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## Celebrate Like a 49'er March 3-5 (The Gold Rush Kind, Not the Football team)

By GARY MILLER

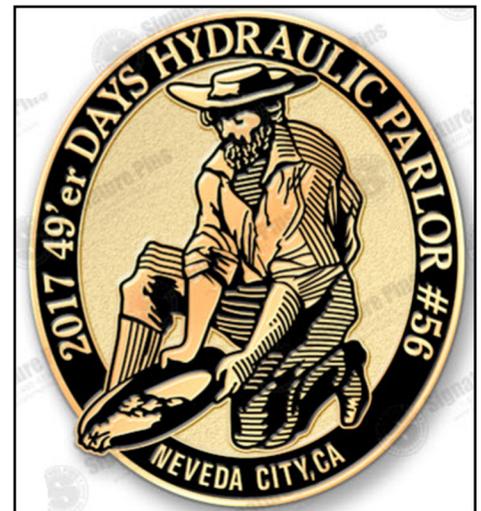
The 2017 49'er Days will be held March 3-5 in Grass Valley. Plans are in motion to make this a memorable weekend in the Gold Country for Native Sons, families and guests.

The Gold Miners Inn/Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Grass Valley will be our headquarters. A hospitality room set up in the Hallmark Suite will be open on Friday evening for early arrivers. Drop by and get acquainted or refresh yourself and renew old friendships.

Rooms are available at the rate of \$139.95/night for either a double queen or a single king. Reservations must be made before February 3, 2017 to take advantage of this room rate; reservations made after the cutoff date are based on availability. Be sure to inform the Reservation Desk that this is for the "Native Sons of the Golden West Group."

Your stay at the Gold Miners Inn includes breakfast, two complimentary beverages from the lobby bar from 5-7 pm daily, free wifi and free parking. The Gold Miners Inn is located at 121 Bank Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945. Reservations can be made by calling direct (530) 477-1700. For more information about The Gold Miners Inn/Holiday Inn Express and Suites you can go to either or both of these sites: <http://thegoldminersinn.com/> and/or <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/grass-valley/gsvca/hoteldetail>.

Saturday, March 4th, is when all action takes place, starting with a Grand Parlor Historical Dedication. Quartz Parlor #58 will be sponsoring dedication of the Auditorium Building. On July 30, 1896, a fire started there at the site of Argall's Opera House, owned by Charles E. Clinch, burning the entire block on East Mill Street from Neal to Bank. In 1900, a corporation composed of the Native Sons of the

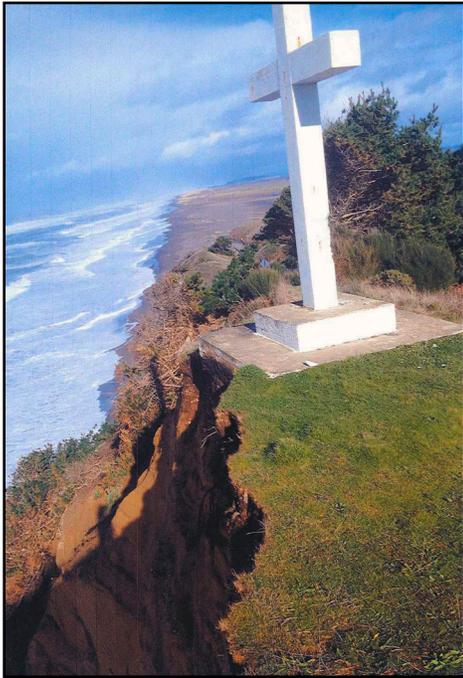


Commerative pin is part of Hydraulic's celebration of 49er Days.

Golden West, Ancient Order of the Foresters, Knights of Pythias, Red Men and the Miner's Union was formed to build a fine theater of three stories. The first floor held a magnificent theater with a capacity of 600 on the floor and 250 in the gallery, plus office space for the Grass Valley City Hall. The second story was devoted to lodge rooms and the third story was a banquet hall. The basement housed both the kitchen and the armory for Company 1 of the National Guard.

On February 2, 1901, the Auditorium Theater opened to a week-long celebration and operated until November 12, 1922. Two days later, it reopened as the Strand Movie Theater, operating until April 22, 1942. The building was then home of the F. S. Rasco & Co. store and since 1972 has been home to Hedman/Ashley furniture store."

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*On the edge! Historic memorial cross near Ferndale was in danger of falling into the ocean until rescued by PGP Allan Baird and members of Ferndale #93. Story on page 3.*

## SF Parlors, PPA, to Honor Lapachet

The Annual Grand President's Dinner, honoring Grand President Paul Lapachet and sponsored by the San Francisco parlors and Past Presidents Association #1, will be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Irish Cultural Center, 2700-45th Avenue (corner of 45th and Sloat), San Francisco. No-host cocktails are at 4 p.m., with dinner at 5.

Price of \$40 per person includes a full dinner with choice of Roast Leg of Lamb or Grilled Salmon. Make reservations by sending your check, payable to "San Francisco Assembly #1," to Robert J. Fletcher, 1284 Skyline Drive, Daly City, CA 94015. Make sure to specify your choice(s) of entrée. Reservations are required, with cutoff date of April 2, 2017.

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Following the Dedication will be a traditional miner lunch of pasties and coleslaw served in the dining room of the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building. During lunch the American Legion will open the lounge for no-host libations. After lunch members will adjourn to the auditorium for a Grand Officer initiation of new members.

Capping off the day is the banquet, which will be held in the dining room of the Veterans Building. The American Legion will have the lounge open at 6 p.m. for a social hour and during dinner.

Dale Hafelfinger from Quartz #58 and Lotts Lake Chairman Mike Hemmings will be roasting a pig and a turkey that will be served up with salad, ranch beans and complementary wine. Topping off dinner will be something of a surprise because as of this writing nothing has been decided yet. Instead of a raffle we will be having a 50-30-20 drawing and a Cleft Palate donation. Any entertainment will probably be provided by the members interacting with each other in small groups.

And if all of the above leaves you begging for more, Sunday morning at 8 there will be a getaway-get-together in the Hospitality Room, hosted by Hydraulic #56. Coffee, whatever may be left in the bar and anything else we can put together will be on hand. Say adios to friends, wish them safe journey home and start thinking about the events of the year ahead of us.

The registration packet will include local information about downtown Grass Valley along with a map of the different functions. If you choose to pre-register the cost is \$50, which includes a lunch and dinner ticket and a commemorative pin. For those that do not want to pre-register lunch and dinner tickets can be purchased separately at registration. Lunch is \$10, dinner is \$40 and Commemorative Pins are \$5.

