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Salinas Masonic Lodge  
F&AM #204

May 2015

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Salinas Masonic Lodge F&AM #204 2015 Officers



*Master*  
*Acting Senior Warden*  
*Acting Junior Warden*  
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*Chaplain*  
*Acting Senior Deacon*  
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*Junior Steward*  
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*David Isaac, P.M (Karen)*  
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*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,*

*Well, we had a very busy April. Our lodge continues to improve. Please plan on attending the May Stated Meeting. Our Senior Warden, Dennis Smith, Senior Deacon, Jonathan Wong and the stewards committee plan on a delicious Enchilada Dinner with all the Trimmings so please try to meet with us and enjoy the dinner and the fellowship the goes with it.*

*We are starting yet another Spring and with it the reemergence of flowers and trees in all their beauty. Maybe it is time to prepare the new seedlings, our new brothers who need to be welcomed and taught to grow. We should also remember, while time and opportunity present themselves, that we are Masons and recommit ourselves to our Fraternity. We are a craft. The craft of Freemasonry. Craft your Masonic lives optimistically and live out those truly Masonic virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice.*

*The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Santa Lucia Lodge in King City on Saturday, April 25 was very well attended and I believe a good time was had by all.*

*We should probably be thinking that our own 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up in four short years.*

*We are still lacking 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,*

*We are nearing the summer months and hopefully we will be spending much time with our children and Grandchildren.*

*Attendance at our April dinner was reasonable but in order to continue the fabulous food Sam, Jon and I have been serving attendance must improve in order to cover our costs. Salinas Lodge has a reputation statewide within the Masonic and Eastern Star bodies for the best food around.*

*Our attendance at stated meetings is improving. At our April meeting we had over thirty which is great but it can get better.*

*We begin in May to plan for our summer, several Brethren have suggested a fishing trip taking over a party boat out of Monterey. After fishing coming back to Lodge and having a fish fry for our families.*

*Sounds like a winner if we get enough interest. I will have sufficient Dramamine to cover any sea sick brother especially you Navy veterans, Ladies too.*

*Our May dinner celebrates Cinco de Mayo with Enchiladas, Frijoles Refritos, Spanish rice and Flan. Of course we will have Mexican Beer on ice. So come on down, life's too short to sit home watching summer re-runs of Oprah.*

*Fraternally,*

*Dennis Smith*

*Acting Senior Warden*





## FROM THE SOUTH

*Brethren,*

*This current Masonic year has been extremely rewarding as I have been able to not only learn from the wise brethren before me (WM Tom, WB Sam, WB Dennis, Jamcy), but I have been able to see the lodge starting to gain traction and regrow.*

*From the stories I have heard, the lodge was once a flourishing lodge with legendary stories. Unfortunately, through the years, the lodge started seeing decreased activities for one reason or another. But with the hard work and dedication of WB Jon Pariser, WM Tom, WB Sam, and WB Dennis, we are starting to see the tide starting to regularly ebb and flow again...(not that it ever stopped). And as we continue to work and grow, the lodge will begin to flourish once more.*

*With that being said, it is your hard work and dedication to the craft and to the lodge that we will not only have fun but grow personally. I have seen my own growth first hand during my stumbling and mumbling at practice. That brotherly love I have experienced with the zingers here and there is what makes me enjoy the lodge so much. It's all in good fun, I'm going to improve and get better.*

*As acting Junior Warden, this is all a first to me and I'm proud and honored to be a part of this lodge and I hope, in due time, with our joint efforts through fellowships and our soon to be again Famous Dinner's, we will flourish more stronger and more brighter than ever. I challenge each and every one of you brothers to continue to learn, strive for more, and together build up this lodge!!*

*WB Dennis and I will be cooking up another feast this month. In celebration of Cinco De Mayo, we will be making chicken and steak enchiladas (homemade). Please invite the widows and orphans along with any potential candidate that you feel would bring honor to the fraternity.*

*Fraternally,*

*Jonathan Wong*

*Acting Junior Warden*





*FROM THE SECRETARY*

*Brethren,*

*If you have not paid your dues, make sure you contact me and get caught up. We do not want you to earn the "delinquent" award.*

*Also, if you have any personal changes such as change in address and so forth, all information is readily available to be changed by going to [www.freemasons.org](http://www.freemasons.org).*

*It is important this information is current as we are receiving information directly from the Grand Lodge as well as our magazines sharing what events are going on and what the other brothers are doing across the entire state.*

*As a reminder, I will be out of town for this stated meeting. I have Worshipful Jon Pariser sitting in for me.*

*Continue searching for those candidates who would be great additions to the fraternity. Invite them to dinner and have them learn how Masons meet, act, and part.....and eat.*

*Fraternally,*

*David Isaac, P.M*

*Secretary*



## *Masonic Education: Masonic Etiquette*

*(This is no way is to call any brother out. This is a section to provide additional insight into what Masonic Etiquette is)*

*Masonic Etiquette is largely unpublished as well as unspoken. As brothers, we study ritual work, floor work, and know about the degrees (dependent upon where you are at with the 3 degrees).*

*Over time, and by watching others, members conform themselves to exhibit proper Masonic etiquette behavior to learn lodge customers. To avoid the disaster of having being called out (which we don't do), monthly, we will go over different sections of the unspoken Masonic Etiquettes starting with....*

### **The Master's Authority:**

*During his term in office, the brother who has been elected as Master is the most powerful member of the Lodge. He also shoulders all of its many responsibilities.*

*The Worshipful Master has the authority to:*

- 1.) Rule any brother out of order on any subject at any time*
- 2.) Decide what can and cannot be discussed. Should a brother believe that the Master is arbitrary, unjust or unfair or is acting in an illegal manner, he can appeal and consult with the district inspector.*

*At that point, if agreed upon, the complaint will be addressed and potentially forwarded on the Grand Master. HOWEVER, if that brother insists on speaking after the Master has ruled that he is out of order, he may be committing a Masonic offense.*

*Courteous brethren accept the requests made by the Master to serve on various committees such as the examination, audit, investigation, scholarship, and other committees as determined by the Worshipful master and lodge's needs.*

*In layman's terms, always respect and listen to the Worshipful Master. And that includes turning off your cell phone during stated meetings ☺*



## ***Calendar of events:***

- Tuesday, May 5, 2015 Lodge Practice
- Sunday, May 10, 2015 Mother's Day
- Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Stated Meeting
  - Stated Dinner 6:00 PM
  - Stated Meeting 7:30 PM
- Thursday, May 21, 2015. 7:00 PM, School of Instruction at Texas Lodge,
  - San Juan Bautista (Call Worshipful BJ McCuiston if you can't make it.)
- Tuesday, May 26, Lodge Practice
- Tuesday, June 2, 2015, Lodge Practice
- Tuesday, June 9, Stated Meeting, Official Visit of the District Inspector,
  - College Scholarships Award Dinner 6:00 PM
  - Stated Meeting: 7:30 PM



## **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)