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Welcome to the 146th Grand Parlor!

The 146th Grand Parlor will be held at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel in South Lake Tahoe from Sunday, May 14 through Thursday, May 18.

Grand President Jeff Schmidt and the 146th Grand Parlor Committee are ready to welcome you and have planned a whole slate of events for the week, including the business sessions and plenty of activities during Play Day.

Delegate and guest pre-registration is \$125 per person, which includes the barbecue and the Grand Banquet. Pre-registration deadline is May 5.

Hotel rooms are \$134 single and \$154 double per room suite. Parking is \$19 per night and resort fee is \$24 per night which includes breakfast. Individual reservations may be made by calling (530) 544-5400, referring to the group code "Native Sons." Attendees need to make the room reservations by April 12. Those needing an ADA room should advise the hotel when making reservations. Check-in time is 3 p.m.

Candidates for Grand Office will have their hospitality rooms assigned by the Committee but it is their responsibility to make their own hotel reservations.

The Committee encourages everyone to stay at the headquarters hotel since there is a guarantee of the number of room nights in the contract and they must be paid for by the Committee if not occupied.



Schmidt Schedules Cruise

Reviving a tradition of the past wherein retiring grand presidents had a cruise or other travel opportunity for Native Sons and guests, Grand President Jeff Schmidt has scheduled a seven-night trip on the *Crown Princess* October 22-29. The ship will leave San Francisco on October 22, visiting Ensenada, San Diego, Los Angeles and Santa Barbara before returning to San Francisco (no air travel required!) Prices range from \$497 to \$947 per person and up. Taxes, fees and port charges add \$275 per person.

Information from Lisa Roden, alwayscruising@gmail.com or (530-591-3543).

Grand Parlor Resolutions

There are 32 resolutions to be discussed and either approved or disapproved by delegates to the 146th Grand Parlor. Most deal with minor or significant changes in the Constitution of the Grand and Subordinate parlors. This is the most resolutions in recent memory. They are too lengthy to print in *The Native Son*, but will appear in the Advance Reports. Delegates are urged to study them prior to the opening of the Grand Parlor.

Join the Delegates and Guests at the 146th Grand Parlor!
The hotel is next to Harrah's on the Nevada side for those who like a little gaming.
Hospitality rooms on Wednesday of Grand Parlor will provide food and beverages sponsored by candidates for Grand Parlor Office.
The 146th Grand Parlor will be memorable!
See you there!

Candidates for GP Office Are Unopposed

At press time, all candidates for Grand Parlor office are unopposed. They are:

Grand Third Vice President - **Kris Nelson**, Petaluma-Nicasio #183.

Grand Trustees:

Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66

Richard Cortez, Ferndale #93

Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda #47

Doug Love, Napa #72

Larry Schork, Petaluma-Nicasio #183

Ethan Phillips, Bidwell #21

Bryce Walker, Observatory #177

Grand Marshal - **Chris Adams**, Napa #62

Grand Inside Sentinel - **Tommy Baggett**, Amador #17

Grand Outside Sentinel - **Sean Paggett**, Sonoma #111.

PATRICIA RILEY
9-12-39 - 3-6-2023

Patricia Riley, widow of Past Grand President Jim Riley and long-time member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, died March 6. Services were held March 27.

146TH GRAND PARLOR

Ladies Honor Our First Lady

On Monday, May 15, our ladies will honor First Lady Derren Schmidt with a luncheon in the Tallac Room of the headquarters hotel.

Theme of the luncheon is "Celebrating Vintage California."

Seating will begin at 11:30, with lunch served at noon.

Entree choices are Flame Broiled Chicken Breast with Pesto Cream Sauce, Seared Salmon with Mango Salsa and Creamy Citrus Sauce, and Portobello Napoleon with Roasted Vegetables and Risotto, Drizzled with Pesto Sauce. All entrees include a Cranberry Spinach Salad, Rolls, Coffee and Hot or Cold Tea and Chocolate Flourless Cake with Cookies and Brownies.

Because of increased food costs, the price has been set at \$60 per person. Reserve by mailing a check, payable to "Karen McLean, Ladies Luncheon" to Karen at 161 Detert Lane, Jackson, CA 95642. Be sure to specify any dietary restrictions. Paid reservations must be made by April 30 (no exceptions).

2023-2024 Budget Proposed

The Grand Parlor Finance Committee has submitted the proposed budget for the Native Sons of the Golden West's next fiscal year. If adopted at the 146th Grand Parlor, it will result in a per capita tax of \$54.84.

Expenditures are divided into Budget Items and Grand Secretary's Office Budget.

Budget Items. These items are the same as FY 146 with the following changes:

6271 Official Publication + \$2,000

6281 Organization + \$4,500

6341 Regalia - + \$1,500

6391 Visiting Board + \$7,000

6492 Contingency Fund + \$331

2500 Legal Fund - \$5,000

Net change increases Budget Items \$10,331 for a total of \$148,063 vs. \$137,732 for previous year.

Grand Secretary's Office Budget

Again, expenditures are the same as FY 146 with the following changes:

6181 Grand Parlor Printing + \$500

6361 Grand Secretary's Salary + \$1,421

6361 Office Secretary's Salary + \$3,193

6411 Payroll Taxes - \$1,600

Net change increases Grand Secretary's Budget by \$3,514

Grand total for the proposed budget is \$366,715 vs. \$352,870 for previous year.

