



# The Native Son

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## NATIVES TO CELEBRATE STATEHOOD DAY!

### Calendar of Events

**Friday, September 4:** Hosted bar at headquarters hotel 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free limited supply of tickets to Laughs Unlimited Comedy Show.

**Saturday, September 5:**

Board of Grand Trustees meeting, 8:30 a.m.

Board of Grand Officers meeting, 10 a.m. to noon.

NSGW Information Booth set up 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hosted cocktails, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by banquet, featured speaker Shannon Poe, President, AMRA, "California History and Land and Mineral Rights." Western wear or business causal recommended.

Hospitality rooms, second floor, 9 p.m.

**Sunday, September 6:**

NSGW information booth 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

VIP tickets behind home plate for River Cats baseball game \$28 per person, 1 p.m..

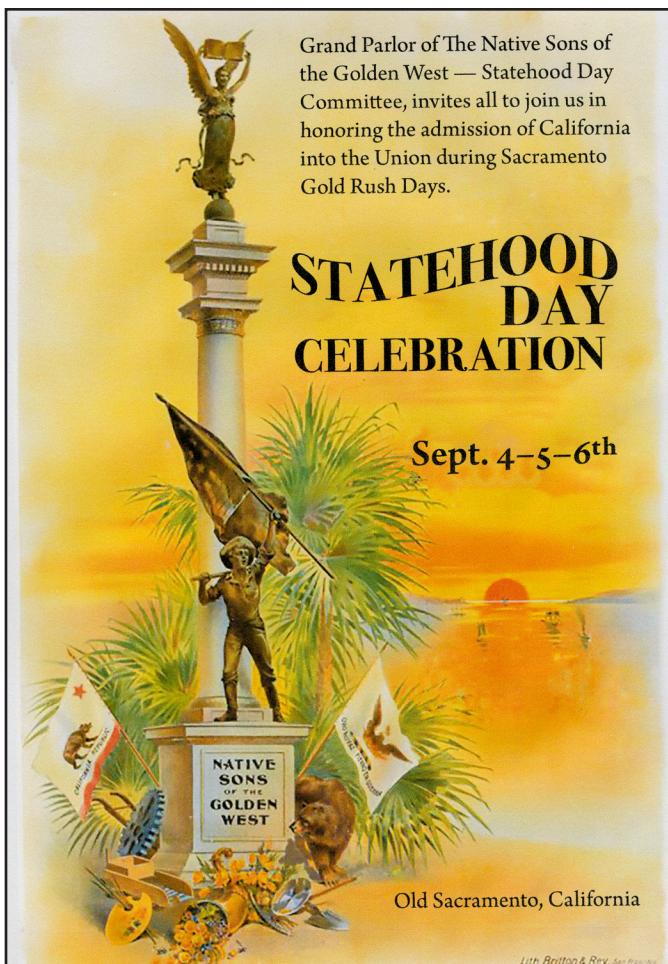
Hosted cocktails in Rooms 213-214, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with possible dinner out in Old Sacramento.

Monday, September 7: NSGW booth, if there is interest.

### Gold Rush Days –

### Sacramento's Heritage Celebration

Native Sons and Daughters will be joining Sacramento's Gold Rush Days over Labor Day weekend. More than 200 tons of dirt will pave the streets of Old Sacramento as this annual festival turns back the clock, transforming Sacramento's historic district into a scene straight out of the 1850s. Hundreds of costumed performers take on the roles of celebrities, personalities and just plain folks, bringing history to life while bluegrass pickers and old-timey musicians perform on several stages, evoking the tunes of the times.



Poster announces Native Sons' participation in the Statehood Day celebration in Sacramento.

Activities and Performances include:

**Tent City:** A recreation of town life in early Sacramento City where you can visit saloons, a gambling tent, doctors, dentists, and even an undertaker! Tent City also offers a variety of tasty treats available for purchase, including fish and chips, roasted corn on the cob, fresh-made kettle korn, homemade sarsaparilla, root beer, draft ale, local wines, and more!

**Gold Panning:** Kids pan for gold and trade in their findings for Gold Rush currency.

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## Serra Statue Removal Threatened

By DOUG LOVE, Chairman, California History Board

Senate Joint Resolution #4 calling for the removal of the statue of Father Serra from the Statuary Hall in Washington DC has been placed in the Assembly's inactive file at the request of Assembly Majority Leader Chris Holden (D 41st District, Pomona). Now is the time to contact your Assembly member and voice your opposition to the removal of Father Serra's statue. You need to explain that Father Serra is a seminal figure in California history and that, while Dr. Sally Ride is certainly deserving of recognition for her contributions in the fields of astrophysics and space exploration, without Father Serra and the missions he founded, California as we know it, would not exist.

You can find contact information for your assembly member at <http://assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers>.

## Gold Rush Days at Coloma

The Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park on Highway 49 in Coloma will present "Gold Rush Live" on October 10-11, 2015. Many events are planned, including gold panning (\$3 per person), a barbecue (\$6 per person), games and races for children, a "Peddlers' Row" with items for sale, and a church service at 11 a.m. with the Native Sons' own "Reverend Cool" preaching. Admission to the Park is \$8 per car. Further information is available from [www.MARSHALLGOLD.com](http://www.MARSHALLGOLD.com) or at (530) 622-3470.

## St. John's Donation August 2

All Native Sons and guests are invited to the Annual NSGW Charitable Foundation donation to St. John's Hospital at 2121 Santa Monica Boulevard in Santa Monica on Sunday August 2. Catholic Mass is in the chapel at 10 a.m., followed by brunch and program at the dining court at 10:45. Free valet parking is available. Reservations are requested from Steve Faessel at [Stephen@faessels.net](mailto:Stephen@faessels.net) or (714) 630-6845.

