

**NATIVE SONS OF THE  
GOLDEN WEST**

**2023 - 2024**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**of the**

**One Hundred Forty-Seventh Session**

**of the**

**Grand Parlor**



**George A. Adams  
Grand President**

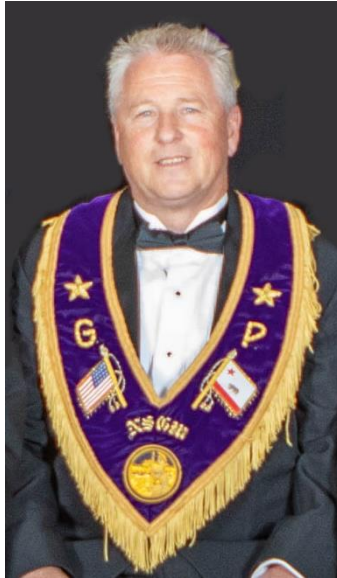
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**OFFICIATING AT THE  
ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH GRAND PARLOR**

<b>George Adams, Napa #62</b>	<b>Grand President</b>
<b>Jeff Schmidt, Georgetown #91</b>	<b>Junior Past Grand President</b>
<b>Steve McLean, Excelsior #31</b>	<b>First Vice President</b>
<b>Gary Padgett, Sonoma #111</b>	<b>Grand Second Vice President</b>
<b>Kris Nelson, Petaluma-Nicasio #183</b>	<b>Grand Third Vice President</b>
<b>Thomas W. Perazzo, Sea Point #158</b>	<b>Grand Secretary</b>
<b>Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>
<b>Don Schaffer, Twin Peaks #214</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer Emeritus</b>
<b>Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Richard Cortez, Ferndale #93</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Brice Walker, Observatory #177</b>	<b>Grand Trustee:</b>
<b>Ethan Phillips, John C. Bidwell #21</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Doug Love, Napa #62</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda #47</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Larry Schork, Petaluma-Nicasio #183</b>	<b>Grand Trustee</b>
<b>Chris Adams, Napa #62</b>	<b>Grand Marshal</b>
<b>Tommy Baggett, Amador #17</b>	<b>Grand Inside Sentinel</b>
<b>Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111</b>	<b>Grand Outside Sentinel</b>
<b>William Moyer, Napa #62</b>	<b>Grand Organist</b>
<b>Lisa Adams, Napa #62</b>	<b>Grand Historian</b>

## GRAND PRESIDENT



## GRAND OFFICERS



## **REPORT OF GRAND PRESIDENT**

The 147th Grand Parlor year has been a very exciting time. Starting out my year, about 2 hours in, we completed my first dedication at Lake Tahoe Trout Farm. I cannot ever remember a time where so many people said “wow” what a great dedication with so many people from the community. We had many more dedications throughout the year and most had a chance of rain. We are going to finish with my last plaque on May 26<sup>th</sup> at Lake Berryessa to dedicate the town of Monticello. We had many initiations and brought in many new members. Unfortunately, we had 1 parlor close and 2 parlors merge. I can say I would rather see a strong parlor than a parlor that is struggling to exist. I am sure we will see more of this over the next few years. Some of our wins this year would be setting up a team to improve our Native Sons image. More to come on this at a later time during this Grand Parlor convention.

We were able to work on the Columbia Museum and move the artifacts that were stored at Barney Noels home in trailers to Napa Parlor #62. This was something that was talked about for many years. Mark that as done!

During my travels I visited some great parlors and made so many friends. I know for our future Grand Presidents will do a great job and if called upon to assist in any way I would be more than happy to.

Submitted by  
Grand President  
George A. Adams  
Napa Parlor #62

## **AWARDS PRESENTED BY THE GRAND PRESIDENT**

Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66: For work as Chair of the Information Services Committee

James King, San Meguel #150: For work as Chair of California History Board and for work as Chair of Constitutional Revision Committee

Ron Brocco, Sonoma #111: For work on Native Sons Ritual

Bob Teal, National #118: For a being a true Native Son and work as Supervising District Deputy Grand President

Barney Noel, Placerville #9: For taking care of our Artifacts

Frank Vento, Pebble Beach #230: For work as Chair of the Finance Committee

Dan Foppe, Petaluma-Nicasio #183: For work as Chair of the Lotts Lake Committee

Alba Arosio, Stockton #7: For work as Chair of the Registration for this 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Annual Session

Dean Zeller, Sonoma #111: For work as Banquet Chair for this 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Annual Session

Mitch Laing, Santa Rosa #28: For being a Brother, who went above and beyond for me during my term as Grand President

Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111: for all the work on the Website and keeping the Calendar of Events up to date

Donna Fletcher, Golden Gate #29: For all the work as Chair of the Fourth Grade Essay Contest

Brice Walker, Observatory #177: For the Travelers Award

Richard Cortez, Argonaut #8: For the Travelers Award

Carl von Barga, Argonaut #8: The Golden Hammer Award for everything that he does and is able to fix

Paula Wong and Shirley Allen: For helping with our Archives

Tom Perazzo, Golden Gate #29: For work as Grand Secretary and everything he's done throughout the year for me, an engraved martini glass

## **DEDICATIONS**

### **TAHOE TROUT FARM**

Originally called Upham's Pond, the Tahoe Trout Farm was founded in 1946 in Johnson Meadows on Trout Creek, a summer fishing, hunting and gathering ground for the Washoe Indians.

The land was purchased in 1860 by the Johnson family for summer grazing of their cattle. In the winter the cattle were moved to their Gardnerville, Nevada ranch. In 1872, Mr. Charles Johnson caught a native Lake Tahoe cutthroat trout that tipped the scales at 29 ½ pounds.

E.J. Vallier a 5th generation Californian, and his wife, Jacqueline, were customers at the ponds in the 1950s. They purchased Tahoe Trout Farm in 2012.

In 1886, Captain T.J. Vallier, E.J.'s great-grandfather, became the youngest captain of the Bar Pilots Association, and in 1907 he was a charter member of the Pioneers of Alaska, Nome Igloo #1.

Dedicated May 18, 2023  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
George A. Adams, Grand President  
GPY 147-1

### **THE BURDELL BUILDING**

The Burdell Building was constructed in 1897 by the Burdell family. At the time of construction, it had the longest continuous frontage of any building in Sonoma County, and would become the hub of the booming poultry and dairy industry, with the ability to keep eggs, milk, butter and cheese fresh, and to freeze poultry, while also producing five tons of ice, per day, for the businesses and homes in the area.

Over the years the Burdell Building has been the home of the Burdell Creamery, the Petaluma Ice and Cold Storage Company, the Western Refrigerating Company, and Western Dairy Products, Inc. The building was also occupied by the Petaluma Gas & Electric Company, which provided electricity for Petaluma from 1897 to 1907.

Currently owned by David Martin and Jim Nelson of The Ice House LLC, who, through Creedence Corporation, has restored and maintained the historic nature of this property. Today it is occupied by many small businesses.

Dedicated August 12, 2023  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
George A. Adams, Grand President  
and  
Petaluma-Nicasio Parlor #183,  
James Madden III, President  
Dan Foppe, Past President  
GPY 147-2



**NOT FORGOTTEN**

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021, COMMEMORATED THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE ORIGINAL WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL TO THE  
BOYS OF NORTH OAKLAND'S GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT.

N.S.G.W. REMEMBERS, AND HONORS, THE SACRIFICE  
OF THOSE BRAVE YOUNG MEN.

THIS SITE DONATED BY THE LIGURE AND  
FRATELLANZA ITALIAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

REDEDICATED NOVEMBER 18, 2023  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
GEORGE A. ADAMS, GRAND PRESIDENT

AND

PIEDMONT PARLOR No. 120,  
PAUL BERLIN, PRESIDENT

GPY 147-3

*"On the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, the guns fell silent."*

**BRODERICK-TERRY DUEL**

UNITED STATES SENATOR DAVID C. BRODERICK, AND CALIFORNIA CHIEF JUSTICE DAVID S.  
TERRY, FOUGHT A DUEL ON THIS GROUND IN THE EARLY MORNING OF TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER  
13, 1859. BRODERICK'S FIREARM DISCHARGED, PREMATURELY, INTO THE GROUND, FORCING  
HIM TO STAND WHILE TERRY SHOT AND WOUNDED HIM. HE DIED THREE DAYS LATER.  
THE AFFAIR MARKED THE END OF DUELING IN CALIFORNIA, AND WAS THE LAST NOTABLE  
DUEL IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE PUBLIC WAS LARGELY REVOLTED BY WHAT THEY PERCEIVED AS AN ASSASSINATION OF  
THE ANTI-SLAVERY SENATOR BRODERICK BY THE PRO-SLAVERY TERRY, SOLIDIFYING  
CALIFORNIA'S LOYALTY TO THE UNION DURING THE CIVIL WAR.

SENATOR BRODERICK OCCUPIED THE POSITION MARKED BY THE PILLAR TO THE SOUTHEAST,  
WHILE JUDGE TERRY STOOD AT THE POSITION DESIGNATED BY THE NORTHWEST PILLAR.

SPECTATORS OCCUPIED THE HILL TO THE NORTH.

ERECTED BY THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE,  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST FEBRUARY 22, 1917

REDEDICATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

GEORGE A. ADAMS, GRAND PRESIDENT

AND

THE PARLORS OF DISTRICT No. 7

DOLORES-CALIFORNIA No. 1    GOLDEN GATE No. 29

NATIONAL No. 118    PRESIDIO No. 194

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO No. 157    TWIN PEAKS No. 214

GUADALUPE No. 231

GPY 147-4

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARK No. 19

## HISTORIC RAE HOUSE

GALT PIONEER, JOHN RAE, BUILT HIS QUEEN ANNE COTTAGE-STYLE VICTORIAN HOME IN 1868. JOHN WAS A MAJOR GALT-AREA RANCHER WHO ORIGINALLY CAME FOR THE GOLD, THEN BECAME AN INTERIOR PLASTER TRADESMAN, AND WORKED AT THE STATE CAPITOL. JOHN'S DAUGHTER, ALICE, A GALT HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, A 30-YEAR TEACHER IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND CITY CLERK IN 1955, INHERITED THE HOUSE. SHE LIVED THERE HER ENTIRE LIFE AND PASSED IN 1987. OVER THE YEARS, THE HOUSE WAS ABANDONED AND FELL INTO DISREPAIR, THE LAND WAS BOUGHT BY DEVELOPERS, AND THE HOUSE WAS SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION. WORD GOT OUT, AND A "SAVE THE RAE HOUSE" CAMPAIGN WAS INITIATED AND SUPPORTED BY THE WHOLE COMMUNITY. IT WAS A SUCCESS, AND THE DOORS OPENED TO THE NEW MUSEUM ON JUNE 9, 1991.

DEDICATED APRIL 20, 2024  
BY THE GRAND PARLOR,  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
GEORGE A. ADAMS, GRAND PRESIDENT  
AND  
ELK GROVE PARLOR #41 N.S.G.W.  
KAY PUDGE BARNES, PRESIDENT  
GPY 147-5

### **William Howard "Pete" Snell** 1914-1956

Born in Reno, Nevada, Pete Snell enlisted in the United States Army in 1940, and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II, specializing in aviation signal work. Snell began racing sports cars in 1951.

On this site, while driving his Triumph TR-3 in the Redwood Empire Sports Car Race at the Arcata airport on August 19, 1956, Snell was bumped by another car and lost control, flipping several times. Snell's state-of-the-art helmet shattered and, an hour later, he died of traumatic head injuries at Trinity Hospital in Arcata.

Dr. George Snively, track physician at Arcata, was studying the effectiveness of the helmets being used by the drivers. Seeing first-hand how poorly the existing headgear performed, Snively began formal research into advanced head protection.

The Snell Memorial Foundation was established in 1957, and financed Dr. Snively's work to develop helmet testing and certification standards. More than sixty years later, with standards surpassing the United States Department of Transportation, the Snell Memorial Foundation remains a leader in testing, certification, and improvement of headgear for motorsports and many other activities where helmets are used. The Sports Car Club of America, and other organizations, now require the use of helmets approved by Snell.

Dedicated February 10th, 2024  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
George A. Adams, Grand President  
and  
Ferndale Parlor No. 93,

Timothy Wilson, President  
GPY 147-6

Special recognition to Dale Warmuth and Bell Helmets

**Old Eureka Mine**

Established 1852

The Old Eureka Mine was first opened in 1852 and comprised the Amador, Maxwell, Alpha, and Railroad claims. At various times it was known as the Hayward, Eureka, Hetty Green, Badger and Wolverine, and Amador Consolidated mines.

One ore shoot encountered a vein of metallic gold as large as 3/8" thick, that was also struck in the adjoining Badger Mine, 1000 feet to the south. This is the only instance of a true vein of metallic gold, not disseminated gold, having been found in California.

Alvinza Hayward, for whom the city of Hayward is named, acquired control of both the Old Eureka and Badger mines in 1859 and consolidated them under the Old Eureka Mine. He incorporated the mine, and sold shares of its stock, making the Eureka the first mine in California to be so incorporated.

In 1866 it was reported that 30,000 tons of ore yielded \$27 per ton at a working cost of \$5 per ton, but by 1875 the ore was declining in quality. In 1886, after the mine had attained a depth of about 2000 feet and had produced about \$16,000,000, it was closed and remained idle for a period of 30 years.

Hetty Green, the "Witch of Wall Street," assumed control of the Old Eureka in 1902, but refused to operate or sell the property until 1916, when she finally sold out to a reconstituted Consolidated Amador Mining Company for \$500,000.

Consolidated spent another \$200,000 to reopen and rehabilitate the mine. They deepened the shaft to 3500 feet and drifts were run north and south, but this exploration failed to reveal paying ore.

All mining was shut down in 1942, but resumed in 1946, after the war. Due to increased costs, the mine finally closed in the early 1950s.

The Jackson-Plymouth district was the most productive mining district of the Mother Lode belt, with an estimated total production of about \$180 million.

The mine is now owned by Jeff Campbell, the 2023/2024 President of Native Sons of the Golden West, Amador Parlor No. 17, and his wife, Jessie.

Dedicated January 27, 2024  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
George A. Adams, Grand President  
and  
Amador Parlor No. 17, Jeff Campbell, President  
GPY 147-7

### **CENTERVILLE BEACH CROSS**

This cross was erected on a bluff overlooking Centerville Beach on September 11, 1921, by the Native Sons of the Golden West, Ferndale Parlor No. 93, to honor the 17 passengers and 21 crewmembers of the steamship SS Northerner, who perished on January 5, 1860.

The paddle wheeler struck submerged rocks two miles offshore and was beached near the original site.

This cross was broken from its base during the 1992 Cape Mendocino Earthquakes, and a new cross was erected in 1995 to replace it. Due to imminent collapse from erosion, the 1995 cross was moved to Centerville Beach parking area.

In 2023, the original cross was salvaged and moved to this site with funds provided by the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation.

The Centerville Beach Cross is California Historical Landmark No. 173.

Rededicated February 10th, 2024

Native Sons of the Golden West

George A. Adams, Grand President

and

Ferndale Parlor No. 93,

Timothy Wilson, President

GPY 147-8

### **Auburn's Chinese Cemetery**

This site was purchased in 1899 by Charles Yue and Mar Bing Toy to serve as a cemetery for the Chinese community. Despite contributions to the area, Chinese were excluded from burial at most local cemeteries; this site provided a temporary and permanent final resting place.

Central to this site is the altar platform and "burner." Chinese tradition was to burn symbols of money and personal effects here to assure a safe transit to the afterlife. Food, spirits, and joss sticks were also placed on the altar.

Burials here were only meant to be temporary as Chinese custom is to be interred with ancestors in their native village. Repatriation of remains to China was an elaborate affair managed by the "chief scraper and gatherer of bones." He was in charge of gathering the exhumed bones, cleaning, and disinfecting them, then placing them orderly in a zinc or tin box or urn. Bones were then sealed, labeled and arrangements made for shipment to China. Many of the immigrants who came to California and Auburn were from the Sze Yup District of China.

The last known large removal of bones was in 1913 by the Chinese Six Companies and the Mar family. Thirty-one bodies were returned to China. Other smaller shipments of bones were made about the same time.

This plaque recognizes the Historic Chinese Cemetery and honors the Chinese pioneers in America who contributed to the wealth and growth of the Auburn community and the State of California.

Dedicated March 9, 2024

NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

George Adams, Grand President

AUBURN PARLOR #59, NSGW

Patrick Ferreira, President

AUBURN JOSS HOUSE

Dustin Yue, President

GPY 147-9

**Monticello**

1866-1956

The pioneer town of Monticello was founded in 1866 when the E.A. Peacock Hotel was erected. In 1867, I.N. Van Nuys built the general merchandise store which housed the post office. The Putah Creek bridge, built in 1896, was the largest stone bridge west of the Rocky Mountains. In December 1956, the last building was razed in preparation for the creation of Lake Berryessa behind the Monticello Dam.

Dedicated November 8, 1964  
Native Sons of the Golden West  
James D. Boitano, Grand President  
Rededicated May 4, 2024  
George A. Adams, Grand President  
and  
Napa Parlor #62, Jordan Bankston, President  
GPY 147-10

**RANCHOS**

LOS ALAMITOS      LOS CERRITOS

THIS PLAQUE MARKS THE DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN THE TWO RANCHOS ON WHICH LONG BEACH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BUILT. ORIGINALLY A PART OF THE RANCHO LOS NIETOS SPANISH LAND GRANT TO MANUEL NIETO IN 1784, WHICH WAS PARTITIONED BETWEEN THE HEIRS BY CONFIRMATION GRANTS FROM THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT IN 1834.

DEDICATED MAY 7, 1952  
LONG BEACH PARLOR NO. 278  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
REDEDICATED TBD  
GEORGE A. ADAMS, GRAND PRESIDENT  
AND  
LOS ANGELES PARLOR No. 45      SANTA ANA PARLOR No. 74  
RAMONA PARLOR No. 109  
GPY 147-11

# BOARD OF GRAND OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2023

Sonoma, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER BY: GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ADAMS
  - a. The meeting was called to order by George A. Adams at 9:02am.
  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE BY: GRAND MARSHAL CHRIS ADAMS
  - a. Grand Marshal Chris Adams led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. PRAYER BY: JR PAST GRAND PRESIENT
  - a. Jr. Past Grand President Schmidt offered prayer.
  
4. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo called the roll and Grand Marshal Padgett responded:

Grand President	GEORGE ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Jr Past Grand President	JEFFERY A. SCHMIDT, Georgetown #91	Present
Grand First Vice President	STEVE McLEAN, Excelsior #31	Excused
Grand Second Vice President	GARY PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Third Vice President	KRIS NELSON, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Secretary	TOM PERAZZO, Sea Point #158	Present
Grand Treasurer	TIM TULLIUS, Golden Gate #29	Present
Grand Trustee	MARCIA SKELTON, Redwood #66	Present
Grand Trustee	RICHARD CORTEZ, Ferndale #93	Present
Grand Trustee	BRICE WALKER, Observatory #177	Present
Grand Trustee	ETHAN PHILLIPS, Placerville #9	Present *
Grand Trustee	DOUG LOVE, Napa #62	Present
Grand Trustee	DENNIS VALERIO, Halcyon-Alameda #47	Present
Grand Trustee	LARRY SCHORK, Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Marshal	CHRIS ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Grand Inside Sentinel	TOMMY BAGGETT, Amador #17	Present*
Grand Outside Sentinel	SEAN PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Organist	WILLIAM MOYER, Napa #62	Present
Grand Historian	LISA ADAMS, Napa #62	Excused

\* Attended via GoToMeeting
  
5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2023:
  - a. Motion made by Grand Trustee Cortez/Seconded by Grand Trustee Love to approve the minutes. Ayes 16, nays 1, abstain 0, absent 1.
  
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo had no new communications to report.
  
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - a. Assorted items, events, and dates, of interest were announced.
  - b. They will appear in the Dates to Remember, on the Website, etc.

8. GRAND PRESIDENTS' ITEMS:
  - a. Grand President Adams spoke to the Grand Trustees Action Plan, regarding Dues Collection/Payment, and how it will be extremely helpful to parlors to find ways for members to pay their dues online by credit card, etc.
  - b. Grand President Adams spoke to the Visiting Officers checking with their assigned parlors, monthly, on the status of due and/or overdue Semi-Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax. He wants to hear a monthly status report.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: GRAND MARSHAL C. ADAMS

- a. Those present were acknowledged:
    - i. James M. Smith, PGP, Arrowhead #110
    - ii. Phil Wong, PGP, Napa #62
    - iii. David Allen, PGP, Auburn #59
    - iv. James King, PGP, San Miguel #150\*
    - v. Barbra Kimball, SDDGP #1, Arrowhead #110
    - vi. Robert Bruno, SDDGP #6, Redwood #66
    - vii. Mitch Laing, SDDGP #14, Santa Rosa #28
    - viii. Jim Danaher, Sonoma #111
    - ix. Dan Foppe, DDGP Petaluma-Nicasio #183
    - x. Frank Vento, Finance Committee Chair, Pebble Beach #230
    - xi. Ken Perazzo, Golden Gate #29
    - xii. Tim Prince, Arrowhead #110
    - xiii. Robert Santos, Charitable Foundation, Eden #113
    - xiv. Mark Galligan, Finance Committee, Excelsior #31
- \* Attended via GoToMeeting

10. GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT: TOM PERAZZO

Grand Secretary Perazzo reported on the following:

- a. Parlor Due Per Capita Tax Report
  - i. Presented the reformatted format with new columns for "PCT," "Supplies," "Plaques" (dedication), "Insurance" and "Credit," which will help show all monies due.
- b. Parlor Due Semi-Annual Report
  - i. Presented the reformatted report that shows only Past Due SAR by Year.
  - ii. Presented the reformatted report as above.
- c. Parlors were invoiced for the 2023-2024 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, yesterday.

11. GRAND TREASURER REPORT: TIM TULLIUS

- a. Grand Treasurer Tullius presented a summary of his report, which had been emailed to the Board. See report in Appendix.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BOARD OF APPEALS:

- i. No report.

b. BOAD OF CONTROL:

- i. No report.

c. CALENDAR:

- i. No report.
- ii. Grand President Adams reported that this year's fund is in the black and that the letter for the Special Fund helped with the sales. The committee is looking for pictures of Native Sons buildings/property for the 2024 calendar.

d. CALIFORNIA HISTORY BOARD:

- i. Chair James King, PGP, gave a brief report. See appendix for his full report.

e. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:

- i. Chair James King, PGP, gave a brief report. See appendix for his full report.

f. DISCOVERY OF GOLD:

- i. Erik Christeson, PGP, reported Excelsior #31, is working on planning of the 49er Weekend, and Discovery of Gold Event. It will be held next January, date to be determined.

g. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- i. Chair Frank Vento went over the rules, guidelines, and the new form.
- ii. The 60-days limit for submission of expenses will be enforced this term.
- iii. Use the new form as calculations have been updated for mileage.

h. FLAG DAY:

- i. Chair Sean Padgett went over the days planned events.

i. INFORMATION SERVICES:

- i. Chair Marcia Skelton spoke about:
  - 1. The use of the Information Booths, at county fairs, farmers markets, etc. and their availability.
  - 2. The use of Parade Flags at upcoming Fourth of July Parades. Make reservations.
  - 3. The work on the website, adding videos from dedications and charitable foundation, updating the calendar, etc.
  - 4. Will be looking at the Grand Trustees suggestion for grand officers to have email address at nsgw.org which would be automatically forwarded to their own personal email address.
  - 5. Anything parlors what to be published on the website should be submitted well in advance of the event for posting.

j. INSURANCE:

- i. Chair Tom Perazzo reported:
  - 1. The renewal for the 2023-2024 policy year has about been completed.
  - 2. Policies for Crime, Cyber, D&O, General Liability, Excess Liability, Inland Marine, along with Property for those Parlor Buildings in our program, and Property Insurance for Columbia Museum, are in place.
  - 3. There was an increase in premiums. Increases will exceed the budgeted amount but the surplus from the 2022-2023 Insurance Budget should cover the increased costs.



