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Grand Officers, 2022-2023

FRONT ROW: Grand 3rd VP Gary Padgett; Grand 1st VP George Adams; Grand President Jeff Schmidt; Jr. PGP Ron Brocco; Grand 2nd VP Steve McLean.

SECOND ROW: Grand Secretary Tom Perazzo; Grand Trustee Marcia Skelton; Grand Trustee Dave Schaefer, Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius.

FOURTH ROW: Grand Trustees Richard Cortez, Dennis Valerio, Doug Love, Larry Schork and Ethan Phillips.

TOP ROW: Grand Organist Mark Spaugh, Grand Marshal Mitch Laing, Grand Inside Sentinel Chris Adams, Grand Historian Dean Zellers. Grand Outside Sentinel Tom Badgett was not present for the photo.

GRAND PRESIDENT

My fellow Brothers:

It is the highest honor and privilege of my life to accept this position as Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West. I accept this gavel under the precepts of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity.

I am also thankful for your dedication over the past 11 years of supporting me through the chairs to reach this pinnacle in my journey with the Native Sons. I would like at this time to express my personal feelings of Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, the three words that we use often and daily in our lives as Native Sons:

Charity is what lives in our heart without thought;

Loyalty is in our veins, the blood that drives us forward;

Friendship is our soul, the essence of our mortal beings.

I hope that each of you, my brothers, understand these words and what they mean to you personally.

Over the past year I have been very fortunate to assemble a Goals and Objectives Committee that will enable our beloved Order to move forward to new horizons. Information Services should be the primary objective for all of us, spreading the good name of the Native Sons of the Golden West. I have appointed Grand Trustee Marcia Skelton, Redwood Parlor #66, with this task along with overseeing the new improved web site NSGW.ORG.

Kris Nelson from Nicasio Parlor #183 has accepted Membership Chairmanship and together he and I have developed a comprehensive new membership program to benefit not only the Order but members at large. Benefits and rewards of being a member of our Order should be embraced, cherished and shared throughout the State of California.

I have been extremely lucky to have had many Past Grand Presidents as my mentors throughout the last decade, starting with PGP Jim Shadle Georgetown #91, PGP Timothy Tullius Golden Gate #29, PGP Dwight Dutschke Ione #33, PGP David Allen Auburn #59, the late PGP Harly Harty Ione #33 and the late PGP James Riley South San Francisco #157.

I would also like to thank the newest of the Past Grand Presidents, PGP Erik Christeson Excelsior #31, PGP James King San Miguel #150 and Joe Castillo Rio Hondo #294 for their friendship and guidance. And my most sincere gratitude for his leadership, professionalism, and selfless dedication to this order, Jr PGP Ron Brocco from Sonoma #111.

I personally look forward to meeting each of you, shaking your hand and thanking you for being a member of the greatest fraternal order in the State of California, The Native Sons of the Golden West. Only together can we see new and lasting horizons across our Golden State, in this our 147th year of Brotherhood, Dedications and Charity.

I would like to close with a quote from an American author and icon "Kindness can be seen by the blind and kindness can be heard by the deaf." -Samuel Clemons aka Mark Twain.

I will see you soon, my brothers, on the California Trail.

JEFF SCHMIDT

145th Grand Parlor Report

The 145th Grand Parlor opened at the Hilton Wine Country Inn in Rohnert Park with NDGW PGP Suzi Reilly and her crew registering the delegates. At 5 p.m., Grand President Brocco held his reception at the hotel.

Monday, May 16 was the first day of business. Several resolutions were presented, most dealing with changes to the Grand and Subordinate Parlor Constitutions. The only resolution which engendered controversy involved creating a subcategory of membership for "friends of Native Sons." It was defeated at a subsequent session. Ladies enjoyed the first "Ladies' Luncheon" since before COVID. At the conclusion of the business session, Grand Secretary Perazzo presided over the Memorial Service.

Tuesday, May 17 featured nomination of Grand Officers for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Only the Grand Trustee positions were contested, with nine candidates and their sponsors speaking. In the afternoon, the Grand Parlor Finance Committee presented its proposed budget, which was adopted without change and resulted in a per capita tax of \$49.03. After the business session was closed, the Grand Officers entertained the Grand Officers of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, with the NDGW Grand IVP and Grand President exchanging gifts with their NSGW counterparts. The Grand Banquet followed at the host hotel.

Wednesday, May 18 was the traditional Play Day, occurring for the first time since COVID. Featured were Golf, Bowling, Trap Shooting, Horseshoes and Pedro. The Annual Barbecue, held this year at Vallejo Adobe Park, was well attended. Hospitality rooms were opened about 6 p.m., and continued into the evening. Grand 3rdVP candidate Gary Padgett handed out cocktail glasses.

