

LAPSATION PROGRAM FOR 2015-2016

This year's Native Sons of the Golden West Lapsation Program will be similar to ones in previous years with a couple of minor modifications. The intent is work closely with the Membership Program, Visiting Grand Officers, parlor book officers and the Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents (SDDGP) for each district. The program will consist on the following:

Data Spreadsheet: By the time you receive this program outline, we will have developed a spreadsheet documenting each parlor's current membership numbers based on the most recent semi-annual report. If the data gathered shows a parlor with more than 5 per cent delinquency rate, the Visiting Grand Officer and the SDDGP will be asked to review parlor book officers' procedures for notifying members of dues needing to be paid. It is not our intent to dictate procedure, only to offer suggestions for improvement. If the parlor system for collecting dues is working, why fix it. However, if it is not, hopefully, we can work together to improve the situation. Each time new data is submitted via the report of the Visiting Grand Officer, parlor book officers or the SDDGP, the spreadsheet will be updated to so reflect.

Contact with Delinquent Members: When the data shows a parlor is carrying members 4-6 months or more in the rears of paying their dues, a list of those members' names, addresses, and if known, email addresses and phone numbers will be requested from the parlor Recording Secretary. We hope that in coming months, a new data base will be fully operational and only the names of the members will need to be submitted, however, until the new data base is fully operational, we must request this information from the parlor officers.

Each of the members submitted to the Lapsation Program will be sent a letter reminding them that parlor dues are delinquent. If a response is not received in 15-20 days, an email or phone call will be made to the member as a reminder. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IF THE MEMBER DOES PAY THE DUES, THE BOOK OFFICER WILL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE LAPSATION PROGRAM.** If the member no longer wishes to be affiliated with the NSGW, an attempt will be made to determine the reason or reasons so as to make improvements to our membership program.

Training Module: We will be developing a Power Point Program to be used at the Wednesday training session at next year's Grand Parlor. All suggestions for such are greatly appreciated.

Well, that is the program. Short, but not necessarily sweet. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dave at the addresses, phone numbers and email addresses shown below.

The Lapsation Program only works if parlors participate. We sincerely hope you will respond to this request to do so. Thank you in advance for your efforts.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,

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