4. Parlors, owning their buildings and in our insurance, program will be invoiced for their property and excess liability soon.

5. Workers Comp will renew soon as it has a different renewal date.

k. LAPSATION:

i. Grand President Adams reported PGP Joe Neitzel is working on Lapsation. Contact him with lapsation lists, with addresses, etc. so he can send out letters.

l. LAWS AND SUBORDINATES:

i. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported that the committee has no pending action. LA #45 has inquired about writing new parlor by-laws, samples of recent ones were provided, and they will submit for approval in the near future.

m. LOTT'S LAKE:

i. Chair Foppe reported there are plans for a committee meeting in Napa,

ii. The Chair is looking for a fund raiser lunch or dinner.

iii. Grand Trustees Schork and Phillips suggested including the Mining Committee in the activities. Chair Foppe said yes, and they would talk about it, off-line.

n. MEMBERSHIP:

i. Chair Schmidt, JrPGP, reported he is looking forward to working with the Grand President on his Membership Program.

o. MINING CLAIM:

i. Chair Grand Trustee Philips asked if there were committee assignments.

ii. Grand President Adams responded that he was staying on the committee.

iii. The Chair spoke about a meeting, putting together a map, etc., and a work party on the claim. Sometime now to September. Details to be published soon.

iv. Chair Phillips and the Grand President Adams will be working on the Rules for Use, Driving Directions, Maps, etc.

p. STATEHOOD DAY:

i. Grand President Adams reported that the September Board Meeting will be at the Statehood Day Celebration & BBQ at Rowell Ranch Rodeo Park, hosted by Piedmont #120.

q. BOARD OF RELIEF:

i. Chair Schork reported the Form has been revised, which will be published, and a meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review the applications for Relief.

ii. Grand Secretary Perazzo will Notice the Parlors for the upcoming meeting and the form.

iii. It was noted that the applications for relief run on our physical year. Requests can be for all four quarters or on one or two quarters as a time. The committee meets twice per year.

13. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:

a. Treasurer Santos reported that this year's March and Hospital Presentations, at the 146<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor, went very well. Checks and Cash Donations have been deposited.

b. He also reported that this year we will be back to St Johns on the So Ca Weekend.

c. He would like to have the presentations on our YouTube and on the website. S. Padgett is working on it.

14. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION:

a. Director Love gave a brief report. See appendix for report.

15. HALL ASSOCIATION:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported nothing new, looking for scaffolding company to provide painter for covering the present image; building taken off the marker, real estate sales in SF not good at this time, all spaces rented except for one or two; August Hall is having more events' and looking into front sidewalk work.
  - b. The next meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup>.
  
16. GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING:
  - a. Grand Trustee Cortez gave a brief report. See appendix for report
  
17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Sea Point Parlor:
    - i. Record Secretary Perazzo reported that the closing down of the parlor was moving slowly. Still trying to get members transferred into other active parlors and expecting it to be finished and turning in the Charter by the end of the month.
  - b. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    - i. COLUMBIA MUSEUM:
      1. Grand Trustee Phillips reported:
        - a. Inventorying and cataloging of contents underway,
        - b. Having discussions with State Parks on Interpretation of Exhibits in Museum,
        - c. Looking for building waterproofing to take place in July, by State Parks contractors they have the money to cover the project.
      2. He also reported that Director of Historical Research Roger is looking at an Archive Catalog Program, to inventory and catalog the items at the museum, storage, and meeting hall.
      3. Motion made by Grand Trustee Phillips/Seconded by Grand Trustee Valerio to purchase a cloud-based archive catalog program. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1.
        - a. The Program to be registered in the name of the Grand Secretary, and used by the Director of Historical Research, and the Columbia Museum Restoration Ad-hoc Committee.
      4. PGP King reported that Marjorie McKisson, Sunset #26, has in her position, 6-7 boxes of Scrap Books from Brother Morgan "Personal Library", to deliver to Napa Hall, for the Archives.
    - ii. PUBLIC RELATIONS:
      1. PGP Christeson had nothing to report.
      2. Grand Third Vice President Nelson spoke to the NSGW Position on Japanese Internment during WWII. He believes that information in the 1965 Grand Parlor Proceedings would be for information when responding to inquiries on the subject.
      3. PGP Allen reported on recent conversations with the JCL (Sonoma Co., No. Cal. & West NV) representatives. There have been voice concerns regarding our stance on the Japanese Internment during WWII, and other website information regarding the NSGW.

4. PGP King reported that he had just researched the 1965 Proceedings and was unable to find the references, above, information. He asked that Grand Third Nelson look at his notes and see if it was another year or narrow it down, for further research.
- iii. RITUAL REVISION:
  1. PGP King reported he is continuing to work on the revisions, with others.
  2. He noted that the installation of grand offices, at the 146<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor, following the recently revised ritual, was not correct with the line-up of grand offices, and he needed to update the revised edition, and correct the line-up.
  3. It was noted that he and Grand Outside Sentinel Sean Padgett, would continue to work on the digital 8.5 x 11-inch copies of the ritual, which would be available to the membership.
- iv. PASSPORTS:
  1. Sean Padgett reported:
    - a. That the new Passports were sold out at the 146<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor.
    - b. He is working on updating it, with the changes in parlors (mergers and dissolvments)
    - c. He is working with the printer to resize it so it will be pocket sized.
  2. A discussion took place, and it was agreed:
    - a. To order 250.
    - b. The new sale price will be \$5.00.
  3. The Grand President thanked Sean Padgett for all the work he has done to make the Passports so great and so well received and used.

## 18. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Sloat Landing
  - i. Grand President Adamas announced that there would be no Sloat Landing Ceremonies, this year, due to the closing of Monterey Parlor.
- b. Location of Banks and Financial Institutions
  - i. Motion made by Grand Trustee Schork/Seconded by Grand Trustee Phillips to designate Bank of America–San Francisco, as our official bank. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1.
- c. Passports
  - i. Motion made by Jr PGP Schmidt/Seconded by Grand Outside Sentinel Sean Padgett to charge \$2.00 for a Passport. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1.
- d. Bank and Financial Institutions Signatures
  - i. Motion made by Grand Trustee Phillips/Seconded by Grand Outside Sentinel Sean Padgett to retain the three Bank of America Signatures, Grand Secretary Perazzo, Grand Treasurer Tullius, and PGP Wong, as our signatures. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1.

## 19. MEETING CLOSED

- a. The meeting was closed at 10:26am by the Grand President .

## APPENDICES

1. GRAND SECRETARY'S PCT & SAR DUE REPORT
2. GRAND TREASURERS REPORT
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**BOARD OF GRAND OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 18, 2023  
GoToMeeting**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY: GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ADAMS

- a. The meeting was called to order by George A. Adams at 7:06pm.

2. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS:

- a. Grand Secretary Perazzo took Roll:

Grand President	GEORGE ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Jr Past Grand President	JEFFERY A. SCHMIDT, Georgetown #91	Present
Grand First Vice President	STEVE McLEAN, Excelsior #31	Present
Grand Second Vice President	GARY PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Third Vice President	KRIS NELSON, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Secretary	TOM PERAZZO, Sea Point #158	Present
Grand Treasurer	TIM TULLIUS, Golden Gate #29	Present
Grand Trustee	MARCIA SKELTON, Redwood #66	Present
Grand Trustee	RICHARD CORTEZ, Ferndale #93	Present
Grand Trustee	BRICE WALKER, Observatory #177	Present
Grand Trustee	ETHAN PHILLIPS, Placerville #9	Absent
Grand Trustee	DOUG LOVE, Napa #62	Present
Grand Trustee	DENNIS VALERIO, Halcyon-Alameda #47	Present
Grand Trustee	LARRY SCHORK, Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Marshal	CHRIS ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Grand Inside Sentinel	TOMMY BAGGETT, Amador #17	Present
Grand Outside Sentinel	SEAN PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Organist	WILLIAM MOYER, Napa #62	Present
Grand Historian	LISA ADAMS, Napa #62	Present

3. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISIORS

- a. Grand Secretary Perazzo recognized those Present:

Frank Vento	Finance Committee Chair, Pebble Beach #230
Fred Codoni	PGP, Fairfax #307
Matt Marcucci	Fairfax #307
Burt Winn	Fairfax #307
Mitch Laing	SDDGP, Santa Rosa #28

4. MERGER OF MT. TAM #64 AND FAIRFAX #307

- a. Grand President Adams reported he had received a letter from the parlors asking for approval of their merger.
- b. Grand President Adams reported he approved the merger, as required by the Constitution, and now it was to be considered by the full Board.
- c. Motion Made/Second by Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett/Grand Trustee Cortez, to approve the merger of Mt. Tam and Fairfax. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Passed.

5. MERGER OF CAMBRIA #152 AND SAN LOUIS OBISPO #290

- a. Grand President Adams reported that the approval for merger new took place, as required by the Constitution, and now it was time to do so.
  - b. Motion Made/Second by Grand Trustees Love/Skelton, to approve the merger of Cambria and San Luis Obispo. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Passed.
  - c. Grand Secretary Perazzo noted that Cambria has previously been reported as Dissolved but will correct the records.
6. PAST DUE PER CAPITA TAX FOR SAN LUIS OBSITPO #290
  - a. Grand President Adams reported discussions between the visiting grand officers and the parlor secretary revealed that the parlor would go broke if they were required to pay the \$7,943.25 for the Covid Years.
  - b. It has been reported that the parlor did not meet or collected dues during those years.
  - c. Motion Made/Second by Grand Trustees Walker/Love, to forgive past due Per Capita Tax, and require bring current 2023-2023 1<sup>st</sup> quart PCT. Ayes 16, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 1. Passed.
7. MEETING CLOSED
  - a. The meeting was closed at 7:30pm by the Grand President.

# BOARD OF GRAND OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2023  
Castro Valley, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER BY: GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ADAMS
  - a. Grand President George A. Adams called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE BY: GRAND MARSHAL CHRIS ADAMS
  - a. Grand Marshal Chris Adams led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. PRAYER BY: JR PAST GRAND PRESIENT
  - a. Jr. Past Grand President Schmidt offered prayer.
  
4. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo called the roll and Grand Marshal C. Adams responded:

Grand President	GEORGE ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Jr Past Grand President	JEFFERY A. SCHMIDT, Georgetown #91	Present
Grand First Vice President	STEVE McLEAN, Excelsior #31	Excused
Grand Second Vice President	GARY PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Third Vice President	KRIS NELSON, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Secretary	TOM PERAZZO, Sea Point #158	Present
Grand Treasurer	TIM TULLIUS, Golden Gate #29	Present
Grand Trustee	MARCIA SKELTON, Redwood #66	Present
Grand Trustee	RICHARD CORTEZ, Ferndale #93	Present
Grand Trustee	BRICE WALKER, Observatory #177	Present
Grand Trustee	ETHAN PHILLIPS, Placerville #9	Excused
Grand Trustee	DOUG LOVE, Napa #62	Present
Grand Trustee	DENNIS VALERIO, Halcyon-Alameda #47	Present
Grand Trustee	LARRY SCHORK, Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Marshal	CHRIS ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Grand Inside Sentinel	TOMMY BAGGETT, Amador #17	Present
Grand Outside Sentinel	SEAN PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Excused
Grand Organist	WILLIAM MOYER, Napa #62	Present
Grand Historian	LISA ADAMS, Napa #62	Excused

\* Attended via GoToMeeting
  
5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2023:
  - a. Motion made by Grand Second Vice President Padgett/Seconded by Grand Treasurer Tullius to approve the Minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> and June 17<sup>th</sup>. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent
  
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo read communications received by the Grand Parlor Office.
  
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - a. Assorted items, events, and dates, of interest were announced.
  - b. They will appear in the Dates to Remember and on the Website.

8. GRAND PRESIDENTS' ITEMS:
  - a. Grand President Adams reported that his Membership Program, was in design, and should be released soon.
  - b. Grand President Adams spoke to a recent reinstatement, and making a member "whole", crediting any years missed towards total membership years, with Los Banos #206. He has, per the Constitution, the ability to decide and approve, on a case-by-case basis.
  
9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: GRAND MARSHAL C. ADAMS
  - a. Grand Inside Sentinel S. Padgett acknowledged those present:
    1. James M. Smith, PGP, Arrowhead #110
    2. Duane Gavin, PGP, Redwood #66
    3. David Allen, PGP, Auburn #59
    4. Dean Zellers, PGP, Sonoma #111
    5. Ron Brocco, PGP, Sonoma #111
    6. Mitch Laing, SDDGP #14, Santa Rosa #28
    7. Dan Foppe, DDGP Petaluma-Nicasio #183
    8. Frank Vento, Finance Committee Chair, Pebble Beach #230
    9. Ken Perazzo, Golden Gate #29
    10. Tim Prince, Athletics Chair, Arrowhead #110
    11. Robert Santos, Charitable Foundation, Eden #113
    12. Dave Schaefer, Parlor President, Santa Rosa #28
    13. Vern Parcel, Piedmont #120
    14. Kevin McNally, Piedmont #120
    15. Cindy Pilgrim, Observatory #177
    16. Karen vin Bargan, Argonaut #8
    17. Carl von Bargen, HPF Chair, Argonaut #8
    18. Karen Perazzo, Golden Gate #29
    19. Rose Twyman, Golden Gate #29

\* There was no attendance, via GoToMeeting, due to equipment problems.
  
10. GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT: TOM PERAZZO
 

Grand Secretary Perazzo reported on the following:

  - a. Parlor Due Per Capita Tax Report
    1. Was distributed September 1<sup>st</sup>.
    2. Some PCT was received in the office prior to today's meeting.
  - b. Parlor Due Semi-Annual Report
    1. Was distributed September 1<sup>st</sup>.
    2. No reports have been received since then.
  
11. GRAND TREASURER REPORT: TIM TULLIUS
  - a. Grand Treasurer Tullius presented a summary of his report, which had been emailed to the Board. See report in Appendix.



12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. BOARD OF APPEALS:

1. No report.

b. BOARD OF CONTROL:

1. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported that the Committee approved, Redwood #66 request, for \$6,100, for repair and maintenance at Bear Lodge.

c. CALENDAR:

1. No report.
2. Grand President Adams reported that Calendars are still available, sales are going well, and the 2024 Calendar is going to the printers soon.

d. CALIFORNIA HISTORY BOARD:

1. Grand Trustee Love gave James King, PGP's report. See report in Appendix.
2. Grand President Adams added that the Dillon Beach Dedication will include a Family Overnight Campout, at the Marin County beach.

e. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:

1. Grand Third Vice President Nelson gave Chair James King, PGP's brief report. See report in Appendix.
2. Committee member Gavin, PGP, spoke to the committee is in discussions with the Grand President, and they are working on two new resolutions.

f. DISCOVERY OF GOLD:

1. Grand Inside Sentinel Baggett, reported for Erik Christeson, PGP:
  1. Excelsior #31 is planning the Discovery of Gold Weekend Events; reception, dedication, initiation, and dinner; be held January 26-28, in Jackson.
  2. Rooms will be available at Best Western, Jackson.
  3. A flyer will be distributed in November.
2. Grand President Adams thanks those who are planning the event.

g. FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Chair Frank Vento reported:
  1. Things going well with submitted expense reports
  2. Flag Day went over budget due to the need to replace the broken lockbox on the flagpole.
2. Grand President Adams thanked the committee for their work.

h. FLAG DAY:

1. Chair S. Padgett reported:
  1. All was well done
  2. Great attendance

i. INFORMATION SERVICES:

1. Chair Marcia Skelton reported:
  1. Information Booths are being used at county fairs, farmers markets, etc.
  2. Parade Flags were used at Fourth of July Parades. Reservations are being made for future use.
  3. Website work continues with adding videos from dedications; information from the Charitable Foundation, etc.; and updating the calendar, etc.

4. The Website feature for “Join Us” is working. Grand Secretary Perazzo reviews the inquiries and directs them to the appropriate parlor recording secretary, for them to contact prospective members.

j. INSURANCE:

1. Chair Tom Perazzo reported:
  1. The program wis going well.
  2. Property carrier was able to add several parlor buildings to the program, taking them off CA Fair Plan, with lower premiums.
2. Committee member Zellers, PGP, reported:
  1. The lawsuit for the Sonoma Racetrack Overturned Golf Cart was settled after 6 years.

k. LAPSATION:

1. No report.

l. LAWS AND SUBORDINATES:

1. No report.

m. LOTT'S LAKE:

1. Chair Foppe reported on the recent Work Party :
  1. Worked on Cabin and Outhouse, hard work, in the rain and snow.
  2. Lots of trash had to be removed from the cabin before work and use.
  3. Had shooting and fishing tournaments.
  4. Will need to make a weekend trip to take out all the trash left behind before the work party.
  5. Next year will need to do more work on the cabin due to low turnout this year.
  6. Users are reminded to take your trash and everything you brought in, out with you when you leave.
  7. All were thanked for their hard work.

n. MEMBERSHIP:

1. Chair Schmidt, JrPGP, reported:
  1. He is working with the Grand President on his Membership Program.

o. MINING CLAIM:

1. Grand President Adams responded:
  1. All is in order with the present clam.
  2. Looking at adding another claim in Downieville area.
  3. Twelve claims could be signed soon.

p. STATEHOOD DAY:

1. Today's Board Meeting and the BBQ is being hosted by Piedmont #120.

q. BOARD OF RELIEF:

1. Chair Schork reported:
  1. The committee has met and reviewed 7 submissions, and all were approved.

13. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:
  - a. Treasurer Santos reported:
    1. Will be going back to the hospitals this year for the check presentations.
    2. Each hospital will receive \$65,000 this year.
14. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION:
  - a. Chair von Barga reported:
    1. HPF has two major goals:
      1. Director Outreach
      2. How we Help with funding for grants for projects
    2. He elaborated on the above, briefly.
15. HALL ASSOCIATION:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported:
    1. Nothing new, scaffoldings to be provided for painter to cover the present image.
    2. Building taken off the market due to real estate sales in SF not good at this time.
    3. The next meeting will be on September 12th.
16. GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING:
  - a. Grand Trustee Secretary Cortez:
    1. Gave a brief report. See appendix for report.
    2. Grand Trustees recommend selling the Santa Rosa Hall Stock, owned by Grand Parlor, to the two members who have offered to buy the 300 shares.
17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Legacy Fund:
    1. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported:
      1. He had been waiting for direction from the Grand Trustees who at a previous meeting had recommended investing the funds.
      2. The Grand Trustees recommended investing the balance of \$8,304.35 in a Stifle Money Market or saving account with a 4% or better interest rate.
      3. He would proceed with the above and the Grand Treasurer would add the account to his report and track the interest gained.
  - b. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    1. COLUMBIA MUSEUM RESTORATION:
      1. Chair von Barga reported:
        - a. Progress in planning stages.
    2. PUBLIC RELATIONS:
      1. Grand Trustee Skelton reported for PGP Christeson. See report in Appendix.
    3. RITUAL REVISION:
      1. Grand Trustee Skelton reported for PGP King reported is continuing to work on the revisions.
18. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Lodi #18
    1. Grand President Adamas announced:
      1. Communications problems.

2. Grand Marshal C. Adams and SDDGP McKisson working with parlor to get letter to members regarding merging with Ione#33 and/or members joining the Native Son Parlor.

b. Sale of Santa Rosa Hall Stock

1. Motion made by Grand Trustee Walker/Seconded by Grand Trustee Love to Sell 300 Grand Parlor Owned Santa Rosa Hall Stocks to Brothers Laing and Schaefer, for the \$7,500 offer. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent 2.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Grand President introduced and presented his Belt Buckle.
- b. Grand Third Vice President Nelson said small parlors need help with holding events, such as Watsonville #65 and San Magel #150, and asked those near by to them reach out see how they can help.
- c. Grand Trustee Walker urged everyone to celebrate California every day.
- d. Grand President Adams reported on the great events:
  1. Native Sons and Native Daughters Luncheon, yesterday in South San Francisco,
  2. The Grand Officers Dedication, yesterday in Daly City and thanked von Barga for his upcoming work with the monument for the plaque.
  3. Today's Piedmont #120 BBQ and Auto Show.
  4. Today's Ione #33 Steak BBQ.

20. MEETING CLOSED

- a. The meeting was closed at 11:34am by the Grand President.

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**BOARD OF GRAND OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 27, 2024**  
**Jackson, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY: GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ADAMS
  - a. Grand President George A. Adams called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE BY: GRAND MARSHAL CHRIS ADAMS
  - a. Grand Marshal Chris Adams led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. PRAYER BY: JR PAST GRAND PRESIENT JEFFREY SCHMIDT
  - a. Past Grand President Tim Tullius offered prayer.
  
4. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo called the roll and Grand Marshal C. Adams responded:

Grand President	GEORGE ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
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Grand Organist	WILLIAM MOYER, Napa #62	Excused
Grand Historian	LISA ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
  
5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 09, 2023:
  - a. Motion made by Grand Second Vice President Padgett/Seconded by Grand Treasurer Tullius to approve the Minutes of September 09, 2023. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.
  
6. COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo read communications received by the Grand Parlor Office.
    - i. Stifel: Announcing the passing of our financial advisor Loren Harper, and the assignment of our new financial advisor Patrick Sinclair.
    - ii. Hall Association: Assignment of proxies for upcoming shareholders meeting. PGPs Perazzo and Brocco plan on being there as assigned Grand Parlor representatives.
    - iii. Receipt of antique NSGW and NDGW postcards which will be sent to each's museums.