Thursday, May 19, the last day of the 145th Grand Parlor, opened with voting for Grand Trustee candidates and continued with a presentation by hospital personnel outlining progress in aiding children born with cleft palates, followed by the Annual Cleft Palate March which netted \$94,659, including money received after Grand Parlor. Donations from the Special Fund have not been counted.

The Election Committee announced the results of the balloting, with incumbents Marcia Skelton, Richard Cortez, Doug Love and Ethan Phillips re-elected, joined by new Grand Trustees Dave Schaefer and Dennis Valerio.



Grand President Ron Brocco shakes hands with Matt Marcucci of Fairfax #307, attending his first Grand Parlor.

Grand President Lists Membership Rewards

Grand President Jeff Schmidt has a number of rewards to be earned by members achieving certain goals.

- Grand President’s Belt Buckle Reward. If a new or existing brother brings in two new or reinstated members, he will be rewarded with a Grand President’s belt buckle.

- Grand President’s “On the California Trail” Challenge Coin Reward. If a new or existing brother brings in a third new or reinstated member, he will receive a Grand President’s “On the California Trail” Challenge Coin.

- Grand President’s “Good of the Order Reward.” The Grand President will reward individual members who have worked for the Order and have gone “above and beyond” in their efforts on behalf of the NSGW in general, and/or their individual home parlor and reward them with a Grand President’s belt buckle.

- Grand President’s “FLC” Pin Reward. The Grand President will be awarding an “FLC” pin to brothers who actively participate in their parlor, and/or Grand Parlor events during his term.

These awards are to be presented by the Grand President at parlor or Grand Parlor events in front of the membership at large. They are intended to reward and encourage the brothers to get actively involved in our activities and projects.

- Grand President’s Honor Parlor Award. Any parlor showing a net gain for the year will receive a Grand President’s Honor Parlor award.

- Grand President’s “On the California Trail” Parlor Award. Parlors that bring in 10 new or reinstated members would qualify for the Grand President’s “On the California Trail” Parlor Award.

- Grand President’s Passport Program. This program encourages and rewards brothers who actively visit other parlors. Upon visiting a parlor, the brother should get his passport signed off by the president or other officer of the visited parlor.

12 Parlors visited = Grand President’s membership belt buckle.

31 Parlors visited = General Vallejo Challenge Coin

49 Parlors visited = General Winn Challenge Coin



Inscription on the reverse of the buckle reads:
 NSGW Cemetery and Memorial Park
 Georgetown, California
 Memorial Plaque

This park is dedicated as a final resting place, monument and proper garden of remembrance to those whose membership in this Order bespoke their love of the State of California. “Loving and kind in all their ways; Upright and just to the end of their days; Sincere and true in heart and mind; What a blessed memory they left behind.”

Jeffrey A. Schmidt Grand President 146th Grand Parlor

LETTERS

Brothers:

As your newly-installed Grand Marshal I would like to thank all who participated at the 145th Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park. It was great to see brothers and guests together again having a good time...and getting some work done.

Grand President Jeff Schmidt and I are looking forward to visiting with parlors and attending gatherings and events as well as our annual statewide celebrations. Our plan is to be #OnTheCalifornia-Trail beginning in June, traveling with other Grand Officers making multiple parlor visits while being concerned with rising fuel costs.

The Grand Historian, PGP Joe Castillo, will be documenting the Grand President’s travels and reporting in his comprehensive and informative manner, concluding May 2023 in South Lake Tahoe.

Speaking of brothers getting together, most parlors have restarted and have been meeting, so this is a perfect opportunity to ask others to get involved.

Invite prospective new brothers to a parlor dinner, social gathering or to help with a volunteer event your parlor will be participating in. Have applications and informational forms available to hand out, and as always talk up the fun, exciting and meaningful reasons to be a brother in Native Sons of the Golden West.

Grand President Jeff Schmidt and I look forward to seeing you #OnTheCaliforniaTrail during our memorable 147th Year.

Mitch Laing, Grand Marshal, Santa Rosa #28



Traditional Grand Parlor Cleft Palate March and subsequent gifts netted over \$94,000 for our three hospitals.



Surrounded by the tools of his trade, Grand Organist Mark Spaugh provided music at the Grand Banquet.

OPINION

Save Our History

For some time, we have been disturbed by the accelerating attempts to hide our history. Schools have been renamed, statues hidden or destroyed, the names of many historic persons erased from our history books; the list is long and disturbing.