Here's an outline of the weekend events:

**Friday, March 3** at the Gold Miners Inn/Holiday Inn Express & Suites:

- 6 p.m. Early arrivals get settled and meet at Hydraulic Parlor's hospitality room in the Hallmark Suite. 49'er Days registration packets can be picked up here.

**Saturday, March 4th:**

- 7-10 a.m. Free breakfast in the hotel breakfast area.

- 8-10 a.m. 49'er Days Registration in the Hallmark Suite

- 10 a.m. Grand Officer historical dedication of the old Hedman Furniture store at 161 Mill Street in downtown Grass Valley, sponsored by Quartz #58.

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch in the dining room of the Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building.

- 2 p.m. Grand Officer initiation in the auditorium of the Veterans Building.

- 6 p.m. 49'er Days banquet in the lounge and dining room of the Veterans Building.

- 6-7 p.m. Lounge open for social hour.

- 7-9 p.m. Dinner in the Dining room.

**Sunday, March 5th:**

- 8-10:30 a.m. Getaway Day; hospitality room will be open one last time.

We sincerely hope that you will join us in March. Members of both Hydraulic and Quartz Parlors are working together to make sure that this weekend will be a success.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know. Contact information follows.

Please send check, payable to "Quartz #58, NSGW," to Gary Sutter Miller, Chairman 2017 49'er Days

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## OFFICIAL

- All grand officers, supervising district deputy grand presidents and committee chairman are reminded that their reports for inclusion in the Advance Report are due in the Grand Parlor office by March 1, 2017. All late reports will be included in the Proceedings.

- All candidates for Grand Parlor office requesting an advertisement in the April-May issue of *The Native Son* must send a request to the editor by March 15 and mail a check for the correct amount to the Grand Secretary's office, 414 Mason Street, Suite 300, San Francisco 94102. NO CHECK, NO AD! For rates, telephone the Grand Secretary's office at 1-800-337-1875.

- All resolutions requiring a constitutional change must be received in the Grand Secretary's office no later than February 14, 2017, the constitutionally-mandated ninety days prior to Grand Parlor.

- Parlor secretaries are required to submit semi-annual reports for the period July 1 to December 31, 2016 to the Grand Secretary's office by February 14, 2017.

- Parlor should nominate their Grand Parlor delegates at the first meeting in February, elect them at the first meeting in March and promptly submit the list of delegates to the Grand Parlor office.

## Statehood Day Plans Announced

Statehood Day, celebrating the 167th anniversary of California's admission into the Union, was once a state holiday but now is forgotten by almost everyone—except the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West!

There'll be a fitting celebration, sponsored by Piedmont #120, on September 9, 2017 from 11 a.m. to at least 4 p.m., at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park, 9275 Dublin Canyon Road, Castro Valley. Featured will be a refreshment center, barbecue, live music and a classic car show.

Price is only \$10 for adults (\$15 after August 15 or without reservations); children 12 and under are free.

Also on the agenda is a celebration of Piedmont #120's 129th anniversary!

Reservations, tickets and information are available from Chairman Dan Ryan (510-331-3355) or [dano1888@yahoo.com](mailto:dano1888@yahoo.com).

### THE NATIVE SON

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# Historic Cross in Danger, Saved for Now

The Centerville Beach Cross, a monument on a hill west of Ferndale originally erected in 1921 by members of Ferndale #93 to memorialize the sinking of the paddlewheel steamer *SS Northerner* with a loss of 38 passengers and crew, was itself in danger of being swallowed by the sea.

The original cross was felled by the 1992 earthquake, replaced, and in 1995, re-dedicated by Grand Parlor and Ferndale Parlor. The original cross is on the ground next to the new one.

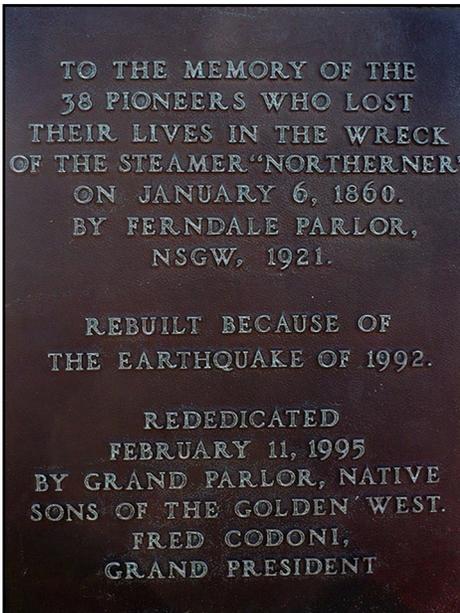
PGP Allan Baird and Ferndale #93 Past President Tim Renner, along with Ferndale member and District Supervisor Rex Bohn inspected the site in late December and found the cross ready to tumble down the 300-foot cliff that is rapidly eroding out from underneath it, with part of the base hanging over the edge of the cliff.

The cross is about 20 feet tall, made of concrete and rebar, weighs between 15,000 and 30,000 lbs., and would be difficult to remove and replace at a safer location. Another option would be to build a new cross elsewhere, but whatever is done the cross should be visible from the sea as fishing vessels use it as a landmark.

In early January, members of Ferndale #93 used heavy equipment to remove the cross from its precarious perch and drag it to a spot near Centerville Road, where it will remain until a new location can be found. According to Baird, the present landowner does not want the cross replaced on the hill.

Renner, who operated the rubber-tired machine used to move the cross, told the Ferndale *Enterprise* he was particularly respectful of the history surrounding the cross and said it spoke to the character of the Native Sons that they were willing to go to such lengths to honor the memory of the 38 who perished in the shipwreck.

Baird has removed the 1995 plaque and he and Renner are working to find a solution to relocating the cross or building a new one.



*Plaque placed in 1995 during rededication of the cross. Plaque was removed before cross was taken from hill and is stored safely.*

# Sad Tale of SS *Northerner*

The paddle-wheel steamer *Northerner*, built in New York in 1847, rounded Cape Horn in 1850 and was in active mail service for the next ten years. On January 4, 1860, she left San Francisco on her regular route to Victoria and Olympia with the mails. At 4 p.m. on January 5, the ship was sailing in a smooth sea and south winds. Four miles from Cape Mendocino, the steamer passed between the cape and a group of offshore rocks known as Blunt's Reef when a slight bump was felt. On examination, it was found that several planks on the bottom of the ship were scraped off. The captain realized it was impossible to save the ship, and headed to land. Passengers and crew bailed the filling ship while the winds increased to storm levels and a huge surf pounded the beach.

## Beached Near Centerville

In heavy seas, the ship beached 20 miles below the mouth of Humboldt Bay, near the village of Centerville.

The first boat over the side, piloted by first officer Mr. A. French, was filled with four ladies and four children, all of whom arrived safely on shore. The next boat capsized and two of her crew drowned, while another lady on this boat washed ashore and was rescued. The third boat also capsized between the wreck and the beach and four crew were lost.

