



Time to Pass the Torch

By Fred Codoni

After 50 years of working for Fairfax parlor, I need to give up any or all of these duties *in the name of proper succession*. If you'd like to take over or understudy one or more of these, let me know at nsgwfpc@comcast.net/415 459-7082. Here are my current duties. Perhaps some will disappear when I don't do them any more but most of them are vital to the health of Fairfax Parlor.

- Prepare and print monthly newsletter and send by e-mail and snail mail. Involves converting all .docx files to .txt for proper formatting, preparing photos, using InDesign for text, headings, leading, line spacing, etc. Perhaps a new person could pep it up—I use 1940's newspaper style (and adhere to the *New York Times* style book). Any item in the parlor newsletter must be fair and accurate. Opinion pieces must be so labeled and author shown.

- Bill advertisers yearly.

- Info on all new members: keeping track of their status, sending e-mails, inviting to interviews and obligations.

- Photograph new members after obligation, prepare and laminate membership cards, send cards with welcome letter to each new member within a couple days of the ceremony.

- Prepare monthly parlor agenda.

- Prepare gain/loss slips and send to Grand Parlor.

- Take reservations for some events.

- Notify members by email of each Tuesday lunch and each third-Wednesday dinner.

- Keep roster of members up to date.

- Prepare printed lists of members.

- Prepare lists of candidates. Publish names of new members and candidates and their sponsors in parlor newsletter.

- With Financial Secretary, prepare and mail dues bills. With the discontinuance of the Pitney-Bose mailing machine, will have to hand seal and stamp bills (about 500 a year—stamps will cost only \$300 but will take much more time for preparing and mailing bills). Parlor should look at on-line billing for members who will accept it. Requires printing, laminating membership cards after members have paid their dues.

- Reserve St. Rita Hall for parlor events (done in December for the following year).

- Maintain three computers, including purchasing paper and ink.

- When sadly necessary, organize funeral ritual ceremonies.

- Order stationery and other office supplies; although such supplies are also needed by Cañon they don't usually order them.

- Cook at least one monthly dinner and several Tuesday lunches in absence of other cooks.

PROGRAMS USED:

Lotus Approach (very old but very good database. It is an XP program but it is running on Windows 10 at our clubhouse).

InDesign for graphics, newsletters, etc. Difficult program, will take some learning. We use perhaps 5% of its capabilities. Was purchased by Grand Parlor to prepare *The Native Son* for printing. Possibly could use easier program such as Microsoft Publisher.



Two appointments for Fairfax Parlor. TOP: Parlor President Brian Franzoia adorns Shane Winslow with the third vice president regalia. Shane replaces Matt Marcucci, who moved to second vice president with the resignation of first vice president Alex Weber. ABOVE: Supervising District Deputy Grand President Kris Nelson of Nicasio #183 places district deputy regalia on Matt Marcucci. He will be district deputy to Mt. Tamalpais parlor.

Quikbooks for billing (at clubhouse).

Excel for lists of names for events.

Word for lists, correspondence, etc.

Photoshop for preparing photos and illustrations. As an example, photos for newsletter need to be sized to fit columns, saved in both color and black and white versions and may need work to enhance color or gray scale.

Brothers: This is your parlor. Its continued success depends on continuing the work that needs to be done.

I look forward to hearing from you. I will be happy to work with someone willing to take on one or more duties.



Obligated at our August 3 meeting were, left to right, Terry Lofrano, James Reeds and Bronwen Pugh.

Padgett Making Official Visit

Grand Marshal Gary Padgett will make his official visit to Fairfax Parlor at our September 7 business meeting. The purpose of such visits by a grand officer is to check our books and give the members information on Grand Parlor programs.

Green Jar Losers

Five names were drawn from the Green Jar at our August 3 meeting. As none of the members was present, the cash award continues until our September 7 meeting. Names were William Rogers, Chuck Trimble, Rod Oates, Rich Lamson and William Perez.

Sea Point Turns in Charter

Sausalito's Sea Point Parlor #158 has turned in its charter and ceased to exist. Held together for many years of declining membership by the late long-time parlor secretary Ed Madsen, his death provided the final blow to the parlor once sponsored by William Randolph Hearst.

Famed especially for their award-winning drum and bugle corps and later for festivals and dinners, COVID restrictions and an aging membership, Sea Point held a dinner August 18 honoring the memory of Madsen and to discuss parlor's future. Fairfax Parlor representatives at the event said they would welcome any Sea Point Native Sons who wished to join our parlor.