- iv. Phishing: recently received emails requesting action and/or funds, were blocked and deleted. Those present were advised to check on who sent the email by clicking on the v and seeing those from whom the email is really. Then Block and Delete.
- v. Official Directory: Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett and Grand Secretary Perazzo spoke about finding the Official Directory on the front side of the website, where a password was not needed, and could have been used to gain email addresses for phishing purposes. Grand Trustee and ISC Chair Skelton has moved the Directory to the protected side of the website where a password is needed in the area with the Forms. The password has also been changed for additional protection.
- vi. Lodi Parlor ##18: communications with parlor president on status of the parlor and activities regarding shutting down. To be discussed later under New Business.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Assorted items, events, and dates, of interest were announced.
- b. Outside Sentinel S. Padgett spoke about the newly created email address, [events@nsgw.org](mailto:events@nsgw.org) where parlors could send information and flyer, on their planned events. This one stop email address will send the submitted information to the Editor of the Native Son, the Grand Secretary for Dates to Remember to the Webmaster and social media master for posting.

8. GRAND PRESIDENTS' ITEMS:

- a. Grand President Adams spoke on the topic of Communications:
  - i. Good communications in the past few months but need to funnel though the Grand Secretary where he can get it out to the membership.
  - ii. Mitch Laing has been working to gather event information, so that the event information could get out to more members, so more members can participate in events at other parlors.
  - iii. SDDGP need to get this information so they can get to their assigned parlors.
  - iv. Past Grand President Christeson spoke to having the distribution of information and event flyer be by bcc, for all, for protection of the email addresses, and all would not see the reply "thanks, etc." that all don't want to see.
  - v. Grand Trustee and ISC Chair also responded to the use of [events@nsgw.org](mailto:events@nsgw.org) so that parlors can get outside attendance at their events.
  - vi. Grand President Adams, spoke about how Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett was able to download the Calendar, on the Website to his cell phone, so he could see the upcoming events. He encouraged others to download the Calendar to their cell phones.
  - vii. Grand Historian L. Adams spoke to reaching out to our Native Daughters who might want to know about events they could attend. Grand Secretary Perazzo responded:
    - 1. There is a "VIP Group" that Native Sons, other than Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, SDDGPs, Committee Chairs and Recording Secretaries, could be on the email distribution. The members wishing to be on that list only need to send their request to [grandsecretary@nsgw.org](mailto:grandsecretary@nsgw.org)
    - 2. There is a "VIP Friends" list that includes Past Grand President Widows, Native Daughters Past Grand Presidents and other wishing to know about events. Those non-Native Sons wishing to be on that list and also request to be with an email to [grandsecretary@nsgw.org](mailto:grandsecretary@nsgw.org)

3. The Monthly Mailer email containing the Notes, Membership Report, Past Due Per Capita Tax and Past Due Semi Annal Reports and other essential information does not go to VIP Friends.
- viii. Grand Secretary Perazzo spoke to the response to “Join Us” requests, via the website:
  1. Look to where they live and the closest active parlor and forwards the request to the recording secretary of that parlor to contact the prospective member.
  2. Look to their city of birth, if their address is outside California, and contact them with the option of joining the Native Son Parlor or the parlor closest to where they were born and most likely to visit. Most pick the Native Son Parlor.
  3. Hope that parlors respond to his forwarding the “Join Us” inquirer. We are receiving about 4-6 each week.
  4. We also get inquiries about our diversity and/or past history and respond on who we are and our history of diversity.
- ix. The Grand Secretary spoke about:
  1. The recent hacked email addresses and spam:
  2. It was decided that all future emails, to groups, and the Order, would go out with all recipients as bcc.
  3. The receipt of communications these days:
  4. Email, the Grand Secretary uses text, phone, mail, and Facebook.
  5. The addition of email lists:
  6. VIP Group: for parlor officers and other members who want to see what’s happening, i.e., Monthly Notes. If members want to be on this email list, they can send an email to [grandsecretary@nsgw.org](mailto:grandsecretary@nsgw.org).
  7. VIP Friends: for PGP Widows, Native Daughters, and others related to Native Sons, who might wish to hear about events, i.e., Dates to Remember. They too can send an email to [grandsecretary@nsgw.org](mailto:grandsecretary@nsgw.org), to be on the list.
- x. The Grand President concluded the subject by stating that parlor events could be attended by brothers who in the area on vacation or other purposes so parlor should let the Grand Secretary know so he can keep the Dates to Remember up to date.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: GRAND MARSHAL C. ADAMS

- a. Grand Inside Sentinel Tommy Baggett and Grand Marshal C. Adams acknowledged those present:
  - i. Duane Gavin, PGP, Redwood #66
  - ii. David Allen, PGP, Auburn #59
  - iii. Erik Christeson, PGP, Excelsior #31
  - iv. James King, PGP, San Miguel #150
  - v. Barbara Kimbell, SDDGP #1, Arrowhead #110
  - vi. Bob Teal, SDDGP #8, National #118
  - vii. Brian Ferdani, DDGP, Amador #17
  - viii. Mitch Laing, SDDGP #14, Santa Rosa #28
  - ix. Carol Robb, DDGP, Arrowhead #110
  - x. Dan Foppe, DDGP Petaluma-Nicasio #183
  - xi. Gary Arosio, DDGP, Excelsior #31
  - xii. Burt Winn, Board of Control Chair, Fairfax #307
  - xiii. Frank Vento, Finance Committee Chair, Pebble Beach #230
  - xiv. Tim Prince, Athletics Chair, Arrowhead #110
  - xv. Glenn Berry, Curator of Artifacts, Chispa #139

- xvi. Robert Santos, Charitable Foundation, Eden #113
- xvii. Carl von Bergen, HPF Chair, Argonaut #8
- xviii. Dave Schaefer, Santa Rosa #28
- xix. Cindy Pilgrim, Observatory #177
- xx. Rose Twyman, Golden Gate #29
- xxi. Vern Parcell, Piedmont #120
- xxii. Steve Reinert, Excelsior #31
- xxiii. Mark Spaugh, Placerville #9
- xxiv. Jason Wilson, Amador #17
- xxv. Don Schaffer, Grand Treasurer Emeritus, Twin Peaks #214

10. GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT: TOM PERAZZO

- a. Due Per Capita Tax Delinquent/Not Paid
  - i. Grand Secretary:
    - 1. Referred to the list published Feb. 1, 2024, where there was \$23,016.92 in past due PCT.
    - 2. Contacted a number of Parlors who had outstanding balances and was able to get commitment form a number of them and are still waiting for a response from others.
    - 3. Due to email, mail, and other problems asked that late fees for NS#74, 118, 150, be waved: so, moved by the Grand President.
    - 4. Asked the Visiting Officers to contact their parlors and ask for the PCT to be paid and submitted to Grand Parlor.
- b. Outstanding Dedication Plaque Payment
  - i. One from Ferndale #93 for their share of two plaques.
    - 1. 144-03 Meeting Place and 144-07 Star Hotel, were not paid by Ferndale #93
    - 2. Grand Trustee Cortez reported that during the Covid Years, then Grand President Castillo was looking to place plaques in the area of HSU, and that the costs would be on him. That resulted in Ferndale #93 not paying. The Grand Secretary responded that the Office never got the word not to charge the parlor.
    - 3. The Grand President asked for the amount due, the Grand Secretary responded that the balance due was \$1,120.16.
    - 4. A discussion followed where it was reported that the 2020-2021 Budget for Past Grand President was closed, and another funding source was needed.
    - 5. Motion Made by Grand Trustee Phillips/Seconded by Grand Treasurer Tullius to forgive debt of Ferndale #93 and charge the payment for their plaques from the Legacy Dedication Fund. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.
    - 6. Note:
      - a. Flowing the meeting it was determined the since the Legacy Fund did not exist at the time of the dedications, that fund could not be used.
      - b. The Board of Grand Officers were polled and it was agreed to take the funds, for the two plaques, from the 2020-2021 Budget Surplus, banked in the Bank of Americas Savings Account.
- c. Semi-Annual Reports Not Filled
  - i. Grand Secretary referred to the List published Feb. 1, 2024:
    - 1. Some have responded and others have not.
    - 2. Asked the Visiting Officers to contact their parlors and ask for the reports to be completed and submitted to Grand Parlor.



11. GRAND TREASURER REPORT: TIM TULLIUS
  - a. Grand Treasurer Tullius presented a summary of his report, which had been emailed to the Board. See report in Appendix.
  - b. Carl von Barga, Argonaut #8, asked if there was a way to show the value of the SF Hall Association, so the Board of Grand Officers could see the value of the asset, for management purposes.
  - c. Grand Treasurer Tullius responded that the value of stock is there but not UpToDate.
  
12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. BOARD OF APPEALS:
    - i. No report.
  - b. BOAD OF CONTROL:
    - i. No report.
  - c. CALENDAR:
    - i. Grand Trustee Schork, Committee Liaison, had no report.
    - ii. Grand President Adams reported:
      1. Calendars are still available, sales are going well, and the 2024 Calendar is going to the printers soon.
      2. Special Fundraiser letters will be mailed out in the next three weeks.
    - iii. Grand President and others pulled the tickets for the month of January.
  - d. CALIFORNIA HISTORY BOARD:
    - i. Chair/ Past Grand President King gave a verbal report of plaques installed and, in the works, and reviewed the budget for plaque expenses . See report in Appendix.
  - e. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:
    - i. Chair/ Past Grand President King had no report. See his brief report that was submitted prior to this meeting in the Appendix.
  - f. DISCOVERY OF GOLD:
    - i. Past Grand President Christeson gave a brief report on todays and tomorrow's planned activities.
  - g. FINANCE COMMITTEE:
    - i. Chair Frank Vento reported:
      1. The proposed budget for the 148<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor is being developed. The first meeting was held. Rising expenses are being seen and the proposed budget will reflect it.
      2. Grand Secretary Perazzo reported that the new deadline for submitting expenses to the Grand Parlor Office, with be the first of the month. Those Visiting Officers who have not submitted their expenses for visits should do so, keeping in mind the 60-day rule.
    - ii. Grand President Adams thanked the committee for their work.
  - h. FLAG DAY:
    - i. No report.
  - i. INFORMATION SERVICES:
    - i. Chair/Grand Trustee Skelton reported:
      1. Parlors use information booths and flags. They are available and now stored at the Napa Hall.
      2. Website still working on updating it. Thanked Grand Outside S. Padgett for his assistance.
  - j. INSURANCE:

- i. Chair/ Past Grand President Perazzo reported:
  - 1. Unfortunately, will be over budget due to the increase in premiums not contemplated when the budget was set, for all lines of insurance.
  - 2. Working with our broker to develop the Insurance Budget for 2024-2025, they are also seeing or expecting premiums to rise in most lines of insurance.
  - 3. Thanks, the parlors, and others for a year of no claims.
- k. LAPSATION:
  - i. No report.
  - ii. Grand President G. Adams mentioned that Lawrence Ewing, Solano #39, is assisting Joe Neitzel, Chair and Past Grand President, while he is on "Sick Call".
- l. LAWS AND SUBORDINATES:
  - i. Dolores-California #1 has submitted a change in their by-laws, to not charge new membership/initiation fees, and to not charge membership dues, which was missed by the Committee, previously approved for Officers' Salaries.
  - ii. The committee had approved the changes above, but the Grand President had reservations.
  - iii. The Board of Grand Officers, and those present, discussed the pros and cons of the changes, parlor membership numbers, and funds. It was noted that other parlors do the same when it comes to dues and initiation fees.
  - iv. Following the discussion the Grand President approved the changes.
- m. LOTTS LAKE:
  - i. Chair Foppe reported:
    - 1. There will be a Lotts Lake Committee Meeting on March 2nd at the Napa Hall. A social and lunch will precede the meeting.
    - 2. This year's Work Pary Week will be August 3rd-10<sup>th</sup>.
- n. MEMBERSHIP:
  - i. Chair/Grand Third Vice President Nelson reported for Chair/JrPGP Schmidt:
    - 1. At a meeting, yesterday, the Membership Committee discussed:
      - a. Suggestions for conducting a membership drive.
      - b. How parlors could budget for advertising with shared funding from the committee, with a \$1,000 cap. The parlor and committee would split the costs up \$1,000, with the committee's share coming from the Organization Fund. This proposed program is for those parlors who can not afford to advertise on their own.
      - c. Discussion following the above covered the reason, what the parlors could do, etc.
  - ii. Motion Made by Grand Third Vice President Nelson/Seconded by Grand Marshal C. Adams to Develop a Cooperative Membership Advertising Campaign, with parlors, funded by the Organization Budget. Amended for a \$1,000 cap. Both approved, Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.
  - iii. Chair/Grand Third Vice President Nelson would be looking to have a Boiler Plate Advertising Option.
  - iv. Past Grand President King and others spoke to members being born outside California, not only due to military service of the parents but also across state lines for hospital birth, and while parent were traveling who are eligible and the need to advertise that.
- o. MINING CLAIM:
  - i. Grand President Adams responded:

1. No activity at the clam, at this time, for the winter, as the gate is closed and locked. Looking for a June/July Reopening.
  2. Mining Rules for use to be developed by Grand Trustee Phillips.
  3. Maps are available from the Grand Parlor Office.
  4. Still looking at adding another claim in Downieville area.
  5. Ten claims could be signed soon.
  6. Mining Claim information will be published on the password protected side of the website, in the near future by Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett.
- ii. Grand Trustee Phillips reported he would work on updating the "Use of Claims Rules, with the Grand President.
- p. STATEHOOD DAY:
- i. No Report.
- q. BOARD OF RELIEF:
- i. Chair/Grand Trustee Schork reported:
    1. \$31,113.79 in the Relief Fund.
    2. Have approved a number of applications, overlooked some that are now being looked at.
    3. Grand Secretary will soon put out a reminder for parlors to submit applications for relief.
    4. The committee will soon be reviewing applications for relief from parlors.
13. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:
- a. Chair/Past Grand President Lapachet reported:
    - i. All the hospitals have been presented with this year's donations, at well represented presentations.
    - ii. All hospitals are planning to present at the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park.
    - iii. Grand President commended on the presentations of the checks and the hospitals presentations showing their program services and tools such as the 3-D Printer that is used to study before surgeries, etc.
14. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION:
- a. Chair von Barga reported:
    - i. Do have flyers, etc. for donations/grants, and patchers, challenge coins, etc. for donations.
  - b. Director/Grand Trustee Walker spoke to:
    - i. Monthly Mailer included HPF Flyer, talking with corporations, check in and donate donating site on the Website.
15. HALL ASSOCIATION:
- a. Director/Grand Secretary Perazzo reported:
    - i. Greda is gone, she has been painted over.
    - ii. The Hall Association is looking for real estate agency to take over the rental/lease marketing.
    - iii. August Hall is holding more events.
    - iv. The Hall Association has checked with hotel neighbors, and they are not looking to expand at this time, so they are not in the market to buy the building.
    - v. The next meeting of the Board and Shareholders will be in March and both Director/Past Grand President Brocco and the Director/Grand Secretary plan on attending.
16. GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING:

- a. Grand Trustee Secretary Cortez:
    - i. Gave a brief report. See appendix for report.
    - ii. Grand Trustees recommend moving Funds in the Stifel #1406 to the Stifel Bank Money Market Account, where they could make +or-5% interest.
  - b. Motion made by Grand Trustee Phillips/Seconded by Grand Second Vice President Padgett to approve the move of funds from Stifle Account #1406 to the Stifel Bank Money Market Account. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.
17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- a. None.
  - b. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    - i. COLUMBIA MUSEUM RESTORATION:
      - 1. Chair von Bargaen reported:
        - a. There is a need to do a better job in preserving our own history and archives. Archives at the Columbia Museum, not on display should be moved to the Napa Hall.
        - b. Following at tour of the Museum and Meeting Room, etc. met with the State Parks representatives and discussed exterior repairs that have or are being made, and what repairs need to be made on the inside.
        - c. There will be a work party at the Napa Hall, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8am-4pm, to prepare storage and workspace areas for archives from the Museum and the two trailers on PGP Noel's property.
        - d. A Columbia work party will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.
        - e. A date for moving the archives at PGP Noel's maybe set in May/June will be set later.
  - c. PUBLIC RELATIONS:
    - i. Committee Chair/Grand Trustee Skelton reported:
      - 1. On the work of the Information Services Ad-hoc Committee has been doing. See report in Appendix.
      - 2. The ad-hoc committee recommended going with Reputation Defense Network, Tier 1, - \$1500 per month, for a 6-month term, to begin with, and the funds to come from ISC and Savings Account.
      - 3. Motion Made by Grand Trustee Skelton/Seconded by Grand First Vice President McLean to hire Reputation Defense Network, on a month to month and up 6-month contact. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.
      - 4. Discussions following the Motion, covered the information that could be found on the internet, the various social media platforms that we have, and that parlors and committees, etc. need to work to produce positive content for the committee and the Reputation Defense Network to use to improve our image.
      - 5. The Grand President raised the question on how to fund the contract.
      - 6. Committee Chair/Grand Trustee Skelton suggested the up to 6-month contact be funded from the ISC Budget and our Saving Account, 50/50%, for the projected cost of \$9,000. Grand First Vice President McLean agreed his 148<sup>th</sup> Budget would include the three months into his term for the contact.
      - 7. Carl von Bargaen Suggested using the Howard Pare Fund. Others commented on the use of ISC Funds.
      - 8. PGP Christeson suggested the Contingency Fund, which is at 3% of the annual budget was available.

9. Motion Made by Grand Trustee Skelton/Seconded by Grand First Vice President McLean to fund the contact with Reputation Defense Network, from the ISC Budget and the Contingency Fund. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.

d. RITUAL REVISION:

- i. PGP King reported:
  1. Comments made follow the Service for PGP Hoffmann's, the committee will be looking at the Funeral Ritual, to see where it can be edited, be enhanced, and "uplifted."
  2. Grand Officers Installation is also being reviewed to see where it can be enhanced. Also looking at adding a diagram to show where the grand officer stand at the altar, prior to taking their oath.

18. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lodi #18

- i. Grand Secretary reported:
  1. Parlor is closing, they will be looking at donating their remaining funds to Ione #33, Elk Grove #41, Stockton #7, and The Charitable Foundation.
  2. The Parlor will be paying all past and present due Per Capita Tax.
  3. They will be getting Grand Parlor Issued items, including regalia, etc., and the Parlor Books, to be returned to Grand Parlor.
- ii. Motion Made by Grand Marshal C. Adams/Seconded by Grand Inside Sentinel Baggett to allow Lodi Parlor to make donations to any Native Son Entity, any amount over the \$5,000 without required approval by the Board of Control. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.

b. Video Camera

- i. Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett reported there are problems with the outdated camera now being used to film dedications, blogs, etc.
- ii. He reported that a good video camera would run about \$1000-1500.
- iii. A general discussion followed about how to fund the new camera.
- iv. Motion Made by Grand Outside Sentinel S. Padgett/Seconded by Grand Trustee Valerio to purchase a new video camera, not to exceed \$1500, funded by ISC and HPF, 50/50%. Ayes 15, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused 2.

19. MEETING CLOSED

- a. The meeting was closed at 12:06pm by the Grand President.

APPENDICES

7. GRAND SECRETARY'S PCT & SAR DUE REPORT
8. GRAND TREASURERS REPORT
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**BOARD OF GRAND OFFICERS MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 13, 2024**  
**SAN FRANCISCO CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER BY: GRAND PRESIDENT GEORGE A. ADAMS
  - a. Grand President George A. Adams called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
  
2. PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE BY: GRAND MARSHAL CHRIS ADAMS
  - a. Grand Marshal Chris Adams led the Salute to the Flag and Pledge of Allegiance.
  
3. PRAYER BY: JR PAST GRAND PRESIENT JEFFREY SCHMIDT
  - a. Past Grand President Tim Tullius offered prayer.
  
4. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo called the roll and Grand Marshal C. Adams responded:
 

Grand President	GEORGE ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Jr Past Grand President	JEFFERY A. SCHMIDT, Georgetown #91	Present
Grand First Vice President	STEVE McLEAN, Excelsior #31	Present
Grand Second Vice President	GARY PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Third Vice President	KRIS NELSON, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Secretary	TOM PERAZZO, Golden Gate #29	Present
Grand Treasurer	TIM TULLIUS, Golden Gate #29	Present
Grand Trustee	MARCIA SKELTON, Redwood #66	Present
Grand Trustee	RICHARD CORTEZ, Argonaut #8	Present
Grand Trustee	BRICE WALKER, Observatory #177	Present
Grand Trustee	ETHAN PHILLIPS, Placerville #9	Present
Grand Trustee	DOUG LOVE, Napa #62	Present
Grand Trustee	DENNIS VALERIO, Halcyon-Alameda #47	Present
Grand Trustee	LARRY SCHORK, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	Present
Grand Marshal	CHRIS ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
Grand Inside Sentinel	TOMMY BAGGETT, Amador #17	Present
Grand Outside Sentinel	SEAN PADGETT, Sonoma #111	Present
Grand Organist	WILLIAM MOYER, Napa #62	Excused
Grand Historian	LISA ADAMS, Napa #62	Present
  
5. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF NANUARY 27, 2024:
  - a. Motion made by Grand Second Vice President Padgett/Seconded by Grand Trustee Cortez to approve the Minutes of January 27, 2024, as corrected. Ayes 17, nays 0, abstain 0, absent/excused.
  
6. COMMUICATIONS:
  - a. Grand Secretary Perazzo read several letters/emails received at the Grand Parlor Office:
  
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
  - a. Several brothers made announcements:
    - i. SDDGP Laing reported that Brother Dave Schaefer, member of Santa Rosa #28 and candidate for Grand Outside Sentinel for the 148<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor, is in the hospital awaiting foot surgery, may not be present at the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Sessions.
    - ii. Grand Officers and Brothers announced upcoming events.

- iii. Grand President Adams announced that Special Fund Tickets have been distributed by mail, and extras were available, for \$10 each, a change from previous years.
8. GRAND PRESIDENTS' ITEMS:
- a. Grand President Adams spoke on the following:
    - i. Official Visits are being completed and Reports are due for the Advanced Reports.
    - ii. The remaining Mt Tam #64 bank account funds, about \$7,000, are now being transferred to Fairfax #307.
9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS: GRAND MARSHAL C. ADAMS
- a. Grand Inside Sentinel Tommy Baggett and Grand Marshal C. Adams acknowledged those present:
    - i. Duane Gavin, PGP, Redwood #66
    - ii. Barbara Kimbell, SDDGP #1, Arrowhead #110
    - iii. Robert Bruno, SDDGP #6, Redwood #66
    - iv. Mitch Laing, SDDGP #14, Santa Rosa #28
    - v. Dan Foppe, Lotts Lake Chair, Petaluma-Nicasio #183
    - vi. Burt Winn, Board of Control Chair, Fairfax #307
    - vii. Frank Vento, Finance Committee Chair, Pebble Beach #230
    - viii. Tim Prince, Athletics Chair, Arrowhead #110
    - ix. Steve Reinert, Excelsior #31
    - x. Rob Samson, Flag Day Chair, Sonoma #111
    - xi. Alexis Pacheco, Grand Parlor Administrative Assistant, Native Son #0
    - xii. Robert Fletcher, Hall Association Secretary, Golden Gated #29
    - xiii. Donna Fletcher, 4th Grade Essay Chair, Golden Gate #29
10. GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT: TOM PERAZZO
- a. Due Per Capita Tax Delinquent/Not Paid
    - i. Grand Secretary:
      - 1. Referred to the list published April. 1, 2024, where there was \$56,563.20 in past due PCT.
      - 2. Reported that the PCT covered insurance for the NSGW Program:
        - a. General Liability, for parlor and grand parlor events/meetings,
        - b. Cyber, for parlors and grand parlors,
        - c. Excess Liability, for parlor and grand parlor events/meetings,
        - d. General Liability and Excess Liability for Columbia Museum, Lotts Lake, and the Mining Claim.
      - 3. Asked the Visiting Officers to contact their parlors and ask for the PCT to be paid and submitted to Grand Parlor.
      - 4. Will be reminding parlors that delegates will not be seated at the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Sessions with pass due parlor PCT.
  - b. Semi-Annual Reports Not Filled
    - i. Grand Secretary referred to the List published April. 1, 2024:
    - ii. Asked the Visiting Officers to contact their parlors and ask for the reports to be completed and submitted to Grand Parlor.
    - iii. Reminded parlors that their delegates would not be seated at the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Sessions with past due SARs.

