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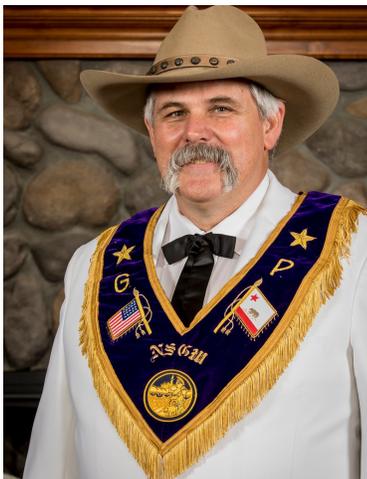
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Grand President, James King

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was suggested by our Editor, Brother Tom Widlund, that my first message to the entire order should paraphrase my installation speech since only a few could be there in person. So, if the following sounds familiar, that is why.

Against all the odds, despite broken bones and car crashes, I have survived to take a place in the line of my esteemed predecessors. I am honored by the trust that has been placed in me and it is my sincerest hope that I will prove worthy of this office.

Ultimately, I stand here today only because of the support and faith of others. The list is long but it includes my wife, fellow Grand Officers, Past Grand President's, my Brothers in San Miguel Parlor and every other Parlor. We have joked and laughed, debated and argued, celebrated and planned. I thank you all for your friendship, your faith in me and your support.

Dats der vey mine vadder did it, dat's der vey I do it!

My father used to joke about my mother's family of hard-headed Nebraska "Dutchmen." Change can be painful and frightening at times, but often it is necessary for our very survival.

An organization like ours, steeped in tradition and glorifying the past, views change with a skeptical eye. But in the end, change we must, not for change sake but to keep pace, to survive and thrive. To paraphrase part of a speech by Past Grand President Christeson: we must differentiate between valued traditions and habits.

Some changes will come about organically, as they should, in their own time. On Tuesday, 14 May 2019, we elected our first woman to the Board of Grand Officers. Our newly minted Grand Trustee Marcia Skelton did not run for office to make a point or to break down some wall. Brother Skelton ran, with an amazing resume qualifying her for the position (a resume that I am truly envious of), because she wants to serve our Order, nothing more. Congratulations, Marcia.

We live in a new age, an electronic age, yet we cling to our printed and mailed newsletter, an expensive and confining media, in an age of instant communication. It is imperative that we adapt. I am not

advocating that we do away with our newsletter, it is potentially the best format for leaving a historical record of our work. What I am championing is the wholesale adoption of an electronic version, one that could be published monthly, one with color photos, live links to websites and email addresses, and no limitation to the number of pages that can be published.

Our website continues to evolve to better inform our members about the goings on in our Order. I hope to see it grow into a site where non-members will come to learn about our fair state and about the Native Sons' place in, and contribution to, its history. But, believe it or not, websites are already considered to be "old news" in this new age.

Even Facebook, a phenomenon that I have never apprehended, is getting long in the tooth and losing favor among many. That may be just as well in the long run as I hear that our Facebook page seems to have become little more than a place for backbiting, complaining and the berating of others...speaking of things that MUST change.

Twitter is still a popular means of spreading news but our presence there is virtually non-existent. The last posting was almost 3 years ago. Instagram is another popular platform whereupon we are just starting to stake our claim. And there are others.

I am proud to announce that at the suggestion of my Grand Historian, Past Grand President Erik Christeson, the Native Sons of the Golden West will be producing a podcast, a popular way to entertain and inform. Equipment has been purchased and several interviews have already been conducted. The results, I think, have been even better than expected. When a suitable library of shows is ready, they will be published with links on our website and, hopefully, elsewhere.

Likewise, I have asked him to set up a YouTube channel where we can publish videos of Native Sons at our best, doing those things that we do; dedicating historical markers, presenting checks to hospitals, walking tours of historic sites or museums, hosting historical speakers, re-enactments, fishing trips, shooting events, meet your neighbor breakfasts...the list goes on. These may well turn out to be the first exposure to the Native Sons that some people have.

