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147th Grand Parlor May 19-23 in Rohnert Park

Grand President George Adams will welcome delegates and guests to the 147th Grand Parlor at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Starting with registration and the Grand President's reception on Sunday, the Grand Parlor sessions will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 20 and continue through Tuesday, May 21. After Play Day on Wednesday, May 22, the 147th Grand Parlor will conclude on Thursday, May 23 with voting for candidates, the Cleft Palate March and installation of officers.

Delegate and guest pre-registration is \$125 per person, which includes the Tuesday banquet and the Wednesday barbecue. Deadline is Friday, May 3.

Delegates and guests must make their own reservations at the Doubletree Hotel, 1 Doubletree Drive, by calling (707) 584-5466 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Be sure to mention Native Sons of the Golden West to receive the group rate, which is \$145 a day plus tax. Check-in time is 4 p.m.

TO BOOK HOTEL ROOMS

Contact Natalia Rogers at (707) 584-5466, select option (1) and provide the booking code NSG.

Delegates Consider 31 Resolutions

Delegates to the 147th Grand Parlor will be considering 31 resolutions. Twenty-nine of these are being presented by the Constitution Revision Committee and mainly concern cosmetic changes in the Grand Parlor and Subordinate Parlor Constitutions. These are listed on page xx.

Two resolutions are of major importance to our Order.

Resolution No. 30 asks delegates to make one of the most important changes in the Native Sons of the Golden West, opening membership to any U. S. citizen who resides in California. The full text of Resolution No. 30 is on page 3.

Resolution No. 31 asks delegates to exempt certain students from being subject to the per capita tax, thus allowing parlors to accept these students without the need to charge dues. The full text of Resolution No. 31 is on page 21.



Ladies Luncheon is May 20

Our ladies at the 147th Grand Parlor will enjoy a luncheon honoring First Lady Lisa Adams in the Vineyard Room of the Doubletree on Monday, May 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Price of \$40 per person includes entrée choices of Roasted Lemon and Herb

Chicken with Parmesan Sauce, Seared Salmon with Ancho Chili Glaze or Stuffed Poblano Pepper with Red Pepper Sauce (vegetarian).

Make checks payable to "NSGW Grand Parlor 147" and mail with choice of entrée to Cyndi Pilgrim, 4300 Dale Drive, Napa, CA 94558. Deadline is April 30.

Proposed Budget Results in \$61.08 PC Tax for 2024-2025

The proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year totals \$370,228, with expected deductions resulting in a final amount of \$333,878 and an estimated per capita tax of \$61.08.

The budget is divided into two sections: activities relating to the grand president's year and the grand secretary's office budget.

Major items in the general budget are Dedications (\$17,000), Grand Officer Meetings (\$10,000), Grand President's Miscellaneous Expense (\$18,000), Organization (\$21,000) and Information Services (\$8,500). Including all items, this budget is \$121,000.

Major items in the Grand Secretary's Office Budget are Insurance (\$100,000), Office Equipment and Repair (\$8,500), Rent (\$12,600), Grand Secretary's Salary (\$30,894) and Office Secretary's Salary (\$70,406). Including all items, this budget is \$248,400.

All items are subject to change when actual deductions are known and when the budget is presented to the delegates during the 148th Grand Parlor.

Attention, Poker Players!

The Grand Parlor Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held at the headquarters hotel on Sunday, May 19, from 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. as a fundraiser for our two charities. Parlors planning on donating to either charity may sponsor a member as part of their donation.

Buy-in is \$250, with re-buys for \$100 in the first two hours. Charities will receive \$200 for each by-in, with the remaining \$50 divided by the winners. Seating is limited to ten players.

Cash is required for entrance, with rebuys also paid in cash. Any open seats that have not been reserved will be filled with walk-ins. Players are asked to bring their own beverages.

Tournament is open only to Native Sons and Daughters.

Chairman Mark Spaugh (Markspaugh27@gmail.com) says "Bring your game face, your antics, lucky hat—let's have some fun for our two charities. I personally look forward to taking all your money."

Candidates' Night at South SF Parlor #157 April 24

On Wednesday April 24, South San Francisco #157 will hold its 43rd Annual Candidates Night at the Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Drive, San Francisco.

