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RESOLUTION HONORS THE NATIVE SONS

By Steve McLean, Grand Trustee

After two years of effort our efforts at the State Capitol resulted in a Resolution honoring all the wonderful work the Native Sons have accomplished since our institution began

142 years ago. The Resolution was presented to Grand President, Erik M. Christeson on the floor of the Assembly at the State Capitol on February 28, 2018.

After the presentation of the Resolution, attending NSGW members had a picture taken on the south steps of the State Capitol with one of our parade size California State Flags.

Writing and construction of the Resolution was no easy task as we experienced push back from certain Legislators which required additional meetings to address their concerns. A big thank you is due Assemblyman Frank Bigelow and Senator Tom Berryhill for their continued support of the Resolution and their staff for all the work getting this accomplished.

I spent many hours on the phone with Legislative staff and made numerous trips to the State Capitol with fellow Grand Trustee Jeff Schmidt, (Georgetown Parlor #91) walking the halls visiting and meeting with Legislators and their staff to inform and educate them on the history and mission of the Native Sons of the Golden West. The culture at the State Capitol has changed greatly since the days when over three quarters of the elected officials were Native Sons. On one of

our trips we passed out the NSGW 2018 calendar, which is a great pictorial of our work in preserving California history.



Assemblyman Frank Bigelow and State Senator Tom Berryhill with The Native Sons

There are numerous other Brothers to thank for this Resolution being possible. PGP, Dwight Dutschke, Ione Parlor #33 participated in meetings, including Legislative staff members, and provided grammatical support and vast historical input. PGP, Phil Wong, Napa Parlor #62 attended meetings with Legislative

staff. PGP, David Allen, Auburn Parlor #59 and President of the Historical Preservation Foundation (HPF) provided a letter of support from the HPF. PGP, Joe Ursino, South San Francisco Parlor #157 worked with Sutter Hospital to provide a letter of support for all the NSGW support of the Cleft Palate Charitable Foundation.

Thank you to all the NSGW and NDGW members that made the drive to Sacramento in support of the presentation on this historical day.

Our committee's success marks the beginning of a NSGW presence at the State Capitol in the future. We look forward to continuing to educate Legislators, their staff and other State Administration Officials that have a potential impact on our great organization.

Read the resolution on page 14



Grand President, Erik Christeson

half of the Order we all so highly regard. I have discharged the duties of my high office to the best of my ability and ask the indulgence of the brothers for any mistakes I may have made.

To quote probably every Grand President that came before me, and at least all of those in the last 20 years of The Native Son archives I could find, "this has been the longest and shortest year of my life." I set out this year with very proactive, forward-thinking and in some cases, controversial goals; all intended for the improvement and ultimately, the salvation of our Order.

In my first message as Grand President in these pages, I noted that The Native Sons had become "too caught up in our own politics, internal strife, and dissension... For too long have too many sat on the sidelines, giving voice to ideas, but never having the courage to step forward..." While I found this still to be true amongst our Orders notorious nay-sayers and malcontents, (although none of them had the intestinal fortitude to voice their complaints openly); I was happy to find, amongst the rank and file members, a deep love of this Order. Most members and many parlors display an abiding dedication and determination to save our Order, while at the same time being open to the inevitable changes that are necessary to accomplish this important goal. From the start, I identi-

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- Grand President, Erik Christeson

fied important areas that I, and my Goals & Objective Committee, believed were essential to move our Order forward. I asked that we find ways to promote the identity of the Native Sons as an enviable, observable way of life. To that end, Grand Trustees Steve McLean and Jeff Schmidt, along with invaluable assistance from PGPs Wong and Dutschke, were able to secure from the California State Legislature, a resolution formally recognizing the contributions of the Native Sons to the fabric of California life. Great work, Brothers!

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The last Grand Parlor, in its discretion, saw fit to honor me with the proud position of Grand President of the Order; and while feeling profoundly grateful for such a mark of esteem, I yet assumed the duties of the office with trepidation, lest I might inadvertently omit some effort in be-

We also asked that our parlors become more visible and involved in the communities in which they reside. I was pleased to see many parlors heed this call and take on new challenges and perform new charitable services for their communities. Whether it was Modesto #11 donating over 3,000 books to the Stanislaus County Public Library (which included stamping each and every one with a note "Donated by Native Sons of the Golden West, Modesto #11); or Napa #62 turning their hall into a donation center for victims of the devastating fires last fall; on more occasions than I can count, I was extremely proud of the efforts of our members and their commitment to make a difference.