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RETRO RAMBLINGS

By Douglas Love, Past President—Napa Parlor #62

Long before the Spanish came to California, long before a soft, shiny metal lured hundreds of thousands here from across a continent, long before the fertile soil and mild climate made California an agricultural paradise, there were those who lived in our Golden State. From what is now the Oregon Border to what is now the Mexican Border there may have been as many an estimated 1,520,000 native people living in what is now California. These people were split into 500 subgroups and spoke more than 300 dialects of 100 different languages. They were primarily Neolithic hunter gatherers who lived off the abundance of the land and sea. For thousands of years, the Native peoples lived here long before European contact.

Very little remains of the native way of life here in California even though California has the largest population of Native people in the United States; some three quarters of a million. Throughout the 18th, 19th, and into the 20th centuries, the Natives of California were harried off their lands, decimated by disease to which they had no natural resistance, forcibly “civilized” during the Mission and Rancho periods, enslaved, and finally, all but exterminated. Their trails became roads and their village sites became towns. Yet, they too, are a vital part of California’s history and there are still a few places one can visit to catch a glimpse of what life was like before European

Contact.

One of these places is Chaw’Se Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park. Located in a meadow between the towns of Pine Grove and Volcano, Chaw’Se Indian Grinding Rock SHP is one of the few places where the native peoples, primarily the Sierra Miwok, left permanent remains. The centerpiece of the park is a massive limestone outcropping covered with over 1,100 mortar holes and 360 identified petroglyphs. There are also two smaller “grinding stones” near the largest outcropping. Chaw’Se in Miwok means “mortar cup”, thus giving the park its Miwok name. Near the large stone, there are three reconstructed Miwok dwellings, known as U’macha, a reconstructed acorn granary and a reconstructed ceremonial roundhouse, known as a Hun’ge, which is still used by local native people today and a smaller “practice house” for the Native celebrants to practice their various dances. The park is also home to the Chaw’se Regional museum, which houses artifacts from various tribes in the Northern Sierra Nevada. Of special note is the museum’s collection of baskets and ceremonial items.

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PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Sonoma Parlor #111

- **June 09, 2019—Annual Bear Flag Celebration & Chicken BBQ @ Sonoma Plaza**—Help celebrate the Raising of the California Bear Flag. The day starts off with a Bear Flag ceremony followed by our famous Chicken BBQ, Bear Flag re-enactment, and live music. Contact—Dean Zellers—(707) 996-5282

Argonaut Parlor #8

- **June 2, 2019—Family BBQ and Picnic 10:30 AM.** Dunstone Memorial Hall, 105 Hammon Park Dr. Oroville, CA 95965. Free. Just bring a side dish to share.

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.

Santa Rosa #28

- **June 12, 2019 —Santa Rosa #28 Father’s Day Steak BBQ @ Native Sons Hall - Santa Rosa —** Social – 6:30 pm, Dinner – 7:00 pm. \$15.00 per person and Dinner includes; wine, beer, soda,. \$15.00 per person. Reserve before Wednesday June 5 by calling Shirley Mattiuzzi at (707) 542-4356.

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 July for publication in the August –September 2019 issue.

**Napa Parlor #62
5th Monday Initiation**

Napa Parlor will be holding a formal grand officer initiation at the NSGW Hall in Napa on the 5th Monday of July on the 29th.

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. Napa Native Sons Hall - 937 Coombs St, Napa, CA 94559, USA

Contact George Adams—707-481-4295

Bear Lodge BBQ Schedule

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

April 20, 2019 (Free Boomer Burger Night)
 May 18, 2019 – Mexican Night
 June 15, 2019 – Barnyard Chicken Night
 July 20, 2019 – Surf & Turf Night
 August 17, 2019 – Tri Tip BBQ
 September 21, 2019 - - Family Day and Parlor 134th Anniversary BBQ
 October 19, 2019 – Oktoberfest Menu

All reservations are made to: Susanne St. Charles

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PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Sonoma Raceway Parlor Fundraisers

1st racing fundraiser on the schedule is Nascar

June 21st thru 23rd

To be able to earn much needed money for your parlor,
volunteer at the Raceway Parlor events!

This last year we were please to have a very large group of parlors sharing in the duties surrounding the Toyota Save Mart 350, with lots of volunteers from Sonoma #111, John Bidwell #21, Argonaut #8, Hydraulic #56, Observatory #177, Nicasio #183, Napa #62, Jackson #31 Fairfax #307 Peidmont #120 parlors putting in the long hours. The funds earned from this one event will be able to help many different parlors and communities throughout California

Sonoma Raceway - 29355 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476

More Info. Contact Carl von Barga 530-533-2169/530-828-2039

The NSGW120th Annual Statehood Day and Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, August 31, 2019 All Day

Rowell Ranch Rodeo - 9275 Dublin Canyon Rd, Castro Valley, CA 94552

Live Music, Classic Car Show, Great Food, and Refreshment Center.

