Founded on July 11, 1875 the Native Sons of the Golden West was established as a fraternal organization of native born Californians dedicated to both the progress of California and preservation of its history. Through the precepts of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity a Native Son enjoys relationships unalloyed by religious or political differences. This legacy continues.
The Native Sons of the Golden West, A Unique Experience for Californians!

Historic Preservation

The Historic Preservation Foundation: The HPF identifies and preserves historic sites, landmarks and artifacts significant to California's unique history. This foundation also has a grant program.

State Parks: Sutter's Fort, Monterey Custom House, Gold Discovery Park, and Donner Monument are just a few examples of the State Historic Parks that were preserved and restored by the Native Sons and later entrusted to the State of California. We continue to support their preservation.

Bear Flag Revolt: Native Sons annually celebrate the raising of the Bear Flag over Sonoma on June 14, 1846.

Sloat's Landing: An important day in our history is observed every year. July 7, 1846, Commodore John Drake Sloat landed in Monterey and claimed California for the United States of America.

California Statehood Day: Native Sons of the Golden West commemorates California's admission into the brotherhood of states on September 9, 1850. This was a critical event in the history of the Union.

Columbia Museum
Sponsorship is provided to a Native Son Museum in Columbia State Historic Park.

Education

Scholarships: Supporting scholastic advancement of native Californians is an ongoing endeavor of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Fourth Grade Essay Contest: Competing for awards, students from across the state write about life in California or its history.

Charities & Civic Activities

The Native Sons Charitable Foundation: Raising almost $200,000, annually, our Charitable Foundation supports California hospitals that provide care for children born with cleft palates and other craniofacial anomalies.

Local Charities: Native Sons' parlors support many local charities and other community programs to benefit their communities and citizens throughout the state.

Dedication Ceremonies: Public recognition is provided to historic locations through Native Son dedication ceremonies and plaque placements.

Benefits of Membership

Sierra Camp Area: Located in the high sierra of Plumas County, there is fun to be had at this lakeside campground. It's open to all Native Sons, their friends and families.

Native Sons Cemetery & Memorial Park: This fraternal cemetery can be the final resting place for any member in good standing at the time of their passing. The memorial park is an everlasting tribute to those who continue to live in our hearts and memories.

California Adventure Club: A Native Sons RV club, 4X4 and antique auto club is a great way to have more fun and travel with other Native Sons statewide.

Mining Claim: Also open to Native Sons, family and friends is a Camp area and mining claim. Prospect for gold and have fun in the beautiful gold Country.

Make a difference in your community with the Native Sons!