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Left to right, front row: Grand Marshal **Ron Brocco**, Sonoma #111; Grand Treasurer **Don Schaffer**, Twin Peaks #214; Grand Third Vice President **Carey Pearce**, Santa Lucia #97; Junior PGP **Timothy Tullius**, Golden Gate #29; Grand President **Dean Zellers**, Sonoma #111; Grand First Vice President **Paul Lapachet**, South San Francisco #157; Grand Second Vice President **Erik Christeson**, Excelsior #31; Grand Secretary **James Riley**, South San Francisco #157.

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138th Grand Parlor Report

The 138th Grand Parlor concluded May 21 with the installation of Dean Zellers of Sonoma #111 as grand president for 2015-2016.

There were 37 resolutions presented to delegates, 24 of which concerned updating the Grand Parlor Constitution. One of the latter was withdrawn and the other 23 passed. Most of the other resolutions, including another attempt to allow non-natives to join as "Friends of California" were defeated (See list on page 2).

Workshops for book officers, parlor development and computerization drew large crowds.

One of incoming Grand President Dean Zellers major goals is to improve the NSGW web site; many of the improvements are already in place, as you can see at nsgw.org.

There were 219 delegates present.

The 139th Grand Parlor will be held in Rohnert Park on the third week of May, 2016.

**This WEB edition of
The Native Son
contains an additional six
pages of color photos and
articles not included in the
print edition. Enjoy!**

138TH GRAND PARLOR

PC Tax Set at \$30.54

Delegates to the 138th Grand Parlor approved a budget of \$330,070, split between \$149,800 for general items and \$180,270 for the office budget. Subtracting the \$23,130 surplus from the 2014-2015 budget and several other deductions, the amount for per capita tax was \$244,893.20, resulting in \$30.54 per member, an increase of \$3.04 from last year.

Major budget changes from the previous fiscal year in the general budget were reductions in amounts for dedications (-\$2,000), official publication (-\$7,000) and increases in organization (+\$3,000) and visiting board (+900). Large decrease for the official publication looks toward getting at least 2,500 members to receive *The Native Son* electronically, without receiving a snail mail copy.

Grand Parlor Photos Available

Bob Canepa of San Luis Obispo was the official photographer for the 138th Grand Parlor and has hundreds of photos available for purchase. Individual photos are shown on his web site (<http://www.bobcanepaphotography.com/NATIVE-SONS-OF-THE-GOLDEN-WEST/>); you may download and purchase the complete photo gallery through the web site for \$35 or get a mailed DVD for \$40. Send checks, payable to "Bob Canepa Photography" and mail to 1290 Ella Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

Training Workshops Are a Big Success

The three training workshops for Native Sons held on the Wednesday of the 138th Grand Parlor were the largest success ever, with dozens of people attending sessions on book officers, website, and parlor development. Grand IVP Dean Zellers said many commented favorably on the workshops, with one attendee said the only thing wrong was there should have been a bigger room!

Play Day Results

Here are the winners of the various Play Day events at the 138th Grand Parlor:

Horseshoes, Chairman Dave Geschke, Auburn #59: First Place: Deborah DeMartini, Sonoma #111 and Mark Mills, Las Positas #96. Second Place, Ken Haslam, Halcyon-Alameda #47 and Dave Geschke, Auburn #59. Third Place, Matt Minnick, Ione #33 and Phil Bearry, Auburn #59. Fourth Place, Brice Walker, Observatory #177 and Buck Buckley. Amador #17. Fifth Place, Mark Hopkins, Ione #33 and Bobby Wong, Sunset #26.

Golf, Chairman Don Schaffer, Twin Peaks #214. Morro Bay Golf Course. Winning team score, 71; Ron Rivera, Steve Day, Chuck Simmons and Jim Wilmarth. Closest to hole (2.5") Joe Castillo. There were 28 golfers.

Pedro, Chairman Joe Sangiacomo. First place, MaryLou Ursino (301). Second place, tie between Caine Starelli and Joe Ursino (296). Fourth Place, Jim Smith (293). Fifth Place, Elizabeth Potter (282). Last Place award went to Paul Lapachet with 199.

Skeet and Trap Shooting, Chairman Steve Wong. First place, Rob Samson, Sonoma #111. Second Place, tie between Chris Leon and Steve Wong. Third Place, Rob Samson.

Resolution Results

Here's a complete list of results of voting on the 37 resolutions which came before the delegates to the 138 Grand Parlor.

1—Create an Auxiliary for Non-native-born Members Called "The Friends of California." REFERRED TO MAKERS because it was not in proper form.

2—Changing the Word "lapsation" to "retention" in Constitution. WITHDRAWN because Resolution No. 37 was passed restoring the word "lapsation" as the committee name.

3 through 25—Recommendations of the Constitution Revision Committee to Correct Errors and Inconsistencies in Constitution. ALL PASSED.

26—Compensation for Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents. FAILED.

27—Delegates to Renew Their Obligation Each Year. FAILED.

28—Changing Delegate Registration fee. FAILED.

29—Sanctions for Failing to Provide Reports for Advance Report. FAILED.

30—Columbia Museum Inventory. FAILED

31—Artifacts and Archives Preservation Inventory. FAILED.

32—Changing Composition of Historical Preservation Foundation. NOT CONSIDERED as HPF is a separate corporation and controls its own membership.

33—Permission Required to Distribute Information During Grand Parlor Sessions. WITHDRAWN BY PROPONENT.

34—Grand Parlor Registration Fee for Parlors That Do Not Send Delegates. FAILED.

35—Changes in Constitution Revision Committee. PASSED AS AMENDED.

36—Setting Location for 140th Grand Parlor as Monterey. PASSED.

37—Reinstituting "lapsation" as Name for Committee. PASSED.

Scholarship Contest Winners

Scholarship Chairman Bob Streich of Napa #62 announced the following winners of the NSGW Scholarships:

Abigail Peterson, Ferndale High School, Ferndale; Sierra Downum, Lathrop High School, Lathrop; Dillon Plumtree, Petaluma High School, Petaluma; Kyle Donevent, Sonoma Valley High School, Sonoma.



Delegate/Guest registration was quick and easy, thanks to almost all of the attendees pre-registering for the 138th Grand Parlor.

Cleft Palate March Proceeds Down from 2014 Results

By BOB SANTOS

The "Cleft Palate March" at the 138th Grand Parlor yielded \$123,186, slightly less than 2014's proceeds of \$130,734. The Directors of the NSGW Charitable Foundation wish to thank all the parlors, brothers and individuals who donated. A full list of donors and amounts will be on the web site for your viewing, nsgw.org, as soon as possible. Again thank you all for helping children with cleft palate.

SOURCE	AMOUNT
PARLORS	\$79,431.94
OTHERS	\$14,803.00
PERSONAL	\$4,875.00
MEMORIAL	\$16,735.04
NSGW FUND	
RAISER	\$6,491.00
PLEDGES	\$850.00
TOTAL	\$123,185.98



Native Sons line up to give their donations to the NSGW Charitable Foundation during the annual "Cleft Palate March" at the 138th Grand Parlor. Preliminary tabulation showed donations to the regular fund totaled \$123,185.98

Hall Association Declares Dividend

The Board of Directors of the San Francisco Hall Association has declared a dividend of \$4.75 per share. The group also voted to offset the budget costs of the Scholarship and Essay Contest. In addition, the board voted to re-name the 8th floor meeting room at 414 Mason Street as the "Harry M. Smith Room."

