



TRESTLEBOARD
Salinas Masonic Lodge
F&AM #204

July 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
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Junior Steward
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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



FROM THE EAST

Brethren,

The events at our June stated meeting were both well-attended and outstanding. Not only did we have an excellent dinner but we awarded 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 was 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 again 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 planned and presented a delicious Dinner with all the Trimmings for our stated meeting dinner.

And to top this off, we had an excellent Open Installation of Officers that included Worshipful Dennis Smith, PM, as Senior Warden, Jonathan Wong, Junior Warden, Jaymcee Castro, was installed as Senior Deacon. Installing Officers included myself as Installing Officer, The Worshipful Jon Pariser, PM as Master of Ceremonies and the Worshipful John Williams, MP, as Installing Chaplain. My congratulations and gratitude to these fine men and brothers for their dedication to the fraternity in general and to this lodge in particular.

Please try to make it to our July Stated Meeting dinner and enjoy both 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,

The latter part of May and entire month of June were busy for all us especially those listed below:

First and foremost is our new Hall Association Facility Manager Virginia Allen. She accepted this responsibility albeit reluctantly and the following day hit the ground running and has accomplished so much in the past weeks it is almost unbelievable. Several days after she took charge I went to lodge and asked if I could help, her answer to me was (if I remember right) "grab a broom." "Yes ma'am," was my reply. Thanks again Virginia, believe me, you are appreciated by all of us.

Next is our WM Tom, who daily has been going to Lodge and helping Virginia reorganize files, setting up an accurate accounting system, maintaining the books and initiating an inspection system for our building so that necessary repairs can be made. This type work does not fall within the job description of the WM, but Tom undertook it for the benefit of us all.

Both Virginia and Tom's work will result, (eventually) in negating the necessity of having a CPA and saving us \$400.00 per month in accounting charges.

Also, our Hall Association, all volunteers who take their responsibilities very seriously and work tirelessly to improve our facility and our income, have a "Can Do" attitude and dedicated to getting the job done right at first try.

****Please note:** The Hall Association by unanimous vote decided that our facility would no longer be rented to outside groups other than those Masonically affiliated or Concordant bodies. Quite naturally, if a Masonic family member desires to use our facility that is permissible and we will of course continue renting to public service organizations and or church groups.

This decision was made after careful study and realizing that outside renters were costing us money, eg. [PG@E](#), damages to our facility, water usage for cleanup and dishwashing to say nothing of the wear and tear on our furniture and missing items from our kitchen.**

Last but not least comes our Asst. Grand Lecturer (AGL) Jeff and our Inspector BJ who have helped us with advice and guidance regarding required GL reports filing of taxes and just generally acting as middlemen between GL and us until we get our ducks lined up. Thanks guys you made it a lot easier.

The menu for our July stated meeting dinner will be prepared by our Jr, Warden Jon, (I don't do BBQ) and is a belated 4th of July meal consisting of:

Appetizers

Soup

Salads

BBQ Pulled Pork

Dessert (To be determined)

Alcoholic/non Alcoholic drinks

Reminder!! Our clean up day/party time is July 25 at 9:00 AM. Your Hall Assn/204 will provide food and drinks for all and music by our DJ in residence Sam Mante. Try to show up if possible, if for nothing more than the food, and, you might just find that something you've been looking for for several years.

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith

Acting Senior Warden





FROM THE SOUTH

Brethren,

Activity to the lodge is important and that includes your participation in events. While the lodge has not seen any applicants, we do not want to maintain the steady flow of our business by not participating. This includes joining in activities such as preparation of the stated dinners and so forth. With that being said, it is always a joy to prepare with the brethren, widows, and orphans.

June was very successful with the scholarship committee presenting the awards to the very deserving students of the 5 public high schools. We had another excellent dinner spearheaded by the hard work of WB Dennis. As we gain attendance to our stated dinner's, we are hopeful it will bring brothers back to the lodge and gain applicants that will one day become a worthy brother. Keep promoting our dinners and invite those you feel will gain in our fellowships!

I have not heard back from anyone regarding outside fellowship activities. Please share your two cents as I would like for us to enjoy each other's company outside the lodge. Brother Rudy Garcia has sponsored an event on July 25 to help further clean up the lodge. This will be a great day of fellowship and I encourage all that can attend to participate.