We don't know who said the following, but those who seek to get rid of references to the past which disturb them ought to read this: "History is not there for you to like or dislike. It is there for you to learn from. And if it offends you, even better. Because then you are less likely to repeat it. It's not yours to erase. It belongs to all of us."

We don't deny that there was slavery and discrimination against certain races or religions. It happened and it cannot be changed. But that was then, not now.

Recently a high school student sought to have a Native Son plaque at her school removed because of the Native Son's history as "whites only" and the Order's position on internment of Japanese (many of whom were U. S. citizens) during World War II.

We were not alone in those days. Most fraternal organizations were whites only; many of them, plus the media, supported the internment. That was then, not now.

The plaque in question, which schools throughout California received, refers to "Truth, Liberty and Toleration," words that are even more appropriate today than when the plaques were placed in the 20th Century.

Native Sons have been asked to apologize for the "sins" of our earlier days. Personally, we will not apologize. We didn't commit those sins. Our long-gone ancestors did, actions which were common at the time they lived, reprehensible now.

In Fairfax Parlor's area, the local high school changed its name from "Sir Francis Drake High School" to the name of a former teacher because in his youth Sir Francis Drake was briefly involved as a member of the crew of a slave ship. The great explorer, who is thought to have landed in Marin County, actually employed black sailors on his voyages, treating them as equals. The proponents of the name change conveniently ignored the whole story.

We fear this attempt to hide our history has gained so much momentum that it will continue and grow. Perhaps those who seek change or ignore history should refer to the words of the late Rod Serling, who said "Imagine a country so ashamed of its history that it punishes people for teaching that history."

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Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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SO LONG, ED

Ed Madsen, One of the Last of His Kind

Ed Madsen, long-time recording secretary of Sea Point #158 and a 78-year member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, died June 8. He was 96.

Brother Ed was among the last of those who participated in what some call the "Golden Years" of the Order in the mid-20th Century. He saw (and participated) in many Native Son activities. Ed remembered the days of the drum and bugle corps competitions (he was the last surviving member of the Sea Point Drum and Bugle Corps), the days of the grand Admission Day celebrations, parlor bowling and baseball teams, and marching in local and state parades.

Ed never aspired to Grand Parlor office, but volunteered to carry out the Grand Trustee term of a parlor member who died young. He held his parlor together in a time of declining membership, for years chairing the annual dinner and the ice cream booth at the Sausalito Art Fair.

Past Grand President Tom Perazzo, who transferred to Sea Point Parlor some years ago, remembers Ed as a mentor to many parlor officers, himself included.

With his passing we lose one of the final real "old timers." We honor his memory of times which, sadly, will never again come to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

ESSAY CONTEST

Wyatt Savage of Hidden Valley School in San Anselmo took first place in the Native Sons Fourth Grade History Contest writing on "How Acorns Were Used by Miwoks." Fairfax Brother Bill Addy was chairman of the local contest. Here's Wyatt's essay.

How Acorns Were Used by Miwoks

By WYATT SAVAGE

When you see acorns, you probably don't think much of them. But the tree those acorns came from fed Native Americans that were here before us. Acorns. Such a small thing, but so important to Native Americans.

Acorns were a staple for Miwoks. They used tule baskets to gather all 16 different types that fall from oak trees that are still standing today. Acorns were gathered in burden baskets when they fell from trees. They were easy to store, which made them especially good in times of shortage. The Caw'se was a mortar in the ground that the Miwok would use to grind up acorns, that would make a powder that would make Anupa which is acorn soup. Wow, the Miwok are high-tech!

But it's not all about the Miwok, animals also ate them. More than 100 species eat acorns. So many animals eat acorns like deer, foxes, mice, voles, opossums, bird, and last and least hogs.

Acorns were the Ohlone tribe's main food source before the Spanish came. It was found that 75% of Ohlone people had acorns in their diet. The tribe would dance around the acorn groves to have a good harvest. During the acorn harvest, the families would go down and spend a whole day collecting acorns. Wow, they work hard for acorns!

Next time you walk past an oak tree give it some respect because it's been feeding people for millions of years and probably more animals in the future.

RETRO RAMBLINGS

By DOUGLAS LOVE, GRAND TRUSTEE
Napa Parlor #62

Located in the City of Petaluma on the banks of Adobe Creek sits the remains of the largest privately-owned rancho in Northern California, Rancho Petaluma. The Petaluma River Valley had long been home of the Coast Miwok. The valley had a mild climate, abundant fresh water and wildlife, fertile soil and its proximity to the San Francisco Bay and the Pacific Ocean made the valley an ideal place for the Coast Miwok to settle. For centuries before European contact, the Coast Miwok lived in this resource-rich area.

