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Annual Redwoods

Discovery of Gold

Weekend February 10-11 Banquet is January 20

Features Dedication, 75 Year Pin Award

The Annual Joe Oeschger Memorial Weekend in the Redwoods will be held February 10 and 11, 2017.

Friday and Saturday night events will be hosted by Ferndale Parlor #93; Humboldt Parlor #14 will conduct a dedication and free light lunch on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Activities will kick off Friday night at 6 p.m. with a hosted reception of food and drinks at the Best Western Inn, Redwood Room in Fortuna, headquarters for the event. Saturday at 11 a.m. Humboldt Parlor will dedicate Eureka Fire Station #6, the over-100-year-old fire station at 1766 J Street in Eureka. After the dedication, Humboldt Parlor will provide refreshments and a light lunch at their Parlor Hall located in Old Town Eureka at 623 3rd Street (between G & H Streets).

On Saturday night, Ferndale Parlor will have an initiation and dinner. Initiation will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Redwood Room at the Best Western. Dinner is at the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, 320 South Fortuna Boulevard, Fortuna. Cocktails and appetizers are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Dinner will be prime rib with all the trimmings for \$25 per person. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. As part of the program, Rob Renner, long-time Ferndale Parlor member, will receive his 75-year pin.

Contact Alan Baird at (707) 725-5182 or email Jerry Colivas at jerry.colivas@yahoo.com for dinner reservations.

Rooms for the event are \$80.99 per night at the Fortuna Best



On January 24, 1848, James W. Marshall made the discovery that changed the history of California and provided one of the basic concepts of the Native Sons of the Golden West, "to perpetuate the memories of the days of '49."

Each year Native Sons and Daughters celebrate the Discovery of Gold to remind us how important it was to California and our two Orders. Years ago, the Discovery of Gold Banquet and Ball was an elegant affair with formal attire and a Grand March, usually held in San Francisco. This year, GP Paul Lapachet has appointed Gary Norwood of Bidwell Parlor #21 to provide a celebration worthy of the importance of the Discovery of Gold.

NSGW has contracted with the Sacramento Marriott Hotel to provide guest and meeting rooms and a plated dinner for the banquet. The

Marriott, at 11211 Point East Drive, is located one block south of Highway 50 at Sunrise Blvd. and Folsom Blvd. Light Rail to Sacramento and Folsom is just across the street. Coloma and the Marshall Monument, for those of you that would like to visit, are less than an hour's drive away. All meetings (finance, membership, trustees, and board) and the banquet will be held at the Marriott. Therefore, unless you choose to go shopping, sightseeing or attend the Bidwell Parlor events at Hagen Park, you will not need to drive, particularly after the banquet or after visiting any candidate's open room.

The Marriott has blocked a group of rooms with either one King

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Find That Plaque!

The "Plaque-E-Mon Go" contest continues in our efforts to locate Native Son plaques to compile a complete list of our dedications.

Grand 1st Vice President Christeson and Grand 3rd Vice President King are offering a \$20 gift certificate every month through April 2017 to the person or parlor that submits the most markers not already on our list. Here is what is needed:

1. A close-up picture of the plaque so that all of the text is legible.
2. A picture of the plaque/monument in the context of its setting. Generally speaking, this would be a from-across-the-street sort of picture that shows the plaque and its surroundings.
3. The location of the marker, e.g. GPS coordinates, cross streets, street addresses.

Also appreciated:

- Pictures of the subject that the plaque is memorializing, such as inside or around a building and of things relating to the marker such as NSGW dedication ceremonies.

- Copies of newspaper articles, parlor records and such that tell about the dedication or the backstory of the subject of the marker.

Brothers Christeson and King also encourage local parlors looking for new and historically-significant events to promote membership and participation by current members to sponsor a Plaque Hunt to try to gather all of the plaques in your area. You could even advertise in your local paper and, with the promise of a free BBQ or lunch, it could draw significant numbers of new members that are interested in the primary mission of the Native Sons, the preservation of California history!

Email your entries to NSGW150@gmail.com.



Grand IVP Erik Christeson and Grand 3VP James King present \$20 to Byron Wakeham as the first month's winner of the Plaque-E-Mon Contest.

Faessel Wins Council Seat

Brother Steve Faessel of Santa Ana #74 was elected to the Anaheim City Council at the November 8 election, winning 44% of the vote in a four-person field. His nearest competitor secured 34%.

Office Closure

The Grand Secretary's office will be closed for the holidays December 19, re-opening January 3, 2017.

Get Your 2017 Lucky Calendars!

Need a Christmas gift for a hard-to-buy-for friend or relative? How about a Native Sons' Lucky Calendar for \$25? The 2017 calendar contains full-color photos of California landmarks in addition to making owners eligible for prizes ranging from \$25 to \$3,000! You can win more than once—if you win, your name goes back into the drawing for more chances (there are 365 awards each year!).

Get your calendars from your parlor secretary or from the Grand Parlor office (1-800-337-1875).

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Western located at 2025 Riverwalk Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540. This price is guaranteed through January 8. Please contact the Fortuna Best Western Inn at 707 725-6822 and ask for the Native Sons room rate.

The Joe Oescheger Memorial Weekend in the Redwoods was named in honor of Past Grand President Joe Oescheger, who started the event to get members from around the state to enjoy the beauty of Humboldt County. PGP Oescheger was raised in Ferndale but moved to the Bay Area and was a member of Redwood Parlor #66 when he was elected Grand President in 1963. He held his Grand Parlor in Eureka in 1964 at the historic Eureka Inn. That was the last time a Grand Parlor was held in the area.

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or two Queen beds for Friday, January 20, and Saturday, January 21, at a rate of \$94 (one King) or \$104 (two Queens) per night, plus taxes. Call 916-638-1100 for guest room reservations, mentioning "Native Sons of the Golden West" to obtain the \$94/\$104 rate. Individual room reservations are due by Friday, December 30, 2016. Contact PGP Harly Harty with any questions at (209) 274-4106.

