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NATIVE SONS DEDICATE MELON BARN

Story and Photos By PGP, Fred Codoni

Members of Nicasio #183 dedicated the Crane Melon barn in Santa Rosa on August 17.

The barn was built in 1868 of California redwood and originally used for hay and horses. Beginning in the 1920s, six generations of Cranes have served customers who purchase the famous Crane Melon, harvested in September and October. Patriarch of the family was Richard Hope Crane, a '49er gold miner and farmer, who settled in Sonoma County in 1852. The Crane Melon was developed at the turn of the 20th Century by Richard's son, Oliver, who crossed several varieties of heirloom melons and used a dry land farming technique based on the specific soil and site.

The dedicatory plaque will be placed in a brick monument being built by members of the Crane family. The monument includes a 40-foot flag pole.

The dedication was followed by games and a picnic lunch. Attendance was estimated at more than one hundred.



Raising the flags at the partially-completed monument.



Crane Melon Barn of 1868



Grand President, James King

It's mid-September as I write this. The days are still hot here in San Miguel, but there is a chill in the mornings. The peaches, apricots and plums in my orchard have been harvested and the pears and apples are still ripening. The local grape harvest is in

full swing. Summer is winding down and in a month or so I will need to start splitting wood for the winter. It has been a good summer and I am encouraged by the work that we have accomplished so far.

The Grand Secretary has been working with the other Grand Officers and committee chairs to write and catalog procedures and policies for various functions and activities. Many members and Parlors are reluctant to take on projects or assignments because they don't know what is expected of them or even where to start.

As we have moved through the year, the Grand Secretary and I have been documenting what needs to be done for each event such as Sloat's Landing, Statehood Day and so on. To assist Parlors in hosting dedications, the Grand Historian has written a procedure that will walk you through the process from the very beginning to the very end. This document is so well done that I have shared it with the Native Daughters to help them in their efforts. This is an ongoing process, and these and other, procedures will be available on the Native Sons website for future use and refinement.

I believe that my most solemn duty as Grand President is to protect the fair name, and further the missions, of our Order. I am dismayed that some people feel that it is theirs to denigrate other Parlors, officers and members on social media. I won't delve into whatever psychological maladjustments might drive them, I won't succumb to being as unhappy in life as they appear to be. I have, however, assigned an ad hoc committee to rein in the behavior on our social media sites. Among other things, I have instructed them to establish rules of conduct and vigorously enforce them. Sites that bear the name of the Native Sons will be places for announcements, celebrations and other POSITIVE discourse. Gripping, backbiting, trolling etc. is not welcome and will not be tolerated. I am sure that this will make me less than popular with some, but I don't care. I will do what needs to be done to protect the Native Sons of the Golden West.

This summer has seen Brothers, from all over, working for the advancement of our Order. In early August, District 13 hosted what we believe to be the

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

first sextuple dedication weekend event. It was, by any measure, an unqualified success as each of the six Parlors in the district- Sutter #261, Bidwell #21, Argonaut #8, Downieville #92, Quartz #58 and Hydraulic #56- hosted a dedication of a historic marker. The events were well publicized and we had a good turnout for each of them. For many of the observers, this was their first introduction to the Native Sons and they got to see us doing what we do best.

Later in the month, Nicasio Parlor #183 rededicated the Crane Melon Barn in Santa Rosa. Members from several North Bay Parlors, including Sonoma #111, Santa Rosa #28, Fairfax #307 and Sea Point #158, joined with Nicasio to put on a barbeque and make it a District-wide event. The plaque will be mounted in a large monument by the flagpole, to be seen by all who visit the property and make use of the Crane's outdoor event area.

I am proud of the Parlors in these two Districts for their cooperation and good works. I am also happy to see Parlors taking the work of our order seriously. As I have said before; our historic markers give us the opportunity to get out in front of the public and be recognized, and they leave a lasting legacy of our work. I recently received an online membership request and in the area that asked how he had heard of our Order, he answered that he had seen our name on historical markers and elsewhere- That's what I'm talkin' about.