Vet's Home Visitation is July 12

The 55th Annual Native Sons and Native Daughters visit to the Veterans' Home in Yountville, sponsored by Holderman #316 and George C. Yount #322, will be on Sunday, July 12.

Price of \$20 per person includes lunch of steak or hot dog, salad, chili beans, bread and dessert, with beer, wine and soda for sale.

Registration opens at 11 a.m.; veterans will be served at 11:30 and public will be served thereafter.

Parlors wishing to feed a veteran can do so for a contribution of \$10 each; mail checks to Holderman #316, 260 American Canyon Drive #87, American Canyon, CA 94503.

At 1 p.m., grand officers of both orders will speak and make a presentation to the Veterans' Home representative. Reservations aren't required.

Native Sons Save Monterey's Sloat Landing Ceremony

July 7, 1846 marked one of the most important dates in California and United States history, as that was the date that Commodore Sloat landed in Monterey at the Customs House and claimed California for the United States. July 5, 2014 would have also become an important date in California history as that would have been the last time the Sloat Landing would have been recognized.

In early April Thom Diggins, event organizer of the Annual Sloat Landing Celebration, announced that long-time sponsor Monterey History and Art Association would no longer be able to support the event. News of this quickly reached Grand Trustee Carey Pearce and PGP Duane Gavin and they put into motion an effort to stave off the demise of the event. Brother Gavin contacted PGP Joseph Ursino and Brother Dennis McLaughlin of the NSGW Hall Association and PGP Dave Allen of the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation seeking financial support to underwrite the event.

As you perhaps know, the Customs House and the Sloat Monument in the Presidio are two of the most important historical sites in our state. Without the efforts of the Native Sons of the Golden West these historic landmarks would not be standing today. Recognizing the importance of the Sloat Landing Celebration and the role the Native Sons of the Golden West have played in it, both organizations agreed to fund it. We are very pleased to announce that the 2015 Sloat Landing Celebration will take place at the Customs House on July 5, 2015 starting at 10 a.m. with a reception for the participants immediately following.

The long-term goal for the Native Sons and PGP Gavin is to secure long-term funding such as a line item in the annual budget and through the efforts of parlor donations and fundraisers.

Many thanks to the NSGW Hall Association, NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation, Grand Third VP Carey Pearce and to PGP Duane Gavin for their efforts and generosity in keeping the Sloat Landing Celebration alive.

Lotts Lake Visit Scheduled

Dust off the camping gear and get the fishing poles out—it's time for the Natives to descend on Lotts Lake and whoop it up or just relax. This year's dates are August 16 through 23. The work for this year will be minimal, so come enjoy the first annual fishing derby: prizes will be awarded for the two biggest fish. There'll be a potluck dinner Saturday evening.

Call Lotts Lake Chairman Mike Hemmings, for the new combination, information, directions, or just advice: (530) 913-6184.

Native Daughters to Meet

The Native Daughters of the Golden West, led by Grand President Suzi Riley, will hold its 2015 Grand Parlor at the Embassy Suites San Francisco Airport-Waterfront Hotel from Sunday, June 14, through Saturday, June 20. The traditional visit of the Native Sons will be at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18. Further information is available from Joan Hall (559 976-6712), jandrhall@junonet.net, and Jean Koehl (831 637-8728, jeankoehl@sbcglobal.net).

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GRAND PRESIDENT

Dean Zellers

I arrived home from what many think was one of the best Grand Parlors in many years and I am writing to tell you that I agree. It was well organized. All brothers experienced Grand Parlor in their own unique ways, from the hospitality rooms to Grand Parlor meetings and lively discussion on 37 resolutions. There was standing room only for all three new training workshops. New delegates enjoyed the opportunity to meet each other for the first time or shake hands with Grand Officers. The hospitality rooms were flowing with Friendship and a few drinks, food, Margaritas and side dishes. Chili Verde was served hot and spicy and ice cream brownies sundaes cooled it down. I cannot say enough to all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, brothers, delegates and guests that made this an amazing Grand Parlor....Thank You!



Secondly let me tell you what all Grand Presidents have told you! What an honor it is to be elected and supported as your Grand President. This is going to be a great year for all of us and a special thanks to those that laid the path for me and our current board of Grand Officers. It has taken us a few years, working with Past Grand Presidents Dwight Dutschke, Jr. PGP Tim Tullius and others that has allowed me to finally put in

objectives that have been needed for years. I took many notes and did my share of listening over the past five years and now I get to share the results with you. The only thing you need to do after reading this message is go new website, www.nsgw.org. It will be changing almost every week with expanded pages, messages and calendars. It is the hub of the wheel of our future.

Lastly, I want you to have your own copy of what I have termed "Talking Points, the Expanded Version." It is for all parlors to know that your Grand Officers are here to help you and your parlors.

Talking Points

Website is Here! Grand Parlor will continue to build it! It is a work in progress; we have bought our own VPN and we have rescued the name nsgw.org as the NSGW official site. We will use it to keep all officers and members current on events, calendars, blogs, pictures, logo and ALL things Grand Parlor. Grand Parlor is also building basic websites for any parlor which would like one! We have hired a webmaster to create and maintain and help administer webpage, web domain, content and e-mail, and train those interested in a position at the parlor level. Even if you have a website we can help. Pat Hoffman is the contact: webmaster@nsgw.org. Grand Parlor is creating a new database for the Grand Secretary's Office: It will allow the Grand Secretary to add and delete members, organize all Grand Officers, chairmen, committeemen and our members for easy access at all levels. We will have the capability to email *The Native Son* in a timely fashion

with web-based bonus section including additional articles, pictures and deadlines for getting your articles in. Fred Codoni will continue to send it snail mail. He can be contacted at news@nsgw.org.

Grand Parlor is collecting all e-mails in a safe and secure environment to be accessed by Grand Parlor administrators only, using Constant Contact for newsletters and communications throughout the state. This also will carry the Grand President's monthly message to be e-mailed when set up within the next few months. This ability alone will save each parlor and the Grand Parlor time, printing, postage and money. It will enable each parlor to create quality letters, forms, newsletters and flyers. Look for information in *The Native Son* and at grandparlor@nsgw.org.

Marketing and Graphics Design and More

Grand Parlor has hired a marketing and graphics design team! Through the Information Services Committee, it will help produce quality press releases, e-mails for those interested in using e-mail for newsletters, events and announcements. All you need do is tell them what you want and to whom you are trying to deliver it. Chairman Marcia Skelton or Judy Baker will work with you to make it right! See marketing@nsgw.org.

Grand Parlor Grant Writer: GP has funded and retained a grant writer who will be able to search and apply for grant money for our foundations or projects. There's lots of money available to those who can jump through the so-called "hoops." Let's go get some dough! You can contact Grand Parlor or check the website as soon as we have all the information.

Lucky Calendars are redesigned. They are now full-color on high-gloss paper with additional dates and historical pictures. Participants will be able to scan a QR code and go directly to find out if they are a winner! You can go on-line and download order forms or contact Grand Trustee James King, who is handling all details. See calendar@nsgw.org.

Quick Response, "QR CODES" are designed to help drive the public to our website to educate, learn, inform, donate, and become a member. These are free to download and create. We understand that not all want it or understand it, but many do and they are the future for our beloved Order. Go to our webpage www.qr.nsgw.org for additional information on "QR codes."

Historical Preservation Foundation. The HPF will be producing a new 2015 informational piece. They have started work on the Adobe in Petaluma with State Parks and have funded two documentaries. All information is available online. Dave Allen is the current chairman. See HPF@nsgw.org.

