



Grand Parlor Delegates to Meet In Monterey

Parlors, PPA, to Honor Lapachet

The Annual Grand President's Dinner, honoring Grand President Paul Lapachet 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.



The Monterey Customs House, saved for posterity by the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Grand President Paul Lapachet will convene the 140th session of the Grand Parlor at the Monterey Marriott Hotel on Monday, May 15.

Delegates will consider dozens of resolutions and will vote on candidates for two contested Grand Parlor offices.

The Marriott is located at 350 Calle Principal in downtown Monterey.

Room rates are \$169 per night single and double, plus taxes and fees. Hotel parking is \$25 per day, although there is a city parking garage two blocks from the hotel for \$7 per day. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 228-9290 or on-line at resweb.passkey.com/go/native-sons2017. Mention "Native Sons of the Golden West" to obtain the group rate. Hotel reservation deadline is April 10.

Delegate and guest pre-registration is \$98 per person, which includes the Grand Banquet and the Play Day Barbecue. Pre-registration deadline is May 5. Parlor secretaries have packets with registration forms and other 140th Grand Parlor information.

Natives Introduce Legislation at Capitol

Grand Trustee Jeff Schmidt and Excelsior #31 President Steve McLean have had several appointments with California State Assembly Members and Senators over the past few months. The Native Sons have introduced a bill for joint sponsorship acknowledging the Native Sons of the Golden West as an "Integral part of California's History for over 140 years."

Both Jeff and Steve would like to thank the Blue Ribbon Committee members for their hard work and dedication to this most worthy project. GT Joe Castillo, GIVP Erik Christeson and PGP Dwight Dutschke have worked on over fifteen draft copies to help ensure the resolution makes it to the Capitol floor.

Jeff and Steve still have more meetings to attend at the Capitol in Sacramento and are hopeful that the bill will be approved and signed sometime this summer.

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Sloat Landing Ceremony

The Annual Sloat Landing Commemoration will be held at noon on Saturday, July 8, at the Monterey Customs House. Information is available at (831) 524-1754.

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140TH GRAND PARLOR

Play Day Events

Delegates take a break from their deliberations on Wednesday, May 17 and can participate in several events.

Golf. The Grand Parlor Golf Tournament will be held at the Monterey Pines Golf Course, 1250 Garden Road, Monterey, with a 7:30 a.m. start. Reserve by May 7 by sending a check payable to "The Native Sons" to Don Schaffer, Grand Treasurer, 1679 - 30th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122. Price of \$52 includes golf, cart and prizes. Information from Brother Don at (415) 566-5748.

Bowling. The Annual Bowling contest will be held at the Monterey Lanes, 2061 North Fremont Street in Monterey, starting at 9 a.m. Chairman Bert Abreo said "No book averages required, no previous experience necessary—just bowl for fun and camaraderie!" All bowlers will be handicapped 90% of 220. Games 1 and 2 will be 9-pin no-tap—knock down 9 pins and get a strike. Game 3 will be 8-pin no-tap—knock down 8 pins and get a strike. Average will be figured after three games. Everyone is invited; register with Brother Abreo at (209) 736-4804. Price is \$22.50 per person.

Pedro. The Annual Pedro Tournament will be held in the San Carlos Room at the headquarters hotel starting at 2:30 p.m. Players can send reservations, at \$10 per person, to Joe Sangiacomo, 697 Orange Street, Daly City, CA 94014 before May 12, or sign up at Grand Parlor. Information is available from Brother Joe at (650) 756-5969 or (65) 922-8559.

Barbecue. The Annual Barbecue will be held in the Custom House Plaza Garden, a short walk from the hotel.

Trap Shoot. At press time, no information has been furnished about possible trap shooting.

**See You in Monterey!
May 14 - 18**

**A great hotel, a great
and historic city, a great
Grand Parlor and plenty
to do for everyone!**

Ladies Luncheon is May 15 at Hotel

The Annual Ladies Luncheon honoring First Lady Jaye Lapachet will be held in the Ferrante Room (offering spectacular views) on the 10th floor of the Monterey Marriott on Monday, May 15.

Price of \$50 per person includes Salinas Valley Green Salad, Braised Ginger-Infused Chicken and Almond Raspberry Torte. A vegetarian entrée of Mushroom and Asparagus Risotto is available.

Make checks payable to "Pat Riley" and send to Pat at 527 - 29th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403 on or before the May 1 reservation deadline. No reservations can be accepted after May 1. Please include name(s) for each reservation and contact telephone number. Space is limited, so early reservations are advised.

For dietary restrictions and special requests contact Marilou Ursino at (650) 592-5478 (home), (650) 518-6130 (cell), email murl57@att.net.

Custom House, One of the Order's Gems

The Monterey Custom House is a Spanish Colonial-style adobe structure built around 1827 by the Mexican government in the Pueblo de Monterey, Alta California, in present day Monterey, to collect customs duties at the Port of Monterey. The Customhouse marks the site where Commodore John Drake Sloat raised the American flag and declared California part of the United States in 1846.

The Customhouse was a landmark that the Native Sons determined should not disappear if within their power to prevent it. Although the property belonged to the United States Government, the Native Sons obtained a lease of the buildings and grounds and restored them in the early 1900s. The lease was ultimately transferred to a State Commission appointed under a legislative act passed in 1901, which act also carried an appropriation for further restoration of the building. The Customhouse became the first California Historical Landmark on June 1, 1932, and was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1960. It is part of the larger Monterey State Historic Park, itself a National Historic Landmark District along with the nearby Larkin House.

Two Candidate, Member Events Scheduled

Candidates for Grand Parlor office will meet their brothers at two events just prior to the 140th Grand Parlor.

South San Francisco #157's Annual Candidates' Night will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at the Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Blvd., San Francisco. All candidates for Grand Parlor office are urged to attend and speak to the delegates, bringing their campaign signs, etc. Price of \$20 per person includes dinner and three drinks. This event is open to everyone. Reservations are required from Jim Riley at (800) 337-1875 (office), (650) 573-7152 (home), e-mail ninerjr@sbcglobal.net.

Fairfax #307's Annual Visiting Brothers Night will be held at St. Rita Hall, Sir Francis Drake Blvd. and Marinda Drive in Fairfax, with dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. No-host bar opens at 6 p.m. This event is open only to Native Sons and prospective members. Candidates for Grand Parlor office are urged to attend. Reservations are not required. Information is available from Fred Codoni (415) 459-7082, nsqwfpc@comcast.net.