The Discovery of Gold Celebration Banquet will commence at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, January 21, with a no-host cocktail hour followed by dinner at 6:30. The banquet menu will provide salad, a choice of pancetta stuffed chicken breast, pork chop with cherry chutney or vegetarian, and dessert. The price of this banquet to honor the Discovery of Gold is \$50 per person. Send your check, payable to "NSGW Discovery of Gold," indicating choice of entrée, to Judy Harty, 13675 Mt. Echo Dr., Ione, CA 95640 before Wednesday, January 11. Please, no reservations at door. Contact Judy Harty with any questions at (209) 274-4106. Attire for the banquet is business casual, no jeans please. Note: The Marriott does not allow banquet food to be removed from the banquet area. If you have leftovers, do not ask for a "to go box"—bring your own baggie and do not let the wait staff see you using it.

For your entertainment, a guest speaker will provide a speech related to this historic topic.

Please remember the reservation due dates.

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!

Bollinger Celebrates 100th!

By MITCH LAING

On October 12, Santa Rosa Parlor #28 honored Brother Fred Bollinger with a dinner on his 100th birthday. Fred, the last remaining brother from Sebastopol Parlor #143 (merged into Santa Rosa) was excited and extremely happy to attend, but then Fred always has a persistent smile as noticeable as the nose on his face (and his full head of hair!)



Sonoma County 5th District Supervisor Efron Carrillo presented Fred with a proclamation naming October 12 as Fred Bollinger Day in Sonoma County.

Sonoma County 5th District Supervisor Efron Carrillo attended with his young son Matias and presented Fred with a proclamation naming October 12 as Fred Bollinger Day in Sonoma County. Parlor #28 brother Mike Piraccini (with his wife Jan) not only cooked a great dinner of chicken fried steak, but as hall trustee presented Fred with a plaque from the parlor. An excellent chocolate cake was served and Fred had a corner piece just to himself! And of course he blew out the “100” candles (that’s three candles, 1-0-0).

When asked how everything went, Fred Exclaimed AWESOME!

Fred Bollinger was born, raised and has lived the majority of his life in Sebastopol. After graduation from Analy High School in 1935 he tried fishing in Alaska but returned home to the family farm, only leaving when called to duty just before the start of WWII. Later, he was assigned as a radio man in the US Army on the European front, serving four years, seven months, two days and five hours. While mainly behind the lines he was part of The Battle of the Bulge and witnessed the Mauthausen-Gusen concentration camp just days after its liberation. Discharged as T-Sergeant, Fred is also a proud member of Sebastopol VFW.

When Fred was seven he had the privilege of meeting renowned agriculturist Luther Burbank, later volunteering at Burbank’s Experimental Farm catching gophers and moles, freezing them as feed for Wildlife Rescue facilities.

Fred joined Sebastopol Parlor #145 on Sept 24, 1951.

The Bollinger family farm is where he spent most of his life, moving to his cozy home on a cul de sac in 1981, but still in Sebastopol.

The 100th birthday party continued on Saturday, October 15, with a community celebration at The Veterans Building attended by FIVE GENERATIONS of Bollinger Family, friends, fellow

2017 NSGW Scholarship Contest Rules Listed

A few years back, the Native Sons discontinued a decades-long tradition of sponsoring an annual statewide public speaking contest. In its place, the Order established the NSGW Scholarship Foundation. Each year, the Foundation awards one \$2,000 and two \$1,000 merit-based grant awards, and a \$1,200 vocational scholarship to California students. Eligible students include junior or senior high school students, junior college students, or freshman in a 4-year institution of higher learning.

The scholarships are awarded to students who demonstrate achievements in academics, participation in school activities, leadership and personal development.

The scholarships are awarded without regard to race, gender, age, physical abilities, or financial status. Funds will be sent to the institution of higher learning upon proof of the student’s acceptance at the institution.

Applicants for the NSGW Scholarship must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Be a junior or senior in a California high school or enrolled in a junior college or a freshman in a 4-year institution of higher learning.
- 2) Must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 (C+ avg.).
- 3) Must meet graduation requirements (high school students).
- 4) Must be a member of the Native Sons in good standing or a relative of a Native Son in good standing.
- 5) Must submit proof of acceptance at a school of higher learning.
- 6) If attending junior college or a freshman in college, must send a transcript and SAT scores.

The committee reviewing the applications will consider the following when selecting scholarship winners:

- 1) Academic performance.
- 2) Statement of desire to pursue a higher education.
- 3) Community involvement.
- 4) Extra-curricular activity in high school.
- 5) Writing ability.
- 6) Employment.

Complete details about the Native Sons Scholarship are available from the Grand Secretary’s Office. By mail, Grand Secretary, 414 Mason Street, Suite 300, San Francisco Ca 94102, or by email nsgwgp@pacbell.net, or call 800-337-1875.

veterans from the VFW and many citizens. Fred was escorted to the event by motorcycles from Patriot Guard and American Legion Riders and the Sebastopol Police Department.

At both celebrations he wore a shirt from the Apple Blossom Festival that read “Everybody Knows Fred”

When asked what’s in store for his future, Fred says he fully plans on being around to celebrate his 115th! I, for one, plan to be there in my NSGW vest to help him celebrate!

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.

GRAND PRESIDENT**Paul Lapachet**

Dear Brothers:

As Grand President it has been my honor to oversee many Native Son functions such as meetings, initiations and dedications. Recently, I have had the privilege to preside at two very special events which speak to one of our Order's core precepts—Loyalty. The first of these events was our donation to the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Craniofacial Center. For 63 years, the Native Sons Charitable Foundation has supported craniofacial treatment and research at UCSF. Through the assistance provided by the Native Sons, the Center is able to provide orthodontic, prosthodontic, and other services to its low-income patients who may not be able to otherwise afford these vital services. Since 1953 the Charitable Foundation has given over \$5.7 million to the Cleft Palate Centers at UCSF, Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica and Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento. The Loyalty that the Native Sons has shown these various clinics enables them to fulfill their critically important mission.



The second event at which I recently presided that speaks to Loyalty was the presentation of a 75-year membership pin. Not every

Grand President gets the opportunity to present a member his 75-year pin, and of those that do, fewer get to present it to a member of their home parlor. At South San Francisco Parlor's Veterans' Night Dinner, I was pleased to be able to present a 75 year membership pin to Russell Carr. Russ joined South San Francisco Parlor on October 1, 1941, just after his 18th birthday and for the next 75 years has remained a member. The Loyalty Russ has shown to the Native Sons helps ensure the continuity of our Order and that we can fulfill its mission.