Charitable Foundation. Dedicated to the cause, contributing to UCSF, St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica and Sutter in Sacramento. It is something we've done well and consistently for over 50 years. All information is available online; the Foundation has its own page on how to help and important dates. See goldensmile@nsgw.org.

California Adventure Clubs has announced that they have bought their first 40-acre mining lease centrally located in Calaveras County, "Golden Serenity," primarily used for free camping, gold prospecting, ATV, 4x4 and off-roading. They plan 2-3 trips a year and are looking for new members. Gatherings are to be announced in the next few months. CA AD CLUBS is to be used

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to recruit and retain membership in both the NSGW and the CA AD CLUBS. For those that want to look it up go to nsgw.org. Chairman Joe Fleischman can be reached at caadclubs@nsgw.org.

NSGW Cemetery and Memorial Park continues to create a space for all Native Sons to be honored by Native Sons and their parlors. It will be a benefit to all members who join the Native Sons. Please keep up the great work and support them by checking out their web page, nsgwca.com/cemetery-memorial-park or nsgw.org/cemetery-memorial-park.

Membership Has Its Rewards!

Grand Parlor has been receiving 3-5 leads on average from website and social media per week. We have already trained and spoken to many brothers across the state on how each of these is handled in order to place them in a parlor in the area. Sponsors are needed! For two new or reinstated members, sponsoring brother will receive a limited-edition Grand President's belt buckle. For three new or reinstated members, there's a limited-edition money clip with mounted coin. Four members: a belt strap for the buckle! Five members, a limited edition 2015 bolo tie.

All applications for new and reinstated members will be entered into a quarterly drawing for additional prizes, such as an NSGW Carhart jacket with name. Membership Chairman Mitch Laing from Santa Rosa #28 is here to help! See membership@nsgw.org or call direct (707) 975-1541.

Lapsation (formerly Retention) is taking a kinder and gentler approach in 2015. If you are participating we are glad to assist parlor officers in keeping members; we're going to be reaching out by phone and e-mail so that we are part of the solution and not the problem. Let Chairman Dwight Dutschke and Dave Schaefer on the 2015 Lapsation Chairman know if you need help. See retention@nsgw.org or call 707-799-5240.

Initiations. The Grand Parlor office under the direction of the Grand President will be setting up dates and times at host parlors in geographic locations for all parlors or districts to participate in. This does not include the local initiations but is in addition. We are also doing this in order to schedule dedications on those same weekends. The first one is being hosted by Redwood #66 on July 9, 2015, time and place TBA. Grand Parlor will contribute money to host a dinner for all if warranted. Grand Marshal Ron Brocco is also willing to do obligations if he available; he will bring packages, pins and "Native Sons 101."

Visit Other Parlors, Help Your Community

Travel! Go to other parlors, carpool, share the ride, have dinner at another parlor! It is one of the best things we do and the best way to share ideas or meet new brothers. The best ideas have come out of car rides!

Community! Support and contribute to your own community! Communities need to know who we are and in turn will support our parlors. Find a project, donate to that project or supply the labor. Whichever your parlor chooses to do will create new members and an interest in the Native Sons! Not doing anything is not an option any more—choose to be active!

Thank you again brothers, please feel free to contact me, I look forward to telling you more in our next issue!

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

PATTY ACOSTA

Patty Acosta of Cambria Grammar School in Cambria won the grand prize in our Fourth Grade Essay Contest, with the following essay. Michael Lant is her teacher.

John Muir, The Man Who Made a Difference

What do you think is the jewel of California? Many would agree Yosemite Park is one of the nicest places in our state if not the nation. This unique place is a U-shaped valley, carved by glacier ice millions of years ago. It is home for many special animals not found anywhere else. Yosemite is filled with beautiful trees like the Sequoia Giant; one of the tallest and largest trees on our planet. Thanks to one man, millions of people get to visit the park each year and are in awe of its beauty. We get to thank John Muir.

John Muir worried that someday Yosemite would be destroyed. People were damaging the area. Lumbermen were cutting down trees to make lumber and left the hills and land bare. Farmers' grazing sheep ate flowers and shrubs in the meadows. Settlers built houses and let their cattle and horses roam free eating native grasses and polluting the clean water. Something had to be done! John Muir wrote articles to warn people about destroying forests. After a lot of hard work and persistence, he eventually met with President Roosevelt in Yosemite. In the spring of 1903, they camped together and talked about ways to save America's wild lands. President Roosevelt supported the choice. The president would later sign a law making Yosemite National Park.

Even with all the obstacles and people against him, John Muir's dream came true. He saved Yosemite! A place for all to enjoy!

OPINION

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor**Marin History Museum—Can it Happen to Your Museum?**

All Native Sons of the Golden West are (or should be) deeply interested in the preservation of California's history. Throughout the state museums are saving priceless photographs and artifacts for the enjoyment and edification of present and future generations.

So, let me tell you the sad story of the apparent demise of the Marin History Museum, after more than eighty years dedicated to preserving Marin County's history. After blowing through eight million dollars in a failed attempt to create a new building and a rock and roll history center, the Museum's board of directors decided to sell off much of the collection of 200,000 images and 20,000 artifacts. By the time their plans were finally detected by others interested in the county's history, they had sold many precious, irreplaceable artifacts to an auction house in Auburn. MHM didn't own many of these—they were on loan from the owners.

The directors claimed they sold only those items not directly connected to Marin's history; did they really think that a wonderful large model of the ferry *Sausalito*, models of two NWP locomotives and a bust of Peter Donahue weren't related to Marin?

This is the first time we've heard of a California museum's board of directors involved in such obvious disregard for the sacred duty entrusted to them.

Can it happen elsewhere in our state? Everyone with an interest in history—and especially Native Sons—needs to be vigilant.

HPF REPORT

Final Report 2015

By PGP DAVID ALLEN, CHAIRMAN

The purpose of the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West is to make California and American history accessible, informative, meaningful, and entertaining for the public through the preservation, sponsorship, and promotion of historical sites and of events to commemorate historical dates. This past year the HPF has fulfilled that mission in numerous ways and continues to make a difference on its journey of recognizing and assisting in the preservation and education of California history.

In 2014, California State Parks provided \$15K in funds that were matched by the HPF and were administered through the California State Parks Foundation to finance ten California Historic Register Landmark plaques throughout the state at various historical sites. Two were completed in 2014 and four more have been added in 2015: the Monterey Custom House, Tomo-Kani State Park in Tehachapi, Bridgeport at the South Yuba State Park, and just recently completed Castro/Breen Adobe in San Juan Bautista. The next monument will be dedicated at Railtown 1897 in Jamestown in June of this year.

A \$15K commitment was made to the Sonoma/Petaluma Historic Parks Association to restore and preserve the Vallejo Adobe which will be matched by other groups and Native Sons parlors to preserve this building where Vallejo once lived. This building was owned by the Native Sons from 1902 to 1950.

The Citrus Roots Foundation was the recipient of two grants totaling \$4,000 to produce two videos on the citrus industry one entitled *The Boom of 1897*, which has been completed. The other to produce a video on *Citrus Roots...Today's Legacies from Yesterday - Water* which will be out at the end of 2015.

The HPF has also provided \$5K in funds which will be merged with donations from Amador Parlor #17 and the Sutter Creek Community Benefit Foundation to build a Park and Gold Mining Display in Downtown Sutter Creek. The three above donations were brought to the HPF by Nicasio, Rio Hondo, and Amador Parlors.

This year the HPF was able to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student to the Western Archive Institute. The students came from a candidate's pool provided by the California Secretary of State.