11. GRAND TREASURER REPORT: TIM TULLIUS
  - a. Grand Treasurer Tullius presented a summary of his report, which had been emailed to the Board. See report in Appendix.
  
12. COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - a. BOARD OF APPEALS:
    - i. No report.
  - b. BOAD OF CONTROL:
    - i. Chair Winn reported the committee approved Fairfax #307 Roof Replacement for \$16,000.
    - ii. Grand Secretary reported a Redwood #66 request has been submitted to the committee.
  - c. CALENDAR:
    - i. Reported sales lower that last year at this time, need to sell 55 more calendars to break even.
    - ii. Grand President Adams reported:
      1. Calendars are still available, sales are going well, and the 2024 Calendar is going to the printers soon.
      2. Special Fundraiser letters and tickets have been mailed to all members. This year each ticket will be \$20.00, and two tickets will be included in the mailing, not the 12 tickets at \$1.00 each in precious years.
  - d. CALIFORNIA HISTORY BOARD:
    - i. Chair/PGP King submitted his report, prior to this meeting. See report in Appendix.
    - ii. Grand Trustee Walker reported progress with the Carson Mansion plaque research.
  - e. CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:
    - i. PGP Gavin reported that thirty-two resolutions have been submitted to date and are being reviewed. A non-native resolution will be referred to the delegates at the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Sessions.
  - f. DISCOVERY OF GOLD:
 

Grand President Adams thanked Excelsior #31 for a great weekend and all the great work on the events.
  - g. FINANCE COMMITTEE:
    - i. Chair Frank Vento reported the committee is still working on the Proposed 148<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Budget. Several meetings have been held, and the Budget will be published in the Advanced Report and presented at Session.
  - h. FLAG DAY:
    - i. Chair Sean Padgett reported the date was set for June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Board of Grand Officers Meeting the same day prior to the Flag Day Event.
  - i. INFORMATION SERVICES:
    - i. Chair/Grand Trustee Skelton gave a brief report on all the work the committee and the PR Sub Committee have been doing.
    - ii. Sean Padgett spoke to the website Calendar and how to get it on your smart phone. He also spoke about Press Releases, the PR Sub Committee, is working on with the PR Firms, will be posted on the website, as will a new list of Parlor Meeting's by day/week.
      1. Parlors use information booths and flags. They are available and now stored at the Napa Hall.
      2. Website still updating it. Thanked Grand Outside S. Padgett for his assistance.



- j. INSURANCE:
  - i. Chair/ Past Grand President Perazzo reported on the work being done on the 24-25 Insurance Program Renewal.
- k. LAPSATION:
  - i. No report.
- l. LAWS AND SUBORDINATES:
  - i. No reported activity.
- m. LOTTS LAKE:
  - i. Chair Foppe submitted his report and spoke to an upcoming Fund Rasing Dinner, in Napa, in Septembers; and the planned vegetation management work on the “Big Tree” and other vegetation needed to reduce Wildfire damage.
- n. MEMBERSHIP:
  - i. Chair/PGP Schmidt spoke of Awards, Honor Parlors, and the Ad Campaign.
  - ii. Georgetown #91 has submitted for funds, for advertising with shared funding, from Organization Fund.
  - iii. Grand First Vice President McLean suggested that parlors join the local chamber of commerce where they could network and find potential members.
  - iv. Grand Inside Sentinel Padgett spoke to the use of social media to gain members.
  - v. Grand Secretary Perazzo spoke of the need to update the Brochure to show Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
  - vi. Grand Third Vice President Nelson spoke to the guidelines and pre-approval for the Membership Ad Drive.
- o. MINING CLAIM:
  - 1. Grand Trustee Phillips spoke to an upcoming weekend, June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Claim. He added that there would be a CA Adventure Club Camping Trip, starting on June 6<sup>th</sup>, also on the Claim.
  - 2. Carl von Bargaen spoke to some future CA Adventure Club Events:
    - a. July 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Utah Beach
    - b. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Lotts Lake
    - c. Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> Lassen Park
- p. STATEHOOD DAY:
  - i. Grand First Vice President McLean reported the event would be a week later next year and be in Sacramento.
- q. BOARD OF RELIEF:
  - i. Chair/Grand Trustee Schork reported the committee received over a dozen requests for relief and the list of approved relief has been submitted to the grand secretary for payment to the parlors for the PCT for each.
- 13. CHARITABLE FOUNDATION:
  - a. Vice Chair/PGP Perazzo reported:
    - i. All the hospitals plan to be present and will have presentations.
    - ii. The presentations and March will take place at 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park.
- 14. HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION:
  - a. Chair von Bargaen reported The HPF will have a hospitality room at the 14th Grand Parlor, and all are welcome to stop by and meet the HPF and see what they are doing.
- 15. HALL ASSOCIATION:
  - a. Director/Grand Secretary Perazzo reported the last Hall Association Board Meeting was on April 16, and there was not going to be a dividend this year to a not so favorable P&L for the last year.

16. GRAND TRUSTEES MEETING:
  - a. Grand Trustee Secretary Cortez gave a brief report. See appendix for report.
  
17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - a. Lodi #18 Closure:
    - i. Grand Secretary Perazzo spoke to the question regarding the parlor's Hall Association Stock Shares (50), he is not aware of the plans of the parlor but will check.
  - b. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS:
    - i. COLUMBIA MUSEUM RESTORATION:
      1. Chair von Bargen reported on present and planned activities at the Museum, Napa Hall, and present storage trailers at PGP Noe's property.
  - c. PUBLIC RELATIONS:
    - i. Committee Chair/Grand Trustee Skelton reported on the activities of the PR Sub Committee and work with Reputation Defense Network.
  
  - d. RITUAL REVISION:
    - i. No report.
  
18. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor:
    - i. Grand President Adams reported on plans to use NDGW Scanners for Registration, In & Out of Sessions, and Voting for Resolutions and Candidates for Office.
    - ii. Registration will be developing an email list of Delegates, Grand Officers, etc.
    - iii. Grand Trustee Walker asked for a Class on Semi Annual Reports & Membership Activity Reports at the upcoming Session?
  - b. Parlor Officers Duties:
    - i. A question was raised regarding any published parlor officer duties? None is known of in the Grand Parlor Office, Fairfax to be contacted, as it is believed, they may have them.
  - c. Jr Past Grand President Schmidt gave his Swan Song, and Thanks to the Board of Grand Officers. Grand President Adams thanked him for his years of service to the Order.
  
19. MEETING CLOSED
  - a. The meeting was closed at 12:30pm by the Grand President.

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## GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL SESSION ROLL CALL

147 <sup>th</sup> SESSION MAY 20-23, 2024	REGISTERED
ROHNERT PARK, CALIFORNIA	ATTENDED

<b>GRAND OFFICERS</b>	
Junior President Jeffrey A. Schmidt, Georgetown #91	X
Grand President George Adams, Napa #62	X
Grand First Vice President Steve McLean, Excelsior #31	X
Grand Second Vice President Gary Padgett, Sonoma #111	X
Grand Third Vice President Kris Nelson, Pet.-Nicasio #183	X
Grand Secretary Thomas W. Perazzo, Sea Point #158	X
Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29	X
Grand Treasurer Emeritus: Don Schaffer, Twin Peaks #214	X
Grand Trustee Chairman Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66	X
Grand Trustee Secretary Richard Cortez, Argonaut #8	X
Grand Trustee Brice Walker, Observatory #177	X
Grand Trustee Ethan Phillips, Argonaut #8	X
Grand Trustee Doug Love, Napa #62	X
Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda #47	X
Grand Trustee Larry Schork, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	X
Grand Marshal Chris Adams, Napa #62	X
Grand Inside Sentinel Tommy Baggett, Amador #17	X
Grand Outside Sentinel Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111	X
Grand Organist William Moyer, Napa #62	X
Grand Historian Lisa Adams, Napa #62	X

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<b>PAST GRAND PRESIDENTS</b>	
PGP James M. Smith, Arrowhead #110	X
PGP Joseph M. Ursino, South San Francisco #157	Abs.
PGP Frank J. Compani, Quartz #58	Abs.
PGP Joseph L. Neitzel, Solano #39	Abs.
PGP Thomas W. Perazzo, Golden Gate #29*	X
PGP Philip D. Wong, Napa #62	X
PGP Fred Codoni, Fairfax #307	X
PGP Clare D. McCullough, Columbia #258	Abs.
PGP Robert M. Rogers, Fairfax #307	X
PGP Bernard Noel, Placerville #9	X
PGP Clark A. Brandt, Napa #62	X
PGP Duane R. Gavin, Redwood #66	X
PGP Eugene Perry, Santa Rosa #28	Abs.
PGP James L. Shadle, Georgetown #91	Abs.
PGP Dave Allen, Auburn #59	X
PGP Allan Baird, Ferndale #93	Abs.
PGP Dwight Dutschke, Ione #33	Abs.
PGP Timothy L. Tullius, Golden Gate #29	X
PGP Dean Zellers, Sonoma #111	x
PGP Paul D. Lapachet, South San Francisco #157	X
PGP Erik M. Christeson, Excelsior #31	X
PGP Carey D. Pearce, Santa Lucia #97	Abs.
PGP James P. King, San Miguel #150	X
PGP Joseph A. Castillo, Los Angeles #45	Abs.
PGP Ronald S. Brocco, Sonoma #111	X

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<b>SUPERVISING DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PRESIDENTS</b>		
DISTRICT #1 Barbara Kimball, Arrowhead #110	X	
DISTRICT #2 Teresa Diaz, Ramona #109	X	
DISTRICT #3 PGP James P. King, San Miguel #150*	x	
DISTRICT #4 Gilbert Rodrigues Jr., Los Banos #206	X	
DISTRICT #5 Ed Pearce, Santa Lucia #97	X	
DISTRICT #6 Robert Bruno, Redwood #66	X	
DISTRICT #7 Bob Teal, National #118	X	
DISTRICT #8 Ronald Holliday, Eden #113	X	
DISTRICT #9 Not Appointed	-	
DISTRICT #10 Marjorie McKisson, Sunset #26		
DISTRICT #11 Mike Ferdani, Amador #17	X	
DISTRICT #12 Shane Simmons, Georgetown #91	X	
DISTRICT #13 Gary Miller, Hydraulic #56		
DISTRICT #14 Mitch Laing, Santa Rosa #28	X	
DISTRICT #15 Steve Day, Solano #39		
DISTRICT #16 Dana Hendricks, Humboldt #14	X	

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<b>GRAND PARLOR VOTING COMMITTEES</b>		
<b>ATHLETICS:</b>		
Tim Prince, Arrowhead #110	X	
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS:</b>		
Don Meyer, St. Helena #53	X	
Gary Milliken, Eden #113	X	
Mark Cochran, Santa Ana #74		
Ric Nagle, Los Angeles #45		
Timothy Wilson, Ferndale #93	X	
<b>BOARD OF CONTROL:</b>		
Burt Winn, Fairfax #307	X	
Mike Miller, Excelsior #31		
Carl von Barga, Argonaut #8	X	
<b>CALIFORNIA HISTORY BOARD:</b>		
PGP James P. King, San Miguel #150*	X	
<b>CONSTITUTION REVISION COMMITTEE:</b>		
James P. King, PGP, San Miguel #150*	X	
Erik M. Christeson, PGP, Excelsior #31*	X	
Duane Gavin, PGP, Redwood #66*	X	
Byron Flynt, Santa Ana #74	X	
Dan Shumaker, Estudillo #223	X	
<b>CREDENTIALS:</b>		
Paul "Lefty" Sechini, So. San Francisco #157		
Alba Arosio, Stockton #7	X	
Gary Arosio, Excelsior #31	X	
Karen von Barga, Argonaut #8	X	
<b>CURATOR OF ARTIFACTS:</b>		
Glen Berry, Chispa #139	X	
<b>DIRECTOR OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH</b>		
Jen Roger, Placerville #9		
<b>DISCOVERY OF GOLD:</b>		
Jim Wilmarth, Excelsior #31	X	
<b>EDITOR OF THE NATIVE SON</b>		
Fred Scwab, Fairfax#307 for PGP Fred Codoni, Fairfax #307	X	
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE:</b>		
Frank Vento, Pebble Beach #230	X	
Mark Galligan, Excelsior #31	X	
Lynn Harmston, Amador #17	X	
<b>FLAG DAY:</b>		
Rob Samson, Sonoma #111, for Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111	X	
<b>FOURTH GRAD ESSAY</b>		
Donna Fletcher, Golden Gate #29	X	
<b>GOVERNOR GENERAL:</b>		
Tom Tullius, Golden Gate #29		
<b>INFORMATION SERVICES:</b>		
Marcia Skelton, GT, Redwood #66*	X	
<b>LAWS OF SUBORDINATES:</b>		
Cynthia Connelly, Argonaut #8	X	

Bob Streich, Napa #62	X	
Gilbert Rodriques, Los Banos #206	X	
<b>LOTT'S LAKE:</b>		
Dan Foppe, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	X	
<b>SCHOLARSHIP:</b>		
Carol Robb, Arrowhead #110	X	
<b>SPECIAL LEGISLATION</b>		
Steve McLean, Excelsior #31*	X	
<b>STATEHOOD DAY:</b>		
Paul Berlin, Piedmont #120	X	

<b>DELEGATES BY PARLOR</b>		
<b>DOLORES-CALIFORNIA #1</b>		
1. Ron Bullock	X	
2. Mike O'Brian	X	
<b>STOCKTON #7</b>		
1. Lynda Cook	X	
2. Nancy Phills	X	
<b>ARGONAUT #8</b>		
1. Bree Aichele	X	
2. Nancy Phipps	X	
3. Kent Fowler	X	
4. Lisa Roden	X	
<b>PLACERVILLE #9</b>		
1. Bobby Wong	X	
2.		
<b>MODESTO #11</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>HUMBOLDT #14</b>		
1. Thomas Schmidt	X	
2. Richard Berti		
3. Jerome Colivas	X	
<b>AMADOR #17</b>		
1. Brian Ferdani	X	
2. "Buck" Buckley	X	
3. Joel Allen	X	
4. Jason Wilson	X	
<b>LODI #18</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>SAN JOSE #22</b>		
1. Rich Sotelo	X	
2. Bob Weil	X	
3.		
<b>SUNSET #26</b>		
1. Robert Weil	X	
2. Pamela Weil	X	
<b>SANTA ROSA #28</b>		
1. David Schaefer	X	
2. Jimmy Cliff	X	

<b>GOLDEN GATE #29</b>		
1. Robert Fletcher	X	
2. Rose Twyman	X	
3. Ken Perazzo	X	
<b>WOODLAND #30</b>		
1. Dino Gay	X	
2.		
<b>EXCELSIOR #31</b>		
1. Brent Dawson	X	
2. Randy Magana	X	
3. Steve Reinert	X	
<b>IONE #33</b>		
1. Robert Buckmaster	X	
2. Jim Brazil	X	
3. Frank Martinez	X	
<b>SOLANO #39</b>		
1. William Lockefeer	X	
2. Roy Pimentel	X	
3.		
<b>ELK GROVE #41</b>		
1. Christian Appel	X	
2.		
<b>LOS ANGELES #45</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>HALCYON-ALAMEDA #47</b>		
1. Ed McLean	X	
2. Frank George	X	
3.		
<b>ST. HELENA #53</b>		
1. Eric "Rick" Hanson	X	
2. Don meyer	X	
3.		
<b>YUBA #55</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>HYDRAULIC #56</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>QUARTZ #58</b>		
1. Mike Groo	X	
2. Rod Ivy	X	
3. Steve Egelhoff	X	
<b>AUBURN #59</b>		
1. Pat Ferreira	X	
2. Bud Hausman	X	
3. Derek Cash	X	

<b>NAPA #62</b>		
1. Cyndi Pilgrim	X	
2. Jordon Bankston	X	
3. Diane Porterfield	X	
4. Jerry Tipton	X	
5. Phil Dahlberg	X	
<b>SILVER STAR #63</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>WATSONVILLE #65</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>REDWOOD #66</b>		
1. Paul Guaraldi	X	
2. Tim Olson	X	
3. Bobby Virgo	X	
4. Chuck Gill	X	
<b>SANTA ANA #74</b>		
1. Jack Woodruff	X	
2.		
<b>VALLEJO #77</b>		
1. Jeffery Rutan		
2.		
<b>CALISTOGA #86</b>		
1. Dick Kuykendall	X	
2. James Yant	X	
<b>MT. BALLY #87</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>BENICIA #89</b>		
1.		
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4.		
<b>SANTA CRUZ #90</b>		
1. James Ferreira	X	
2.		
3.		
<b>GEORGETOWN #91</b>		
1. Ed Hawkins	X	
2. Jerry Burpo	X	
3. Mike Troiano	X	
<b>DOWNIEVILLE #92</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>FERNDALE #93</b>		
1. Keith Coulombe	X	
2. Brent Freitas	X	
3. Roman Rubalcava	X	



<b>LAS POSITAS #96</b>		
1. Bob Caldeira	X	
2. Mark Mills	X	
3. John Mendenhall	X	
4. David Slade	X	
<b>SANTA LUCIA #97</b>		
1. John Ratto	X	
2. Perry Pearson	X	
3. James Linder	X	
4.		
<b>RAMONA #109</b>		
1. Mary Garcia	X	
2. Isable Gonzalez	X	
3.		
<b>ARROWHEAD #110</b>		
1. Alan Stanly	X	
2. Ryan Stanly	X	
3.		
4.		
<b>SONOMA #111</b>		
1. Richard Pharo	X	
2. Kristin Johnson	X	
3. Bob Balich	X	
4. Ron Lawson	X	
<b>EDEN #113</b>		
1. Joe Reynaud	X	
2. Robert Santos	X	
3. Marv Rodriguez	X	
<b>NATIONAL #118</b>		
1. Ronald Swanson	X	
2. John La Duca	X	
3. Ronald Frediani	X	
<b>PIEDMONT #120</b>		
1. Michael Menzel	X	
2. Paul Berlin	X	
3. Thomas Walker	X	
<b>GABILAN #132</b>		
1.		
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3.		
<b>CHISPA #139</b>		
1. Alan Brown	X	
2. Dan Holly	X	
3. Gregg Smith	X	
<b>SAN MIGUEL #150</b>		
1.		
2.		

<b>SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO #157</b>		
1. Dave Sereni	X	
2. Al Saroff	X	
3. John Sangiacomo	X	
<b>KONOCTI #159</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>WASHINGTON #169</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>BYRON #170</b>		
1.		
2.		

<b>OBSERVATORY #177</b>		
1. Aimee Leonetti	X	
2.		
<b>NICASIO #183</b>		
1. Vinnie Morris	X	
2. Zak Sheridan	X	
3. Joe Champion	X	
4. Jim Madden	X	
5.		
<b>PRESIDIO #194</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>LOS BANOS #206</b>		
1. Daniel Silva	X	
2. Larry Marques		
3.		
<b>TWIN PEAKS #214</b>		
1. Jim McCoy	X	
2. Bill Flores	X	
3. Kit Venable	X	
4. Frank Maestas	X	
<b>ESTUDILLO #223</b>		
1. Dennis L. Matarrese	X	
2.		
<b>PEBBLE BEACH #230</b>		
1. Mark Heine	X	
2.		
3.		
<b>GUADALUPE #231</b>		
1. Raymond Zahnd	X	
2. Alyce Cardinale	X	
<b>COLUMBIA #258</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>SUTTER #261</b>		
1.		
2.		

<b>SAN LUIS OBISPO #290</b>		
1.		
2.		
3.		
<b>JOHN C. FREMONT #293</b>		
1. Robert Bizzini	X	
2. Raulen Mendoca	X	
3. Bill Mattos		
<b>FAIRFAX #307</b>		
1. Joe Allen	X	
2. Louis A. Langlment Jr.	X	
3. Tom Teixeira	X	
4. Ray Potter	X	
5. Matt Marcucci	X	
6.		
<b>DE ANZA #312</b>		
1.		
2.		
<b>COL N. M. HOLDERMAN #316</b>		
1.		
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## RESOLUTIONS

### Resolution 147-01 Grand Parlor Annual Session Fund

**WHEREAS** Article X of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor identifies the several funds required to operate the order; and

**WHEREAS** the intent behind the creation of such funds is to provide a reasonable control over the distribution of Grand Parlor moneys to ensure continuing solvency of the order; and

**WHEREAS** the Grand Parlor Meeting Fund, as described in Part A, Revenue, Section 5(f), is intended to support only the necessary expenses of conducting the Grand Parlor meeting each year, while actual expenses are variable based on an 'as yet' unspecified number of delegates in attendance each year; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article III, How Composed, Section 1, be amended by adding the following;

Section 1. Committee on the Grand Parlor Annual Session.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article III, How Composed, Section 3, be amended as follows;

Section 3. Registration

(a) All members of the Grand Parlor shall register at each Grand Parlor session, and upon registration shall pay a fee fixed by the *Committee on the Grand Parlor Annual Session* ~~local committee~~, provided said fee shall not exceed the sum of one hundred ~~twenty-five~~ *forty-five* dollars (\$~~125.00~~ *145.00*).

(1) if this total amount is not needed to meet the obligations of the local committee to entertain the delegates to the Grand Parlor Annual Session, then only such amount as is needed shall be charged.

(2) Each Grand Parlor Committee must file a financial report to be provided to the members no later than the end of the calendar year.

*(3) The registration fee shall be adjusted each year, based on the annual January U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index, San Francisco Area, rounded to the nearest dollar.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(f), be amended as follows;

Section 5. The Grand Parlor herewith creates the following annual funds

“(f) Grand Parlor Meeting Annual Session Fund, which fund shall be financed by *the registration fees paid by delegates officers, and others attending* ~~an annual appropriation of the Grand Parlor Annual Session~~.

(1) This fund shall be used to ~~defray the expenses of~~ *host* the annual meeting of the Grand Parlor.