Estimated subtractions, such as Hall Association interest and dividends, total \$52,583, resulting in an increase of \$13,845, total \$314,132 upon which the per capita tax is based.

OTHER GRAND PARLOR EVENTS

Other Grand Parlor Play Day events will be a horseshoe tournament and a Pedro tournament. Sign-ups will be during Grand Parlor.

Texas Hold 'em Tournery May 14

Brother Mark Spaugh is holding what has become an Annual Texas Hold 'em Tournament at the headquarters hotel on Sunday, May 14, from 7 to 12 p.m. The room location has not yet been determined.

Buy-in is \$250, with \$100 rebuys in the first two hours. There will be a bounty on last year's winner to be paid out upon their elimination from the tournament. From each buy-in, \$200 will go to the HPF and our Charitable Foundation ("Cleft Palate"), with the remaining divided by the winners. This is a limited seating tournament of ten players.

Brother Mark said "This is a fund raiser. Many of you will be donating to one or both of our beloved charities, and you might consider using this tournament as your vehicle for making your donation. You can get a receipt for tax purposes for the event. Everyone at the tables will help those who may be less skilled at this game. What a way to make your donation!"

"You will be expected to bring cash (no checks) to this event to gain entrance to the tournament. Rebuys must also be paid in cash the day of the tournament. Any open seats that have not been reserved will be filled by walk-ins. If you have a favorite beverage, it will be up to you to bring it. This tournament is open only to Native Sons and Native Daughters. Bring your game face, your antics, your lucky hat, and let's have some fun for our two charities. I personally look forward to taking all your money."

Advance reservations are required from Mark Spaugh, (408) 455-6960 / Markspaugh27@ymail.com.

Trap Shoot in Carson City

The 146th Grand Parlor Trap Shoot will be held on Wednesday, May 17, at the Capitol City Gun Club, 3590 Arrowhead Drive, Carson City.

Entry fee is \$20 plus \$10 per round. Gun rentals and ammo will be available. Ear and eye protection is required. Only target loads are allowed, no base loads and nothing larger than 7-1/2 shot. Shooters must sign Release of Liability at time of registration.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m. Shooting starts are 9 a.m. sharp.

Entry fee will be used for prize awards and support of the Youth Shooting Program(s) of the Capital City Gun Club.

For pre-registration and questions, contact PGP Duane Gavin, cell (650) 787-8773 / redwood66ms@yahoo.com or Chris Leon, cell (909) 709-4752 / crleon1955@gmail.com.

THE NATIVE SON

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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Time to Go Electronic

We are many years into the "Electronic Era." Many of us use the Internet to pay our bills, communicate with friends, find information, even guide us to our destinations by "apps" such as Waze or Google. There are many who have had e-mail for so long that they don't remember when they installed it.

Yet, deep into the "Era," the Grand Parlor Budget for 2023-2024 shows \$22,000 for our "Official Publication." That amount goes only to printing and mailing of *The Native Son*. The editor is a volunteer, and all the contributors are volunteers.

That \$22,000 represents almost *four dollars* on the per capita tax. With so many parlors struggling to pay their bills, every cent we can snip from the per capita tax is significant.

Many of you already receive *The Native Son* by e-mail. It's a much nicer edition, because it's in color (we can't afford to print the mail edition in color). You receive it by e-mail the day it goes to the printer; you may wait a long time for the mail copy and often the news is stale (thank you, United State Post Office).

It's decision time. We need to decrease the cost of *The Native Son*. One way is to reduce the number of yearly issues, now at six, to four or fewer. Next is to go entirely to e-mail.

If you have e-mail, and you want to receive *The Native Son* by e-mail (and aren't already receiving it that way), please send your

e-mail address to the Grand Parlor office (grandsecretary@nsgw.org) so we can work toward reducing or eliminating the print edition altogether.

However, our goal will always remain to have *every* Native Son receive a copy of *The Native Son*. We will never eliminate anyone for not being able to use e-mail.

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor 1991-?

NSGW Scholarships Available

The Native Sons of the Golden West Scholarship Foundation is awarding one \$2,000 and two \$1,000 merit-based grant awards to a California junior or senior high school student or one enrolled in a California junior college or a freshman in a 4-year institution of higher learning. There will also be a Vocational Skills Scholarship of \$1,200.

The scholarships will be awarded to students who demonstrate achievements in academics, participation in school activities, leadership, and personal development. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, gender, age, physical abilities, or financial status. Funds will be sent to the school. Entrants must be a relative of a Native Son of the Golden West or a Native Son.

Go to nsgw.org for entry form.




PRINCESS

Grand Presidents' Cruise

7 Night Cruise from San Francisco, CA
Oct 22-29, 2023

Crown Princess

Visiting Ensenada, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and San Diego

Interior	\$497* pp
Balcony	\$947* pp

Lisa Roden
530-591-3543
alwayscruising@gmail.com

*prices and ports subject to change – call for current up to date pricing— taxes, fees and port expenses of \$275 additional





GRAND PRESIDENT

My Worthy Brothers:

As this will be my last article for The Native Son this 2022-2023 term, I would like to first and foremost thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve as your Grand President. Thank you for your support, friendship and dedication



that will never be forgotten and my gratitude will forever be held in the highest esteem.

