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## Weekend in the Redwoods February 9-10

The Annual Joseph C. Oeschger Weekend in the Redwoods will be held February 9 and 10 at the River Lodge Conference Center in Fortuna.

Friday, February 9 will be an "Ice Breaker," from 5 to 9 p.m., featuring food, beverages and socializing.

Saturday, February 10 begins with re-dedication of the Centerville Cross and Dedication of Howard "Pete" Snell, time and place to be determined. Afterwards, Humboldt #14 will host a lunch at its hall at 623 3rd Street in Eureka.

Following at 4 p.m. will be initiation and social time, then from 6 to 9 p.m. no-host cocktails, silent auction and prime rib and chicken dinner.

Price is \$70 per person, pre-paid or at the door.

Mail checks to Ferndale Parlor #93, PO Box 278, Ferndale, CA 95536.

Hotels with Native Son rate are Best Western Country Inn, 2025 River Walk Drive, Fortuna, CA 95540 707-725-6822. Call for Group Rate; and Bear River Casino, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta CA 95551. 707-733-9644, Group Code: SONS24.

Information from Tim Wilson 707-845-4945 or Cash Garlinghouse 707-496-0144.

The Weekend in the Redwoods is brought to you by Ferndale #93.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our  
Native Sons, families and friends!**

## SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER

Since budget constraints forced us to eliminate U. S. Mail editions of *The Native Son*, many of our brothers who don't have e-mail no longer receive our state newsletter.

*All of our members* need to know what's going on in the Order. Perhaps you or your parlor secretary can print PDFs of this edition and:

- (1) post it on your parlor billboard if you have one;
- (2) have copies on hand at parlor meetings;
- (3) Send U. S. Mail copies to those members who do not (or are unable to) attend meetings.

Help us keep everyone informed!

## Excelsior #31 Celebrates Gold Discovery

Excelsior #31 in Jackson will celebrate the 174th anniversary of the Discovery of Gold with an activity-filled weekend January 26-28.

Friday, January 26 there will be a no-host cocktail party at Excelsior's hall at 47 Summit Street in Jackson.

Saturday, January 27 will start with the Board of Grand Trustees meeting at 9 a.m., followed by the Board of Grand Officers meeting at 10 a.m.

There will be two dedications: noon at Mel and Faye's Restaurant in Jackson and 1:30 p.m. at the Central Eureka Mine in Sutter Creek.

Candidate initiation is set for 3:30 p.m. at Excelsior's hall. Cocktails will be at 5:30 p.m. with dinner of lamb shank/tortellini/dessert at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday there'll be a breakfast at the hall from 8 to 10 a.m.

Price for dinner and breakfast is \$60, with checks sent to Excelsior Parlor #31, P O Box 31, Jackson 95642.

Rooms are available at the Jackson Best Western Amador Inn at 200 S State Hwy 49 for \$89 (mention Native Sons), telephone (209) 223-0211.

Information is available from event chairman Jim Wilmarth, (209) 781-5675, [wilmarthj@hotmail.com](mailto:wilmarthj@hotmail.com).



*Grand President George Adams (center) leads the American Flag in the Petaluma Veterans' Day Parade. The message on the banner over the street gives us hope in these tumultuous times and reflects the Native Sons' inclusiveness as we strive to gather into our Order men and women of all races, nationalities and creeds.*

## President Adams Announces His Membership Awards

Grand President George Adams has announced his reward programs for his term.

- For bringing in two new or reinstated members: Grand President's belt buckle.

- For bringing in one new or reinstated member: Grand President's belt buckle lapel pin.

- For 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: Grand President's belt buckle.

- The Grand President will be awarding a "Lapel Pin" to brothers who actively participate in their parlor and/or Grand Parlor events during his term. These are to be presented by the Grand President at parlor or Grand Parlor events in front of the membership at large. These are intended to reward and encourage the brothers to get actively involved in our activities and projects.

- Any Parlor showing a net gain for the year would receive a Grand President's Honor Parlor award.

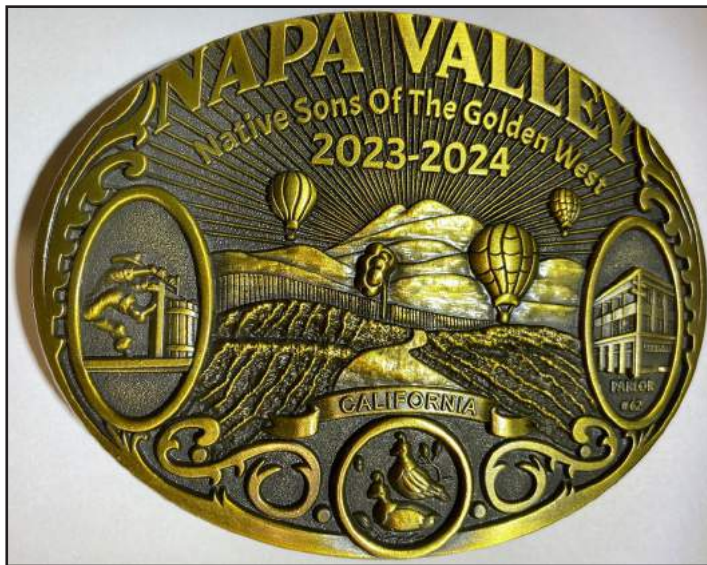
### Grand President's Passport Program

This program encourages and rewards brothers who actively visit other parlors. Upon visiting a parlor, the brother should get his passport sign off by the president or other an 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.



*Grand President George Adams will award Native Sons this belt buckle for sponsoring new members and for other contributions to our Order. Buckle depicts most of the history of the Napa Valley, including (at right) the Native Son Hall.*

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2024 LUCKY CALENDARS  
NOW ON SALE FROM GRAND PARLOR OR  
LOCAL PARLORS. \$20.  
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## CHRISTMAS DINNERS

### Eden #113

Eden 113's Christmas Party will be held December 11 at the Veteran's Hall at 22737 Main Street in Hayward. This will be a pot luck meal, with attendees asked to bring a dish. The event will start at 6 p.m. There is no charge—donations to our Charitable Foundation are requested. Reservations are not required. Contact Ron Holliday at (510) 889-1603 for information.