The chief engineer and two firemen took the quarter boat, rowed to land and placed a line between land and the wrecked ship. Other boats were filled with passengers and crew, although many of the survivors used the line directly to get to shore. Mr. French took his boat back out to the wreck to save others, but it was stuck in an eddy under the wreck and Mr. French and three of his crew drowned.

The last boat was sent to shore with Mr. O'Neill, the chief engineer, bearing a line. When he reached shore, a larger rope was pulled ashore and passengers tried to follow the line to shore. The force of the surf, however, resulted in most of these washing away; even those who had tried to tie themselves to the line were lost. Others were killed when hit by wreckage being tossed in the heavy waves.

## Locals Help Injured

Residents of Centerville helped the injured, taking the ladies to the two buildings of town. In the morning, fourteen dead were found lying on the sands, one female passenger was found still tied to the wheel, and the remaining bodies were lost to the ocean. All the bodies were buried near the beach.



*This advertisement appeared in San Francisco newspapers to announce what would be the final voyage of the *Northerner*.*

**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,

Now that the calendar has turned from the year 2016 to 2017, there are only a few more months before Native Sons from across the state will meet at Grand Parlor. This year, the 140th Grand Parlor will convene at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Monterey Marriott in downtown Monterey. This location provides a superb setting for the annual convention of our Order, with a wide selection of restaurants and many other attractions conveniently located in the area. Grand Parlor concludes on Thursday, May 18th with the installation of officers for the 2017-18 term. The committee and I look forward to hosting the delegates and guests for a week of



business, brotherhood and fun, and anticipate an enormously successful Grand Parlor.

In a previous message, I wrote of the importance of an active membership. For our Order to be a thriving and vibrant fraternal society, commitment from members is essential. There is no more important commitment from membership than service to the administration of the Native Sons, whether at the local parlor or Grand Parlor level. The Grand Parlor in Monterey, and events leading up

it, afford our membership the opportunity to positively affect the future of our Order.

At Grand Parlor elections will be held to select the leaders of our Order for the coming term. Additionally, resolutions to revise the Native Son's Constitution and set the budget for the following year will be discussed, voted upon and decided. Training workshops to instruct members on the essential duties of book officers will be offered. Finally, parlors and individuals members will make their donations to our Order's tax exempt foundations (the NSGW Charitable Foundation and the Historical Preservation Foundation).

Shortly, next year's budget and constitutional resolutions will be distributed to parlor recording secretaries. I encourage all members to review these materials and discuss them among parlor membership. Additionally, there will be opportunities to meet and speak with candidates for grand office. All members should take advantage of these occasions and discuss ideas to improve and strengthen our Order with these candidates.

Brothers, this is your Order—as a member of the Native Sons these are your opportunities to become involved in its governance and leadership. It is each of our responsibilities to provide our input into the management of our Order. By doing so, our Order will grow stronger. The future of our Order is in your hands. Mark the dates for Grand Parlor on your calendar and plan to attend. Until then, I hope to see you in my travels and I hope that you will join us in Monterey for the 140th Grand Parlor.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity  
Paul D. Lapachet  
Grand President Native Sons of the Golden West

## HPF

David Allen, PGP, Chairman HPF

This will be a brief report as there isn't a lot of real new information to report this month as we are ending a slow period and haven't yet started to uncover from our Christmas nap.

We have a few requests that will be reviewed at our meeting at the Discovery of Gold weekend. One is for the replacement of CHRL plaque #167 in the city of Vernon. This plaque commemorates the Battle of La Mesa on January 9, 1847 which was the last battle of the Mexican-American War. Another request is from Yosemite Conservancy for support in the construction of a traditional American Indian roundhouse at the site of the Wauhoga Village. This was part of the last Indian settlement of Yosemite Valley. This particular project is ready to go.

The above two requests show that the HPF continues to be a statewide player in the field of California history. Unfortunately there is nothing new to report concerning support for three of California State Parks as they are still in a holding pattern.

As the HPF continues to grow and thrive some of our activities are base hits or home runs, some not. But the net result is that the influence of the Native Sons is spreading in a positive manner. As I stated in a previous report, the *Native Sons of the Golden West's name is gold* to many in the historical world. It is our brand and it adds to the notoriety of the Native Sons. If you don't believe the *gold* statement, next time you are at an historical presentation or event, let the organizers know you are with the Native Sons and watch the reaction. It will surprise you and could even be an opportunity.

I persist in asking, what have you done in your community to preserve or recognize California history? What have you done to perpetuate the Native Sons of the Golden West? I go back to many of my articles as Grand President and previous HPF reports and continue to beat the same drum. The Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West is a door or a path to California history as well as that unspoken hidden agenda, that it is a door or a path to the future of the Native Sons.

In the next issue of *The Native Son* there will be a report from our meeting during the Discovery of Gold Festivities as well as our plans for Grand Parlor. The next meeting of the HPF Board will be in the San Francisco area during the board meeting weekend in April.

Until next time Happy Trails.

Have an opinion you'd like to express? We welcome letters on all Native Son and California topics and are happy to publish them. We reserve the right to refuse letters which are or may be considered libelous.

## THE NATIVE SON

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## OPINION

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

**Get an Understudy!**

Book officers are the heart of every parlor. They receive and bank the dues and other monies, keep the membership records, take minutes, see that the parlor is run well—plus dozens of other extremely important duties.

Though we'd like to think so, no one lives forever, and no one is irreplaceable. When a book officer becomes incapacitated or passes, will the parlor survive if no other member can take over the job? We know of several parlors that folded when the recording secretary died; they were not very healthy anyway and were being held together by the hard-working secretary.

We joined Fairfax Parlor in 1972; at the meeting at which we were obligated the president announced that the long-time secretary had died. Somewhat foolishly, we volunteered and, knowing absolutely nothing, took the job for 25 years, the first couple of which were serious learning time. How much easier the transition would have been if there were someone understudying that position.

Despite what some think, we are not proposing that the present incumbents step aside, no matter how long they have served. No, we just think it is wise to have someone to back up each book officer, to sit with him (or her), learn the duties, perhaps perform the duties when the current book officer is on vacation or has another commitment.

The Native Sons of the Golden West has existed for more than 142 years. What a shame it would be if our Order loses parlors because a book office dies and there's no knowledgeable person to replace him.

**Change Your Address, Lose Your Membership**

The Order constantly gains and loses members. Losses may be from death, resignation or non-payment of dues. We can live with that.

What we shouldn't have to live with is losing track of a member because he moves and doesn't notify his parlor of his new address. Usually, the US Post Office will forward mail for a year and return the original piece of mail with the new address—but that's only if the member who is moving notifies the post office of his new address.