Over the past 10 months Grand Marshal Mitch Laing, Santa Rosa Parlor #28 and I have had the opportunity to visit 50 parlors including meetings, fundraisers, special events and social gatherings. We as grand officers have conducted 11 Grand Parlor Initiations throughout the

State of California and have currently completed 10 historic dedications with more forthcoming during these next 60 days.

I am looking forward to a very successful Grand Parlor Convention beginning Sunday May 14 in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. I'm also excited about moving our agenda forward during our annual convocation. The host hotel, Tahoe Resort Hotel, is the same wonderful resort hotel we've used for prior conventions; the name may be different but your assistance by booking using the SONS code helps offset the tremendous expense for holding this gathering and the facilities necessary for 300 Native Sons and friends.

I would also at this time like to thank all brothers for your continued support of our Charitable Foundation, Historical Preservation Foundation, our Lucky Calendar program and our annual Special Fundraiser. I have been overwhelmed by the number of community projects, family events and regular gatherings this past year as parlors are back in action after the prolonged delay due to pandemic restrictions.

There are so many brothers that need to be recognized for their assistance, continued dedication and ongoing support of our beloved Order and I will thank you all in South Lake Tahoe at the 146th Grand Parlor Convention. There will be many opportunities for us to rekindle our friendships and develop new ones this May in South Lake Tahoe. We will be officially kicking off the Native Sons/Native Daughters Grand Presidents' California Cruise at the convention and details will be available in your registration packets. Our travel agent for this exciting event, Brother Lisa Roden, a member of Argonaut #8, will be in attendance to answer any of your questions or special request.

I wish all candidates running for Grand Office positions in 2023-2024 the best and look forward to serving with all of you as Jr. Past Grand President next year.

May God bless each and every one of you, the Golden State of California and continue to bless our Beloved Order the Native Sons of the Golden West.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,
Jeffrey A. Schmidt
Grand President 2022-2023

Grand Parlor

Membership Rewards Program

Final Phase for 146th Grand Parlor

By KRIS NELSON

Chairman of the Membership Committee

The 146th NSGW Grand Parlor is just around the corner in May and it's time to submit requests to Grand Parlor for all NSGW brothers who have qualified for any of the Grand President's Membership Reward programs. These requests should be submitted to the Grand Parlor offices by May 1, 2023.

Each parlor Recording Secretary should submit a list of each brother who qualifies for a reward to Grand President Jeff Schmidt through the Grand Parlor offices. Email your requests to grand-parlor@nsgw.org. If a brother has already earned and received a Reward, then there is no need to submit a request.

Individual Membership Rewards will be presented at the parlor level if the Grand President has a scheduled visit to your parlor or a nearby event. Otherwise these rewards will be handed out to the parlor delegates at the Grand Parlor in May. The Grand President's Parlor Membership Rewards will be calculated just prior to Grand Parlor in May and presented at the Grand Parlor during daily session.

Grand President's Rewards for Individual Members.

Grand Presidents Belt Buckle Reward. If a new or existing brother brings in two new and or reinstated members, they 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, they 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 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.

Grand President's Parlor Membership Rewards

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.

RETRO RAMBLINGS

By DOUGLAS LOVE, Grand Trustee, Napa Parlor #62

Sitting on a windswept bluff above Eureka sit the remains of one of the most important military outposts on the West Coast. There isn't much there today, a couple of buildings, one of which is a reconstruction, some informational signs and an outdoor exhibit of logging equipment; but in its heyday, Fort Humboldt played an important part in the military history of the West Coast and of the United States.

The end of the Mexican War and the discovery of gold brought sweeping changes to California. Before the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, immigration to California had all but come to a standstill, partially due to the press reports of the ill-fated Donner-Reed Party and the start of the Mexican War. Yet, the situation changed with President Polk's announcement in his December 5 State of the Union address that:

It was known that mines of the precious metals existed to a considerable extent in California at the time of its acquisition. Recent discoveries render it probable that these mines are more extensive and valuable than was anticipated. The accounts of the abundance of gold in that territory are of such an extraordinary character as would scarcely command belief were they not corroborated by the authentic reports of officers in the public service who have visited the mineral district and derived the facts which they detail from personal observation.

Argonauts from around the world began making their way to California. These individuals fanned out across the state, looking for gold in every stream and river. Before long, the prospectors, miners, gold seekers, traders, and conmen who rushed into California came into conflict with the Californios and Indigenous People who already lived here. More importantly, the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo guaranteed that the United States would respect the "property, language, and culture" of Mexicans now living in the United States. As a result, many of the United States army troops who had fought in Mexico now found themselves being sent to California to perform garrison duty and to shore up United States control of the land at the edge of the continent.

Gold on the Trinity River

The discovery of gold on the Trinity River by Major Pierson B. Reading, for whom the City of Redding is named, in July of 1848 opened what had once been a remote area of California to non-indigenous settlement and in 1849 and 1850 thousands of gold seekers entered the area. With the influx of new people came inevitable conflict. The Europeans and others who flooded the area soon had a multitude of gold claims almost entirely without Indigenous permission or consideration for the traditional boundaries of tribal settlement. There were violent clashes between the Indigenous peoples and the interlopers. The devastation wreaked upon the Indigenous people of the area is well documented and is deserving of a more detailed telling than I have room for here; suffice to say that depending on the tribe and the estimate, 75 to 95% of the Indigenous population died through a combination of disease, competition for resources, starvation, and outright murder.