This evening will allow all candidates for Grand Parlor office to come to South Parlor and make themselves known to the parlor's delegates and members.

Candidates Night is open to ladies and guests. Price of the dinner is \$20, which includes an open bar. Cocktail hour is 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:15. A large turnout is expected so make your reservations early.

Menu: Braised short ribs, fluffy mashed potatoes, Italian mixed vegetables, green salad, assorted bread and rolls, butter. Call or text John Sangiacomo (925)-785-1642. Reservations due by April 21.

Fairfax Visiting Brothers Night

Fairfax Parlor invites all Native Sons and prospective members to its Annual Visiting Brothers/Candidates Night at the parlor's hall at 135 Mitchell Drive, Fairfax, on Wednesday, May 1.

Especially invited are candidates for Grand Parlor office; this is usually the final event before Grand Parlor and it gives them the last chance to meet delegates from all over the state. No-host cocktails and hors'd'oeuvres are at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30.

Menu is Mixed Green Salad, Pasta, Ribs, Seasonal Vegetables and Dessert. Price is \$25 per person. Please reserve your spot with Kevin Courtz, (415) 717-4018, kcsbscourt@aol.com or send check, payable to "NSGW Fairfax Parlor #307," to Kevin at 168 La Perdiz Court, San Rafael, CA 94903. Reservation deadline is April 29. Maximum reservations are for 75 attendees.

Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast

The Native Daughters and Native Sons Annual Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast will be held at Santa Rosa Parlor's hall at 3318 Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa on Saturday, April 6. Social hour is 9:30 a.m., with breakfast provided by members of the church that rents the hall at 10 a.m..

Native Sons and Daughters and guests are welcome. Price of \$20 is payable at the door, but reservations are required by April 3 from Barbara Ish (707) 326-9870 or Mitch Laing (707) 975-1541. Please bring a raffle gift.



Bobby Mattos with old and new plaques.



Dedicatory team with Mattos and Fr. Jayson Landeza.

Piedmont Helps Restore Monument to WWI Vets

Members of Piedmont Parlor #120 met with Bobby Mattos at his company's office in Hayward, Mattos Monuments. For three years Bobby has worked with us on the WWI "Boys of North Oakland" monument which was in disrepair after 100 years. It was in a poor location, vandalized and defaced in North Oakland. These young men gave their lives for our country; its current condition and location was embarrassing. A change of location needed to be made. Bobby donated a two piece marble monument, the labor affixing the old and new plaques and setting it up. The new location is at the Fratellanza/Ligure Italian Club in Oakland. The re-dedication ceremony finally took place November 18, 2023.

Piedmont members presented Bobby with a framed letter of appreciation/recognition and a check for \$500 from the parlor.

Participating were Tom Walker, Jeff Peterson, Vern Parcell, Dan Ryan, Mike Menzel, Gary Foppiano and Father Jayson Landeza.

Resolution 147-30 Non-Native 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 and New Section are in 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 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

GRAND PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers:

With the Grand Parlor soon approaching I look back at what we all have accomplished this year. I am truly blessed to have so many friends and brothers that care so much for our Order.

We started our year with a dedication in South Lake Tahoe hours after taking office as Grand President. That was just the beginning; we continued with more dedications, and we are not done yet.



Let's not forget the initiations this year with some of the largest classes that we have seen in a while. Some parlors brought in as many as 20, way to go!

Membership is the life blood of our Order. We had a lot of great events that were put on by parlors celebrating family and friends. This has been one of my missions, that our family understands who the Native Sons of the Golden West are and what we stand for.

I appointed many brothers to help accomplish my goals throughout my year and they have all delivered more than I could have ever asked for.

To our delegates who will be attending the Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park, prepare yourself for a Grand Event. To our brothers that just can't make it, you will be missed.

A big thank you to every member of the Native Sons of the Golden West, every brother counts, your efforts do not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated. Many of my brothers have reached out to me this year for many reasons and although my year is coming to an end, my door is still always open to everyone.

