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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WEEKEND

By Joshua Clements, 3rd Vice President, Ramona Parlor #109

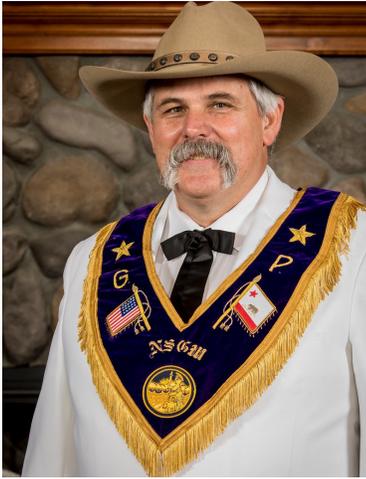
Ramona Parlor #109 played host to the 2019 Southern California Weekend in San Gabriel. The Native Sons of the Golden West Grand Officers and fellow Brothers came from as far as De Anza #312 in El Centro and John Bidwell Parlor #21 in Oroville to attend! Due to the Saddleridge Fire in the Porter Ranch neighborhood of Los Angeles, some of the Brothers faced major traffic delays and detours around the Newhall Pass. Friday evening started with a tour of the Mission San Gabriel Arcangel cemetery by Ramona Recording Secretary Teresa Diaz. Brother Diaz pointed out the significance of the headstone of Thomas W. Temple II, son of Walter P. Temple. Temple was a genealogist, and the historian of San Gabriel Mission, who was also a Native Sons of the Golden West member. Inside the Mission, Grand 1st Vice-President Joe Castillo of Rio Hondo Parlor #294 shared the history of the San Gabriel Valley and Gaspar de Portola's first interactions with the natives of Los Angeles. After touring



the gardens and the Mission models, a Mexican dinner catered by local favorite Lunas was served in the Mission courtyard.

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Grand President, James King

It's a familiar scene in TV and movie westerns; the one-time outlaw is released from prison and wants to go home to start over, but the townspeople won't let him. They forever remind him that they remember that he is a criminal. They treat him with suspicion and disdain. In the movies the ex-con usually proves a hero in the end and his accusers have to "eat crow." Not so, in real life.

Brother Fran Carothers of Rio Hondo Parlor #294 has been working hard for over a year to arrange a dedication during the Discovery of Gold celebration in Newhall this January. I asked her first to look at the William S. Hart mansion in Newhall because of personal connections that I have to the site. We were turned down by L.A. County Parks because, to paraphrase them; Mr. Hart left an endowment to place a marker so we don't need yours.

Brother Fran shifted gears and worked with local representatives to place a plaque on the Walker Cabin in Placerita Canyon which would have included the first NSGW plaque in Braille. Again, after months of work by Brother Fran, the Worthy Grand Historian and others, we found ourselves stonewalled by Los Angeles County bureaucrats under the pretense of needing an environmental report. This was a red herring, and when Grand Historian PGP Erik Christeson, an engineer with over twenty years of experience preparing these sorts of reports, and intimately familiar with the law, called their bluff, we came to the root of the issue. A single, solitary, petty bureaucrat within L.A. County Parks discovered that the Native Sons have a history that she doesn't like and she made it her personal mission to prevent the Native Sons from having a place in Los Angeles County.

Well, of course we have a history. It reflects the social mores and prevailing public opinion in California in those days. It is not something that any of us are proud of, but we are not trying to hide, buy, nor pander away history as is the wont these days. Most, if not all, of those people are gone and we are not that organization any longer and haven't been for a very long time. Neither is Los Angeles County who in 1942 passed a resolution warning that Japanese-Americans might be a, "potentially dangerous fifth column enemy" and supporting internment. Is this crusading pencil pusher similarly seeking to punish the County as she has punished us?

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Unlikely, for as with most social justice warriors, she is content to punish others all while ignoring her own history and transgressions. Our good works be damned; the perpetually-offended have come to power and they have begun the new iconoclasm. They will dig and sift through everyone's background (while deftly ignoring their own pasts and those they favor) to find any little thing by which they can be offended. Every hero of our past, real and mythical, is at risk. Every deed will be scrutinized through the lens of "wokeness" and found to be offensive and worthy of disdain or outright hatred. Our very nation and all of its institutions are under assault. History will be rewritten and America will be made the enemy. We are to be punished for the sins, real and perceived, of our fathers to the seventh generation, and beyond. Even Saint Junipero Serra has been castigated as a villain.