Great Attractions Abound in Monterey

Many of Monterey's attractions are within walking distance of the 140th Grand Parlor headquarters at the Monterey Marriott Hotel. Restaurants, museums, a great walking trail, fantastic scenery are all yours to enjoy, especially on Play Day when there's plenty of spare time.

Here are just a few of the delightful places to visit

- Fisherman's Wharf**, with its many restaurants, is just 3/10ths of a mile from the hotel.

- The Custom House Plaza**, site of the Annual Picnic is just a few minutes' walk of 2/10ths of a mile.

- Walk just 2/10ths of a mile to reach the **Museum of Monterey**, and 3/10ths of a mile to visit the **Old Whaling Station Adobe**.

- The spectacular **Monterey Bay Aquarium** is farther, at 1.5 miles, and **Cannery Row** is 1.1 miles, but frequent bus service is available to both locations.

140TH GRAND PARLOR

Grand Parlor Resolutions

The following 26 resolutions have been submitted for consideration by the delegates to the 140th Grand Parlor. More resolutions no doubt will be submitted prior to and at the Grand Parlor sessions.

No. 1 - Eliminates Historical Landmarks Committee and moves duties to the California History Board.

No. 2 - Adds reference to e-mail as a proper method of contacting members to all articles which specify U. S. Mail as the method of submitting membership applications.

No. 3 - Requires only one signature of a member in good standing on membership application; second and third signatures optional.

No. 4 - Allows applicant residing in state other than California, who is in the armed services or unable for any reason to appear in person at a parlor to become a member without attending a personal obligation or initiation.

No. 5 - Limits time for member accusing a member or parlor of misconduct in Grand Parlor to resubmit allegations denied by Grand President to 90 days and one additional submission.

No. 6 - Makes parlor investigating committee optional and requires a re-ballot if requested by a member after an unfavorable first ballot on a candidate.

No. 7 - Makes composition of Membership Committee five members, including chairman.

No. 8 - Removes requirement that book officers be bonded and substitutes requirement for insurance covered by the Grand Parlor Insurance Fund.

No. 9 - Relieves parlor vice presidents of duty to audit accounts as this is also the duty of the parlor trustees.

No. 10 - Adds subsection requiring parlor treasurers to present parlor bills at the first meeting of each month for authorization by membership.

No. 11 - Allows parlor treasurer, financial secretary and recording secretary to sign checks, withdrawals or transfers of funds, while making optional other chair officers or parlor past presidents as signatories. Retains required for two signatures.

No. 12 - Eliminates requirement for subordinate parlor officers to be proficient in the ritual work unless the parlor requires officers to perform initiations.

No. 13 - Requires member or parlor to exhaust all administrative remedies within the parlor before contemplating legal action.

No. 14 - In the event of a tie in any Grand Parlor office (other than that of Grand Trustee) or in a subordinate parlor office, requires an immediate runoff ballot be held among the tied candidates to designate a winner.

No. 15 - Limits appeals regarding allegations of misconduct in subordinate parlors to one resubmission if allegation is found to lack merit by the investigating board.

No. 16 - Changes section requiring election of subordinate parlor trustees every six months, each serving for eighteen months, staggered so term of one expires every six months, to the same requirement annually, one serving one year, one two years and one three years.

No. 17 - Eliminates Grand Parlor Indoctrination Committee.

No. 18 - Requires parlor recording secretary to insure that each elected Grand Parlor delegate is registered with the Grand Parlor and to provide each with a Grand Parlor packet.

No. 19 - Permits parlors to appoint or elect (if provided by parlor by-laws) assistant recording secretaries, assistant financial secretar-

ies and/or assistant treasurer, with the president having the option of appointing non-elected officers as provided in the parlor by-laws.

No. 20 - Authorizes Lapsation Committee to contact brothers in arrears by telephone, e-mail, US mail or personal visit.

No. 21 - Makes mandatory that each member of Grand Parlor is entitled to only one vote, regardless of the amount of voting positions he may hold. This has been generally understood but it has not been written into the Grand Parlor Constitution.

No. 22 - Increases amount parlors may set aside for parlor Athletic Fund from 10 cents per member to not more than \$5 per member, per month.

No. 23 - Removes limitation on amount which can be paid by a subordinate parlor for support of a home or clubroom.

No. 24 - Allows parlor to donate any amount of funds from the General Fund to the NSGW Charitable Foundation and NSGW Historic Preservation Foundation without consent of the Board of Control.

No. 25 - Cosmetic change in Article XVIII.

No. 26 - Prohibits income from Grand Parlor investments being used as a source of revenue.

Statehood Day Plans

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.

Plan Ahead for Lotts Lake

Work Week August 12-20

By TONY LARIOS

All you campers, hard workers and shooting enthusiasts, it is that time of year again to start preparing for our Lotts Lake Work Week, this year on August 12-20, with the Annual Potluck on Saturday, August 19. With all the snow this year there is bound to be plenty of work to be done during the work week—we can always use as many volunteers as possible to help out.

We are planning a little extra fun come Saturday before the yearly Lotts Lake potluck: the First Annual Lotts Lake Postal Shoot. Entry fee is \$5 per person and is limited to .22 caliber center-fire rifles with iron sites only. Targets will be supplied for four different shooting disciplines (Standing, Sitting, Kneeling and Prone). Each contestant will be scored on ten shots (supplied by the shooter) at each discipline. The person with the highest score will be deemed the winner of that discipline and awarded a trophy. We will need to know how many would like to attend and participate in the shoot so we can have enough supplies. Please contact Tony Larios (Quartz Parlor #58) before July 28 at tlarios6971@msn.com or at (530) 635.4887. If there are any questions, please contact Tony Larios or Mike Hemmings.

GRAND PRESIDENT**Paul Lapachet**

Dear Brothers,

There are only few more days until I convene the 140th Grand Parlor at the Monterey Marriott. The committee and the hotel management have been working diligently to make this Grand Parlor a memorable and productive meeting. Undoubtedly, this will be a very busy convention. There are already 26 resolutions submitted for the consideration of the delegates. Additionally, there are several contested elections for Grand Office.

I encourage every delegate to fully participate in all the meeting sessions and to cast their vote on Thursday morning. Your participation in the deliberations and votes are crucial in shaping the future of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

While I expect our time in Monterey will be full of the necessary administrative activities to keep our Order operating, I also expect that it will be a productive, yet fun time for all. Delegates and guests are invited to enjoy the many attractions in and around the Monterey Peninsula and to partake in the Grand Banquet, Ladies Luncheon and Tea, and the Barbecue.