Another of our core missions is to celebrate the admission of California into the Union and Statehood Day activities abounded. I wish to personally thank the Brothers of Piedmont #120 for moving their annual barbeque and car show at Rowell Ranch to August 31st in order to accommodate my Board meeting and Statehood Day dinner hosted by Los Banos #206 on September 7th.

The Parlors of District 7 NSGW and District 15 NDGW, the San Francisco districts, again pooled their efforts to celebrate California's statehood with a luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco. I am happy to see Native Sons and Daughters partnering in such events. As this sort of cooperation made us stronger in years past, it is going to be key to the long-term success of both organizations.

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RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

The 19th Century was one of unparalleled growth and innovation for the United States. When the century began, the United States stopped at the Mississippi River and almost all of the land west of the Appalachians was unsettled wilderness. By 1900, the country became a true continental power. It stretched from “sea to shining sea”. Telegraph wires and rails of steel bound the country together. The United States had become a world power in a century, the “miraculum mundi”, a world power in it’s own right with overseas possessions, agricultural and industrial might which would soon make the American Republic the undisputed leader in the world.

This expansion was not without setbacks. The Native Peoples fought, and ultimately lost, a long running war against the United States and were recused to little more than curiosities, living on tracts of land which the US government deemed fit for little else. There had been a bloody Civil War, the costliest war in United States history. Slavery had been ended, but the African American population were treated as, at best, second class citizens. There had been economic booms, busts, strikes, and there was great wealth, in the hands of a few, and great poverty for many. There was, also a great flood of immigration from around the globe because it was, by and large, manual labor which made the United States the superpower to be.

While many fled the revolutions, famines and economic hardships of Europe entered the United States though Ellis Island, those who crossed the Pacific entered though San Francisco and between 1910 and

1940, the Immigration Station on Angel Island became the major point of entry into the United States for hundreds of thousands of Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Mexican, Indian and other Asian immigrants. The first Immigration Station in San Francisco was located on the Pacific Mail Steamship Company’s docks on the waterfront at the foot of Brannan Street. With the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act, the Immigration Station had become inadequate and unsanitary.

In 1905, the Army ceded twenty acres of land on the north side of Angel Island to the US Labor and Commerce Department for a new immigration station. Opened in 1910, it quickly became the major point of entry for immigrants to the US west coast. During its thirty years of operation an estimated one million immigrants were processed at Angel Island. About 175,000 of these were Chinese. In the restored detention building, there are over 200 poems inscribed on the walls by Chinese immigrants. The immigration station closed in 1940 after a fire destroyed the administration building.

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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.

Sea Point Parlor #158

- **Annual Oktoberfest Dinner at the Sausalito Senior Citizens Center** at 420 Litho Street on Thursday, October 3. Cocktails are at 6:30, dinner at 7 and meeting at 8. Menu includes brats, hot potato salad and green beans. Reservations from Brother Ed Madsen at (415) 388-4243.

Solano Parlor #39

- **November 9, 2019—Prawn Feed**—Chairman Chris Grace is looking forward to our Prawn Feed scheduled for Saturday November 9, 2019. This event will be at the Masonic Hall in Fairfield. Libation at 5:30 pm dinner at 7:00 pm the price is \$30.00 per person. Please contact Chris at (707) 426-5351 or (707) 673-7281 for reservations.
- **November 11, 2019—Veterans Day Parade**

Nicasio Parlor #183

- **November 13th, 2019—Turkey Feed**—Hermann Sons Hall. 860 Western. Petaluma
Cocktails 6:00pm. Dinner: 7:00pm.
Price: \$20.00 Advance / \$25.00 at the Door.
Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dressing, cranberry sauce, rolls and salad. Open to all NSGW members, families, friends and potential members.
Reservations due by November 10th, 2019
Larry Schork (707) 571-8177
Dan Foppe (707) 763-1736

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 November for publication in the December 2019—January 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 September on the 30th and 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