There are only few more weeks until I convene the 141st Grand Parlor in South Lake Tahoe. I am particularly pleased to welcome a few parlors that have not participated in Grand Parlor in many years back into the fold and I encourage every delegate to fully participate in all the meetings and training sessions. Your participation in the deliberations and vote is crucial in determining the future of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Finally, I would like to thank the Native Sons that granted me the honor and privilege to serve as your Grand President. I am cautiously optimistic by the small, but necessary changes that have been implemented this year or are on the horizon. The forthcoming corps of Grand Presidents in Carey, James and Joe encourages me that the momentum won't be lost and our last chance to save our beloved, amazing Order will not be squandered. If we continue to, "stand, hand in hand with our children and they with theirs, linking the past with the future" we may yet realize the full aspirations and glory of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

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RETRO RAMBLINGS

By Douglas Love, Grand Historian

One of the glories of our native state is its diversity. From the redwoods of the coast to the snowcapped peaks of the Sierra to the golden foothills and to the deserts of the Arizona border, California has an entire continent's worth of geographic and climate zones contained in a single state. From our beaches to our mountains and deserts, people have been coming here for hundreds of years to find their special place in California. Today, one can work on their tan at the beach and go skiing at a world class ski resort all in a single day. Yet this was not always the case. For most of its history, California was inhabited by native peoples, living of the riches of a rich land and it was remote and mysterious; a land apart.

European exploration of what would become California began with Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo's search for the Northwest Passage in 1542. By 1565, the Manila Galleons were making landfall in the vicinity of Cape Mendocino and then sailing south to Mexico. Next was Sir Francis Drake in 1579, who landed on the coast of California near Drake's Bay and claimed the land for England and named it "Nova Albion." In 1602, Sebastian Vizcaino sailed as far north as Monterey Bay, which he named. It was not until Gaspar de Portola's expedition of 1769 that the Spanish, or anyone else, seriously began to explore and colonize California. It was Portola who was the first European to sight San Francisco Bay in 1769. While portions of Portola's expedition travelled by land from Baja California, no one had travelled a land route from New Spain to Alta California.

Enter Juan Bautista de Anza. In January 1774, De Anza left the Tubac Presidio, south of Tucson, Arizona, to reach Alta California by land. He followed the Gila River to the Colorado, across the Sonoran Desert and entered the Imperial Valley. He reached Mission San Gabriel Archangel in March and Monterey in April. He then returned to Tubac in May, proving that it was possible to reach Alta California by land. In October of 1774, Bautista was ordered to lead a group of colonists into Alta California and his second expedition began a year later. He reached Mission San Gabriel in January of 1776 and pressed on to Monterey. Bautista located the sites for the Presidio of San Francisco and Mission San Francisco de Asis. He went on to explore the shore of San Francisco Bay as far as present day Antioch before returning to Mexico City in 1777. De Anza would go on to become Governor of Nuevo Mexico in 1777, a position he would hold until 1787. He was then appointed Commander of the Presidio of Tucson in 1788 but died before taking office.

Today, due in large part to extensive irrigation with water from the Colorado River, the Imperial Valley is one of the major agricultural areas of California. It is home to the cities of El Centro and Holtville. The surrounding Sonoran Desert is now the play area for sand rails and dune buggies.

Nearby is the Salton Sea, created by accidental flooding in 1915, once a glamorous spot for movie stars and water skiers, now slowly evaporating.

Each year, De Anza Parlor hosts the De Anza Trek in February to coincide with the Holtville Carrot Festival and to commemorate the deeds of Juan Bautista De Anza. The Brothers of De Anza Parlor march in the parade every year and then have a wonderful feed. Lately, they have also hosted a dedication and initiation. Along the way, you may want to visit the Mojave Air and Space Port, home of the Rotary Rocket and Spaceship One. The extreme south eastern part of the state is one which is sparsely populated, rarely visited and yet is rich in the early history of our state.

Getting There:

Merge onto US-101 S. Follow US-101 S to Riverside Ave in Paso Robles. Take exit 230 from US-101 S. Take exit 230 for Pine St. Follow CA-46 E to CA-99 S in Kern County. Take CA-58 E to US-395 S in San Bernardino County. Get on I-10 E in Whitewater from CA-18, Old Woman Springs Rd and CA-62 W. Follow I-10 E, CA-86 S and Forrester Rd to S Dogwood Rd in El Centro. Take exit 116 from I-8 E to El Centro.

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OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD—PART 1

By Douglas Love, Grand Historian

For much of its history, California was a remote and distant place. With no direct water route connecting it to the rest of North America, guarded by the Sierra Nevada to the east, and shielded by the Sonoran and Mojave deserts to the south, California was virtually untouched and unexplored by Europeans until Cabrillo's expedition of 1542 and Vizcaino's expedition of 1602. Even with these early explorations, the Spanish did not establish a settlement in what would become California until Gaspar de Portola established the Presidio of San Diego in 1769(1). That does not mean that the land was uninhabited, however. For generations, native peoples inhabited the land which would become California. Most reputable anthropologists date the human habitation of North America to around 13,000 to 15,000 years ago.(2) There are recent claims that this may be far too recent.(3) Needless to say, the claims of North American human habitation stretching back 130,000 years are very controversial. But, that is of no matter. By the time the Spanish began settling Alta California, the native peoples had been living here for thousands of years.