As my term draws to a close, I start to reflect on my time as Grand President. I've enjoyed my travels throughout the state this year and I have been always impressed by the myriad acts of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity that I've seen.

I've appreciated the *Friendship* of many Brothers at meetings, initiations, dedications and dinners across the State. I've seen *Loyalty* in the actions of the brothers of Ferndale Parlor as they acted quickly to save the Centerville Beach Cross, an important landmark on the Humboldt Coast. As the force of the recent storms had rapidly eroded the bluff beneath the new Cross, the brothers of Ferndale Parlor moved the new Cross to safer ground. I've seen the results of your **Charity** when I presented the Charitable Foundation's donation at Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica. At the presentation, a former patient of their Cleft Palate Clinic spoke about the difference our support made in his life.

Thank you brothers for allowing me to be your Grand President. I thank my fellow Grand Officers for their invaluable assistance during this year and congratulate Erik, Carey and James on their continued progress through the ranks of grand office. Thank you to the officers and members of my parlor, South San Francisco #157, for your support and encouragement. Most importantly, I thank my family. My wife Jaye, our son William and my mother Ruth have supported me on this journey for many years. Finally, I thank all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, chairmen and committeemen who give of their time and their talent to make the Native Sons of the Golden West the finest fraternal order in California.

Until we meet 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**

Even though the HPF is fulfilling its mission of preserving California history, the nature of our business precludes any overnight results and successes. It has been a long slow grind to achieve our position not only with the Native Sons but with our current and future grant recipients. Some of these reasons may be bureaucratic and some may be timing. As has been stated previously the HPF will always be an integral part of the future of the Native Sons, but it has to be recognized as a different organization from the Charitable Foundation of the NSGW. The HPF has never been able to predict as to what the amount of available funds will be nor will it ever be able to predict where the funding will be dispersed or how long it will take to get this accomplished. It has settled into a nice comfortable niche for the time being, but is constantly looking to broaden its horizons and appeal. It should be noted that both foundations are important as they give the Native Sons different options for members to contribute toward the current goals of the Native Sons.

As the HPF heads into its main fund-raising season, an ongoing success is the Millard Smallin Scholarship which has now been awarded for the last 5 years. On Saturday April 22, Chispa Parlor #139 in Murphys will sponsor a dinner in honor of former Grand Trustee Millard Smallin. Proceeds from this dinner will fund a scholarship to the Western Archives Institute for a candidate selected from a pool selected by Secretary of State's office in Sacramento. There will also be an initiation earlier in the day at the parlor. Contact Chispa Parlor #139 for more information

There are several successes that have finally come to fruition along with a new opportunity that presented itself. After over a year the HPF was able to assist in a grant with St. Helena Parlor #53, which was paired with a grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to fund an architectural and historical study of the NSGW Hall. That study is now complete. Many of you have been there and seen their hall and that incredible structure in the back which quadruples the size of the structure.

Also a little over a year and half ago, vandals decapitated the statue of Father Serra which was located at Lower Presidio Park in Monterey and dumped the head into the ocean. It was retrieved and eventually restored to its rightful place. There is an article in the February 27 edition of the Monterey Herald (www.montereyherald.com) which gives the story. The HPF and other local groups were able to help finance this restoration.

A new and exciting opportunity was presented to the HPF Board at our January Board Meeting: the Yosemite Conservancy located in San Francisco requested assistance toward the reconstruction of the Wauhoga traditional Indian round house located in Yosemite Valley. This project is part of a long term vision to create a full-scale Indian Cultural Center in Yosemite National

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THE NATIVE SON**Mitch Laing, Editor****Fred Codoni, Managing Editor**

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OPINION

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

“Look Well to Your Ballots”

“Look Well to Your Ballots” is an admonishment once given by the parlor president when members were voting to accept or reject a candidate for membership. It goes back to the days when parlors used a ballot box with white and black marbles or other small objects and voters placed the color of their choice in the box, with two black balls sufficient to reject a candidate.

We don’t think any parlor still uses this system, but the admonishment is especially valid with regard to the upcoming election at the 140th Grand Parlor. There are two candidates running for Grand Secretary and, at this writing, eight running for Grand Trustee. There are at least 26 resolutions to be accepted or rejected.

Unlike many other years when there was no competition for Grand Parlor offices and few resolutions, the outcome of this year’s voting will affect our Order for years to come, especially with regard to what is perhaps the most important office of all, the Grand Secretary.

We ask you delegates to discuss the candidates and the resolutions with your parlor members to determine their views prior to the opening of the 140th Grand Parlor. At the Grand Parlor, we ask you to meet with the candidates, ask questions, and carefully decide on your choices.

Look Well to Your Ballots—the future of the Native Sons of the Golden West depends on your vote.

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 range 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.

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Park that will facilitate public education about California’s native history, cultural demonstrations and tribal activities.

In addition the HPF approved a pledge for a grant for the replacement of CHRL plaque #167 in the city of Vernon. This plaque commemorates the Battle of La Mesa, also known as the Battle of Los Angeles, on January 9, 1847, which was the last battle of the Mexican-American War.

These four grants show that the HPF is not only from the Sierra to the Coast and North to South, but it covers a broad diversity of projects that represent the history of California. I get many inquiries across my desk and many are unique in their requests, but the HPF tries to report only on those that have come to fruition or just about ready to go. Pledges sometimes take a little longer to complete as the funds will not be released until there are assurances or evidence of work completed.

As stated earlier, the HPF does not always know how much funding will be available. That leads us into Grand Parlor which is coming up quickly in May. Last year at the hospitality room and through the rest of the year, the HPF raised almost \$30K from members and parlors. One of the goals for this year is to get participation from every parlor from the Sierra to the Coast and North to South to donate towards the Native Sons’ goal of preserving California history. Some parlors are very active, some are not; some are busy in the community, but not historically inclined; some are wealthy and some are not. By maximizing our internal support, the NSGW through the HPF will be able to present a unified force throughout California in perpetuating the mission of the Native Sons. Donations are accepted year round, but most members are used to making their annual donation at Grand Parlor. The HPF will have a room open on Wednesday night and will also have its Bloody Marys on Wednesday morning. On Tuesday at Grand Parlor, there will be a presentation from Frank Cunha, Amador Parlor #17, concerning the recently completed Miner’s Bend Park in Sutter Creek. This will demonstrate how the community, the local parlor, and HPF can join and achieve a significant goal. Our plans for Grand Parlor will be finalized at our board meeting in April. Donations are gladly accepted at Grand Parlor and throughout the year. More funds, more projects, more history being recognized and more visibility for the Native Sons. It sounds like a win-win-win-win situation.