All included for \$20.00 (\$25 after August 25th or at the door)

RSVP with Event Chairman—Mr. Dan Ryan, dano1888@yahoo.com 510-331-3355

Commodore Sloat Landing Commemoration

July 13, 2019 @ 12:00 pm Monterey Custom House Plaza

Period Attire is encouraged / NSGW Members welcome.

For more information contact Kathi Rapozo Pearce 831.524.1754

Founder's Day at Sutter's Fort

July 11, 2019 all day at Sutter's Fort - L St & 28th St, Sacramento, CA 95816, USA

\$15.00 per person dinner Sponsored by Sacramento Parlor #26.

For more information contact Bob Weil (916) 489-0247

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What seems like a lifetime ago, the first time I stood before Grand Parlor, I declared that part of our battle isn’t just “that people don’t know WHO we are, they don’t know THAT we are.” I believe that it was Brother Robert Santos who famously corrected a speaker once, when they referred to the Native Sons as extinct. Why would that person have thought that? Because we don’t advertise ourselves. We don’t write articles for our newspapers or invite our local TV stations to cover our activities, we only wear our membership pins on meeting nights, our parlor hats and t-shirts at Native Sons events and so on. I often wear my Grand Officer shirt to work on days that I am going to a meeting. My co-workers will stop me and ask about who we are and what we do. Most have never heard of us. Will they ever become members? I don’t know. But it’s a certainty that they won’t if they never hear about us.

Our historical markers are lasting evidence that we are here. Our dedication ceremonies are an important opportunity to be seen, alive and well, by our communities. I am planning for an ambitious schedule of dedications and I hope my successors will follow suit. We have already begun planning to place at

least one new marker in every county of California over the next four years.

We have to advertise that we are here, point to everything that we have done and what we continue to do for our communities and our State. We need to give people a reason to join and then we have to ASK them to join. Hopefully, mastery of new communication methods will help with the first part of the equation, it’s up to US for the second part.

When a new member joins our parlor, we should all welcome them personally. I suppose that it is human nature to knot up with those whom we already know and are comfortable with but that is an almost certain way to lose that new member. Make a point to get to know them and include them in your conversations. We can change and, I promise you, it won’t hurt.

A change in some of the ways we do business should be explored. We need to search for new sources of funding and investments that will provide a continuous stream of income to help take the bite out of the ever rising costs of doing business.

Some changes are not for the better. “The Order of the Native Sons of the Golden West was founded upon patriotism...” On this point, I believe that we should never change, that we must retain our patriotic roots, that we must forever honor our flag, “the living ensign of liberty and law,” and during my term, the flag will be saluted whenever practical.

As an organization we must adapt to the new world when it is appropriate but we must also resist those changes that are antithetical to what the Native Sons have always stood for if we are to leave a vibrant, relevant Order to the next generation. An Order that our forebears would be proud of. There are challenges ahead, but as I consider my fellow officers and our Brothers everywhere, I feel confident that we will do our part.

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



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HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

By PGP David Allen, Chairman

Much like the previous years the HPF finished the year on a positive note. This is the HPF's highest individual year in grant donations with about a 44% increase over the previous year. It is also split about evenly between north and south. Just as a reminder, the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West was originally set up in the year 2000 as a separate nonprofit, tax exempt corporation which functions under the corporation laws of the State of California. Its function is to make California history accessible, informative, meaningful and entertaining for the public through the preservation, sponsorship, and promotion of historical sites and of events to commemorate historical dates.

Let's start in Truckee. You are probably wondering what is happening with the Pioneer Monument. We have reached our initial goal of about \$100,000K from Native Sons sources which include major donations from Guadalupe Parlor #231 and Dolores/California Parlor #1. The HPF has been able to earmark about half of that total stretched over several years. At this point we are in the beginning stages of reaching out to corporate sponsors. Remember this will be a long process as we are dealing with California State Parks. The HPF is on even keel with the Sierra State Parks Foundation, but working and navigating California State Parks and their bureaucracy will take the most time. It will take several years and much patience to bring this project to fruition. As a historical reminder back to the year 2000, the funds are stored in HPF account and will not be distributed until the project has a shovel in the ground.

