge. A few ideas that I believe will be very enjoyable are dinners honoring our local servicemen, a bowling tournament against all lodges (Carmel, PG, Monterey, Texas, San Joaquin, King City, Santa Cruz, and of course us), crab feed which wouldn't be outdoor but would be fun...and...? Please let me know what your ideas are as I would like to organize 2-3 events for the remainder of this year.

These fellowships will a great opportunity for us to not only gain fellowship with our fellow brethren at other lodges but to show that we have fun and eat well.

Lastly, our June stated dinner will be a packed event with the installation of the Senior and Junior Wardens, the official visit of the Worshipful Inspector BJ McCuiston, and the recipients of the 2015 Salinas Masonic Scholarship. Please invite your family, friends, and loved ones.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Acting Junior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

Please inform the Secretary of an address change as soon it is known. As the Secretary of the lodge, my duties require me to handle all correspondence with all members, minutes of Lodge meetings, petitions of new candidates, continuous member count, and other administrative duties.

In communicating with other lodges as well as the Grand Lodge, the Secretary is here to assist the Worshipful Master in organizing meetings and providing information when requested.

In saying this, as Secretary of the lodge, I am here to assist not only the Worshipful Master but any brethren that may have questions regarding their dues, communications to other lodges, looking up historical data and so forth.

Feel free to use me as a resource. I am always here to help a Worthy Brother.

Fraternally,

David Isaac, P.M

Secretary



Masonic Education: The role of the Senior Warden

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

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.

His 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 and/or assist in creating the Trestleboard items as required by the Master.*



Recipients of the 2015 Salinas Masonic Lodge F&AM #204 Scholarship

North Salinas High: Consuelo Castro

- Consuelo will be a first generation college student in her family
- She will be attending SJSU in the fall
- Consuelo has been an AVID student and comes very highly recommended from Ms. Jemmalyn Peralta

Alisal High: Brenda Ruby Rodriguez

- Brenda has a 4.09 GPA ranking number 8 in her class
- She will be attending UCLA in the fall, majoring in Biochemistry
- Brenda, throughout the years, has tutored and mentored elementary school children.
- Her tough background has shaped who she is and she wants to do the same through her volunteer work
- Brenda aspires to return to Salinas after her studies to help end the violence and assist in raising Salinas

Salinas High: Kyle Groves

- Kyle will be attending Princeton where he will major in Politics; Kyle has a GPA of 4.476
- Kyle's extracurricular activities whether through the various clubs he is a member or leader of or the high level classes he has taken on during his schooling has lead him to see community in a different light: Salinas isn't full of juvenile delinquents but a community of patriots with pride.

North County: Vanessa Vigil Madrigal

- Majoring in Animal Science, Vanessa will be attending UCDavis in the fall.
- She has a 4.16 GPA
- She is an active member of the GO Green Club which focuses on the environment
- Vanessa has volunteered throughout the years to assist in the rehabilitation of the ill and also the preservation of the environment within Salinas.

Everett Alvarez: Carina Welch

- Carina has extensive volunteering experience where she assisted and helped young girls pursue their dreams and learn the game of volleyball.
- She wants to be a role model for the younger generation and give back to the community by helping in anyway possible.
- She will be attending UCLA in the fall majoring in Sociology
- Carina has a 4.29 GPA



WHAT MAKES A MAN A MASON???

What makes a man a Mason, O brother of mine?

It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,

It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast

It isn't the apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,

Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,

Nor yet the possession of that mystic word

On five points or fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,

They don't make a Mason, O brother or mine.

That you to your sworn obligation are true

'Tis that, brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,

With lodge and with brother be honest and just,

Assist the deserving who cry in their need,

Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,

And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.

Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,

And you'll be a Mason, O brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try.

The gavel of vices with courage apply;

Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,



*On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,
The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,
The compass your passions shut safely inside;
The stone which the Architect placed in your care
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.*

*And then you will meet
With approval divine,
And you'll be a Mason,
O brother of mine.*



Calendar of events:

- Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Lodge Practice for the Official Visit of Worshipful Inspector, Flag
 - Presentation and Installation of Officers
- Tuesday, June 9, 2015 Stated Meeting, Official Visit of Worshipful Inspector, Installation of Officers, and Presentation of Five \$1,000 Scholarship Awards
 - Dinner (\$10.00 Donation) 6:00 PM
 - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sunday, June 14, 2015, Flag Day
- Tuesday, June 16, 2015 Lodge Practice 7:30 PM
- Sunday, June 21, 2015, Father's Day
- Tuesday, June 23, 2015, Officer's Association Meeting and School of Instruction at
 - Salinas Lodge 7:30 PM
 - If officers can not make this School, you must contact and advise
 - Worshipful B.J. McCuiston, Inspector of the 353 Masonic District
- Tuesday, June 30, 2015, Lodge Practice 7:30 PM
- Friday July 3, 2015 Independence Day Holiday (Observed)
- Saturday, July 4, 2015, Independence Day
- Tuesday, July 7, 2015 Lodge Practice 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, July 14, 2015 Stated Meeting,
 - Dinner (\$10 Donation) 6:00 PM
 - Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM



CONCORDANT BODIES

WATSONVILLE COMMANDDERY #22, STATED CONCLAVE, JUNE 24, 2015

Dinner: 6:30 PM (1830)

Stated Conclave: 7:30 PM (1930)

RSVP to Sir Knight John A. Williams at Johnwilliams130@comcast.net. Thank You. We need to know an exact account so we will have enough food for all.

Eminent Commander Charles B. (Chuck) Cowden

JOB'S DAUGHTERS, BETHEL 230

May 30, 2015: Jobs Daughters Majority Ceremony.

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Jobs Daughters Meeting

Wednesday, June 17, 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

June 1, 2015, 7:30 PM, Eastern Star Meeting Honoring the Star Points

June 15, 2015, 7:30 PM, Eastern Star Meeting, Brother's Night

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)