We can all emulate Russ and do a part in guaranteeing the stability of our Order. The Native Sons of the Golden West is the finest fraternal organization one can choose to join. However, to ensure its continuity, it is the responsibility of each of us to recruit and keep active new members. Once we have initiated a new brother, we need to provide activities that will continually reinforce the reason for joining. Members join subordinate parlors and become a part of Grand Parlor and not the reverse. However, it all starts by asking a friend, co-worker, relative or neighbor if they were born in California and is he interested in

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HPF**David Allen, PGP, Chairman HPF**

This time of the year is usually slow as people slip into the seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas. Heading into the Holiday Season the HPF has only one request for funding, but we have heard about several more. The HPF is still in a holding pattern with a few requests through California State Parks.

As I wrote about extensively in the last issue of *The Native Son* concerning the Pioneer Monument in Truckee, one of the passages in my article states "...it comes with several caveats. The biggest one is the State of California itself and its bureaucratic processes. Unfortunately even though the bureaucracy is a burden it is sometimes a governmental requirement for the completion of any project. For any group to be successful it is important to recognize this and figure out how to move forward."

After input from the structural engineer, but not a final report, it appears that the focus of the Pioneer Monument "Restoration" project has changed from one of restoration to one of maintenance. That will alter the HPF's involvement in this project significantly, but we're not sure what the end game will be. The Pioneer Monument is still at the head of the list for the Sierra District of State Parks, but here's a shocker—still more information is being gathered.

Staying with the State Parks theme, four of the HPF Board paid a visit to the Vallejo Adobe in Petaluma this past week. We were able to meet with Jim Carr, a director of the Sonoma Petaluma Parks (SPPARKS), the non-profit association that supports the Adobe and other parks in the district. It was quite visible that much of the work of the first phase has been completed. All of the holes from the birds on the adobe walls have been patched and the north wall of the Adobe, both top and bottom, has had its coating and sealant mixture applied. That wall looks great. In general the walls look in much better shape than was seen even during the Grand Parlor BBQ last May. When the supporting documentation for the original grant is forwarded to the HPF and reviewed, the funding will be awarded.

The two above projects continue to point out that to deal with State Parks you have to have patience and perseverance. The HPF will continue to pursue those projects and others with State Parks, in spite of some of the setbacks. As always, when we know more, you will know more.

The regular business of the HPF will go on. As stated in a previous report you can walk down any street in your community and find worthwhile projects that are in need of recognition or restoration. All you have to do is look. These can be good rallying points or projects for your parlor. They can accomplish several goals such as recognition or restoration of California history, increased participation by your parlor, networking with other like-minded groups, or just doing the right thing. There are no losers here. The cost is usually minimal. The hardest part is the leg work and the research. Whether the funding comes through the HPF, your parlor or a local group or a combination thereof doesn't matter. The important thing is that it is acknowledged as a California historical site, which is our mission. Whatever the result, remember one of the statements from the end of the Native Sons initiation, "you only get out of it what you are willing put in."

The current fundraising campaign that has been initiated by the HPF has raised almost \$4,000 in additional funds toward the goal. The main purpose of this campaign is to get all parlors on board with the mission of California history. It has been delayed for the holiday season, but will resume early next year. Of course we will receive donations any time.

The next meeting of the HPF Board will be at the Marriott Hotel in Rancho Cordova on January 21, 2017.

Until next time Happy Trails and Happy Holidays.

Hydraulic #56 to Host 2017 '49er Days in Grass Valley

The heart of the Gold Country is once again to be the setting for the annual '49er Days Celebration March 3-5, 2017.

The festivities begin on Friday, March 3 with a hospitality room "Meet and Greet" in the Holiday Inn Express in downtown Grass Valley. Throughout the weekend the Holiday Inn will be the center of the activities.

Saturday starts with a complimentary hot breakfast bar. Then it's off to see the local sites and attractions. For the Native Sons there is a Grand Officer initiation beginning at 10 a.m. in the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building auditorium.

For the ladies there will possibly be a historical tour or simply downtown Grass Valley touring. The downtown area is a short walking distance from the Holiday Inn.

Following the initiation there will be luncheon in the Veterans Building Dining Room with a fare of pasties and salad. The lounge will be open for no-host liquid refreshment (no doubt Early Times will be included).

At 2:30 there'll be a Grand Officer dedication with a yet-to-be-determined site—but with the vast historical resources in western Nevada County finding one shouldn't be a problem.

At 6 the bar opens in the lounge at the Veterans Memorial Building. Dinner will be served at 7 in the dining room with a menu featuring barbecued pork, chicken or a vegetable plate,

oven roasted potatoes and Caesar salad.

During the evening there'll be a raffle, entertainment and recognition of visiting dignitaries—not necessarily in that order.

Sunday, or "Get Away Day" will start at 8 a.m. with complementary beverages in Hydraulic Parlor's hospitality room. World-famous gin fizzes will be in the mix.

For information about the weekend contact Brother Gary Miller at gsm55@att.net or at (530) 477-1533.

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joining the finest fraternal organization in existence.

With the holiday season approaching and soon to be upon us, many local parlors will hold various holiday dinners, dances and other events. Now is a great time to visit these parlors to see how they encourage their membership to be more active and assure their continued participation in our Order. The food is great, the brotherhood abundant, and there's a wealth of new ideas to share with your parlor. Check with your brothers in neighboring parlors and the calendar section on our website, nsgw.com, to see what they have planned. There are more than seventy local parlors in Native Sons of the Golden West. Make a commitment for the coming year to visit as many of your neighboring parlors as possible. And when you do go, call a brother from your parlor to accompany you.

On behalf of my wife Jaye and our son William, we send you all our best wishes for a blessed holiday season and wonderful New Year to you and your family.



PGP Bob Rogers and wife Dorothy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise from San Francisco to Hawaii in November. Eighteen Native Sons, Native Daughters and friends joined them. Printing on t-shirts reads "Bob and Dorothy's Anniversary Cruise—50 Years of Smooth Sailing."

RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

What if I told you that there was a California State Historic Park that you cannot visit? What if I told you that this park is in one of the most populated areas of the state? What if I told you that this park has stories of native burials, humanitarianism, a lost son and cold blooded murder? You would probably think that I have had one too many cocktails during social hour, but such a place exists and it is Marsh Creek State Park in Brentwood.

John Marsh was born in 1799 in South Danvers, Massachusetts. After attending Phillips Academy in Andover, he attended and eventually graduated from Harvard. He then studied medicine with a doctor in Boston. Soon, Marsh moved west, first settling in the Michigan Territory, and starting the first school in what is now Minnesota. He became an Indian agent at Fort Snelling for the Sioux, took a French/Native mistress by the name of Marguerite Decouteaux, who bore him a son, Charles, and was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Territorial Governor, Lewis Cass. He continued his medical studies under a Dr. Purcell at Fort Snelling but did not complete them as his mentor passed away.

Eventually, Marsh settled in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and became involved in the Black Hawk War. Blamed for a Sioux massacre of the Fox and Sauk, Marsh was forced to flee to New Salem, Illinois, with his mistress and son. He returned to Prairie du Chien, and left his family behind. Marguerite attempted to walk to Prairie du Chien while pregnant and died. Marsh then left his young son in the care of a family in New Salem. Marsh resumed his job as an Indian Agent and was discovered to have illegally sold firearms to some Indians. He had to flee the territory once more, tried his hand at being a merchant in Independence, Missouri, and reached Southern California via the Santa Fe Trail in 1836.

Marsh was granted permission by the Mexican authorities to practice medicine and began his practice as a doctor. He quite often charged very high fees since he was the only doctor in the area who had recent, modern medical training. Marsh is credited as being the first doctor to practice medicine in California. He was paid in hides and tallow and eventually sold his accumulated goods to a Boston merchant for five hundred dollars. With the proceeds of the sale, he purchased Rancho Los Meganos from Jose Noriega near what is now Brentwood in 1837. Marsh became a rancher as well as a doctor and did very well.

In 1841, Marsh invited members of the Bartleson-Bidwell Party to be his guests and after several disagreements John Bidwell left the Marsh Ranch. Marsh began to encourage immigration to California, in part out of distrust of the Mexican government. He is credited with writing the 1845 letter, "Call To Foreigners," and he worked to bring California into the Union with Thomas O. Larkin. He participated in the Battle of Cahuenga Pass, trying to convince

the Americans on both sides to not fight against each other. The result was that Michael Micheltorena, the last Mexican Governor of California, surrendered and was sent packing to Mexico.

After the end of the Mexican American War, John began a search for his son, Charles. This search proved fruitless and, in 1851, Marsh was introduced to Abigail Smith Tuck whom he married two weeks later. She soon bore him a daughter, Abigail Francis. He began building a stone house to replace the original adobe on his ranch. The house was completed in 1855, soon after the death of his wife. He moved into the house three weeks before his own death.

On September 24, 1856, Marsh was travelling from his ranch to Martinez for an appointment. On the road near Pacheco, he was accosted by three vaqueros about disputed wages. He was robbed and murdered. His body was found in a ditch by the side of the road after his driverless carriage arrived in Martinez.

The Marsh Creek State Park incorporates a large portion of Dr. Marsh's ranch near Brentwood. The remains of his stone house and other structures on the property are being stabilized. There are ongoing archaeological excavations on the site. Just recently, over 500 skeletons were unearthed on the property; all the remains date from 4,300 to 2,950 years ago and eight of

them appear to be buried with ancestral skulls. The park remains closed to the public, but the John Marsh Trust holds several public events a year. For further information please visit <http://john-marshhouse.com/>.

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Tax Deductions Available

By **JOE CASTILLO, Grand Trustee**

If you're looking for a tax deduction for this year's tax reporting, try donating to the NSGW Charitable Foundation (CF) and the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation (HPF). Both foundations are designated as 501(c)3 non-profit charities and your deduction will qualify as a charitable donation. So help yourself by receiving a tax-saving deduction and also by donating to two organizations which support the mission and giving nature of the Native Sons.

All donations are welcome and if you submit them before the end of the 2016 tax year, you are eligible to include it on your tax returns. In addition, if you are a small business owner, your business may also receive the same tax savings as an individual donation. Contact your tax accountant for more information. You'll be glad you donated and you and/or business will be recognized for your community support and goodwill.



John Marsh House

GOLDEN GEMS OF THE NATIVE SONS

By **JOE CASTILLO, Grand Trustee**
Meet Jeff Horton, San Miguel #150

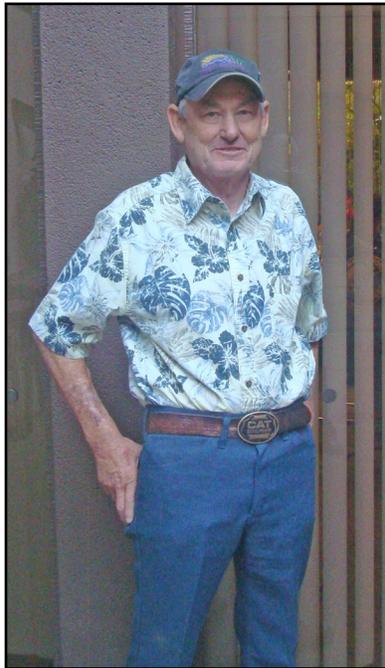
It's approximately 1:30 p.m. afternoon of April 9 and I need to get from the Native Son building on Mason Street in San Francisco to the Days Inn near the San Francisco Zoo. The drive is less than ten miles but going through the heavily congested Castro area the trip takes closer to an hour. With no car to get to the next meeting, an NSGW brother offers to give me a ride. The brother is Jeff Horton and for the next fifty minutes I am captivated by his incredible story.

Jeff is the president of San Miguel Parlor #150 and has been a member of the Native Sons for six years. He lives in Paso Robles, is married with two children and two grandchildren and that's the thankful part of Jeff's life. But to get to where Jeff is today is nothing short of a miracle. You see, Jeff was born with cystic fibrosis (CF), a genetic disorder with no known cures that affects the lungs, pancreas, liver, kidneys and intestines. Patients have difficulty breathing while coughing up mucus as a result of recurring lung infections.

