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Redwoods Weekend Coming

The Annual Joseph C. Oeschger Weekend in the Redwoods will be held in Fortuna and Eureka on February 10 and 11, 2023.

The schedule:

Friday February 10, 5 to 9 p.m. - "Ice Breaker and Food Socializing" at the River Lodge Conference Center, 1800 Riverwalk Dr., Fortuna.

Saturday February 11 – Noon. Dedication at Humboldt Parlor #14 (to be determined) with lunch provided by Humboldt Parlor at their hall, 623 3rd Street, Eureka.

Following events will be at the River Lodge Conference Center:

4 p.m. - Initiation of new brothers.

4 to 6 p.m. - Cocktails.

6 to 9 p.m. Barbecue and silent auction.

Event registration is \$60 if paid by January 31, 2023, \$70 at the door.

Mail registration fees to Ferndale Parlor #93 P.O. Box 278 Ferndale, CA 95536. Checks payable to the parlor.

Headquarters hotel is the Super 8, 1859 Alamar Way, Fortuna 95540, (707) 725-5500. Price is \$109.99 per night.

NSGW Charitable Foundation Gifts

On behalf of the Native Sons of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Grand President Jeff Schmidt presents checks for \$65,000 to two hospitals in December.

Thursday, December 8, presentation to Sutter Health Cleft Palate Hospital in Sacramento.

Monday, December 12, presentation to the University of California Cleft Palate Clinic in San Francisco.

The presentation to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica was made during the Annual Weekend in the Redwoods.

Each presentation represents a \$5,000 increase from previous gifts.

We Celebrate Discovery of Gold's 175th Anniversary

Grand President Jeff Schmidt is pleased to announce the Native Sons of the Golden West will be actively involved in the 175th Anniversary of Discovery of Gold at the James Marshall State

Historic Park in Coloma on Saturday January 21, 2023.

Placerville #9 and Georgetown #91 are sponsoring the event. Here's the schedule at the Gold Trail Grange Hall, 319 Highway 49, Coloma, across from the Historic Park:

•8:30 a.m. - Board of Grand Trustees meeting.

•10 a.m. - Board of Grand Officers meeting.

•12:30 to 2 p.m. No host lunch. Guests are invited.

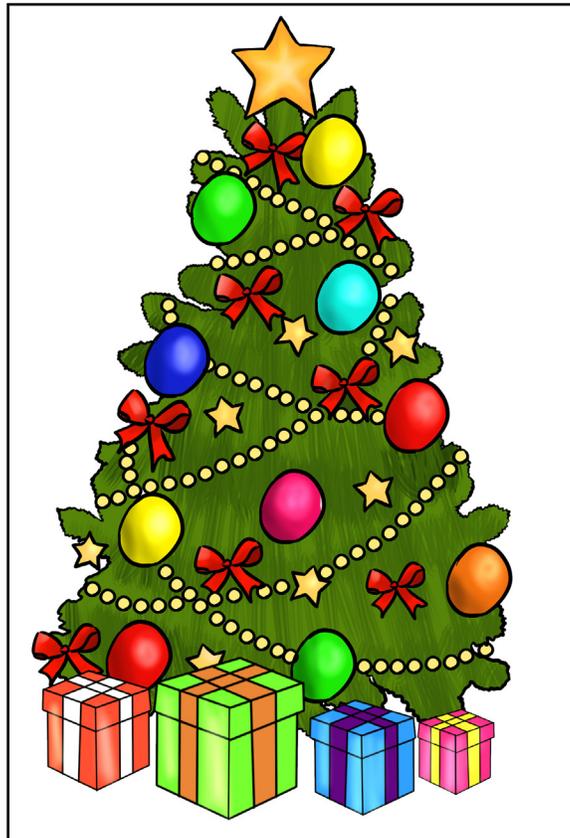
•From 2 to 3 p.m. at the Historic Sutter's Mill will be the commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of the Discovery of Gold. Keynote speaker will be PGP Barney Noel of Placerville #9.

Promised are "fabulous photo opportunities at the historic site for all attendees."