Until next time Happy Trails.



PGP Allan Baird (left) and Grand President Paul Lapachet honored Ferndale’s Rob Renner with a 75-year membership pin and a clock set February 11.



New members initiated at Ferndale in February were (left to right) Thomas Testerman, Bill Michols, Grand President Lapachet, Jeff Brazil and Tom Gomes. In addition to the initiation, the weekend was highlighted by a well-attended dedication of a Eureka firehouse, a banquet, and presentation of the traditional Friendship Cup to Past Grand President Fred Codoni.

RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

Monterey holds a special place in the hearts of Native Sons throughout California. After all, it was where Commodore Sloat raised the National Ensign on July 7, 1846 and claimed California for the United States, an act which came to fruition with the signing and ratification of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the passage of the Compromise of 1850.

Monterey was named in 1602 by Sebastian Vizcaino but it wasn't until 1770 that Gaspar de Portola founded the Presidio of Monterey and Saint Junipero Serra founded the mission of San Carlos de Borromeo, that there was a permanent European settlement at Monterey. Up until this time, Monterey had been inhabited solely by the Rumsen Ohlone tribe who fished the bay, hunted and gathered food from the Monterey Peninsula.

In 1777, Monterey became the capital of the "Province of both Californias"

and became the seat of Spanish and later Mexican government in California. In Monterey, during this period, several structures were built—the Customs House in 1814 and the Presidio itself including the original mission, later the Royal Presidio Chapel. Today, the Chapel is the oldest stone structure in California, the smallest operating cathedral in the United States and the oldest continuously-operating Catholic parish in California. It is also the only original Presidio chapel that survives and the only original building left of the Presidio.

During the 1800s Yankee traders made their presence felt along the California Coast and one, Thomas O. Larkin, later one of the founders of Benicia, built the Larkin House, now a museum. Monterey had the first theater, school, newspaper, printing press and public library in California. Monterey also had the first public building, Colton Hall, the site of the state's first constitutional convention in 1849.

Statehood brought many changes to Monterey. It was no longer the capital and the Presidio fell into disuse. But the riches of the Bay attracted fishermen and in the early 1900s, Ocean Avenue, now Cannery Row, became the center of the Pacific sardine fishery. Thousands of laborers and fisherman made their livelihoods from the riches of Monterey Bay.

Writers, poets and artists made their homes in Monterey and nearby Carmel. John Steinbeck, born in Salinas, chronicled the lives of the fishermen and the cannery workers in his novel,

. Ed Ricketts opened a small laboratory at 800 Ocean Avenue

and began studying the marine life of the bay, the California Coast and the Gulf of Mexico. His studies would result in two books, Ricketts' *Between Pacific Tides* and Steinbeck's *Log of the Sea of Cortez*.

The sardine fishery collapsed in the late forties and early fifties due to overfishing and depletion of the fishing grounds. The last cannery closed in 1973. Most of the fishermen and cannery workers left to seek employment elsewhere. The old cannery buildings were abandoned and left to fall into disrepair or torn down. Today, Cannery Row is a tourist destination; the remaining buildings house shops, restaurants and boutiques, a far cry from the cannery workers, prostitutes and fishermen of Steinbeck's novel.

Today, you can visit many of the sites of historic Monterey. The Presidio, while not open to the public, is home to the Defense Language Institute Foreign

Language Center and is the primary training facility in foreign languages for the Department of Defense. Its operation also means that the Presidio of Monterey is the last Spanish Presidio still in active operation.

Fisherman's Wharf has several restaurants and gift shops and the Customs House, Larkin House and Colton Hall, as well as several other structures, are preserved and open to the public as part of Monterey State Historic Park.

Ed Ricketts' Pacific Biological Laboratory is preserved at 800 Cannery Row and across the street from it are three preserved cannery worker's cabins. The crown jewel of Cannery Row is the Monterey Bay Aquarium, founded in 1984, on the site of a former cannery. It houses many exhibits of Pacific marine life and was featured, in fictionalized versions, in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home* and *Finding Dory*. It is well worth a visit to learn about the incredible variety and abundance of marine life in the Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Getting There: From San Francisco take US 101 South to CA 156 West towards the Monterey Peninsula.



Contributions to the NSGW Charitable Foundation and the NSGW Historic Preservation Foundation are tax deductible!

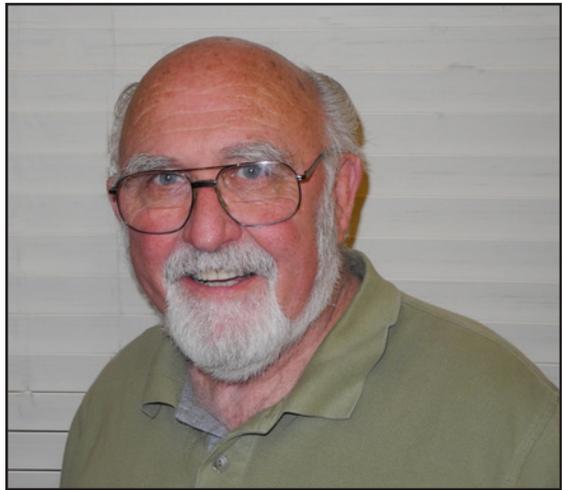
<p>GEORGETOWN #91 PROUDLY PRESENTS JERRY STINSON FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GRAND MARSHAL</p>	<p>SONOMA #111 PROUDLY PRESENTS DAVID YARBOROUGH FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GRAND INSIDE SENTINEL</p>
<p>TWIN PEAKS #214 PROUDLY PRESENTS DON SCHAFFER FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER</p>	<p>NICASIO #183 PROUDLY PRESENTS KRIS NELSON FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF GRAND OUTSIDE SENTINEL</p>

FAIRFAX PARLOR #307
PROUDLY PRESENTS

PGP BOB ROGERS
“THE OLD SOURDOUGH”

FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF

GRAND SECRETARY



- Forty years experience in all facets of our Order.
- Past Grand President/DDGP/SDDGP/Chair of the Historic Landmarks Committee, Former Chair of the Athletics Committee, Ran Penn Valley Softball Tournament, Inaugurated the State Scholarship Program.
- Rescued Mt. Tamalpais #64, handling the parlor’s books for several years until the parlor was healthy once again.
- Proud veteran of the United States Navy.
- Committed to be in our San Francisco Office every work day.
- Works well with Office Assistant Dominica Lau.
- Will personally visit parlors which need help or which request his presence.