**Why not visit a neighboring parlor? You'll enjoy the members' hospitality and may learn something you can use to improve your parlor's meetings and events!**

### SACRAMENTO GOLD RUSH DAYS

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Artisan Alley: Tinsmiths, blacksmiths, lace makers and other artisans sold their wares.

#### Arts & Crafts Stations

Melodramas & Musicians: Performances take place daily at the Eagle Theatre and at multiple stages around Old Sacramento

Squatter's Riots and Pony Express Relays: Historic reenactments of Sacramento's legendary history.

Admission to all events and performances is free. For more information, call (916) 808-7777.

## Statehood Day Help Wanted

Grand President Dean Zellers is asking for volunteers to man the NSGW Information Booth at Gold Rush Days on September 5, 6 and 7. There are two shifts, 10 a.m. to 1 or 2 p.m., then until 5 or 6 p.m. Contact him at [dean@zellersins.com](mailto:dean@zellersins.com) if you can help.

## OFFICIAL

Parlor secretaries are reminded that the semi-annual report for the period January 1 through June 30, 2015 is due in the grand secretary's office by August 17.

## Parlor Records Needed

Grand President Dean Zellers has established a committee to update our Grand Parlor membership records. To that end, all recording secretaries are asked to send their membership lists to [marketing@nsgw.org](mailto:marketing@nsgw.org), or by FAX to (707) 996-5185. If neither option is possible, secretaries should contact Judy Baker at (707) 938-2586.

Lists should include member's name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number.

Compiling this information at the Grand Parlor level will enable Grand Parlor and individual parlors to send newsletters and other information by e-mail, saving thousands of dollars and plenty of time. First major saving will be in the budget for our official publication, *The Native Son*. Members who wish to receive *The Native Son* by e-mail only will have that option.



PGP Joe Ursino, Dorothy Smith, Dennis McLaughlin at SFHA dedication.

## SFHA Dedicates Room to Smith

On Saturday, June 27, 2015, the San Francisco Hall Association Board of Directors dedicated the 8th floor conference room in the historic Native Sons Building at 414 Mason Street in memory of the late Harry M. Smith of Twin Peaks #231.

Harry was a 75-year member of the Native Sons. He served his brothers and our Order in countless ways; most notably as a long-time grand officer and member of the Hall's Board of Directors.

In welcoming Harry's Family, Hall Association VP Dennis McLaughlin noted "more than the length of Harry's membership, which is impressive, we chose to honor the quality of Harry's membership.

"His service to his Brothers and embodiment of our precepts of Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity...that is the Legacy we honor with this dedication."

Harry's Family, the board, and guests enjoyed the dedication and lunch that followed, the first official event in the Harry M. Smith Conference Room.

## "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? After all, our Order was largely responsible for the adoption of "I Love You California" as California's State song! Here are the complete lyrics, 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.

**Check out the Native Sons Website  
 for The Native Son in full color and  
 newsletters from other parlors.  
 Just go to [www.nsgw.org](http://www.nsgw.org).**

### THE NATIVE SON

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St. Helena #53 celebrated the 100th anniversary of its building with a dinner on June 25, 2015, exactly 100 years after the building was completed on June 25, 1915.

Left to right are Pete Gonzales, Nick Coy, Rob Weins, John York (with knife), Steve Herdell, Niles Venge, Bob Fellion, Rick Neal, Parlor President Phil Murphy and Bob Egelhoff.

## Lotts Lake Weekend Set

Lotts Lake Chairman Mike Hemmings says "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 though the 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."

Lott's Lake is located in extreme western Plumas County, at the headwaters of Chips Creek, which feeds the Feather River, in what is known in the parlance of the U.S. Forest Service as the "High Lakes Region".

The lake is reached through Oroville or Chico and Paradise by way of an asphalt road marked "Skyway" which leads through Magalia, Sterling City, etc. to the ski stop of Inskip: thence by graded dirt road 18 miles. For those who choose to take Interstate 5 all the way, there is another access to the dirt road via Butte Meadows, but the Paradise route is more straightforward. Most of the dirt road is easily passable for all types of vehicles: however, there is about a mile at the end of the route which is not recommended for low-clearance vehicles. The 1/4 mile for the "T" intersection on the map is marked "rough" and can be rutted and muddy, particularly early in the season, and care is advised on this stretch. Vehicles which have negotiated the road include 22-foot motor homes, 24-foot travel trailer, station wagons, and (at least one) MGB sports car.

Lott's Lake is open to all members in good standing and their families at no charge. Maps, info sheets and advice are available from the Lott's Lake Committee. Rules of conduct are posted in the main cabin and are available from the committee chairman.

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

**Donations to the NSGW Charitable Foundation ("Cleft Palate Fund") and the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation are tax deductible. Send your contributions to the Grand Parlor office. Any amount is welcome!**

## GRAND PRESIDENT

### Dean Zellers

Grand President is the greatest position bestowed upon a Native Son! There is no question it is a time bandit; it is challenging, it is glorious and it can be grueling. It takes away from one's personal time, family functions, it overwhelms the green time in the work day, traveling or being away from home 4-5 nights a week. The phones can ring at any time, e-mails are a constant flow and nonstop. Reading reports or writing letters, planning weekend events, placing priorities on what projects must be completed and by whom. Now add all the new marketing, social media, membership programs, retention programs, website and advertising with the possibility of forming strategic relationships with other state, federal or nonprofit groups. Create new websites, database and email communications on top of that I have found this to be the GREATEST POSITION in all my years. Thank you for electing me.