Recommended lodging is at the Best West Plus Placerville Inn, 6850 Green Leaf Lane, Placerville (530 622-9100) or the Historic Cary House Hotel, 300 Main Street, Placerville (530 622-4271).

Be sure to set aside Saturday, January 21, to participate in this memo-

orable day of remembrance, when Marshall's discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill on the American River changed California and our nation and led to the push to grant early statehood to California, without territorial status. This is a great opportunity for Native Sons to once again be present at an historic celebration. Our Order was instrumental in saving the park and is responsible for the statue of James Marshall at Coloma.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO
ALL NATIVE SONS AND FRIENDS

Mosquito Fire Hits Georgetown

Past Grand President Jim Shadle reported the following on the Mosquito Fire which almost destroyed Georgetown.

"I have been trying to get you some numbers but have been unable, I do know that one of our members lost everything in the fire. Georgetown and all surrounding areas were placed under mandatory evacuation, as was Garden Valley and Greenwood. Not everyone left. Grand President Jeff was evacuated for 12 days.

"Karen and I were more fortunate; at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday night the El Dorado County sheriffs came down our street with sirens and bullhorns telling everyone that we were under mandatory evacuation. We were able to return after three days. I have lived on this ranch all my life and have never been evacuated. I hope I never go through that stressful situation again. All seems to be back to normal again..."

The fire was the largest yet in 2022, burning 120 square miles. It ignited near Foresthill and made multiple furious runs amid shifting wind conditions and prompted thousands of residents to evacuate, including the entire towns of Foresthill, Georgetown, Volcanoville and smaller surrounding communities.

Crab Feeds Coming

Depending on the availability of the succulent crustaceans, several parlors will be holding crab feeds in 2023, including the following:

South San Francisco #157's will be held Saturday, January 21, at the Janet Pomeroy Center 207 Skyline Blvd, behind the SF (Fleishacker) Zoo. There is ample parking. Cost is \$50 per person. Menu will consist of green salad, pasta con pesto, French rolls, red and white wine on the table and all the crab you can eat. Reservations are now being accepted from PGP Joe Ursino (415 518-8108 or jur157@att.net). If you have a group who would like to attend please make the reservation for the group keeping in mind that this year there are round tables that seat 10, and all seating will be pre-assigned. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., with and dinner at 7 p.m.

Fairfax #307's will be Saturday, February 4 at St. Rita Hall, Marinda Drive and Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax. Menu features the parlor's well-known fancy appetizers, with salad, French bread and all the crab you can eat. Bar opens at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:30. Price has not yet been determined. This feed is open to everyone—Native Sons, ladies and guests. Reservations by January 28 from Kevin Courtz, (415 717-4018, kcbcourt@gmail.com).

Jerry Miller

Jerry Miller, a 69-year member of Ferndale Parlor #93, died October 20. He was 95.

Brother Jerry served his parlor in many capacities, and Grand Parlor as Supervising District Deputy, Grand Outside Sentinel, and Grand Trustee for three terms. May he rest in peace in the Grand Parlor on High.

William Geisner

Former Grand Officer Bill Geisner died November 4 at age 85.

A 64-year member of Sonoma 111, Bill served his parlor and our Order in many capacities, including delegate to Grand Parlor, Grand Outside Sentinel, Grand Inside Sentinel, Grand Marshal, and Grand Trustee for three terms. Before serving as a Grand Officer he served as Flag Day Chair, and after serving as a Grand Officer he served on the Finance Committee for three years.

Anthony Marotto

Brother Anthony (Tony) Marotto of Twin Peaks #214 died November 12. Formerly a member of Pacific #10, he joined Twin Peaks when Pacific was closed. Tony served his parlor and our Order in many capacities, including delegate to Grand Parlor, District Deputy Grand President and member of the Laws of Subordinates Committee. He was also a past Governor General of the Past Presidents Association.