I don't like to end my rants without a solution, but I don't really have one this time. Our educational institutions have been subverted and the indoctrination of entire generations is manifest. We are being ground down under constant assault. All I can do is encourage you to stay strong and true to our purpose and always be ready to answer the critic and defend our beloved order.

On a more positive note, I have two short stories to tell: One day in early October I was talking with a coworker and he asked me about; "this group that you're with." I told him about who we are. I described, at length, our historical preservation work and then I told him about our cleft palate charity. Hank listened to me and then said; "I was born with a cleft palate and my son is currently being treated for a cleft." I related this story at the check presentation at St. John's in Santa Monica and as I said then; I am very proud of the Native Sons' historical preservation work and our dedication to patriotism. But the work we do through the Charitable Foundation is personal. It has a real impact on real people. It improves their lives. That is something that we should all be proud of.

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RETRO RAMBLINGS

*By Douglas Love, Past President—Napa Parlor #62,
Chair, California History Board*

Arguably, one of the most famous Californians is not even a Californian. His impact on conservation, naturalism, glaciology, mountaineering and public policy has made him world famous. He has hundreds of streets, schools, lodges and a National Monument named after him, and his love of nature and the Sierra are an inspiration to millions to this day. I am referring, of course, to John Muir who, like many before him, made California his adopted home.

Born in 1838 in Dunbar, Scotland, Muir had an interesting childhood. His father believed that anything that distracted from the study of the Bible was frivolous, yet John preferred to play with the other boys in his neighborhood and hunt for bird's nests. John said that he was "prone to lashings" as a young boy. Early

on he developed a love of the countryside and spent many hours roaming the East Lothian countryside.

In 1849, Muir and his family immigrated to the United States, settling on a farm in Wisconsin. At 22, he enrolled in the University of Wisconsin-Madison and began studying what was called "natural science". John was an irregular student and left the University without graduating. He and his older brother, Daniel moved to what is now Ontario, Canada in 1863 to avoid the draft during the Civil War. It was here, in 1864, that John began his rambling, first hiking and collecting botanical samples along Lake Huron and then hiking the Niagara Escarpment. When the war ended in 1865, he returned to the United States and worked in a wagon wheel factory when in 1867, an accident nearly cost him his sight.

After recovering his sight, Muir decided to devote his life to the study of nature. He took a 1,000 mile walk from Kentucky to Florida and then booked passage to Cuba. He then booked passage to New York and hired on as an officer in the United States Coast Survey and made his way to California and finally to the place most popularly associated with his name, Yosemite Valley. Muir spent two years living in Yosemite and this experience, more than any other, transformed him into the world renowned figure he is today. It was here that he became the John Muir the world knows, co-founder of the Sierra Club, friends with Theodore Roosevelt, and "Father of the National Parks" in the United States.

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Muir Home on the Strentzel ranch at the John Muir National Historic Site

PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Fairfax Parlor #307

- **Every Tuesday** —lunch for **Native Sons and prospective members**, parlor clubhouse at 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax. Lunch \$8, beer and wine \$2, soft drinks \$1. Reservations are not required. Information from Fred Codoni, (415) 459-7082, nsgwfpc@comcast.net.

National Parlor #118

- **December 13, 2019—Christmas Party**—at the Basque Hotel. 6:00pm No Host Cocktails then around 7:00pm Dinner — NY Steak or Salmon, Hor d'oeuvres & Table Wine will all be provided. Music by George Campi Trio Tickets are just \$50.00 • Widows Free — — Contact— National President Ross Feudale for Tickets at: rfeudale60@gmail.com 650-349-5935 Tickets also: bobteal@icloud.com 650-703-9972

Solano Parlor #39

- **February 1, 2020—Crab Feed**—Masonic Hall— Dinner at 7 pm. Chairman for tickets & information Roy Pimentel & Sherri Anaclerio – (707) 449-1688
- **March 6, 2020—Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner**
- **April 11, 2020—Clam Feed**—Chairman Chris Grace (707) 426-5351 or (707) 673-7281 for tickets or information

Sonoma Parlor #111

- **January 25, 2020—Sonoma 16th Annual Surf and Turf Dinner**—Sonoma Parlor #11 16th Annual Surf and Turf Dinner at the Veterans Memorial building 126 1st Street West Sonoma, Ca. 95476 on Saturday January 25th 2020 Cocktails are at 6:00, and dinner at 7. Menu includes rib eye steak, prawns, salad, sour dough bread rolls, cheese cake and coffee. Live music and dance, games, 50/50 raffle, and silent auction Reservations from Brother Patrick Hoffmann 707-337-8649 nativesonpat@gmail.com.