As a youth, Jeff knew he had a medical condition, but he used his sense of humor and his ability to make others laugh to help him control the situation. He enjoyed running but would always end up coughing and turning purple upon completion of his run. Jeff was barely ninety pounds but continued to compete and, while others walked, Jeff chose to run because he knew he could.

Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 16, Jeff began treatment at UCLA where he was told that a recent heart transplant had been performed giving him hope that a lung transplant could be performed in the near future. He waited and waited for a transplant while he continued treatment for his condition. Years came and went, and his breathing became more and more difficult. His lungs and fibers became hardened causing their pumping to slow down, bringing in even less air into his weakening body.

While working as a salesman, Jeff wore a breathing mask while toting around an oxygen tank, causing his customers to share words of encouragement with him. Until Jeff was 40 years old, he was treated in a children's hospital as cystic fibrosis was deemed to be a childhood disease and patients with CF usually did not survive until adulthood. However, Jeff's presence at the hospital became a positive inspiration for young CF patients who thought that if he can survive, they could too. He was placed on a lung transplant list for two years while struggling every second for every breath of his life. He even had to write letters to his doctors letting them know that he was still alive waiting for a new set of lungs.



Finally, twenty years ago this December a healthy set of lungs was located for Jeff and a double lung transplant performed. He was told that he would need thirty days to six months to recover in the hospital but Jeff would have none of that kind of talk and was out in only six days. His recovery treatment included drinking a large amount of water but, with cystic fibrosis, drinking water was like drowning and in time his kidneys became impacted. Jeff was placed on dialysis treatment but the kidneys kept failing and the only treatment was to undergo a double kidney transplant, which Jeff received shortly thereafter.

Jeff's troubles didn't end there and in time he was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. He underwent surgery to remove the cancerous part of his esophagus and replaced it with compatible parts of his own stomach. Jeff is now 63 years old and has had so many surgeries that he has lost count. He attributes his positive and upbeat outlook on life as the keys to his existence, calmly noting "he has too much positive," while maintaining a "whatever happens, happens" attitude.

But Jeff's true legacy is the inspiration he is to other patients going through similar medical conditions and operations by speaking to them on the powers of staying positive and encouraging them to "do things to live, not to just exist." A double lung transplant, a double kidney transplant, an esophagus removal and a whole lot of pain, discomfort and uncertainty would have been too much for any normal individual. But with the positive, upbeat and lighthearted attitude of Jeff Horton, this Golden Gem is a bright and true inspiration for all of us.

"Longevity" Pins Are Available

For years, members have been wondering why they have to wait 25 or 50 years to receive a pin honoring their service to their parlor and the Native Sons. Now they won't have to wait 25 or 50 years any more to get a "longevity" pin.

Pins are available for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years of membership, as well as for 25 years, for just \$5 each.

Fifty-year pins are \$13.50 and 75-year pins are \$12.50.

Parlor secretaries can order them from the Grand Secretary's office, but should specify the member who is to receive each pin.

These pins are a great (and relatively inexpensive) way to honor parlor members who have served the Order for at least five years.

Fairfax Tuesday Lunches

Fairfax #307 invites all Native Sons and prospective members to its clubhouse, 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax, for a great lunch every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. The wine-beer-soft-drinks bar opens at 11:30, although the clubhouse is open at 9 a.m. for those who would like to come and enjoy the beautiful Fairfax hills in a relaxed setting. Full lunch—normally salad, French bread, entree and dessert, is only \$8, all drinks are \$1. There will be no lunches on December 20 and 27 and January 3.

Reservations aren't needed. Contact Fred Codoni at (415) 459-7082 for information.

PARLOR ACTIVITIES



At the recent business meeting Bidwell #21 inducted Dan Love, right, as the resurgent parlor's 100th member.



John Shook, right, presented Elk Grove's "Citizens of the Year" trophy to Elk Grove #41's Brother Jim Entrican and wife Annamarie on November 7. The Entricans received other awards, including a Certificate of Congressional Recognition by Ami Bera; California Assembly Resolution by Jim Copper; County of Sacramento Resolution by Don Nottoli; Elk Grove City Certificate of Recognition by Steve Ly, Steven Detrick and Darren Suen; Cosumnes Community Service District Proclamation by Michelle Orrock, Guy Rutter, Rod Brewer and Rich Lozono; and trophies from the Strauss Board and Chamber Commerce.

Silver Star Raffling Guns

Silver Star #63 is holding a raffle for two rifles and a shotgun. Tickets are \$30 each or two for \$50 for a first prize of a Henry Golden Boy Military Service Tribute Edition (\$1,200 value); second prize of a Mossberg Patriot Bolt Rifle (\$800 value) and third prize of a Remington Model #870 Pump Action Shotgun (\$500 value). Tickets are available at (916) 342-3709; only 250 tickets will be sold. Drawing will be held December 15, 2016.

Napa Celebrating New Year's Eve

Solano Has a New Home!

After being displaced from its long-time meeting place at the Cordelia Fire Hall several years ago, Solano #39 has finally found a place to hold meetings and socials. It's the Masonic Hall, located at 412 Travis Blvd. in Fairfield. The parlor meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

2017 Crab Feeds

There are several crab feeds coming in 2017. Here's the ones we know about at press time.

- Fairfax #307: February 4 at St. Rita Hall, Fairfax. Tickets price not set. Open to Native Sons, their ladies and guests. Tickets from Tony Starelli at (415) 456-1867.

- Solano #39: February 11, 2017, at Fairfield Civic Center. The cost has not been set. Tickets will be "first come first served" to all members of Solano Parlor in good standing; remaining tickets will be sold to the public.

Russ Carr Gets 75-Year Pin

South San Francisco #157 has awarded a 75-year membership pin to Brother Russ Carr. Brother Russ was born in San Francisco on September 14, 1923 and initiated into the parlor on October 1, 1941. He served as parlor president in 1950. Brother Russ' sister, recently deceased, was a 75-year member of the Native Daughters.

DEADLINE FOR
ADVERTISING AND
EDITORIAL MATTER FOR
THE FEBRUARY-MARCH
NATIVE SON IS
JANUARY 15, 2017.