On behalf of the NSGW Charitable Foundation, CF Director Bob Santos (left) presented the Foundation's Person of the Year Award to former Grand Secretary and Santa Rosa Parlor member Wes Colgan (center). For several years, Colgan has been making stylized wooden toy cars. Last year, then-Grand President Ron Brocco (right) came up with the idea of raffling the cars and splitting the proceeds with the Charitable and Historical Preservation Foundations, and Brother Wes agreed.

Every year, the Charitable Foundation awards its Person of Year to someone who does something special in helping the CF. Santos said "Wes is certainly deserving of this award for the proceeds from his cars helped HPF and CF."

Napa #62 Celebrating New Year

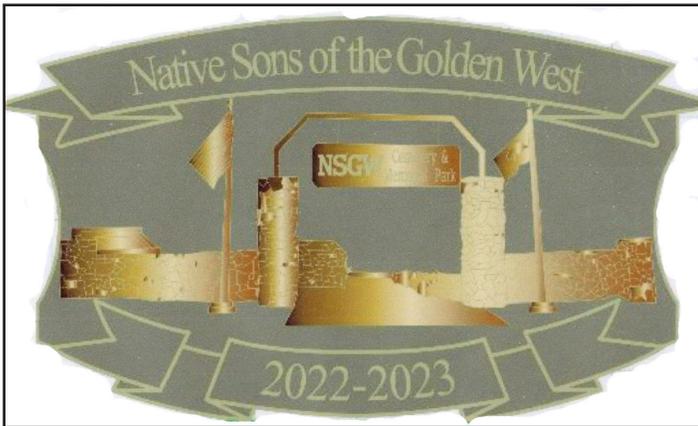
Napa Parlor invites all Native Sons and guests to its Annual New Year's Eve party at its hall at 937 Coombs Street, Napa. Price of \$60 per person includes a traditional dinner with entertainment; \$25 without dinner. Music will be by the J. Silverheels band. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 and dancing at 8. Dinner entrée choice is Salmon or Prime Rib. Call for reservations by December 23 to Lisa Adams (707 481-4298) or George Adams (707 481-4295).

Napa Parlor has negotiated a hotel room for \$89.99 per night, right across the street from their hall. Make your hotel reservation with Gary at Three Palms Napa Valley at 707-226-1871.

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



Chispa Has Busy Few Months!

Chispa #139 in the Mother Lode town of Murphys has busy upcoming months with several events planned.

Parlor members planned to join the Murphys Open House Parade on December 2 and the Angels Camp Christmas Parade on December 10.

Chispa’s Annual Christmas Dinner is Friday, December 16, at its hall. Attendees are asked to bring canned and other dry goods for donating to the Resource Connection Food Bank in San Andreas. Reservations are required for the dinner, which features turkey and ham, with potatoes, stuffing, and gravy.

Chispa Parlor invites everyone to its monthly pancake breakfasts at its hall, the next breakfast being December 18. Price of \$10 includes all you can eat helpings of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, with coffee and orange juice.

The parlor’s crab feed will be on January 20 and its cioppino feed on February 18.

Twin Peaks Xmas Dinner

Everyone is invited to Twin Peaks #214’s Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 13, at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7.

There will be hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, with choice of entrees for the full-course dinner are Roast Prime Rib au jus, Chicken Breast Chasseur and Salmon with Champagne Sauce. A free raffle will be held.

Price is \$40 per person. Send reservations and checks to Mike Reyna, 606 E. 39th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403. Reservation deadline is December 2. For information, contact Mike at (650) 638-1380.

Santa Rosa Parlor Christmas

Santa Rosa #28 will hold its Annual Christmas Dinner and Raffle on Wednesday, December 14 at its hall at 3318 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa. Members, families and guests are welcome. Attendees are asked to bring a wrapped gift for the raffle, with proceeds from raffle tickets going to the Native Sons Charitable Foundation.

Reservations are required from Shirley Mattiuzzi (707 542-4356) or Mark Mattiuzzi (707 350-1116) no later than Saturday, December 3.



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GRAND PRESIDENT

My fellow Brothers:

As we enter the most joyous of the holiday season we will be taking a look back at what was hopefully a successful 2022 for The Native Sons of the Golden West.