I would not change a single thing. It is an honor to be your Grand President and I am having a great time—so hang on and let's have some fun together as I get to write my second of six articles for your enjoyment.

#### Proud of Our Accomplishments

We should all be proud: we have just celebrated our 140 years of service and dedication to the State of California, and as I have

made the time to read old versions of the *Grizzly Bear* (circa 1910-1922) I found out more information about the Native Sons than I knew was even possible. I believe most of you know that NSGW was responsible for recognizing the Bear Flag as the state flag in 1911. I think most of our beloved members know that we were saving historic and iconic building and creating plaques to recognize that they would have historical significance in the hundreds of years to come. It has filled me with great pride to know that we created and pushed the legislation back in 1923 to create systems such as California State Parks. Sure, I read that in our beautiful piece that continues to be placed in our new membership packages, but have you read it lately? I went online to look up one item and found myself looking at multiple items that the Native Sons had pursued with a passion. Some items were negative, but no different than what other groups were doing at that time, so that did not surprise me. But a vast majority of our efforts are glorious and need to be applauded. I challenge you to Google "Native Sons *Grizzly Bear*." It will give you a whole new insight.

#### Why Join an Organization?

Have we forgotten what we did that attracted new members? Why does one join an organization today? There are many more to choose from! Fifty years ago in Sonoma there were maybe six nonprofits; there are more than 110 today, including "Save the Snow Leopards" and "Praxis Peace Institute." They may be very worthy, but they are going after the same thing—money and members! It

is the same everywhere; we are asking for their time and money, of which most people have very little, or don't have the ability to share it with one group or several. Have we narrowed our vantage point to such a place that we think this Order is about dinners and meetings? Our goals should be no different than our goals were over 100 years ago, although times have changed and membership has declined. It is not because the members don't care or the public doesn't think that are mission is worthy. The public and our audience had most likely never even heard it before. I am not the only one who has been asked "Who are the Native Sons" or my favorite, "I thought you guys were all dead."

#### Here's What We Need to Do

First, Grand Parlor needs to produce, support and educate our parlors and members. We need to rebuild from within and it does not need to be done all at once. We need to create an infrastructure for our current parlors and members, including the younger or potential ones that will follow in the future.

Second, we have started rebuilding our brand and marketing it to the public through all means necessary. We need to not only spend time on this message, we need to spend money. It does not need to be done all at once but at least we can stop the downward trend and build momentum back towards greatness.

Thirdly, we are looking at things that build excitement or offer value to joining an organization such as the Native Sons. California Adventure Clubs is a reason to join and stay. All of our parlors need to find an event in their own community, but I find that to be a very broad stroke, so we have just completed our meeting with California State Parks and this is what PGP Dwight Dutschke had to say: "Spending more than two and half hours with the two people who not only make the decisions regarding the state's most significant historical resources, but who also can provide access to information and projects which could directly shape the Native Sons' historic preservation program, was a huge accomplishment and positions our Order for meeting our founding objective of preserving the history of '49 and California. Once again, the Historic Preservation Foundation leads the way in meeting the mission statement of our Order. Stay tuned—these meetings are only the beginning, but build on the efforts of the last fifteen years to restore old relationships with the California State Parks. Our future is looking brighter than ever. Congratulations to all for each of your contributions to the group's efforts."

Native Sons will now have access to a database that is being produced by State Parks and we will be able to pick and choose over 280 state parks including HOV parks, mansions and cultural icons that we feel will be in our budget or within a region that we can support if a parlor wishes to do so. We may just want to help the State Parks Associations that may need help or some money. But is that not a worthy reason to join and make a difference? I think that is a great reason to join NSGW or NDGW! As Parks Director Lisa Mangat said to us "Who does not love a Park?" We all do; we are like a big family."

#### Grand Parlor Eager to Help!

This is just one example that we can use to promote our mission. I know each parlor has something that makes it special. But if for some reason you don't have that, we at Grand Parlor are here to help find you that project worthy of your efforts. It only starts with one person's idea or goal and we are here to help you accomplish something great, something that we can all be proud of when telling friends or family that we belong to the Native Sons and would like to join.

Until the next issue, in Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

## Natives Dedicate Donner State Memorial Park Visitor Center

Native Sons dedicated the new Donner Memorial State Park Visitor Center near Truckee on June 6, the 97th anniversary of the Native Sons Pioneer Memorial dedication. Photos by Deborah De Martini chronicle the event.



*Deborah De Martini*

ABOVE: GP Zellers addresses the crowd at the dedication ceremony.



*Deborah De Martini*

TOP: GP Zellers watches ribbon-cutting ceremony.  
RIGHT: Native Sons and families at the Native Son Monument.



*Deborah De Martini*



ABOVE: Donors, including the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation, are honored at the Donner Memorial State Park Visitor Center.

Donner Memorial State Park is open daily from sunrise to sunset. There are camping sites and day-use areas as well as 2.5 miles of hiking trails. The new Visitor Center takes about one hour to visit. It depicts the history of the area and the people who came into this part of the Sierra, including local Native Americans, the Donner Party, and builders of the transcontinental railroad.



ABOVE: Among those attending the June 6 ceremony were (from left) Past Grand President Dave Allen, Grand Marshal Ron Brocco, Grand President Dean Zellers, Grand Trustee Jim King, Grand Third Vice President Carey Pearce and Grand Second Vice President Erik Christeson.