Right now, in Fairfax Parlor we are holding three pieces of mail from our members marked "Attempted, not known," "P O Box closed, no forwarding order," and "Return to sender, unclaimed." That's for just one month!

We will have to drop these members because we have no way of sending them dues notices or newsletters.

My brothers, PLEASE, if you move, notify your parlor's recording secretary. We don't want to lose you, but you'll have to help us track your location!

**Get Your Lucky Calendars!**

NSGW Lucky Calendars are available from your parlor secretary or from the Grand Secretary's Office for just \$25. The calendars contain full-color photos of many of the Native Sons monuments as well as descriptions of our activities. Prizes ranged from \$25 to \$3,000; winning tickets are returned to the drawing—many people have won more than once. Proceeds go to support Native Son activities and reduce the per capita tax.

**Rio Hondo #294 Announces Castillo's Candidacy for Third**

[Provided by Rio Hondo #294]

Rio Hondo Parlor #294 is proud to announce Joe Castillo as its candidate for Grand Third Vice President.

Joe has been a Grand Trustee for the past five years and is currently the senior member of the Board of Grand Trustees. In addition to being a member of the Board of Grand Officers, he has been a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West for ten years and has been on the Board of Directors for the Historical Preservation Foundation (HPF) for the past six years while holding the positions of Vice Chairman and Grant Coordinator.

Joe is also an historical researcher, having written over 450 columns on various history topics. He has also authored two history books under his pen name "Time Jockey" and has donated the sales from his books to the HPF and the Matt Castillo Memorial Scholarships, which he established in 2015, and has awarded six high school scholarships over the past two years. He has given 15 historical presentations with over 500 people in attendance as a means to recruit new members into the Order.

Joe has attended all eight Grand Parlors since 2009, served on the Petitions Committee, California History Board and chaired three training sessions at Grand Parlor for Parlor and Program Development. He has also co-signed four resolutions supporting California Native Americans in their bid for federal recognition, Resolution 6 to protect NSGW property, the preservation of California Pioneer Cemeteries and the re-drafting of the Native Son Funeral Ritual.

Joe initiated, developed and published the "State of the Parlors Report" to be used by the Board of Grand Officers as a tool to manage parlor risks and strengthen the entire organization. He has been a consistent attendee at the St. John's Appreciation Brunch and attended this year's Cleft Palate Symposium, an event which the Native Sons have sponsored for 48 years.

Joe is a regular contributor to *The Native Son*, having written articles on the history of California, the NSGW and St. John's relationship, and recognizing distinctive members of the Order with his "Golden Gems of the Native Sons" column.

Joe graduated from California State University, Los Angeles and is a career bank and technology auditor. He has been a lifelong volunteer for youth sport organizations and community programs as well as a high school teacher and coach. A professional bank auditor, community volunteer, historical author and journalist, high school teacher and coach, and true Native Son who supports the mission of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the members of Rio Hondo Parlor #294 are honored to present Joe Castillo as their candidate for the position of Grand Third Vice President.

Carl Von Barga of Bidwell #21 has also declared his candidacy for Grand Third Vice President. Further information on his candidacy will be included in the April-May issue of *The Native Son*.

**Two Declare for Grand Secty**

With the pending retirement of Grand Secretary Jim Riley, two past grand presidents have declared their candidacy for the office at the upcoming Grand Parlor in Monterey: PGP Tom Perazzo of Sea Point #158 and PGP Bob Rogers of Fairfax #307. Both have many years in the Order and extensive experience.

## RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

California has long been a place where dreams come true. From the Native Americans who lived here and had an abundance of natural resources and a climate not known to many other areas of North America (mostly), to the Spanish who came, settled, established missions and carved out expansive ranchos; to the Yankee traders who marveled at the wealth and ease of California, the pioneers and the Forty Niners, who were lured here by tales of unimaginable wealth, to the immigrants of today, California has been a land of golden opportunity. While that golden sheen has been a bit tarnished recently, many still flock here from around the world to find their portion of, as the late Huell Howser would say, "California's Gold."

There is one place in California created by a man who came here to expand his vision and push boundaries. He created one of the world's most iconic brands and spread entertainment throughout the world. His legacy continues to this day and the company he founded still provides entertainment for billions of people worldwide. He created new techniques and technologies for his art, a process that continues. He created, in the middle of an orange grove in Anaheim, "The Happiest Place on Earth," and invited "Children of All Ages" to come and visit. He is, of course, Walter Elias Disney, and the company he founded and headquartered in Southern California has become one of the most recognized brands in the world.

### California History?

Now, I know what you are all thinking, "What does this have to do with California History?" Well, I would argue that Walt and Roy Disney, UB Iwerks and the talented men and women who created the Disney Company exemplify the "Spirit of 49". They have helped spread the fame of California throughout the world. They have drawn millions of visitors to our Golden State. And to think, this all began with one man who had a passion for drawing and animation.

Walt Disney's story and the story of the company he built has been told and retold. Any of us who grew up in California know the basic facts by heart, how Disney and UB Iwerks first started as commercial artists, how they were laid off, how Disney taught himself animation and how he and Iwerks lost the rights to the first animated Disney character, Oswald The Lucky Rabbit, to Universal Studios and, of course, how this led in 1928 to the creation of the world's most famous mouse. Who among us doesn't hear the song, "Heigh Ho, Heigh Ho" when someone mentions Snow White? Who hasn't wanted to feed the birds for "Tuppence a bag"? Who hasn't wanted a spoon full of sugar with their medicine or wished upon a falling star? Who hasn't wanted to be Peter Pan and visit Neverland, just once? Who hasn't wanted to shed it all for a pirate's life or wanted Jiminy Cricket to keep us out of trouble? Who hasn't had that moment of indecision when deciding if we should kiss the girl? Who hasn't wanted to pull the sword from the stone? Who hasn't been "twitterpated" or wanted a pet dragon? Who hasn't wanted a fairy godmother?

### Historically Correct?

Sure, many of Disney's productions play fast and loose with

historical fact and fable. Do not get me started on "Pocahontas" or "Davy Crockett"; but how many people received their first exposure to history and fable through Disney's lens? I would argue that millions, if not billions, have and with that exposure came the spread of California's fame. More than that, in 1955 Disney opened a theme park which quickly became a "must visit" destination and where his world and his characters came to life. Many of us have visited Disneyland as children; have then taken our children and grandchildren and have experienced the "magic" that is Disney's stock in trade. Watching my daughter's jaw drop the first time she saw Sleeping Beauty's castle or sat through her first show in the Tiki Room or when she told the young lady who was playing Merida that she was her favorite and that her Daddy wore a kilt too convinced me that Disney and the world he created was still something very special and uniquely Californian.