Napa #62 will hold a New Year's Eve Party at its hall on Saturday, December 31, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m. at dinner—with choice of prime rib or salmon, at 7. Evening includes music from Ron Borelli orchestra in the main hall and DJ "Kiwi" from Sonoma #111. Poker, no-host cocktails and a raffle will be in the small hall. At midnight, there'll be a toast with balloons and confetti dropping in the main hall. The orchestra will play until 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, paid in advance, from Lisa Adams (707 481-4298) or Chris Adams (707 253-2992). Ticket deadline is December 21. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Cast and Blast!

By STEVE WONG

The annual Cast and Blast Event October 28 and 29 in Morro Bay and Atascadero was hosted by San Miguel Parlor #150. The deep sea fishing was great with lots of ling cod and rock cod for brothers from Placerville, Redwood, Santa Lucia, and San Miguel parlors. Although I caught several ling cod in the 10- to 12-pound category, the most experienced fisherman, PGP Richard Hoffman, took the boat pool with 16 -and 18-pounders. Grand Second VP Cary Pearce, Roy Rambo and Chris Pearson tied for first place in the Trap Shoot.

Sea Point

Dinner Jan. 28

Sea Point #158 will hold its Annual Dinner at Sausalito's Spinnaker Restaurant on Saturday, January 28.

The dinner is open to everyone. Please make your reservations by January 18 by contacting Brother Ed Madsen at (415) 388-4243 or at madsenew@comcast.net.

NSGW CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



Dean John D.B. Featherstone (left), Joe Ursino, Dr. Ophir Klein and Paul Lapachet display the Native Sons of the Golden West donation to the UCSF Craniofacial Center at their annual luncheon.

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation in honor or 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 2016 Cleft Palate March, Total donations and our Donation Form on our website, nsgw.org. Click "Community Involvement."

For Cleft Palate Fund

Hank Arklin
Byron Parlor #170
Mt. Bally Parlor #87
National Parlor #118
Native Daughters Grand Parlor Fines
Silicon Valley Community Foundation (five donations)
United Way Matching Funds
Vallejo Parlor #77
Your Cause LLC Applied Materials

In Memory of Brian Bostrom

Gene & Debbie Perry

In Memory of Leo Lavo

Gene & Debbie Perry

In Memory of Dolores Russell

Joe & Linda Neitzel

In Memory of Dano Mattiuzzi

Shirley Mattiuzzi

In Memory of Russ Strittmater

Gene & Debbie Perry

In Memory of Grace Moraes

Gene & Debbie Perry

In Memory of Juan Gonzales

Foothill Sportsman Club

In Memory of Harold Furtado

(Calendar) John C. Fremont Parlor #293

In Memory of Robert Follrath Sr.

Robert & Kathy Santos
Ron & Rita Holliday

Jim & Pat Riley

Michael Sullivan

In Honor of Harry Smith

Smith Family

In Memory of Jim Kennedy

Jim & Pat Riley

Robert & Kathy Santos

In Memory of Bette Chianese

Michael Sullivan

In Memory of Errol Rohrberg

Cambria Parlor #152

In Memory of Edmond Leys

Robert & Kathy Santos

In Memory of Kenneth Goulardt

Eden Parlor #113

Robert & Kathy Santos

In Honor Of Ronald Holliday, Bob Rogers, Phil Wong, Ed Mclean

Robert Follrath Family

In Memory of Bill Barbon

Grace Rogers

In Memory of Harry Stewart

Quartz Parlor #58

In Memory of Bruce Hiebert

Phyllis Hiebert

In Memory of Rae Rodriguez

Ronald & Rita Holliday

In Memory of Mike Nagle

Frank & Kay Compani
Joe & Linda Neitzel

DEATHS

May the Lord grant eternal rest in the Grand Parlor on High to these brothers.

HONORED DEAD

Joseph A. Carbonaro, Sonoma #111: Attended the 79th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Michael Robert Nagle, Rio Hondo #294: Attended the 95th, 96th, 101st, 102nd, 104th, and 113th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; the 103rd session as the SDDGP for District #3 (now District 2). Served as Grand Outside Sentinel at the 105th session, Grand Inside Sentinel and elected Grand Marshal at the 106th session of Grand Parlor; served as Grand Marshal for Grand President Walter Perazzo at the 107th session in 1984; served as Grand Trustee at the 108th, 109th, 110th, and 111th sessions of Grand Parlor; and served as the Tournament of Roses Chairman at the 112th and 114th sessions of Grand Parlor.

Harry Stewart, Quartz #58: Attended the 114th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Argonaut #8

Richard L. Anderson

Modesto #11

George Handy

Solano #39

Richard Brann

Halcyon-Alameda #47

Ronald A. Plomgren

St. Helena #53

Al Del Bondio

Everett Thomas Giugni

Napa #62

Rinaldo Grimoldi

Mt. Tamalpais #64

Edward Alves

Redwood #66

Kevin Hallock

Santa Ana #74

Jane Rees Norgren

Benicia #89

Charlie Collier

Ferndale #93

James R. Smith

Arrowhead #110

George Edward Honn, III

Las Positas #96

Harry Hardy

Arrowhead #110

Dee Schnep/Landin/Ewing

Gary Lord

Eden #113

Kenneth J. Goulardt

Frank Martin

Sea Point #158

Cassius E. Poole

Byron #170

James Raymond Stornetta

Nicasio #183

George Matthew Wilson

Los Banos #206

Joe Coelho, Jr.

San Luis Obispo #290

Santos Arrona, Jr.

Luis Silveira

Fairfax #307

James Crovo

Alan Honda

Charles Peri

OBITUARIES

Former Grand Trustee **Peter Samardizch** of National #118 died November 10 at age 96. Brother Pete was past president National Parlor and former vice president and director emeritus of the San Francisco Hall Association. Until last year Peter chaired both National's Annual Crab Feed and Picnic as he had for over 20 years. A called-upon mentor by many, Peter was a strong friendly presence that will be missed by all of us.