# HPF REPORT

By DAVID ALLEN, PGP

Let me start this with the same sentence from the previous report. "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." Remember that.

The last few months have been exciting and productive for the HPF. The HPF is working on many fronts at the same time and they are equally important and intertwined. So let's start at the top.

## Meeting with State Parks Directors

PGP Barney Noel, PGP Dwight Dutschke, GP Dean Zellers and I were able to spend 2 ½ hours with State Parks Director Lisa Mangat and Cultural Resources Director Leslie Hartzell, and to quote PGP Dwight, they are "the two people who not only make the decisions regarding the state's most significant historical resources, but also who can provide access to information and projects which could directly shape the Native Sons' historic preservation program. These meetings were huge accomplishments and position our Order for meeting our founding objective of preserving the history of '49 and California. Once again, the Historic Preservation Foundation leads the way in meeting the mission statement of our Order. Stay tuned—these meetings are only the beginning, but they build on the efforts of the last fifteen years to restore old relationships with the California State Parks. Our future is looking brighter than ever. Congratulations to all for your contributions to the group's efforts. Thanks to Grand President Dean for providing gifts which I am sure will serve as lasting memories to each of the officials we had the pleasure to meet." Well said Dwight, it was a great afternoon to be a Native Son.

## Dedications

The HPF was also busy with dedications. Through the efforts of the HPF, Grand Parlor was able to dedicate the new museum at Donner Memorial State Historic Park in Truckee. A crowd of over 500 enjoyed a beautiful Sierra morning and witnessed this historic affair. There were many references during the opening ceremonies to the history of the Native Sons and California State Parks. This all happened on the same date in June as the original dedication of the Pioneer Monument at the park in 1918. There were 18 parlors from throughout the state represented. Another great day to be a Native Son!!

The latest California Registered Historical Landmark placed by the HPF as part of the Cal150 Legacy Program was the dedication of the Sierra Railway Shops in Jamestown. The crowd of about 100 braved the heat to watch the Native Sons perform the magic. Another great day to be a Native Son!

The next and last opportunity, as the HPF finishes this program, is to place a CRHL plaque on the Watts Towers in Los Angeles at a time to be designated in the future. This program of placing new or replacement plaques has been an unqualified success for the exposure of the Native Sons and we look forward to other potential opportunities to expand this program.

## Cash to Parlors and Others

The HPF just recently presented a check for \$5,000 to Amador Parlor #17 to be used for the "Miners Bend Park" in downtown

Sutter Creek. This ambitious project is a testament to what a parlor can do when motivated. Solano Parlor is the recipient of a \$1,500 grant to publish more historic walking tour books of downtown Suisun City for the Solano History Exploration Center. This was done previously and was so successful that more books are needed.

The HPF presented a pledge for \$25,000 to the Sonoma/Petaluma State Historic Park Association for the repair of the adobe walls at the Vallejo Adobe in Petaluma. That amount is from the HPF, Nicasio Parlor #183, and Fairfax Parlor #307. This was one of the main topics in our conversations with the Cultural Resources Chief.

And lastly the HPF, along with Native Sons Hall Association, each contributed to sponsor the Sloat Monument Celebration early in July. This event was falling on hard times and was too important an event about early California to let it go by the wayside. So a group led by Grand 3rd Vice President Carey Pearce of Santa Lucia #97 and PGP Duane Gavin of Redwood #66 collaborated with local groups to get this event back on track. Who knows—maybe there might be reinstated parlor in Monterey coming in the future? Another great day!

## HPF Gaining Momentum

Referring back to the opening paragraph of this report, you can see that the HPF is gaining momentum. Whether it is funding for special historic plaques, restoring historical structures, providing necessary literature for historical districts or supporting historical events, the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West is on the job. The HPF is not only committed to California history, it is committed to the long term future of the Native Sons of the Golden West and will do whatever is necessary to promote California history and the Native Sons of the Golden West and—most importantly—tell the story of California.



*Grand President Dean Zellers isn't the only one who makes the news! His brother Craig of Fairfax Parlor recently finished well in the Napa-Sonoma Half Marathon 2015 on July 19. Craig finished 477th out of 3,500 runners and 32nd of 118 in his age group.*

# SLOAT MONUMENT CEREMONY

## Sloat Landing Remembered

As was reported in the last issue of *The Native Son*, the Annual Commemoration of the Landing of Commodore Sloat in Monterey at the Customs House was on the verge of being cancelled indefinitely with little prospect of resurrection. Fortunately this bleak prospect was averted thanks to the quick and decisive action of the Native Sons.

Under a crisp clear blue sky and a mild Pacific ocean breeze blowing in from Monterey Bay, the more than 400 spectators were treated to rousing renditions of patriotic-themed songs by the Monterey Community Band as a prelude to the ceremony. The 169th Commemoration of the Sloat Landing got underway shortly after 1 p.m. with opening comments by Master of Ceremonies Thom Diggins, with a precision presentation of colors by personnel of the United States Navy Color Guard of the Defense Language Institute. This was followed by an introduction of distinguished guests, welcome comments by the mayor of Monterey and a historical commentary on Sloat's Landing.

The highlights of the day belonged to Native Sons, most notably Grand 3rd Vice President Carey Pearce and Grand Trustee Carl Von Bargen. Midway through the ceremony Brother Pearce was introduced and called upon to deliver what can only be described as an outstanding commentary on the Native Sons of the Golden West.