Pebble Beach Parlor #230

- **January 18, 2020—Crab Feed Fundraiser**—All you can eat marinated cracked crab feed Salad, Garlic bread, and dessert. No Host Bar, raffle and live auction. Seating for 350 guests. Tickets go

on sale December 11th. Proceeds benefit Pescadero High Senior Class, Native Sons Community Hall Phase III Hall Restoration. Contact for more info or tickets Frank Vento—Pebble Beach Parlor #230, 112 Stage Rd Pescadero, CA 94060. 650-888-9900
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PARLOR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

*By Thomas Widlund, Managing Editor of
The Native Son*

Let us know what your parlor is up to. Whether it's a regular monthly meeting or a special event/dinner we want to know. To have your event or activity listed please submit the following:

1. Activity/Event Name
2. Parlor #
3. Date/Time
4. Contact Info.

All submissions must come via email to t.widlund@yahoo.com prior to the 15th of January for publication in the February—March 2020 issue.

Napa Parlor 5th Monday Initiation

Napa Parlor #62 will be holding a formal grand officer initiation at the NSGW Hall in Napa on the 5th Monday of December on the 30th.

You and your parlor members are cordially invited to attend and bring any candidates who have been obligated but not initiated. Please contact the Napa parlor in advance if you have initiates that want to attend

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Southern California Weekend—Continued from page 1

Saturday morning began with a tour of the Mission Playhouse built in 1927 by John Steven McGroarty. The playhouse tour guide, Joe, informed the Brothers that the theater is haunted. Several of the Brothers witnessed lights flickering, mysterious reflections, and unsettling sounds. All Brothers survived the tour, and made their way to Washington Elementary School to dedicate their historic bell. The original Victorian schoolhouse was built in 1888 and the bell was used to call students to class. Unfortunately, that building was demolished in 1923 and now only the school bell remains. School representatives gave the audience a history of their school followed by the Grand Officers performing their dedication ceremony, placing a new plaque underneath the bell on display in the school quad.

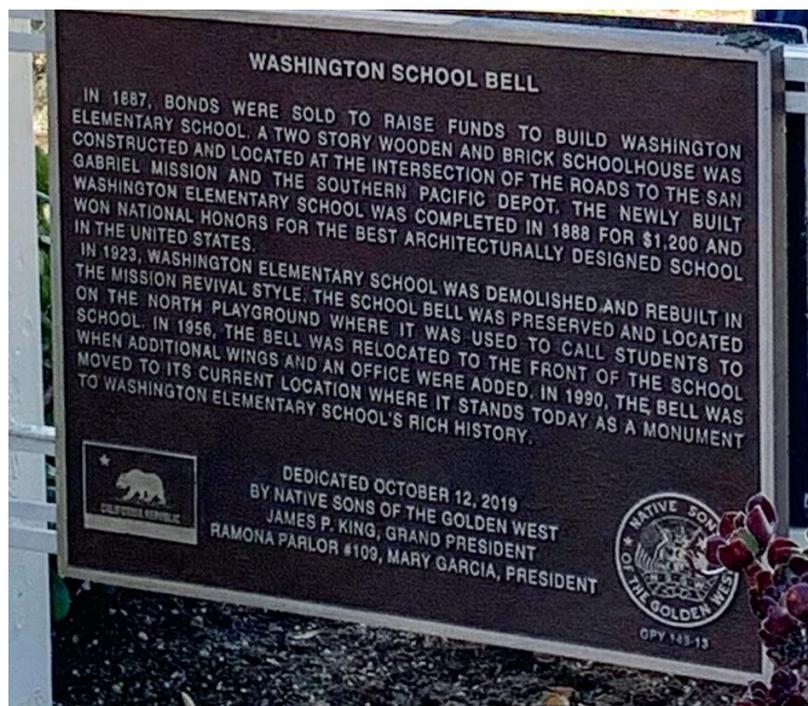


That evening, the Native Sons held a banquet at the Hilton San Gabriel. The dinner included a father/son duo who joined the organization together in 1969 and were recognized for their 50-year membership. Grand President James King pinned 98 year-old Bud Utter of University Parlor #272 with his 50-year anniversary pin. Ramona Senior Past President Rosemarie Lippman was also recognized at the dinner as being part of the first class of women to join the Native Sons 25 years ago. The first female Grand Officer, Marcia Skelton of Redwood Parlor #66, recognized Brother Lippman with her father Frank Claro's 25-year pin.