The HPF has joined forces with the Native Sons Hall Association to provide a total of \$2,500 in funding for the Sloat Landing Celebration which takes place in Monterey on July 5 of this year. This is a chance for the Native Sons to not only save this event, but it provides the opportunity to support and develop the infrastructure to keep this event alive in succeeding years.

After several years of visitations and time by the HPF, the Native Sons of the Golden West will be able to provide the dedication ceremony to the new museum at Donner Memorial State Historic Park in Truckee on June 6, 2015. Although this is not an HPF event, it came to be through the efforts of the HPF.

The HPF has been able to make donations to various entities throughout the state of California for a total of just over \$70K in the last three years. Currently only the smaller grants and matching grants have come to fruition and they have been sponsored or matched by the HPF. As the list of donations grows and the track record grows, the Foundation will eventually begin to seek and hopefully receive larger grants as was the original plan. This is not an overnight process and will take years to reach our full potential, but the HPF continues to move in the right direction.

You can see that there are many ways in which the HPF can provide services to the order. From matching grants to cash awards to behind the scenes work, the HPF is constantly looking for ways to promote California history and the Native Sons of the Golden

HPF Seeking Funds to Restore Vallejo Adobe

By KRIS NELSON, Grand Trustee, Nicasio #183

In the list of significant California landmarks, among the top sites would be Gen. Mariano Vallejo's Adobe in Petaluma. The Adobe was Vallejo's working ranch that generated the funds to support the numerous military and governmental operations during his long years of service to the Spanish and Mexican governments. The property was purchased by the Bliss family in early 1910 and later donated to Petaluma Parlor.

Petaluma Parlor restored the Adobe and the area around it. In 1951 the parlor donated the Adobe to the State of California as an historic park. The Adobe is currently in need of preservation and seeks funds to complete the project. The walls of the building have deteriorated due to the damage birds and other animals have done to the structure.

Phase One of the project has been completed as holes have been filled and other damage repaired. Now the Adobe is entering into the next phase of the project: the preventative phase. Research has revealed that the Adobe was originally covered with a plaster seal. The next step in the restoration will be to protect the walls of the Adobe by applying a similar plaster to deter damage by animals and insects.

The NSGW Historic Preservation Foundation is seeking funds to assist the Sonoma/Petaluma State Historical Parks Association in this phase of the restoration of the Vallejo Adobe. The HPF has committed \$15,000 and Nicasio Parlor has pledged \$5,000 toward this next phase which needs \$100,000 to complete it. In addition, the Sonoma/Petaluma State Historical Parks Association has already collected \$50,000 in grants for this phase of the project. That leaves the project \$30,000 short of its goal of \$100,000.

Neglect and apathy have a history of turning historic sites into crumbled walls and forgotten memories, EXCEPT when the Native Sons step in!

Any parlor that is committed to saving this piece of California history please consider donating to this project to help restore this Adobe that was once owned by the Native Sons.

Please contact HPF Chairman PGP Dave Allen (530) 878-2878 or Grand Trustee Kris Nelson (707) 795-4860 for more information and to contribute to the restoration of the Gen. Mariano Vallejo Adobe.

Donations can be sent to: NSGW Historic Preservation Foundation, 970 Pleasant Valley Road, Diamond Springs, CA 95619.

Let's Get (the Adobe) Plastered!

The Sonoma/Petaluma State Historical Parks Association and the *Argus Courier* newspaper are holding a fundraiser to re-plaster the historic and educational Gen. Mariano Vallejo's Adobe State Park in Petaluma from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23 at the Lagunitas Brewing Company.

Lagunitas Brewing Company is located at 1280 North McDowell Blvd in Petaluma. Tickets are available for \$40 online at SonomaParks.org, or \$45 at the door.

The NSGW will be presenting our donation checks at this function and we encourage any NSGW parlor who would like to donate to this restoration project to attend and join us in the check presentation ceremony.

West and most importantly tell the story of California.

As the HPF celebrates its 15th year of existence and after many years of struggle the HPF is finally making a difference. The HPF wishes to thank each and every member of the Native Sons along with the parlors for their continued support and faith in the mission of the HPF.

Natives Dedicate Cemetery and Memorial Park

Grand President Timothy Tullius led a team of grand officers in dedicating the Native Sons of the Golden West Cemetery and Memorial Park near Volcanoville on May 2.

The impressive ceremony marked official recognition of the efforts of the members of Georgetown #91 to create a fitting final resting place for all Native Sons, past, present and future. About 200 Native Sons, Native Daughters and guests were present.

The facility includes memorial monuments for purchase by parlors which will hold up to one hundred bricks with names of deceased members, a "Wall of Honor" for Native Son past grand presidents and an area for memorializing deceased Native Daughters.

The story of the cemetery began more than forty years ago, when Vera Fraser donated the land on which the Josephine Mine Cemetery was constructed to Georgetown Parlor. Little was done for many years, and the cemetery was overgrown and in very poor condition. Some years ago, members of Georgetown cleaned up the cemetery, restored the gravestones and, on August 10, 2013, dedicated the facility.

Next came the adjacent Native Son Cemetery and Memorial Park, the result of years of hard work by Georgetown's members—a true labor of love.

After the dedication ceremony, Master of Ceremonies Don Henderson, a former grand officer, spoke of the toils of the members. Cemetery Director Jeff Schmidt and Grand First Vice President Dean Zellers were keynote speakers.

Perhaps the wording on the plaque best explains the purpose of the facility: "This park is dedicated as a final resting place, monument and proper garden of remembrance to those whose membership in the Order bespoke their love of the State of California. 'Loving and kind in all their ways, Upright and just to the end of their days, Sincere and true in heart and mind, What a blessed memory they left behind.'"

Cemetery Pricing Schedule

Individual and parlor donations are always welcome by Georgetown Parlor in support of their most worthy project.

Other opportunities are:

A memorial brick for an individual, with engraving and placement, \$125.

A memorial monument for an individual parlor:

Full, holds 100 bricks, \$2,000.

Half (split by two parlors), holds 50 bricks, \$1,000.

Quarter (split by four parlors), holds 25 bricks, \$500.

Georgetown members will build all memorial brick monuments.

For more information, contact the NSGW Cemetery and Memorial Foundation at P. O. Box 635, Georgetown, CA 95634 or Cemetery Director Jeff Schmidt at (530) 333-3210, e-mail jschmidt.p91@gmail.com.



Photos from top right:

Entrance to Cemetery and Memorial Park in wooden area.

Grand President Tim Tullius heads dedicatory team.

Typical monument to hold memorial bricks.

Sample of memorial bricks.

PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Flag Day Celebration June 14

On Saturday June 14th, Native Sons from around the State will gather in the town square of beautiful Sonoma to commemorate the raising of the first Bear Flag in California, which occurred on June 14, 1846, four years before California joined the Union.

There'll be a brief ceremony at the flag pole, with grand officers raising a new Bear Flag, followed by a good old-fashioned town barbecue by members of Sonoma Parlor #111. In addition to the barbecue, a great selection of microbrews will be available.

The events begin at 11 a.m.

Lodi Serving Steak and Oysters June 20

Lodi #18 will hold a steak and oyster feed on Saturday, June 20, at Archie's Place, 8897 E. Kettleman Lane, Lodi, beginning with cocktails at 6 and ending with dinner at 7. Everyone is invited. Price has not yet been determined, but reservations are available from Lee at (209) 369-9521 or Jon at (209) 663-2879.