The establishment of Mission San Francisco Solano in Sonoma in 1823 forever changed the lives of the Coast Miwok in the area. Villages were emptied and the indigenous people became part of the mission system. Yet, the area north of San Francisco was sparsely populated for some time. That began to change with the establishment of Fort Ross, the Russian outpost on the coast in 1812.

When Mexico became independent of Spain in 1821, foreign trade was tolerated and, in some cases, encouraged. However, the new Mexican Republic became very wary of "foreign influence". The passage of the Decree for the Secularization of the Missions of California by the Congress of the First Mexican Republic in 1833 was an attempt to lessen the Spanish influence on the mission system.

In 1834, Governor Jose Figueroa ordered Mariano G. Vallejo, the commandant of the Presidio of San Francisco, to move north, secularize the mission of San Francisco de Solano in Sonoma and establish a military presence north of San Francisco in order to counter Russian expansion from Fort Ross. Figueroa also granted Vallejo the initial 44,000 acres of what would become Rancho

de Petaluma; partially as a reward for his service and partially to provide a means of support for the military presence north of San Francisco Bay.

Vallejo began construction on what would become his Petaluma Adobe in 1836. Rather than have numerous small buildings scattered over the rancho lands, Vallejo decided to build one large building to house workshops and living quarters. Construction, expansion and improvement continued over the next ten years and the Petaluma Adobe became the largest privately-owned adobe building in California. At its height, Rancho Petaluma employed 600-2000 laborers including Californios, local Miwok, Hawaiians, and others. The primary economic activity was cattle ranching, but there was also sheep ranching, grain farming, a grist mill, a blacksmith's shop, harvesting and weaving of wool, and candle making.

With the Bear Flag Revolt and the Mexican American War, the Rancho Petaluma became less and less profitable. General Vallejo sold and subdivided much of the land and in 1857 sold the remaining land and the building to William Whiteside. In 1859, Whiteside deeded the property to local attorney William D. Bliss. In 1910, the Bliss family wanted to donate the adobe and seven acres of property to the City of Petaluma to be used as a public park. Petaluma Parlor #27 acquired the property in March of 1910 and maintained it until 1951 when it was deeded to the state.

The Adobe currently is in need of more restoration and it is open to the public. Various rooms hold authentic artifacts to illustrate what life was like during the Ranch Era. The Park hosts various school and living history groups during the year.

For further information please contact: Petaluma Adobe State Historic Park, 3325 Adobe Road Petaluma, California 94954, (707) 762-4871

Getting there: From San Francisco: Take US 101N to Exit 472B to CA-116 East. Follow CA-116 East to the entrance to the park.



Vallejo's Petaluma Adobe

Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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Revised April 2022

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st	Halcyon #47 8PM	Amador #17 6PM Guadalupe #231 11:30AM San Jose #22 6:30PM Santa Lucia #97 7PM Business	Argonaut #8 7PM Arrowhead #110 7PM Chispa #139 7PM Fairfax #307 7:30PM Business Iona #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM Santa Cruz #90 6PM Solano #39 7PM Business Twin Peaks #214 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June Woodland #30 6PM	Excelsior #31 7PM JC Fremont #293 6:30PM National #118 12PM St Helena #53 Meeting Sea Point #158 8PM Stockton #7 6:30PM Sunset #26 7 PM		Santa Ana #74 11:30AM	
2nd	Eden #113 7PM Elk Grove #41 7PM Humboldt #14 7:00PM Napa #52 6PM Business Sonoma #111 7PM Quartz #58 Sept-June	Fairfax #307 Luncheon Placerville #9 7pm San Luis Obispo #250 7PM Vallejo #77 7pm Yuba #55 6 pm	Byron #170 7pm Columbia #258 7PM Dolores #1 11:30AM Estudillo #223 5PM Business Ferndale #93 6 PM Dinner Hydraulic #56 6PM Los Banos #206 7PM Modesto #11 6:30PM Nicasio #183 7PM Pebble Beach #230 6:30pm Santa Rosa #28 6:30PM Dinner South SF #157 7:30PM	Benicia #89 (Dark July, Aug) Col. Holderman #316 Gabilan #132 6:30pm Georgetown #91 6:30pm Las Positas #96 7PM Mt. Tamalpais #64 6PM Piedmont #120 6PM Ramona #109 7PM Meeting Redwood #66 7:30pm		Konocti #159 12PM (When Able)	Rio Hondo #294 Bkfast/Meeting 9AM American Legion Hall Norwalk
3rd	Napa #62 6pm Social Santa Ana #74 8PM Santa Lucia #97 6:00PM Dinner Sutter #261 Sept-June	Amador #17 Social San Jose #22 11:30AM Watsonville #65 1PM	Biowell #21 7PM De Anza #312 6:15PM Fairfax #307 7:30PM Dinner Ferndale #93 7PM Business Golden Gate #29 7:30PM Humboldt #14 7:30PM Iona #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM Observatory #177 6PM Solano #99 6PM Social South SF #157 7:30PM Twin Peaks #214 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June	Monterey #75 6PM National #118 11:30AM Silver Star #63 7 PM	Chispa Social Dinner	Redwood #66 Bear Lodge (May-Oct)	
4th	Eden #113 7PM Dinner Humboldt #14 6:30PM Napa #62 6PM Business	Auburn #59 7PM Calistoga #86 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon	Cambria #152 6:30PM Estudillo #223 6PM Social 7PM Dinner Presidio #194 4PM	Las Positas #96 7PM *Last Thurs (4th or 5th) Piedmont #120 6PM San Miguel #150 7PM St Helena #53 Dinner			