The Brothers were then treated to a presentation by new member Anne Collier of Ramona #109. Brother Collier is a highly credentialed archivist who put in countless, tedious hours restoring the basket collections of Native tribes of Southwestern United States. Her PowerPoint presentation took the audience on a journey of finding an unidentified collection of Native Indian baskets, finding their collector and matching them through photos and other historical records. This heavy undertaking wowed the Native Sons audience, and the hard work saved the beautifully crafted baskets.

The best was saved for last when the Native Sons of the Golden West attended their annual luncheon provided by St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Doctors shared fond memories of their work with the Native Sons, and staff who have worked closely with the organization over the years. The audience was introduced to Julian, an 8 year-old patient who had undergone several cleft palate surgeries. Julian's story was shared through a video in which his speech was improved enough for him to tell doctors about his dream of becoming a firefighter.

After the tears dried, the Native Sons of the Golden West proudly delivered a check of \$85,000 to the Cleft Palette department, as it has for the last 51 years. Ramona Parlor #109 would like to thank all Brothers who braved the traffic to attend! Next year, De Anza Parlor #312 in El Centro, San Diego County will host 2020 Southern California Weekend (tentatively).



TOURNAMENT OF ROSES 2020

By PGP David Allen, Chairman

Unfortunately, The Native Sons did not make the cut for the upcoming Rose Parade for January 1, 2020. We were number 16 of 15 equestrian entries. Close but no cigar. We can remember the event from last year and how it energized many of us for the year and build on that momentum. I mean where else can 45 million of your closest friends see you on TV? A few of us were getting text messages from our family and friends during the parade, not only from all over the United States, but from around the world. Let's hope we don't have to wait another 38 years to return.

On a positive note there is a possibility of the Native Sons having a booth during the EquestFest this year at the LA Equestrian Center in Burbank. This is not a very expensive booth to have and some of our Southern California brothers will be leading the charge on this. Last years was very well received and we were

asked to come back to the Equestfest if possible. This will be word of mouth if this happens, as the next edition of the Native Son will not be out until January of 2020.



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When I got home from Southern California Weekend, I told Hank that I had "used him" in my address. I showed him a picture that I took of the young boy that spoke to us, flanked by Dr. Reza Jarrahy and Speech Pathologist Julia Hobbs. Hank pointed to Dr. Jarrahy and said; "That's my son's surgeon." It seems that the doctors and specialists work at UCLA, too. Last week, Hank took his boy down for a visit and progress assessment and met with both Dr. Jarrahy and Julia Hobbs. Hank mentioned me and the Native Sons and received glowing praise from them for our order. On Tuesday, November 12th, Hank submitted his application and became a Brother in San Luis Obispo Parlor #290.

One evening in October, I was on my way north and I stopped in to visit an artist in Morgan Hill and buy a print that I had been eyeing. We talked for a while and she asked what had me traveling so much, so I told her all about us. She replied; "Our grandson is being treated for cleft palate. May I give you a donation?" And she did.

The moral of the stories is a common homily of mine; We all need to talk about the Native Sons. We engage people in friendly chit-chat every day, let the Native Sons of the Golden West find its way into your conversation. When people find out who and what we are, and what we do, they will often seek out ways to support us or they may even join us. They cannot if they have never heard of us.

**In friendship, loyalty and charity,
James King
Grand President 143rd Grand Parlor
Native Sons of the Golden West**

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

By PGP David Allen, Chairman

This issue for the Native Son is historically light as our last meeting was two months ago and our next meeting won't be until January, but that doesn't mean that we are inactive.