Bear Lodge BBQ Schedule

All dinner times are: 5:30 Appetizers and 6:30pm Dinner

October 19, 2019 – Oktoberfest Menu

All reservations are made to: Susanne St. Charles

Email: Susannemc@att.net

Phone: 650-302-0433

SEXTUPLET DEDICATION WEEKEND

By Grand Historian Erik M. Christeson, PGP

Not since 1922 have the Native Sons of the Golden West undertaken such ambitious plaquing efforts. “On May 19, 1922, the Native Sons’ Historical Landmarks Committee embarked on a pilgrimage to locate and temporarily mark the most noted historic spots made famous by the writings of Bret Harte and Mark Twain... Over the next five days, they temporarily marked one hundred sites with wooden signs and numbers.” They departed the Bay Area, traveled east through Mariposa, north on Highway 49, and west where the pilgrimage ended in Sacramento on May 23. The intention of the Committee was to return in subsequent years and replace the wooden markers with suitable, permanent markers, but unfortunately, this effort faded into memory, never realizing the fruition of its grand efforts although later, through sheer happenstance, some of those sites were eventually dedicated by the Native Sons and Daughters.

This August, August weekend (see what I did there?), though smaller in scale, was an unmitigated success! The festivities kicked off Friday, August 2 at the Brothers Von Bargen residence in Oroville, with the Brothers and Grand Officers suitably warming up for an action packed two days in every conceivable corner of District 13.

Beginning with the Marysville Municipal Ballpark at 710 3rd Street in Marysville, the Grand Officers and Sutter Parlor No. 261 dedicated the site of the original ballpark where “the two stars of the New York Yankees, George Herman ‘Babe’ Ruth and Henry Louis

‘Lou’ Gehrig...” stopped on part of their barnstorming tour following their 1927 World Series Championship. The ceremony began with a rousing rendition of “Take Me Out to the Ballpark,” led by the daughter of Sutter No. 261 Brother Matthew Archer; included speeches from local political dignitaries; and an account of one Sutter No. 261 Brother whose father was not only a member, but pitched against Babe Ruth in the very game the plaque honored!

The caravan of Native Sons then drove to the site of the Historic Hayes Garage at 2167 Montgomery Street in Oroville which “marks the passage of an era, from horse and wagon to automobile,” as it was once the site of a Studebaker wagon dealership which eventually became Blanchard’s Pontiac. Grand Trustee Ethan Phillips brought his historic 1920, Special Six, 5 Passenger Touring Studebaker to help set the scene and lend provenance to the ceremony.

Trekking onwards, the team then ventured to 7441 Wyandotte Road in Oroville to dedicate the Meier Orchard which was founded in 1912 and to this day produces Mission olives and olive oil as “part of California’s and Butte County’s proud agricultural history.”

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TOURNAMENT OF ROSES 2020

By PGP David Allen, Chairman

As of the date of this article, there has not been the official word on the NSGW entry to the Tournament of Roses Parade for 2020. The T of R Committee apparently waits till late for final approval and there have been a few changes to the overall entry numbers this year. Last year the approval was not known until the end of September which caused a lot of scrambling

and the NSGW Board could not approve until October, but we had better assurances on the entry then. Word should be forthcoming prior to the end of September. The information will be circulated as soon as it is available. But in the mean time talk to your parlors to see what can be contributed if the final entry is approved by the Tournament of Roses Committee. As

soon as the information has been communicated, it will be dispensed through many Native Sons channels. I expect by the end of September.

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In a historic first, I was recently honored to initiate Cynthia Connelly, the first Past Grand President of the Native Daughters to join the Native Sons. Already she has commented to me on how differently we operate. We have much to learn from each other.

The Native Sons' Hall Association hosted a rededication of the forgotten California Hall of Fame on Admission Day. It was encouraging and heartwarming to see the rediscovery and celebration of our history and I congratulate the Hall Association on their efforts to fulfill the original vision for the building.