Still, until the De Anza expedition of 1774, no European had traveled overland to Alta California. De Anza proved that it was possible to travel overland to Alta California from New Spain. De Anza's route was closed by a revolt of the Yuma in 1781.(4) It was not until Jedidiah Smith crossed the Mojave in 1826 that any American had traveled overland to California.(5) Spurred by stories of California's natural resources and mild climate, many American's traveled by sea to California over the next 15 years. But it was John Bidwell who would lead the first party of emigrants over what would become the California Trail in 1841.(6) Over the next few years, thousands of American emigrants made the dangerous four to six month journey to California. The tragedy of the Donner Party and the Mexican-American War slowed emigration to a trickle but President Polk's announcement of the discovery of gold in California in his Fourth State of the Union Address on December 5, 1848(7) would change that. By 1850, gold seekers from all over the world flooded in and between 1846 and 1850, the non-native population swelled from less than 8,000 to 92,597.(8) It became obvious that a railway connection to California was needed.

Between 1853 and 1855, the US Government conducted five surveys to find the best route to the Pacific.(9) In 1862, the Pacific Railway Act was passed and signed into law.(10) In 1863, President Lincoln chose Council Bluffs, Iowa, as the eastern terminus of the railroad.(11) Even though the Union Pacific broke ground in December of 1863; by November of 1865, only 28 miles of track had been laid.(12) While the lack of progress can be partially blamed on the Civil War which was raging at the time, a great deal of the slow progress can also be blamed on corruption; beginning with the Hoxie Contract(13) in which locomotives of the UPRR were sold to Hoxie, who was contracted to build the first one hundred miles of track and then later sold back to

the UPRR at inflated prices. Then of course, there was the Credit Mobilier scandal which was, and still is, one of the greatest corruption scandals in American History.(14)

But as much as the Union Pacific eventually raced across the Plains, the Rockies and the Great Basin, the Central Pacific is the railroad company which is inextricably linked to the history of California. It is the Central Pacific which would conquer the Sierra Nevada, passing within sight of Truckee Pass, the place of the Donner Party's denouement. Its successor, the Southern Pacific, would play a major role in California's economy and shape America's view of California and the West with *Sunset Magazine*.

The Central Pacific was the brainchild of Theodore Judah. He was hired in 1854 as the chief engineer of the Sacramento Valley Railroad and in May of that year proposed extending the railroad to Folsom.(15) As Judah surveyed possible railroad routes through the Sierra Nevada, he became obsessed with the idea of building a railroad to link California with the rest of the United States. He traveled to Washington three times in 1856 to promote the idea of a transcontinental railroad and in 1857, his pamphlet, *A Practical Plan for Building the Pacific Railroad* was published and distributed to every member of Congress.(16) Judah's plan called for building the railroad across the Sierra from Sacramento, across Nevada and Utah and then onto the Mississippi, following the Platte River.(17) However, Secretary of War, Jefferson Davis, recommended the southern route from New Orleans to Los Angeles and Judah's plan went nowhere.(18)

Judah returned to California and continued to push for a transcontinental railroad. In April of 1859, the California legislature, at Judah's urging, passed a resolution calling for a convention to consider a railroad link to the Pacific.(19) As a matter of fact, the California Legislature had been calling for a transcontinental railroad since 1850. In 1859, however, the time was not ripe for a railroad to the Pacific coast. With the looming Presidential election and the probable secession of the southern states, California's and Judah's plans fell again on deaf ears.

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2018 PROPOSED GRAND PARLOR RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #1 DUTY OF OFFICERS – THE BOARD OF GRAND TRUSTEES

WHERE AS the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor states in Article X, Part A, Section 2, that “The Board of Grand Officers at the first meeting of each year following the Grand Parlor shall designate a bank or banks, in the City and County of San Francisco, as depositories for the Grand Parlor.”; and

WHEREAS for the past several years it has been the responsibility of the Board of Grand Trustees to recommend to the Board of Grand Officers what bank or banks they feel should be designated; and

WHEREAS Article X, Part A, Section 2, further states that withdrawals shall be “signed by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary” “and in the event of illness or other inability of the aforementioned the Grand President is empowered to sign.”; and

WHEREAS recent needs to change the signatures required for our financial accounts revealed they were seriously out of date; and WHEREAS the responsibility to verify the signature cards for our financial accounts is not addressed in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that new subsections (b) and (c) be added to Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 9, The Board of Grand Trustees, in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, to read as follows: (b) Prior to their first meeting of the year following Grand Parlor the Board of Grand Trustees shall verify that the signature cards for all Grand Parlor Financial Accounts contain only those Grand Officers empowered to sign in accordance with Article X, Part A, Section 2 of this constitution. (c) At their first meeting of the year following Grand Parlor the Board of Grand Trustees shall determine what bank or banks to recommend to the Board of Grand Officers in compliance with Article X, Part A, Section 2 of this constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent subsections below these new Subsections in Section 9 be renumbered as appropriate. Submitted by Board of Grand Trustees