A few of us just had a good breakfast at the Fiddletown Community Center in Amador County. We were recognized for our donation toward the roof at the Chew Kee Museum in Fiddletown. This is a building that was left in its original state as a pharmacy when the owners moved on in 1965. It had been occupied since 1855. The period correct roofing material has been delivered and the roof should be on in the next few weeks.

Grand President James King went to "The Last Mile" banquet at the Sacramento Railroad Museum recently. The HPF had made a sizeable donation to the US China Railroad Friendship Association toward the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial which is either going to be in Dutch Flat, Colfax, or Sacramento. The statue is on temporary display at the Railroad Museum. Most of the recognition went to the larger corporate sponsors, but we are in the house.

This past week I was able to meet a bus load of Native Sons from District 7 in San Francisco at the Railroad Museum in Sacramento to join in the tour of the Museum. There were many items to see including the "Golden Spike" and Leland Stanford's version of the meeting of the Union Pacific and the Central Pacific at Promontory Point. We were also able to view the Chinese Railroad Workers Memorial. Brothers Dennis McLaughlin and Carol Ratto from Guadalupe Parlor #231 set this trip up. Any proceeds from this will be going toward the HPF. Thank you to Dennis and Carol.

The Pioneer Monument in Truckee is moving along. The State of California has approved a significant amount of funding to provide toward the statue and the other work that is being proposed. It puts us about 40% toward the goal of \$1.8 million toward the whole project.

At our next meeting we will be reviewing grant applications from the Historical Society of the Pomona Valley concerning a painting restoration; from the Paso Robles Historical Society with regards to their

Newspaper Preservation Project for many newspapers from the late 1800's. The next grant to review will be the "Myth of the Golden Spike". This is a proposed video to explain the time frame from May 10, 1869 and September 6, 1869 which is when the Transcontinental Railroad actually reached the shores of San Francisco Bay.

The above follow up to grants in process and the 3 requests for grants is all part of the process as we move around the state and become recognized or mentioned with other groups as sponsors of significant historic sites. Our recognition factor is increasing, and the grant recipient base is growing in scope, diversity, and geography.

Until next time, Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and see you on the California Trail.

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You can contact the Grand Office or email NSGW28Mitch@gmail.com.

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With \$15,525 to be awarded in 2020 we hope to get new blood involved in not only promoting and selling Lucky Calendars, but assuming duties with the 2021 Calendar.

Everyone, we need your photos (high resolution and appropriate) to consider for publication.

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Mitch Laing, Lucky Calendar Chairman

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There is another side to John Muir, however, a side that is little known. In 1880, Muir married Louisa Strentzel, whose father, Dr. John Strentzel owned a 2,600 acre fruit orchard in Martinez, California. Dr. Strentzel presented the newlyweds with a house on Alhambra Valley Road and for the next ten years of his life, John Muir managed the orchard with his father in law. John and Louisa moved into the fourteen room house in 1890 and it was from here that Muir co-founded the Sierra Club, laid the foundations for the National Park Service and wrote most of his major works. John and Louisa raised their children in the house and it remained John's home until his death in 1914.

Today, the house and remnants of the Strentzel ranch are the John Muir National Historic Site. The site is open year round from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days. There are drop in guided tours of the home, which is furnished as it would have been in 1914. There are guided hikes of Mt. Wanda Nature Preserve and the Martinez Adobe are on the grounds. There are tours of Muir's gravesite available by reservation. Unfortunately, the house that was given to John and Louisa as a wedding gift burned down in the 1990's. The NPS also has a large archive of Muir's papers and artifacts on site.

GETTING THERE: The John Muir National Historic Site is located at 4202 Alhambra Avenue, Martinez, California. From San Francisco: Eastbound I-80 (Oakland - San Francisco Bay Bridge) to eastbound Highway 4. Exit at Alhambra Avenue, turning left at bottom of the ramp. Cross beneath highway. The park is immediately on your left. The phone number is (925) 228-8860

10 WAYS TO KILL A MEETING

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10 Ways to Kill a Meeting

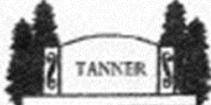
1. Don't go to meetings.
2. If you do go, go late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of going.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the offices and members.
5. Never accept office, as it is far easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the president to give you opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say.
8. After the meeting, tell everyone how things should have been done.
9. Do nothing more than absolutely necessary, but when other members use their ability to help matters

along, howl out that the organization is run by a clique!