Alpine Parlor Dissolved

Faced with only four members following the death of Brother Jim Clark, Alpine #200 in Markleville has turned in its charter.



Nicasio #183 honored its old timers with a dinner and pin presentation on April 8. Left to Right, Parlor# 183 President Reed Foppe, 50-year members Harold Griffith, Terry Marino, Bill Koenig, Carlo Panizero, Janero Souza, 25-Year member Christopher Paulucci, NSGW Grand 1st Vice President Dean Zellers of Sonoma Parlor# 111. Not Pictured: Bernard Gordon (50-year pin).

Ione Golf Tourney is Sunday, August 2

Ione #33 invites Native Sons and guests to its 27th Annual Scramble at the Castle Oaks Golf Course, 1000 Castle Oaks Drive, Ione, on Sunday August 2, 2015. Price of \$75 per player includes 18 holes of golf (1 p.m. shotgun start), lunch and dinner. Registration is required by July 15. Send checks, payable to NSGW 33, to NSGW Golf Tournament, c/o Rob Ferguson, 914 Vista Lane, Ione, CA 95640. Teams are welcome. Information is available from Brother Rob at (916) 764-1869, rgfergus@gmail.com.

Lincoln Serving July Fourth Breakfast

Members of Silver Star #63 are joining with Native Daughters from Placer #138 to serve a pancake breakfast in Lincoln from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, July 4 at the Lincoln Veterans Memorial Hall, 541 5th Street. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, free for children under five and are available for purchase at Sierra Hills Framing, 531 Lincoln Blvd.

Breakfast will consist of pancakes, ham, eggs, orange juice and coffee. The parlors promise "no one will go away hungry!"

The Veterans Hall is along the Independence Day Parade route. "You can get your hearty breakfast, and then step out the front door to watch the parade which begins at 9 a.m."

Alameda's County's Pre-Admission Day August 29 at GGF

The Alameda County Admission Day Committee invites everyone to "A Day at the Races" at Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley on Saturday, August 29, starting at 11 a.m.

Native Sons & Native Daughters will have reserved seating in the Turf Club. Valet Parking is included as well as racing forms and a full buffet lunch, including carving station, salads, side dishes and desserts. Beverages include ice tea and coffee. There is a named race for NSGW and NDGW. Turf Club dress code and handicap needs are provided upon request.

Price is \$50 per person, adults only. Seating is limited, with paid reservations required by August 24.

For information, call Bob Santos at (510) 656-7392 or e-mail rrsantos@sbcglobal.net.

South SF Celebrates 125th Birthday

South San Francisco #157 will celebrate its 125th anniversary with a dinner at the Basque Cultural Center, 499 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco, on Saturday June 20.

Cost will be \$50 per person, which will include wine and a choice of steak, salmon or chicken. Preceding the dinner will be a one-hour hosted bar with appetizers, gifts and surprises for all attendees. Dancing will follow the banquet.

The celebration committee promises speeches will be kept to a minimum. For reservations, send a check for \$50 per person, payable to South San Francisco Parlor #157, to Matt Caselli, 1511-43rd Avenue, San Francisco 94122. Reservation deadline is June 12. Further information is available from Brother Matt at (415) 566-4091.

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Hamilton, and Illinois brands;
private labels are also OK.*

(I don't scrap cases)

Kindly call Ken at 650.455.5564.

PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Santa Lucia Plans Rodeo Feed and "Shootout Drawing"

The brothers of Santa Lucia No. 97 are holding the parlor's Annual Big Week Rodeo Feed on Saturday, June 27. Brother Jim Linder and his crew will be preparing steak and chicken for members, wives and friends for \$15 per person. Refreshments are at 5 p.m., with dinner at 6. Reservations are available by calling (831) 262-7197 or (831) 524-1712; please specify choice of entrée.

In connection with the event, there'll be a drawing for at RUG KNV-35 Vaquero .357 magnum revolver with a 4-3/4" barrel and six-round capacity and an HRA Big Boy .357 magnum/38 special rifle with a 20" barrel and ten-round capacity. Tickets are \$20 each, with only 175 available. Mail checks, payable to "Santa Lucia No. 97," to the parlor at 76 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, CA 93901. Drawing will be held in connection with the June 27 Rodeo Feed.

Napa Valley 2015 Lunch Schedule

Napa Valley lunches are scheduled as follows: **June 5**, Napa Hall; **July 10**, St. Helena Hall; **August 7**, Napa Hall; **September 4**, Napa Hall; **October 2**, Calistoga Parlor at Fairgrounds; **November 6**, St. Helena Hall; **December 4**, Napa Hall.

Fairfax #307 welcomes all Native Sons and prospective members to its hall at 135 Mitchell Drive in Fairfax every Tuesday for a fine lunch. Bar opens at 11 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:30. Price is \$8 for lunch, \$1 for wine, beer, and soft drinks. Reservations aren't necessary.



Grand Trustee Kris Nelson believes in advertising. Thousands of drivers are exposed to his message on the rear of his Honda Civic during his daily commute to and from the East Bay.

South Finds New Home

South San Francisco #157, evicted from the Pacific Rod & Gun Club because the City of San Francisco was closing it, will now be meeting at the Janet Pomeroy Center at 207 Skyline Blvd. in San Francisco. The parlor has changed its meeting nights to the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. According to an article in South's newsletter, Pomeroy Center has good parking, several meeting rooms, a good kitchen and plenty of room for large dinners.

Santa Lucia

Santa Lucia #97 in Salinas has a great dinner, usually on the third Monday of each month at its hall at 76 West Alisal, Salinas.

San Jose Featuring Monthly Dinners

Members and guests of San Jose #22 have a dinner on the third Thursday of each month (except May and December) at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, Santa Clara, starting at 6 p.m. Menus for the next dinners:

June 16 – Barbecued steak.

July 21 – Mexican menu.

August 18 – Barbecued tri-tip.

September 15 – Ravioli and sausage.

October 20 – Chicken piccata and rice.

November 17 – Thanksgiving dinner, turkey and ham.



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RETRO RAMBLINGS

By **DOUG LOVE**, Chairman, California History Board

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming! Oh, wait! They have already been here. During the Cold War, which lasted all of my childhood, the Russians were viewed as the enemy and a threat to our way of life; but that was not always the case. With the founding of New Archangel in Alaska in 1804, the Russians ranged up and down the California coast trading for supplies and hunting sea otters and other aquatic mammals. When the Spanish Crown decreed that there was to be no trading with the Russians in Alta California, the Russian-American Company decided to establish a permanent outpost in California. From 1812 until 1841, Fort Ross was that outpost.

Fort Ross State Historic State Park is a two hour drive from San Francisco up US 101 and CA-1 (The PCH) to a windy bluff north of Jenner on the Sonoma Coast. On the way, you will pass through the towns of Bodega Bay and Jenner. While in Bodega Bay, make sure to stop at Patrick's Salt Water Taffy. You can't miss the pink and white striped building. Patrick's has been in business for 50 years selling taffy and other confections to visitors. (915 Hwy 1, Bodega Bay, 707-875-9816). You may want to stop for lunch in Bodega Bay and I can recommend both The Tides and Lucas Wharf Restaurant. If you want some fresh oysters you can try the Bodega Bay Oyster Company (12830 Valley Ford Road, Petaluma, 707-876-3010). In Jenner, you may want to try the Jenner Inn or River's End.