RESOLUTION #2 GRAND TREASURER’S DUTIES

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Grand Officers receive current and timely financial information to properly manage the Grand Parlor; and

WHEREAS for the past several years the Grand Treasurer has presented reports at each Grand Parlor meeting; and

WHEREAS reading and understanding investment reports and bank statements and asking pertinent questions or making recommendations in the limited time afforded at a Grand Parlor meeting is not feasible;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that new subsections (g) and (h) be added to Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 6, The Grand Treasurer, in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, to read as follows: (g) provide the Board of Grand Officers copies of the most recent investment portfolio and bank statements, along with a summary page no less than three business days before the Grand Parlor meeting. (h) attend all Grand Parlor meetings to make the Grand Treasurer’s report and answer questions as made by the Grand Officers. Submitted by Carl von Bargen, Grand Trustee

RESOLUTION #3 INVESTMENT PROTOCOL

WHEREAS the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor states in Article VI, Section 6, subsection (c), that the Grand Treasurer shall “make such investments of funds as the Grand Parlor may direct.”; and

WHEREAS for the past year it has been the responsibility of the Board of Grand Trustees to recommend what investments they feel should be made, not the Grand Parlor; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that investments are made in a timely manner to safeguard the assets of Native Sons of the Golden West;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that new subsection (j) be added to Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 9, The Board of Grand Trustees, in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, to read as follows: (j) Direct the Grand Treasurer to make investment of Grand Parlor funds, by a vote within the Board of Grand Trustees within 3 business days of said request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subsequent subsections below this new Subsection in Section 9 be renumbered as appropriate; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 6, subsection (c) be amended to read, "make such investments of the funds as the Grand Trustees may direct." Submitted by Carl von Barge, Grand Trustee

RESOLUTION #4

WHEREAS Don Schaffer of Twin Peaks #214 was elected Grand Treasurer at the 125th Grand Parlor in Kelseyville, Lake County in 2002 and for 16 years has served in that office by successive re-elections; and

WHEREAS Grand Treasurer Don Schaffer has expressed a desire to retire from office at this time, much to the regret of the Grand Parlor in the loss of an efficient and dedicated officer; and

WHEREAS it is fitting that the presence of Brother Schaffer at future Grand Parlors should be assured, so that the body may have the benefit of his wisdom and experience on the one hand, and be, as a reward for faithful service on the other;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Don Schaffer of Twin Peaks Parlor #214 be and hereby is declared to be a permanent member of Grand Parlor with the title of Grand Treasurer Emeritus, with all the rights and privileges of membership in the Grand Parlor, as enumerated for in the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Article III, Section 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in adopting this resolution, the Grand Parlor waives the time limitation of one year prescribed in Grand Parlor Constitution, Article XIII, Section 4 and declares it to be the intention of this body, that the Grand Parlor membership hereby conferred on Brother Don Schaffer, shall be permanent, subject only to his maintaining membership in a subordinate parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West. Respectfully submitted by Joseph Ursino, PGP, South San Francisco #157

141ST GRAND PARLOR

**Sunday, May 20th, 2018-
Thursday, May 24th, 2018**

Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel (Formerly Embassy Suites)

Lodging Details

The Headquarters for the 141st Grand Parlor will be the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel (formerly Embassy Suites) located at 4130 Lake Tahoe Blvd., South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150. Room rates will be \$134.00 per night single/double or \$154.00 for suites with two queens, plus taxes. Valet parking has been reduced to \$17.00 per night.

In order to comply with our contract obligations, room reservations must be made by Thursday, April 19, 2018. Individual reservations may be made by calling (530) 544-5400, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm. Be sure to mention Native Sons of the Golden West and the group rate. Candidates for Grand Office will have their hospitality room assigned; however, it is their responsibility to make their own reservations. Check-in time is 4:30 pm.

Pre-Registration

Delegate and guest pre-registration is \$100 per person (see packet on www.nsgw.org) and includes the Grand Banquet and Play Day Barbecue. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, May 11, 2018. Please pre-register to prevent long lines and provide a fast and orderly registration on Sunday.

Ladies Luncheon

Please join us for the 2018 Ladies Luncheon Honoring Gwen Christeson, wife of Grand President Eric Christeson

This year's luncheon will be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 At the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel. Seating will begin at 11:30 am

The price of the luncheon is \$40.00. The deadline is **MAY 7, 2018**. Make checks payable to "Grand Parlor Ladies Luncheon" and mail to: Judy Harty 13675 Mt. Echo Drive lone, CA 9560 209-274-4106Pre-Registration

141st Grand Parlor Picnic

Wednesday, May 23, 2018—Zephyr Cove Park – Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

Athletic Events

Golf—Tournament

Wednesday, May 23rd at the Lake Tahoe Golf Course, start at 7:30 a.m.

Cost of \$50.00 per person includes golf, cart and prizes. Sign up before May 11th by sending your check, made payable to the NSGW, to Don Schaffer, 1679 30th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122."