10. Hold back your dues or don't pay at all.

It's not a new problem. There are always going to be people who feel complaining and criticizing other members' efforts equals 'participation'. (It does not!) Next time you encounter "The Complainer", offer a question..."How would you do it?"" And then, with fraternal affection and respect, say, "I think it would be great if you were Chairman next time. Will you do it?"

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Joe Oescheger Memorial Weekend in the Redwoods February 7 – 8, 2020

The Best Western Country Inn located at 2025 Riverwalk Dr, Fortuna, CA will be headquarters for Ferndale Parlor's annual Joe Oescheger Memorial Weekend in the Redwoods. This year Weekend in the Redwoods will be held on February 7 and 8, 2020.

Friday and Saturday night events will be hosted by Ferndale Parlor #93. Activities will kick-off Friday night February 7, at 6 p.m. with a hosted reception of food and drinks in the Redwood Room at the Fortuna Best Western. The Native Sons rate for rooms at the Best Western is \$95 per night. The hotel can be contacted at [\(707\) 725-6822](tel:7077256822).

A dedication ceremony recognizing the Ferndale Memorial Parade as the longest running Parade in Humboldt County will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday and will take place at the Ferndale Cemetery.

Following the dedication, Humboldt Parlor #14 will host a free light lunch for all members and their families. Nonalcoholic refreshments and a light lunch will be served between and 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. at their hall located at 623 3rd Street (between G & H Streets) in Old Town Eureka. Humboldt Parlor has again coordinated with the Clarke Museum and the Timber Heritage Museum for tours.

On Saturday night, Ferndale Parlor will host an initiation and dinner. Initiation will be convened at 4 p.m. in the Redwood Room at the Fortuna Best Western Inn. Dinner is at the Fortuna Volunteer Fire Department, 320 South Fortuna Boulevard, Fortuna, CA. Cocktails and appetizers are at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. Dinner is \$25.00 per person and will be prime rib with all the trimmings. There will also be a silent auction and raffle. Please contact Allan Baird at (707) 725-5182 or email him at ambaird@suddenlinkmail.com for dinner reservations.

49er Days, 2020 — Auburn Parlor #59

This is just a brief howdy you do about the 49er Days that will be held in Auburn on March 13, 14, 15 of 2020. This event moves around the foothills every year and it was last held in Auburn in 2015. We are still working on the schedule which will be in the next edition of the Native Son, but the hotel that is going to be used is the Marriott's Springhill Suites at 13535 Bowman Road Auburn. This is a brand new hotel that just opened the first of November. The rates are \$149.00 per night, which includes breakfast. Remember to say you are part of the Native Sons. The phone number is 530-492-5656. To get that rate you must reserve your room prior to February 10, 2020. If you plan to have a hospitality room or one that is going to make noise, don't let the hotel know, let Auburn Parlor know at dsallen59@sbcglobal.net and they will work with the hotel. The plan is put all the hospitality types in one area.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our new members joining in September and October 2019. We hope you will be active in your own parlor and that you will visit neighboring parlors.

John C. Bidwell #21

Marc Goff
Cynthia Connelly
David P. Connelly

Ione #33

Dennis Pederson

Halcyon-Alameda #47

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John Mugnani

Auburn #59

Jason Bruce
Marty Blue
Dave Partak

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David Paton
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Eric Zanoni

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Keelan Chandler Renner
Johnny Ray Mobley

Arrowhead #110

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Piedmont #120

Jeffrey Peterson

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Richard Enos Souza

Benicia #89

Michael Kery

Las Positas #96

Donald Eugene Ebersole
Russell J. Piazza

Eden #113

Daniel Umanzor
Emiliano Amador

National #118

Marc Pacquet

Observatory #177

Anna M. Brown
Linda M. Galassi
Sharon Logan

Los Banos #206

Gabriel Jasso

Sutter #261

Matt Rosellini

San Luis Obispo #290

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Elizabeth Zweifel
Kelly Johnson
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James Hsu

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATIONS

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation in honor or memory of.

Such donations are a fine way to honor deceased members, friends or relatives. The Charitable Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible. You can find the 2019 Cleft Palate March, Total Donations and our Donation Form on our website, nsgw.org. Click “ Community Involvement.