### Halcyon-Alameda #47

Halcyon-Alameda #47 will hold its annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 5, at the Alameda Elks Lodge Rathskeller, an event celebrating the parlor's 139th anniversary. A complete meal will feature choice of Prime Rib or Salmon. Price is \$35 per person.

Cocktails and social time is at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. A raffle will benefit the Charitable and Historical Preservation Foundations.

Everyone is invited. Dinner is by reservation only by December 2—no sales at the door. Send checks to Halcyon-Alameda #47, P O Box 2856, Alameda, CA 94501.

### Twin Peaks #214

Twin Peaks #214's Annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco, on December 12. Dinner includes two free Happy Hour cocktails (no-host bar also available) meal with choice of entrée—Roast Prime Rib, Chicken Breast Chasseur or Salmon with Champagne Sauce. Price is \$40 per person, with reservations required from Gus Vallejo, 3740-25th Street, Apt 604, San Francisco 94110, by December 8. Information from Gus at (415) 238-1184. Please include choice of entrée.

## CRAB FEEDS

### South San Francisco #157

South San Francisco #157's crab feed will be held on Saturday, January 20, at the Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Blvd., San Francisco (behind the SF Zoo).

In addition to all-you-can-eat crab, menu will feature green salad, pasta con pesto, French rolls and red and white wine on the table. Price is \$60 per person.

If you have a group who would like to attend, please make the reservation for the group keeping in mind that there will be round tables that seat 10; all seating will be pre-assigned.

Social hour starts at 6, with dinner at 7. Reservations can be made by contacting Joe Ursino at (415) 518-8108.

### Vallejo #77

Vallejo #77 will hold its Annual Crab Feed at the American Legion Post 550, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

No host cocktails are a 6 p.m., with dinner at 7. Price is \$70 per person. For reservations, contact Mike Kollar at (707) 552-1573 or [vjopal@aol.com](mailto:vjopal@aol.com).

Seating is limited to 200.

### Fairfax #307

Featuring sumptuous appetizers, salad, pasta and all the crab you can eat, Fairfax #307's crab feed will be held at St. Rita Hall, Marinda Drive and Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax, on Saturday, February 2. Price has not yet been determined. Reservations from Kevin Courtz, [kcbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcbscourt@aol.com), (415) 717-4018.

## Dedication, Donation at St. John's

By BOB SANTOS

In March of 2021, then Grand President Joe Castillo placed a plaque in St. John's Hospital Rose Garden. Because of COVID there was no ceremony so, during this year's presentation to the hospital the plaque was dedicated by Castillo and Grand President George Adams.



*Check presentation to St. John's in Santa Monica. From left, PGP Joe Castillo, JrPGP Jeff Schmidt, PGP Ron Brocco, Sheryl A. Bourgeois, Grand President George Adams, PGP Paul Lapachet, CF Director Steve Faessel.*

After the dedication there was a welcome by Sheryl A. Bourgeois, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. John's Health Center. She introduced the staff of St. John's Cleft Palate Center. A program update and patient introductions was done by Julia Hobbs Senior Speech Pathologist. Ms. Hobbs spoke on how insurance does not cover speech problems of a cleft palate patient. The Native Sons' donation helped start St. John's speech program and our donations still continue helping speech care. Ms. Hobbs introduced two young patients who gave a heartfelt "thank you" to the Native Sons.

Grand President George Adams with Steve Faessel, Southern California Coordinator of the CF and Paul Lapachet Chairman of CF presented a check to Ms. Bourgeois for \$65,000 for St. John's Cleft Palate Clinic.

The Native Sons Charitable Foundation has donated to the Cleft Palate Center for 54 years continuously and are one of the longest donors at St. John's. Ms. Bourgeois stated "We honor and thank the Native Sons for their years of dedication to the children of the Cleft Palate Center." The Cleft Palate Center at Providence St. John's Health Center in Santa Monica is a nationally recognized team known for its innovative approach to helping children with Cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial anomalies.

Donations to  
The NSGW Charitable Foundation are  
Tax Deductible.  
Your donation goes in its entirety to the children of  
the three hospitals.  
All members of the CF Board work without compensation.

## GRAND PRESIDENT

### Holiday Greetings!

As the Holidays approach and the many parlors meet for holiday dinners and events, I am looking forward to visiting multiple parlors to spread the word of family and friendship. This is one of the most exciting times for me as the Grand President to attend the holiday celebrations and to meet many of our members and their families. The Grand Officers will be traveling to their official visits and attending those holiday functions at the parlors as well.



As you gather with friends and family outside of the Native Sons encourage them to become members. Be proud of the good work we have accomplished and the plans we are working toward. I would encourage all members to check out all the improvements on the website ([NSGW.ORG](http://NSGW.ORG)). You will find current information about upcoming events and links to dedications that have been completed. I ask all parlors to send information in so that we can all be aware of their upcoming events. It is a great way

to advertise and increase your attendance, especially if you are raising money for your charitable contributions.

Attending the hospital visitation to deliver the donation checks for cleft palate has been a highlight for me. Due to COVID this was the first year to return to the hospitals for the check presentations. We were able to present a check for \$65,000 dollars to Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica on behalf of all the Native Sons. On November 20 I presented a check to UCSF Childrens hospital for \$65,000. In December I will be attending a check presentation to Sutter Memorial to present the last check for \$65,000 dollars. As the Grand President I would to thank the Charitable Foundation and all our members for their hard work that makes this happen.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, from my house to yours,  
Best Wishes and Happy Holidays!

Grand President George A. Adams

*The Native Son* welcomes your letters and opinion pieces. We believe every member of our Order is entitled to speak on subjects relating to the Native Sons of the Golden West.

We are pleased to print your contributions, especially if they offer suggestions that can improve our Order and this publication.