Downville #92 On Call
University #272 On Call

(First Friday D15 On Hold)

Email Corrections to Mitch Laing via NSGW28mitch@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

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| Stockton #7
Veronica Aranjuez
Dona Harwood
Robert Butler | Thomas Dawson |
| Excelsior #31
Richard Kleinhart
Joseph Silva | Redwood #66
Jacqueline Ward
Vanessa Gomez |
| Humboldt #14
Julian Lennon
Dayton Murray
Jack Kolshinsky | Ferndale #93
James L. Oller
Hansford Chastain |
| San Jose #22
Ignacio "Al" Alarcon
Delores "Dee" Alarcon
Roy W. Goody Jr. | Steven Ambrosini
Lorin Taylor
Rhett Imperiale
Ray Hasting
Jason W. Johnson |
| Ione #33
Peter Misuraca | Trent Langer
Dreads Morgan
Chance Ambrosini |
| Halcyon-Alameda #47
Mark S. Amaro | Jesse Hastings |
| Quartz #58
Charles Scimeca
Jason Tedder | Ramona #109
Michael Pulciano |
| Auburn #59
Max Pitts | Daniel Johnson
Gabilan #132
Bret Boatman |
| Napa #62
Mike Washington
Richard Roberson
Michael Cunningham
Nathan Christle
Mitch Evensen
Drew Feineau
Calvin Cox | Marcos Sandoval Perez
Chispa #139
Dominic Yacovetti
Harold Price
Los Banos #206
Daniel Brooks
John C. Fremont #293
Nicole Argabright Silveira
Marlene Castro |

DECEASED MEMBERS

May all of our deceased brothers rest in peace in the Grand Parlor on High.

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| San Jose #22
Monica Koenig | Ramona #109
Sally Baldwin |
| Ione #33
Robert Buck
Daniel Herman (01/20/2021) | Arrowhead #110
Bruce Varner
Richard Dean Thompson |
| Napa #62
Daniel Schwarze | Gabilan #132
Bruce Edward Pierson
Louis Albert Bertelli |
| Silver Star #63
Robert Dart
Philip Jordan
James Hernandez | Chispa #139
John Stewart |
| Santa Ana #74
John P. Woodward | Estudillo #223
Richard Newsom
Raymond Luciano |
| Ferndale #93
Dean Glaser | Guadalupe #231
Charles Bricker Jr. |
| Las Positas #96
Michael "Ron" Robles | |



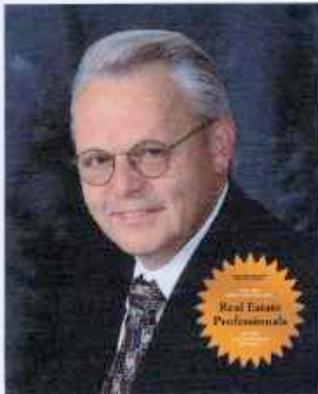
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Santa Rosa Parlor Events

All Santa Rosa #28's events are held at the parlor's hall at 3318 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa. Unless otherwise indicated, members, families and guests are welcome. Dinners are \$15 unless otherwise noted. Children 10 and over are \$7.50. Children under 10 are free. Reservations are required from Shirley Mattiuzzi (707 542-4356) or Mark Mattiuzzi (707 350-1116).

Wednesday, August 10. Dinner and Business Meeting. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Reservations no later than Saturday, August 6.

