

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



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



FROM THE EAST

Brethren and Friends,

On Saturday, February 27, 2016, We had an outstanding Third Degree conferral at Salinas Lodge for our brother E.J. Smith, son of our Junior Warden, Dennis Smith, PM. The degree was very well attended not only by our own brothers, but by visiting brethren from Monterey, San Juan Bautista, Hollister, and Soquel. Several visitors kindly assisted us with the degree for which we are very grateful. In addition, the Worshipful B. J. McCuiston, PM, Inspector of the 353rd Masonic District attended this degree and assisted us as well. And finally, the Charge was delivered by Worshipful Jon Pariser, PM who is happily continuing to mend from his July 2015 motorcycle collision. We were so happy to see you Jon. Continue your rehab. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Back on December 1, 2015, we had the honor to initiate a new mason into our lodge, Brother Edsel Salindo. At our stated meeting in February, Brother Salindo did an outstanding job when he demonstrated his proficiency in the first degree. He is scheduled to pass to the degree of Fellowcraft at our Tuesday, March 15 meeting. Please plan to attend and support him in his continuing journey and adventure in masonry. We need to have a lot of these in the coming years to keep Masonry in Salinas alive. 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



Mar 1, 2016 – Tuesday

Practice and Exec. Committee Meeting 7:30PM

Mar 7, 2016 – Tuesday

Stated Meeting, Installation of Officers

Dinner: Lasagne 6:00PM

Stated Meeting 7:30PM

Mar 12, 2016 – Saturday

Texas Lodge Breakfast
San Juan Bautista 7:30PM

Mar 15, 2016 - Tuesday

Bro Edsel 2nd Degree 7:30PM

Mar 19, 2016 – Saturday

CA Masonic Possee Conferral
Santa Lucia Lodge 10:00AM

Mar 22, 2016 – Tuesday

Practice 7:00PM

Mar 29, 2016 – Tuesday

Possible 1st Degree 7:00PM



FROM THE WEST

Brethren and friends,

Thank you for the fantastic support of the raising of our brother, EJ Smith (Dennis Smith, JW's son). Those that have spoken to me about support know that my mission is to have the lodges full of support for all brothers especially during the degree work.

We have more opportunities in the coming months to show the brotherly love and support. On March 15th, our brother Edsel Salindo will be receiving his 2nd degree and I encourage everyone to attend. Bro Edsel had a wonderful turnout for his 1st degree and I expect for the support to be as much, if not more, as the amount of attendees to be there to witness his 2nd degree.

The District Masonic App is fully up and running. I have left instructions on the left hand side for those that have not signed up. We have members of 3 districts (349, 353, 357) all signed up for the app and we need more. The app allows for communication amongst the brethren. A calendar of events are linked directly to the app to inform all of up and coming proceedings. If anyone has trouble, please do not hesitate to call me

Lastly, we have our stated dinner quickly approaching. Dennis, the kitchen staff, and I would love to see all attend along with their spouses and family. Fellowship is only as good as attendance. Please come and join us!

Fraternally,

Jonathan Wong

Senior Warden



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

March 2, 2016, Jobs
Daughters Meeting

March 16, 2016, Jobs
Daughters Meeting

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

Reveille Chapter #47.

Monday, March 7, 2016

7:30PM

Saint Patrick's Day.

*Green and orange are the
prevailing colors*

Monday, March 21, 2016

7:30PM

Sweat shirt night



FROM THE SOUTH

Greetings Ladies and Brethren,

Spring is fast approaching and a reminder that daylight saving begins on March 13 so set your clocks back on that date.

Our Scholarship committee has begun its search of local high schools for worthy students (Seniors) to receive a \$1,000. Scholarship towards college expenses.

My son and I would like to thank all those who attended his 3d Degree raising on 27 February 2016. Holding a degree on a Saturday morning is not the best time, but due to his Military duties this was the only available date and time. Special thanks to San Benito and Monterey Lodges for helping out and also to our Inspector (BJ) who jumped right in where needed.

Our entire lodge membership would like to publically thank Brother Steven Jove for his kindness in donating \$1,000. to our scholarship fund.

Our 08 March stated meeting dinner menu is;

Appetizers
Soup (Minestrone)
Salad w/ Italian dressing
Lasagna w/ garlic bread
Spumoni Ice cream

Your kitchen crew would like to thank our members for attending our meals but would like to see a little better scorecard numbers wise.

We work hard to present good tasty food and hope everyone enjoys our efforts, we don't need thanks, just better attendance.

Fraternally,

Dennis Smith, P.M

Junior Warden

Did you know?

George Washington, our first president, was initiated on November 4, 1752, Passes March 3, 1753, Raised August 4, 1753.

George Washington became the first Worshipful Master of Lodge No.22 in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1777, the lodges in Virginia proposed and passed that George Washington be the Grand Master of Virginia.

Aside from being the first president, George Washington was an avid Mason who pushed Masonry forward. At his coronation and swearing in office, the Masonic bible was used.

George Washington remained a member until the time of his death.

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.