In January 1853, Brevet Lieutenant Colonel

Robert C. Buchanan and the 4th US Infantry arrived to establish Fort Humboldt and mediate between the natives and settlers in the region. By 1857 there were 14 buildings situated on the bluff overlooking Humboldt Bay. The Army's mission to bring peace between the European settlers and Indigenous tribes was hampered from the beginning. The settlers in the area wanted the Native Peoples removed to reservations and did not support the idea of the military authorities negotiating with the tribes. Seven treaties were negotiated and signed with the tribes who lived between Clear Lake and the Klamath River. None of those treaties were ever ratified and the Natives never received any of the land nor any other considerations which were contained in the treaties.

While unsuccessfully trying to maintain a sustainable peace between the settlers, gold seekers and the native peoples, Fort Humboldt also served as a supply depot for many other forts and outposts in Northern California and Southern Oregon. On January 5, 1854, Captain Ulysses S. Grant arrived at Fort Humboldt to serve as the quartermaster and take command of Company F, 4th Infantry. Grant and Buchanan did not get along and the tedium of garrison duty did not sit well with Grant. He was a newlywed and missed his wife and he felt very isolated and depressed. He often rode to a nearby tavern and found solace in drink. After being reprimanded, Grant resigned his commission effective July 31, 1854 and went home. Grant was not the only soon-to-be-famous officer to be stationed at Fort Humboldt: Gabriel Rains, who became a Confederate Brigadier General, George R. Crook who rose to fame during the Civil and Indian Wars, and Dr. Lafayette Guild, who became Medical Director of the Army of Northern Virginia, all served at Fort Humboldt.

Wiyot People Massacred

On February 26, 1860, one of the darkest incidents in the history of California occurred, one that the garrison of Fort Humboldt was supposed to prevent. On that day, a group of "vigilantes", calling themselves the "Humboldt Volunteers, Second Brigade" attacked and massacred 80-250 Wiyot people who lived on Tuluwat Island in Humboldt Bay. Called the "Indian Island Massacre", this event showed just how ineffective the US Army was at protecting the native people. Many of the survivors of the massacre were put in "protective custody" at Fort Humboldt and eventually transferred to the Klamath River Reservation. The island was then owned and ranched by European settlers. It was also the site of a shipyard. In 2019, the City of Eureka deeded the island back to the Wiyot people.

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Humboldt from page 5

With the coming of the Civil War, the regular US Army troops were withdrawn from Fort Humboldt. The fort was garrisoned by units of the California Volunteers. In 1866, the US Army re-garrisoned the fort and it was abandoned in 1867. As surplus land it was sold to W.S. Cooper in 1893. The Cooper family owned the site of the fort and it's one remaining building until 1923, when Mrs. Laura Cooper donated the land to the City of Eureka as a public park. In 1955, Eureka deeded the site to the state and Fort Humboldt became a state historic park in 1963. The park is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

GETTING THERE: The park's address is: 3431 Fort Avenue, Eureka, CA 95503. Phone number: (707) 488-2041. From San Francisco take US 101 North to Highland Avenue in Eureka, a total of 266 miles. Turn right onto Highland Avenue and then left onto Fort Avenue. The park is on your left.

NAPA PARLOR #62
PROUDLY PRESENTS
DOUG LOVE
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

JOHN C. BIDWELL PARLOR #21
PROUDLY PRESENTS
ETHAN PHILLIPS
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

REDWOOD PARLOR #66
PROUDLY PRESENTS
MARCIA SKELTON
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

HALCYON-ALAMEDA PARLOR #47
PROUDLY PRESENTS
DENNIS VALERIO
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

Winn Honors Winn

All Native Sons and guests are invited to a ceremony celebrating General Albert Maver Winn, founder of the Native Sons of the Golden West, at the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery on Sunday, May 7, 2023, from 1 to 3 p.m. The event is organized by Fairfax Parlor President Burt Winn, great-grand grandson of General Winn.

The cemetery is at 1000 Broadway in Sacramento, gravesite 123-37. Light refreshments will be served.

Parking at the gravesite is limited, but other parking is available on Broadway near 10th, a 3-block walk to the site, or at the black-topped maintenance area near the site.

Information is available from Brother Winn at (415) 454-0848 / bhwbass@gmail.com.



General Winn's Monument created by the Native Sons of the Golden West. "NSGW" plaque is half-way up obelisk.

NICASIO PARLOR #183
PROUDLY PRESENTS
LARRY SCHORK
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

FERNDALE PARLOR #93
PROUDLY PRESENTS
RICHARD CORTEZ
FOR RE-ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

OBSERVATORY PARLOR #177
PROUDLY PRESENTS
BRICE WALKER
FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
GRAND TRUSTEE

PARLOR ACTIVITIES

Estudillo #223 Anniversary

Estudillo #223 will hold its anniversary dinner on Wednesday, April 26 at the San Leandro Veterans Memorial Building. Information and reservations from Ron Galvan at (510) 483-1605/ragalvan@att.net.