### THE NATIVE SON

**Fred Codoni, Managing Editor**

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## OPINION

### We Are Still Responsible for the Actions of Our Ancestors By Joe Castillo, PGP, Los Angeles #45

In the previous edition of *The Native Son*, Past Grand President Fred Codoni provided a compelling argument on why our Order should not be considered a racist organization based on our inclusion of minorities in our leadership roles within Grand Parlor. The supporting information provided by PGP Codoni is based on facts and clearly indicates that the Native Sons of 2023 have moved beyond the racist actions of our forefathers. We have changed our Constitution to not become involved in political activities, we have allowed females into our Order and we have changed our image of a "white-only" private membership club. These enhanced positions have allowed us to move into the 21st Century by clearly showing we can improve who we are and to reflect on an ever-changing California social and cultural environment.

Even though the Native Sons have made great strides in improving our image and opening our membership rolls to people of color, our membership numbers continue to decline, just as the membership numbers of other fraternal, service, and social clubs throughout California and the United States. However, the case against the Native Sons being a racist organization does not lie in what we do and accomplish today or who we allow to join our organization but it remains in our history, a history in which we have failed to take responsibility for our actions.

The main reason we are still considered a racist organization is our anti-Asian position we took before World War I especially in the agriculture industry. The Native Sons strongly opposed the employment of Asians working the crops, orchards, and fields of California's growing and prosperous agricultural industry. When the United States was unexpectedly attacked at Pearl Harbor during World War II, our anti-Asian views escalated against all people from Asian countries. The anger and hate of the Native Sons, including those who were in positions of authority as Grand Parlor officers, called on United States and California political leaders to act against Japanese immigrants living in this state, even those who were native-born citizens of the United States.

To make matters worse, the Native Sons persuaded other organizations like the Native Daughters, the American Legion, and the California State Grange to follow our lead and vocalize their concerns to their local government officials. The role we played in the Japanese interment is part of our history and no matter how many good deeds we do, we will never be able to alter that history.

Our past is our own worst enemy and we need to take responsibility for our actions of the past. Perhaps an 80-year-old overdue apology is the first step to help the healing process but until that happens we will continue to be held accountable for our racist actions. In 1988, President Reagan addressed members of Congress when signing the bill providing restitution for Japanese interment during World War II and apologized to an entire generation of Japanese-Americans by stating "We are gathered here today to right a grave wrong".

The Native Sons of the Golden West need to learn by President Reagan's example and do the same thing.

## OPINION

David G Allen, PGP

As the Native Sons of the Golden West approaches the 150th anniversary of its founding, the Order needs to take a more aggressive approach in defending and presenting itself. There seems to be a section of the population that is determined to label the NSGW a racist organization, based upon information that is over 75 years old. To wit: the Native Sons of the Golden West are an evolving and ever adapting organization and have continued to change for the last three-quarters of a century.

The Native Sons of the Golden West is long acknowledged as the most significant fraternal historical society in California. From its inception in July of 1875, it has been responsible for saving, preserving, marking, educating, purchasing, and donating labor and funding to many of California's most significant historic sites as well as dedicating hundreds of public buildings.

The Order was one of the contributing groups that led to the beginning the of California State Parks Department and the California State Historic Resources Commission.

The Order, which reflected society during the late 19th and early part of the 20th Centuries, also acknowledges its regrettable past racial policies, the most egregious of which was its involvement with the incarceration of Japanese American citizens during World War II.

The Native Sons had many successes following their historical mission in this era, but their policies concerning racial matters were not reflective of their precepts of Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity. That is the dilemma that the Native Sons face as they move forward in the 21st Century.

Over the last several years many of the early Native Sons transgressions have come to the forefront. Nationwide, many monuments, plaques, and historical references have been removed without proper review. As part of this removal process Native Sons plaques have been removed from public buildings and historical sites. The Native Sons have yet to understand why a plaque dedicated to "Truth, Liberty, and Toleration" is considered racist.

Many "historians" and groups have determined that an Internet search is good enough to indict the organization as racist, even though those views have long been expunged.

Modern researchers do not know that the Native Sons, through their Charitable Foundation have been donating to Craniofacial Clinics at three major hospitals in California for over 60 years. They do not realize that for over 20 years the Historical Preservation Foundation of the Native Sons of the Golden West has been donating to Chinese, Japanese, Native Americans, Blacks and Hispanic groups and/or sites for education, restoration, and preservation purposes.

They do not acknowledge that during the height of its anti-Asian activities in the early twentieth century, the Order contributed to the earthquake relief effort in Japan.

They do not know that for over 50 years the Native Sons have welcomed members of all ethnic groups. Many have served as state officers and several have continued to the highest level of the order, Grand President. They do not realize that there are other philanthropic endeavors through the Native Sons, both

## Bourbon Brother from LA #45

Brother Luke Bramon, Los Angeles Parlor #45, won First Place in the Kentucky Bourbon Shootout held at the Kentucky County Fair. Luke's entry of a tasty, flavor-filled, easy-drinking bourbon distilled and marketed under the catchy name of "Colonel Bramon's Bad Ass Bourbon" was the runaway winner over 47 other competitors.

For his winning entry, Brother Luke won a Kentucky County Fair Belt Buckle and added his name and entry to the best distilled bourbons in Kentucky's long history of award-winning barrel-aged American whiskeys. Luke is a native-born Californian showing his Kentucky brethren how bourbon is really distilled in the Golden State.

## LA Parlors Honor Vets

Los Angeles Parlor #45 honored our veterans by placing U.S. flags at the grave markers of over 150 veterans. On Veterans' Day 2023, LA #45 members placed U.S. flags at Downey Memorial Cemetery, a California Historical Landmark, as our tribute to American veterans. This marks the ninth consecutive year in which NSGW LA #45/Rio Hondo #294 have placed flags on both Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

In a separate event, PGP Joe Castillo gave an hour-long Veterans' Day presentation on General George S. Patton, Jr. to members and guests of the Alhambra Historical Society. Included in the presentation was NSGW's dedication of the General George S. Patton, Jr. Memorial Museum on Memorial Day 2020 and the accomplishments of the Historical Preservation Foundation of the NSGW. The Memorial Museum is located 40 miles east of Indio in Riverside County.

locally and statewide. Not one of those actions has been racially exclusive.

Current examiners seem to focus their research on information that is over seven decades old instead of recognizing changes within the organization.

Every society for thousands of years had a group that was abused, whether it was outcasts, peasants, serfs, slaves, indentured servants, or untouchables. Social structure determined that every society discriminated against those that were not able to defend themselves or were different, be it color, religion, rank or status. This is not a justification for past behavior, it is a historically-researched point.