This last June was the 100th anniversary of the dedication by the Native Sons of the Pioneer Monument in Truckee. Due to the influences of the HPF, the Grand President and the Grand Vice Presidents were able to perform a re-dedication of the monument in front of a crowd of 400 on a blustery day in Truckee. That is another example of how the HPF contributes to the recapturing the stature and notability of the Native Sons.

You heard that the HPF had a good year, but what was the dollar figure? Due to the increased amount of funds raised this past year, the HPF was able to donate \$66,600 of which \$20,400 of that is pledged grants. This was donated to a wide range of projects, both geographically and in scope which averages over \$5000.00 per request. The HPF was able to donate to the Chinese Railroad Workers Monument which is

currently housed at the Railroad Museum in Sacramento; the reprinting of Iron Horses to Promontory that classic book on the transcontinental railway originally published in 1969, and even paired with Native Sons Hall Association toward the restoration of the historical artworks on the front of the Native Sons building at 414 Mason St. From Cultural Centers and Museums to cemeteries, to libraries and parks, the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West is not far away.

One of the positive by products of the HPF's increasing growth and exposure is that that it is now recognized as a resource not only for our members but for the outside public as well. The brand of the Native Sons of the Golden West is spreading throughout California and its vehicle is the HPF of the NSGW. Even though our mission is California history, our unspoken mission is the Native Sons of the Golden West. As the HPF continues to grow and thrive, the belief of many is that the HPF and what it represents is the ultimate path of what will spur a rebirth of the Native Sons. The list of those who believe this is growing each year.

Our basic tenants have not changed over the years and they are: 1) develop a more cohesive working relationship with state parks and other historical groups for the preservation of the history of California, 2) seek out private preservation projects in local communities, and 3) develop interest in activities by creative involvement for all people interested in California history. The donation or matching grant amounts have been increasing, but this is a long term commitment the HPF has fully embraced.

Without the belief and support of the members of the Native Sons of the Golden West in the mission of the HPF none of this would be possible. The board of the HPF has worked tirelessly to earn the trust of each and every one of you and will continue to strive for excellence and improvement.

Until next time, see you on the California Trail.

THE 389TH “SKY SCORPIONS” OF THE “MIGHTY EIGHTH”

From interviews by Tony Colonnese and Bob Teal —National Parlor #118

An account of the 30 daytime strategic bombing missions flown by Native Son Ed Ness over Germany from Eastern England between Sept. 28, 1944 - April 17, 1945

Delegates who sat with Ed Ness at many Grand Parlors may not have known that Ed flew 30 missions over Germany as a waist gunner on a B-24 whimsically named the “Carrier Pigeon,” after Lt. Carrier, the pilot. Even 20 year old Ed’s first mission targeting an M.Y. (marshaling yard— for trains) was harrowing as you can see by his handwritten record of that mission. He found out 3 to 4 missions later that



the piece of flak that skimmed his helmet had gone through his parachute cutting off the handle making it useless if he had needed it. Ed would keep that piece of flak as a souvenir. Graduating from San Francisco’s Mission High School in

June of 1943 Ed was drafted by October into the U.S. Army Air Corps. He went to Gunner School in Topeka Kansas training at first in B-17’s learning to fire a .50 caliber machine gun then was assigned to a B-24 part of a crew of 10. From Kansas Ed and his new crew flew their yet to be named B-24 to their assignment in England with stops first in Bangor Maine, Iceland, then Ireland before reaching their destination Hethel Air Base in Southeast England joining “The Mighty Eighth” Air Force’s 564th Squadron, 389th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Ed’s pilot did not like him at first and said he was going to get rid of him accusing him of lying about his age and swore he was just 15 or 16, when actually he was 20 and was just small. The Tail Gunner stuck up for him and was able to talk the Captain out of it, in return later Ed took the tail position a few times giving him a break as that position was very small and confining. When the time came to pick a name for their bomber, an important decision, Ed told the crew a story about an extinct bird he had heard of, a pigeon, it was decided to call it the “Carrier Pigeon” after the pilots name.