The ceremony reached its pinnacle with reenactors portraying the New York Volunteers & Consolidated Drum Band who escorted Brother Carl, himself in period attire portraying Purser Rodman Price of the U.S. Naval Vessel *Cyane* of Commodore Sloat's Pacific Squadron, to the podium where he read the Proclamation of Commodore Sloat to the inhabitants of California and presented a 28-star flag to the New York Volunteers to raise, bringing the ceremony to a close.

The 2015 Sloat Landing Commemoration was an outstanding moment and opportunity for the Native Sons. It affirmed our commitment to the preservation of California History not just through preservation efforts and the placing of markers but by making it accessible through live presentations such as this. Additionally it demonstrated that the Native Sons are more than ready and able to support these events with attendance. This past event was by far the most well attended in over a decade, with 30 plus Native Sons representing Redwood #66, Golden Gate #29, Santa Lucia #97, Bidwell #21, Sonoma #111, Santa Cruz #90, Eden #113 and Gabilan #132.

Of course the success of the event would not have been possible without the financial support of the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation and the NSGW Hall Association. While the financial support was critical, recognition and thanks need to be given to PGP Duane Gavin, Grand 3rd V.P. Carey Pearce and wife Kathi, ISC Chair Marcia Skelton, Grand Trustee Carl Von Bargen and wife Karen and Assistant Grand Historian Deborah De Martini for all their hard work and efforts and, lastly, California State Park and Monterey Historic State Park.



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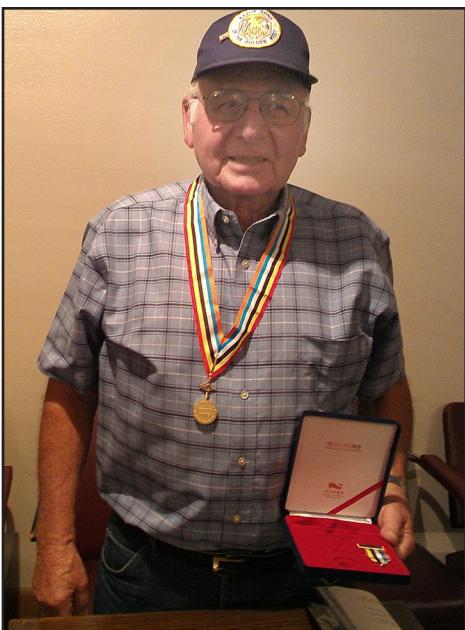
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*LEFT, Raising the Flag.*

*TOP, Customs House and plaque rededicating site by NSGW in 2014. CENTER, color guard and band.*

*BOTTOM, major participants in ceremony Grand President Dean Zellers, PGP Duane Gavin, Grand 3VP Carey Pearce and Grand Trustee Carl Von Bargen. Grand K9 Sutter expresses some interest in the goings-on. All photos by Deborah De Martini.*

## PARLOR ACTIVITIES



*Eden #113's President Joe Vecchio was honored by the South Korean Consulate of Korean War and the Veteran's Administration with a medal and plaque as Ambassador for Peace. Joe served in active service from 1950 to 1954. Congressman Eric Swalwell and Korean dignitaries presented him and other Korean War Vets their medals for this "forgotten war."*

### Twin Peaks Plans Golf Tourney

Twin Peaks #214's Annual Harry Smith Memorial Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, August 15 at the Poplar Creek Golf Course in San Mateo and will be followed by an awards dinner at the San Mateo Elks Club. Cost is \$90 and includes golf, dinner and prizes. Please send your checks to Don Smith, 868 Coral Drive, Rodeo, CA 94572. Checks are due by August 1.

Contact Brother Don at (510) 619-5791 if you have any questions.

### Fairfax Tuesday Lunches

Fairfax 307 invites all Native Sons and prospective members to enjoy lunch every Tuesday at noon at the parlor's clubhouse, 135 Mitchell Drive in Fairfax. To get to the clubhouse, drive through Fairfax on Sir Francis Drake Blvd about 1/2 mile, turn right on Glen Drive, then immediately right and immediately left. The clubhouse is at the end of the road. All lunches include salad, french bread, entree and dessert. Price is just \$8 per person. Wine, beer and soft drinks are available.

### Halcyon Alameda Holding Old Timers Steak Night August 3

Halcyon-Alameda #47's 8th Annual "Old Timers Steak Night" dinner will be held on Monday, August 3 at The Alameda Elks Lodge. Twenty-Year members receive a free steak dinner. Cost is \$22 for a 1/2 lb. boneless top sirloin steak with all the extras included. There will also be a raffle for our two state charities. This year the event features live music by keyboardist Kevin Kooyumjian and dancing for those wishing to do so. Guests are welcome.

Send checks by July 31, payable to "NSGW #47," to NSGW #47, P. O. Box 2856, Alameda, CA 94501. Information is available from Ed McLean at (510) 769-0444.

### Las Positas Plans BBQ, Trap Shoot

All members of Las Positas #96 and guests are invited to the parlor's Annual Barbecue and Bacon/Trap Shoot at the Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club at 4000 Dagnino Road, Livermore, on Saturday, August 1.

Steak dinner is \$20, with child's hot dog plate \$3. Mixed drinks and beer are \$2. Shoot starts at 10:30 a.m., with Calcutta bidding at 12:30 and barbecue at 3:30. Tickets are available at the event.

The Calcutta shoot is open only to Las Positas members in good standing. All shooters must wear ear and eye protection while shooting.

Information is available from Dave Slade at (925) 373-9050.

### Plan (Way) Ahead

Las Positas #96 will be holding its Annual Anniversary Dinner on Saturday, November 14 at Elliston Vineyards in Sunol. Advance tickets only—none sold at the door. Price of \$45 includes dinner and five raffle tickets. Contact Steve Bretz (925) 980-0080 or Dana Sutter (925) 788-4708 for information.