Solano #39 Events

Solano #39 will hold its Annual Prawn Feed on Saturday, May 6, at the Fairfield-Suisun Masonic Hall, 412 Travis Blvd. in Fairfield. Price is \$40. Tickets can be ordered by texting or calling Steve Day at (707) 246-6359.

On Saturday, June 17, Solano #39 will hold its Annual Swine Dine at the Peterson Ranch in Gordon Valley. Cost is \$30. Order tickets by texting or calling Chairman Mike Dillman at (707) 974-7442.

Santa Rosa Has Monthly Dinners

Santa Rosa #28 has a dinner for members, families and guests on the second Wednesday of each month at its hall at 3318 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa. Social hour is 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. Reservations are requested from (707) 542-4356 or (707) 350-1116.

April 12. Spring Dinner, \$15.

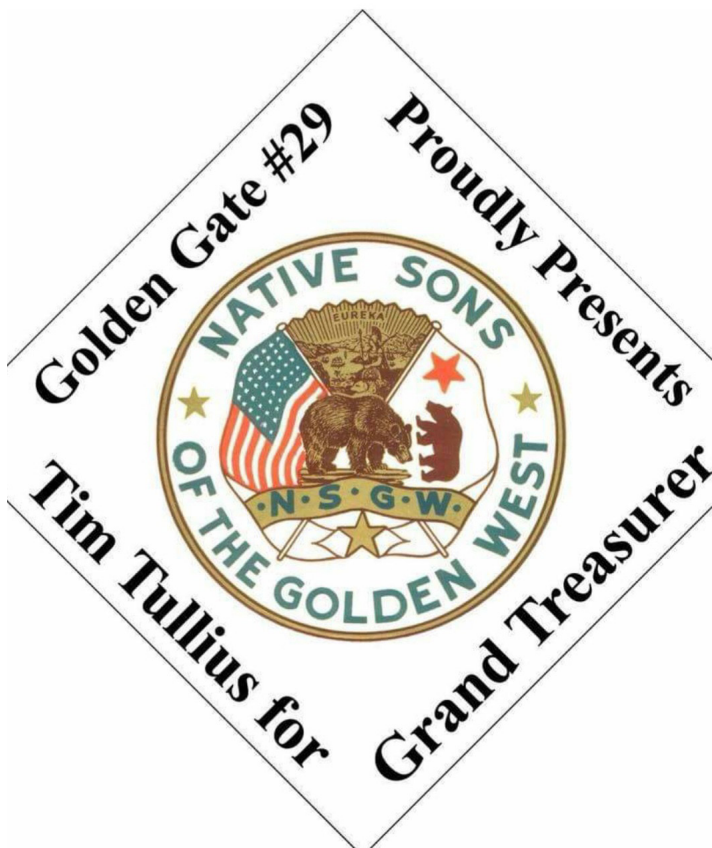
May 10. Mothers' Day Prime Rib Dinner, \$25.

June 14. Fathers' Day Rib BBQ, \$20.

Napa Lamb For Adams

Napa #62 will be holding a lamb feed on Saturday, April 1, at its hall at 937 Coombs Street in Napa as a fund raiser for incoming Grand President George Adams.

Cocktails are at 6, with dinner at 7. Price is \$40 per person. For reservations, call (707) 224-3213.



Hawaii in Alameda on April 8

Halcyon Alameda #47 will have its Sixth Annual Hawaiian-themed dinner on Monday, April 3 at the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara.

Menu includes pulled pork, steak, chicken and other Hawaiian delicacies. In addition, there will be Mai Tai tropical drinks available for purchase. All in attendance are asked to wear their most colorful tropical clothing. There will be two \$50 prizes awarded for colorfully dressed guests.

Fairfax Lists Spring Dinners

Fairfax Parlor will once again hold its famous Lamb Feed at the parlor's hall at 135 Mitchell Drive in Fairfax on Wednesday, April 19.

The parlor's Annual Visiting Brothers Night will be Wednesday, May 3, also at the parlor's hall. This is the last major event prior to the 146th Grand Parlor and is a chance for candidates for Grand Office to meet the parlor's delegates.

Both events are for Native Sons and prospective members only. Menu and prices have not yet been determined. Reservations for these events are available from Kevin Courtz, (415) 457-7766 / kcbcourt@aol.com.

The parlor's Tuesday lunches, also open only to Native Sons and prospective members, begin with beer/wine/soft drinks at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30. Lunch price is \$10. Lunches will be on the following Tuesdays: April 11 and 25; May 9.

South SF Invites Candidates

South San Francisco #157 will hold its 42nd Annual Candidates Night on Wednesday, April 12 at Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Blvd., San Francisco. All candidates for Grand Parlor office are invited to make themselves known to South's delegates and members.

Dinner will be Braised Beef Short Ribs for \$20 per person, including open bar. The dinner is open to Native Sons, ladies and guests. Cocktail hour is 6 p.m., with dinner at 7:15. Reservations are due by April 2 from Joe Ursino, (415) 518-8108.

Stockton Initiates Eleven

Eleven new members entered our Order at an initiation at Stockton #7 on February 22.