Each crew member was given a box to carry that contained rations, water, and a large silk map that covered parts of Holland, Belgium, France and Germany in case they went down. They were also issued each a 45 cal. pistol and told that if they did have to surrender to make sure it was to the German Wehrmacht (Army) and not to the German civilians as they would beat the hell out of you and your chances were better with the Wehrmacht. At Hethel Air Base the crews would rise at 5am and if your crew was to fly a mission the pilots name would be posted.



Ed Ness

The British flew their missions at night and the U.S. flew all their missions in daylight rotating crews so they would seldom fly two days in a row. Weather often factored into several days off at a time. They would take off from Hethel between 6:30 and 7:00 and it would take an hour or more to get all the planes grouped together for the flight to Germany.

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B-24 in Ed’s Bomber Group

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They would start out in 100 plane bombing groups but the total run might be 3-4 hundred grouped together from several bases. A picture of Ed (kneeling right) with some of his crew members. Captain Carrier is in the center.

**Oct. 5, 1944 - Target Rheine M.Y.
Mission #2**

This mission would of been an milk run but someone screwed up, in The lead ship. The flak was moderate but accurate. I didn't see the bombs hit, but there was constantly Lots of smoke after. The Germans shot up rockets to confuse us + make us think that a B24 went down

2 planes from Ed's squadron with their distinctive tail markings of black with a white stripe. You can see that they are surrounded by exploding flak fired from German 88mm anti-aircraft guns from the ground, a sure sign that you were over Germany. Thousands of bombers were brought down this way during the course of the war. Ed had documented his service with pictures taken from the air and a small note book describing each mission. He also Flying at 18 to 20,000 feet to their missions developed all the pictures himself. More often than not they would leave lengthy contrails depending on the weather. Ed said the pilots hated them, as it told the Germans “here we are, get ready, we're on our way.”



**Jan 17,
1945 -
Target
Hamburg
O.R.
Mission
#18
The flak
was in-
tense and
accurate
I seen a**

Ship go down with the wing cut of between 1+2 engine 3 parachutes.

Between the wing and the tail you can see the right waist-gunner position. Ed was a left waist gunner on his ship. You can also see the nose & tail gunner positions as well. This model had a turret position on top and with the black & white tail stripes it's from Ed's squadron of 10 planes all with the same tail markings that flew together amongst the much larger bombing groups. The “Circle-C” on the wing is the 389th group code. (see picture page 8)

**March 15 1945 - Target Hamburg
Wunsdorf GHQ
Mission # 27**

No flak over Target but we got hit going out through the flak corridor. Target was suburb of Berlin .

Ed said that even with the dangers that he was lucky and actually had it good “out in the field they slept in the mud, sometimes freezing while I slept in a bunk with blankets every night. I also had a warm meal on a morning though mostly powdered eggs, they didn't get that in the field, they're the ones that had it tough.” The lead plane in a bombing group dropped a smoke bomb or sometimes an incendiary device on the target to alert the rest to drop. The lead plane was a position of honor and one time Ed's crew was asked to fly the lead position and they hit their target “right-on”, a proud moment for the crew. Every mission



always had a secondary target that they could go to in case weather or other reasons prevented them from their primary target. Wymondham was the closest town to Hethel Air Base and all of the guys bought bikes (Ed pictured with his on page 8) either at a shop in town or from other crews that left so they could go into town shopping, vehicles were just not available. The people in town were friendly and some-

times they visited a pub, Ed said it was so freezing cold at times no matter how much you drank when you rode the bike 9 miles back to the base, “you were sober.” On payday, “I was in that game but took the photo, says Ed.”

From June 16th 1943 to May 28th 1945 the 389th flew a total of 307 missions out of Hethel at a cost of 116 planes missing, 588 personnel missing or killed in action and 37 other operational loses. The former gymnasium / chapel at Hethel now serves as both a memorial and a museum which is full of memorabilia donated from the 389th. After his missions Ed received both the Air Medal and the ETO Victory Ribbon. When returning to San Francisco Ed worked in construction and interior design. Widowed his daughters often accompany him to Native Sons events. Ed was President of his Parlor for 14 years, Governor of the Past Presidents and Director Emeritus of the Hall Association and he is treasured by his Brothers at Dolores-California Parlor No. 1

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 George Pagenkoph

Richard & Toni Bobo
Ed & Gloria Lapp

To Cleft Palate Fund

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In Memory of Edward Fiscalini

Cambria Parlor #152

In Memory of Nancy Burnett

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In Memory of Arlene Chow

Pat Riley

When you make a Donation- When you make a donation to the Charitable Foundation NSGW in Memory of a family member, friend or Native Son, an 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 and donor will go into the Native Son. The Personal Donations, Cleft Palate March Donations, Memorial Fund Donations and our Investments Income are totaled and divided to the 3 hospitals.