My heart swells with pride in our Order and in my Brothers. In the last few months I have seen many members giving of their time and talent to help further the objectives of the Native Sons. I am humbled by the many Brothers who are stepping up to make this year a successful one and I thank you all. The days are getting shorter and the nights cooler but the Native Sons of the Golden West are active and alive, and our future is as full of promise as ever.

Next stop; Southern California Weekend. I hope to see you there.

**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

Let's start out with something different this time and introduce the board of the HPF. They are Tony Colonesse, Dolores-California Parlor #1, Doug Love, Napa Parlor #62, Carl Von Bargaen, Bidwell Parlor #21, PGP Dwight Dutschke, Ione Parlor #33, Scott Goddard, Sonoma Parlor #111, Grand 1st VP Joe Castillo, Rio Hondo Parlor #294, Erik Keilholtz, Seapoint Parlor #158, Lee Adams, Downieville Parlor #92, and PGP David Allen, Auburn Parlor #59. Ex-officios or members that are part of the board as a function of their Grand Parlor offices are Grand President James King, San Miguel Parlor #150, Grand 2nd VP Ron Brocco, Sonoma Parlor #111, Secretary of the Board of Grand Trustees, Steve McLean, Excelsior Parlor #31. The ex-officio members change every year at Grand Parlor; the other members are on rotating three year terms. The HPF officers for this term are Chairman, David Allen; Vice Chairman Joe Castillo; Secretary, Lee Adams; and Treasurer, Erik Keilholtz.

The goal for membership to the board is to balance interest in the HPF, geographic location, NSGW population location and ability to attend meetings. It doesn't work out perfectly and is a perpetually evolving process, but it is the objective. As stated many times the mission of the HPF is to perpetuate, educate and commemorate California history and the underlying mission is to promote the Native Sons of the Golden West. Over the years it has been noticed that involving parlors in their own local history is just as important as it spurs interest in local history as well as providing opportunities for the local parlor to increase its own involvement.

One purpose in introducing the board is to know who the members are and answer some of the questions that arise from time to time. First of all, nobody gets reimbursed to be on the board, that means no cars for the Chairman or board members or personal expenses. Approved expenses related to the functions of the board are reimbursable. We are all volunteers. These are the only members of the board. You may hear from time to time somebody who is not on the board is representing the board on some project or issue. While that is quite possibly true, a simple phone call can clear that up. The board uses many NSGW members due to intimate knowledge of a subject, proximity, or skill set which expands the range of the board, but they are under the direction of the

board. The final say and approval comes from the board.

Many of you have seen the map at Grand Parlor that displays the over 70 different recipients of support from the HPF and they are in many different parts of the state. That is a direct result of the diversity of the board. Obviously, the limiting factors are grant applications and funding. Grant applications are no longer the big concern they once were, and some are declined for no other reason than being a numbers game. The fundraising through the year and our drive at Grand Parlor have been increasing steadily over that last several years, but to satisfy the continuing demand it will need to improve fundraising inside and outside of the Native Sons. The outside funding has improved as there have been outside donations for local parlors that become sponsored through the HPF for their project. As a foundation, that is our next goal to improve our outside funding. If you have questions contact a board member.

Until next time, see you on the California Trail.

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Brothers, Dave and Mitch will work with you but the ultimate decisions on changes are yours.

A Great Opportunity for NSGW Young Guns, Newer Members wanting to be Involved or those who know they can make Lucky Calendar 2021 work!

It's all About Promotion and Salesmanship!

Contact Grand Trustee Dave Schaefer at dave.schaefer@sbcglobal.net or Lucky Calendar Chairman Mitch Laing at nsgw28mitch@gmail.com.

Start Now Helping Us Promote 2020 Lucky Calendar and begin working on the photos, design and daily drawing amounts of the 2021 Lucky Calendar!

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During WWII, the detention barracks was used as a POW camp by the Army. Angel Island was also a debarkation point for thousands of soldiers returning from the Pacific Theater. The earliest military facility on the island was Camp Reynolds, established in 1863 and the latest was a Nike missile site, established in 1954. There are also the remains of Fort McDowell and Batteries Ledyard and Drew. In 1891 a quarantine station was established at Ayala Cove, then known as Hospital Cove, facing Marin County.