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity
Grand President George A. Adams

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

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

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Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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OPINION

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor
Sadly, The Time Has Come

We don't want to do it. Many Native Sons don't want to do it. But we need to do it, to make a major change in our Order if we have a chance to survive: we must approve the resolution to admit non-natives which will be presented at the 147th Grand Parlor.

Will non-native membership help our Order? Probably, at least temporarily. Will it be enough to slow the slide which is close to making our Order unsustainable? Only time will tell.

We've heard the argument for many years that "there are more native-born Californians than there ever was and we only need to recruit them." But we *haven't recruited* enough of them to increase or even maintain our membership numbers.

The delegates at the 145th Grand Parlor approved admitting non-natives by a majority vote, but because the resolution for that action was submitted after the deadline it required a 3/4 vote which it didn't get.

Now we have another chance. Let's hope that we approve the resolution for non-native membership and hope more that the many men and women who say they would join us if they were eligible, actually join.

At the 147th Grand Parlor, look well to your ballots. You have the future of the Native Sons of the Golden West in your hands.

Time to Blow That Horn!

Looking back at the history of the Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West, it's probable that most Californians in those days knew of our Order. Most small- to medium-size towns had a parlor. Cities had dozens of parlor, often spread throughout the neighborhoods.

Our Admission Day parades and other festivities were viewed by hundreds of thousands—going was back to 1925, our Order celebrated the 75th anniversary of California's statehood in San Francisco with a week-long festival that included three parades, the longest being 17.5 miles long composed only of Native Sons and Daughters units. The local press noted that the parade took five and-one half hours to pass the reviewing stand.

Times always change, and Native Sons and Daughters no longer have many public events which bring attention to our Orders. Nowadays, our own members compose most of the attendance at our events. The most important event in California's history, Admission Day, is no longer a holiday; people in our state don't even know what Admission Day celebrates.

Yet, Native Sons and Daughters continue to work for the good of our communities and our state. State-wide, The Native Daughters Children's Foundation and the Native Sons Charitable and Historic Preservation Foundations quietly provide funds for worthwhile causes. Locally, parlors sponsor youth sports, scout troops, scholarships—the list is long.

These activities certainly make us "feel good"—but they need to do more for us.

Our reward for our work should be recognition in our local communities, recognition that would entice men and women to join our Orders.

Should the resolution to admit non-natives pass, it will provide a great opportunity to "blow our own horns" and let everyone know of our work and invite all Californians to share that work.

OPINION

Grand Trustee Brice Walker, Observatory Parlor 177. Living in FLC

Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity are the cornerstones of our Order. Unfortunately, we sometimes forget how we should act and treat each other as brothers of our Order. In this article I will attempt to address this wrong behavior without quoting any of our initiation ritual, which of course would be a violation of my obligation. Bottom line is there are expectations of how we function and should behave and treat each other, and potential consequences when we do not.

The obligation you took when initiated into the Native Sons of the Golden West is full of beautiful language with the purpose of spelling out the dos and don'ts associated with being a worthy member of our Order. The expectations of this sacred oath are that it lasts forever, even if you leave the Order. It also calls upon your honor and standing among society. Breaking this oath could lead to your banishment from the Order and loss of the fellowship of your brothers. So, violation of your oath leads to banishment, scorn, and abandonment. Let us start by looking at the good behavior.

Our Work

We are instructed to attend events and support activities, show up and do the work. Whether it is a clean up project or fundraiser these activities lift up our individual parlors and support the Order. You agree to follow the rules under our Constitution, the document that guides us above all else. You are told to help your brother and his family when they are in need, duplicating the values that were highlighted by those who came before. Show them compassion and loyalty, lend them a hand, lift them up. These things illustrate positive behavior that we show to the world, to improve society and promote brotherhood.

The highlight of this whole year for me was serving Thanksgiving dinner to the community in Georgetown. I was a stranger, travelling to a town of strangers, for the purpose of service. The act of helping that community and interacting with the citizens there to me fully illustrates what Friendship, Loyalty and Charity means. Selfless service to those in need without seeking reward, what could be better? I look forward to serving in Georgetown again next November.