*(2) The Committee on the Grand Parlor Annual Session shall have jurisdiction over this fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

*(3) The funds shall be used for the Grand President's opening reception, banquet, BBQ, incoming Grand President's reception, and general entertainment of the delegates. In no circumstance shall Committee, nor fund, be used for the pre-banquet Grand President's private party.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Section 1(a)7, add the following;

*(7) Committee on the Grand Parlor Annual Session. Committee of 5 members. Three (3) appointed members shall each serve for a term of three (3) years with the then Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President making an annual appointment for the newest member of the Committee. The member*

*of the Board serving the third year shall be Chairman of the Board. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall also serve on the committee.*

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(a)7, add the following:

*(7) The Committee on the Grand Parlor Annual Session shall:*

*(i) Locate and secure a suitable location for the Grand Parlor Annual Session.*

*(ii) Negotiate a reasonable contract for the Grand Parlor Annual Session.*

*a) The Grand Secretary as Chief Operating Officer of the Grand Parlor shall be the signatory to the contract on behalf of Grand Parlor.*

*(iii) Provide for the registration of delegates.*

*(iv) Provide for the housing of the delegates.*

*(v) Provide for the Grand President's opening reception, banquet, BBQ, incoming Grand President's reception, and general entertainment of the delegates. In no circumstance shall Committee, nor fund, be used for the pre-banquet Grand President's private party.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

#### **Resolution 147-02 Duties of the Grand Secretary**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 4(g) currently reads "report to the Grand Parlor all Subordinate Parlors delinquent in the payment of moneys due to the Grand Parlor or in the filing of semi-annual reports"; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 4(v) currently reads "provide a monthly report to the Grand President, Membership Committee, Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents and all Subordinate Parlors, detailing Parlors delinquent in per capita tax payments and late in filing semi-annual reports"; and

**WHEREAS** these two sections are largely redundant;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 4(g) be eliminated in its entirety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 4(v) be amended to read as follows

provide a monthly report to the Grand President, Membership Committee, Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents and all Subordinate Parlors detailing **all moneys due to the Grand Parlor, including** Parlors delinquent in per capita tax payments, and late in filing of semi-annual reports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the subsections be renumbered accordingly.

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-03**  
**Duties of Grand Trustees**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 9, defines the Grand Trustees; and

**WHEREAS** per Article VI, Section 16 ,of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Parlor, the Salary Committee includes the Chairman of the Grand Trustees, but this duty is not listed under the duties of the Grand Trustees;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 9, be amended as shown;

Section 9. The Board of Grand Trustees:

*(n) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall serve as a member of the Salary Committee.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-04**  
**Duties of Grand Treasurer**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 6, lists the duties of the Grand Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS** Section 6(e), requires the Grand Treasurer to “have his accounts closed on the thirty-first day of March”, and

**WHEREAS** actually closing the accounts on March 31<sup>st</sup> would render it impossible for Grand Parlor to conduct any business for the final two months of the de facto fiscal year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 6(e), be amended as shown; and

Section 6. The Grand Treasurer shall:

~~(e) have his accounts closed on the thirty first (31) day of March preceding the annual session and submit them to the Committee on Finance and transmit via the Grand Secretary annually to the Subordinate Parlors a Financial Statement;~~ *in coöperation with the Grand Secretary, close his accounts at the end of each fiscal year, after all expenses have been reported and paid, submit them to the Committee on Finance, and submit a financial statement to the Grand Secretary for inclusion in the annual Proceedings of the Order;*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
Grand Treasurer PGP Timothy Tullius

**Resolution 147-05**  
**Hall Association Directors**

**WHEREAS** the “*Hall Association*” is a separate legal entity (partly owned by the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of The Golden West), that owns and controls the Native Sons Building at 414 Mason Street in the city of San Francisco, California, and

**WHEREAS** the laws of this “*Hall Association*” provide that two of its directors shall be appointed annually by the Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and

**WHEREAS** the authority to make these appointments and the duties of such appointed directors each year is not currently addressed in the Constitution and Laws of The Native Sons of the Golden West,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 1 be amended by the addition a new subsection as follows:

*(tbd) within the first calendar quarter of each year, appoint two members to the board of the San Francisco Hall Association, which may be the Grand President and/or a Grand Vice President of the Native Sons of the Golden West.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Section 1(c) be amended by the addition of a new subsection as follows:

*(7) Hall Association Committee of two members which shall be the currently appointed members until their reappointment or replacement during the next year’s first calendar quarter.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(c) be amended by the addition of a new subsection as follows:

*(7) The Hall Association Committee shall represent the interests of Grand Parlor as pertains to all business of the San Francisco Hall Association and report to the Grand Parlor any business conducted therein.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-06**  
**Nominations**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Part A, Section 2, defines the process for nominating candidates for Grand Office; and

**WHEREAS** the procedure, as defined, is not the process followed in practice; and

**WHEREAS** it is the mission of the Constitution Revision Committee to assure that the Constitution is clear, correctly and consistently organized, concise, unbiased, and understandable to all users;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Part A, Section 2, be amended as shown; and

Section 2. ~~Judge of Election shall conduct the following nomination procedures:~~ *Nominating procedure:*

*(a) Under the auspices of the Judge of Elections, Nominators of Grand Officers candidates for contested offices shall draw lots to determine who shall speak first in what order the candidates shall be nominated. The Grand Secretary shall be instructed to cast a ballot to elect for any uncontested office.*

*(b) The Grand President shall set the time for the nominators' and candidates' presentations.*

~~(b)(1)~~ Each nominator shall be allowed no more than three (3) minutes to introduce his candidate.

~~(c)(2)~~ Each candidate shall be allowed no more than five (5) minutes to present his accomplishments and ideas or platform.

- (i) For those offices, which are uncontested, upon a motion to waive; only the nominators' speech is in order.
- ~~(d) The Judge of Election shall arrange for a time for both the nominators' and candidates' presentations.~~
- (c) The Grand President shall invite nominations for each office, in succession. Nominations shall continue for each office until the Grand President has invited nominations, without response, at least two times, at which point the nominations for that office shall be closed.**
- (d) The Grand Secretary shall be instructed to cast a ballot-to-elect for any uncontested office(s).**

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-07  
Resolutions**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 4, lists the duties of the Grand Secretary; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, Section 1(a)(6), lists the duties of the Constitution Revision Committee; and

**WHEREAS** both aforementioned sections are missing their respective duties regarding deadlines pertaining to constitutional resolutions;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 4, be amended by the addition of the following; and

Section 4. The Grand Secretary shall:

***(tbd) cause copies of resolutions amending the Constitution to be sent to each Subordinate Parlor of the Order and to each member of the Constitution Revision Committee no less than 60 days in advance of the Grand Parlor Annual Session, according to Article XIV, Section 1(f), of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor.***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(a)(6), be amended by the addition of the following;

(6) Constitution Revision Committee shall:

***(tbd) present resolutions to the office of the Grand Secretary at least 90 days in advance of the Grand Parlor Annual Session, according to Article XIV, Section 1(a), of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor.***

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-08  
Semi-Annual Reports**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Subordinate Parlors, Sections 8 through 10, address the filing of semi-annual reports; and

**WHEREAS** the user of this Constitution shouldn't have to jump around like a flea in a hot skillet, looking for all of the information on a given subject; and

**WHEREAS** it is the mission of the Constitution Revision Committee to assure that the Constitution is clear, correctly and consistently organized, logical, concise, unbiased, and understandable to all users;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Sections 8 through 10, be amended as shown and the remaining sections be renumbered accordingly;



Section 8. Semi-annual reports:

(a) At the end of each semi-annual term, every Subordinate Parlor shall report to the Grand Parlor:

1. the total number in membership;
2. the amount of receipts and from what source(s);
3. the amount and purpose of disbursements;
4. the amount of money on hand;
5. the type and value of all assets, *including*:
  - the amount of cash on hand,
  - *the value and type of investments,*
  - *a complete listing of all real property*
6. the result of the election of *current* officers.

Section 9. (b) For failure to transmit a copy of such semi-annual report to the Grand Secretary within forty-five (45) days after the time of the first regular meeting in January and July of each year:

(a)(1) the Parlor shall be subject to the provisions of Article XI, Section 13; *and*

(b)(2) no Parlor shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Parlor when such Parlor is delinquent in its semi-annual reports.

~~Section 10~~ 9. *Taxes.* Each subordinate parlor shall include with its semi-annual report a complete listing of all real property and other sources from which it receives income not related to its functions as a Native Son Parlor and shall file all necessary federal and state tax returns and, within 30 days of such filing, furnish the Grand Secretary a copy of each tax return covering such income which has been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board of the State of California.

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-09  
Corporate Definitions**

**WHEREAS** the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West became incorporated on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 1938; and

**WHEREAS**, as a corporation, corporate titles are a necessity when conducting business; and

**WHEREAS** the corporate Titles of CEO, COO, and CFO, have been adopted; and

**WHEREAS** the term “Grand Parlor” has become a catch all phrase with no clear corporate definition, and the terms “Fiscal Year”, and others, are also undefined or scattered throughout the Constitution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article I, Name and Object, be amended to add a new Section 5, to read as follows.

*Section 5. Definitions*

(a) *Grand Parlor Corporation:* *Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, as incorporated in 1938.*

(b) *The Grand Parlor:* *The Grand Officers, delegates, and other voting members as defined in Article III, Section 1, of this constitution.*

(c) *Grand Parlor Annual Session:* *The annual meeting of the Native Sons of the Golden West defined in Article IV, Sections 1 and 2, of this Constitution*

(d) *Grand Parlor Office:* *The business office of the Grand Parlor Corporation, located at 414 Mason Street, Suite 300, San Francisco, California.*

(e) **The Board of Grand Officers:** *The statutory Board of Directors of the Grand Parlor Corporation, as defined in Article V, Part B, Section 6(a).*

(f) **CEO, COO, and CFO:** *The corporate officers of the Grand Parlor are defined in Article V, Part B, Section 6(a)(1), as the Grand President, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, respectively.*

(g) **Fiscal Year:** *The fiscal year of the Grand Parlor Corporation shall begin on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and end on May 31<sup>st</sup>.*

(h) **Grand Parlor Year (GPY):** *The Grand Parlor Year begins with the installation of a Grand President, and ends with the installation of his successor (typically from the Thursday following the third Monday in May, until the Thursday following the third Monday of the following May) per Article V, Part B, Section 5.*

(i) **Board of Grand Officers' Meeting or Grand Officers' Meeting:** *The meetings of the Board of Grand Officers, as defined in Article V, Part B, Section 6(b).*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

### **Resolution 147-10**

#### **District Deputy & Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1(q) and Section 1(r), charge the Grand President with the duty to appoint District Deputies and Supervising District Deputies; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 13, defines the duties of the Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 14, defines the duties of the District Deputy Grand Presidents; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no requirement that Supervising District Deputies belong to a Parlor within their assigned District except when making a temporary appointment at the Grand Parlor Annual Session; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no prohibition upon a District Deputy belonging to his assigned Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** requirements for travel are placed upon the District Deputies and Supervising District Deputies, with no reimbursement of actual costs; and

**WHEREAS** there is currently no provision for a Supervising District Deputy to act as a District Deputy to one, or more, of the Parlors within his District,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1(q), be amended as follows; and

**Section 1.** The Grand President shall:

(q) appoint one Supervising District Deputy Grand President from each of the geographical districts set forth by counties as follows:

*(1) The Supervising District Deputy must be a member of a Parlor within the District assigned him per Article VI, Section 13 of this Constitution.*

*(2) Should a Supervising District Deputy Grand President be unable to attend the Grand Parlor Annual Session of the appointing Grand President, the Grand President may appoint a District Deputy Grand President, or alternate member, from the District assigned to the absent Supervising District Deputy Grand President, to fill his position during his absence.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1(r), be amended as follows; and

Section 1. The Grand President shall:

(r) within fifteen (15) days after his installation, appoint District Deputy Grand Presidents to hold office at the will of the Grand President.

*(1) No District Deputy Grand President shall be assigned to his own Parlor.*

(2) The Grand President, at his prerogative, may instruct the Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents to appoint the District Deputy Grand Presidents in their assigned districts,

(i) Said appointments will only take effect upon the approval of the Grand President;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 13, be amended as follows; and

Section 13. The Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents shall:

*(a) shall be a member of a Parlor within the District he is appointed to, and*

(e) be reimbursed for ~~mileage~~ *actual, reasonable, travel expenses in the performance of his required duties when attending Grand Officers' Official Visits to parlors within their appointed district, when mileage is in excess of 75 miles one way.*

(1) Reimbursement shall be the same traveling expenses as set by the Committee on Finance for the Board of Grand Officers; *and*

*(2) lodging and dining costs shall not be reimbursable.*

~~(g) Should a Supervising District Deputy Grand President be unable to attend the Grand Parlor of the appointing Grand President, the Grand President may appoint an alternate from the district assigned to the absent Supervising District Deputy Grand President.~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 14, be amended as follows;

Section 14. The District Deputy Grand Presidents, after being duly appointed, shall each:

~~(a) visit his assigned Parlor a minimum of the lesser of; two times, or one quarter of the Parlor's regularly scheduled meetings, in each six month period; visit his assigned Parlor a minimum four times per year, once each quarter, with one visit being that of the Grand Officer's Official visit~~

~~(h) not receive compensation for the performance of his duties, except in the case of reimbursement for mileage in excess of 75 miles one way per required visit; be reimbursed for actual, reasonable, travel expenses in the performance of his required duties,~~

*(1) reimbursement shall be the same travelling expense as set by the Committee on Finance for the Visiting Board.*

*(2) lodging and dining costs shall not be reimbursable.*

~~(i) under extra ordinary circumstances, receive mileage claimed in the performance of his duties from his assigned Parlor.~~

~~(1) If a Parlor refuses to pay said claim, the mileage claim may then be directed to the Grand President by the District Deputy, and if, in the opinion of the Grand President, the claim is justified, he may order the claim paid from the Organization Fund.~~

~~(i) No claim for such mileage shall exceed the amount paid a Visiting Grand Officer in the performance of his duties.~~

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-11**  
**Salary Committee**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Committees, defines the Grand Parlor committees; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, defines the duties of those committees; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 16 establishes a Salary Committee and its duties; and

**WHEREAS** committees and their duties should be defined in Articles VIII & IX, respectively, and

**WHEREAS** service on the Salary Committee by the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees is not listed in Article VI, Section 9, Duties of Grand Trustees; and

**WHEREAS** it is the mission of the Constitution Revision Committee to assure that the Constitution is clear, correctly and consistently organized, logical, concise, unbiased, and understandable to all users;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 16, be deleted in its entirety and the remaining sections renumbered accordingly; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, be amended as follows, and

Section 1. Standing committees:

*(d) Other committees without voting status*

*(1) Salary Committee of five (5) members, which shall be comprised as follows:*

*(i) the three (3) Grand Vice Presidents, and*

*(A) the Grand First Vice President shall be the chairman of the committee,*

*(ii) the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and*

*(iii) the Grand President.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, be amended as follows, and

Section 1. Standing Committees

*(d) Other committees without voting status*

*(1) The Salary Committee shall:*

*(i) secure all necessary salary information and employee workload data to ensure the justification of a fair and equitable salary program for the paid employees of the Native Sons of the Golden West.*

*(ii) meet at least once annually, before March 1, to provide salary recommendations for the incoming Grand President's budget to be presented for ratification at the forthcoming Grand Parlor.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 1 be amended as follows; and

Section 1. The Grand President shall:

*(y) serve as a member of the Salary Committee in accordance with ~~Article VI, Section 16~~ **Article VIII, Section 3(a)**.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 2 be amended as follows; and

Section 2. Duties of Grand Vice Presidents:

(e) The Grand Vice Presidents shall serve on the Salary Committee in accordance with ~~Article VI, Section 16~~ **Article VIII, Section 3(a)**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 9 be amended as follows;

Section 9. The Board of Grand Trustees:

*(n) The Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall serve as a member of the Salary Committee per Article VIII, Section 3(a).*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-12**  
**Appointive Offices**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Elections and Officers, Part B, Officers, Section 4, establishes that candidates for Grand Office must be members of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** this requirement is extended to appointive offices, excluding the Grand Secretary; and

**WHEREAS** this extension, and exclusion, is a relic from the days when the Grand Secretary and the Grand Sentinels were appointed, not elected; and

**WHEREAS** there is no longer a reason to exclude the Grand Secretary from the Grand Parlor membership requirement; and

**WHEREAS** there is no longer a reason to require Grand Parlor membership of the appointive offices, namely the Grand Organist and the Grand Historian, before their appointment; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Elections and Officers, Part B, Officers, Section 4, be amended as follows; and

Section 4. None but members of the Grand Parlor shall be eligible to any elective office. ~~The same shall be true for any appointive office except the office of Grand Secretary which shall be open to any member of the Order in good standing.~~

*(a) The appointive offices of Grand Organist and Grand Historian shall be open to any member of the Order in good standing.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
Grand Secretary PGP Thomas Perazzo

**Resolution 147-13**  
**Emergency Expenditures**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(j) and Section 5(t), defines the Organization Fund and Contingency Fund, respectively, their uses and jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS** the Organization Fund description includes strict regulations upon its use and its jurisdiction and then immediately undercuts both by allowing “emergency” withdrawals up to \$150; and

**WHEREAS** there is an entire fund specifically for unforeseen events, or “contingencies”; and

**WHEREAS** the sum of \$150 has not changed since at least 1977, making it equivalent to over \$750 in 2024; and

**WHEREAS** the Organization Fund is not somehow more sacred than other funds and should be subject to similar regulation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(j), be amended as shown; and

(j) Organization Fund, which fund shall be maintained by yearly appropriations voted at the annual session of the Grand Parlor.

(1) ~~The Organization Fund~~ ***This fund*** shall be used ~~exclusively~~ for the purpose of increasing the membership of the Order, and for the reorganization of delinquent Parlors ~~and for no other purpose except as in this Constitution is otherwise provided.~~

(2) ~~The Membership Committee shall have full and complete jurisdiction over the Organization Fund and no withdrawals are to be made therefrom except upon prior approval of a majority of its members.~~

~~(i) — The Grand President shall be allowed to draw on the Organization Fund in any sum up to \$150.00 for any emergency without first obtaining the approval of the Membership Committee.~~

~~(ii) — All withdrawals are subject to audit and approval of the Grand Parlor Committee on Finance.~~

***(2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Membership Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.***

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(t), be amended as shown,

(t) Contingency Expense Fund, ~~this fund~~ ***which*** shall be financed by an annual appropriation of the Grand Parlor, and

(1) shall be no less than three percent (3%) of the approved annual budget, excluding that portion identified as the Grand Secretary’s Office Budget.

(2) This fund shall be used for unexpected, non-budgeted expense items that may arise during a Grand Parlor term(s) as determined after review and approval by the Board of Grand Officers and the Committee on Finance; and

***(i) The Grand President shall be allowed to draw up to \$500.00 for an emergency without first obtaining the approval of the Board of Grand Officers.***

(3) Unused funds shall not roll over to subsequent years.

***(4) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Grand Officers, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.***

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-14**  
**Flag Day Celebration**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IV, Meetings and Business, Sections 4 and 5, provide for two annual celebrations, namely Statehood Day and Discovery of Gold; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, provides for a committee, and funds, for a third annual celebration, Flag Day, to celebrate the raising of the Bear Flag over Sonoma; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(c), defines the Flag Day Observance Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the use and jurisdiction of the Flag Day Observance Fund is not clearly, nor consistently, defined;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IV, be amended by the addition of the following Section; and

**Section 6.** *The Grand Parlor shall hold its Flag Day Celebration in the city of Sonoma. The Flag Day Committee shall set the date of the celebration per Article IX, Section 1(b)(4)(ii); however, the date may never be more than seven (7) days prior to, nor seven (7) days following, June 14<sup>th</sup>.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(c), be amended as shown; and

(c) Flag Day Observance Fund, which fund shall be maintained by a yearly appropriation voted at the annual session of the Grand Parlor.

(1) ~~This fund shall be used solely for the purpose of Flag Day Observance at Sonoma. This fund shall be used for expenses incurred for the annual Grand Parlor celebration of the raising of the Bear Flag at Sonoma on June 14, 1846.;~~

(2) *This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Flag Day Observance Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
Flag Day Observance Committee

**Resolution 147-15**  
**Information Services Committee**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Committees, Section 1(b)(9), defines the Information Services Committee as "...a chairman *and* up to three members"; and

**WHEREAS** no other committee is defined in such a manner; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, Section 1(b)(9), defines the duties of said committee; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(k), defines the Information Services Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the ISC Fund jurisdiction is not defined;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Section 1(b)(9), be amended as shown;

(9) Information Services Committee of ~~a chairman and up to three (3)~~ ***up to five*** members.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(9), be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

(9) Information Services Committee shall:

(vii) *Have jurisdiction over the Information Services Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(k).*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(k), be amended as shown;

(k) Information Services Fund...

*(2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Information Services Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
ISC Chairman, Grand Trustee Marcia Skelton

**Resolution 147-16  
Fourth Grade Essay Committee**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Committees, Section 1(b)(8), defines the John B. Schmolle Memorial 4th Grade Essay Committee as being “as many members as may be needed to cover the districts in which the contest takes place”; and

**WHEREAS** this definition does not account for the State Chairman; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, Section 1(b)(8), defines the duties of said 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Committee; and

**WHEREAS** Article IX, Section 1(b)(8) fails to define the committee’s fund jurisdiction;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VIII, Section (b)(8), be amended as shown; and

(8) John B. Schmolle Memorial 4th Grade Essay Committee of *one state chairman, and* as many members as may be needed to cover the districts in which the contest takes place.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(8), be amended as shown;

(8) The John B. Schmolle Memorial 4th Grade Essay Contest Committee shall:

(i) Conduct an annual essay contest open to such elementary school districts designated by the committee on subjects pertaining to the history of California.

(ii) ~~Not incur any expense unless the same is approved by the Grand President and is within its budget voted by the Grand Parlor.~~ *The State Chairman shall have jurisdiction over the Fourth Grade Essay Contest Fund, subject to audit and approval of the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(u).*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade Essay Contest Chaiman Donna Fletcher



**Resolution 147-17**  
**Discovery of Gold Fund**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(b), defines the Discovery of Gold Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the use, jurisdiction and oversight of the Discovery of Gold Fund is inconsistently defined, and includes superfluous language;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(b), be amended as shown; and

(b) Discovery of Gold Fund, which fund shall be financed by an appropriation voted at the annual sessions of Grand Parlor.

(1) ~~It shall be used to commemorate this monumental day.~~ ***This fund shall be used for expenses incurred for the annual Grand Parlor celebration of the discovery of gold in Coloma by James Marshall on January 24, 1848, according to Article IV, Section 5.***

(2) The fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the ~~Grand President and the~~ Discovery of Gold Committee, ***subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.***

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-18**  
**California Statehood Day Fund**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(a), defines the California Statehood Day Fund of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the use and jurisdiction of the California Statehood Day Fund is not clearly, nor consistently, defined, and contains superfluous language; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(a), be amended as shown; and

(a) California Statehood Day Fund, which fund shall be financed by appropriations voted at the annual sessions of the Grand Parlor.