GOLDEN GEMS OF THE NATIVE SONS

By **JOE CASTILLO, Grand Trustee, Rio Hondo Parlor #294**
Meet Gary Arosio, Excelsior #31

As brothers in the Native Sons of the Golden West, we are bound to a very simple and wise saying, "In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity." Even though it's a simple saying, its meaning is interpreted differently by each member. But to Gary Arosio, those words run truer than with most other members. Gary has been a member of Excelsior Parlor for just about 15 years after moving to Jackson from the Campbell/San Jose area in 2000. He spent a career distributing and selling refreshing beverages, the type of beverages which Native Son brothers enjoy from time to time.

When he finally retired at the age of 56, Gary and his vibrant wife Alba decided to move to the beautiful and serene City of Jackson located in the foothills of the Mother Lode country. Gary and Alba looked for the right house and found it high up on Butte Mountain, an extinct volcanic hill from a long ago age but still displaying its grand stature as it overlooks a picturesque valley with green rolling hills and meandering creeks.

Gary and Alba have a beautiful home on seven acres of pristine land where he has planted a garden of vegetables including onions, spinach, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, tomatoes, Brussel sprouts and peas. He also has fruit trees which produce the juiciest oranges you'll ever taste, along with pistachio, peach, guava and fig trees.

Gary owns a 1940 Ford Coupe which he proudly displays at local car shows, and has a motorboat to enjoy his time flying over the waters of local lakes. He is an avid sports fan going all the way back to his days of playing high school football, working with the game crew for Stanford football games and being a long-time season ticket holder for the San Francisco 49ers. His home is filled with memorabilia from his days around sports elites including Oakland A's baseballs, 49ers footballs, autographed photographs and other sports-related artifacts. But don't just think he's all about sports; he also has more items and pictures from his and his wife's family, and even has his parents old Bell & Howell camera as a remembrance from his younger days.

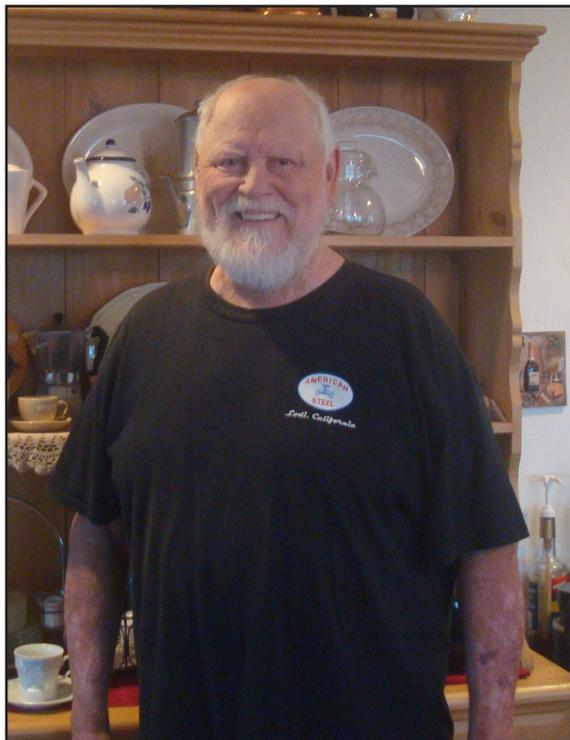
But there's another side to Gary that he doesn't have on display—it's his commitment to help others. In addition to being a member of the Native Sons, Gary has been involved with the local Lions Club, Italian-American Club and Mother Lode Cruisers Car

Club. In all fairness, the word "involvement" doesn't nearly describe the depth of his vast roles. You see Gary loves to cook and when there's an event at one of his organizations, it's Gary who is usually preparing the meal for everyone, from 50 to 200-plus people, to enjoy. At Excelsior Parlor, Gary is the head chef and has recruited his own crew to help him prepare meals. He plans the meals, buys the goods, preps, cooks serves them, and then leads the clean-up crew. Even then there's still more to do including storing the tables and chairs, closing the doors, taking out the trash, setting the alarm and locking up the parlor. Of course, the brothers from Excelsior also provide lots of assistance and help but it is Gary who is usually the last one out the door.

In addition, Gary and Alba have opened up their home to family, friends and fellow Native Son brothers who need a place to stay while in the Jackson area. It is friendship, loyalty and charity of the highest kind.

So why does Gary do the personal and volunteer work that he does? There are two primary reasons with the first being his quest to stay active and stimulated in life or else as he says "you'll just die." His second reason is to follow the respected words of the Native Sons and apply that concept to help the causes of local charitable groups so that they will generate more interest in the good work they do.

Our respected words, "In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity," mean different things to different people, but to Gary Arosio, it's his life's commitment and that's why he's a Golden Gem of the Native Sons.



PAST PRESIDENTS

Dinner Raising Funds for October General Assembly

Past Presidents Association Governor General Kris Nelson of Nicasio #183 will convene the General Assembly to order in October and needs funds to support the meeting. There'll be a fundraising dinner at Fairfax Parlor's hall, 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax, on Sunday, April 30, with a social at 4, meeting at 5 and dinner at 6. Menu will be Green Salad, French Bread, Penne d'Allessandra, Ice Cream and Biscotti. Price is \$25 per person; everyone is invited. Make reservations with Tony Starelli at (415) 456-1867 by April 20. Make checks payable to "Redwood Assembly #9."

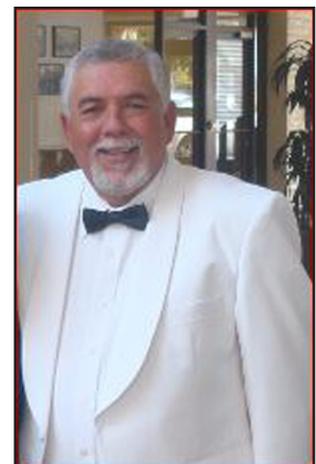
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PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Meet Your Neighbor April 23

The 64th Annual Marin and Sonoma Counties Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast will be held at McGinnis Park Golf Center, 350 Smith Ranch Road, San Rafael, on Sunday, April 23. Social hour is 10:30 a.m., with full breakfast at 11. Price is \$25 per person. Everyone is invited. Make checks payable to "NDGW" and send to Dorothy Rogers, 10 Kathleen, Novato 94947. Reservation deadline is April 16.