Wednesday, September 14. Admission Day Dinner and Business Meeting. Dinner served at 7 p.m. Reservations no later than Saturday, September 10.

Wednesday, November 9. Members only at 7 p.m. Nominations and election of officers, planning for 2023.

Sunday, November 13. Thanksgiving Dinner. Dinner served at 5 p.m. Reservations no later than Saturday, November 8.

Wednesday, December 9. Christmas Dinner and Raffle. Please bring a wrapped gift for our annual raffle, with ticket sales going to the NSGW Charitable Foundation (Cleft Palate). Reservations no later than Saturday, December 5.

Fairfax Meals Continue

Fairfax #307 is well-known for its lunches and dinners at our clubhouse in its namesake town. The parlor also supports the local Little League, Cub Scouts, has a scholarship contest, carries the American and Bear Flags in the town parade and is proud that the 2022 State Essay Contest winner was sponsored by the parlor.

Like to come to a great meal? Dinner at the clubhouse is usually on the third Wednesday of each month and lunch is on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Unless otherwise indicated, the meals are open only to Native Sons and prospective members. Dinners are at 7:30, with bar opening at 6 p.m., and lunches at 12:30, with beer, wine and soda available from 11:30. Here's the current schedule:

Upcoming Wednesday dinners are July 13 and August 17. Scheduled Tuesday lunches are June 21, July 12 and 26 and August 9 and 23.

Reservations are requested a few days in advance from Fred Codoni by e-mail at nsgwfpc@comcast.net or 415-459-7082.

Grand Parlor Offers Scholarships

Each year, Grand Parlor offers three collegiate scholarships and one vocational skills scholarship. Each parlor will receive applications and related information by October 10; applications are also available on the Grand Parlor Web site, www.nsgw.org. Applicants must send in paperwork by March 15, 2023; data can also be sent to the Grand Parlor by e-mail.

Each parlor is responsible for contacting the students with all information and forms for the scholarship by November 1. Students must be born in California and be relative of a Native Son.

The first place winner of the Collegiate contest will receive \$2,000; the two runners up will each receive \$1,000; the winner of the Vocational Skills contest will receive \$1,200.

Celebrating California's 172nd Birthday in South SF

Celebrate California's 172nd Birthday with an Admission Day Program and Luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco on Friday, September 9. Social hour is at 11:30, with lunch at 12:15.

Lunch entrée choices are Prime Rib Au Jus, Salmon with Champagne Sauce and Vegetarian Pasta.

Honorary Co-Chairs are NSGW Grand President Jeff Schmidt and NDGW Grand President Nina Coffenberry.

All proceeds from the celebration, dinner and raffle will benefit the NSGW's Historical Preservation Foundation and the NDGW's California History, Landmarks and Historic Buildings Committee to assist with dedications and markings throughout the state.

There will soon be a reservation flyer with prices and other information.

Woodland Plans "Tillyfest"

Woodland Parlor #30 will be celebrating Yolo County's own Tilly Alcartra—the World Champion Holstein—through American roots music, food, fun and games for all ages.

Plans are underway for TILLYfest, Bluegrass Woodland, to be held at Blue Note Brewing, Heritage Plaza and other historic downtown Woodland locations on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Lynne Gough, Parlor #30 member and author of "Asa and the Holstein Queen," will be the featured speaker at TILLYfest.

National #118's Picnic Returns

National #118's Annual Picnic will be Friday, September 16, at San Bruno Junipero Serra Park, Bayview Shelter Site. Information from National's President David McCann, davemccann318@gmail.com / 650-871-7466.

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Membership in the Native Sons of the Golden West was originally limited to white males, leading to the formation of the Native Sons of the Golden State for native-born Chinese males. This article by the late Peter T. Conmy, Director of Historical Research for the NSGW, is reprinted from the October-November 1989 issue of *The Native Son*.

Chinese Native Sons

By PETER T. CONMY

Most current members of the Native Sons of the Golden West are not familiar with the fact that in the mid-1890s a number of Chinese males organized themselves into a group briefly named the Native Sons of the Golden West. Then, learning that our Order already was incorporated under that name, changed that title to Native Sons of the Golden State.

They were formed in San Francisco's Chinatown and incorporated May 11, 1895. Membership was limited to males of good character born in California. It is obvious that as their race [at that time] was prohibited from joining our Order, they formed one of their own, to be like ours in form and scope.

It was not until 1967 that the Grand Parlor modified the membership eligibility standard by removing from the Constitution that word "white", thus opening membership to California-born males of all races.

Reportedly, a San Francisco lawyer advised a small group of Chinese men (presumably his clients) that they should form an association for their mutual benefit, support and protection. This advice was well given and for two reasons.