Removing statues, re-interpreting history and incomplete historical research does nothing more than bury history under an avalanche of misinformation. While the views may be abhorrent to modern society, they represented that society at that time. The current Native Sons acknowledge their history but cannot alter it. The misfortune would have been if the Native Sons had not changed from earlier generations and continued to repeat their own history. If anything, the Order's ability to pivot from its past to its current structure is commendable and should be noted as it continues to learn and tell the story of California.

So where do the Native Sons of the Golden West go from here? Going forward is the only option. The Order owns its past regardless of how it is interpreted, but more importantly, the Order owns its present and its future and something can be done about that.

That is why we study and learn from history.



**Native Sons of the Golden West**  
has three resources available  
to reach out to all brothers  
be they near, far or wide.  
The Native Son newsletter, the  
Monthly Mailer and [NSGW.ORG](http://NSGW.ORG)  
Calendar of Events.



*Use these tools to announce  
your meetings, dinners and  
special events in a timely  
manner.*

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## NEW MEMBERS

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**Santa Rosa #28**

Benjamin Duncan

John Gibson

**Ione #33**

Lawrence Caputo

Jordan Ley

Dalton "Larry" McGuire

**Auburn #59**

Henry Cox

**Sonoma #111**

Mike Larbre

Diane Larsen

**Eden #113**

Joseph Ayala

Miles Justice

**Gabilan #132**

David Grider

## OCTOBER 2023

**Humboldt #14**

Dennis Bermers

**Woodland #30**

Linda Henigan

St. Helena #53

Daniel Alfaro

Ethan Behrens

Thomas Belt

Scott Di Stefano

Nick Etiopoules

Jesse Gambina

Luke Morgan

Anthony Pereira

James R. Rose

Jeffrey Shifflett

Adam Waters

Gannon Wilson

**Auburn #59**

Bud Price

Jeff Lasher

Brenden Killinger

Jared Jensen

Pete Ferreira

Justin Duarte

Mickey Del Curto

Derek Cash

Richard Bentley

**Las Positas #96**

Cole Gouvaia

Mark Phelps

Sam Phelps

**Ramona #109**

Bruce Buonauro

**Twin Peaks #214**

Alejandro Gomez

Dominic Juliano

Gary Juliano

Matt LaHonta

John McGill

Michael Nerney

Donald Walsh

**Fairfax #307**

Christopher Wand

## DEATHS

May our brothers rest in peace  
in the Grand Parlor on high.

## SEPTEMBER 2023

**Ione #33**

William George Gephardt

**St. Helena #53**

John West

**National #118**

Edward Everett

**Gabilan #132**

Samuel Jenkinson III

**Petaluma-Nicasio #183**

Gino Lucchessia

## OCTOBER 2023

**Humboldt #14**

John Mitts Jr.

**Halcyon - Alameda #47**

Ronald Curtis

**Las Positas #96**

Jack Chamberlin

David Dutro

Gerald Anthony Escalona

**Arrowhead #110**

Mark Anderson

South San Francisco #157

**Thomas Chase****Twin Peaks #214**

Sean Dwyer

John Wold

**Solano Loses****Last Charter Member**

Robert Lockefer, the last remaining charter member of Solano #39, has died. He was 91. Survivors include Solano Parlor President William (Bill) Lockefer and Brother Bob Lockefer.

## Fairfax Parlor Lunches Listed

All Native Sons and prospective members are invited to Fairfax Parlor's monthly dinners on the third Wednesday of each month and its lunches on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the parlor's hall.

Upcoming dinners:

December 12, Clam Chowder

No third Wednesday lunch in December.

January 9 and 23.

February 13 and 27.

Information froith Kevin Courtz at (415) 717-4018  
[kcsbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcsbscourt@aol.com).

Bar opens at 11:30, with lunch at 12:30. Lunch is \$10.



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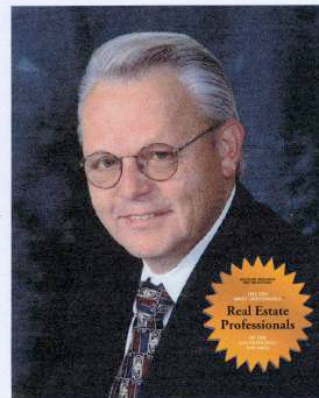
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## HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

By **CARL VON BARGEN**

If there was an appropriate song for the Historical Preservation Foundation it would probably be "On the Road Again." The last few months have been quite hectic traveling around the beautiful state of California. Visiting parlors north and south. Sharing the goals and objectives of the Historical Preservation Foundation. Travels have included Los Banos Parlor, Observatory Parlor, Sonoma Parlor, Guadalupe Parlor, Amador Parlor, Dolores-California Parlor, Redwood Parlor, Pebble Beach Parlor and Piedmont Parlor. During some of these trips it was a great pleasure to be able to



thank the parlor and the members for their generous support to assist the Historical Preservation Foundation to continue to promote the aims and goals of the Native Sons of the Golden West: Education and Preservation of the history of California.

In the coming few months look for announcements from various Historical Preservation Foundation directors, like Vice Chairman Robert Bruno and

his development team regarding a PowerPoint Presentation to share with potential donors, or Director/Grand Trustee Brice Walker and his creation of "Historical Preservation Foundation Awareness Month." Or, the Board of Directors rolling out various awards for varying levels of donations. These will include special buttons, pins, patches and challenge coins. Be on the lookout for how you can get your own HPF award.

These are just a few of the projects that the Historical Preservation Foundation Board of Directors is working on to improve our effectiveness at supporting the Native Sons of the Golden West. The Historical Preservation Foundation looks forward to discussing ideas for fundraising and worthy projects to showcase what Native Sons of the Golden West are all about. 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

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## CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

By **BOB SANTOS**

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation 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 Charitable Foundation NSGW in memory of a family member, friend or loved one an acknowledgement card is sent to the person you put down who you like to receive it. You can use our donation envelopes or go to [nsgw.org](http://nsgw.org) to copy or send your donation with instructions. We always send a card with the name and donor and also the name and donor will go into *The Native Son*.