Sign Project Moving Forward

We have secured all the necessary approvals for placing the replica station sign on the replica Fairfax railroad station recently built on the Parkade, site of railroad passenger and freight operations from 1875 to 1942.

Brother Pat Martinez built the sign and Davis Sign Company provided the lettering.

The sign joins other contributions Fairfax Parlor has made to Fairfax: installing the lighting leading up to the Pavillion; building, installing and lighting the "Fairfax" sign at the east end of town; and installing a replica sign on the Manor bus shelter. In addition, our parlor sponsors a Little League team and a cub scout den, as well as contributing to worthy causes such as the Annual Fourth Grade Essay Contest.

Installation of the sign was scheduled for late August; photos will be in our next newsletter.

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR — 2022

[All events are at the parlor's clubhouse unless otherwise shown and are subject to cancellations because of low reservations]

Wednesday, September 7 - Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, September 13 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, September 21 - Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, September 27 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, October 5 - Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Nomination of parlor officers for 2023.

Tuesday, October 11 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, October 19 - Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6. Old Timers' Night, raffle drawing.

Tuesday, October 25 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, November 2 - Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6. Election of parlor officers for 2023.

Tuesday, November 8 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, November 16 - Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, November 22 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Saturday, December 3 - Parlor Christmas Party, St. Rita Hall.

Wednesday, December 7 - Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6. Installation of 2023 parlor officers.

Tuesday, December 13 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11.

Wednesday, December 21 - Christmas Potluck

Parlor Supplies Available

Fairfax Parlor has several Native Son's items for sale to our members. These include t-shirts (with pocket), vests, hats, bumkper stickers and license plate frames. Brother Lou Langlamet displays the items at each business meeting. They may also be purchased at a lunch or dinner meeting.



Cindy Swift Running for Council

Cindy Swift, wife of Brother John Sargeant, has formally declared her candidacy for Fairfax Town Council in the November election. Cindy helped facilitate the paperwork required for the parlor to receive permission to place the sign on the replica depot and has been a friend to our parlor for many years. There are several other candidates for two seats on the Council.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

... to our brothers who celebrate in September. Number in parentheses is the number of years in our Order.

Robert Legnitto – 1st (28)

Greg Giesen – 3rd (26)

Tim Knittel – 4th (32)

Geoff Cunningham – 5th (6)

Richard Lafranchi – 6th (37)

Jeff Manson – 6th (22)

Charley Cornwell – 7th (10)

Pablo deAlmeida – 7th (2)

Larry Giambastiani – 7th (34)

Leon DeLisle – 10th (8)

Steve Sibley – 11th (25)

David Fowler – 12th (15)

Dan Hanlon – 13th (21)

Michael Jue – 14th (6)

Robert Bonderud – 15th (2)

Richard Carson – 15th (15)

Ken Seastrom – 16th (2 months)

Judd Simmons – 16th (24)

Frank Shippey – 19th (1)

William Goodwin – 21st (12)

Steve Ardigo – 24th (10)

Fred Bernardini – 24th (19)

Rod Oates – 25th (43)

Paul Geraghty – 26th (40)

Mike Isetta – 26th (42)

Joel Bantly – 27th (18)

Richard Rushton – 27th (37)

Pat Martinez – 30th (29)



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Phelan Fund Helps Members

Senator and former San Francisco Mayor James Phelan, a member of now-defunct Pacific Parlor #10, decided no Native Son should be dropped from our membership rolls because of financial hardships. He provided two funds for the Native Sons: one to provide dedications (later zeroed out) and the Phelan Relief Fund, used to this day to pay the per capita tax for members unable to pay parlor dues. The Grand Parlor Committee Board of Relief administers the fund. Parlor secretaries, when informed of members in need, prepare a list which is sent to the Board of Relief. That board determines if real need exists and arranges for payment of the per capita tax. The board seldom turns down a request.

If you are in need or know of a Fairfax Parlor member who is, please advise Recording Secretary Courtz and/or Financial Secretary Addy. The information is always kept confidential.

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Lucky Calendars Available

The 2022 Native Son Lucky Calendars, illustrated with photos of historically-significant Native Sons' dedications, are available for just \$20. Calendar owners have a chance at prizes ranging from \$20 to \$1,000. Winning tickets are always returned to the drawing, so you can win more than once. The calendars are available at parlor meetings or by contacting Secretary Kevin Courtz at kcsbcourt@aol.com or (415) 717-4018.

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