First, the nineteenth century in the United States saw the formation of hundreds of organizations primarily for the benefit of their members in one form or another. Many of them involved labor relations. Indeed, it should be recalled that General Winn, founder of the Native Sons, was himself a leader in the Carpenter and Joiners Society in Memphis, Tennessee. This period was the hey-day of fraternal societies, most of which offered sick and death benefits. In addition, there were some that supplied a doctor. Then there were associations that sold life insurance. The basis of all these enterprises was a combination of charity, fraternity and mutuality. In fact our own organization, the Native Sons of the Golden West, was just that. Organized for historical and patriotic purposes, it assumed the functions typical of the fraternal societies of that day.

The second reason was a protection effort against prejudice, discrimination and terrorism. The Chinese came to California during the Gold Rush. They made good miners and when they left the mines moved into agriculture on the one hand or to the cities on the other. In both cases, they proved to be hard workers. Later, Chinese immigrants supplied a work force for building the railroad. Notwithstanding, they were the objects of prejudice, some racial and some economic. They worked for very low wages with which others could not compete. In many areas they lived in groups, notably in San Francisco's Chinatown, where gambling, vice and prostitution flourished.

Reaction to this ranged all the way from terrorism to boycott and legal discrimination. Their children were denied enrollment in regular public schools and frequently license taxes for their enterprises were higher than for whites.

Wong Kim Ark was born in San Francisco in 1873. Twenty years later he made a trip to China, and when he returned was denied entry on the grounds that, although born here, he was not a citizen. His case went all the way to the United States Supreme

Court. Of course, that august body held that he was a citizen and he was re-admitted but his case, until finally adjudicated, had a dismal effect on other native-born Chinese.

The Native Sons of the Golden State was a great success and appealed to native-born California males. The lodge was called a parlor. The 1900 census indicated that there were in San Francisco 4,767 native-born Chinese, a fertile field for recruitment. The original group in San Francisco became a parent body known as the United Parlor. Subordinate parlors were formed in San Francisco, Los Angeles Oakland, Fresno and San Diego.

The United Parlor erected a building at 1044 Stockton Street in San Francisco at a cost of \$135,000. It was dedicated August 21, 1921. Governor William D. Stephens was the principal speaker at the ceremonies and commended the Chinese people for their loyalty to the United State during World War I.

A convention of the Native Sons of the Golden State held in Fresno in 1927 was referred to as a "national convention" as the group had become nationwide. After institution of parlors in Fresno and San Diego, there was demand for extension of the Order to other states and, notably, the City of Chicago. The Constitution was amended to extend eligibility to native-born male citizens of the United States and the name of the organization was changed to Chinese American Citizens Alliance. Nativity in the United States was substituted for birth in California, and American citizenship became a dominant criteria. Parlors were formed in Chicago, Boston, Pittsburgh, Detroit and Portland. In 1931 the total member-

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LUCKY CALENDAR WINNERS

MAY 2022

- 1st - \$20 Marjorie McKisson Sacramento
- 2nd - \$20 Carolyn Blyseth Alta Loma
- 3rd - \$20 Roy Coley Citrus Heights
- 4th - \$20 Todd Lariviere Pleasant Hill
- 5th - \$20 James Smith Highland
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- 8th - \$20 Brice Walker San Jose
- 9th - \$20 Paul Sechini Pine Grove
- 10th - \$20 Napa Parlor #62
- 11th - \$20 Dennis Gladwell Hayward
- 12th - \$20 Catherine Luchsinger Angels Camp
- 13th - \$20 Clay Haas Salinas
- 14th - \$75 Loraine Frost Phelan
- 15th - \$20 Brent & Merrill Bonifacino Hollister
- 16th - \$20 Charles Moore Wendel
- 17th - \$20 Mary Linda Daddona Walnut
- 18th - \$20 Lorraine Paniagua Oroville
- 19th - \$20 Kathie Borba Gustine
- 20th - \$20 Jerry Marsala San Mateo
- 21st - \$75 Kris Williams San Miguel
- 22nd - \$20 Helen Mendes Petaluma
- 23rd - \$20 Alexis Pacheco San Francisco
- 24th - \$20 Steve Ambrosini Fortuna
- 25th - \$20 Taylor Bright Folsom
- 26th - \$20 Jenna Deemer San Rafael
- 27th - \$20 Gary Milliken Oakland
- 28th - \$75 James Wunschel Placerville 28-May-22
- 29th - \$20 Dan Potter Novato
- 30th - \$20 Piper Davis Salinas
- 31st - \$150 Jolene Bastible Walnut Creek