When you arrive at Fort Ross, you enter through the Visitor's Center which has a small museum, gift shop and a conference room in which you can view a short video on the history of this unique California historical site. Outside the Visitor's Center, there is a replica of the first windmill built in California. After you exit the Visitor's Center, there is a short trail to the reconstructed Fort Ross. Once you enter the wooden walls of the fort, there are several historic buildings to visit including two blockhouses, the Rotchev and Kuskov Houses, the Barracks, the Storehouse and the Chapel. Most of these buildings have been reconstructed over the years and each is furnished to suggest the life of the Russian settlers.

Fort Ross was originally established to provide food for the Russian-American Company settlement in New Archangel and farming efforts never met demand. If you leave the Fort by the western gate, you can take a hiking path to the cemetery or to the McCall House. There are also trails which lead to the orchard originally planted by the Russians or to the cove beneath the fort.

In 1841, the Russian-American Company decided to sell Fort Ross. The poor farming and the declining sea otter population made the Fort an economic drain on the Company. The Fort was sold to Captain John Sutter, who sent John Bidwell to remove several buildings and moveable goods to his fort in the Sacramento Valley. Eventually, in 1873, the Fort was sold to George W. McCall, who established the 8,000-acre McCall Ranch and ran a successful ranch and lumber business. Many of the Fort's buildings were put to use, one as a hotel and saloon and another as a dance hall. The chapel was used for weddings. The McCalls owned and lived on the ranch until 1973.

Fort Ross and the Russian presence have left a lasting legacy. Many place names in Sonoma, Napa and Lake Counties have Russian origins. The Russians converted many of the native Kashaya Pomo to Russian Orthodoxy and of course, there is the Fort itself,

DEATHS

HONORED DEAD

Carl Theron Atterberry, Quartz #58: Attended the 115th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th and 137th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

James Oliver Clark, Alpine #200: Attended six sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; the 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 94th, and 95th sessions as chairman of Athletics, the 96th session as member of the Board of Appeals and the 98th session as member of the Laws of Subordinates Committee.

Walter J. Filippi, Sea Point #158: Attended nine sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Jerome E. Glickman, Piedmont #120: Attended five sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate

Orie R. Knight, Placerville #9: Attended six sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Roger A. Petrie, Vallejo #77: Attended the 117th and 118th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Placerville No. 9

Stanley Paolini

Amador #17

Phillip Faillers

San Jose #22

John B. Talia

Excelsior #31

George Glass

Ione #33

Robert O. Briggs

Solano #39

John Henry Fechter, Jr.

Napa #62

Lewis Allen

John Lewis Azevedo

James Dack

James Magoonis

Silver Star #63

Joddie C. Heavener

Santa Ana #74

Robert O. Day

Benicia #89

Edgar J. LeCair

Santa Cruz #90

Donald A. Ward

Ramona #109

Dante J. Boccalero

Arrowhead #110

Russell Robert Wood

Eden #113

George Otto

National #118

Donald A. Scheper

Piedmont #120

Jim Faulkner

George Johnson

Sea Point #158

Thomas R. McKeon

Scott E. Meyers

Observatory #177

Milton E. Fillion

Los Banos #206

Jack Jensen

San Luis Obispo #290

Eugene Reis

Fairfax #307

Walter Eugene Benson

John H. Keaton

George Simmons

De Anza #312

Scott R. Akers

Col. Nelson M. Holderman #316

Richard Gervasio

the cemetery and the orchards. But it was the establishment of Fort Ross which made the Mexican government send Mariano G. Vallejo to establish a military presence in the town of Sonoma.

On the way back from Fort Ross, you may want to stop in the town of Occidental for dinner. There are two Italian restaurants in Occidental, Negri's and the Union Hotel. These two restaurants have been competing with each other and serving great family-style Italian food since 1938. Do not expect to use a cell phone in Occidental—there is no service. Perhaps it is because Occidental is the home of the famous Bohemian Grove, summer retreat of the exclusive Bohemian Club. After all, I am sure that Dick Cheney and Barbara Boxer do not want cell phone pictures of themselves skinny dipping in the Club's pool all over the Internet.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members! We hope you will be active in your own parlor and visit neighboring parlors.

Placerville #9

David Keith Langston
Christopher James Langston

Humboldt #14

Victor G. Blanc
Chris Lehto
Dennis R. Winstead

Amador #17

Thomas Baggett
James Joseph Clevenger

Dakota Failers
Luis Felipe Gomez
Jimmy Pasillas
Leonard Sanders

Darin Robert Sexton
Patrick Smith
Phillip Weiss

John C. Bidwell #21

Sally von Bargen
Matthew Chavis
Carol Ann Clark
Michael Evans
Benjamin Charles Price
Paul Anthony Sweigart
Michael Wacker

San Jose #22

Chuck Aruta
Debbie Aruta

Santa Rosa #28

Dawnda Schaefer

Golden Gate #29

John Hale
Sean Hale
Janice Key

Excelsior #31

Keith Robert Hohman
Mike Mann
Dirk Wentling

Ione #33

Donald H. Easley
Matthew Stewart Minnick

Solano #39

Lane Ralph Morrison
Marcus Alfonso Reynoso, Jr.

Halcyon-Alameda #47

Ronald George Duffin

Auburn #59

Bruce Doolittle
Rob Shipley

Napa #62

Daniel Harold Bunnell
Katy Griffin

Robert John Peterson
Ronald Lee Richardson

Silver Star #63

Heather L. Osheroff
Edwin E. Simpson

Mt. Tamalpais #64

Steven Bettiga
Richard Wayne Crespo
Jonathan Edwards

Redwood #66

Dawn Aveggio
James Anthony Aveggio
Mary Agnes Miles
William Patrick Thompson

Julia Cathleen Weber

Calistoga #86

Eliot Perez

Benicia #89

John Raymond Core
Santa Cruz #90

Pete Bachtel

Eugene Ghio

John Hayford

Brandon Leavitt

Wayne Rustigan

Zeke Sanders

Kim Stoner

Ben Tinetti

Georgetown #91

Myles Butler

Michael Fisher

Joseph Patrick Morgan

Brian Edward Murphy

Steven Edwin Patey

Ric Jay Yost

Brian Edward Murphy

Ferndale #93

Daniel Doud

Everett Costa

Richard E. Cortez II

Kenneth Cunningham

Dru Petty

Las Positas #96

Jason Anthony Craig

David Christen Finster

Paul Hermann

Chris Perry

Ramona #109

Carol Cambianica

Rose Jenkins-Siller

Arrowhead #110

Stephanie Mahe

Michael Wayne McKinney

Stephanie Ornelas

John Wingo

Chispa #139

Joseph Gordon Oliveira

Cambria #152

Robert Victor

Richard Willis Warren

Thomas Alan Warren

Jason Charles Warren

South San Francisco #157

Jon-Paul Fauss

Robert Miller

Brian Nowlin

Observatory #177

Jefferey Joseph Ochs

Warren Rose

Nicasio #183

Paul M. Horn

Michael W. Marshall

Twin Peaks #214

James Christopher Barry

Michael Dillon

Wyman Fong

Charles Hallgren

Russell Hoem

Michael Kerns

Patrick F. Ryan

Membership Down 124 in 2015

The close of the Native Sons' membership year on April 30 showed a net loss of 124, but the total membership still remains barely over 8,018 state-wide.

As the Order continues to age, deaths are becoming a larger part of our losses. There were 177 brothers who made the journey to the Grand Parlor on High in 2014-2015.

Relatively-new Bidwell #21 still leads the gainers, having brought in 25 new members this year. Close behind is an old parlor, Excelsior #31, which gained 21 members.

We lost Alpine #200 which, after struggling for years to survive in tiny Markleeville, has turned in its charter.