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.

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TOTALS FOR THE 142ND GRAND PARLOR CLEFT PALATE MARCH

This is a approximate total of the March. Actual total will be given in next Native Son and a complete breakdown of parlors and Memorial donations will be on the website at nsgw.org.

Approximate Totals

Parlors-----\$89,250.76
Memorial-----\$14,950.00
Pledges & Others---\$7,130.00
Total-----\$111,300.76

We don’t have the contribution from the special fundraiser yet which we are told will be about \$6,000 and will be a nice addition to the total. We are down slightly from last year but we a very thankful for all the donations from parlors, members and friends who gave so generously. Thank you very much.

Grand Parlor March

Before the March each one of the Hospitals explain how our donations each year help out these 3 hospitals, UCSF St. John’s and Sutter Health. They explained how they are the leaders in their field of Cleft or other craniofaical birth defects. One heartwarming part of the presentation was a young girl who was born in Visalia with a cleft and treated at UCSF. A beautiful woman now with a baby girl who also had a cleft and was successfully treated also at UCSF and is beautiful. The mother spoke of her and her baby of their journey and how well its all turned out with help of UCSF and the Native Sons of the Golden West. Thank you again for your generous donations in the March and throughout the year.

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The park also feature a round thatched structure for playing traditional Native “hand games”, a large field, a picnic area and a concession stand. There is a campground with 23 campsites and two nature trails, the North Loop and the South Loop. On the South Loop is a reconstructed Miwok village and on the North, there is an “environmental camp” consisting of seven traditional Miwok bark houses which is available for group camping. The park also holds an annual gathering of the local Native people in September and has a primitive living program for 3rd and 4th graders.

The park was a ranch until 1958 when it was acquired by the state from James and Serafino Scapuccino Jr., the last private owners. It was dedicated as a state park in 1968 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1973. There are remnants of the park’s over 100 years as a ranch in the park, including the ranch house, several outbuildings, an orchard site, a livestock pond site and a garden site. With its unique grinding stones, reconstructed native buildings and present use by local Natives, Chaw’Se Indian Grinding Rock State Historic Park is an excellent place to see how the first Natives of California lived.

GETTING THERE: From 414 Mason Street, take I -80 East to CA-12 East. Take CA-12 East to CA-88 East. Stay on CA-88 East until you get to Pine Grove-Volcano Road. Turn Left onto Pine Grove Volcano Road. The park is on your left at 14881 Pine Grove-Volcano Road, Pine Grove, CA. The phone number is (209) 296-7488. The park is open everyday except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year’s Day from sunrise to sunset. The museum is open from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on the days that the park is open. There is an \$8.00 per vehicle day use fee.

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

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Randy Murphy

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Elinore Dolan
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Tierney Gay

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Kenneth A. Shupe
James Eric Myers

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Sandra Mae DeTinne
Patrick Aaron Jewett
John Norman Maxwell

Eden #113

Shaemian Medina
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Victor Dei Rossi

Piedmont #120

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Mark Fiore

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Robert Hodgson
James Kantner
Dylan Fritz
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John C. Bidwell #21

Jim Montgomery

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Daryl Wilcox

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John Joseph Fraher

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Cheryl Lonning

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Avery C. Dean
Kelly L. Dean

De Anza #312

Mark Huber
Craig Elmore

DEATHS

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

HONORED DEAD

Fred B. Dunn, University #272: Attended nine sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

Harry L. Starner, Argonaut #8: Attended nine sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate, ten sessions as the Supervising District Deputy Grand President, and one session as a committee member.

Charles E. Gallagher, Las Positas #96: Attended ten sessions of Grand Parlor as a delegate.

DECEASED BROTHERS

Amador #17

Jeff Jackson
Joseph Paul Matich
Bill S. McKay

Lodi #18

Jerry Otto

Excelsior #31

Phillip Keables
Richard Kennealy

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Raymond Leroy Stemier
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Robert Beatie
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