Bowling Tournament

Wednesday, May 23rd at either Carson Lanes or Gold Dust West in Carson City, NV. Starts at 9 am.

Contact Bert Abreo to register or for more details (209) 736-4804.

Trap Shoot

Wednesday, May 23rd at the Capital City Gun Club—3590 Arrowhead Dr. Carson City, NV. Starts at 9:30 am. Shotgun rentals available.

Contact Steve Wong to register or for more details (916) 813-6114.

Pedro Tournament

Wednesday, May 23rd. \$10 Buy In. Time is TBD.

Contact Joe Sangiacomo for more details (650) 756-5969 or (650) 922-8559.

Horseshoe Tournament

Wednesday, May 23, 2018—Zephyr Cove Park – Warrior Way, Zephyr Cove, NV 89448

Sign up at Picnic. Must sign-up by 1:15 pm. Tournament starts at 1:30 pm. All are encouraged to participate.

**More Grand Parlor
details on page 13**

GRAND PRESIDENT'S NATIVE SONS HISTORY CORNER

By Erik M. Christeson, Grand President



Board of Officers of Cave No. 1, Curly Bears, in full regalia circa 1900

SIDE-DEGREES PART 2

The Curly Bears were established at Nevada City in the Fall of 1888 as a side degree of the Native Sons; the originators being the Grand Trustee William T. Morgan and Past President Leonard S. Calkins of Hydraulic No. 56. Their Grand Officers included the Grand Curly Bear, Grand Vice Curly Bear, Grand Sacred Polar Bear, Grand Growler, Grand Loyal Keeper of the Den, Grand Fanners, Grand Scratcher and Grand Grabber. Of the latter three, one can only imagine what devilry their official duties carried!

The ritual of the side degrees tended toward irreverence, humor, and intemperance. “The Ritual, of course, runs in the ‘lighter vein,’ but it can be truthfully said that the first rank work vies in beauty and impressiveness with the rarest gems of the ritualistic composer. While the second is a whirlwind of genteel frolic...”¹

The “genteel frolic” of the Curly Bears is well demonstrated with their “brass band” which begins innocuously enough, with the Nevada City Curly Bears organizing “a band with twenty-five members, each of whom is to play on two instruments,” However, “their celebrated brass band, lately

imported from Paris, [was] (made of paper, nicely bronzed and painted)! The instruments were admirable representations, especially in shape, of ordinary band outfits, and the sounds approximated thereto to a greater or less extent according to the proficiency with which they were manipulated.” Not men to let the lack of real instruments stop them, the Brutes, “after tuning up formed in procession and marched about [Dutch Flat] rendering national and patriotic airs. They were led by Brother Ott, as drum major, in a plug hat and a mace, ten feet long, and everybody said they never heard the like before nor expect to again.”⁴

The Curly Bear Opening Ode

“Welcome to our homely den.
What care we for pain or sorrow?
Eat and drink and merry be.
None can tell what brings tomorrow.
Schottische with our Ursa Major,
With our Ursa Minor glide;
Ride the grizzly, kiss the young cubs —
Then shall peace with thee abide.”

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***Transcontinental railroad — Continued
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With the election of 1860 and the beginning of Southern secession, much of the objection to a northern route for the theoretical Transcontinental Railroad was removed. As Southern lawmakers decamped to their home states, including former Secretary of War Jefferson Davis, now a Senator from Mississippi, many of those who would vote against a railroad bill favoring the proposed northern route no longer sat in Congress. Furthermore, the new President, Abraham Lincoln, was willing to take action; unlike his predecessor, Buchanan, and was known to favor the Northern Route. Perhaps now, Theodore Judah would see his dream become a reality.

In part two, the passage of the Pacific Railroad Act, The formation of the Central Pacific Railroad, Theodore Judah's fate and "Charlie Crocker's Boys".

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FERNDALE #93

PROUDLY PRESENTS

PGP Outside Sentinel, PGP Inside Sentinel,
PGP Grand Marshall

JACK JONES, JR.

FOR ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

GRAND TRUSTEE

EXCELSIOR #31

PROUDLY PRESENTS

STEVE MCLEAN

FOR RE—ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

GRAND TRUSTEE

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION NSGW RECAP FOR THE 2017

The year of 2017 started out with a nice boost with the settling of the Rose Trust. The Board of Directors with chairman Joe Ursino decided to give back to the hospitals. Our donations to the hospitals for 2016 would be raise to \$100,000 at the 2017 Grand Parlor March and in June the Board of Directors voted to give each hospital equal amounts at \$85,000 each for the 2017 year. This was a big surprise to the hospitals with a total of \$555,000 given to St. John's, Sutter and UCSF for the past 2 years. All hospitals are state of the art hospitals and ranked in the top 100 in America and UCSF is rated top children's hospital in California. The Charitable Foundation made its first charitable donation in 1953 to UCSF. The success of our program has enabled us to expand to St. John's, Santa Monica and Sutter Memorial, Sacramento with total donations over \$6 million. This is truly remarkable for the Native Sons to be able give to these hospitals for 65 years. This year it will be UCSF 65th year being the 1st hospital to receive a donation. Next St John's in this year will be celebrating their 50th year and Sutter Memorial it will their 26th year.