Some Don'ts

Now we will examine the don'ts. We should not hurt or act against our brothers or their families. We should fight against dissension and discord, protecting our parlors and Order from things that would bring us down. These can be open acts or simple things like spreading false information about a brother or parlor. We are asked to elevate ourselves to be better than society and even lead by example, to be a light to the world; isn't that a noble concept? We all know we have a shrinking membership problem. How could we ever expect to attract new members if we project negativity and strife? Our houses have to be clean and in order for us to invite others to join.

Living Up to Our Precepts

These precepts can be difficult to adhere to. We are all human and none of us are perfect. I am not claiming to have all of the answers, just some suggestions. If a brother harms you, speak to him directly and work it out between you. If the parlor has a

problem, deal with it discreetly according to the NSGW Constitution and your parlor by-laws. When needed, escalate to the Grand Parlor. Let the Grand President form a board of inquiry and deal with it according to the Constitution. What we should not do is talk behind our brothers' backs, propagate potential false rumors, or act in a seditious manner. We have been charged to guard against dissensions and factions. I honestly believe if you love your brother and truly embrace our belief in Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, upholding our oath is achievable. Brothers remember your obligation!

Leonard "Bud" Utter, 1921-2024

By JOE CASTILLO, PGP

Leonard "Bud" Utter of Los Angeles #45 died March 13. He was 103.

Bud had served the Native Sons of the Golden West since 1969, when he and his son William joined University #272. As parlor president, Bud led University Parlor to become one of the leading Southern California parlors.

Bud attended 25 Grand Parlors, starting in 1976 with the 99th Grand Parlor, including four sessions serving as Grand Trustee (1981-1984) and eleven sessions as Supervising District Deputy Grand President (1987-1991, 1994-1995, 2001-2005). He also attended as Governor General of the Past Presidents Association in 1997 at the 120th Grand Parlor. Bud's last Grand Parlor appearance was in May 2021 at the 144th Grand Parlor in Oroville which he attended to participate in the inaugural Grand President's program honoring military veterans of the Native Sons.

During World War II, Bud proudly served in the U.S. Army for four years in the European theater as a Supply Specialist. He recalled that he was "volunteered" to repair disabled Army vehicles even though he didn't know anything about automotive maintenance. In a matter of weeks, he led a squad of other servicemen in repairing Army vehicles and returning them to the battlefield. Following the war, with his newly acquired mechanical skillset, he was hired at Hughes Aircraft as a mechanic, where every week he would have lunch with Howard Hughes. As Bud recalled, having lunch with the owner of the company was the best form of job security anyone could ask for.

When University #272 and Rio Hondo #294 merged to form Los Angeles #45, a special fund of \$50,000 was established within the Historical Preservation Foundation to preserve the history of Southern California. The fund was appropriately named the "Bud Utter Historical Preservation Fund."

For 103 years, Bud Utter lived his life dedicated to his family, country, career and the Native Sons, certainly a special life for a very special person who will now rest in everlasting peace in the Grand Parlor on High.

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 Terry Roloff
FEBRUARY
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 Adrian Hale
Auburn #59
 Donald Tverberg
 Erik Peterson
 David Hobbs Jr.
Ferndale #93
 Michael Arsanis
 Delon Batiste
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 Regie Henrikson
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 Margaret Martinho

DEATHS

- JANUARY**
Excelsior #31
 James Wagner
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 John Brennan
Sonoma #111
 Thomas Ferrando
Eden #113
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 Richard Hoffman
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Napa #62
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Ferndale #93
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 William Stoltz
 Dayton Titus
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 James Marsh
Eden #113
 Donald Rose
Petaluma–Nicasio #183
 Ralph Ramirez
Guadalupe #231
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CORRECTION
 The February-March issue of The Native Son listed Solano Parlor's William "Bill" Lockfeer as deceased. Bill is alive; his brother Robert is the one who passed in December 2023.