Joining Stockton Parlor were Denise Aguirre, Heidi Altamirano Dillon, Veronica Aranjuez, Josie Branco, Bob Butler and Nancy Phipps. Becoming members of Modesto #11 were Janice Hicks, Jonathan Hicks and Jim Steward. Amador #17's new members were Mika Malcolm and Justin Lewis, while Milvia Cristopher entered Sunset #26.

Yuba Parlor Invites Us

Saturday April 29 Yuba Parlor #55 is participating in Pioneer Day in Smartsville, cooking TriTip Sandwiches and serving soft drinks.

This is a benefit for the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation; the contact person to volunteer is Carl von Bargaen. All are welcome to come enjoy and buy food too!

We are hoping to have the Information Booth set up and staffed by brothers promoting NSGW and nearby Parlors.

Contact Carl (orovillegolf@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer and plan to attend if you are available Saturday April 29.



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](https://nsgw.org)
Calendar of Events.



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

Be sure to send your information to:

The Native Son -

<nsgwfpc@comcast.net>

Monthly Mailer -

<grandparlor@nsgw.org> <grandsecretary@nsgw.org>

NSGW Calendar - <https://nsgw.org/calendar-of-events/>



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A Busy Redwoods Weekend!

The Annual Weekend in the Redwoods February 10-11 featured a reception at Fortuna's River Lodge hosted by Ferndale Parlor, a dedication in Eureka, lunch at Humboldt Parlor's landmark hall, an initiation bringing seventeen new members into the Order and a banquet at the River Lodge.



TOP: Team prepares to dedicate the Blue Ox Millworks in Eureka on February 11. Built in 1904 to provide DC electricity to local industries and Eureka's streetcar line, it went through various incarnations. Today it is a living history example of early 20th century craftsmanship and teaches long-lost arts to students and other community members. TOP RIGHT: Typical Fortuna rain didn't stop these hardy brothers for preparing great barbecue for the reception. RIGHT: No one went thirsty at the reception!



Seventeen newly-initiated Native Sons face the camera with JrPGP Ron Brocco and Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius at far right. New members in alphabetical order (spelling not guaranteed) are Michael Arsanis, Steven Barker, Eric Bloom, Dylan Cook, John Cook, Trent Emons, Daniel Foster, Tyler Garibay, Reggie Henrikson, Ian Holcomb, Guy Huddlston, Robert Lindley, Jesse Mooneyham, Dayton Murray, Sean Richardson, David Walters and Kellen Wilson.

SONOMA PARLOR #111
 PROUDLY PRESENTS
SEAN PADGETT
 FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
 GRAND OUTSIDE SENTINEL

AMADOR PARLOR #17
 PROUDLY PRESENTS
TOMMY BAGGETT
 FOR ELECTION TO THE OFFICE OF
 GRAND INSIDE SENTINEL

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

By **BOB SANTOS**

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In Memory of Bill Geisner

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The Day Family

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In Memory of Ewel Todd

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To Cleft Palate Fund

Sea Point Parlor #158

Network for Good

In Memory of Wayne Johnson

Robert and Kathy Santos

In Memory of Fred Schram

Joseph Perry

To Parlors, Members and Friends:

The 146th Grand Parlor in South Lake Tahoe is just around the corner. The NSGW Charitable Foundation will again hold its Annual Cleft Palate March May 18. The CF has been holding the March since 1953 with our first donation of \$500 dollars to UCSF.

After UCSF, we added St. John's and Sutter Health. For 69 years the NSGW Foundation has been making donations helping children with cleft palate. To date these three hospitals have received over \$7 million from the NSGW Charitable Foundation. The CF administrative overhead is less than 1%. The members of the Board of Directors serve on a volunteer basis, and receive no salary or expenses. All CF funds donated to these 3 hospitals is specified that they shall be used for treatment of children, with no overhead costs deducted.

Won't you help this most worthy cause of the Native Sons? Any donation is most appreciated. Dr. Vargerik of UCSF states "every penny of your gift is used to provide team care for our needy patients, and we adhere to our promise of not turning any child away".

From Gregory Walaitis of Sutter Health "The generosity of donors like the Native Sons allows us to provide personalized excellent care to our patients." From Dr. Jarrahy of Saint John's "We honor and thank the Native Sons for their years of dedication to children of the Cleft Palate Center at St. John's."

So please help at the 146th Grand Parlor Cleft Palate March or at any time of the year. A donation now will provide immediate increased support to the hospitals. We are a separate nonprofit corporation registered in state of California, fully accredited 501(c)3 charitable organization. As such all donations are fully-tax-deductible. Tax ID is 94-6094641.

Please stop by the Cleft Palate booth for any information during the 146th Grand Parlor.

If you wish to make a donation to the March but can't make it to Grand Parlor, contact me by email and I will e-mail forms or send a check and specify if it for love one or parlor and your donation will be read at the Cleft Palate March.

Mail to Robert Santos 41433 Apricot Lane Fremont CA, 94539 cell (510) 604-7392 / rrsantos@sbcglobal.net.

The Directors of NSGWCF Thank you for your generosity.