Santa Ana #74 member **Jane Norgren** died September 26. In April 2016, she suffered a massive stroke which left her bedridden. Another stroke led to her death. On October 8, 2016, services were held at Loma Vista in Fullerton. Jane was an active member of the parlor for almost ten years. She was president of the Old Courthouse Museum Society (Santa Ana) for eight years and served on the board of the Orange County Historical Society for many years. She leaves a son and a daughter and four grandchildren.

Kris Nelson Continues as PPA Governor General

The Annual General Assembly of the NSGW Past Presidents' Assembly was held in Rancho Cordova October 7-8. The turnout was the smallest in recent years, with only 25 delegates and about 20 guests. Jim Filippo was scheduled to become governor general, but was unable to continue and current Governor General Kris Nelson agreed to serve during 2017.



The PPA is composed of parlor past presidents and is designed to assist local parlors in any necessary way.

Halycon-Alameda Dedicates Bench

Members of Halycon Alameda #47 and Grand Parlor representatives dedicated the Isabel Clark Bench in Alameda's Jackson Park in Alameda October 22. Planning began in early 2015. The last time a plaque was placed by the parlor was in 2007.

The dedication was featured on the front page *The Alameda Sun*. Local dignitaries included Alameda Mayor Trish Spencer, City Council Member Ezzy Ashcraft, Amy Wooldridge and Denise Shelton, Chair of "Save the Bench." Friends of the Park members included Betsy Mathieson, Jim Manning and Jack Mingo.

According to the *Sun*, "The plaque recalled Isabelle Clark's 1920 expression of love for her late husband, George B. Clark. The plaque's inscription also called to mind Doors' singer Jim Morrison's role in the saga.

"Isabelle Clark, an animal lover and early member of the Alameda County Humane Society, intended the bench, which originally had a pet watering station attached at one end, to provide rest and refreshment to animals and their owners. A storm felled a palm tree, which fell on the bench, causing hairline cracking to the bench and more severe damage to the base. Isabelle's inscription was partially destroyed. There was talk in the city for a time about removing the bench, which is not on the list of historical monuments.

"Park Avenue residents and their neighbors founded 'Save the Bench' and began circulating a petition and raising money to have the bench repaired and restored. One of the more generous donations to the cause came from Kate Pryor and David Lee from Tuckers Ice Cream. The pair donated \$1,265, the entire proceeds from the sale of a very special flavor of ice cream they created, 'Dumb Friends Bench Blueberry Buckle.' According to some stories, Doors' lead singer Jim Morrison, hung around the bench with his friends when he lived here in 1957. In a nod to these tales, a street light was placed at the site in Morrison's memory."

[Note "Dumb Friends" is an early title for animals who do not speak. It doesn't reference the animals' intelligence.]

Increasing Meeting Attendance

BY JOE CASTILLO, Grand Trustee

Trying to get members to attend your monthly meetings is a challenge all our parlors face. As many parlors realize, usually the same members regularly attend the meetings while a large majority of the membership stays away from most meetings.

If you think that you are getting a pretty good turnout for your meetings, try performing this simple calculation to determine the percentage of members attending your meetings. For each meeting, divide the number of members at the meeting by the total number of members in your parlor. For example, if you have 100 members and 22 attend your meeting, then you have a 22% attendance rate. The rule of thumb for an effective meeting attendance percentage is 30%; so if you're not meeting the 30% threshold, try these three suggestions to bring in more members.

1 - Have an event like a dinner or presentation to draw in members.

2 - If you have a dinner, make sure the dinner comes after the meeting. It's a well-known fact that members will leave after getting fed, so hold off on that dinner. Plus, make it a rule that if you don't attend the meeting, no food for you.

3 - Try having a drawing to award members for attending meetings. Place the names of all parlor members in a container and at the end of the meeting, draw one name. If the person is in attendance he wins a dollar amount of say \$20. If the person is not in attendance, then the money rolls over to the next meeting so instead of \$20 going to the next winner, \$40 is awarded. The process continues until someone's name that is in attendance is drawn. Each month when your newsletter goes out to announce the next meeting, be sure to include the amount of the pool and whose names were drawn. It's all in good fun but the point is to bring members to the parlor meetings and have them participate in Native Son events.

Good luck!

Rio Hondo #293 Honors Vets

Rio Hondo #294 honored our veterans during the month of November. On Veterans Day, members placed flags on the gravesites of deceased military veterans at two Southern California cemeteries. In addition, parlor members donated a number of personal care items including socks, toothbrushes, combs, shoes, toiletries and soap, to the veterans at Long Beach Veterans Hospital.

Why Wasn't My Photo Printed?

We don't make any friends for *The Native Son* when we don't print some of the photos you send us. Sadly, even in this age of supposedly-foolproof point-and-shoot cameras, we have seen a decline in the *quality* of the pictures. So many of the pictures we receive are low-resolution, too dark, or out of focus. We don't like to use even a good photo if we have no idea of the names of those pictured.

Please:

- Focus on the subject, not the background.
- Have the photo tell a story instead of just picturing people standing in a row.
- Use fill-in flash if it's dark or back-lit.
- Set your camera to minimum 300 ppi. Include names of people in the picture.

We want to use your pictures, but we need ones that reproduce properly and identify the subjects!