Luscious Lamb Looms

Our of Fairfax Parlor's most famous dinners—the Lamb Feed—will be held at St. Rita Hall on Wednesday, April 19. Mark Chapman's talented cooking crew will be serving some of the best marinated lamb anywhere for \$22 per person. Bar opens at 6:30, with dinner at 7:30. Please make your reservations by sending a check, payable to "Fairfax Parlor #307," to Tony Starelli, 137 Gregory, Fairfax 94930 (415 456-1867, numeroonostar@comcast.net).

Santa Rosa Steaks Are Back!

After a ten-year hiatus, Santa Rosa #28 is reviving its annual Fathers' Day Steak barbecue BBQ. Back due to popular demand, the event will be held Saturday June 10, 2017 at Gavin Park, Bennett Valley Golf Course, 3330 Yulupa, Santa Rosa. Picnic Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., with steaks served at 1 p.m.—choice of medium-rare to medium-well, with sides of beans, corn, garlic bread and a variety of salads. Price is \$15 per person, with hot dogs for children only \$5. Homemade desserts will be available, with beer, wine, soda and water available for a donation.

Games include horseshoes, bean bag toss and more with tennis courts and golfing available (it may be necessary to reserve a tee time).

Guests may bring a salad, appetizer, side dish or dessert to share. The barbecue is open to all members, guests, friends and family. Reserve before Wednesday June 6 by calling Shirley Mattiuzzi at (707) 542-4356.

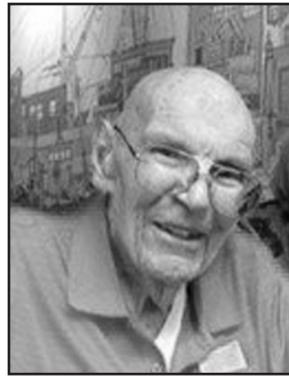


Surrounded by (but not intimidated by) Grand Officers, are new members initiated at Grass Valley on March 4: Michael Good, Tom Brown, Jerry Burpo, Greg Waldron, Daniel Rhodes and Mike Williams.

OBITUARIES

Robert (Bob) Leroy Wallace June 3, 1920 - December 12, 2016

Redwood #66 lost one of its most active members with the December 12 death of Brother Robert Wallace. A native of Woodland,



he grew up in Zamora. After service in the United States Navy during World War II, Bob married Madeline Bartolomei and they moved into her home in Redwood City. Bob joined Redwood Parlor in 1943, becoming a lifelong active member. He directed and marched in the drum corps, built award-winning parade floats, rebuilt the main building at the parlor's Bear Lodge, chaired countless committees and served twice as parlor president. Madeline preceded him in death in

2005 after 62 years of marriage.

Bob is survived his daughter, Louise Moises Donleavy and her husband, Brian; son Raymond Wallace and wife, Karen and her children

Jerry Logan, Silver Star's Savior

Jerry Logan, described by his parlor as "the driving force to get Silver Star #63 going again in the 1990s, and our Heart and Soul," has died at 92.

His request was that a memorial service be held later in the spring, when the weather is nicer; his family is abiding by his wishes. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Gisela Logan, and the extended family, at 4384-B Godley Road, Lincoln, CA 95648; and his daughter and son-in-law (and fellow parlor members), Lucie and Chet Morrell, at 4384 Godley Road, Lincoln, CA 95648.

Bear Lodge Barbecues Begin

Redwood #66 features third-Friday barbecues at 7:30 at its Bear Lodge, located in the redwoods above Redwood City. Everyone is invited. RSVP to Susannemc@att.net Or (650) 402-0433. The season opens April 21 with Boomer/Boomer Popper Burgers.

Other menus: May 19, Mexican Night, June 16 – Barnyard Chicken, July 21 – Surf and Turf, August 18 – Ribs.

Chispa Initiation, Scholarship Dinner at Murphys April 22

Grand President Paul Lapachet and his team of grand officers will conduct a formal initiation at Chispa #139 in Murphys on Saturday, April 22. It will be followed at 6 p.m. by the Annual Millard Smallin Scholarship Dinner and Chispa's Old Timers Night. The menu will consist of pasta and beef with all the trimmings for \$15 per person. Chispa has twenty brothers scheduled to receive 25-year membership pins.

For dinner reservations and inclusion in the initiation call 209-728-8902.

PARLOR ACTIVITIES

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. Menu for the rest of 2017:

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.

Napa Valley Sets 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:

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.

Flag Bearers Needed

Nicasio #183 invites all Native Sons and friends to help carry the Stars and Stripes and the Bear Flag in Petaluma's Butter and Egg Days Parade on Saturday, April 29. If you'd like to help in this great parade, sign up with Sterling Dabner at (707) 765-0210.

News from Ramona Parlor #109

Public Speaking Lives at Ramona

Although the Native Sons discontinued its state public speaking contest years ago, Ramona #109 has kept the contest alive, with an annual contest each April. High school students compete for cash awards totaling \$1,000 given to the top five speakers on a California history topic of their choice.

Ramona Plans Casino Turnaround

Ramona #109 will have its 25th Annual Museum Turnaround to the Pechanga Casino on Wednesday, April 19. Price of \$25 includes transportation, \$5 start-up gambling money person, with food, beverages and bingo on the bus. Reservations are required from Ramona Reservations, 1003 East Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776. Information from Rosemarie at (626) 523-9798.

Ramona Co-Sponsoring History Mixer, Dedication

Members of Ramona #109 are joining with the San Gabriel Historical Society is sponsoring the Tenth Annual History Mixer at the dedication of the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel on Saturday, April 1. Featured will be a tour of the church from 2 to 4 p.m., a dedication at 4 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. The dinner program features local historian Nathaniel Reed speaking on "Don Benito Wilson and the History of the Church of Our Saviour." Dinner is \$15 per person, with checks payable to "Ramona Museum" sent to Ramona Reservation c/o Claro's Market, 1003 E. Valley Blvd., San Gabriel, CA 91776. Information is available at (626) 523-9798.