(1) ~~This fund shall be used for expenses incurred for the annual observance of California Statehood Day; provided that a budget of expenditures from this fund shall be submitted to, approved by and payments authorized by the Committee on Finance. No expenses shall be incurred out of the California Statehood Day Fund for any event not open to all members of the Order.~~ ***This fund shall be used for expenses incurred for the annual Grand Parlor observance of California's admission to the Union of States on September 9, 1850, according to Article VI, Section 4.***

(2) ***This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Statehood Day Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.***

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-19**  
**Dedications Fund**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 5(n), defines the Dedications Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, Section 1(b)(2), defines the duties and responsibilities of the California History Board; and

**WHEREAS** the jurisdiction and oversight of the Dedications Fund is not defined;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(n), be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

(n) Dedications Fund, which fund shall be financed by appropriations voted at the annual sessions of the Grand Parlor.

*(2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the California History Board, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(2), be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

(2) The California History Board shall:

*(v) Have jurisdiction over the Dedications Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(n).*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-20**  
**Legacy Fund**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, Section 7(c), establishes and defines the Legacy Fund; and

**WHEREAS** the creator of said fund has requested that certain changes be made to give recognition to those who contribute to said fund; and

**WHEREAS** minor corrections are required in the description of said fund;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 7(c), be amended as shown; and

Section 7. The Grand Parlor herewith creates the following permanent funds:

(c) Legacy Fund, which shall be a perpetual fund, financed by bequeathments, and other donations, earmarked for use in placing historical markers.

(1) This fund shall only be used to assist in financing historical markers, and subject to the following restrictions:

*(i) If the fund balance is \$10,000, or below, no more than \$500 may be used during any Grand Parlor year.*

*(ii) If the fund balance is greater than \$10,000, but less than \$50,000, no more than \$1,000 may be used during any Grand Parlor year.*

*(iii) If the fund balance is greater than \$50,000, but less than \$100,000, no more than \$2,000 may be used during any Grand Parlor year.*

- (iv) If the fund balance is greater than \$100,000, only the interest earned by the fund during the previous year, may be used during any Grand Parlor year.
- (2) The monies in this fund shall be invested with the Grand Parlor ~~general fund~~ *savings instruments*.
- (3) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the ~~Grand President~~ *California History Board*, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.
- (4) *Contributors to the Legacy Fund shall be recorded in the annual proceedings of the Grand Parlor.*
- (5) *Plaques purchased with monies from this fund shall include an acknowledgment of the fund's use.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(2), be amended by the addition of the following subsection;

- (2) The California History Board shall:
  - (vi) *Have jurisdiction over the Legacy Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 7(c).*

Submitted by  
 Constitution Revision Committee  
 Past Grand President Ronald Brocco

**Resolution 147-21  
 Phelan Relief Fund**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Section 7(b)(2), states the “Phelan Relief fund shall be used to provide relief to needy members as deemed appropriate by the Board of Relief.”; and

**WHEREAS** the specific interpretation the “relief” this section is intended to address is clear in the minds of most members, but less than certain as written; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Section 7(b)(1), places control of the fund under the Board of Grand Officers; and

**WHEREAS** the de facto control is under the Board of Relief;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 7(b)(2), be revised to read as follows;

- (2) shall be used to provide *Per Capita Tax* relief to needy members as deemed appropriate by the Board of Relief, *or disability payments in accordance with Article XI, Section 12, of this Constitution.*”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 7(b)(1), be amended as follows, and

- (1) ~~is under the control of the Board of Grand Officers~~ *shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Relief, and subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(c)(3)(v), be amended as follows,

- (3) The Board of Relief shall:
  - (v) ~~Have at its disposal funds designated as~~ *subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, have jurisdiction over* the Phelan Relief Funds, *as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 7(b)(1), appropriations from the Grand Parlor, or and gifts from any source, for the purpose of relief, as defined in Article X, Part A, Section 7(b)(2).* ~~it may draw upon such funds~~

~~for relief for members of the Order as it deems appropriate and in keeping with the principles and purposes of the Order.~~

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-22**  
**Assistant Book Officers**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Sections 4, 6 & 8, define the duties of assistant book officers; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article IV, Officers, Sections 1(f), provides for the assistant book officers; and

**WHEREAS** these definitions should all be worded the same, in order to avoid confusion;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article VI, Section 4, be amended as shown; and

Section 4. The Assistant Recording Secretary, *if any is provided for in the bylaws of a Subordinate Parlor*, shall perform the duties of the Recording Secretary, in his absence or disability, and render such other assistance as the Recording Secretary may direct.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article VI, Section 6, be amended as shown; and

Section 6. The Assistant Financial Secretary, *if any is provided for in the bylaws of a Subordinate Parlor*, shall perform the duties of the Financial Secretary during his absence or inability, and such other duties as the Financial Secretary may direct.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article IV, Section 1(f), be amended as shown;

(f) *Assistants:*

(1) An Assistant Recording Secretary may be appointed by the elected Recording Secretary for all or any portion of the term of office of that Recording Secretary.

(2) An Assistant Financial Secretary may be appointed by the elected Financial Secretary for all or any portion of the term of office of that Financial Secretary.

(3) *An Assistant Treasurer may be appointed by the elected Treasurer for all or any portion of the term of office of that Treasurer.*

Submitted by  
Committee on Laws of Subordinates  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-23**  
**Election of Delegates**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article III, How Composed, Section 4, includes instructions to the Parlor Recording Secretaries for the election of delegates to the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XII, Delegates to the Grand Parlor, is the correct place for said instructions; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article III, How Composed, Section 6, also includes instructions to the Parlor Recording Secretaries regarding proxy delegates to the Grand Parlor;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article III, Section 4, be deleted in its entirety, and the subsequent sections of both articles renumbered accordingly; and

~~Section 4. The Recording Secretary of each Subordinate Parlor shall, forthwith, upon the election of delegates from his Parlor:~~

- ~~(a) Certify to the Grand Parlor that each such delegate has been elected in accordance with the foregoing provisions;~~
- ~~(b) That such delegate is in good standing in the Order;~~
- ~~(c) Further certify the number of members in the Parlor at the time of such delegates' election.~~
- ~~(d) At the option of the Parlor, alternates may be selected from those candidates for delegate who failed to be elected;~~
  - ~~(1) All alternate delegates shall be designated as Alternate No. 1, No. 2, etc., according to the number of votes received, and who shall be entitled to sit as delegates, in that order, in place of delegates who do not appear at Grand Parlor Annual Session.~~

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XII, Section 3, be amended as shown;

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall, *forthwith, upon the election of delegates from his Parlor*, ensure that each elected Delegate is registered with the Grand Parlor office and: ~~provide each with a Grand Parlor Packet when received.~~

- (a) Certify to the Grand Parlor that each delegate has been elected in accordance with the foregoing provisions; and*
- (b) that such delegates are in good standing in the Order; and*
- (c) certify the number of members in the Parlor at the time of the election of delegates.*
- (d) At the option of the Parlor, alternates may be selected from those candidates for delegate who failed to be elected;*
  - (1) All alternate delegates shall be designated as Alternate No. 1, No. 2, etc., according to the number of votes received, and who shall be entitled to sit as delegates, in that order, in place of delegates who do not appear at Grand Parlor Annual Session.*
  - (2) Proxies shall not be admitted to represent elected delegates.*
- (e) provide each delegate with a Grand Parlor registration packet when received*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee  
Committee on Laws of Subordinates

**Resolution 147-24**  
**Parlor Budgets**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XV, Committees, Section 1, defines the Budget Committee; and

**WHEREAS** said, Section 1, requires a budget and financial plan “for the ensuing six (6) month period”; and

**WHEREAS** most Parlors operate on officer terms of a full year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XV, Committees, Section 1, be amended as shown; and

Section 1. The President, as Chairman, the First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and Junior Past President, shall constitute the Budget, Finance and Policy Committee during their term of office.

**(a)** Within 15 days after taking office, ~~it shall be their duty to~~ **the committee shall** report to the Parlor all matters pertaining to the Parlor's financial status, including assets, membership standing, and income and expenses; and

**(b)** submit a plan and budget proposal for the ensuing ~~six (6) month period~~ **term of office**.

Submitted by  
Committee on Laws of Subordinates  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-25**  
**Parlor Elections**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article V, Elections, defines the process for the election of Parlor officers; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XII, Delegates to the Grand Parlor, defines the process for the election of delegates as following the same process as defined in Article V, Section 2; and

**WHEREAS** Subordinate Parlors often have committees and boards that also require elections; and

**WHEREAS** the process for said elections can be inferred, but is not explicit; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article V, Elections, be amended by the addition of the following section;

**Section 5.** *All other Parlor elections shall be conducted in the manner provided for in Sections 2 through 4 of this Article.*

*(a) In the event that a member, once elected to a committee or board position, decides that they cannot, or do not wish to, serve, the first runner-up shall be elected.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article V, Elections, Section 2, be amended as shown; and

**Section 2.** When an officer or officers are to be elected;

(a) the President shall appoint three (3) tellers, *none of who may be candidates*, to conduct the election.

(5) The tellers shall count the ballots before unfolding them and, if the number cast agrees with the Secretary's record of votes polled, they shall then open and read aloud the name or names on each ballot, and the Recording Secretary shall keep a correct tally thereof; *and*

(6) the President shall announce the result of such count (and recount(s) if ~~one be~~ demanded), ~~after which the tellers shall destroy all of said ballots by tearing them into small fragments.~~

*(7) after any challenges have been answered, the President shall announce the final results and order the ballots to be destroyed by the Tellers*

(b) *Demands for a recount, and challenges to the procedure shall be made prior to the President's announcement of the final results.*

*(1) Once the ballots have been destroyed, the results shall be final, and there shall be no further challenges of, nor changes to, the results.*

(c) *The Recording Secretary shall record the results of the election, for all candidates, including the number of votes received by each candidate, including the runners-up, in the minutes of the parlor.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article XII, Delegates to the Grand Parlor, be amended as shown; and

**Section 2.** Except as in this Article provided, the election of delegates shall be conducted in the manner provided for by Article V, ~~Section 2~~ *Sections 2 through 4*, of this Constitution.

Submitted by  
Committee on Laws of Subordinates  
SDDGP Robert Bruno, District #6  
Recording Secretary Paul Guaraldi, Redwood #66  
PGP Manly-man Duane Gavin  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-26**  
**Grand Secretary Fund Jurisdictions**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, defines the funds of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 4, defines the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary; and

**WHEREAS** the jurisdiction and oversight of the Regalia Fund, and the Grand Parlor Printing Fund, are not fully defined; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 4, be amended by the addition of the following subsection;

Section 1. The Grand Secretary shall:

***(tbd) subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, have jurisdiction over:***

***(1) the Regalia Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(v), and***

***(2) the Grand Parlor Printing Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(g).***

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee



**Resolution 147-27**  
**Grand President Fund Jurisdictions**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, defines the funds of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1, defines the duties and responsibilities of the Grand President; and

**WHEREAS** the jurisdiction and oversight of the Board of Grand Officers Meeting Fund, the Grand Parlor Committee Fund, and the Visiting Official Expense Fund, are not defined; and

**WHEREAS** some of the funds include superfluous language; and

**WHEREAS** the Grand President must be allowed to define what constitutes “reasonable” expenses;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(d), be amended as shown; and

(d) Board of Grand Officers Meeting Fund...

*(2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand President, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(e), be amended as shown; and

(e) Grand Parlor Committee Fund...

~~(1) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand President and shall be used by him, with the approval of the Committee on Finance, used~~ to assist any Grand Parlor Committee.

*(2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand President, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(m), be amended as shown; and

(m) Visiting Official Expense Fund...

~~(1) This fund shall be used to defray any~~ *reimburse reasonable travel, lodging, and dining* expenses incurred ~~for and~~ by the Grand Officers in making the yearly Official Visits to the Subordinate Parlors assigned to them, and

~~(2) to appointed District Deputy Grand Presidents for excessive mileage incurred in making their minimum number of visits to the Parlors assigned to them.~~ *to reimburse actual, reasonable, travel expenses incurred by the District Deputy, and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents in the performance of their required duties.*

~~(3) All bills to be paid on audit and approval of the Committee on Finance.~~ *This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Grand President, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article VI, Section 1, be amended by the addition of the following subsection;

Section 1. The Grand President shall:

*(tbd) Subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, have jurisdiction over:*

*(1) the Board of Grand Officers Meeting Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(d), and*

*(2) the Grand Parlor Committee Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(e), and*

*(3) the Visiting Official Expense Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(m) and*

*(4) the Centennial Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(q).*

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-28**  
**Board of Grand Officer Fund Jurisdictions**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, defines the funds of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Elections and Officers, Part B, Officers, Section 6, defines the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Grand Officers; and

**WHEREAS** the jurisdiction and oversight of the Legal Expense Fund, Contingency Fund, and the Special Legislation Fund are not enumerated amongst the Board's duties; and

**WHEREAS** some of the funds include superfluous language; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article V, Elections and Officers, Part B, Officers, Section 6, be amended as shown; and

Section 6. The Board of Grand Officers shall:

- (j) Subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, have jurisdiction over:**
- (1) the Legal Expense Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 6(c), and**
  - (2) the Special Legislation Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(s), and**
  - (3) the Contingency Expense Fund, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(t).**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(e), be amended as shown; and

(s) Special Legislation Fund...

- (2) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the ~~Committee on Special Legislation and funds~~ shall be expended only upon approval of the Board of Grand Officers, **subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(m), be amended as shown; and

(c) Legal Expense Fund...

- (2) This fund shall be used for ~~the~~ legal expenses that may arise during a Grand Parlor year(s) as determined after review and approval by the Board of Grand Officers ~~and the Committee on Finance.~~

**(3) This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Grand Officers, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.**

Submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

**Resolution 147-29**  
**Miscellaneous Fund Jurisdiction & Oversight**

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Revenue and Expenditure of Funds, Part A, Revenue, defines the funds of the Grand Parlor; and

**WHEREAS** the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Duties of Committees, defines the duties and responsibilities of the Grand Parlor committees; and

**WHEREAS** the jurisdiction and oversight of the funds is inconsistently defined; and

**WHEREAS** some of the descriptions include superfluous language, redundant and/or inconsistent requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 5(w), be amended as shown; and

(w) Mining Claim Fund...

(2) *This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Mining Claim Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article X, Part A, Section 6(b), be amended as shown; and

(b) Lott's Lake Fund...

(4) *This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Lott's Lake Committee, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(6), be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

(6) The Lott's Lake Committee shall...

(v) *Have jurisdiction over the Lott's Lake Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 6(b).*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(5), be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

(5) The Scholarship Contest Committee shall:

(vii) *Have jurisdiction over the Scholarship Contest Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(l).*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(11)(iii), be amended as shown; and

(11)

The Membership Committee shall:

(iii) ~~Have full and complete jurisdiction over the Organization Fund,~~ *subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance,* as provided in Article X, Part A, Section 5(j).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(c)(2)(v), be amended as shown; and

(2) The Committee on Grand Parlor Lapsation shall:

(v) ~~Expenses incurred by this committee shall be subject to the provisions applicable to the Grand Parlor Lapsation Fund at~~ *Have jurisdiction over the Grand Parlor Lapsation Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(o).*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article IX, Section 1(b)(1), be amended by the addition of the following subsection;

(1) The Editor of the Official Publication shall...

(i) *Have jurisdiction over the Official Publication Fund, subject to audit and approval by the Committee on Finance, as provided for in Article X, Part A, Section 5(p)*

Submitted by

Constitution Revision Committee

Resolution 147-30  
Membership

Proposed Amendment and new section to Article II, Membership in the “Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors under the jurisdiction of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West”

- Changes/New Section in red bold italics

WHEREAS the membership of the Native Sons of the Golden West has been in a state of perpetual decline for the past several decades, showing in the past 21 years only five membership gains by PGP Jim Riley, PGP Richard Kimball, PGP Barney Noel, PGP Duane Gavin and lastly PGP Gene Perry; and

WHEREAS the systemic decline and hemorrhaging in the membership of the Native Sons of the Golden West has not been comprehensively or adequately addressed during this period with the exception of the terms mentioned; and

WHEREAS the COVID19 pandemic has brought the bleeding of membership to a fevered pitch and along with other mitigating circumstances has dropped the membership to an all-time low of 5,562 as of the close of the 2022/2023 membership term; and

WHEREAS if this drastic decline in membership is left unchecked, the trajectory of the membership will decrease from current levels to under three thousand members within a few short years which in all likelihood will increase per capita to over (100) one hundred dollars per member precipitating further membership loss and increasing per capita rendering the Order of the Native Sons of the Golden West financially unable to sustain its long and historical leadership role and stature in celebrating and preserving California History, Charitable contributions, and Historical Preservation endeavors, thus ceasing to exist and fading into history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article II, Membership in the “Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors under the jurisdiction of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West” be amended to add the following language to Article II, Section 1, and to add a new Section 8, Items (a) and (b) to read as follows:

Article II  
Membership

Section 1. Its membership shall be confined to citizens of the United States who were born within the state of California and those individuals stated herein *except as where otherwise stated*. Citizens born outside the state of California to parent(s) in the military who remain domiciled in California at that time and citizens born outside the state of California to parent(s) who are residents of California at that time, shall be regarded as having been born within the state of California. Beneficial members previously admitted shall retain all rights and privileges thereof. (138/6)

***Section 8.***

***(a) Citizens of the United States who reside in California, will be eligible to be members of the Native Sons of the Golden West.***

***(b) All members from Section 8 item (a) will be billed dues and carried on the Parlor roster as members of that Parlor and will be afforded the same rights and privileges of all members of the Native Sons of the Golden West with exception of holding a grand office. A period of 10 years of membership must be met before a non -native member may run for Grand office.***

***Submitted by,  
PGP Fred Codoni***

**Resolution 147-31 Revised**  
**Student Per Capita Exemption**

**WHEREAS** the financial burden of higher education continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS** the cost of NSGW membership continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS** the financial burden of higher education continues to rise; and

**WHEREAS** many students leave home for college, and the difficulty retaining young members increases with the distance a student travels and the burdens of their education; and

**WHEREAS** maintaining the generational bond and the potential of young members should be a priority of NSGW;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Section 13, be amended by the addition of the following subsection; and

Section 13. Per Capita Tax

*(e) Students:*

*(1) Students providing evidence of full-time enrollment, and in good standing, at their institution(s), shall be exempt from per capita tax, and*

*(2) those providing evidence of part-time enrollment, and good standing, shall be exempt from Per Capita Tax, for a maximum of 4 years.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, Article VII, Fees and Dues be amended by the addition of the following section;

Section 7. Student members.

*(a) Members providing evidence of enrollment as a full-time student, and in good standing, shall be exempt from per capita tax per the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Section 13(e)(1).*

*(b) Members providing evidence of enrollment as a part-time student, and in good standing, shall be exempt from Per Capita Tax per the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Section 13 (e) (1).*

Submitted by  
Grand Marshal Christopher Adams

**Resolution 147-32**  
**149<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Venue**

**WHEREAS** Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West, states, in part; “The Grand Parlor shall convene its annual meeting at...a place to be selected by [the Grand Parlor]; and

**WHEREAS** the presiding Grand President, Gary Padgett, of Sonoma Parlor #111, and the 149<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Committee, desire to propose a location in the northern region of our beloved state; and

**WHEREAS** the 149<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Committee, has not, as yet, determined an acceptable venue that will provide an enjoyable convention for all members, delegates, and guests;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West shall commence on the third Monday in May, 2026, (May 18<sup>th</sup>) at 10:00 a.m., at a location in Northern California, to be determined at a later date, and to be approved by the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Grand Parlor,

Submitted by Grand 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Gary Padgett  
149<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor Committee8496

**147<sup>th</sup> GRAND PARLOR  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
JOURNAL OF THE FIRST DAY - MONDAY, MAY 20, 2023**

PGP David G. Allen, Auburn #59, Chairman of the 147th Grand Parlor, gave opening remarks. General manager Brian Marthi and members of the hotel staff welcomed us.

PGP Allen then introduced Grand President George Adams, who gave his opening remarks.

OPENING

Grand President George Adams opened the meeting at the Rohnert Park Double Tree. He led the Pledge to the Flag and singing of our Opening Ode.

Jr. Past Grand President Jeff Schmidt Adams gave the Opening Prayer.

Grand Marshal Chris Adams appointed the Grand Trustees to take up the password.

Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29, moved that Monday, May 15 be first day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor; that May 16 be the second day; and Thursday, May 18 be the third day, Seconded and passed.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS

George Adams, Napa #62	.....	Grand President
Jeff Schmidt, Georgetown #91	.....	Jr. Past Grand President
Steve McLean, Excelsior #31	.....	Grand First Vice President
Gary Padgett, Sonoma #111	.....	Grand Second Vice President
Kris Nelson, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	.....	Grand Third Vice President
Thomas Perazzo, Golden Gate #29	.....	Grand Secretary
Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29	.....	Grand Treasurer
Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66	.....	Grand Trustee Chair
Richard Cortez, Argonaut #8	.....	Grand Trustee Secretary
Brice Walker, Observatory #177	.....	Grand Trustee
Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda #47	.....	Grand Trustee
Doug Love, Napa #62	.....	Grand Trustee
Larry Schork, Petaluma-Nicasio #183	.....	Grand Trustee
Ethan Phillips, Placerville #9	.....	Grand Trustee
Chris Adams, Napa #62	.....	Grand Marshal
Tommy Baggett, Amador #17	.....	Grand Inside Sentinel
Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111	.....	Grand Outside Sentinel
William Moyer, Napa #62	.....	Grand Organist
Lisa Adams, Napa #62	.....	Grand Historian
Don Schafer, Twin Peaks #214	.....	Grand Treasurer Emeritus

Grand President Adams made the following appointments:

Board of Appeals	Susan Collins, Napa #62
Board of Control	Dave Franzoia, Fairfax #307
Constitution Revision	Dave Connelly, Argonaut #8
Editor of the Native Son	Fred Schwab, Fairfax #307

Election – Judge	Robert Fletcher, Golden Gate #29
Clerk #1	Mike O’Brian, Dolores-California #1
Clerk #2	Linda Cook, Stockton #7
Clerk #3	Mary Garcia, Ramona #109
Teller #1	Gilbert Rodriques, Los Banos #296
Teller #2	Brent Dawson, Excelsior #31
Teller #3	Rob Bruno, Redwood #66
Teller #4	Dino Gay, Woodland #30MWNReiNA
Teller #5	Cyndi Pilgram, Napa #62
Teller #6	Bob Teal, National #118
Teller #7	Brian Ferdani, Amador #17

Grand President George Adams appointed the following Parliamentarians: PGP Erik Christensen, Excelsior #31; PGP Barney Noel, Placerville #9; PGP Phil Wong, Napa #62.

Grand President Adams gave Grand Trustee presented an “award” to Grand Trustee Brice Walker.

Grand President Adams Made his report (will appear in the Proceeding).

Grand President Adams introduced the Past Grand Presidents, 50-year Members, Military Veterans, and the Former Grand Marshals.