**Alameda County 4th Wednesday Lunches...**are held at Hayward Ranch on, August 26, September 23, October 28 and November 25 and December 23. Information is available from Ron Holliday at (510) 889-1603.

### 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 and 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](mailto:rrsantos@sbcglobal.net).

### 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.

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](mailto:rgfergus@gmail.com).

### Solano #39 Displaced

Solano #39 will be unable to hold its meetings and dinners at the Cordelia Fire Hall until further notice. The firefighters are going to be relocated to the hall because a severe mold problem has been discovered in their living quarters. Parlor members are trying to find a new, temporary hall.

Until then, business meeting locations will be month to month.

The parlor will hold its August 5 meeting at the Wooden Valley Winery at 7 p.m.

## Charitable Foundation Donations

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation in honor or in memory of. Such donations are a fine way to honor deceased members, friends or relatives. The Charitable Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible. You can find the 2015 Cleft Palate March, Total Donations and our Donation Form on our website, [nsgw.org](http://nsgw.org). Click "Community Involvement."

### For Cleft Palate

Arrowhead Assembly #14 PPA

Elmer & Barbro Gregory

Randy Tavener

United Way California State Employees  
Silicon Valley Community Foundation

In Memory of George C. Johnson

Michael Sullivan

### In Memory of Deceased Members

Benicia Parlor #89

### In Memory of John Al Cuevas

Eden Parlor #113

### In Memory of Charles Kolbert PGP

Pearl Campbell

### In Memory of Mervin Fauss PGP

Pearl Campbell

### In Memory of Carl Atterberry

Quartz Parlor # 58

Robert & Kathy Santos

Jim & Pat Riley

### In Honor of Mitch Laing's 60th

Roxanne Pedranzini

Ben & Rosemarie Pedranzini

### In Memory of Tom Lancaster

Leanora M. Grenz

### In Memory of Frances Lozano

Joe & Linda Neitzel

### In Memory of Barb Jten

Joe & Linda Neitzel

### In Memory of Dorothy Coats

Ron & Rita Holliday

Michael Sullivan

### In Memory of Cliff Busenhart

Santa Cruz Parlor #90

## CALIFORNIANS PLAN GIANT PAGEANT Admission Day, Sept 9, Will Be Exposition's Greatest Day

[San Francisco Call, September 7, 1915]

Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West are completing plans for making Admission Day, September 9th, the greatest event in the history of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. A state-wide movement is on foot that Admission Day may commemorate upon a huge scale only the admission of California to the Union. It will be the only opportunity in the course of the Fair for Native Sons to appear as a body and celebrate their achievement.

The low rates are an inducement to attend, and every loyal Californian is not only invited, but urged to be present. The largest parade in the history of San Francisco will march from the Ferry building, at the foot of Market street, to the Exposition grounds, where it will be reviewed before the Tower of Jewels. Following the review, special attractions will be open all over the Exposition grounds. This will entertain the vast crowd until 3:30, when the commemorative exercises proper will be held in the Court of the Universe. The Exposition is to present medals to the Native Sons and Daughters, and the most prominent Californians will speak on the history of the State and its progress and its future.

Later in the afternoon the Exposition aviators will make special flights from the Marina, and every state pavilion will be open to entertain the visiting Californians. Special ceremonies will be held in the California building, terminating with a great ball. As the

space in the California pavilion will be inadequate to hold the crowd of dancers, every state building which has a dancing floor will hold a dance to take care of the overflow, and in this way there will be enough space for all. This action is a tribute to the State of California.

In the evening the Zone will be full of unusual features in honor of the natives of the Bear State. For those who have already seen the Zone, there will be more illuminated aeroplane flights, and an unprecedented display of fireworks on the Marina. If any like to continue dancing, the California building, which is usually closed at night, will be open to mark the distinctive nature of the occasion. Here there will be dancing and an entertainment until 11 o'clock.

Something will happen every minute of Admission Day. Most of the time it will be possible to see only the nearest of a dozen attractions going on at the same time.



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## RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

One of the great advantages of being a Native Son is the ability to travel throughout our beloved Golden State with a new appreciation for the history of various locations and the role of our beloved order in preserving them. One of the most scenic and historic of those locations is Donner Memorial State Park, located in the city of Truckee. Donner Lake is, of course, the location where the ill-fated Donner-Reed Party was trapped and over wintered in 1846-47, one of the worst winters on record.

To get to Donner Memorial State Park from San Francisco, travel east on Interstate 80 and take the Donner Pass Road exit and turn right. The trip takes about three to three and one half hours. Once at the park, pay a visit to the brand new Visitor's Center and Emigrant Trail Museum. This facility was dedicated by Grand Parlor on June 6, 2015 and is a state of the art facility. Spend some time in the museum, which is gorgeous, and take in the exhibits. The exhibits tell the story of the Donner Pass area, Donner Lake and the Emigrant trail from its inhabitance by the native Washoe people through the modern era.

Just outside the museum is the site of the Breen cabin and the Pioneer Monument. The Pioneer Monument depicts an emigrant family looking resolutely west toward Sacramento and the Central Valley and sits atop a twenty two foot pedestal, which represents the depth of the snow at Donner (Truckee) Pass during the winter of 1846-1847. The owner of the property gave one acre to Charles McGlashan on July 21, 1894 for the purpose of erecting the monument. The ground breaking took place in 1909. The Monument was dedicated on June 6, 1918 by the Native Sons and the Native Daughters and completely covers the site of the Breen Cabin. Upon McGlashan's death, the Native Sons took possession of the Monument and the land upon which it stands.