Horseshoe Tourney at Las Positas #96

Las Positas #96 is holding a double-elimination horseshoe tournament at the Livermore Rodeo Grounds on June 24, starting with the practice and signups from 8 to 9 a.m., with a singles tournament at 9 a.m. There'll be a linguisa lunch at noon, followed by a raffle and a 1 p.m. doubles tournament. Horseshoes will be provided, with trophies awarded to the top two finishers. The lawn adjacent to the pits is available for families and friends. Members and guests are invited to attend. Raffle donations are appreciated. Each event is \$10. For information, contact Robert Jeffers 925-382-7914 or robert@jdgeneral.com.

Guadalupe Has SF Giants Tickets

Guadalupe #231 has four season tickets for 2017 San Francisco Giants games available for Native Sons on a first-come, first-served basis. Located in the fourth row of the view box section above home plate, the seats are handicap accessible and are priced at \$52 per game for two, \$104 for four, and represent a substantial savings over the regular price.

Submit requests to Rich Murphy at (415) 566-0468, mur53phy@comcast.net. Upon Rich's confirmation of your order, send a check to Rich and he will mail the tickets to you.



John C. Fremont #293 honored two members by presenting them with 50-year membership pins. At left, Parlor President Tony Peters congratulates Brother James Pires. At right, Peters congratulates Steve Bell on his 50 years in the Order.

PARLOR ACTIVITIES



St. Helena #53's President Phil Murphy and Dennis Hansen rededicate a plaque at the remodeled St. Helena Elementary School. In earlier years in our Order's history, almost every new school received a plaque dedicating it to "Truth, Liberty and Toleration."

De Anza Trek Report

[From Arrowhead #110 Arrowgrams]

De Anza Parlor #312 again had a very outstanding De Anza Trek. Parlors who attended from Southern California included Arrowhead #110, Ramona Parlor #109 and Santa Ana Parlor #74. Grand First Vice President Erik Christeson and eight Grand Officers from Northern California also attended. The large California flag was again featured in the first division of the Holtville Carrot parade. Highlight of the weekend was the dedication honoring the Imperial Livestock Industry and a speech given by Bill Brandenburg, third-generation pioneering family in the Imperial Valley and owner and manager of Meloland Cattle Company and Brandenburg feed yard. The dedication was followed by a well-done Grand Officer initiation of three members and dinner at the McConnell Ranch. A large thank you is extended to member Paula McConnell Pangle and officers of De Anza for a memorable weekend.

San Jose Has Monthly Dinners

San Jose #22 has a dinner on the third Tuesdays of most months at Napredek Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Here are the menus for the next few months:

April 18 – Glazed Ham, Potatoes, Veggies, Rolls, Salad and Dessert.

May 16 – Chicken Fusilli, Asparagus, Bread, Salad and Dessert.

June 20 – Barbecued Steaks, Beans, Corn, Salad, Bread, Melon.

July 19 – No dinner.

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 range 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.



Argonaut #8 presented two members with certificates for their 25 years of membership: Butte County District Attorney Michael Ramsey and Paul Mitchell received certificates from Argonaut, the California State Senate, recognition from Senator Jim Nielsen and Congressional recognition from Congressman Doug LaMalfa. Left to right, Michael Ramsey, District Representative for Congressman LaMalfa Laura Page, Paul Mitchell and Grand Trustee Carl von Barga.

Raceway Has Big \$\$\$ for Parlors

The Sonoma County Raceway offers cash for your parlor! Parlor members provide services—usually ushering—during race events and earn money which goes to the members' parlors. The Raceway provides everything needed, including parking and meals. There'll be several events from June through September, 2017, the next one requiring help will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, June 23, Saturday June 24 and Sunday, June 25. Breakfast lunch and dinner are provided at no cost and there is an open bar at the end of the day.

For information, contact JrPGP Dean Zellers at (707) 996-5282 (business), (707) 337-9119 (cell) or at dean@zellersins.com.

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By **BOB SANTOS**

The Charitable Foundation has given a total of \$200,000 to three hospitals: UCSF, St. John's and Sutter. A big "Thank You" to all the parlors and donors that made a donation, no matter how big or how small.

There are many ways donations are made. Parlors have fundraising dinners, Pedro tournaments, tip cans on the bars, fine cans and some parlors have their members include a donation with their dues in memory of a loved one.

Brother Ray of Estudillo #223, who is in his 90s, collect cans from all over and donates the proceeds to the parlor. We have personal donations for loss of a loved one; you can find info at nsgw.org. The Cleft Palate March will be on Thursday at Grand Parlor and we are hoping for your support for this most worthy cause in helping children face the world.

Donations to Charitable Foundation NSGW are fully tax deductible: tax ID 94-6094641.

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation in honor or in memory of. Such donations are a fine way to honor deceased members, friends or relatives. The Charitable Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible. You can find the 2016 Cleft Palate March, Total Donations and our Donation Form on our website, nsgw.org. Click "Community Involvement."

**In Memory of Deceased
Piedmont Parlor #120 Members**
Piedmont Parlor #120
To Cleft Palate Fund
Bidwell Parlor #21
Mike J. Sullivan
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In Memory of Robert Wallace
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In Memory of Linda Brown
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In Memory of Dixie Thacker
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In Memory of Thomas O'Flanagan
Quartz Parlor # 58

In Memory of Barbara Avelar
Eden Parlor #113

In Memory of Irene Liranzo
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In Memory of Joe Borelli
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In Memory of Bill Reynolds
Leonora M. Grenz

DEATHS

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

HONORED DEAD

Joseph F. Borrelli, John C. Fremont #293: Attended fifteen sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Tom Germano, Guadalupe #231: Attended the 108th and 111th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Herman Hatt, Santa Rosa #28: Attended the 115th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Robert Leroy Wallace, Redwood #66: Attended twenty-three sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; the 116th and 132nd sessions as the Grand Historian; the 106th, 107th, 112th, and 123rd sessions as SD-DGP; the 115th session as Chairman of the California History Board; the 108th, 109th, 110th, and 111th sessions as the Admission Day Chairman; and the 117th & 118th sessions as the Curator of Artifacts.