#### In Memory of Catherine Cook

Janet Fauss

#### In Memory of Michael P. Starr

Laura Mattos

#### In Memory of Jeffery Isaacson

Laura Mattos

#### In Memory of Joe Sangiacomo

Past Presidents # 1

#### In Memory of Anthony Marrotto

Past Presidents #1

#### Cleft Palate Fund

Janet Fauss

#### In Memory of Ken Tillotson

Janet Fauss

#### In Memory of Debbie Perry

Jim & Pat Moranda

The Personal Donations, 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. We the Directors thank you very much for your support.

**How to donate.** Giving to Cleft Palate can be done directly with personal donations in memory of a loved one that has passed away or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits, donations with your employer and matching funds. Check with your tax consultant on different programs.

The Native Sons of the Golden West dedication ceremony of the historical plaque for Providence Saint John's Health Center, officiated by PGP Joe Castillo and assisted by GP George Adams in the St. John's Rose Garden was originally installed by then GP Joe Castillo back in March of 2021 but because of COVID there wasn't any ceremony.

**Mission Statement.** The Native Sons of the Golden West Charitable Foundation is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping children who are born with a cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial birth defects.

corporate or individual donor that you feel we should approach, or information about a project that you feel should be investigated and supported that will enhance California Historical Preservation and Education. We look forward to working hard for each and every Native Son for the coming year.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Native Sons of the Golden West to prosper and grow. Please look at the Historical Preservation Foundations roster and find your local Director to discuss how the HPF can help your Parlor with a future project. We always look forward to talking, and working with the Brothers of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

## RETRO RAMBLINGS

By **DOUGLAS LOVE, Grand Trustee, Napa Parlor #62**

Within Victory Park in downtown Stockton stands the red brick Haggin Museum. The museum houses an extensive collection of American and European art as well as displays covering the history of California, the growth of manufacturing and agriculture in the Central Valley and in Stockton in particular. There are displays dedicated to Charles Weber, the founder of the City of Stockton, an entire gallery dedicated to Benjamin Holt and the development of the Caterpillar Tractor, to Tillie Lewis, who introduced tomato production and canning to San Joaquin County, to Sperry Flour Mills, one of the oldest milling companies in California. The museum also has an exhibit dedicated to Stephens Brothers boats and houses that company's archives. There is also a reconstructed 1900s "Main Street" and various exhibits of local interest.

In 1928, the San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society was founded with the following objectives: "To develop educational facilities for the study of history, to collect documents and articles of historical interest and to establish and maintain a museum where such items could be stored and displayed." In April 1929 Mr. Robert T. McKee made an offer to the San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society on behalf of his wife, Eila: if an art wing was added to the purposed history museum and named in honor of her late father, Louis Terah Haggin, she would donate thirty thousand dollars towards construction of the building as well as an unspecified number of paintings from her father's collection.

### Museum Opens in 1931

With this gift, the museum opened on June 14, 1931. The museum has been expanded and renovated several times since then; the latest renovation being completed in 2017. The several galleries hold pieces from the Haggin collection of European and American art, a significant collection of the works of J.C. Leyendecker, who was, before Norman Rockwell, one of America's best known commercial artists, and the archives, not only of the San Joaquin Pioneer and Historical Society, but of the Stephens Brothers Boat Works, material from the Holt Manufacturing Company, the Sperry Flour Company, and the Tillie Lewis Food Company.

In its American Gallery, the Haggin displays some of the finest works from the Hudson River School including paintings by George Inness, William Bradford, Thomas Moran and Albert Bierstadt. In the Haggin and McKee Galleries, there are many European Realist and Impressionist works to view, including works by William Merritt Chase, Rosa Bonheur, Jean Beraud, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, and many others, all dating from the mid-19th to the early 20th century. There are some small statuary and ornamental pieces on display. There is also the Jeanie Hunter Rooms, which give a glimpse into how a prosperous farmhouse was furnished at the turn of the 20th century.

### Indigenous People, World War II, Murderer

The museum also has an extensive collection of Indigenous American artifacts, including a recreated Miwok dwelling, and various historic vehicles on display including a WWII jeep that was one of 275 funded by the donations from the students and faculty of Stockton High School.

One of the oddest artifacts is the "Death Trunk" of Emma LeDoux, the first woman sentenced to death for murder in California. Emma poisoned her third husband, stuffed him in the trunk

while he was alive and had the trunk sent to the train depot in Stockton. Her husband died in the trunk. The murder was discovered after the baggage master noticed a foul smell emanating from the trunk and called the authorities. Emma was sentenced to death, but upon retrial she was sentenced to life in prison. The trunk is a grisly artifact of an at the time scandalous crime.

### Leyendecker Art

For me, the jewel of the Haggin Museum, besides the collection of Bierstadt paintings, is the collection of illustrations by J.C. Leyendecker. From the early 1900s though the 1930s Leyendecker was one of the best known commercial illustrators in the country. His clients included Arrow shirts, Hart-Shaffner & Marx, Amoco, the Boy Scouts of America, Ivory Soap, Karo Syrup, Palmolive, Cream of Wheat, Kellogg's, the Saturday Evening Post, the Timken Company, Willys-Overland, Collier's Weekly and the U.S. Army, Navy, and Marine Corps. His illustrations helped define the style and look of the 1910s-1930s. Some of his illustrations remain recognizable today. He was Norman Rockwell before Norman Rockwell became famous. His sister donated many of his works to the Haggin Museum upon her death. The Haggin Museum now holds the largest museum collection of his works.



*A precursor of Norman Rockwell, J. C. Leyendecker was the premier illustrator of his era. The Haggin Museum has the largest collection of his work in existence.*

**GETTING THERE:** The Haggin Museum is located at 1201 N. Pershing Avenue, Stockton, CA 95203. From 414 Mason Street take I-80 East across the Bay Bridge to I-580 East. From I-580 East, take I-205 East towards Tracy/Stockton. Merge onto I-5 North. Take Exit 473 for the University of the Pacific/North Pershing Ave. Turn Left on to Picardy Drive and then right into Victory Park. The museum will be on the right.