The Charitable Foundation Directors wishes to thank all

the donors that have made our Cleft Palate March at Grand Parlor so successful for all these years. All the Charitable Foundation funds donated to these hospitals specify that they shall be used for treatment of children with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial birth defects. The Charitable Foundation's administrative overhead costs are less than 1%. The members of the board of directors serve on a volunteer basis and receive no salary or expenses. The Charitable is a fully accredited 501 (C) 3 and all donations are fully tax deductible. The Charitable Foundation earnestly solicits your consideration of this most worthy cause when making a donation. Again at our 141 Grand Parlor the Charitable Foundation NSGW will hold their Cleft Palate March and we are hoping the Parlors and donors support this most worthy cause.

The Charitable will have a booth and be able to answer any questions you have.

We thank you for your support.

EXCELSIOR #31

PROUDLY PRESENTS

GARY AROSIO

FOR ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

GRAND OUTSIDE SENTINEL

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

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OFFICE OF

GRAND SECRETARY

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PROUDLY PRESENTS

KRIS NELSON

FOR ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

GRAND INSIDE SENTINEL

JOHN BIDWELL #21

PROUDLY PRESENTS

CARL VON BARGEN

FOR ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

GRAND TREASURER

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION REPORT

By PGP David Allen, Chairman

The last meeting of the HPF in Monterey during the Discovery of Gold Weekend was very productive and busy. There were 7 grants to review and 5 were accepted outright with the other two going back for further review. I would encourage any project that is looking for funding to have the local parlor offer support in some form of matching funds or involvement. The Board ruled in favor of signage for the Lower Presidio State Park in Monterey sponsored by Monterey Parlor #75; the Cabrillo College Archeological Program in Aptos sponsored by Watsonville Parlor #65; and the MOSAIC Childrens Museum in Woodland sponsored by Woodland Parlor #30. The Board also approved future awards for the Cucamonga Service Station on Route 66 in Rancho Cucamonga sponsored by Rio Hondo Parlor #294 and Fire History projects for the Sutter Creek Volunteer Fire Department sponsored by Amador Parlor #17

Once again you can see that the HPF continues to strive in sponsoring projects throughout the state. As mentioned above, when a project has parlor sponsorship and/or involvement it has a better opportunity to be funded. The HPF tries to sponsor as many as possible, but there are funding limitations. The ability to attach the name the Native Sons of the Golden West to any historical endeavor can be a catalyst to future awards from other organizations. The HPF as a 501 (c3) corporation makes this vision possible.

By now you should have received in the mail the letter from GP Erik Christeson and the tickets for the Special Fundraiser. This year for the first time the proceeds will be split evenly between the Grand Parlor, the Historical Preservation Foundation, and the Charitable Foundation. PGP Dick Hoffman has been doing yeoman like activity pulling this together for many years. Dick should be thanked for his efforts and remember to send those tickets in with a check of course.

The Pioneer Monument project in Truckee continues to move along with all deliberate speed. As of March 12th of this year, the commemoration of the 100th year since it was originally dedicated by the Native Sons and Daughters in 1918 is still happening, so once again, "Save the date: June 9, 2018 at 11:00 AM". This is a kickoff fundraising event for the Sierra State Parks Foundation for this project. The overall project has been changing in focus constantly, but is now within months of having a final direction. The plans are to build an outdoor education pavilion, landscape the area around the monument, and do serious maintenance on the monument which includes the statue and the pedestal. The final engineering plans along with the amount that will be financed by the state are the controlling factors in the funding required through the Sierra

State Parks Foundation and the HPF. The hope is that these figures will be available and ready by Grand Parlor. The Executive Director of the SSPF, Heidi Doyle, will be the guest speaker at Lake Tahoe in May and she should be able to shed some light be then.

The 142nd Grand Parlor is on the horizon. The HPF will once again have a room on Hospitality Row. I have been asked many times as to why the HPF does not have a march during Grand Parlor. It was done for a few years, but was determined that it would give the appearances of being in direct competition with the Charitable Foundation which is not the purpose. Both Foundations are good, but they have different structures, goals, and missions and as such their fundraising structures are different. It was found that the format that has been used for the last several years has not impacted the donations received by the HPF at Grand Parlor. This format allows more personal interaction by: 1) Allowing NSGW members to meet and visit with members of the board, 2) members can discuss various potential projects in your area and 3) to just learn about the HPF and its goals. To help continue with the vision of the HPF the room will be receiving donations at this location throughout the convention. The room will be staffed by members of the HPF and will be open for any and all questions. On Wednesday morning the HPF will again be open early for Bloody Marys and also on Wednesday evening hors d'oeuvres and that wonderful beverage, Ione Iced Tea will be served. Who knows there might be more surprises in the wind. The plans will be finalized at the upcoming meetings of the HPF.