In Memory of Anthony “ Tony “ Starelli

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DONATIONS

How to Give-Giving to Cleft Palate can be done either directly or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits. Also through your employer matching funds. Check with your tax consultant on different programs.

When you make a Donation-When you make a donation to the NSGW Charitable Foundation in Memory of a family member, friend or Native Son, a acknowledgement card is sent to who you like to receive it. You can use donation envelopes or go to nsgw.org and print one out with instructions. You can also just send a donation with a request of in memory of. We always send a card with the name and donor and also the name a donor will go in the Native Son.

Hospitals-Again the CF will be making donations to the 3 hospitals in the amount of \$85,000 to each hospital. St. John's in Santa Monica will be October 13 the last day of Southern Cal Weekend and in the early part of December at UCSF San Francisco and finish up with Sutter Health in Sacramento. We are the longest and largest cleft palate donors to these 3 hospitals. The Native Sons can be proud of this most worthy cause so children have the opportunity to hold their heads up without shame or embarrassment.

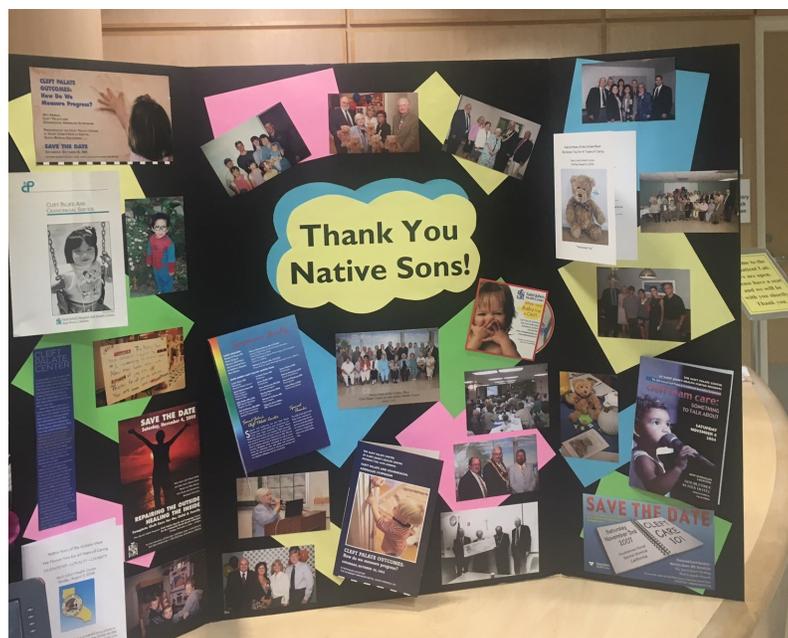
Grand President James gives \$85,000 check to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica

Grand President James King with Steve Faessel Southern California Charitable Rep and Paul Lapachet , Chairman of the Charitable presented a check for \$85,000 from the Charitable Foundation to Robert Klien President and Chief Executive Officer of St. John's Health Center. This marks the 51st year of continue support from the Charitable Foundation Native Sons and a total donations of almost 2 million dollars. There was a very nice brunch put on by the St. John's Hospital and all Southern California Parlors where in attendance and Native Sons Grand Officers.

The program included special guest speakers and team members from St. John's Cleft Palate Clinic presenting an overview of care of children with cleft and leading discussion on innovations in the field that are enhancing the knowledge and skills of community providers. Such presentation was with Julia Hobbs, MA, CCC-SLP Speech Language Pathologist and the Garza Family with son Julian. The Native Sons can be very proud of our donations to St. John's. One donation help start the Speech Language Program many years ago. The Garza Family son had a bi-lateral Cleft Palate the most severe kind. The Garza Family picked St. John's Hospital for their knowledge in the field of cleft palate and one stop care for Julian. Julian got expert care from Dr. Jarrahy and St. John's staff. He's learning now how to speak with the care of Julia Hobbs and he wants to be a firefighter or a police officer. He's a great kid with a big personality and a bright smile. He stole the show with all Native Sons and friends in attendance. The program ended with a group picture at the entrance stairs a tradition for many years.



Check Presentation



Thank You Native Sons!