## LOTT'S LAKE REPORT

By DAN FOPPE, Lott's Lake Chairman

As mentioned in our last report, we went to Lott's Lake for a clean up of the property. The crew included Dan Foppe, Sean Roaden and Carl and Karen Von Bargaen.

When we arrived, we noted that the tank house was ready to fall over and was unsafe and had to be dismantled. We found old mining tools which will go to the NSGW Museum.

The roof covering the outhouse at the end of the property had blown off so we replaced it. During the three days and two nights that we were there, we managed to haul three trailer loads out to the dumps.

The east campground was cleaned by others prior to our arrival. I want to extend a big "thank you" to the members for their time and efforts in cleaning up the campsite.

I'm planning a Lott's Lake Committee meeting in January 2024, the date and time to be determined.

## Santa Rosa Monthly Dinners

Santa Rosa #28 welcomes Native Sons, families and friends to the parlor's monthly dinners held the second Wednesday of the month. Dinner is typically \$15 and includes beer, wine, soda and water, although donations toward drinks are always appreciated. (or bring something to share and leave for next month).

Santa Rosa Hall is located at 3318 Stony Point Road south of Santa Rosa proper, just North of Todd Rd.

December 13 is the parlor's annual Christmas Buffet and Raffle. Attendees are asked to bring a gift to be raffled off with proceeds going to Cleft Palate Charitable Foundation. Social hour is at 6:30, with dinner at 7. Carpooling is advised and reservations are a must! Call Mark at (707) 350-1116 by the Friday prior to dinner.

January 10 features PGP Gene Perry's Polenta and Stew Feed, \$20. Social begins 6:30, Dinner Served 7. Reservations are a must. Call 707-350-1116 or 707-291-3646.

## LA #45 ACTIVITIES

### Tour of Restored Mission

Los Angeles Parlor #45 has arranged for a tour of the restored San Gabriel Mission on December 9 at 8:30 a.m. The tour is open to all NSGW and Native Daughters of the Golden West and is free of charge. The Mission was damaged in an arsonist started fire in 2020 and has just completed repairs. The tour will cover the Mission church, the museum and garden area. The NSGW, NDGW and the Historical Preservation Foundation are all providing funding for the restoration of the Mission after the devastating 2020 fire and the Mission is holding this tour in their honor. Please contact PGP Joe Castillo (626-205-0017) or Fran Carothers (626) 332-1203.

### Peet House Dedication

Los Angeles Parlor #45 will hold a dedication of the historic Peet House located at 1139 S. Harvard Blvd., Los Angeles, on Saturday December 2 at noon. The Peet House is an 1889 Victorian house owned and restored by former Grand Historian Aaron Brown. The site was identified as an NSGW Historical Landmark site during the 2020-2021 Grand Parlor year; however, due to COVID-19 restrictions it could not be dedicated. The plaque is co-sponsored by Grand Parlor, Past Grand President Joe Castillo and Ramona Parlor #109 President Mary Garcia. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact PGP Joe Castillo (626) 205-0017.

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Grand President George Adams held a Countywide initiation at Eden Parlor #113 November 13 for five candidates. Initiated were one for Halcyon-Alameda #47, two for Eden #113 and two for #120. After the initiation members of Eden #113 served a Bean and Linguica Feed to welcome the new members. The Initiation Team was Ed McLean DD-Halcyon-Alameda #47, Kris Nelson G3VP Petaluma-Nicasio #183, Doug Love Gr. Trustee-Napa #62, Ron Brocco PGP-Sonoma #111, George Adams Gr President- Napa #62, Chris Adams Gr Marshal-Napa #62, Ron Holliday Former Gr Marshal- Eden # 113, Joe Ursino PGP- SSF #157

**SEPT. CALENDAR WINNERS**

\$20	Jenny Perazzo	Sacramento	1-Sep-23
\$75	Aaron Moxley	Fair Oaks	2-Sep-23
\$20	Keith Coulombe	Hydesville	3-Sep-23
\$20	Leslie Foppe	Petaluma	4-Sep-23
\$20	Dean Zellers	Sonoma	5-Sep-23
\$20	Wayne Shellcross	Rocklin	6-Sep-23
\$20	Jack Lane	Alameda	7-Sep-23
\$20	Roger Kucich IV	Chico	8-Sep-23
\$500	Wayne Walker	Pioneer	9-Sep-23
\$20	Ron Alberti	Dos Palos	10-Sep-23
\$20	Allen Poon	Fremont	11-Sep-23
\$20	Dean Hubbard	Eureka	12-Sep-23
\$20	Ray Molinari	San Francisco	13-Sep-23
\$20	Isaiah Salcido	Pleasant View	14-Sep-23
\$20	Jason Perazzo	Sacramento	15-Sep-23
\$75	Glenn Berry	Valley Springs	16-Sep-23
\$20	Kahl Rodrigues	Gilroy	17-Sep-23
\$20	Rick Wong	Daly City	18-Sep-23
\$20	The Duncans	Fair Oaks	19-Sep-23
\$20	Rich Pharo	Sonoma	20-Sep-23
\$20	Steven Reinhart	Pioneer	21-Sep-23
\$20	Zellers	Sonoma	22-Sep-23
\$75	Margarida DaSilva	Novato	23-Sep-23
\$20	Jim Swift	Sutter Creek	24-Sep-23
\$20	Helen Minar	Alameda	25-Sep-23
\$20	Ron Holliday	Hayward	26-Sep-23
\$20	Eugene Eliason	Napa	27-Sep-23
\$20	Jill Molson	San Bernadino	28-Sep-23
\$20	Vernon Parcell	Brentwood	29-Sep-23
\$150	Steve Lopez	Fremont	30-Sep-23