### Anaheim Was First

Yes, I know that Walt laid the plans for Disney World and Epcot Center in Florida and that there are now Disney parks in Europe and Asia but they are merely copies or expansions of the original. The "Happiest Place on Earth" is still in Anaheim and even though Walt and Roy and UB Iwerks were not native sons, the mouse they created has helped make California known throughout the world. Just the other night, I was watching "Spectre", the latest James Bond film. In it there is a scene in which 007 is trying to gain entry into a secret meeting in Rome. One of the villain's henchmen asks him, "Tu chi sei?" Who are you? Of course, Bond answers, "Topolino", Mickey Mouse.

Yes, Disney has grown into a multi-billion dollar corporation and yes, times have changed but Walt Disney's impact on California's and the world's culture remains and "Children of All Ages" still marvel at the magical world he created, right here in California.

[Editor's note: Former *Native Son* editor the late John Boulware of Claremont Parlor was a talented artist who worked as an animator for Disney Studios for a short time. He said he quit because he "needed a job with more creativity"!



Members of Oroville #8 and Bidwell #21 placed a plaque on the historic Gray Nurse Building in Oroville on December 7. Pictured displaying the plaque at the Oroville City Council meeting are, left to right, Sean Pierce, Gray Nurse owner, and Native Sons of the Golden West members Daniel Rhodes, Ethan Phillips and Gary Norwood.

# GOLDEN GEMS OF THE NATIVE SONS

## Meet Bob Teal, National #118

By **JOE CASTILLO, Grand Trustee, Rio Hondo Parlor #294**

Our order has nearly 8,000 members with a number of members having spent a lifetime in the Order. Bob Teal of National #118 has only been in the Order for less than three years and has already made a lasting impact on his parlor as well as the entire Order.

I met Bob at the last Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park and was immediately impressed by his warm personality, eagerness to learn more about the Native Sons and his positive outlook on life. Bob

lives in Burlingame, where his family arrived before 1900, and is retired after 28 years working as a fire captain in Morgan Hill. He always had an interest in history, especially California state history, so joining the Native Sons was a natural fit.

His friend and current National President Jim Pine tried to recruit Bob into the Native Sons but Bob wasn't interested, primarily due to family responsibilities. However Jim kept asking and asking over the next few months, and finally Bob gave in and decided to join. After only a couple of meetings, Bob was voted in as National's 2nd vice president and began what he said was a "learning process."

But Bob just didn't come and climb the chairs until he became president—he saw things that needed to be improved and he set about trying to turn them around. He asked about certain tasks and responsibilities in his new position but nothing was written down. So Bob took it upon himself to research certain topics, write the information down and document the functions and procedures followed by his parlor. He also put together a Resource Directory for his own parlor, a directory which includes a collection of all vendors used by the parlor as well as a Glossary of Native Sons terms. As the Native Sons have their own collection of terms such as lapsation, regalia, per capita, Grand Parlor and subordinate parlors, the development of a glossary to explain unique terms helped new members understand the inner workings of the Native Sons.

In addition, Bob took on the time-consuming task of preparing and distributing a monthly newsletter for National Parlor. This may sound like an easy task to accomplish especially if you have a computer or a printer, but Bob didn't have either. So once again Bob learned about using a computer and setting up a printer, and started producing a monthly newsletter for the parlor. Along the way he started doing things in an improved fashion and reduced the cost of postage and mailings by sending the newsletter to individual email addresses rather than through the U.S. Postal Service. At one time, 90 members received the newsletter in the mail, now only 32 members receive it through the regular mail with all

others receiving it online. In addition, Bob's email distribution list now numbers 200 accounts.

Even though it took a lot of work to automate the printing and distribution of National's newsletter, Bob found a new channel to write about his many history-related projects. He wrote interesting articles, including how National Parlor got its name, developing a list of all past and current parlors in the Order, the origins of the Hall Association and the California Civil War 100 unit. He's also researching a new project about the non-indigenous eucalyptus tree's arrival and growth in California, especially in Southern California where it is one of the most common neighborhood trees.

Bob Teal's story sounds like he has all the time in the world to do all of the things he does but in reality he has more important priorities in his life. Bob is a caregiver for his 59 year old sister, Joan Francis, who is affected by Down's syndrome, a genetic disorder cause by the abnormality of chromosome 21. He has been taking care of Joan for 30 years, with the past 18 years providing one-on-one care to his sister. She is unable to read or write and can only do limited traveling. Part of the reason Bob was reluctant to join the Native Sons was that he could not attend meetings and events in the evening hours as

he needed to be with his sister and provide care for her. His caregiver schedule fits well with National Parlor's afternoon luncheon meeting schedule, Bob's caregiver requirements and limitations on the number of hours available on any given day. Joan became a Native Son in 2016 by joining Sonoma Parlor #111 and Bob couldn't be more proud of his sister.

Bob has sacrificed his own personal time and enjoyment to care for his disabled sister, a trait which our entire Order should recognize as very special and one that distinguishes Bob Teal as a Golden Gem of the highest quality.

**Fairfax Crab Feed February 4**

Fairfax #307 invites everyone to the parlor's Annual Crab Feed at St. Rita Hall in Fairfax on Saturday, February 4.

In addition to all-you-can-eat cracked crab, there will be salad, pasta, French bread and—unique to Fairfax Parlor—a great array of appetizers including cooked shrimp, smoked salmon and shrimp and crab dips.

The bar opens at 6, with appetizers served shortly thereafter, followed by dinner at 7:30. Price of \$45 includes everything but no-host cocktails. To reserve a seat, send a check, payable to "Fairfax Parlor #307," to Tony Starelli, 137 Gregory, Fairfax, CA 94930. Information from Brother Tony at (415) 456-1867.



*Bob Teal stands behind his sister, Joan Francis, after Joan became a member of Sonoma #111.*

## PARLOR ACTIVITIES

### Napa Valley Sets 1st Natives to Participate in Annual Trek Friday Luncheons

A great tradition amongst the Napa Valley parlors is their first Friday lunches, held at one of three locations. All Native Sons and prospective members are invited. Here's the 2017 schedule:

- February 3** - Napa parlor hall.
- March 3** - St. Helena parlor hall.
- April 7** - Napa parlor hall.
- May 5** - Calistoga parlor at the Fairgrounds.
- June 2** - Napa parlor hall.
- July 6** - St. Helena parlor hall.
- August 4** - Napa parlor hall.
- September 8** - Napa parlor hall.
- October 6** - Calistoga parlor at the Fairgrounds.
- November 3** - St. Helena parlor hall.
- December 1** - Napa parlor hall.