The owners of the surrounding property, the Donner Fruit and Express Company, gave the ten acres surrounding the monument to the Native Sons in 1924 "for state park purposes." Our Order acquired a concession next to the monument in 1920 and operated a lunch room and souvenir counter until 1949. On May 23, 1928, the Grand Parlor gave the eleven acres to the state and Donner Memorial State Park was born.

If you follow the Nature Trail for a short distance you will come to the site of the Murphy Cabin. There is a large boulder which served as the back wall of the cabin and fixed upon it is a plaque listing the victims and survivors of the Donner-Reed Party's ordeal at the lake. A little over a mile from the park just off Highway 89 North is the site of George and Tamsen Donner's campsite on Alder Creek where they both perished. Tamsen Donner, Margaret Reed and Margaret Reed are archetypes of the pioneer mothers who were willing to give their all.

Donner Memorial State Park has more to offer than just a museum, a memorial and some historic sites. There are 152 camp sites with no hook ups but hot showers and restrooms split among three campgrounds; fishing and swimming are available. Campsite reservations can be made by visiting [www.parks.ca.gov](http://www.parks.ca.gov). There is also a boat launch at the opposite end of the lake from the Park and restaurants and shops in Truckee. Lake Tahoe is just a few miles away down Highway 89.

Speaking of restaurants and shops, here are a few suggestions. The Squeeze Inn in Truckee is a great place for breakfast and burgers. (10060 Donner Pass Road, 530-587-9814) If you are looking for a nice dinner I suggest the Cottonwood. (10142 Rue Hilltop Road, 530-587-5711) [www.cottonwoodrestaurant.com](http://www.cottonwoodrestaurant.com). If you have

## DEATHS

### HONORED DEAD

**Merrill L. Andrews, De Anza #312:** Attended three sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

**George L. "Bud" Dulinsky, Col. Nelson M. Holderman #316:** Attended the 93rd, 94th, 96th, 98th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 115th, 116th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th 130th 131st, 132nd, 134th, 135th, and 136th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate. Attended the 106th, 107th, and 108th sessions as the SDDGP of District #15. Attended the 109th, 110th, 117th, 118th, and 122nd sessions as the Lott's Lake Chairman. Attended the 112th, 113th, and 114th sessions as a Grand Trustee.

**Paul Holmdahl, Modesto #11:** Attended the 127th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

**Carl M. Kjer, Columbia #258:** Attended nine sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate and the 93rd, 94th, 95th, and 99th sessions as Supervising District Deputy Grand President from Arcata Parlor #20.

**Robert Alan Lapachet, South San Francisco #157:** Attended four sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate, the 130th session as a member of the Credentials Committee, the 132nd session as chairman of Athletics, the 133rd and 134th sessions as the Supervising District Deputy Grand President of District #7, the 135th session as member of the Laws of Subordinates Committee, and was serving his term as Grand Inside Sentinel at the time of his death.

### Humboldt #14

Glenn Saunders

### Napa #62

Ed Ceballos

Bertram L. Muzzio

### Silver Star #63

Nancy C. Peterson

### Mt. Tamalpais #64

John W. Jervis

### Santa Ana #74

Ronald S. Muckenthaler

### Vallejo #77

LaVerne H. Rond, Sr.

### Santa Cruz #90

Cliff Busenhart

### Santa Lucia #97

Dean Andrew Nielsen

### Ramona #109

Charles Finkelstein

### Arrowhead #110

Roger Devlin

Jess Flores

Gary Allen Kuhlman

### Arrowhead #110 (Continued)

Robert Stewart Roddick

Dexter Roland Thomas

Gary Allen Kuhlman

### Eden #113

John Albert Cuevas

### Gabilan #132

Kenneth S. Ryan

### Chispa #139

Benjamin M. Dresser

### Washington #169

Joseph Anthony Abreu

### Los Banos #206

Robert Burns

### Guadalupe #231

Raymond Devincenzi

Larry Vernazza

### San Luis Obispo #290

Roy Parsons

### Fairfax #307

David Warren Cobb

Vadim George Canby

Ray Anders Johnson

a sweet tooth, I suggest Sweets Handmade Candies. (10118 Donner Pass Road, 530-587-6556) You have to try the homemade fudge. Of course, my favorite restaurant in the area is Gar Woods Grill and Pier in Carnelian Bay, (5000 N. Lake Blvd. Carnelian Bay, CA. 530-546-3366) [www.garwoods.com](http://www.garwoods.com). Have a Wet Woody for me!

We as Native Sons revere the spirit and the drive of the pioneers and the 49ers who braved many hardships to come to our Golden Land by the Pacific. Donner Memorial State Park is one of the few places in which to visit some of the locations where those hardships occurred and it is one of the State Parks which is intimately part of our Order's history. It preserves the scene of tragedy, sacrifices and heroism which is part of California's history and that of the United States.

# NEW MEMBERS

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

**Humboldt #14**

Thomas L. Hutcheon  
Tom J. Testerman

**Amador #17**

John Walter Baggett  
Timothy Blankenship

Nikolas David Eisenhauer  
Jered Hampton

William Arthur Pritchard  
Randy Ellis Snow  
Thomas Widlund

**Santa Rosa #28**

Susan Kathleen Aguilar  
Patricia Louise Lacasse

**Santa Ana #74**

Mark William Cochran  
Ann Wiedel Shea

**Calistoga #86**

Dennis Cuniberti

Douglas Howard Freutel Jr.  
Elwood "Chip" Kime

**Benicia #89**

Jonathan Todd Brueland  
**Santa Lucia #97**

Standley Richard Chan  
Ronald Norman Nunes

Joseph Q. Stratton

**Arrowhead #110**

Benjamin Carry Coleman  
Richard A. Delarosa

Curt Hagman

Aaron Jimenez

Desiree Rainbolt  
Juan Antonio Salas Jr.