DISCOVERY OF GOLD

FRIDAY JAN. 24, 2020 TO SUNDAY JAN. 26, 2020

PLACERITA CANYON NATURE CENTER

SANTA CLARITA

NSGW BOARD MEETING, DEDICATION, LUNCH, DINNER

COST \$50

Friday January 24

- Check-in at Comfort Suites near Six Flags Magic Mountain at 3:00 p.m.
- Located at 25380 N. The Old Road, Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381. (661) 254-7700, Manager Elizabeth
- Reserve under group: Native Sons of the Golden West Rooms blocked are 35. King 5, 2 queen bed 30 Room rate is \$129, with taxes \$144. This rate includes breakfast served 6:00 – 9:00 a.m.
- Registration will be in the Breakfast Room adjacent to the hotel lobby

Saturday January 25

- Complimentary breakfast at hotel at 6:00 a.m., Board meetings at Placerita Canyon Nature Center classroom 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Located at 19152 Placerita Canyon Rd. Newhall, CA 91321. (661) 259-7721
- Lunch: Lunch will be served at 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the picnic area of the Nature Center. It will be croissant sandwiches from Costco with fillings of roast beef and cheese, ham and cheese and tuna salad. It will include bags of chips, a salad and beverages.
- Dedication: The dedication of the Walker Cabin will be at 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. along the nature trail.
- Reception: A reception will be hosted by the Friends of Placerita Canyon Nature Center and will be held in the classroom or the picnic area. This will be an opportunity for NSGW to meet and talk to potential new members.
- Dinner: Social Hour and Dinner will be from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. It will be held in the Freight Room of the Saugus Depot; located at Heritage Junction Historic Park 24101 Newhall Ave., Newhall, CA.91321. It is adjacent to the William S. Hart Park.
- Speaker: The speaker for the evening will be Dr. Alan Pollack. The title of his talk is “Oak of Golden Dreams”.
- Menu: No host bar – beer and wine. Dinner catered by EL Pollo Loco and consists of grilled chicken, salad, rice, beans, tortillas, chips and salsa or guacamole and dessert

Sunday September 26

- Complimentary breakfast 6:00 – 9:00 a.m. Checkout time is 11:00 a.m.

For more information: Contact Fran Carothers (626) 332-1203

Please bring Parlor shirts, vests or jackets to wear at the dedication and

DEATHS

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

HONORED DEAD

George E. Kolbert, Solano #39: Attended the 128th, 131st, 137th, and 138th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate. Served as the SDDGP at the 129th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, and 136th sessions of Grand Parlor.

Robert J. Cunha, Washington #169: Attended forty sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Ernest Rose, Observatory #177: Attended nineteen sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

PGP J. Michael Anthony, Fairfax #307: Attended the 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, and 114th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; the 112th session as a member of the Board of Control; the 113th session as the Chairman of the Board of Control; and the 115th session as Chairman of the Laws of Subordinates Committee. Sat as GOS, GIS, and Grand Marshal at the 116th, 117th, and 118th sessions. Served as Grand Trustee at the 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, and 125th sessions. Attended the 126th session as the SDDGP. Served as Grand 3rd VP at the 127th session, Grand 2nd VP at the 128th session, Grand 1st VP at the 129th session, Grand President at the 130th session of Grand Parlor, Jr. PGP at the 131st session. Sat as a Past Grand President at the 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, and 142nd sessions of Grand Parlor.

Anthony Starelli, Fairfax #307: Attended the 118th and 119th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; the 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, and 124th sessions as the SDDGP; and the 125th session as a member of the Board of Appeals. Sat as a member of the Finance Committee at the 126th, 127th, 129th, 130th, 135th, 136th, 138th, and 139th sessions, serving as Chairman at the 128th, 131st, 137th, and 140th sessions. Served as Grand Trustee at the 132nd, 133rd, and 134th sessions of Grand Parlor.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Humboldt #14
Jere Buck

Napa #62
Theodore Brandlin
Kenneth H. Kuhn

Observatory #177
Chris A. Bousman
Jeff O. Newell

Halcyon-Alameda #47
Warren Earl Storm

Mt. Tamalpais #64
John E. Childers

Presidio #194
William H. Magidson

Sea Point #158
Louis A. Barella

Las Positas #96
Robert Heinz
Frank Bonde

Sutter #261
Robert Barkhouse

Estudillo #223
Benigno Albert Cusortelli

Sonoma #111
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Ronald Silveria

Fairfax #307
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William Simon
Neil David Turner

San Miguel #150
Silvio A. Galetti

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