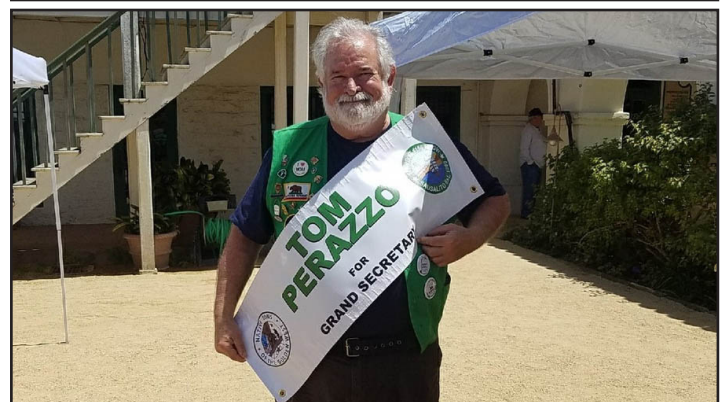
2022 Cleft Palate March



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.

RE-ELECT



Poet Extols California and Her Beauty

Perhaps no state in the Union has been more celebrated in poetry and song than California. One of the more prolific poets was Joaquin Miller, 1837-1913. Here are his tributes to Yosemite and Southern California.

YOSEMITE

Sound! sound! sound! O colossal walls and crown'd
 In one eternal thunder! Sound! sound! sound!
 O ye oceans overhead, While we walk, subdued in wonder,
 In the ferns and grasses, under and beside the swift Merced!
 Fret! fret! fret! Streaming, sounding banners, set
 On the giant granite castles In the clouds and in the snow!
 But the foe he comes not yet, We are loyal, valiant vassals,
 And we touch the trailing tassles Of the banners far below.
 Surge! surge! surge! From the white Sierra's verge,
 To the very valley blossom. Surge! surge! surge!
 Yet the song-bird builds a home, And the mossy branches cross them
 In the clouds of falling foam. Sweep! sweep! sweep!
 O ye heaven-born and deep, In one dread, unbroken chorus!
 We may wonder or may weep, We may wait on God before us;
 We may shout or lift a hand, We may bow down and deplore us,
 But may never understand. Beat! beat! beat!
 We advance, but would retreat From this restless, broken breast
 Of the earth in a convulsion. We would rest, but dare not rest,
 For the angel of expulsion From this Paradise below
 Waves run onward and . . . we go.

IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Where the cocoa and cactus are neighbors,
 Where the fig and the fir tree are one;
 Where the brave corn is lifting bent sabres
 And flashing them far in the sun;
 Where maidens blush red in their tresses
 Of night, and retreat to advance,
 And the dark, sweeping eyelash expresses
 Deep passion, half hush'd in a trance;
 Where the fig is in leaf, where the blossom
 Of orange is fragrant as fair,
 Santa Barbara's balm in the bosom,
 Her sunny, soft winds in the hair;
 Where the grape is most luscious; where laden
 Long branches bend double with gold;
 Los Angeles leans like a maiden,
 Red, blushing, half shy, and half bold.
 Where passion was born and where poets
 Are deeper in silence than song,
 A love knows a love, and may know its
 Reward, yet may never know wrong.
 Where passion was born and where blushes
 Gave birth to my songs of the South,
 And a song is a love-tale, and rushes,
 Unchid, through the red of the mouth;
 Where an Adam in Eden reposes,
 I repose, I am glad, and take wine
 In the clambering, redolent roses,
 And under my fig and my vine.

PETALUMA-NICASIO PARLOR #183

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\$75 Said El-Khatib	Hayward	4-Feb-23
\$20 Sal Seeno	Castroville	5-Feb-23
\$20 Thomas Ensley	Castroville	6-Feb-23
\$20 Rich Lopez	Fremont	7-Feb-23
\$20 Carl von Bargaen	Oroville	8-Feb-23
\$20 Dawnda Schaefer	Santa Rosa	9-Feb-23
\$20 Lisa Santos	Fremont	10-Feb-23
\$75 Allan Baird	Fortuna	11-Feb-23
\$20 James Codoni	Penngrove	12-Feb-23
\$20 Zuri Ratto	Salinas	13-Feb-23
\$20 Zach Regier	Gilbert	14-Feb-23
\$20 Cody Bright	Folsom	15-Feb-23
\$20 Fairfax #307	Fairfax	16-Feb-23
\$20 Matt Pearson	Fortuna	17-Feb-23
\$75 Bob Bizzini	Gustine	18-Feb-23
\$20 Napa Parlor #62	Napa	19-Feb-23
\$20 Erik Christeson	Jackson	20-Feb-23
\$20 Anna Kauffman	San Francisco	21-Feb-23
\$20 Steven Ormond	Martinez	22-Feb-23
\$20 Kristin Johnson	Sonoma	23-Feb-23
\$20 Kit & Barbs	Sonoma	24-Feb-23
\$75 Mitch Laing	Petaluma	25-Feb-23
\$20 Mike Germino	Los Banos	26-Feb-23
\$75 Jim Knudsen	Pleasanton	27-Feb-23
\$150 David Natsch	Pleasanton	28-Feb-23

DEATHS

Stockton#7
 Marvin Spradlin
Placerville #9
 Clifford Erven
Solano #39
 Laura Sherman
Mt. Bally #87
 Donald Goodwin
 Cecil Heitt
Santa Cruz #90
 Alfred Mitchell
Georgetown #91
 Gordon Shepherd
Arrowhead #110
 Sidney Kwock
Sonoma #111
 William Wrobel Sr.
National #118
 Robert Mariani
Gabilan #132
 Kenneth Martin
Chispa #139
 Lawrence Ziehle
 Robert Duarte
 Walter Patterson
Petaluma-Nicasio #183
 Frederick Schram
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 Eugene Cristani