Todd Warden

**Santa Barbara #116**

Kim Larsen

**Chispa #139**

Steven D. Dexter  
John Edward Krutsinger

Zachary Ryan Phelan

**Los Banos #206**

Michael Fantozzi

Drew Telles

Michael Fantozzi

**Estudillo #223**

Jason Wayne Elliot

**Columbia #258**

Rita Bryant

Brian Ramos

**San Luis Obispo #290**

John Ashbaugh

Walter Lee Richardson

Jon-Erik Griffith Storm

**Fairfax #307**

Joseph W. Morrison, Sr.

Joseph W. Morrison, Jr.

**De Anza #312**

Lori Barnett

Ray Castillo

Lynn Huber

Kristine Kussman

Robert Menville

Elvira Monroe

[Sacramento Union, September 4, 1897]

**ADMISSION DAY.****The Native Sons' Excursion to  
Santa Rosa on the 9th.**

The celebration of Admission Day at Santa Rosa promises to be a notable one in the history of the Native sons of the Golden West. The two local parlors have joined in an excursion to leave here at 8:30 a. m. on the 9th on a special train, to return the same night.

The ride through the beautiful Napa and Sonoma Valleys will be very enjoyable. A feature of the excursion will be a brass band of twenty pieces, all of them Native Sons and reared in this city.

## Membership Down 124 in 2015

**MEMBERSHIP BOX****SCORE**

Membership 5-1-15	8,018
Gains	
Initiated	47
Reinstated	2
Transferred	0
Total Gains	49
Losses	
Suspended	2
Resigned	6
Withdrew	0
Died	31
Tfd Out	0
Total Losses	39
Net Change	+ 10
Membership 7-1-2015	8,028

**Parlors With Net Gains**

Amador #17	+ 7
Santa Rosa #28	+ 2
Santa Ana #74	+ 1
Calistoga #86	+ 3
Benicia #89	+ 2
Santa Lucia #97	+ 2
Arrowhead #110	+ 2
Chispa #139	+ 2
Columbia #258	+ 1
SLO #290	+ 2
DeAnza #312	+ 5

In the first two months of the membership year (May and June), only eleven parlors have shown a net gain. That's not unusual, as the months after Grand Parlor are normally the slowest for membership recruitment.

Kudos to little DeAnza #312 for signing up five members, thus increasing its membership by 19%!



Grand President Dean Zellers will award this full-color belt buckle to any Native Son who brings in two new or re-instated members. Bringing in three merits a limited-edition money clip with buckle art, four is rewarded with a belt and five brings a special NSGW bolo. Wording on reverse of buckle reads "Shown here is the 100 year old Bear Flag Monument in the historic Sonoma Plaza, where California's Flag was first flown from a wooden pole in June 1846. The Native Sons of the Golden West have been proud promoters of the Bear Flag from their inception in 1875 and were prominently involved in the adoption of the Bear Flag as the California State Flag in 1911. The monument was raised on June 14, 1914 by Sonoma Parlor #111. All Native Sons are proud to display the Bear Flag at every opportunity. Thank you so much for your efforts to preserve our Order. We all are California born, California proud. Grand President Dean Zellers, 2015-2016."

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**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2015**

**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.

**AUGUST**

- 1 - Las Positas Barbecue and Trap Shoot.
- 2 - St. John's Hospital Cleft Palate Mass and Brunch, Santa Monica.
- 2 - Ione Golf Tournament, Castle Oaks Course, 1 p.m.
- 3 - Halcyon-Alameda Steak Night, Alameda Elks Lodge.
- 4 - Guadalupe #231 lunch at Masonic Hall.
- 7 - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, Napa Parlor hall.
- 15 - Twin Peaks #214 Golf Tourney.
- 16 - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.
- 16-23 - Lotts Lake "Weekend."
- 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).
- 29 - Alameda County Pre-Admission Day at the Races.

**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 - Guadalupe #231 dinner at Masonic Hall.
- 4-6 - Statehood Day Celebration, Sacramento.

4 - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, Napa Parlor hall.

15 - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.

20 - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.

23 - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).

**OCTOBER**

- 2 - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, Calistoga Parlor at the Fairgrounds.
- 6 - Guadalupe #231 lunch at Masonic Hall.
- 10-11 - Gold Rush Days, Coloma.
- 18 - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.
- 18 - Redwood #66 Barbecue, Bear Lodge Grove.
- 20 - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.
- 21 - South SF #157 Octoberfest.
- 28 - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).

**NOVEMBER**

- 3 - Guadalupe #231 lunch at Masonic Hall.
- 6 - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, St. Helena Parlor at its hall.

14 - Las Positas #96 Anniversary Dinner.

15 - Chispa #139 Pancake Breakfast.

17 - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredak Hall.

18 - South SF #157 Veterans' Night Dinner

25 - Alameda County Fourth Wednesday Lunch, Hayward Ranch (Ron Holliday, 510 889-1603).

**DECEMBER**

1 - Guadalupe #231 dinner at Masonic Hall.

4 - Napa Valley First Friday Luncheon, Napa Parlor.