In 1962, the military abandoned Angel Island for good and turned the island over to California State Parks in 1963. Many of the buildings deteriorated but some are still used as housing for State Parks employees. The island is accessible by boat or ferry.

There are several overnight campsites and overnight mooring is available on a first come/first served basis for a nominal fee. There is a cafe and a Visitor Center at Ayala Cove.

GETTING THERE: From San Francisco: The Blue and Gold Fleet offers ferry service to Angel Island hourly from San Francisco beginning at 9:45 am. Tickets are \$9.75 each way. For more information please go to www.blueandgoldfleet.com or call them at (415) 705-8200

From Tiburon: The Angel Island Tiburon Ferry offers hourly service to Angel Island beginning at 10:00 am. An adult round trip fare is \$15.00. For schedules and more information please visit <https://angelislandferry.com> or call them at (415) 435-2131.

NATIVE SONS PASSPORT

Earn a Lanyard, Belt Buckle or Challenge Coin the Native Sons of the Golden West Passport is now available!

The Passport is designed to give all Native Son Brothers who routinely go above and beyond the call of duty for our order an opportunity to earn a Lanyard, Belt Buckle or Challenge Coin, and to be recognized for their efforts . . . this means the brothers that; promote events, put together new events, always seem to be on the work crew and or, routinely travel throughout the order.

The belief behind this idea is, that while sponsoring in new members is very important . . . so are events and activities. Native Son events, activities, and projects are how our name becomes known in the community. It's how that spark to join gets initiated in a

prospective member, and hopefully this spark gains us that new member. The Native Son passport was born from this concept.

The passport is now available on our Native Son's website and they are being professionally printed. You can download the document and print it yourself, or request them through your parlors' recording secretary or through the N.S.G.W Grand Parlor Office.

Once you've obtained one, take it with you on your travels. While you are at an event or meeting, have it stamped or initialed. Read the guidelines to see what other incentives the Grand President is offering and see what level you can get to by the next Grand Parlor.

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.

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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.

NEW MEMBERS

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

Argonaut #8
 Vincent Cheatham
 Meredith O'Rourke
 Matthew Murphy

John C. Bidwell #21
 Dean Gregory Jones
 Sharon Jones
 Brady Dean Lobmeyer

Watsonville #65
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Las Positas #96
 Cody Caldeira
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 Ken Olsen
 Robert Patterson
 Ty Turner

National #118
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Los Banos #206
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 Nate Marclochi

Fairfax #307
 Pablo Pires deAlmeida
 David Andrew Deseo
 James Keating

Col. Nelson M. Holderman #316
 Kenneth L. Collins
 Michael D. Lopez

Sunset #26
 Dorothy Rundell
 Elizabeth Jean Gross

Excelsior #31
 Robert John Garibaldi

Downieville #92
 Donald M. Yegge

South San Francisco #157
 Kenneth A. Tonna

Guadalupe #231
 Ronda Goldman

De Anza #312
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Congratulations to Brother Ed Madsen

At a dinner meeting in Sausalito April 11, Grand President Carey Pearce congratulated Sea Point 158's Brother Ed Madsen on completing 75 years in the Native Sons of the Golden West. Brother Ed joined the Order in 1944 and has been parlor recording secretary for many years.



AROUND THE STATE



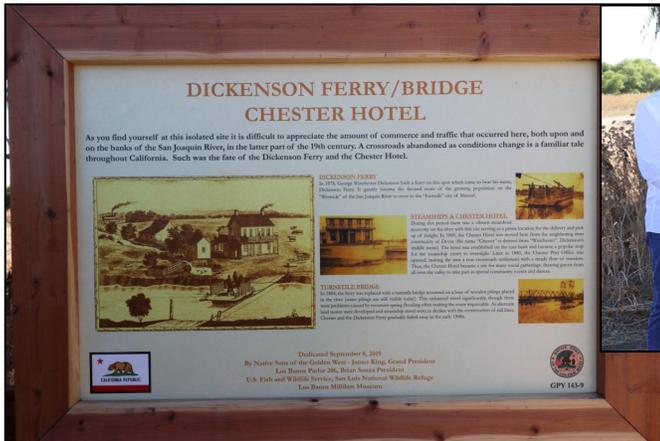
**Amador Parlor #17 during Sutter Creek Heritage Days—
Photo by Jon Campbell**