HPF REPORT

Historical Preservation Foundation Heading Into the Future By CARL VON BARGEN

The essence of the Historical Preservation Foundation per its articles of incorporation is to preserve, protect and educate everyone regarding the amazing history of the Great State of California. The actual application of those articles of incorporation have been to provide funding to organizations to educate and to restore significant historically relevant icons and structures within the State of California which will enhance the positive image of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

The Historical Preservation Foundation is entering the 146th Grand Parlor Year with a motivated board of directors that are seeking new opportunities for fund raising and grant writing to enhance Native Sons of the Golden West's reputation and highlight Native Sons of the Golden West's successes. I anticipate a year filled with new challenges and chances to highlight various Parlors' endeavors. As an easy example, Pebble Beach Parlor applied for a grant to the Historical Preservation Foundation to restore portions of the their Hall. This will give Pebble Beach Parlor the opportunity to be recognized in their community for saving an iconic building, that many in the community know and love. Hopefully, this is translated into potential membership and ideas for future projects involving restoration or education within the Pescadero community.

Additionally, the Historical Preservation Foundation, has put together a website, is establishing a professional package to solicit donations from Corporate donors, and has streamlined the Historical Preservation Foundation's accounting practices to make investigations by potential donors easy and seamless. These improvements, while drastic improvement over past performance, will continue to be polished and improved by the new Board of Directors, with assistance by our Emeritus Directors Barney Noel, Jim Shadle, Dwight Dutschke and Dave Allen over the coming months.

Supporting the Historical Preservation Foundation is a source of pride being a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West for decades. Under normal circumstances, fundraising for the HPF falls short of the amount needed to fund all of the worthy projects submitted. These are far from normal times. The HPF needs your help to keep providing grants to fund historically significant education and restoration projects. These trying times in the face of Covid-19 have brought several changes to how we operate as members of Native Sons of the Golden West. It is requiring us to look for solutions to problems outside of our normal comfort zone. Before Covid-19, we took it as a right that we could run down to the local store for anything we needed without serious consequences. Today we know differently. Online stores have all but taken all the business overnight. Luckily one of the businesses has created an avenue to give back to non-profits. Amazon has created a website by the name of Amazonsmile.com which provides a ½% donation of all purchases to your chosen approved non-profit organization at no cost to the consumer. This can be used by anyone, not just Native Sons. Please consider asking friends, business associates and family to switch from Amazon.com to Amazonsmile.com and help support the Historical Preservation Foundation during a bleak moment in our history, without cost to the supporter.

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By **BOB SANTOS**

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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. When you make a donation to the NSGW Charitable Foundation in memory of a family member, friend or loved one, an acknowledgement card is sent to the person you indicate who you like to receive it. You can use our donation envelopes or go to nsgw.org to copy and send your donation with instructions. We always send a card with name and and donor and also send it for inclusion in *The Native Son*.

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Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of Golden West

All donations help to keep our Foundations operating. Any amount can assist the Historical Preservation Foundation to continue to support the mission of the Native Sons of the Golden West to preserve, protect, restore and educate the world about California's incredible history and treasures.

The Board of Directors of the Historical Preservation Foundation look forward to collaborating with several parlors in the coming year on fundraising and worthy projects. Please feel free to reach out to your local director of the HPF if you have new untested ideas for fundraisers, or if you have a recommendation of a corporate donor that you feel we should approach, or information about a project that you feel should be investigated and supported that will enhance historical preservation or education in our Great State. We look forward to working hard on each Native Son brothers behalf for the coming year. We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Native Sons of the Golden west to shine.

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Chinese Native Sons

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of the Chinese American Citizen Alliance was 4,836, almost half of whom were in San Francisco.

Over the years, the group accomplished much for the Chinese American community, both in California and elsewhere. As citizens the young Chinese accepted American social and cultural standards. This led to assimilation on the one hand and acceptance on the other.

Following removal of the word "white" from the eligibility provisions of our Constitution (1967), native-born Californian males of various races were admitted to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

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Totals for 145th Grand Parlor March. This is approximate total of the March. Actual totals and complete breakdowns of parlors and memorial donations will be put on the website at nsgw.org.

Because of COVID and all the problems of parlors not meeting or having functions, proceeds from the Cleft Palate March are down this year, but we are very thankful for all the donations from parlors, members and friends who gave so generously. Thank you very much. Remember you can donate at any time of the year.

APPROXIMATE TOTALS

6/13/2022

PARLORS-----\$64,678	OTHERS-----\$9,306
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