Twin Peaks (Continued)

Michael Walter Lorenz

James Anthony Millett

Russell Ng

Don Papa

Joshua Solorzano

Mike Sordelli

Mike Woodall

Guadalupe #231

Robert Aiman

Michael Del Carlo

Edmund Anthony Rhein

William Ferguson

Daniel Patrick McLaughlin

Columbia #258

Jacob Kelley Matulich

San Luis Obispo #290

Owen Francis Betts

William Richard Gularte

Don Lezr

Ty Souza

Clint Steele Weirick

Fairfax #307

Brent Barnes

MEMBERSHIP BOX

SCORE

Membership 5-1-14 8,142
Gains

Initiated 379

Reinstated 42

Transferred 15

Total Gains 436

Losses

Suspended 249

Resigned 107

Withdrew 12

Died 177

Tfd Out 15

Total Losses 560

Net Change - 124

Membership 5-1-2015 8,018

Parlors With Net Gains

Dolores-California #1 + 1

Placerville #9 + 2

Modesto #11 + 2

Humboldt #14 + 5

Amador #17 + 5

Bidwell #21 + 25

San Jose #22 + 8

Santa Rosa #28 + 2

Golden Gate #29 + 1

Woodland #30 + 2

Excelsior #31 + 21

Ione #33 + 3

St. Helena #53 + 7

Silver Star #63 + 1

Mt. Tam #64 + 1

Calistoga #86 + 5

Santa Cruz #90 + 1

Georgetown #91 + 4

Ramona #109 + 3

Broderick #117 + 1

National #118 + 2

Chispa #139 + 1

Cambria #152 + 2

South SF #157 + 5

Twin Peaks #214 + 12

Pebble Beach #230 + 1

Columbia #258 + 6

J. C. Fremont #293 + 3



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CALENDAR—CLIP AND SAVE

This calendar is compiled from parlor newsletters, press releases and information supplied to Managing Editor Fred Codoni. Please advise him, at the address on page 5, at least 60 days before an event to insure timely publication. Note that some events are for members only. Further information on many of these events can be found in the pages of this issue of *The Native Son*.

Every Tuesday - Lunch for Native Sons and prospective members at Fairfax #307's hall, 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax (415 457-7766). Reservations not required.

JUNE

- 6** - Donner Memorial SHP dedication.
- 11** - Santa Rosa #28 Dinner, Santa Rosa Hall.
- 13** - Solano #39 Game Hen and Oyster Feed, Cordelia Fire Hall (Duren Chapman, 707 422-1229).
- 14** - Flag Day commemoration, barbecue, microbrews, Sonoma Plaza, 11 a.m.
- 14** - Ramona #109 silent film *Ramona* at the San Gabriel Playhouse.
- 14-20** - NDGW Grand Parlor, Burlingame Embassy Suites.
- 16** - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.
- 19** - Redwood #66 Barbecue, Bear Lodge Grove.
- 20** - South SF #157 125th Anniversary Banquet, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco.
- 20** - Lodi #18 Steak and Oyster Feed, Archie's Place, 6 p.m.
- 21** - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.
- 23** - Vallejo Adobe fundraiser, Lagnitas Brewing Company, Petaluma, 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- 24** - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).

JULY

- 4** - Silver Star #63 Pancake Breakfast, Lincoln, 7-10 a.m.
- 7** - Guadalupe #231 lunch at Masonic Hall.
- 9** - Redwood #66 initiation/dedication.
- 10** - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, St. Helena Parlor at its hall.
- 11** - Ramona #109 Anniversary Pool Party and Barbecue.
- 12** - Visitation to the California Vet's Home, Yountville.
- 15** - Ramona #109 historical outing to Camp Pendleton/Huell Howser.
- 17** - Redwood #66 Barbecue, Bear Lodge Grove.
- 19** - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.
- 21** - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.
- 22** - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).
- 29** - Alameda County Pre-Admission Day, Golden Gate Fields.
- 31-August 1** - Southern California Weekend, San Bernardino.

AUGUST

- 2** - St. John's Hospital Cleft Palate Mass and Brunch, Santa Monica.
- 2** - Ione Golf Tournament, Castle Oaks Course, 1 p.m.
- 4** - Guadalupe #231 lunch at Masonic Hall.
- 7** - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, Napa Parlor at its hall.
- 16-22** - Lott's Lake Weekend and Work Party.
- 16** - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.
- 18** - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.
- 21** - Redwood #66 Barbecue, Bear Lodge Grove.
- 26** - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).

138TH GRAND PARLOR



Fairfax Parlor's Tom Fong sells add-ons to "ladders" showing the Grand Parlors a member has attended.



Jim Stich of Placerville #9 was ready to help everyone set up a hospitality room.



Grand President Tim Tullius shares an informal moment with Tony Morotto of Twin Peaks #214.



In sunshine and shawdow, Native Sons ladies enjoy the Annual Ladies Luncheon.



Banners advertise various activities available to the delegates.



Santa Rosa #28's Mitch Laing would like you to buy a calendar!

138TH GRAND PARLOR



Native Daughters Grand President Suzi Riley and Native Sons Grand President Tim Tullius participate in the traditional gift exchange during the Native Daughters visitation.



138th Grand Parlor Chairman Bob Fletcher welcomes everyone to the Grand Banquet and Ball.



Grand President Tim Tullius and Rose Twyman at the 138th Grand Banquet and Ball.



PGP Barney Noel and Office Assistant Domica Lau



Left: Guadalupe #231's Perry Burns is appropriately dressed for the Grand Banquet. Above: Grand First VP Dean Zellers escorts his mother to the Grand Banquet.

138TH GRAND PARLOR



Georgetown Parlor displayed its original banner at the 138th Grand Parlor.



No one went away hungry after the Annual Picnic!



Joel Bantly, president of Fairfax #307, holds the "Emperor's Trophy" which David "Kiwi" Yarborough presented to Fairfax for being a "friendly and entertaining parlor."



Keeping alive a tradition of many years, Grand Secretary Jim Riley provided free beer and soft drinks to guests at the Annual Picnic.

138TH GRAND PARLOR



Hospitality rooms at the 138th Grand Parlor provided a variety of food and beverages to the delegates.



Grand Trustee James King's well-stocked "Barbed Wire Bar" insured that no delegate or guest would leave thirsty.



Grand Trustee Kris Nelson served his world-famous gumbo in his hospitality room.



Grand Trustee James King has found a source for high-quality metal signs: 28-inch diameter is \$180; 24-inch is \$160; 18-inch is \$115. For information, contact Brother King at nsgw150@gmail.com, (805) 975-2740.



At left, NSGW Charitable Foundation Chairman PGP Joseph Ursino introduces representatives of the three hospitals our charity supports: UCSF, Sutter Sacramento and St. John's Santa Monica.

Salamis for the Troops; Redwood Parlor Brother Honors Troops in Afghanistan

Native Sons have long been known for supporting our uniformed troops overseas, but George Wright of Redwood #66 has been offering support in a totally unique, but nevertheless much appreciated way, for more than a decade.

Back in 2003 at Christmas time, George decided to send a couple of cases of Molinari salami to the Green Berets deployed in Afghanistan under the command of his brother-in-law Christopher Riga, then a captain. Riga distributed the salamis to his troops and reported to George that the gifts were much appreciated by the soldiers, who found that they could conveniently carry salami on missions as a handy snack.