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HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

The Historical Preservation Foundation has continued its travels in the past two months. The HPF Awareness Month campaign was first introduced live and in person at the Discovery of Gold event in Jackson in January. Ferndale Parlor hosted a fabulous Weekend in the Redwoods event where the HPF was well represented and HPF Awareness Month was kicked into high gear with a manned table at the entrance to the River Lodge Conference Center in Fortuna. Recently we convened again in Auburn for the 49er Days weekend hosted by Auburn Parlor, another fine weekend where we were reminded of our love of historical preservation and our FLC for each other. As stated in previous messages, we



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

HPF Awareness Month

February was our HPF Awareness Month. We engaged Grand Outside Sentinel Sean Padgett to post a paid Facebook ad to engage maximum visibility. Thanks to all of the Grand Officers and Brothers who continually shared the HPF Awareness flyer and ad all through the month of February. We paid \$48 for the ad for the month, and we reached 5,569 people and had 9,263 impressions which is how Facebook manages ad performance. I believe the "Awareness" was achieved. As for actual donation amounts, that is harder to track. We verified at least \$1,000 in donations in February, but the hope is that the awareness campaign would generate donation generosity throughout the entire year. We continually expect to receive donations from the parlors at large at Grand Parlor in May.

Funding Grant Applications

In our March meeting, the Board of Directors approved funding two grant applications. The first was from Golden Gate Parlor for ADA work in support of a monument to fallen soldiers at The American Legion Post #238 in Pacifica. We also forwarded a lost payment for reimbursement for the remade plaque placed in Oroville for the South Oroville African American Community Center. The original plaque had been vandalized.

Vice Chairman Rob Bruno and his committee are still polishing the slide presentation for attracting corporate donors to help

increase our funds and sponsor more projects. Once approved we will start chasing those potential larger donations.

Historic Travel Contest

We are announcing a new contest that will be judged at Grand Parlor; it is called The "HPF Historic Travel Contest." The HPF has some new swag for sale or as reward for donations. We are going to promote this new swag with a contest. Take a selfie of yourself holding up anything with the HPF Logo on it. You can copy the logo found here or just even write HPF on a scrap of paper. Take this selfie at the most Historic California site you can get to. You have until the Monday of Grand Parlor to submit your photo to Brice Walker at valk_man@yahoo.com. The Board of Directors will select a winner. The winner gets a new HPF COIN, Patch, and Donor Pin plus bragging rights! Watch for emails and Facebook posts for more information or location ideas!

See You at Grand Parlor!

Finally, as in previous years, the Historical Preservation Foundation will have a hospitality suite at Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park. We will have information, swag to purchase or earn through donation, and other fundraising opportunities. This is our biggest opportunity of the year to get our message out and pass the hat for your continued support. Please visit us and feel free to start up a conversation with any of our HPF Directors. We are always ready to serve the Native Sons of the Golden West and do our part to preserve the history of our Great State, California!

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Person of the Year

Person of the Year. PGP Joseph L. Neitzel of Solano #39 was awarded through the generous support of the Hall Association as 2023 Person of the Year. Joe has faithfully supported the Charitable Foundation with his donations for over fifty years. Every month you can count on Joe's donations. Even with his health issues, Joe asked if we can send him more donation envelopes. It was a honor for me to present Joe with a plaque and a 49er Conference Champs cap at Solano Parlor #39's meeting night amongst his parlor brothers. Grand President wife Lisa Adams and district deputy grand president to #39 Cyndi Pilgrim were also present.



Bob Santos presents PGP Joe Neitzel with his "Person of the Year" award.

Travels with Burt

Story and Photos By BURTON WINN, PP, FAIRFAX #307 Successful Discovery of Gold Weekend

There was a break in the rainy weather this January for my first visit to the Discovery of Gold Weekend hosted by Excelsior Parlor #31. Held in the Gold Rush town of Jackson, County Seat of Amador County and nestled in the rolling foothills of the central Sierra Nevada, the town is located on California Highway 49, in the middle of the Mother Lode, the central vein for California gold.

Travel was easy and the skies were clear. I missed the famous California traffic by taking Highway 4 to Highway 99, then north to State Highway 88 where it meets Highway 49 at the town of Jackson, an easy trip from Marin County.

Traveling with my wife and arriving at the hotel, we soon left for our first event, a meet and greet at Excelsior Parlor's NSGW clubhouse on Court Street, a beautiful older building on a hill one block above Jackson's downtown. Sunset was starting and I thought we might be late, but we were just in time as I opened the front door to be greeted by a crowd of Brothers (and Sisters) hang-



Entrance to Excelsior No. 31's Hall in Jackson.

ing out in the clubhouse bar when I checked in.