NEW MEMBERS

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

- Humboldt #14**
Tom Benzinger
Leonard C. Blomquist
Les Charter
Michael J. Finley
Donald Hubbard
George Isenhardt
Diego R. Marrero
James R. McBeth
Lee Ulansey
Jeremy C. Wright
Lee Ulansey
- Amador #17**
Philip Ashworth
Evan Ashworth
Tom Baldwin
Leonard Jack Burns
Aaron Douglas Edmonson
Richard Martella
Alan Rush
Raymond Sharples
- John C. Bidwell #21**
Daniel J. Love
- San Jose #22**
Monika M. Koenig
- Sunset #26**
Dale Tilton Shinn
Curt Thue
- Golden Gate #29**
Cheryl Ann Koel
- Ione #33**
Timothy Lloyd Burton
- Solano #39**
Michael William Green
Robert John Lockfeer
- Halcyon-Alameda #47**
Terrence John McCauley
- Quartz #58**
James Troy Arbaugh
Crawford Bost
Steven Jack Hoss
Robert George Ng
Oral Preston Stallings
Randall Author Preston Stallings
- Auburn #59**
Mac Henderson
Donald Anderson
Manny Surprenant
- Napa #62**
Julian Elhard
Casey Flint Arnew
Kristine Cecilia Turley
Michael Willmarth
- Theron Brandon Rhoades
Edwin Paul Ekberg
- Santa Ana #74**
Glen M. Williamson
- Calistoga #86**
Bill Edmunson
- Benicia #89**
Gail Raymond Core, II
Chris Ferrucci
Dennis Patrick Garvey
Charles Ketchum
William Wachob
Russel R. Warren
- Ferndale #93**
Tomas Gomes
Michael Brandon Hamilton
Ed Hower
- Las Positas #96**
Gregory Brown
James Burness
Brian Evitt
Nick Tehero
- Ramona #109**
Frances Rose Chavez
Sonoma #111
Gary Grech
Tyler Anthony Grech
Eric C. Paine
- Eden #113**
Matthew Colin Larsen
National #118
David Albright
Anthony Boyadzis
Albert Castillo
William P. Corkery
Vincent C. Scherba
Louis Sremac
Louis L. Valbusa
- San Miguel #150**
Michael W. King
- South San Francisco #157**
Richard Paul Sazio
Kenneth Tanaka
Richard Jonathan Wong
- Estudillo #223**
Joel Emil Palmer
- San Luis Obispo #290**
Joseph Vincent Silva
- Rio Hondo #294**
Alfred Archuleta, Jr.
- Fairfax #307**
Matthew Gillespie
Jared Tanamachi

Membership Continues Down

Membership in the Native Sons of the Golden West is now 7,848 as of November 1, reflecting the large number of drops prior to the October 31 deadline for adjusting the per capita tax.

While only 24 parlors had net gains, there were several bright spots: Amador #17 had a net increase of 19, followed by Bidwell #21 which reached 100 members with a net increase of 14 and Humboldt #14 which posted a 10-member increase.

MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE

Membership 5-1-16	7,940
Gains	
Initiated	202
Reinstated	11
Tfd In	2
Total Gains	215
Losses	
Suspended	170
Resigned	57
Withdrew	80
Died	78
Tfd Out	2
Total Losses	307
Net Change	-92
Membership 11-1-2016	7,848

National #118 Stressing Recruitment

[From National #118's Newsletter]
After discussing recruitment at our July Board Meeting we thought little that in just a few short months we would be nearing the century mark. Under the direction of President Jim Pine we have done just that. Recruitment has become a priority and although recent successes can't point to any one part of the campaign we do have available recruitment/business cards that all of National's Officer's and some members are carrying. These cards have our logo, meeting time and place, a short description of our Order, with your name and contact information. It makes it very easy when inviting someone to join—there's nothing to write down or remember as it's all printed. Please ask to have some of these cards personalized for you to carry.

Parlors With Net Gains

Humboldt #14	+ 10
Amador #17	+ 19
John Bidwell #21	+ 14
San Jose #22	+ 2
Sunset #26	+ 1
Golden Gate #29	+ 1
Ione #33	+ 1
St. Helena #53	+ 2
Quartz #58	+ 5
Auburn #59	+ 1
Benicia #89	+ 11
Santa Cruz #90	+ 3
Downieville #92	+ 2
Santa Lucia #97	+ 9
Ramona #109	+ 3
Santa Barbara #116	+ 1
Piedmont #120	+ 3
Gabilan #132	+ 3
San Miguul #150	+ 1
Cambria #152	+ 1
Los Banos #206	+ 8
Estudillo #223	+ 1
Pebble Beach #230	+ 1
Guadalupe #231	+ 1



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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 4, 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. No lunch December 20 and 27 and January 3.

DECEMBER

- 2 – Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, Napa Parlor Hall.
- 2 – Santa Ana #74 Christmas Social.
- 3 – Fairfax #307 Christmas Party, Marin Rod & Gun Club, San Rafael.
- 3 – Presidio #194 Christmas Luncheon, Basque Cultural Center.
- 4 – NDGW Annual Children's Foundation Luncheon, Basque Cultural Center.
- 5 – Halcyon-Alameda #47 Christmas Party and 132nd Anniversary Celebration.
- 6 – Guadalupe #231 Dinner, Scottish Rite Masonic Center.
- 6 – San Francisco Hall Association Annual Christmas Dinner, 414 Mason Street.
- 8 – Piedmont #120 Annual Christmas Tamale Feed, San Leandro Vet's Hall.
- 9 – National #118 Christmas Dinner Dance, Basque Cultural Center.
- 10 – South SF #157 36th Annual Crab Feed, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Daly City.

- 10 – Santa Lucia #97 Christmas Party, Salinas Elks Lodge.
- 11 – Elk Grove #41 Annual Christmas Dinner.
- 12 – Eden #113 Christmas Party.
- 13 – Twin Peaks #214 Annual Christmas Dinner, Basque Cultural Center.
- 14 – Santa Rosa #28 Christmas Dinner, Parlor Hall.
- 14 – South SF #157 Annual Christmas Party.
- 16 – Chispa #139 Christmas Party.
- 31 – Napa #62 New Year's Eve Party.

JANUARY

- 4 – Fairfax #307 Business Meeting and Formal Initiation, St. Rita Hall.
- 6 – Nicasio #183 Crab Feed, Hermann Sons Hall.
- 20 – Discovery of Gold Commemoration, Sacramento Mariott.
- 25 – Cambria #152 Ladies Night Dinner, Cambria American Legion Hall.
- 28 – Sea Point #158 Annual Banquet, Spinnaker Restaurant, Sausalito.

FEBRUARY

- 4 – Fairfax #307 Crab Feed, St. Rita Hall.
- 10-11 – Weekend in the Redwoods, Fortuna and Eureka.
- 11 – Solano #39 Crab Feed, Fairfield Civic Center.

MARCH

- 3-5 – '49er Days, Grass Valley.
- 15 – Fairfax #307 St. Patrick's Day Dinner, St. Rita Hall.

APRIL

- 19 – Fairfax #307 Lamb Feed, St. Rita Hall.

MAY

- 3 – Fairfax #307 Visiting Brothers Night, St. Rita Hall.