Until next time, see you on the California Trail.

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OFFICE OF

GRAND TRUSTEE

VALLEJO #77

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**WALTER
SCHNITZIUS**

FOR ELECTION TO THE

OFFICE OF

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Any Donations for the raffle will be appreciated

Grand President's Native Son's History Corner — Continued from page 7

Of the ritual, a surprising amount is known, and revealed both in the Official Organ of the Native Sons as well as in newspapers in common circulation.

The earliest revelation comes in April 1889, "W. T. Morgan, of Nevada City, received from Oroville recently, the skin of a California lion, which measures over seven feet from tip of tail to end of nose. It is suspected it was sent over by J. E. Brown for Brother Morgan to use in conferring the Curly Bear degree of N. S. G. W."² Although the lion is conspicuously absent, the July issue of *The Golden West* reveals great details, and obvious embellishment, of the proceedings.

"After retiring and shutting themselves up in the hall the labors of the meeting began. The irons and other things kept hot most all night, the candidates being put through a course of sprouts, teaching them important lessons in morals and the hardships, dangers pleasures, etc., to be met with in the hard journey of human life. The boys had to perform all sorts of antics, such as riding the untamed curly bear (the varmint having been brought over in a big dry goods box), dancing blindfolded on a spring board twenty-feet long and four-feet wide. The branding was done with a hot stove cover. Joining the band and taking a horn was a part of the degree.

The windows and doors were draped with gunny sacks, while various fantastic arrangements of the same material which ornamented the walls were interspersed with scores of colored show and other lithographs of all sizes and characters systematically arranged. From the gas chandeliers were suspended a variety of vegetables. For the regulation steamers were substituted a network of ropes and cables. From the center of the ceiling hung a cage made from a mammoth packing-box labeled 'Your Choice for 25 Cents,' and in this cage were three strong-lunged chickens. Tacked upon the floor beneath this box was a piece of canvas three by four feet in dimensions, bearing a picture of a grizzly preceded by the words, 'This is a canvas,' and followed by the warning, 'Look out for the bear.' At the head of the hall was displayed upon a red background a mammoth painting of another grizzly.

We outsiders heard loud unearthly sounds escaping out of the stovepipe and ventilators, and the roof was heard to crack. It seems a young Native, having taken an overdose of sarsaparilla water and yeast powders that the band was using to help raise their musical powers, overdid himself while shouting through the big horn called the basso profundibus. He bursted and was carried out on a box cover, and when he met the fresh air he exploded and disappeared (round the corner) in a cloud of blue-red fire, leaving only a big grease-spot and a pair of over-shoes on the porch. The jury that sat on the grease spot returned a verdict of

'involuntary suicide.' The shoes will be embalmed and laid under a marbled paper monument to be erected to his memory. After this little episode the degree work went on and was finished, and the bear was caged. Then the Brothers sat around the elevated spring board and disposed of a collation of bear-meat, bolognas and other fixings, cold spruce tea being used to wash it down. The riot concluded with a general serenade of the town on Sunday morning. After getting breakfast and singing 'Sweet By and By' the visitors quietly harnessed up and silently stole away, the constable in hot pursuit with a writ of 'corpus habus.' Later, — Constable returned bulldozed."³

However, not all Native Sons were amenable to such irreverence, and perhaps, alcoholic beverages. "Two of the members were given the 'Curly Bear' degree by Argonaut Parlor. This created much fun, and those who had never seen it were highly amused, but it was not much fun for the candidates." One such soul was poor Patrick Harrington of Cape Horn Parlor 203. "STOCKTON — Patrick Harrington of Colfax was brought to the Stockton State Hospital from Sacramento by Deputy Sheriff Hingers of Sacramento. Harrington is 26 years of age, and it is said that his insanity was caused by initiation into the Native Sons' organization known as the 'Curly Bears'... He thinks he is going to be murdered."

Despite this incident, the Curly Bears continued on, installing Caves throughout California into the 1910s. As for Excelsior No. 31, home to your Grand President and perhaps the source of his interest in this topic and subsequent research? "A team from the parlor in Nevada City visited the parlor in Jackson, Amador County, last week and conferred the 'Curly Bear' degree on many 'cubs' on the institution of a new cave in that place."

"The Curly Bears have been pretty well exterminated, but those that are left are exceedingly bold and ferocious."