We will also be sadly missing brothers and friends who have moved on to the Grand Parlor on High.

At the same time we are looking forward to the new horizons in 2023 where we will have the opportunity to rekindle old friendships, build new ones and carry on our tradition now 148 years strong.

There are many Native Sons events upcoming for the first quarter of the new year: DeAnza Trek and 175th anniversary of Gold Discovery in Coloma in January, Grand Parlor dedications and initiations throughout our state, Weekend in the Redwoods comes in February, and March brings us 49er Days in Murphys.

As your Grand President it is my duty to remind all members to follow your obligations and remember that we are bonded together in an unselfish brotherhood.

On behalf of First Lady Derren and I, we wish you the happiest of a holiday season and be it be filled with the wonderful spirit of Christmas.

I look forward to sharing a handshake, a smile and maybe a True Story with you On The California Trail.

In closing, may your nights turn into mornings, may your dreams become a reality, may your friends become family and may your likes turn into love.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity
Jeffrey A Schmidt
Grand President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, December 15 - Silverstar Parlor #63 Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 16 - Auburn Parlor #59 Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 31 - Napa Parlor #62 New Years Eve Party

January 13-15 2023 - DeAnza Trek 2023

January 21-22 - Discovery of Gold Weekend, Coloma/Placerville

Tuesday, January 24 - 175th Anniversary of Gold Discovery

Saturday, January 28 - Grand Parlor Dedication in Fairfax

February 10-12 - Weekend in the Redwoods

March 10-12 - 49er Days Chispa Parlor #139 in Murphys

April 14-16 - BOGO Meeting Oroville

April 22 - NSGW Cemetery General Sutter Statue Dedication

MARSHAL MITCH LAING

Time to Get Active!

Brothers:

I would like to use this forum to offer some helpful suggestions in promoting and reactivating your parlor now that health restrictions have been minimized.

- **Communication is critical.** Be sure all your members and usual supporters are aware that your parlor is up and running, holding meetings and having dinners. Don't rely on a mailer, email or social media posts. Yes, use these but also have your officers make phone calls to members, past members and those who have supported the parlor in the past. Be sure to communicate with nearby parlors so they can inform their brothers of your happenings.

- **Do what your parlor does best.** If that's holding monthly dinners, make them the best available, be reasonable with the price but remember you still have to turn a profit. If extra funds collected go to our Charitable Foundation mention that. If you hold a raffle at the end of the evening ask for donated items for that or the next raffle. Have a handout for everyone to take home informing them of the next few dinners/events and request volunteers and raffle items if needed.

- **New Brothers.** We all know we need new members but the bottom line is there has to be a reason to join and participate. Handing out rewards is cute and traditional but giving your new brothers a chance to get involved and asking them to assist every few months keeps them active.

- **Visit Other Parlors.** There are probably several parlors within an hour's drive that would appreciate your attendance and in turn come to your next gathering. Make a trip every few months and gather other brothers to travel with you, sharing the drive.

- **Attend a Grand Parlor Event** when time exists to do so. We have annual gatherings for Discovery of Gold, 49er Days, Flag Day, Statehood Day, Southern California Days and more. Dedications occur throughout the Grand President's year. NSGW travels California from Weekend in the Redwoods in Ferndale to DeAnza Trek in El Centro, and everywhere in between!

- **Attend A Grand Parlor.** When our annual Grand Parlor is near enough you should set aside time to attend as a guest. Your parlor votes for official delegates but all brothers in good standing are welcome to attend. We have two very worthwhile and memorable events every year. The Memorial is a reading of names of brothers who have joined the Grand Parlor on High during the year. Brothers of prominence are eulogized. All of our passed brothers are remembered.

Additionally to the Cleft Palate Charitable Foundation March we have a presentation to one or more of the hospitals we support. These video presentations not only include words of thanks from the hospital staff but also from family and patients who have been helped to overcome their medical and associated issues. In past years we have actually had former patients in attendance.

- The Native Daughters Grand Officers and others are introduced as part of the changing of Grand Officers.