### Santa Rosa 2017 Dinners Scheduled

Santa Rosa #28 has a dinner on the second Wednesday of each month (except June) at its hall at 3318 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa. Everyone is invited but reservations are required four days before the event from Shirley Mattiuzzi (707 542-4356) or Walter Hyde (707 795-9702). Unless otherwise indicated, cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and over; children under 10 are free. Price includes wine, beer and soda served starting at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7.

- February 8** - Crab Cioppino. Reservations by February 4. Cost is \$15.
- March 8** - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Reservations by March 4.
- April 12** - Spring Dinner. Reservations by April 8.
- May 10** - Mother's Day Prime Rib Dinner. Reservations by May 6. Cost is \$15.
- Saturday, June 10** - Father's Day Steak Barbecue, location to be announced. Dinner served at 1 p.m. Reservations by June 6. Cost is \$15.

### Fairfax Tuesday Lunches Continue

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

### Great Lunches at Guadalupe #231!

Guadalupe #231 has a great lunch, open to Native Sons and guests, each first Tuesday at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center in San Francisco. Price of \$10 includes the meal and all beverages. There's usually a business meeting at 11 a.m., followed by lunch. Reservations are required from Wayne Warden (650 726-4597), [wayne.warden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wayne.warden@sbcglobal.net). Menu for the rest of 2017:

- February 7** - Meat Loaf.
- March 7** - Chicken Parmesan.
- April 4** - Minestrone Soup and Mediterranean Salad.
- May 2** - Beef and Chorizo Enchiladas.
- June 6** - Bacon Cheeseburger and Potato Salad.
- July 11** (second Tuesday since first Tuesday is a holiday) - Chicken Breast Kabob and Pasta Salad.
- August 1** - Grilled Prawns.
- September 5** - Italian Sausage and Herbed Cheese Polenta.
- October 3** - Cube Steak with Mushroom Gravy.
- November 7** - Baked Ham.
- December 5** - Baked Salmon.

### Fun Run to Reno is March 26-27

Mt. Tam #64 Native Sons and NDGW Marinita #198 are sponsoring the 33rd Annual Reno Fun Run on Sunday, March 26, returning Monday, March 27. This fundraiser features a bus trip with food and drinks and a raffle on the way to Reno. On Sunday night there is an optional show at the El Dorado which includes a buffet dinner. For reservations or more information, contact Bob or Dorothy Rogers at (415) 897-8386.

Members of DeAnza #312 invites all Native Sons and guests to attend the Annual De Anza trek starting February 10, 2017. On Saturday, February 11, parlor members and guests will carry the California Bear Flag in the Holtville Carrot Parade, starting at 9 a.m. at 5th and Maple Streets in Holtville.

An afternoon dedication is planned, followed by a 5 p.m. initiation of new members at the McConnell Ranch, 2341 McConnell Road, El Centro. A delicious taco dinner with all the trimmings will follow. The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person.

Please send your check, payable to "De Anza 312 NSGW," to Gail Parish, 2117 Willow Drive, El Centro, CA 92243. Information is available from Gail at (760)352-2529, e-mail [tdssw@aol.com](mailto:tdssw@aol.com).

### St. Pat's Day Events

**March 1** - Solano #39 will hold its annual corned beef and cabbage feed at the Fairfield Masonic Hall. Tickets are \$15 per person. Reservations are available from Ken Rose at (707) 344-5054.

**March 8** - South San Francisco #157's Irish Day Feed will be at the Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Blvd., San Francisco, on March 8. Reservations from Jim Riley (800-337-1875 or 650 573-7152).

**March 8** - Santa Rosa #28 holds its annual St. Paddy's Day dinner at their clubhouse, 3318 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa. Reservations from Shirley Mattiuzzi (707 542-4356) or Walter Hyde (707 795-9702).

**March 15** - Fairfax #307's corned beef and cabbage feed will be held at St. Rita Hall, 100 Marinda Drive, Fairfax. Price is \$15 per person. Tickets from Tony Starelli, (415) 456-1867 or [numerounostar@comcast.net](mailto:numerounostar@comcast.net).

Many other parlors have St. Patrick's Day celebrations and dinners; check with your local parlors for dinners not mentioned here.

### Eden #113's Prawn Feed is March 18

Eden #113 will hold its Annual Prawn Feed at the San Leandro Veterans Building, 1105 Bancroft Avenue, on Saturday, March 18. Price of \$25 per person includes salad, prawns and dessert, plus a \$2 off coupon at Porky's Pizza Palace and a chance to win a \$100 door prize. Reservations must be made by March 8 with Jim Fleischman (510 760-1419, [Fleischman@comcast.net](mailto:Fleischman@comcast.net)). No tickets will be sold at the door.

# NSGW CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



*On behalf of the NSGW Charitable Foundation, Grand President Paul Lapachet presented a \$60,000 check to Sutter Memorial Hospital. From left to right: Dr. Laura Workman head of Sutter Cleft Palate Clinic, Lapachet, Dr. Wong, head of Plastic Surgery.*

## An Idea Worth Considering

Dennis McLaughlin, president of Guadalupe Parlor #231, has come out with a unique idea...YEAR OF THE FAMILY 2017. He has asked Guadalupe members to submit ideas for parlor activities for 2017. So far, he has come up with many including a Day at the Races (Ramona Parlor #109 already does this), 9-hole golf tournament and picnic, holiday/parlor anniversary party, and a Native Sons Day at the Ballpark.

He asks for member input: what would *you* like to do? The parlor will support activities that enhance, promote and encourage member involvement.

Sounds like a good idea for every parlor. Too many parlors have the same events every year and declining attendance at many of these events seems to indicate that members may be tired of the "same old thing." From an Order which did many things, we now seem to be a "knife and fork" organization.

Why not take Brother Dennis' advice and try something new?

# DEATHS

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

### HONORED DEAD

**Louis Renner, San Jose #22:** Attended twelve sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

**Peter C. Samardizch, National #118:** Attended nine sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; served the 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, and 123rd sessions of Grand Parlor as a Grand Trustee; and attended the 124th, 125th, & 128th sessions as a member of the Board of Control, serving as chairman at the 126th session, the 122nd session as the Laws of Subordinates Chairman, and the 127th session as the Board of Appeals Chairman.

### DECEASED BROTHERS

#### Dolores-California #1

Frank Allegrini

#### Halcyon-Alameda #47

Thomas Edmund Donato

#### Excelsior #31

Ray Ogden

#### Napa #62

Donald Vanderschoot

#### Santa Lucia #97

Sanford G. Smith

#### Arrowhead #110

Jack Henry Brown

Henry Echandi

James G. Harlan

Donald Earl Van Luven Jr.