At Fairfax Parlor's 70th Anniversary dinner, Parlor President Fred Codoni presented Brother Tom Fong with his 50-year membership pin. Shown here is Brother Tom with Brother (Rev.) Ken Weare, a 7th-generation Californian and pastor of St. Rita

ADMISSION DAY LOS BANOS, CA

Phots By Grand Historian Erik M. Christeson, PGP



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Closing out the evening, the Grand Officers performed an Initiation at the Brothers Von Barga estate, bringing in a class of nearly a dozen which included NDGW PGP Cynthia Connelly! Grand Trustees Phillips and Jones prepared a wonderful BBQ while a local band entertained late into the night.

The next morning saw everyone rise very early to make the over 2 hour, eastward, journey to 305 South Lincoln Avenue in Sierraville to dedicate the 1931 Sierraville School. The school is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and showcases the abilities of renowned "Architect Chester Cole [who] designed the Art Deco-style school as well as over 30 schools across the state." Dignitaries included life-long residents of Sierraville who regaled the attendees with multi-generational stories of life as both students and teachers and administrators in the school. One speaker quipped that a long-term Principal of the school "knew it was time to retire when the grandchild of one of his first students enrolled."

Heading back one and a half hours west, through the weekly, infamous Tahoe 500 Race on Interstate 80, the Grand Officers arrived, nerves raw, at the site of the Eureka-Idaho-Maryland Vein at 639 Idaho-Maryland Road in Grass Valley. The dedication, led by Miners Club No. 4, which is a youth organization supported by Quartz No. 58, recognized the spectacular success of the Idaho Maryland Mine which, "employed more than 1,000 men during the Great Depression... [and] one of America's richest gold producers."

Finally, the tired but still enthusiastic crowd continued north to 16898 Highway 49 in Nevada City to dedicate the Willo Steakhouse. "In 1947, Bill Davis, a retired U.S. Navy Lt. Commander, purchased and re-assembled a surplus WW II Quonset hut from the Na-

vy and opened Bill Davis's Hut... in 1969 the Tuckers leased the property to Frank Williams, owner of the Willo Bar in Grass Valley, who was displaced by the Gold Country Freeway construction... Many folks through the decades have asked why the Willo has no "w" on the end (Willow). The Willo is a combination of Frank Williams last name and his wife's first name Lola." The intrepid Grand Officers enjoyed an amazing steak dinner, true to the Willo Steakhouse heritage where they have "served over 1,000,000 Choice New York Steaks."

All in all, those that attended every event logged more than 200 miles between dedications, not including their travel to Oroville. I strongly encourage other Districts around the State to see if they have the foresight, tenacity, and intestinal fortitude ("guts", for those of you who didn't grow up on professional wrestling) to meet or exceed District 13's historic endeavor. Great job, Brothers!



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 reception.

DEATHS

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

HONORED DEAD

Richard J. Gaedtke, Stockton #7: Attended seven sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Jim Stich, Placerville #9: Attended fourteen sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate; served as the Grand Historian at the 128th session; and sat on the Credentials Committee at the 129th session.

Michael P. Conran, Redwood #66: Attended the 118th, 120th, and 126th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Frank J. Claro, Ramona #109: Attended the 124th and 135th sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Stockton #7
Richard R. Mahaffey

Auburn #59
Larry Yungblut

Napa #62
Adelbert Ianziti
Joel A. Duncan

Las Positas #96
Louis Sessa

Sea Point #158
Richard J. Pieraccini

Excelsior #31
Richard Cooper

Solano #39
Raymond DeGracia

St. Helena #53
Russell Carl Aves

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