NEW MEMBERS

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 Tomas Barry
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 Nick Baker
 William Blanchard
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 Frank Marianno
Halcyon- Alameda #47
 John Vidano
Arrowhead #110
 Sam Works
 Kyle Carignan
Chispa #139
 Richard Deputy
South San Francisco #157
 Christian Ramos

DEATHS (Continued)

Petaluma-Nicasio #183
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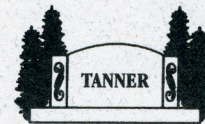
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100 YEARS AGO

Landmark Unveiled and Given to San Jose by Native Sons.

Marks Spot Where First State Legislature Met in 1849.

[Stockton *Independent* May 20, 1923]

SAN JOSE, May 19. —Marking the site of the first capitol of the state of California, a monument was unveiled here this afternoon and presented the city by the Historic Landmarks Committee of the Native Sons of the Golden West. On the monument was a tablet bearing a replica of the original capitol building, and underneath the legend: "Directly opposite this tablet was located the first state capitol building, in which California's first legislature assembled in December, 1849. San Jose was the seat of government from 1849 to 1851. Tablet placed by Historic Landmarks Committee, Native Sons of the Golden West, 1923." To Mrs. Martha J. Lewis, one of the few survivors of the ill-fated Donner party, was delegated the honor of unveiling the monument by removing the flag which covered it. Joseph R. Knowland of Oakland, chairman of the Historic Landmarks Committee of the Native Sons; Lewis J. Byington, past grand president of the Native Sons; Appellate Judge John E. Richards; City Manager Clarence B. Goodwin, and Mrs. Mamie P. Carmichael, past grand president of the Native Daughters, participated in the ceremonies.

Boosters Accompany Welsh To Native Sons' Convention

[Stockton *Independent*, May 24, 1923]

LODI, May 23. — When H. E. Welch went to Santa Barbara to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, he took along a number of boosters to assist him in his fight for the position as grand third vice president. This office being the first step in the ladder to the presidency, it is eagerly sought by all who have aspirations to pass through the chairs. In Welch's party were W. C. Brown, V. R. Larson, A. P. Krumb and Joe Newfield.

Bandini School Name Change is Protested by Native Sons

[San Pedro *News-Pilot*, April 23, 1923]

[Showing that there's nothing new in efforts to change names of schools and other edifices (such as changing Marin's Drake High School to Archie Williams High School), herels an example from one hundred years ago! -Ed.]

Maintaining that the name "Bandini" is one worthy of perpetuation, Ramona Parlor No. 100. Native Sons of the Golden West, has entered a protest to the Board of Education in which they ask that the petition to change the name of the "Bandini" school to the "La Rambla" school be denied. A committee composed of H. C. Lichtenberger, Barrel D. Neighbours, and T. G. Rivera has drawn up resolutions and presented them to the Board of Education. The Native Sons of the Golden West, as an organization, stand for the preservation of the memory and achievements of the pioneers of this state and hope to discourage any attempts to change historical names now in use to designate schools in the Los Angeles School District.

HPF REPORT

By CARL VON BARGEN

As we approach Grand Parlor in South Lake Tahoe it is a good time to reflect on essence of the Historical Preservation Foundation. Per its articles of incorporation, the Historical Preservation Foundation is to "preserve, protect and educate 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 Board of Directors of the Historical Preservation Foundation would like to thank the following parlors for their very generous donations since the start of this Grand Parlor Year: Presidio Parlor, Sonoma Parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West Hall Association, Seapoint Parlor, Quartz Parlor, Woodland Parlor, Auburn Parlor, Golden Gate Parlor and Grand Parlor's donation via the Special Fundraiser.

The Historical Preservation Foundation continues to need your help to keep providing grants to fund historically significant education and restoration projects. All donations help to keep our Foundation operating. Any amount can assist the HPF 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 HPF looks forward to collaborating with several more parlors during the coming Grand Parlor 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's behalf for the coming year. We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Native Sons of the Golden West to prosper and grow. We look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Parlor in South Lake Tahoe and invite you to stop by our hospitality room to discuss historical preservation and education for promotion of our Native Sons of the Golden West.

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Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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Web Site NSGW.ORG

Revised February 2023

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st	Halcyon-Alameda #47 7PM	Amador #17 6:30PM Guadalupe #231 11:30AM San Jose #22 6:30PM Santa Lucia #97 7 PM Business	Argonaut #8 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 11:30AM 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 Ferdale #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 12 PM (When Able)	Los Angeles #45 (Rio Hondo + University) 10AM 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	De Anza #312 6:15PM Fairfax #307 7:30PM Dinner Ferdale #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 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June	Monterey #75 6PM Silver Star #63 7PM (Dark July, Aug. June & Dec Dinners 6PM)	Chispa Social Dinner	Redwood #66 Bear Lodge (May-Oct)	
4th	Eden #113 7PM Dinner Humboldt #14 Dinner Napa #62 6PM Business	Auburn #59 7PM Callistoga #86 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon San Jose #22 11:30AM	Arrowhead #110 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting 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
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