Eugene Henry Wood

#### Sonoma #111

Michael George Brocco

#### Eden #113

Albert Cunha

#### Cambria #152

Albert A. Souza

#### Los Banos #206

Manuel A. Mello

#### Pebble Beach #230

Mark Anthony Andermahr

#### San Luis Obispo #290

Jack McKeen

#### John C. Fremont #293

Harold J. Furtado

#### Fairfax #307

Jerome Aparton

## Funeral Service Available

The Native Sons of the Golden West Funeral Service is available for any deceased brother's funeral. This beautiful and appropriate service honors the deceased's California birth and his membership in the Native Sons. It concludes with "Song of the River," a poem by our late Brother William Randolph Hearst.

There is never any charge for this service, which is performed by parlor officers; however, if the deceased's family wants it, they need to request it from the secretary of the deceased's parlor.

## Get Your Native Son On-Line

We continue to add to our list of Native Sons who receive this newspaper via e-mail.

The e-mail edition is put on line as soon as the paper is sent to the printer. Mail copies reach our members up to a month later! An added feature of the on-line copies: full-color photos!

Our goal is to eliminate snail mail copies to those who wish to receive their paper by e-mail. That will result in a savings to our per capita tax of about \$3 for each person who switches to e-mail.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to delete e-mail users from our membership database, which means e-mail recipients will—for the time being—still receive a snail mail copy. We hope that will change soon so we can realize the substantial savings.

For the present, just get on the e-mail list, joining almost one thousand of your brothers who are already on that list.

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# Gladiator Games of Bulls and Bears

## Bears Did Not Fare Well

Bull and Bear fights were a popular entertainment form in Spanish Alta California and grizzly bears suffered relentless pursuit to fill the makeshift fighting arenas that were in more than a few early California locations, including the missions. The grizzly was the largest creature in California and was feared, hunted and honored by Native Americans, explorers, trappers and miners. When they began using the noble grizzly for this form of entertainment and in a land of quickly-increasing human population the fearsome and deadly bear found itself on the receiving end of a campaign of slaughter in many forms.

Bull and bear fights were the most celebrated and popular cause of the demise of the grizzly. Makeshift arenas would attract large crowds of eager spectators, including woman and children. Here are excerpts from writer Hinton Rowan Helper about fight at San Francisco's Mission Dolores.

"The amphitheater which fronted the church stood just a few yards from it, and after paying the admission I found myself among the first who entered; the seats were very properly elevated so high above the arena no danger was likely to result. I suppose five thousand could have attended.

"It was a stirring sight to see these infuriated, muscular antagonists struggling to take each other's life...It was a mighty contest—a desperate struggle for victory! The bear tethered and the bull goaded with spears to charge repeatedly, man, cruel man, more brutal than the brutes themselves."

Captured bears, especially large ones, were as valuable as the admission eagerly paid by spectators; with their horns bulls were quite capable of killing bears, so some arenas would saw the points off the bull's horns, giving the valuable bear an obvious advantage but causing cries of protest and foul from the crowd.

In Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County, gold miners and other spectators became rampant over the way one of these bulls was so easily sacrificed "without any fight at all worth speaking of. Guns were drawn on the exhibitors and lucky for them there were bulls in a nearby pen untampered which were quickly turned into the arena.

The bears were always tethered in some way, either by neck or leg to a pole or even to the bull by a long rope. The fierce Spanish bulls were then forced to charge. The bear often won by grabbing the bull by its nose or neck with its teeth and front claws, then shredding the bull with its rear legs and claws. No matter the victor, the fight was not considered a success unless one or both were killed.

The grizzly was both lassoed and trapped. The Spanish vaqueros were legendary with their reatas and horses; just a few vaqueros could subdue a large grizzly. The bear would then be dragged to a mission or arena wrapped in a heavy ox-hide or taken by wagon. Large traps were built with logs and baited, catching both bears and mountain lions. The latter which would sometimes also be brought into the arenas and used to fight bulls. Some bears and bulls became quite famous and earned nicknames like "the celebrated bull-killing bear General Scott" and "the terrible Mexican Bull Santa Ana."

It was less than one hundred years from the time the Spanish came to Alta California with their fierce bulls until the time the United States took over the territory and outlawed bull and bear fights. But it was too late for our once common California grizzly as it would be continually hunted until the last one was seen in the Sierra Madre Mountains of San Bernardino County in 1924.

## Parlors and Their Memberships

Membership as of January 1,	Ferndale #93	128
2017 (listed by parlor number):	Las Positas #96	285
Dolores-California #1	Santa Lucia #97	190
Stockton #7	Ramona #109	142
Argonaut #8	Arrowhead #110	275
Placerville #9	Sonoma #111	212
Modesto #11	Eden #113	113
Humboldt #14	Santa Barbara #116	42
Amador #17	Broderick #117	18
Lodi #18	National #118	85
John Bidwell #21	Piedmont #120	90
San Jose #22	Gabilan #132	166
Sunset #26	Chispa #139	205
Santa Rosa #28	San Miguel #150	48
Golden Gate #29	Cambria #152	72
Woodland #30	South SF #157	203
Excelsior #31	Sea Point #158	71
Ione #33	Konocti #159	23
Solano #39	Washington #169	63
Elk Grove #41	Byron #170	34
Halycon-Alameda #47	Observatory #177	35
St. Helena #53	Nicasio #183	359
Hydraulic #56	Presidio #194	49
Quartz #58	Los Banos #206	122
Auburn #59	Twin Peaks #214	173
Napa #62	Estudillo #223	60
Silver Star #63	Pebble Beach #230	70
Mt. Tamalpais #64	Guadalupe #231	140
Watsonville #65	Columbia #258	61
Redwood #66	Sutter #261	20
Santa Ana #74	University #272	42
Vallejo #77	San Luis Obispo #290	249
Calistoga #86	J. C. Fremont #293	65
Mt. Bally #87	Rio Hondo #294	20
Benicia #89	Fairfax #307	467
Santa Cruz #90	DeAnza #312	32
Georgetown #91	Holderman #316	36
Downieville #92		

## JrPGP Goes to Inauguration!

JrPGP Dean Zellers and son Bailey attended Donald Trump's inauguration after receiving tickets from their congressman. Dean and Bailey flew to Newark, N. J., and drove more than three hours to get to D.C. ahead of the ceremony.

Bailey told CTC News "It's only going to happen twice—hopefully twice—but if it only happens once, we had to see it in person, It's a big event."

As a young Trump supporter, Bailey said he stands out among his co-workers. But he doesn't wade into disagreements with Hill-ary voters. "If they get all up in my face, I just say 'Ok.'"

"I'm a big Donald Trump fan – whatever he says is great," Bailey said. "He says it how it is and a lot of people don't like it, but (for) people who know what he's going to do, he's going to be great."