George continued sending cases each Christmas for the next several years, financing the gift out of his own pocket. As George's fellow Native Sons and other friends learned of the program, they insisted on contributing to the cost, and by 2007 the annual salami budget was approaching \$1,000. By this time George's brother-in-law had been promoted to the Special Forces Command Center in Afghanistan, and was in a position to distribute the salamis to an even greater number of troops over an even greater area.

In 2008 George's brother-in-law received another major promotion to Lt. Colonel and was put in charge of the 3rd Battalion of Green Berets in Afghanistan. An informal installation ceremony was scheduled at Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina and George was invited to attend. After the ceremony the colonel in charge learned that George was in attendance. He rushed over, thanked George profusely, and announced to the assembled crowd, "Gentlemen, this is the Salami Man!" Applause rang out and in the next half hour over thirty Green Berets approached George, shook his hand and thanked him for remembering them in this special way. George later recalled, "That was the first time I knew how much the salamis were really appreciated. I kept telling the soldiers 'I should be thanking you for all you are doing for those of us at home,' but they kept thanking me and telling me how great it was to get the salami cases at Christmas and to distribute them to the troops in the field."

When word of George's trip to Ft. Bragg



Brother George Wright and plaque.



got around, the list of contributors expanded even more, including several more members of Redwood #66 and the parlor itself, which began approving contributions from its general fund. In the following years a couple of corporate sponsors came on board, which made it possible for George to send about fifteen cases by 2012, ten times the amount of the original shipment.

In 2013 the Green Beret sent George a commemorative knife like the one Afghan

soldiers receive after finishing their Special Forces training. Then in 2015 George received a large engraved and framed Certificate of Appreciation plaque, featuring a flag that had flown over the Special Forces—Afghanistan Fallen Comrade Memorial at Bagram Airfield. The plaque is shown in the accompanying photo.

While the plaque mentions George's name, George has made it clear that the expression of appreciation extends to everyone who contributed to the program over the years. He speaks for all contributors when he says, "We don't do it for the thanks we get. We do it because it's one thing we can do to express our appreciation to the people who make it possible for us to live the safe and secure life we are privileged to lead here at home. It is a humbling experience to be thanked by those to whom we owe so much."

George can be contacted at Gwright-GWW@aol.com. All who donate to the Christmas 2015 round of gifts will be recognized as contributors in George's 2015 transmittal message to the troops.

Redwood Attends San Francisco History Expo 2015

By KEN OSTERLAND, Redwood #66

On the weekend of February 29-March 1 2015, Jr. Past President John Cortez of Redwood #66 along with Vincent and Dolores Cortez also from Parlor #66 spent both days manning a booth at the San Francisco History Expo promoting the Native Sons of the Golden West. The Native Sons was one of more than 60 history organizations taking part in the Expo.

John was contacted by the program director and made the arrangements to take part on behalf of the Native Sons. He, Vincent and Dolores did a fantastic job. They had the NSGW display boards, a table and plenty of literature to hand out. The event was well attended by thousands of people, all with an interest in history. It was a fantastic opportunity for organizations not only to recruit new members but network and find ways to help and support each other. Many worthy projects that concern the Native Sons can be found at the Expo. I have not seen an event that celebrates the diverse cultural history of California as thoroughly as this event—it was fantastic. If you would like to know more about the SF Expo please visit <http://www.sfhistoryexpo.org/>.

Redwood #66 To Celebrate 130th

On Saturday August 22 Redwood Parlor 66 will its 130th anniversary at Bear Lodge. The lodge is nestled in a redwood forest located in the coastal mountain range just west of Woodside.

The theme of the event will be "Family Day" with fun and games for the kids as well as some events for the older crowd, like horseshoes, knife and tomahawk throwing and a pool tournament as well. There will be live musical entertainment during the day and a first-ever "movie night" with free popcorn. There'll also be a 50/50 raffle to benefit the HPF and NSGW Charitable Foundation and a raffle with some cool prizes.

On the menu will be roasted pig with all the sides, \$20 per plate; discounted kids meals will be available too. Overnight camping will be available. Space is limited and pre-paid reservations a MUST. If you are interested please contact Ken Osterlund at Ken.NSGW66@gmail.com or (650) 787-7487 for more information.

"Romance of the Ranchos" Details SoCal History

Available free on line at https://archive.org/details/Romance_of_the_Ranchos are all 35 episodes of "Romance of the Ranchos," a radio show which told the story of the development of much of Southern California. The series aired in 1941 and 1942.

Sponsored by the Title Insurance And Trust Company of Los Angeles, the episodes that make up this series go into detail on how the land was originally parceled out, and how over the years, became split, split again, sold, and then how this important area of land became what it is "today" (1941).

If this old time radio show sounds boring to you, think again. It's not like you're looking through old title and land records—"Romance Of The Ranchos" gives an excellent dramatic perspective of the way of life back then as well.

"Romance Of The Ranchos" starts out with narrator Frank Graham, who plays the "Wandering Vaquero." He then introduces the families and circumstances surrounding one of, if not the most explosive areas of growth in the US, maybe the world.

Highly recommended to our members who have an interest in the history of Southern California!

"I Love You California"

With the popularity of our state song, "I Love You California," in local Jeep commercials, we wonder how many Native Sons know all the lyrics? Here they are, as composed by A. F. Frankenstein and F. B. Silverwood in 1913.

I love you California, you're the greatest state of all.
I love you in the winter, summer, spring, and in the fall.
I love your fertile valleys, your dear mountains I adore.
I love your grand old ocean and I love her rugged shore.

CHORUS

Where the snow crowned Golden Sierras, Keep their watch o'er the valleys bloom.
It is there I would be in our land by the sea, Every breeze bearing rich perfume.
It is here nature gives of her rarest. It is Home Sweet Home to me.
And I know when I die I shall breathe my last sigh, For my sunny California.

I love your redwood forests - love your fields of yellow grain.
I love your summer breezes, and I love your winter rain.
I love you, land of flowers; land of honey, fruit and wine.
I love you, California; you have won this heart of mine.

I love your old gray Missions - love your vineyards stretching far.
I love you, California, with your Golden Gate ajar.
I love your purple sunsets, love your skies of azure blue.
I love you, California; I just can't help loving you.

I love you, Catalina - you are very dear to me.
I love you, Tamalpais, and I love Yosemite.
I love you, Land of Sunshine.
Half your beauties are untold.
I loved you in my childhood, and I'll love you when I'm old.

BACK IN OUR HISTORY

Los Angeles *Herald*, April 17, 1909
NATIVE SONS

THAT patriotic organization, the members of which with just pride call themselves "Native Sons of the Golden West," is always a factor to be reckoned with in the life of this state.

It emphasizes the fact that only a proportion of the population of California can claim the distinction of having been born in California, but it is an advantage to be born in California, and "new chums" might as well acknowledge it gracefully.

Owing to the short-sightedness of their parents, they were not allowed to be born in California, so, after they could travel alone and pay their way, they came here.

The Native Sons are always glad to welcome newcomers; and it is to the interest

of newcomers to encourage the California spirit represented by this organization. Societies like "Native Sons," "Daughters of the Revolution" and "Sons of the Revolution" are helpful and their influence on the community and on the nation is always good.

Los Angeles *Herald*, December 11, 1904.

Native Sons' Annual Ball

The members of Ramona parlor, No. 109, Native Sons of the Golden West, will entertain their friends at Kramer's next Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, with their eleventh annual ball. The committee in charge has made extensive preparations for the affair, which promises to be a delightful one. Stamm's orchestra will furnish the music. The committee of arrangements includes C. F. Stamps, Jr., Calvert Wilson, Harry J. Leland, F. H. Stephenson and George Beebe.