¹*San Francisco Call, September 2, 1900*

²*The Golden West, Official Organ N.S.G.W., April 1889*

³*The Golden West, Official Organ N.S.G.W., July 1889*

⁴*San Francisco Call, February 19, 1896*

⁵*The Argus, December 2, 1899*

⁶*San Francisco Call, July 11, 1905*

⁷*San Francisco Call, September 7, 1898*

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CALIFORNIA STATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE NATIVE SONS

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West is a fraternal organization that adopted as its founding mission the preservation of California's history; and

WHEREAS, For the last 142 years, the thousands of members of the Native Sons of the Golden West have worked diligently, volunteering their time and resources, to carry out its mission; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West works closely with administrators of the California State Park system on many restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West has acquired, reconstructed, restored, and preserved buildings and sites of statewide historical significance in virtually every county in the state without the use of tax dollars, including Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, the Custom House and Colton Hall in Monterey, Rancho Petaluma Adobe in Petaluma, San Pasqual Battlefield in Escondido, Mission San Antonio de Padua in Jalon, Bale Grist Mill in the County of Napa, and other structures and sites, many of which have become the backbone of the California State Park system; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West lobbied for, and then constructed, the James W. Marshall Monument at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park in the County of El Dorado, the Bear Flag Monument in the County of Sonoma, the Pioneer Monument in San Francisco, and the Pioneer Monument at Donner Memorial State Park in the County of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Since 1890, the Historical Landmark Committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West has dedicated more than 1,200 historical landmark plaques in California, and those numbers increase annually; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West continues to fulfill its mission of preserving the history of California through placement of historical landmark plaques throughout the state, lobbying and advocating for the preservation of historical resources, holding an annual historically themed Fourth Grade Essay Contest, and allocation of funds through its Historical Preservation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West has dedicated itself to humanitarian causes throughout its history, including by providing homes for orphans through the mid-20th century, and since then by contributing more than \$5.7 million through its charitable foundation to the University of California, San Francisco, Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, and Sutter Medical Center in Sacramento to help children from all social and economic backgrounds who are born with cleft palate and other craniofacial anomalies; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West provides support, time, funding, and resources statewide to countless local nonprofit organizations for the benefit of California communities; and

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West, as published in historical accounts by Past Grand Presidents, have shown progression in their work and actions in California; Like many organizations, are a reflection of the times in which it has existed—for better and worse; The organization came into being in the mid-1870s, at a time of economic depression; it was an era when many Californians blamed hard times on the presence of Chinese laborers; The Native Sons was not exempt from mirroring those feelings; For many years, the Native Sons, along with many prominent California leaders, ardently supported a series of Exclusion Acts designed to limit and prohibit the immigration of Asians to the United States; Like many mainstream groups of the time, the Native Sons also joined in advocating the relocation of Japanese and Japanese American residents of the West Coast during World War II; As recent preservation efforts for historically significant Asian Californian sites prove, times and attitudes are capable of changing for the better;

WHEREAS, The Native Sons of the Golden West has been governed by the precepts of "Friendship, Loyalty and Charity" since its founding and is open to all native-born Californians, 18 years of age or older; the Native Sons bars no one from membership because of his or her ancestry; People of many backgrounds fill its ranks, not only of membership, but of leadership; Including men and women of all ethnic backgrounds, each a native of California, whether his or her background can be traced to Asia, Africa, Europe, or the various parts of the Western Hemisphere, contribute a heritage worthy of acknowledgment and respect for its specific contributions to California history; As we celebrate California's statehood, we can also celebrate the reality that the arms of the Golden State are wide enough to embrace us all: now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the Legislature honors the Native Sons of the Golden West as integral to the successful preservation of California's history over the past 142 years; and be it further

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Richard Young, Halcyon-Alameda Parlor #47: Attended the 118th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Richard Hoisington, Sunset Parlor #26: Attended the 126th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Jack Waegell, Elk Grove Parlor #41: Attended the 94th session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Wilbur W. Clark, Observatory Parlor #177: Attended the 132nd session of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Humboldt Parlor #14

John F. Burger
Albert Frank Crnich
John G. Sherman
Donald Raffaelli

Halcyon-Alameda Parlor #47

Charles Addison Watts
Charles Kip Marquart

Sonoma Parlor #111

Newton Dal Poggetto

Gabilan Parlor #132

Frank Capurro Jr.

Chispa #139

Raymond A. Whittle
Robert Don Campana

South San Francisco #157

George Griffin

Modesto #11

Robert Jean Atherstone

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William K. Manly

Las Positas Parlor #96

Charles Edward Inderbitzen

Pebble Beach Parlor #230

William F. Souza Jr.

San Luis Obispo Parlor #290

Martin F. Vargas

De Anza Parlor #312

Evelyn Zinn
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NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members joining in January and February!

We hope you will be active in your own parlor and that you will visit neighboring parlors.

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Modesto #11

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Amador #17

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Auburn #59

Patrick Barragan Sr.
Danny Fanning

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Benicia #89

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Rich Wilkerson
Joseph W. Koontz
Add Kennon
Larry Wirbick

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Joshua Clements

Sonoma #111

Michael Adair
Richard Pharo

National #118

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Richard E. Rasmussen

Chispa #139

James Bennett Curry

Nicasio #183

Derek Arvilla

San Luis Obispo #290

William D. Ray
Beverly Jean Batson

Dolores-California #1

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