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# NEW MEMBERS

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

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| <b>Humboldt #14</b><br>Mark E. Magladry<br>A.R. "Butch" Reeves | <b>Santa Lucia #97</b><br>Orin Melvin Book<br>Rodney Ernest Curtis                             |
| <b>Excelsior #31</b><br>David Davidson<br>James Ealy           | <b>National #118</b><br>Norman C. Bennett  |
| Marcus Glavenich<br>Don Teixeira<br>Matt Whitmore              | <b>Chispa #139</b><br>Steven Thomas Mather<br>Michael Edward Jones<br>Timothy Michael Thompson |
| <b>Auburn #59</b><br>John Crawford<br>Michael Williams         | <b>Los Banos #206</b><br>Frank Leonard Sr.   |
| <b>Redwood #66</b><br>Michael Armanino<br>Steven Silvestrini   | <b>Pebble Beach #230</b><br>Constance Lynn Fortino<br>Camille Guy<br>Willis K. Korhonen        |
| <b>Mt. Bally #87</b><br>Jesse Brookins<br>Doug Morrison        | <b>San Luis Obispo #290</b><br>Donald J. Brimage, Jr.<br>Raymond Dezember Roza                 |
| <b>Ferndale #93</b><br>William L. Stoltz                       | <b>Fairfax #307</b><br>William Allen Danz  |



Grand President Paul Lapachet will present this handsome belt buckle to any member who sponsors a new or reinstated member between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017. Inscription on back of buckle reads: "Membership Award Presented by Grand President Paul Lapachet South San Francisco Parlor #157. Armored Cruiser California. The second USS CALIFORNIA (ACR-6) was launched April 28, 1904 by Union Iron Works, San Francisco, California and later renamed San Diego. On July 19, 1918, bound from Portsmouth, N.H., to New York, the San Diego struck a mine laid by the German submarine U-156 southeast of Fire Island. She sank in 28 minutes with the loss of six lives, the only major warship lost by the United States in World War I. The wreck is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

## 140th Grand Parlor Coming

The 140th Grand Parlor will convene at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Monterey Marriott in downtown Monterey.

Schedule includes Grand President Lapachet's reception on May 14, business sessions on May 15, 16 and 18, Ladies Luncheon May 15, Grand Banquet and Ball May 16, Play Day May 17, and concluding business session, Cleft Palate March and installation of officers on May 18.

## Downward Spiral Continues

Membership in the Native Sons of the Golden West is now 7,828 as of January 1, 2017.

Once again, only one-third of our parlors showed a new gain. We're glad to see some small parlors getting at least one new member.

Unfortunately, the Native Sons of the Golden West seem to be following the sad trend suffered by most fraternal societies: declining membership.

Too often a parlor's only enticements to prospective members is the number and quality of the meals it serves and the availability of inexpensive cocktails. Too often forgotten are the original purposes of our Order: "To preserve the Spirit of the Days of '49 so that it shall not perish from the hearts and minds of man."

Many prospective members, looking at our Web site or reading about our past, come to the Native Sons seeking a chance to study and preserve history and participate in community projects and are disappointed to find that too many of our parlors fail in their duty to live up to the hopes of the founders of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Is your parlor's membership declining? Are you have trouble recruiting new members? Perhaps by honoring history and having community projects you will gain publicity for your parlor and attract new members.

It's worth trying.

## MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE

Membership 5-1-16	7,940
<b>Gains</b>	
Initiated	229
Reinstated	17
Tfd In	2
Total Gains	248
<b>Losses</b>	
Suspended	187
Resigned	73
Withdrew	0
Died	98
Tfd Out	2
Total Losses	360
Net Change	-112
Membership 1-1-2017	7,828

## Parlors With Net Gains

Humboldt #14	+ 12
Amador #17	+ 19
John Bidwell #21	+ 14
San Jose #22	+ 1
Sunset #26	+ 1
Ione #33	+ 1
St. Helena #53	+ 2
Quartz #58	+ 5
Auburn #59	+ 3
Mt. Bally #87	+ 2
Benicia #89	+ 11
Santa Cruz #90	+ 3
Downieville #92	+ 2
Santa Lucia #97	+ 10
Ramona #109	+ 3
Santa Barbara #116	+ 1
National #118	+ 3
Piedmont #120	+ 3
Gabilan #132	+ 3
San Miguul #150	+ 1
Los Banos #206	+ 8
Estudillo #223	+ 1
Pebble Beach #230	+ 3
Guadalupe #231	+ 1

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**FEBRUARY-MARCH 2017**

**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..

**FEBRUARY**

- 3 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, Napa Hall.
- 4 - Napa #62 Crab Feed.
- 4 - Fairfax #307 Crab Feed, St. Rita Hall.
- 7 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 8 - Santa Rosa #28 Crab Cioppino.
- 10-11 - Weekend in the Redwoods, Fortuna and Eureka.
- 10-12 - DeAnza Trek, El Centro.
- 11 - Solano #39 Crab Feed, Fairfield Civic Center.
- 15 - Arrowhead #110 Valentine Dinner.
- 20 - Napa #62 Sweethearts Dinner.
- 22 - South SF #157 Short Rib Feed.
- 25 - Ione #33 Crab Feed.

**MARCH**

- 1 - Solano #39 Crab Feed, Fairfield Community Center.
- 3 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch, St. Helena parlor hall.
- 3-5 - '49er Days, Grass Valley.
- 7 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 8 - Solano #39 Clam Feed (tentative).

- 8 - Santa Rosa #28 Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner.
- 8 - SF Parlor/PPA Dinner Honoring Grand President Lapachet.
- 15 - Fairfax #307 St. Patrick's Day Dinner, St. Rita Hall.
- 18 - Eden #113 Prawn Feed.
- 26-27 - Mt. Tam #64 NSGW-NDGW Ren Fun Run.

**APRIL**

- 4 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 7 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Napa parlor hall.
- 12 - Santa Rosa #28 Spring Dinner.
- 26 - South SF #157 Candidates' Night.
- 19 - Fairfax #307 Lamb Feed, St. Rita Hall.

**MAY**

- 2 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 3 - Fairfax #307 Visiting Brothers Night, St. Rita Hall.
- 5 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Calistoga parlor at the Fairgrounds.

- 10 - Santa Rosa #28 Mothers' Day Dinner
- 9 or 13 - Solano #39 Swine Dine.
- 15 - 140th Grand Parlor, Monterey.

**JUNE**

- 6 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 2 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch. Napa Parlor hall.
- 8 - Santa Rosa #28 Fathers' Day Prime Rib Dinner

**JULY**

- 6 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch St. Helena parlor hall.
- 11 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.

**AUGUST**

- 1 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 4 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Napa parlor hall.