- Then of course, if you can be at Wednesday night's Hospitality Row, it's an evening of nearly unlimited Friendship, Loyalty and Charity to all brothers able to participate.

- Brothers... If your parlor hasn't become very active yet it's time to kick things into gear. If your attendance is low then start making phone calls. If you haven't visited a parlor nearby check the calendar and plan to go. If you have new brothers, utilize them for ideas and assistance with upcoming dinners and events. And invite family and friends to your open dinners.

I look forward to seeing you On The California Trail

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, Mitch Laing Grand Marshal

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RETRO RAMBLINGS

By DOUGLAS LOVE

Grand Trustee, Napa Parlor #62

On September 9, 1850, California was admitted into the United States. For years, Americans had been settling in the Mexican territory, many to trade, some to begin new lives. Men like Jedidiah Smith, Dr. John Marsh, Robert Semple, John Bidwell, John Bartleson and others made the long and arduous trek to the Mexican territory. Even before Mexican Independence, there were men like Andrew Jackson, who believed that the United States should rightfully possess all of "Spanish North America". By the time of the discovery of gold, fewer than 1,000 Americans lived in California. The entire population of Alta California was around 160,000, the vast majority of whom were native peoples. The United States expressed interest in California, primarily as a point of access to the Pacific Ocean as early as 1844, yet until the end of the Mexican War nothing much came of the dreams of the proponents of "Manifest Destiny."

California Booms

Of course, the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill and the subsequent events changed all of that. An estimated three hundred thousand gold seekers, the "49ers", the "Argonauts" flooded the newly-acquired region in search of wealth and adventure. The flood of gold stabilized the U.S. economy and drove the desire that California should enter the Union.

There were issues however, the United States was unraveling. Missouri entering as a slave state in 1820, the tariff and nullification crisis of 1828 and the annexation of Texas had all caused threats of disunion and civil war. Each of these resulted in a compromise which delicately held the Union together.

In 1849, President Zachary Taylor urged leading Californians to write a constitution and apply for statehood as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, California, New Mexico, and the Latter Day Saints in the Great Salt Lake area all applied for statehood nearly simultaneously. There was almost no chance that three free states would be admitted to the Union at once and there were issues surrounding New Mexico's boundary with Texas and with the practice of polygamy in the proposed state of Deseret. There was one man who could possibly get California admitted to the Union, the man who, as Speaker of the House, had crafted the Missouri Compromise, who had ended the Nullification Crisis, who had crafted the American System of internal improvements and that was Henry Clay of Kentucky.

Henry Clay of Virginia

Henry Clay was born in 1777 in Virginia, the son of a Baptist minister. His father died in 1781 and his mother remarried. Clay learned how to read and write and his hand writing caught the attention of Virginia jurist George Withe, who was Thomas Jefferson's mentor. Clay read law

under Withe's tutelage and was admitted to the Bar in Kentucky and Virginia in 1791. Clay began his political career in 1803 in the Kentucky legislature and eventually become a U. S. Representative, Senator, Secretary of State and presidential candidate. He would be known as "The Great Compromiser" and play an important part in the three major compromises of the 1800s that delayed the Civil War.

To solve the issues surrounding the admission of California into the Union, Clay originally proposed eight resolutions. Eventually, the Compromise of 1850 consisted of five separate statutes, one admitting California into the Union, one settling Texas' debts and settling the boundaries of Texas, one establishing a new fugitive slave law, one ending the slave trade in Washington D. C., and finally one creating two new territories, New Mexico and Utah and allowing the territories to decide whether or not to allow slavery. The bills were signed into law by President Millard Fillmore on September 9, 1850. There was jubilation, not only in California, but in the whole United States as many thought that the disputes that had led to threatened civil war had finally been put to rest; but in reality the crisis had only been forestalled.

