

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



Salinas F&AM #204
Trestleboard
April 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	Samson Mante,
Coach	P.M (Julia)
Inspector of the 353 rd District	B.J. McCuiston, P.M



FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Friends,

We will be having a first degree this month. We need to have a lot of these initiations in the coming months and years to keep our lodge and our fraternity moving forward. Your Lodge officers spend a lot of time and energy in learning and staying proficient in their ceremonial degree work and we are looking forward to seeing you there.

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



April 4, 2016 – Reveille Chapter

Order of the Eastern Star –
7:30PM

April 5, 2016 – Salinas Lodge

Practice 1st Degree – 7:00PM

April 9, 2016: Texas Lodge

Stated Breakfast and Dinner –

9:00AM

April 12, 2016 – Salinas Lodge

Stated Dinner and Meeting –

6:00-9:00PM

April 13, 2016 – San Benito
Lodge

Stated Meeting – 8:00PM

April 18, 2016 – Reveille
Chapter

Stated Meeting – 8:00PM

April 19, 2016 – Salinas Lodge

Possible 1st Degree – 7:30PM

April 29, 2016

Cornerstone Laying, Hollister
Courthouse, Hollister – 12:00-
3:00PM



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and friends,

Spring is upon us and we're ready to spring forward with Masonry! We have some degrees coming up (few 1st degrees and possible 3rd degree). Remember, practice makes perfect and we want to make each degree as impactful and memorable to the candidate. I always challenge myself and Tom challenges me to excel in this area. It is imperative we nail down our ritual but not be robotic. We want the candidate to have that "awe" factor without getting bored and daze off. Let's do what we can to position ourselves to make that impact and make ourselves memorable!

On a side note, dues are well past due at this point and we have quite a bit of brothers that are delinquent in their dues. I have started reaching out to those that are past due; you know who you are...please let me know the status.

Looking ahead, we also have our scholarship dinner in June along with the Traveling Gavel which is new. The scholarship committee will be making our final decisions at the end of this month followed by a dinner in June for the recipients. During the dinner, we will present the Traveling Gavel. The Traveling Gavel is a plaque with the "traveling gavel" that will be passed from lodge to lodge within the 349, 353, and 357 districts. To obtain the gavel...you'll have to wait until the June dinner but I assure you, we'll have lots of fun with it.

Lots of great stuff going on...I look forward to your participation, friendship, and brotherly love.

Let's continue to move Masonry forward.

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Senior Warden



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

April 6, 2016, Jobs Daughters Meeting

April 20, 2016, Jobs Daughters Meeting

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

Reveille Chapter #47.

Monday, April 4, 2016

7:30PM

Monday, April 18, 2016

7:30PM



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

Spring is upon us and all are, hopefully, planning on summer vacations with families. With the chaos in the world, at least we in Masonry/OES can enjoy the peace and solitude our Lodges and Chapters afford us.

Please take note of our WM Tom's calendar of events for April and try to attend as many as possible. With work on the west wall to begin soon, we are unsure if construction will prohibit our use of the BBQ but info will be forthcoming.

The menu for our April 11th Stated Meeting dinner is:

Appetizers
Soup (Minestrone)
Salad w/ Italian dressing
Chicken Parmesan Pasta
Dessert

The WM and brethren of Monterey Lodge have expressed a desire to have a dinner with us and we think the best time for this would be in May or June. Plans will be announced in the May Trestleboard.

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith, P.M

Junior Warden

Did you know?

John Hancock was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston, Massachusetts. He was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence. He wrote in a bold flourishing style. When asked why his signature was so large, he replied: "So George III may read it without putting on his spectacles."

Sounds like Masonry of today with brothers poking fun eachother!!!

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)*

Masonic Scholarship -2016

The application for the Salinas Lodge #204 Masonic Scholarship for the 2016 school year is available.

Students are asked to answer 1 of 2 questions:

1. Describe what the community means to you and how has it shaped you as a person?
2. How will you help to shape the community after completion of college?

If you have a student in mind, please pass the application along or have them go to their counselors office and fill out the application along with the essay required.

Winning submissions will be selected by the scholarship committee followed by the scholarship dinner in June.