**OCT. CALENDAR WINNERS**

20	Matt Haskin	Auburn	1-Oct-23
20	Marla Smalley	Sonoma	2-Oct-23
20	Cesar Valerio	Milpitas	3-Oct-23
20	Dave Wilson	Sonoma	4-Oct-23
20	Steven Ormond	Martinez	5-Oct-23
20	Eugene Eliason	Napa	6-Oct-23
75	Kyle Dutschke	Ione	7-Oct-23
20	James H. Marek Jr.	Napa	8-Oct-23
20	Tim Tullius	San Francisco	9-Oct-23
20	Kathleen McCann	SSF	10-Oct-23
20	Ray Galligan	Sonoma	11-Oct-23
20	Vernon Parcell	Brentwood	12-Oct-23
20	Dave Armanino	San Mateo	13-Oct-23
75	Gary Cooper Morse	Ione	14-Oct-23
20	Lisa Santos	Fremont	15-Oct-23
20	Dirk Christenson	Sunol	16-Oct-23
20	Bob Fletcher	Daly City	17-Oct-23
20	Timothy Wilson	Carlotta	18-Oct-23
20	Dennis Zwicker	San Lorenzo	19-Oct-23
20	Mary Shubert	Perris	20-Oct-23
75	Jake Ryan	Danville	21-Oct-23
20	Rod Ivy	Grass Valley	22-Oct-23
20	Jake Beretta	Prunedale	23-Oct-23
20	Tony Droubay	Murphys	24-Oct-23
20	Margarida DaSilva	Novato	25-Oct-23
20	Barbara Banks	Petaluma	26-Oct-23
20	NSGW #62	Napa	27-Oct-23
75	Victor Crespi	San Francisco	28-Oct-23
20	Jeff Wellman	San Jose	29-Oct-23
20	Gabriella Menzel	Pleasanton	30-Oct-23
150	John Harrison	Sonoma	31-Oct-23



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# Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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Web Site NSGW.ORG

Revised July 2023 B

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st	Halcyon-Alameda #47 7PM	Amador #17 6:30PM Guadalupe #231 11:30AM Santa Lucia #97 7PM Business	Argonaut #8 6PM Chispa #139 6:30PM Fairfax #307 7PM Business Ione #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM San Jose #22 Meeting 11AM Santa Cruz #90 6PM Solano #39 7PM Business Twin Peaks #214 Social 7PM Washington #169 7:30PM Sept-June Woodland #30 6PM	Excelsior #31 7PM JC Fremont #293 6:30PM National #118 11:30AM St Helena #53 Meeting 5PM Santa Ana #74 11AM Sunset #26 7 PM			
2nd	Eden #113 7PM Elk Grove #41 7PM Humboldt #14 6:30PM Napa #62 7:30PM Business Sonoma #111 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting Quartz #58 6PM Sept-June	Auburn #59 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon Mt Bally #87 May-Dec Placerville #9 6pm San Luis Obispo #290 7PM Vallejo #77 7:30pm Yuba #55 6 pm	Columbia #258 7PM Dolores #111:30AM Estudillo #223 5PM Business Ferndale #93 6 PM Dinner Hydraulic #56 7PM Los Banos #206 6PM Modesto #11 5PM Petaluma-Nicasio #183 6PM Pebble Beach #230 6:30pm Santa Rosa #28 6:30PM Dinner South SF #157 7PM	Benicia #89 (Dark July, Aug) Col.Holderman #316 6:45pm Gabilan #132 6:30pm Georgetown #91 6:30pm Las Positas #96 7PM Piedmont #120 6PM Ramona #109 7PM Meeting Redwood #66 7:30pm		Konocti #159 12PM (When Able)	Los Angeles #45 (Rio Hondo + University) 10AM Juan Sanchez Adobe in Montebello
3rd	Napa #62 6:30PM Social/Dinner Santa Ana #74 8PM Santa Lucia #97 6:00PM Dinner Sutter #261 7PM	Watsonville #65 1:30PM	De Anza #312 6PM (dark July, Aug) Fairfax #307 7PM Dinner Ferndale #93 7PM Business Golden Gate #29 7:30PM Humboldt #14 7:30PM Ione #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM Observatory #177 5:30PM Solano #39 6PM Social Twin Peaks #214 Business 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June	Silver Star #63 6PM (Dark July, Aug.)	Chispa Social Dinner	Redwood #66 Bear Lodge (May-Oct)	
4th	Eden #113 7PM Dinner Humboldt #14 Dinner Napa #62 7:30PM Business	Auburn #59 7PM Calistoga #86 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon	Arrowhead #110 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting Estudillo #223 6PM Social 7PM Dinner San Jose #22 11AM Lunch South SF #157 7PM Stockton #7 6:30PM	Las Positas #96 7PM *Last Thurs (4th or 5th) Piedmont #120 6PM (Dark Nov, Dec) San Miguel #150 7PM St Helena #53 Dinner 6PM Sunset #26 7PM			

\*\* Verify Meeting Times and Locations -- Parlor Contacts Listed in The Directory  
Downieville #92 - On Call Presidio #194 - No Meetings

Email Corrections to Mitch Laing via NSGW28Mitch@gmail.com

**PARLOR MEETINGS BY LOCATION****Want to visit another parlor to get a stamp in your Native Son Passport? Here's where and when they meet!**