We're gaining momentum and the tide will turn where applications flow in and the lodge is filled to capacity. It will happen!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Acting Junior Warden





FROM THE SECRETARY

Brethren,

The lodge is very thankful for the hard work and dedication you all put forth in not only the transaction of business but the day to day care of our lodge. WM Tom and WB Dennis have been hard at work in “building” the lodge up again. Please follow their lead and help to secure the lodge’s future through maintenance, fellowship, and activity.

Fraternally,

David Isaac, P.M

Secretary



Masonic Education: The role of the Senior Deacon

*His Jewel is the **Square and Compass with the Sun in the middle**. The sun signifies that his position is on the lower level, to the right of the Worshipful Master in the east.*

*His duty is as **messenger of the Worshipful Master**, hence he does a lot of walking.*

The Senior Deacon of a Masonic Lodge is an assistant officer of the Lodge. The Senior Deacon's principle roles are to welcome and escort both visitors and candidates into the lodge and introduce distinguished visitors.

It is his duty to assist the Worshipful Master and carry orders between the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden. During degree rituals, he guides the new candidate and conducts him around the lodge room.

During the opening and closing ceremonies, the Senior Deacon opens the Holy Scriptures to the correct passage of the degree being worked and closes it after the lodge is adjourned. He also lights and extinguishes the candles at the altar.

In some lodges, he carries the ballot box around the lodge when new members are being voted upon.

The Senior Deacon's position is similar to a Manager. The Senior Deacon (and the Junior Deacon) both carry long staffs (or rods), because as messengers of the Worshipful Master, the staffs are symbolic of the caduceus (or wand) that the Roman winged god and messenger Mercury carried during their duties. Atop the rods are the jewels of their offices.



Calendar of events:

<i>Tuesday, June 30, 2015, Lodge Practice</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Friday July 3, 2015 Independence Day Holiday (Observed)</i>	
<i>Saturday, July 4, 2015, Independence Day</i>	
<i>Tuesday, July 7, 2015 Lodge Practice</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 14, 2015 Stated Meeting,</i>	
<i>Dinner (\$10 Donation)</i>	<i>6:00 PM</i>
<i>Stated Meeting:</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Tuesday, July 21, 2015, Lodge Practice</i>	<i>7:30 PM</i>
<i>Saturday, July 25, 2015, Lodge Clean Up Day</i>	<i>9:00 AM</i>

Sponsored by Brother Rudy Garcia, MD. Rudy writes, "Please come out for a wonderful day for fellowship and socialization plus free medical consultation under the spirit of red and white wines. Lets all enjoy. Brothers, am really glad Past Master Dennis Smith is back in our lodge." According to Worshipful Dennis Smith, PM, "Dr. Rudy WILL be participating in order to prove to all that his hands are as good at manual labor as they are at painlessly examining your prostate. So, here's the deal, Saturday, July 25, 9:00 AM is designated Lodge Clean Up Day and we need everyone to help. If your physical condition prevents lifting, come anyway as we can always use another supervisor with the ability to lift a fork or a glass and his or her opinion. Your Hall Association (the Temple Board) will provide the food and liquid refreshment that will be donated by several members thereof. We will order an extra dumpster and your help is needed to fill it."

Tuesday, July 28, 2015. Lodge Dark. Coaches will be available at 7:00 PM to assist one and all in needed coaching for the degrees or any and all officer's work.

Saturday, August 1, 2015, 7:00 PM, Hiram Award for Arnold Egger at San Benito Lodge, Hollister.

Tuesday, August 3, 2015: Lodge Dark. Coaches will be available at 7:00 PM to assist one and all in needed coaching for the degrees of any and all officer's work.

Tuesday, August 11, 2015. Stated Meeting

Dinner: 6:00PM

Stated Meeting 7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 2015: Lodge Dark. Coaches will be available at 7:00 PM to assist one and all in needed coaching for the degrees of any and all officer's work.

Tuesday, August 25, 2015: Lodge Dark. Coaches will be available at 7:00 PM to assist one and all in needed coaching for the degrees of any and all officer's work.

Tuesday, September 1, 2015, Lodge Practice 7:30 PM

Tuesday, September 8, 2015, Stated Meeting, Review Grand Lodge Proposals, Constitution Observance Night.

Dinner 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

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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

YORK RITE

July 26, 2015: Grand York Rite Reception

Dinner will be at 6:00PM

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)