Clay's Ashland Estate

In 1806, Henry Clay purchased a 672-acre estate he named Ashland for the many ash trees on the property. Located near Lexington, conveniently close to his law office, it has been preserved as a memorial to Henry Clay and his family who lived on the estate until 1950. Clay himself died in Washington D. C. in 1852, believing that his final compromise has saved the country from civil war. While Clay was alive, he took an active role in the running of the estate, introducing new breeds of cattle, horses, and donkeys. Many race horses can trace their ancestry to Henry Clay's stock today. He was also a gambler who once famously waived \$40,000 he had once won after asking for \$500 of it from the loser. His greatest gamble however, was the compromise that brought California into the Union and delayed the Civil War for ten years.

Henry Clay, the statesman responsible for California's statehood never once visited California, yet he, with some help from Stephen A. Douglas, can be considered the person who brought California into the United States.

Ashland is located in Lexington, Kentucky at 120 Sycamore Road. For more information about tours, exhibits and hours please visit their website at www.henryclay.org.



Ashland, Henry Clay's home in Lexington, Kentucky

The Fate of the Last Grizzly

[This article is from the *California Sun*, “a newsletter that delivers must-read stories to your inbox each morning—for free.”]

Two centuries ago, an estimated 10,000 grizzly bears roamed as rulers of the California wilderness. Then came the juggernaut of humankind known as the Gold Rush. Settlers who poured into California seeking riches killed the burly giants with abandon, first out of fear, then for bragging rights.

By 1889, the grizzlies were already scarce. It was in May of that year that the newspaper tycoon William Randolph Hearst [a member of Sea Point #158] had the idea to display a grizzly bear in San Francisco as a publicity stunt.



A stuffed Monarch is on display at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. Monarch lives on as the grizzly bear on our state flag.

He summoned one of his reporters, Allen Kelly, who was known to have some hunting experience, and dispatched him to find one. Five months later, Kelly returned to fanfare with a 1,100-pound male grizzly said to have been captured in the wilds of Ventura County.

He was given the name “Monarch” after the slogan of the San Francisco *Examiner*—“The Monarch of the Dailies”—and put on display at Woodward’s Gardens. Stories in the *Examiner*, almost certainly embellished, told tales of the black-haired bear’s fearsome exploits.

Monarch was held in captivity in San Francisco for another 22 years. But even as California’s grizzly population plummeted toward extinction, public interest in Monarch waned, said Susan Snyder, a California grizzly bear historian.

She cited the 1894 World’s Fair in San Francisco, when Monarch was presented as “last wild grizzly bear in California.” “Nobody came to see him,” she said. “There were flamingos from Brazil or something that was a much more popular exhibit.”

In time, Monarch grew old and arthritic. It was during this month in 1911—the exact date appears to have gone unrecorded—that he was put down. Occasional sightings of wild grizzlies in California continued through the early 1920s, then never again.

While the loss of Monarch hit the scientific community hard, the typical Californian responded largely with a shrug, Snyder said.

“California so wanted to be seen as civilized and sophisticated, and they were desperately trying to shed that image of the wild west,” she said. “Eradicating wilderness was definitely a goal that they wanted.”

Monarch’s bones were at first buried in Golden Gate Park, then disinterred and handed over to a Berkeley museum. His pelt was stuffed by a taxidermist and put on display for a century.

The idea of the strong and self-reliant grizzly bear became a cherished symbol, emblazoned on the state flag in what was said to be the likeness of Monarch. He too became a different kind of symbol: first of ego, then of suffering, and finally of a lost California.



Los Banos #206 initiated eleven new members November 9 at a ceremony performed by Grand Officers. BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT, from fourth right: Chase Ferreira, Robert Shaw, Drake Cook, Carlo Palazzo, SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lawrence Vierra, Daniel Brooks, Lonny Teeter, Neil Lavake, Alec Barcellos, Joe Bondi, Robert Baffunno. After the ceremony the parlor held its Annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Ladies Night.more

NEW MEMBERS

OCTOBER

Argonaut #8

- Judith Cruz
- Beverly Delucchi
- Virginia Freeman
- Jamie Gallagher
- Brittany Millen
- Christopher Millen

Modesto #11

- Wesley Hall

San Jose #22

- Madelaine Cascardo

Elk Grove #41

- Sherry Silveira

Halcyon-Alameda #47

- Christopher Shipley

Silver Star #63

- Charles Mitchell

Las Positas #96

- John Morlan

- Joseph Alvarado

Piedmont #120

- Michael Brown

- Michael Hallinan

- Robert Torio

- Ralph Lew

- Tim Sanchez

- Herbert Heanes

- Manuel Aquino Jr.