Alameda - Halcyon-Alameda #47: 1st Mon., 7:00pm, Alameda Elks Lodge  
 Antioch - Byron #170: 2nd Wed., 7:00pm, Antioch Historical Society Museum  
 Auburn - Auburn #59: 1st Tues. Board Mtg, 6:30pm, 2nd Tues. Business Meeting, 7:00pm, NSGW Hall  
 Benecia - Benicia #89: 2nd Thurs., 6:00pm, No meetings July & August, B.D.E.S. Hall  
 Calistoga - Calistoga #86: 4th Tues., 7:00pm, except July & 3rd Tues. of Dec., Calistoga Community Ctr  
 Castroville - Gabilan #132: 2nd Thurs., 6:30pm, NSGW Hall  
 Columbia - Columbia #258: 2nd Wed., 6:00pm, Columbia Museum Hall  
 Diamond Springs - Placerville #9: 2nd Tues., 6:00pm, IOOF Hall  
 Downieville - Downieville #92: Meeting on call, NDGW Hall  
 El Centro - De Anza #312: 3rd Wed., 6:00pm, No meetings Jul. & Aug., Soba's  
 Elk Grove - Elk Grove #41: 2nd Mon., 7:00pm, NSGW Hall  
 Eureka - Humboldt #14: 2nd Mon. Bus. at 6:30pm, 4th Mon. Social at 6:30pm, NSGW Hall  
 Fairfax - Fairfax #307: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:30pm, Native Sons Hall  
 Fairfield - Fairfield - Solano #39: 1st Wed., 7:00pm, Bus., 3rd Wed., 7:00pm, Soc., Masonic Hall  
 Ferndale - Ferndale #93: 2nd Wed., Social, 6:00 pm, Turf Room – Humboldt Co. Fairgrounds  
 3rd Wed., Business, 6:00pm, Club House - Royal Crest Mobile Estates  
 Georgetown - Georgetown; 2nd Thurs., 6:30pm, IOOF Hall  
 Grass Valley - Quartz #58: 2nd Mon., 6:00pm, Sept – June, American Legion Post 130  
 Gustine - John C. Fremont #293: 1st Thurs., 6:00pm, Veterans Hall  
 Hayward - Eden #113: 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:00pm, Hayward Veterans Hall  
 Ione - Ione #33: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:00pm, NSGW Hall  
 Jackson - Excelsior #31: 1st Thurs., 6:30pm, NSGW Hall  
 Kelseyville - Konocti #159: 2nd Sat., Noon, Braitto's Marina  
 Lincoln-Silver Star #63: 3rd Thurs., 6:00 pm, except Jul.&Aug, Sierra Hills Framing, 531 Lincoln Blvd., Ste B  
 Livermore - Las Positas #96: 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:00pm, Odd Fellows Hall  
 Lodi - Lodi #18: 1st & 3rd Wed., 7:00pm, 8897 E. Kettleman  
 Los Banos - Los Banos #206: 2nd Wed., Dinner Meeting, 6:00pm, D.E.S. Hall  
 Modesto - Modesto #11: 2nd Wed., 5:00pm, The Secret Garden Restaurant  
 Montebello – Los Angeles #45: 2nd Sun., 10:00am, Sanchez Adobe Museum  
 Murphys - Chispa #139: 1st Wed., 6:00pm, NSGW Hall  
 Napa - Napa #62: 2nd & 4th Mon., 7:30pm, NSGW Hall  
 Napa - Col. Nelson M. Holderman: 2nd Thurs., 6:30pm, 2310 Laurel St., Ste. 1  
 Nevada City - Hydraulic #56: 2nd Wed., 6:00pm, Roadrunner Auto  
 Newark - Washington #169: 1st Wed., 7:30pm, except Jul & Aug., Newark Pavilion  
 Oroville - Argonaut #8: 1st Wed., 6:00pm, Dunstone Memorial Hall  
 Pacifica - Golden Gate #29: 3rd Wed., 7:30pm, Pacifica American Legion Hall  
 Pescadero - Pebble Beach #230: 2nd Wed., 7:00pm, NSGW Hall  
 Petaluma – Petaluma Nicasio #183: 2nd Wed., 6:00pm, Hermann Sons Hall  
 Redwood City - Redwood #66: 2nd Thur., 7:30pm, Eagles Hall  
 Sacramento - Sunset #26: 1st Thurs., 6:30pm, Denny's (Auburn & Watt)  
 Salinas - Santa Lucia #97: 1st Tues., Business, 7:00pm, 3rd Mon., Social, 6:30p.m., NSGW Hall  
 St. Helena - St. Helena #53: 1st Thurs., Bus., Mtg, 5pm, 4th Thurs. Social, 5pm, NSGW Hall  
 San Bernadino - Arrowhead #110: 4th Wed., 7pm, Nov. Last Wed., 7:00pm, Enterprise Building  
 San Francisco- Dolores California #1: 2nd Wed., 11:30am, Italian American Social Club  
 San Francisco - Guadalupe #231: 1st Tues., 11am,  
 San Francisco - Presidio #194: 4th Wed., 11:00am, ???  
 San Francisco - South San Francisco #157: 2nd & 4th Wed., 7:00pm, Janet Pomeroy Center  
 San Francisco - Twin Peaks #214: 1st Wed., Soc., 7:00pm, 3rd Wed., Bus., 7:00pm, Janet Pomeroy Center  
 San Gabriel - Ramona #109: 2nd Thurs., 7:00pm, Ramona NSGW Hall/Museum  
 San Jose - San Jose #22: 1st Wed. Bd. Mtg., 11:00am, 4th Wed., Lnh. Mtg., 11:00am, Holder's Country Inn  
 San Jose - Observatory #177: 3rd Wed., 5:30pm, Willow Glen American Legion  
 San Leandro - Estudillo #223: 2nd Wed., 5:00pm, 4th Wed., 7:00pm, Veterans' Memorial Building  
 San Leandro - Piedmont #120: 2nd Thurs., 6:00pm, Except Nov. & Dec., Veterans' Memorial Bldg.  
 San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo #290: 2nd Tues., 7:00pm, I.O.O.F. Hall  
 San Miguel - San Miguel #150: 4th Thurs., 7:00pm, San Miguel Community Center  
 Santa Ana - Santa Ana #74: 1st Thurs., 11:30am, At a restaurant tbd  
 Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz #90: 1st Wed., 6:00pm, N.S.G.W. Hall  
 Santa Rosa - Santa Rosa #28: 2nd Wed., 7:00pm, except July, N.S.G.W. Hall

Smartsville - Yuba #55: 2nd Tues., 6:00pm, Smartsville Community Church  
Sonoma - Sonoma #111: 2nd Mon., 7:00pm, Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall  
South San Francisco – Guadalupe #231: 1st Tue., 11:00am, Basque Cultural Center  
South San Francisco - National #118: 1st Thurs., 11:30am, Basque Cultural Center  
Stockton - Stockton #7: 4th Wed., 6:30pm, Italian Athletic Club  
Sutter - Sutter #261: 3rd Mon., 7:00pm, NDGW Hall  
Sutter Creek - Amador #17: 1st Tues., 6:30pm, NSGW Hall  
Vallejo - Vallejo #77: 2nd Tues., 7:30pm, Vallejo PAL Building  
Watsonville - Watsonville #65: 3rd Tues., 1:30pm, I.O.O.F. Hall  
Weaverville - Mt. Bally #87: 2nd Tues., May - December, Various Places  
Woodland - Woodland #30: 1st Wed., 6:00pm, Rotating locations