Thomas F. Mitchell, National #118: Attended the 127th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Stockton #7
Robert Jay Thompson

Argonaut #8
Norman Williams

Placerville #9
Donald F. Peterson

Santa Rosa #28
John F. DeMeo
David Wilson

Ione #33
Dale William Thomas

St. Helena #53
Henry Ghiringhelli
Donald Roy Martinelli

Auburn #59
Gary Gamble

Napa #62
Barry Biermann

Albert Dominic Gonsalves
Merton Perry
Augustine Remesal
Willard St. John

Mt. Tamalpais #64
Erwin A. Scheller

Redwood #66
Lawrence Fallstrom

Downieville #92
Thomas G. Schmann

Ferndale #93
Robert James Titus

Las Positas #96
Frank Warner Holm

Arrowhead #110
Robert Grant Fisher

National #118
Lido Galli

Gabilan #132
Arthur George Rodriguez, Jr

South San Francisco #157
James Reinfeld Cook
Walter Braunschweig

Washington #169
Frank Joseph Borghi
Joseph Vierra

Los Banos #206
John Bettencourt

Twin Peaks #214
William Shea
James Stryker

Estudillo #223
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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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| Argonaut #8
Bruce Cassagrande
David Neil
David Phelps
Jason Seymore
Scott Seymore | Arrowhead #110
Denise Benton
Eileen Hards
Janette McKaig
Shirley Mulligan
Mark Scott
Vivian Zaragoza |
| John C. Bidwell #21
Daniel Mayberry | Chispa #139
Ryan Alan Anderson |
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Kevin Cronin |
| Ted Mostero
Robert Pond | James M. Deignan
David DeMartini |
| Redwood #66
Dean Hartmann
James Schenkel
Daniel Snyder | Paul Euchner
Joseph Thomas Finigan |
| Calistoga #86
Jeremy Grova
Jesse Daniel Olson | John J. Jordan
Dan McNab |
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Meagan McLaughlin |
| Ramona #109
David Gonzalez | Sutter #261
Matthew David Archer |
| | John C. Fremont #293
Leonard Acosta
Thomas Galvan
Adam Gray |
| | Melvin Henry Oliveira |
| | Fairfax #307
Jorge R. Almaguer |

Downward Spiral Continues

Membership in the Native Sons of the Golden West is now 7,818 as of March 1, 2017.

As we head toward the end of the membership year on April 30, 2017, only a heroic recruitment effort can wipe out the net loss of 122 members.

As our Order ages, we see more and more of the losses attributed to deaths.

On the bright side, we initiated 290 members and reinstated 27—but only 24 parlors had a net gain. Bidwell #21, our newest (re-instituted) parlor continues to grow, with 15 new members and a total membership of 101! Humboldt #14, Amador #17, Benicia #89 and Santa Lucia #97 all had significant membership gains.

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."

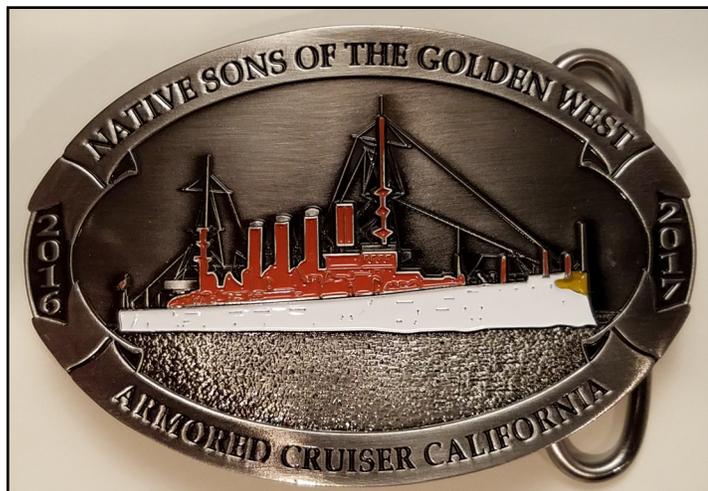
Many prospective members, looking at our Web site or reading about our past, come to the Native Sons seeking a chance to study and preserve history and participate in community projects and are disappointed to find that too many of our parlors fail in their duty to live up to the hopes of the founders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

MEMBERSHIP BOX SCORE

Membership 5-1-16	7,940
Gains	
Initiated	290
Reinstated	27
Tfd In	3
Total Gains	320
Losses	
Suspended	208
Resigned	95
Withdrew	0
Died	136
Tfd Out	3
Total Losses	442
Net Change	-122
Membership 3-1-2017	7,818

Parlors With Net Gains

Humboldt #14	+ 12
Amador #17	+ 12
John Bidwell #21	+ 15
San Jose #22	+ 3
Sunset #26	+ 1
Ione #33	+ 1
Quartz #58	+ 5
Mt. Bally #87	+ 2
Benicia #89	+ 16
Santa Cruz #90	+ 3
Downieville #92	+ 1
Santa Lucia #97	+ 12
Ramona #109	+ 4
Santa Barbara #116	+ 1
National #118	+ 2
Piedmont #120	+ 3
Gabilan #132	+ 2
San Miguel #150	+ 1
Los Banos #206	+ 6
Twin Peaks #214	+ 3
Pebble Beach #230	+ 1
Guadalupe #231	+ 2
Sutter #261	+ 1
J. C. Fremont #293	+ 1



Grand President Paul Lapachet will present this handsome belt buckle to any member who sponsors two new or reinstated member between May 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017.

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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..

APRIL

- 4 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.
- 7 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Napa parlor hall.
- 8 - Dinner honoring GP Paul Lapachet, Irish Cultural Center, San Francisco.
- 12 - Santa Rosa #28 Spring Dinner.
- 18 - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredek Hall, San Jose.
- 19 - Fairfax #307 Lamb Feed, St. Rita Hall.
- 21 - Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.
- 22 - Chispa #139 Initiation and Scholarship Dinner.
- 23 - Marin-Sonoma NSGW-NDGW Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast, McGinnis Park Golf Center, San Rafael.
- 26 - South SF #157 Candidates' Night, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco.
- 30 - Past Presidents Association Fund-Raising Dinner, Fairfax Parlor 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

14-18 - 140th Grand Parlor, Monterey.

16- San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredek Hall, San Jose.

19- Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.

JUNE

6 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.

2 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch. Napa Parlor hall.

8 - Sloat Landing Ceremony, Monterey Custom House.

10 - Santa Rosa #28 Steak Barbecue, Bennett Valley Golf Course, Santa Rosa.

13- San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredek Hall, San Jose.

16 - Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.

20 - San Jose #22 Dinner, Napredek Hall, San Jose.

JULY

6 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch St. Helena parlor hall.

11 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.

21 - Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.

AUGUST

1 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.

4 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Napa parlor hall.

12-20 - Lott's Lake Week.

18 - Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.

SEPTEMBER

5 - Guadalupe #231 lunch.

8 - Napa Valley First Friday Lunch Napa parlor hall.

9 - Statehood Day Celebration, Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park,

15- Redwood #66 Bear Lodge Barbecue.