- James Knudsen

- Gilbert Gin

- Ignatius Chinn

Twin Peaks #214

- Steve Barrett

- John Eggert

- Jeffrey Hocker

- William Jessen

- Warren Jabin

- James McInerney

- Larry "Biff" O'Brien

- Jim Pallari

- Ron Restani

- Larry Smith

- Tony Vella

- Anthony Wuesterfeld

Pebble Beach #230

- Joseph Angelini

- Ellen Angelini

San Luis Obispo #290

- David Altamarino

- Jimmy Williams

- Rudy Lorton

Fairfax #307

- Colin Spake

- Ethan Newby

- Gustav Helzberg

- Anthony George

DECEASED MEMBERS

October 2022

Stockton #7

- Les Tomlinson

Argonaut #8

- William Pinkston

Modesto #11

- Joseph Venturini

Amador #17

- Robert Burr

Halcyon-Alameda #47

- Timothy Vaughn

Napa #62

- George "Jerry" Nelms

Silver Star #63

- Robert Wiswell, Jr

Mt. Tam #64

- Walter Torrens

Redwood #66

- Daniel Perry

Vallejo #77

- Bart Ney III

Ferndale #93

- Jerry Miller

Sonoma #111

- Daniel Eraldi

Gabilan #132

- Harvey L. Swain

Sea Point #158

- Albert Zuschin

Los Banos #206

- Tony Thomas Jr.

Estudillo #223

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Rio Hondo #294

- James B. Caron

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Solano Honors Members

At its Anniversary Dinner at the Hilton Garden Inn in Fairfield, members of Solano #39 received awards for service and longevity.



Grand President Jeff Schmidt presents a 50-year membership pin to 90-year-old Robert Lockefer, the only remaining charter member of Solano #39.



Also receiving a pin was Past Grand President Joe Neitzel.



Solano #39 member Steve Day, son of the late Brother Dickie Day, presents the Dickie Day Service Award to members of the parlor who have done outstanding work in fund raising and feeds during the year. From left, Day, PGP Joe Neitzel, William Lockefer and Steve Rowland.

Petaluma/Nicasio Parlor #183 Crab Feed Friday, January 13

Petaluma-Nicasio Parlor #183 will hold its Annual Crab Feed on Friday, January 13, 2023, at Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue, Petaluma

Social Hour is at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7.

In addition to fresh Dungeness crab, there will be salad, pasta, gumbo and bread.

Reservations are limited to 300 people. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Price is \$75 per person.

For reservations, contact one of the following:

Kris Nelson (707) 332-2376 / krisnelson183@gmail.com

Larry Schork (707) 486-6897

Dan Foppe (707) 763-1736

Harold Matzen (415) 706-9989

Editor's Note

Local Dungeness crab may be scarce and very expensive this year. The local North Bay season hasn't opened as of press time and it is unknown when it will open. The delay is because of whale activity in the crabbing grounds—migrating whales can become entangled in the lines attached to the traps.

We hope you understand the need for parlors to charge high prices for their crab feeds.



2023 Lucky Calendars Available

"Bear Flags of California" is the topic for the Native Sons' 2023 Lucky Calendars. They are available from your parlor secretary, Grand Officers or direct from the Grand Parlor office. Price is \$20. Prizes range from \$20 daily to \$75 on Saturdays and \$150 at the end of the month. Special awards are \$250 on January 1 and on Flag Day. Admission Day award is \$500 and the end of year award is also \$500.

You may purchase a ticket (without calendar) for \$20 and also be entered in the daily drawing.

Winning tickets are returned to the draw—you can win more than once with the same ticket..

Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st	Halcyon #47 8PM	Amador #17 6:30PM 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 Ione #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 6:30PM JC Fremont #293 6:30PM National #118 12PM St Helena #53 Meeting Sunset #26 7 PM		Santa Ana #74 11:30AM	
2nd	Eden #113 7PM Elk Grove #41 7PM Humboldt #14 7:00PM Napa #62 6PM Business Sonoma #111 7PM Quartz #58 Sept-June	Auburn #59 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon Placerville #9 7pm San Luis Obispo #290 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 7PM	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 Juan Sanchez Adobe in Montebello
3rd	Napa #62 6pm Social Santa Ana #74 8PM Santa Lucia #97 6:00PM Dinner Sutter #261 Sept-June	Watsonville #65 1PM	Bidwell #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 Ione #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM Observatory #177 6PM Solano #39 6PM Social Twin Peaks #214 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June	Monterey #75 6PM National #118 11:30AM Silver Star #63 7 PM (Dark July, Aug)	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 San Jose #22 11:30AM	Estudillo #223 6PM Social 7PM Dinner Presidio #194 1PM South SF #157 7PM Stockton #7 6:30PM	Las Positas #96 7PM * Last Thurs (4th or 5th) Piedmont #120 6PM San Miguel #150 7PM St Helena #53 Dinner			

** Verify Meeting Times and Locations --- Parlor Contacts Listed in The Directory
Downieville #92 On Call University #272 On Call

Email Corrections to Mitch Laing via NSGW28Mitch@gmail.com

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Here is a list of recent donations to our CF in Honor of 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. 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 who you'd 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 donor and also send it in to *The Native Son*.

In Memory of Doris Santana

Eden Parlor #113

In Memory of Gary Darville

Day Family

In Memory of Lesley De Porto

Joe & Linda Neitzel

In Memory of Modesta Taylor

Ron & Rita Holliday

In Memory of Ed Madsen

James Martinoni

Robert Souza & Dianne Hammer
Sea Point Parlor #158

In Memory of Carl Braitto

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In Memory of Tom Sears PGP

Joe & Linda Neitzel
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Judy Hartly

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Robert & Kathy Santos

In Memory of Jean Hoffman

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Joe & Linda Neitzel

In Memory of Jerry Miller

Judy Hartly

To Cleft Palate Fund

Southern Cal Weekend Fines
Rose Twyman

In Memory of George E. Valentine

Eden Parlor # 113
Robert & Kathy Santos

Cleft Palate March Donations, Memorial Fund Donations and our investment income are totaled and divided among the three hospitals. Without the continued support of all of you the Charitable Foundation would not be recognized by the hospitals as their longest supporters of their Cleft Palate Clinics. The Charitable Foundation made its first charitable donation in 1953 to the Cleft Palate Clinic at UCSF in SF. The success of our program has enabled us to expand our support to include with UCSF, St. John's and Sutter Health, with total donations over \$7 million.

The CF Director Chairman Paul Lapachet and Steve Faessel, SC Director presented a check to St. John's Hospital at the Southern California Weekend banquet in the amount of \$65,000, a increase of \$5,000. The next donation presented by Chairman Lapachet will be at Sutter Hospital in Sacramento in December and then at UCSF in SF for the amounts of \$65,000 to each. All CF funds donated to these hospitals specify that they shall be used for treatment of children, with no overhead costs deducted. A donation now will provide immediate increased support to the hospitals. Please help for this most worthy cause in helping children who are born with a cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial birth defects. Any donation is most appreciated and thank you for your support.

Info on CF or Cleft Palate- If you are interested in CF or Cleft Palate you can contact:

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HPF REPORT

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. Supporting the Historical Preservation Foundation is a source of pride being a member of the Native Sons of the Golden West for decades. 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 sources of funding. Amazon has created a website by the name of AmazonSmile.com which provides an 0.5% 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, without cost to the supporter.



The AmazonSmile.com name for the Historical Preservation Foundation is: "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 looks forward to collaborating with several more parlors in the coming year on fundraising and worthy projects. Please feel free to reach out to your local Director of the HPF, as listed below, if you have new 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 brother's behalf for the coming year. We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Native Sons of the Golden West to prosper and grow.

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