Grand President Adams honored new 25- and 50-year Members.

Grand Secretary Perazzo gave a brief update to his report, in the Advance Report on Grand Parlor Insurance.

Grand President Adams recessed the meeting at 11:42 p.m. to resume at 1:30 p.m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand President Adams reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Grand Marshal Adams appointed the Baby Delegates to take up the password:

The Credentials Committee reported 171 delegates present.

Calendar and Flag Day chairmen gave their reports. The 2024 event will be June 15

Essay Contest Chair Donna Fletcher gave her report. The winner was from Manor School in Fairfax.

Director of Historical Research Chair, Jen Rorer, Placerville #9, gave her report, on the items are being moved to Napa Parlor, and the new asset reporting program.

Grand President Adams gave Honor Parlor Awards to Pebble Beach #230, Twin Peaks #214, Santa Rosa #28, Golden Gate #29, Napa #62, Auburn #59, Eden #113, Solano #39, Santa Cruz #90, Redwood #66, Quartz #58, St. Helena #53, Amador #17.

The following Resolutions were presented, moved, seconded and passed: 2, 3, 4, 5 as amended, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18 as corrected, 19, 20 as revised, 21 as revised, 22, and 23.

Grand President Adams recessed the meeting at 2:50 p.m. for the Annual Memorial Service.  
Fred Codoni, PGP, Assistant Grand Secretary

**MEMORIAL SERVICES  
147<sup>th</sup> GRAND PARLOR**

**Welcome:**

Thomas Perazzo, Grand Secretary, PGP

**Roll Call of Deceased Bothers:**

Fred Codoni, Assistant Grand Secretary, PGP

**Reply:**

Chris Adams, Grand Marshal

**A Moment of Silance for all Deceased and Honored Brothers:**

Thomas Perazzo, Grand Secretary, PGP

**Musical Interlude:**

William Moyer, Grand Organist

**Special Acknowledgement**

**William Segale, South San Francisco #157, Former SDDGP,**

Joesph Ursino, PGP

**Musical Interlude:**

William Moyer, Grand Organist

**Eulogies for Honored Members of Grand Parlor**

**Leonard “Bud” Utter, Los Angeles #45, Former Grand Trustee,**

James Smith, PGP

**Richard A. Hoffmann, Petaluma-Nicasio #183, Past Grand President,**

James King, PGP

**Musical Interlude:** William Moyer,

Grand Organist

**Reading of “The Song of the River”:**

Thomas Perazzo, Grand Secretary, PGP



**ROLL CALL OF**

**Dolores – California #1**

Emily Powell Palmer

**Stockton #7**

Keith Bickley

Robert Kavanaugh

Spencer Tracy

**Placerville #9**

James Campini

**Modesto #11**

Jackie Brown

Julius Manrique

Wesley Hall

**Humboldt #14**

Donald Cloney

Gene Davenport

John Mitts Jr

**Amador #17**

Michael Joseph Profumo

**San Jose #22**

Eli Bogdanovich

**Sunset #26**

Dorothy Rundell

**Golden Gate #29**

Donald Perazzo

Jeanne Matysiak

**Excelsior #31**

Chris Martin

James Ealy

James Wagner

John "Jack" Quinn

**Ione #33**

William George Gephardt

**Solano #39**

James Jagers

Kirk Sheldon

Richard Scholl

William "Bill" Lockfeer

**Elk Grove #41**

Betty Woolever

David Simpson

Eugene Morrow

**Los Angeles #45**

Leonard "Bud" Utter

**DECEASED BROTHERS**

**Halcyon – Alameda #47**

Thayer Hall III

Ronald Curtis

**St. Helena #53**

John West

**Auburn #59**

James Entrekin

**Napa #62**

Charles Rathjen

Frank Worthington

Franz Wartenweiler

Gus Amador

Kenneth Beadleston

Oliver Sheridan

Terry Hendricks

William Bacigalupi

**Silver Star #63**

Walter Brown

**Redwood #66**

Raymond Gilson

Alexander Schwed

**Vallejo #77**

John Moore

John Powers

**Benicia #89**

Carl Lunsted

Stanley Kueffer

**Ferndale #93**

Dayton Titus

Jeffrey Farley

William Stoltz

**Las Positas #96**

David Dutro

Gerald Anthony Escalona

Jack Chamberlin

**Arrowhead #110**

Gil Navarro

John Brennan

John W. Anderson

Mark Anderson

Rodney Ness

Vincent Medina

**Sonoma #111**

Ralph Keechler

James Ashoff

James Marsh

Thomas Ferrando

Albert Morenzoni

David Herrick Sr.

Richard Facciola

**Eden #113**

Adrian Karris

Donald Rose

**National #118**

Albert Biachi

Edward Everett

Harry Pallas

John Webb

Thomas Kassimos

**Gabilan #132**

Charles "Ed" Boutonnet

Samuel Jenkinson III

**Chispa #139**

Edmund Boll

**South San Francisco #157**

William Segale

Joseph Sangiacomo

Lawrence "Larry"

Hoogasian

Thomas Chase

**Konocti #159**

Frederick Veio

Gilbert Amaya

**Washington #169**

John Perry

**Petaluma – Nicasio #183**

George Perry

Gino Lucchessia

Ralph Ramirez

Richard Hoffman

Thomas Gilaridi

William Dabner

Robert Baker Jr.

**Los Banos #206**

Arthur Ramos

**Guadalupe #231**

Perry Burns

Robert Hernandez

**San Luis Obispo #290**

Elizabeth Zweifel

Ercole Brughelli

John Thompson

Raymond Craig

William Cotnam

**Columbia #258**

David Brown

**John C. Fremont #293**

John M. Gandy

Mickey Cardoza

Walter Rebello

**Fairfax #307**

Allen Bernes

Frank Silvestri

Gordon Hedemark

Henry Bellatore

James Keating

Jim Ringseis

Robert Caughie (Mt. Tam  
#64)

**Col. Nelson B. Holderman**

**#316**

Eugene Combs

Kenneth Collins

Ron Taddei

William Duff

**147<sup>th</sup> GRAND PARLOR**  
**NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST**  
**JOURNAL FOR THE SECOND DAY - TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2023**

Grand President Adams re-convened the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor at 9 a.m.

Grand Marshal C. Adams appointed all the District Deputy Grand President's to take up the password.

Grand Secretary Tom Perazzo moved that the Journal of the First Day be accepted with any needed corrections. The motion was duly seconded and passed.

RESOLUTION #15 was presented, moved, seconded, and passed.

The Credentials Committee reported 179 delegates present.

The Grand Vice Presidents gave the State of the Order Address.

The Grand Vice Presidents presented a gift to Grand President Adams.

RESOLUTIONS #32, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, were presented, seconded, and passed.

**NOMINATIONS:**

Grand Outside Sentinel: Dave Schaefer, Santa Rosa #28, by Grand Third Vice President Nelson.

Grand Inside Sentinel: Sean Padgett, Sonoma #111, by Grand Second Vice President Padgett.

Grand Marshal: Tommy Baggett, Amador #17, by Grand First vice President McLean.

Grand Trustee: Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda #47, by PGP Paul Lapachet.

Grand Trustee: Steve Reinert, Excelsior #31, by Grand First vice President McLean.

Grand Trustee: Tim Prince, Arrowhead #110, by PGP James Smith.

Grand Trustee: Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66, by PGP Fred Codoni.

Grand Trustee: Burton Winn, Fairfax #307, by PGP Fred Codoni.

Grand Trustee: Doug Love, Napa #62, by PGP Clark Brandt.

Grand Trustee: Larry Schork, Petaluma-Nicasio #183, by Grand Trustee Doug Love.

Grand Treasurer: Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29, PGP Tom Perazzo.

Grand Secretary: Tom Perazzo, Golden Gate #29, by PGP Tim Tullius.

Grand Third Vice President: Richard Cortez, Argonaut #8, by PGP Dean Zellers.

Grand Third Vice President: Brice Walker, Observatory #177, by PGP Dave Allen.

Grand Second Vice President Kris Nelson, Petaluma-Nicasio #183, by PGP James King.

Grand First Vice President, Gary Padgett, Sonoma #111, by PGP Ron Brocco.

Grand President Steve McLean, Excelsior #31, PGP Tim Tullius.

Motion made, seconded, and passed to cast a white ballot for all unopposed offices.

New Grand Trustee candidates Tim Prince, Burt Winn and Steve Reinert spoke.

Grant Trustee Marcia Skelton, Chair of the Information Services Committee, gave her report, especially on improving our image.

Barbara Kimball spoke on the Scholarship Committee. Winner was Jay Alsaadir, Pescadero; Runners-up Chloe Entrican, Rocklin; Hayley Britton, Alameda; Vocational Scholarship winner was Nico Santos, Discovery Bay.

Resolution No. 30 was part of extensive discussion. Proponent PGP Fred Codoni spoke in favor, as did many others. The proposed amendment to change our name was defeated. Resolution 30 passed.

Grand President Adams recessed the meeting at 12:30 p.m. to resume at 1:30 p.m.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand President Adams opened the afternoon session at 1:30 p.m.

Grand Marshal Adams appointed the Past Grand Presidents to take up the password.

Third Vice President Kris Nelson gave Lotts Lake Chair Dan Foppe's report on the year's activities at Lotts Lake.

Finance Committee members presented the 2024-2025 budget. Budget was approved as submitted. The 148<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor PCT is set at \$59.82.

Grand President Adams recessed the meeting at 2:40pm for the Native Daughters' Visitation.

Grand President Adams reconvened the meeting at 3:00pm for the Native Daughters' Visitation.

Grand President Rae Rosa, Tierra de Oro #304, NDGW, introduced the visiting Native Daughters.

The Grand Presidents exchanged gifts.

The Grand Vice President Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon #239, NDGW, and Grand First Vice President McLean, NSGW, exchanged gifts.

Grand President Adams thanked the Native Daughters for their attendance and attendance at our various events throughout the past year.

They were escorted out and the Grant President closed the meeting at 3:22pm, to reconvene at 9am Thursday.

Fred Codoni, PGP, Assistant Grand Secretary

147<sup>th</sup> GRAND PARLOR  
NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
JOURNAL OF THE THIRD DAY - WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2023

President Adams reconvened the meeting at 9 a.m.

Grand Marshal C. Adams appointed the former Grand Marshals to assist in taking up the password.

Motion made seconded and passed to accept the Journal of the Second Day, as corrected.

Resolutions: 1 -Passed as amended, 31- defeated.

The Credentials Chair announced 178 delegates were registered.

**Play Day Results:**

PEDRO: Winners were announced,

HORSESHOES: Winners were announced.

BOWLING: Winners were announced.

TRAP SHOOT: Winners were announced.

The winners' names of the Special Fund Raiser were drawn and announced. The raffle raised about \$3.400 each for the Charitable Foundation and Historical Preservation Foundation.

Election Results: Brice Walker 107, Richard Cortez 54.

PGP James Smith asked that we acknowledge PGP Joe Ursino who attended 64 Grand Parlors but was unable to attend this one because of illness. Grand Secretary Perazzo read the names of the Past Grand Presidents who were unable to attend this session.

President Adams recessed the meeting for the Cleft Palate March. Representatives of the three hospitals we support were introduced and spoke. Last year's donations were \$65,000 each; the total over the life of the Charitable Foundation was \$7.7 million.

The Cleft Palate March was held; donations were \$95,253.

Grand President Adams reconvened the meeting following the Cleft Palate March.  
Fred Codoni, PGP, Assistant Grand Secretary

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The following were installed as Grand Officers for 2024-2025:

Grand Outside Dave Schaefer, Santa Rosa #28  
Grand Inside Sentinel Sean Paggett, Sonoma #111  
Grand Marshal Tommy Baggett, Amador #17  
Grand Secretary Tom Perazzo, Golden Gate #29  
Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius, Golden Gate #29  
Grand Trustee Tim Prince, Arrowhead #110  
Grand Trustee Larry Steve Reinert, Excelsior #31  
Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio, Halcyon-Alameda  
Grand Trustee Marcia Skelton, Redwood #66  
Grand Trustee Doug Love, Napa #62  
Grand Trustee Larry Schork, Nicasio #183  
Grand Trustee Burt Winn, Fairfax #307  
Grand Third Vice President Brice Walker, Observatory #177  
Grand Second Vice President Kris Nelson, Petaluma-Nicasio #183  
Grand First Vice President Gary Padgett, Sonoma #111  
Grand President Steve McLean, Excelsior #31

Newly installed Grand President Steve McLean spoke, introductions were made, pleasantries and gifts were exchanged.

Grand President McLean closed the meeting and invited all to his reception.

## DESPOSITION OF THE 147<sup>th</sup> GRAND PARLOR RESOLUTIONS

No.	Name	CRC	Law Of Sub	Fin Com	Presented M/S	Status	
147-1	Grand Parlor Meeting Fund	—	—	X	X	Passed	
147-2	Duties of Grand Secretary	—	—	—	X	Passed	
147-3	Duties of Grand Trustees	—	—	—	X	Passed	
147-4	Duties of Grand Treasurer	—	—	X	X	Passed	
147-5	Hall Association Directors	—	—	—	X	Passed	
147-6	Nominations	—	—	—	X	Amended	Passed
147-7	Resolutions	—	—	—	x	Amended	Passed
147-8	Semi-Annual Reports	—	X	—	x	Amended	Passed
147-9	Definitions	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-10	District Deputies & Supervisors	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-11	Salary Committee	—	—	—	x	Amended	Passed
147-12	Appointive Offices	—	—	—	x	Amended	Passed
147-13	Emergency Expenditures	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-14	Flag Day Celebration	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-15	Information Services Committee	—	—	X	x	Passed	
147-16	Fourth Grade Essay Committee	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-17	Discovery of Gold Fund	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-18	Statehood Day Fund	—	—	X	x	Amended	Passed
147-19	Dedications Fund	—	—	X	x	Corrected	Passed
147-20	Legacy Fund	—	—	X	x	Corrected	Passed
147-21	Phelan Relief Fund	—	—	X	x	Revised	Passed
147-22	Assistant Book Officers	—	—	—	x	Revised	Passed
147-23	Election of Delegates	—	—	—	x	Revised	Passed
147-24	Parlor Budgets	—	—	—	x	Passed	
147-25	Parlor Elections	X	—	—	x	Passed	
147-26	Grand Secretary Fund Jurisdictions	—	—	X	x	Passed	
147-27	Grand President Fund Jurisdictions	—	—	X	x	Passed	
147-28	BOGO Fund Jurisdictions	—	—	X	x	Passed	
147-29	Miscellaneous Funds	—	—	X	x	Passed	
147-30	Non-native	X	X	—	x	Amended	Passed
147-31	Student Per-Capita Tax	X	X	X	X	Amended	Failed
147-32	149th GP Venue	—	—	—	x	Passed	

**148<sup>TH</sup> GRAND PARLOR  
APPROVED BUDGET**

<b>GRAND PARLOR</b>		
6001	STATEHOOD DAY	500.00
6071	NSGW ARCHIVE PRES.	2,500.00
6081	COLUMBIA MUS.	7,500.00
6111	DEDICATIONS	17,000.00
6120	DISC. OF GOLD	500.00
6151	G.O. MEETINGS	10,000.00
6161	G.P. COMMITTEES	2,000.00
6171	G.P. MEETING	5,000.00
6191	G.P.'S MISC. EXP.	18,000.00
6221	LAPSATION	500.00
6231	LOTTS LAKE	2,500.00
6222	MINING CLAIM	500.00
6271	OFFICIAL PUBL.	1,500.00
6281	ORGANIZATION	21,000.00
6291	PGP PRESENTATION	500.00
6321	INFO SVCS	8,500.00
6331	SCHOLARSHIP	5,250.00
6332	FOURTH GRADE ESY.	4,500.00
6341	REGALIA	2,500.00
6391	VISITING BOARD - GO	7,500.00
6492	CONTINGENCY EXP.	3,578.00
6501	FLAG DAY	500.00
2500	LEGAL FUND	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121,828</b>
<b>GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE</b>		
6031	AUDITING	6,200.00
6091	COPIER	2,500.00
6181	G.P. PRINTING	2,000.00
6211	INSURANCE	110,000.00
6251	OFC.EQUIP/REPAIR	8,000.00
6261	OFFICE EXPENSE	1,000.00
6262	OFFICE EXP/SP PROJ.	1,500.00
6311	POSTAGE	500.00
6351	RENT	12,600.00
6362	SALARIES - GRD SEC	30,894.00
6361	SALARIES - OFC SEC	70,406.00
6371	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	4,000.00
6411	PAYROLL TAX	8,000.00
6431	PSNL. PROP. TAX	300.00
	<b>OFFICE TOTAL</b>	<b>258,400.00</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>380,228.00</b>



**148<sup>TH</sup> GRAND PARLOR  
APPROVED BUDGET**

LESS

HALL ASSOCIATION DIVIDEND	
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS	\$4,000.00
SURPLUS FROM CURRENT YEAR	\$30,000.00
LUCKY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER	
SPECIAL FUNDRAISER	\$3,400.00
LEGACY FUND	
HALL ASSOCIATION DONATION	\$9,750.00
INSURANCE CHARGEBACKS	
SPONSORCHIPS	\$15,000.00
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$62,150
AMOUNT FOR PER CAPITA TAX	\$318,078.00
NUMBER OF MEMBERS AS OF MAY 1DT	5317
PER CAPITA TAX PER MEMBER	\$59.82

## REPORTS GIVEN AT SESSION

### STATE OF THE ORDER – 147TH GRAND PARLOR

#### **G1VP Steve McLean**

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, Delegates and Guests of the 147th Grand Parlor:

Article VI, Section 2 (c) of the Constitution requires that the three Grand Vice Presidents constitute a Committee on the State of the Order, which shall advise the Grand Parlor concerning the conditions and progress of the Order and make such recommendations to the Grand Parlor at the opening session thereof as it may deem to be for the benefit of the Order.

Therefore, this report was compiled by the Grand Vice Presidents to satisfy our duty and directly address those issues which truly go to the “conditions and progress” of our Order.

This year was better than last relating to recovering from the restrictions of Covid-19. Yes, we experienced a reduction in memberships, but a lot of that was eliminating members that have not been attending (not Covid related) and/or delinquent on their dues. Sometimes it’s necessary to trim the tree to make it healthier. In my travels I have observed many Parlors in a revival mode. I’ve attended large Initiations and well attended Dedications. It’s been great seeing Brothers gathering again with positive attitudes and comradery.

This year the Board of Grand Officers under the leadership Grand President George Adams accomplished positive changes. One particular outstanding accomplishment was voting to hire the firm “Reputation Defense Network out of San Francisco. Chairman Marcia Skelton, along with WGS Thomas Perazzo, PGP Duane Gavin, PGP James King, PGP Dave Allen and GOS Sean Pagett with our Information Services Committee spearheaded this idea. We are already seeing the positive results. This will add to our credibility and sustainability. These kind of changes help change the hearts and minds of the public. Also, our museum in Columbia State Park when completed will have similar effects.

We plan to continue positive membership building. Encourage Parlors to work with their local media and government. We will continue to work to establish new relationships with members of the Legislature their Administration and staff at the Capitol, particularly the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Let’s not forget all the positive accomplishments by our two Foundations this past year, Historic Preservation helping other non-profits around our State preserve our historic treasures & Charitable healing children from all social and economic backgrounds. You should all be proud.

#### **G2VP Gary Padgett**

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Delegates and guests.

With all of our official visits that we do every year, we receive a lot of questions asking, “why do we pay Per Capita Tax?” Let me first start off by saying Per Capita does not just pay for Grand Parlor. Per Capita tax helps pay for our insurance, for the museum, for the Lott’s Lake fund, for official publications, Flag Day, Grand Parlor printing and many more things. I will have copies of what it all pays for if anybody is interested.

To follow up with what 1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve McLean said about the Reputation Defense Network, we also need to put in our own work. The work that they are doing is wonderful and very helpful, but WE as Native Sons need to get our Dinners and Events on our own website. How many of you have our Native Sons Calendar on your phone? We have been working on getting all our events and dinners on the website. If you have an event or something that you want to put on the calendar, newsletter, or social media you can send that information to [Events@nsgw.org](mailto:Events@nsgw.org). This email is designed to be a one stop shop for all our events. The information will be sent to all the respective accounts for getting your events listed.

Not only is the calendar an important use of our website, but we are also working hard on the Social Media side. With a show of hands, how many of you have Facebook? How many of you have Instagram? How many of you have twitter (X)? How many of you watch videos on YouTube? Now how many of you are subscribed to our pages on all those platforms? This is where we NEED your help. We have 4 social media outlets: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter (X) and YouTube. Right now, we have roughly 5,000 Members, with the way the world works today, everything is driven by social media. The more interaction you have with a social media page, the more it is picked up by algorithms. This means, that if you subscribe to our page, like our posts when one comes out, share our posts, make a comment on our posts. These are all the things that will show that we are an active page, and that is what is needed to help get our image out in the public eye. With 5,000 members that would be a huge push for any social media outlet. If we could get every member to subscribe and interact with our social media platforms, it would really help with our image.

### **G3VP Kris Nelson**

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Delegates and guests.

#### Membership Program

The Membership committee launched a new facet to their programs this year. To get our name out to the public, a co-operative advertising program was activated. Subordinate Parlors could place advertisements in their local media and Grand Parlor would subsidize half the cost of the ads.

There was a set limit to the funds available and guidelines on how Parlors would be approved to be part of the program.

The program was distributed through Grand Parlor to each Parlor's recording secretary via email, along with the program's guidelines. Few Parlors took advantage of this program. We are waiting to see the results from the Parlors that participated.

We are pleased to announce that the program will continue into this next Grand Parlor year, and we are hoping that more Parlors participate in the co-operative advertising program.

#### Lott's Lake

Lott's Lake continues to be a popular choice for those seeking an outdoor experience. Located in Plumas County, Lott's Lake camping grounds are owned by the Native Sons of the Golden West and access is free to all of our brothers.

The annual Lott's Lake work week and camp out is being held August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> this year.

The Lott's Lake committee, currently chaired by Dan Foppe, continues the improvements started with previous committees. A large new outhouse was installed to replace one of the previous structures, stabilization of the original cabin was started, and a massive cleanup took place. Plans are afoot to make further improvements to accessibility to the campgrounds, clear out fire damaged trees, and create a better camping experience for all brothers. If you are interested in swimming, camping, fishing, mountain biking, 4x4 excursion trails, hiking, hunting (it's a C zone), or enjoying the great California wilderness, then Lott's Lake could be your destination this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven D. McLean, Grand 1st Vice President, Excelsior Parlor #31, Gary Padgett, Grand 2nd Vice President, Sonoma Parlor #111, Kris Nelson, Grand 3rd Vice President, Petaluma-Nicasio #183

## FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Chair Kevin Anderson  
School District San Bernadino  
Name of Student Ace L. Davenport  
School North Park Elementary  
Name of Teacher Ms. Prado  
Essay Title California Earthquakes

Chair Ted Cordano  
School District Colma  
Name of Student Guiliana Cuevas  
School Holy Angels School  
Name of Teacher Mrs. Cordano  
Essay Title The Republic of California

Chair Ted Cordano  
School District Daly City  
Name of Student Isabella Pagan  
School Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Name of Teacher Mrs. Milton  
Essay Title Walt Disney

Chair Bill Addy  
School District Ross Valley  
Name of Student Adeline S Biggins  
School Manor Elementary  
Name of Teacher Mrs. Accord  
Essay Title The California Gold Rush

**FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS (CONTINUED)**

Chair Frank Edwards  
School District Black Oak Mine  
Name of Student Lucy Wattson  
School Georgetown School  
Name of Teacher Tamzin Ellsworth  
Essay Title Studebaker wheelbarrows and Strauss Canvas  
Pants

Chair Kathleen Borba  
School District Gustine Unified  
Name of Student Melanie Padilla Madrigal  
School Gustine Elementary  
Name of Teacher Ms. Rodriquez  
Essay Title The Gold Rush

Chair Janet Burton  
School District Marysville Unified  
Name of Student Yaretzi Alvarez  
School Olivehurst Elementary  
Name of Teacher Mrs. Miller  
Essay Title Mission San Juan Capistrano

Chair Bruce Ross  
School District Vallecito Union  
Name of Student Abraham Hernandez De Las Cruz  
School Michelson Elementary  
Name of Teacher Shonna Lewis  
Essay Title The Gold Rush

**REPORTS SUBMITTED AFTER GRAND PARLOR  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION 147<sup>TH</sup> GRAND PARLOR MARCH**

**PARLORS**

Dolores-California #1	\$1,000.00
Placerville #9	\$100.00
Humboldt #14	\$250.00
San Jose #22	\$2,000.00
Excelsior #31	\$2,500.00
Ione #33	\$2,000.00
Solano # 39 (Past Members)	\$500.00
Halcyon-Alameda #47	\$1,000.00
St. Helena #53	\$1,000.00
Quartz # 58	\$2,799.00
Napa # 62	\$2,500.00
Redwood # 66	\$1,327.00
Calistoga # 86(Deceased Brothers)	\$500.00
Santa Anna # 74	\$400.00
Santa Cruz # 90	\$2,024.00
Georgetown # 91	\$500.00
Las Positas # 96	\$1,500.00
Santa Lucia # 97	\$2,000.00
Ramona # 109	\$3,000.00
Arrowhead # 110	\$1,520.00
Eden. # 113	\$1,250.00
National # 118	\$2,000.00
Gabilan # 132	\$1,566.00
Chispa # 139	\$2,000.00
San Miguel#150(Dick Hoffmann PGP)	\$500.00
Konocti # 159	\$188.00
Observatory # 177	\$500.00
Petaluma-Nicasio #183 (Dick Hoffmann PGP- Sterling Dabner)	\$2,500.00
Presidio # 194	\$20,000.00
Los Banos # 206	\$3,000.00
Twin Peaks # 214	\$5,400.00
Guadalupe # 231	\$1,000.00
Fremont # 293	\$250.00
Fairfax # 307	\$2,000.00
Argonaut #8(Richard Cortez	\$40.00
Sunset #26	\$200.00
Elk Grove # 41	\$1,000.00
Santa Rosa #28	\$524.00
Auburn # 59	\$500.00
Vallejo#77(Memory Dennis J. Clemente	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL PARLORS</b>	<b>\$72,938.00</b>

**OTHERS**

Suzi Riley (PGP Joe & Marilu Ursino)	\$100.00
Twin Peaks Hall Association	\$1,500.00
Texas Holdem (Mark Spaugh)	\$200.00
Jerry Colivas (Jerome Colivas)	\$200.00
PPA General Assn (Decease Brothers)	\$400.00
Dave Sereni (Bill Segale)	\$20.00
Marv&Marlene Rodriguez (Rita Holliday)	\$100.00
Michael O'Brien (Dol-Cal #1)	\$100.00
Marilyn Maestas	\$120.00
Brice Walker	\$100.00
Gary& Cathie Milliken (Jerry Hurley)	\$100.00
Janet Thompson (Chuck O'Connor)	\$100.00
David & Cynthia Connelly	\$100.00
Halcyon-Alameda #47(Dann Hall III)	\$100.00
Halcyon-Alameda #47 (Rita Holliday)	\$100.00
Halcyon-Alameda #47(Ron Curtis)	\$100.00
John Sangiacomo (Joe Sangiacomo)	\$200.00
Paul & Jaye Lapachet (Lapachet)	\$200.00
(Bob & Ruth Lapachet)	
Doug Love GT Napa #62(Room Tips)	\$6.00
Board Grand Officers Fines	\$20.00
147th Fines and Play Day	\$211.50
Hall Association of NSGW (Person of the Year Award)	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL OTHERS</b>	<b>\$9,077.50</b>

## REPORTS RECEIVED AFTER ADVANCE REPORT

Worthy Grand President,

Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and Delegates to the 147th Grand Parlor

I hereby submit the following financial report for the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor proceedings with the ending date of May 2024.

Report of Grand Treasurer Timothy Tullius  
For the period of June 1,2023 to May 31, 2024  
147th Grand Parlor final report

### Bank of America

#### Checking:

Starting balance June 1,2023  
Ending balance May 31,2024

\$ 94,057.81  
\$ 14,677.16

#### Savings:

Starting Balance June 1,2023  
Ending Balance May 31, 2024

\$ 27,372.04  
\$ 101,496.23

#### Stifel accounts:

#### General # 1406

Starting balance June 1,2023  
Ending balance May 31,2024

\$ 534,796.32  
\$ 678,103.23

#### Phelan Relief # 2725

Starting balance June 1,2023  
Ending balance May 31,2024

\$ 30,134.55  
\$ 30,705.54

### Hall Stock owned by Grand Parlor

San Francisco Hall Association Stock 6,799.30 shares owned at cost of \$ 40,853.00

Santa Rosa Hall Stock purchased at \$ 7,500 was sold so that Grand Parlor could receive income on our investment. The Santa Rosa Hall stock had not produced any income for several years. By selling this stock we will be getting about 5% interest on the \$7,500. The money was put into our Stifel Bank Account.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,  
PGP Timothy Tullius  
Grand Treasurer 2023-2024  
Golden Gate Parlor # 29

## California History Board

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and Delegates, the California History Board (CHB) is pleased to make the following report to the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor.

During this past year, the CHB conducted in-depth research and authored, or edited, the text for numerous historical markers. We also researched and answered, or attempted to answer, several information requests from the public.

### **HISTORICAL MARKERS**

Grand President Adams replaced several stolen plaques and rededicated another in its new location. Among these was the high-profile plaque, from 1917, marking the location of the 1859 Broderick-Terry Duel in, what is now, Daly City. The city wanted a monument that “makes a statement,” and it does so with a granite plaque that stood taller than the Grand President.

Other high-profile dedications include a commemoration, in the Arcata airport, of William H. Snell, whose tragic death led to a legacy of improved helmet safety, and a plaque marking the Chinese Pioneer Cemetery in Auburn.

The CHB is working right up to the very end, and beyond, for Grand President Adams. At the time of this writing, one project is still in process:

#### ❖ **Ranchos (Los Cerritos and Los Alamitos)**

In addition to those listed above, work continues to complete the replacement plaque for the Ranchos Los Cerritos and Los Alamitos in Long Beach. This plaque has been stolen twice since it was first placed in 1952. The project has been unfortunately hampered by unresponsive vendors and other factors.

I personally find it important to complete this dedication for Grand President Adams since no other proper dedications were arranged for him in Southern California.

This year, for different reasons, several projects could not be completed:

#### ➤ **Carson Mansion**

Originally marked in the 1980s by Grand President Deal, the Ingomar Club (owners of the mansion) never installed the plaque because it contained erroneous information. The CHB is working with the Ingomar Club to produce a plaque that meets their approval. Due to the scheduling that will work best for them, this project is being held over for the incoming Grand President, Steve McLean. The erroneous plaque has been retrieved from the club, photo documented and will be destroyed.

#### ➤ **Thomas Gaines**

Grand Parlor was approached by a local “historian” with finished text for a plaque honoring the first black resident of Antioch. However, while fact-checking, it was determined that her “history” largely consisted of flights of fancy. Her narrative collapsed entirely when another researcher’s work cast substantial doubt upon the work and motives of the first person. It became obvious that there was a lot of local politics involved and the Native Sons did not need to wade into that mess. Upon the recommendation of the CHB, Grand President Adams declined to accept this dedication.

Mr. Gaines’ story is one that should be told, but only if it can be done factually.

#### ➤ **Carmel Bakery**

Although contacted by the owner to request this marker, and to provide information to us, despite repeated attempts, communication ceased after that for unknown reasons. Perhaps the project can be resurrected at a later date.



➤ **Dillon Beach**

This dedication fell through for the most disappointing reason of all- our past, and the inability of narrow-minded individuals to realize that we are not the Native Sons of yore.

Following is a list of projects that we have completed this year, or are still in the works:

<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host</b>
147-1	Tahoe Trout Farm	So. Lake Tahoe	Grand Parlor
147-2	Burdell Building	Petaluma	Petaluma-Nicasio #183
147-3	Oakland WWI Memorial (R)	Oakland	Piedmont #120
147-4	Broderick-Terry Duel (R)	Daly City	District 7
147-5	Rae House	Galt	Elk Grove #41
147-6	William Howard Snell	Arcata	Ferndale #93
147-7	Old Eureka Mine	Sutter Creek	Amador #17
147-8	Centerville Beach Cross	Ferndale	Ferndale #93
147-9	Auburn Chinese Cemetery	Auburn	Auburn #59
147-10	Monticello (R)	Lake Berryessa	Napa #62
147-11	Ranchos Los Alamitos and Los Cerritos (R)	Long Beach	Los Angeles #45, Santa Ana #74, & Ramona #209

(R) – Replacement/Rededication

**INFORMATION REQUESTS**

The California History Board also fielded numerous information requests ranging from providing information on old photographs, an old barn, a missing plaque, several old dedications, a watch, and an adoption record.

While in some cases, we were able to provide considerable information, this was not always the case, illuminating how important Parlor’s records are to recording the history of our Order, and how important it is to have those records digitized for ready reference by diverse researchers.

**ARCHIVES**

It is very disheartening to realize how much of the history of this Order has been lost and how little concern there is about it among much of the membership. The California History Board respectfully requests attention to the preservation and digitalization of Grand and Subordinate Parlor archives by the upcoming Grand Presidents, Grand Officers, Parlors, and the Curator of Artifacts; to the preservation of our own history.

In Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity  
 PGP James King  
 Chairman, California History Board  
 San Miguel Parlor #150

## **Constitution Revision Committee**

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and Delegates, the Constitution Revision Committee (CRC) is pleased to provide the following final report to the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor.

The Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, and the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, collectively known as “the Constitution,” contain the rules by which the Order operates. The Constitution should be clearly and logically organized, with uniformity wherever possible. It should be easy to use and accessible to everyone, not obfuscated by murky language, bewildering organization and verbosity. It should not be some arcane document that is only intelligible to the initiated few, or that can be deliberately, misquoted, misrepresented, and misconstrued in its opacity, to be used as a cudgel with which to browbeat others.

The CRC has collaborated with the Committee on Laws of Subordinates to present twenty-nine resolutions for consideration at the 147<sup>th</sup> session of the Grand Parlor. These resolutions continue CRC’s work to clarify, standardize, and organize the Constitution.

The committee looks forward to continuing to serve the Order in the coming year.

In Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity  
PGP James King  
Chair, Constitution Revision Committee  
San Miguel Parlor #150

## **REPORTS SUBMITTED AFTER ADVANCE REPORT PUBLISHED**

### **2023/2024 Insurance Committee Report** UPDATED FROM ADVANCE REPORTS

The NSGW Insurance Program for 2023-2024 has been ended, and as the final budget report of the year:

The Year's Budget was: \$75,000.

The Year's Expenses were: \$105,885.54.

The overage was covered by the Grand Parlor Savings Account.

The Parlors Owning their own buildings and in the Grand Parlor Insurance Program paid their invoices for Property, General Liability, and Excess Liability.

The rising cost of insurance, for the Native Sons and everyone else in California, is due to wildfire and rise in costs of goods and services that go along with rebuilding following a loss. Also, the cost of litigation of claims continues to rise and affects the rising costs of insurance. There is not much we can do to keeping down the costs of insurance other than practicing good risk management and loss prevention at our locations and events.

Submitted by Thomas W. Perazzo, PGP,  
Committee Chair

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Period Ending

May 31, 2024

### GAINS

INITIATIONS	265
REINSTATEMENTS	86
TRANSFERS	8
GROSS GAINS	359

### LOSSES

SUSPENSIONS	318
RESIGNATIONS	103
WITHDRAWALS	83
DEATHS	128
TRANSFERS	8
GROSS LOSSES	640

<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 2023</u>	5,603
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP GAINS TO DATE	359
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP LOSSES TO DATE	(640)
NET MEMBERHSIP GAIN/LOSS FOR TERM	-281
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP TO DATE	5,322

**GAINS: INITIATIONS, REINSTATEMENTS, TRANSFERS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>G.P.</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEP</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
17-18	CHRISTESON	13	38	40	21	31	21	26	21	37	33	61	26	368
18-19	PEARCE	18	31	27	33	30	27	13	33	18	33	48	25	336
19-20	KING	17	22	10	16	36	14	29	16	33	9	8	24	234
20-21	CASTILLO						268	7	15	2	3	53	6	354
21-22	BROCCO	16	9	30	24	37	49	11	10	45	24	45	17	317
22-23	SCHMIDT	8	14	21	12	54	14	18	27	27	46	31	20	292
23-24	ADAMS	28	29	14	15	50	39	18	39	34	35	39	19	359

**LOSSES: SUSPENSIONS, WITHDRAWALS, RESIGNATIONS, TRANSFERS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>G.P.</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
17-18	CHRISTESON	13	36	18	38	76	32	15	46	24	40	72	8	418
18-19	PEARCE	9	39	13	20	89	17	26	22	16	34	106	31	422
19-20	KING	8	9	9	15	105	6	15	56	16	2	95	4	340
20-21	CASTILLO						502	42	15	42	21	104	4	730
21-22	BROCCO	20	12	26	84	48	89	7	20	32	14	112	13	477
22-23	SCHMIDT	9	40	24	20	140	66	6	15	43	37	131	29	560
23-24	ADAMS	25	49	7	26	60	19	8	79	39	52	139	9	512

**DEATHS**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>G.P.</b>	<b>JUN</b>	<b>JUL</b>	<b>AUG</b>	<b>SEPT</b>	<b>OCT</b>	<b>NOV</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>JAN</b>	<b>FEB</b>	<b>MAR</b>	<b>APR</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
17-18	CHRISTESON	10	22	14	10	17	4	11	11	12	21	18	15	165
18-19	PEARCE	16	10	15	11	28	10	8	22	14	24	36	7	201
19-20	KING	11	9	9	6	20	9	13	13	12	4	19	2	127
20-21	CASTILLO						185	20	18	12	9	16	8	268
21-22	BROCCO	15	9	24	12	11	15	3	7	13	17	14	17	157
22-23	SCHMIDT	11	12	11	14	19	5	7	16	21	17	14	5	152
23-24	ADAMS	12	12	3	5	9	14	7	13	18	17	13	5	128

## REPORT OF SDDGP, PGP JAMES KING, DISTRICT 3

Worthy Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and Delegates to the 147<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor, here is my report on District 3 and its parlors.

The overall health of District 3 continues to decline. This report contains no moonbeams or fairy dust.

**San Luis Obispo Parlor #290** – This parlor continues to struggle with general disinterest in the Order among its members and is now little more than a supper club.

While Richard Brown has repeatedly stated his desire to retire as the Parlor's president, not one single Brother has stepped up to relieve him. With one exception (that went nowhere), all of the members that I have approached, have declared that they "can't do what Richard does," whilst separating themselves from the conversation as swiftly as possible. I don't know what will happen when Brother Brown decides that he is done.

SLO Parlor inherited a number of new members when Cambria #152 closed, but those members were not interested enough to keep their own Parlor going, so don't expect any help there.

**San Miguel Parlor #150** – Everything that I wrote last year is still true: recruitment is nearly impossible, and activity by our members is virtually non-existent. Meetings continue to be poorly attended and infrequent. We continue to consider moving to Paso Robles and changing our name to something more appealing to those that don't live here.

San Miguel Parlor was dealt a double blow in December and January. In December, we lost our Recording Secretary with the passing of PGP Richard Hoffmann. In January, our Financial Secretary was also taken down by what we hope to be a temporary affliction.

Aside from myself, PGP Hoffmann, and the aforementioned stricken Brother, there are two other active members, not one other living member has been seen at a meeting in over five years. Some years ago, we stopped our dues billing since we "could afford it." This was a terrible idea. As acting Financial Secretary I am attempting to get control of our membership and I will be sending out dues billing notices as soon as possible and, after the lapsation process, dropping those that show no further interest in membership.

Our sole activity is the parking lot for the Mid State Fair and for that, we have to rely on our longtime friends and partners, the San Miguel Lions Club for manpower.

Grand 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Nelson has been helping with the preliminary planning for some activity that will attract outsiders and raise our visibility in the community. When the time comes, we will need much help from our friends.

**Recommendations** – District 3 has not had an initiation since 2017. I strongly suggest that the Grand President schedule one as soon as can be organized.

**Final notes** – I wish to thank G3VP Nelson for his personal interest in San Miguel Parlor, and Former Grand Marshal Mitch Laing for his continued assistance.

In Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity

PGP James King, Supervising District Deputy, District 3

San Miguel Parlor #150

### District #8 S.D.D.G.P and DDP Report

Worthy Grand President, Grand Officers, Delegates, and Members of the Grand Parlor, I hereby submit my report of District #8 for the fiscal year of 2023-2024.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the Grand President for appointing me as the Supervising District Deputy Grand President of District #8. Additionally, I extend my thanks to my deputies for their excellent work.

In Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity Ronald Holliday, S.D.D.G.P DISTRICT #8

LAS POSITAS PARLOR #96: This is the largest parlor in the Bay Area and the 4th largest in the state with a membership of 240 as of January 1,2024. They meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. They have a mixture of old and young members. They run a complete and proper meeting that is out of our Native Sons ritual book. The president of the parlor is Mark Mills, and he does an excellent job. The book officers are John Gouvaia, David Slade, and Mark Gouvaia. The parlor has excellent book officers. The parlor supports many charitable causes in the City of Livermore and is well thought of. Their main fund-raising events are running the beer booths at the Livermore Rodeo, bar at the CWA and Big Bucks Dinners. They hold a Big Buck contest and Trap Shoot contests. Their members are into hunting and fishing. Again, this year with was successful is to include junior members in these events. They held a re-dedication of an old school property which was turned into housing. Dave Slade was in charge with the dedication with the Grand President and did excellent job. I think that Las Positas #96 has the correct plan of interest in their city and focuses on the youth hopefully that can translate into membership. I would like to thank Ron Holliday SDDGP for assigning me to Las Positas #96 for all these years and a big thank you to Los Positas for all their hospitality.

Submitted by DDGP Robert Santos Eden #113, January 1,2024

ESTUDILLO PARLOR #223 2024: Estudillo Parlor assembles in San Leandro at the Veterans Building on Bancroft. Their meetings take place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. The first meeting is their business meeting at 5:00 p.m., which is brief. Their dinner meetings take place on the fourth Wednesday each month at 7:00 p.m. As I said before, these dinners are delicious with plenty of tasty, flavored food. Native brothers and their friends should partake in this fellowship. All officers were duly installed by me, their District Deputy. Their books have always been in order from past official visits. The Grand Officer this year has not visited as of this report, but I am sure as in the past they will be found in good order. This parlor is small but with a lot of "comrades". They are a bunch of friendly, helpful, dedicated guys. It is my pleasure to be their District Deputy.

Submitted by D.D.G.P. Marvin Rodriguez, Eden Parlor #113

HALCYON PARLOR 47 2024 ANNUAL REPORT: Halcyon continues to have business meetings and Dinners on alternating months. Highlights: In April they held their 4th annual Hawaiian Night with over 90 people in attendance including Brothers from 8 parlors. In June New officers were sworn in August 6 was the 12th Annual Old Timers Event. This continues to be a big fund raiser for the parlor with over \$600 raised for charities. On December 2nd, the parlor celebrated their 135th Anniversary with a well-attended Christmas Dinner Party. The parlor remains in good hands and good health. Respectfully submitted, Jim Fleischman, DDGP

EDEN PARLOR #113: This Parlor holds its business meetings and social events at the Veteran's hall in Hayward. In past years, the kitchen was not up to complete working status. They now have a professional kitchen to prepare their meals for their functions. One of their best events is during Christmas time. The members have a potluck event, and the members provide turkeys and hams and a special holiday drink. During the same time, they donate quite a few toys to Marine's Toys for Tots. This Parlor continues to be a very dedicated Parlor with a core of members who execute their officer positions smoothly and in a businesslike manor. They also host an initiation for new members of District 8 and any other members needing to be initiated. This event usually has quite a number of current Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers.

Submitted by DDGP Edward McLean, Halcyon Alameda Parlor#47, January 22, 2024

Washington Parlor #169 2024 Grand Parlor Report: Washington parlor has meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, with the first meeting is a business meeting starting at 7:30 and the second meeting is normally the dinner meeting starting at 6:30. Native Sons are always welcome at both nights with members and guests welcome at the second dinner meeting. Leo O'Brien prepares meals that are always excellent. After the dinners, if there



are enough attendees they will call a few rounds of bingo. The parlor normally has a couple of dinner meetings with rounds of card games of Pedro for all. When planning to attend a dinner meeting, please call one of the officers. Ed Dias at 510-459-7187 or Mike Alves at 510-657-7438. This is always a well-run parlor and very welcoming the parlor does not have meetings during the summer months of July and August, starting again with a Bar-B-Q in September. A call to one of the officers above can get you directions to the Newark Pavilion where all the meetings are held.  
Submitted by Richard F. Lopez, Eden #113, DDGP Dist. #5,

Piedmont #120 DDGP Report: I attended the following meetings of Piedmont Parlor 120: 1/10, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 5/9, 7/11, 8/8, 10/24, 12/12 I also attended Grand Parlor in Visalia and Memorial Day event in Oakland Piedmont Parlor 120 has approximately 86 members They are doing well with the Parlor finances. Loren Harper has been working with them on their investments At the officers meeting, a schedule of activities/events was made for 2019 Aug 22 is their Round Up night Aug 27 (1888) is Parlor 131" Anniversary Aug 31 is Statehood BBQ Oct 24 is official visit by George Adams, Grand Trustee Dec 12 is annual tamale feed dinner Parlor 120 members attend Grand Parlor. They also have been attending other parlor meetings and activities. They maintain a very active parlor face book page At Jan 9 meeting, I Installed officers for 2020. Paul Berlin is new Parlor 120 President  
Dennis Matarrese, DDGP, Dist. 4, Piedmont 120, January 27, 2024