Native Sons, and Daughters, from mainly the central part of California, made the trip to Excelsior Parlor for this event. I socialized with many of the members and enjoyed the old-time vibe of the bar, visiting with many of the attendees discussing local events and catching up with other Native Sons from around the state. A lot of history was represented in that room and I listened to many stories of the old days of California.

Meetings, Dedication, Initiation

Saturday morning was up and at 'em for the Grand Parlor meetings of the Board of Trustees and then the Officers, starting at 8 a.m. in a downstairs meeting room below the bar at the NSGW Hall. This was early for me, but I'm glad I went as I got to see the inner workings of the Native Sons leadership with both committee and officers' reports and discussions of various problems to be solved.

That meeting lasted until noon, then we're off to a dedication of the Central Eureka Mine in nearby Sutter Creek, just north on

Highway 49. The mine was in production from 1852 to 1953 and, according to Geocon.com, the main shaft "was a total of 4,855 Ft deep." Various other reports show the shaft being from 2,000 Ft to 3,500 Ft in depth. In any event, this was one deep mine for it produced some 1,800,000 ounces of gold, one of the most productive mines in the Mother Lode.

The mine is currently owned by Jeff Campbell, the current President of Amador Parlor #17, with his wife Jessie. You can see both of them in the dedication picture.

After driving back to the hotel and taking a short break, I dropped my wife off at The Estate Planning Law Center in downtown Jackson while I went back to the NSGW Hall for an initiation in the upstairs Grand Hall.

The Estate Planning Law Center, owned by the Mayor of Jackson and current Grand First Vice President Steve McLean and his wife Gwen Christeson, is a law office on Main St. in Jackson, but it has a secret, downstairs room, a basement turned into a "speakeasy," inaccessible from the street. There, a Ladies Social was being held for the female guests, a wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres event, in the restored hidden room.

Back at the NSGW Hall, in the upstairs room I'll call the Great Hall, a formal initiation of new members to the order was being chaired by Past Grand President Dave Allen. A large group from Chispa Parlor #139 were the initiates in this formal room. I have to mention how stunning this hall is: It is made of dark hardwood, festooned with banners and paintings from the 19th Century with a raised dais at the far end and large windows allowing natural



Excelsior's hall prepared for initiation.

light to enter. And even with my hearing difficulties, the sound in the room was excellent and clear, lively even. Amplification was unnecessary.

A Fine Banquet

After a long day of events it was time for dinner. A very fine lamb shank/tri-tip dinner was served in the downstairs meeting room that evening. A highlight was a talk by Cedric Clute, a local KVGC radio personality who hosts "Tales of the Motherlode," a popular local history show. While we were being served he told the "real" history of Jackson, pointing out that mining was not

the basis of the local economy in historical times. In fact, it was... wait for it...prostitution! The speakeasies underneath the downtown buildings were saloons during Prohibition and houses of prostitution up until the Governorship of Pat Brown in the 1950s, who shut the establishments down, thus cleaning up the town and allowing Jackson to become the tourist and visitor magnet it is today.

Sunday morning was the last event, a breakfast held at Excelsior Parlor #32's NSGW Hall in the downstairs room.

The weekend was a fun and educational tour of Jackson, the surrounding area's local mine and a great socializing event for the Brothers (and Sisters) of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Take advantage of your membership by visiting and participating in these functions, a great perk of being a member of the Native Sons.



Social time in Excelsior's hall.

49er Days

Photos By Burt Winn, PP, Fairfax #307

Photos by Winn and Fred Codoni

The weather was cool and cloudy for my visit to the annual Forty-Niner Days Weekend hosted by Auburn Parlor #59 during the second weekend in March. The weekend travel included an interesting visit to a well-known part of California featuring a not-very-well-known aspect of California's History, the Joss House and Chinese Cemetery in Auburn.

Traveling with my wife, we drove from Marin on a busy Interstate 80 to Auburn to celebrate the first return of Auburn Parlor's event since 2020 when it was apparently stopped by the Covid pandemic.

We unpacked at the hotel, then checked in at the NSGW Hall in Auburn for a well-attended evening reception and get together. After socializing for a while, we went back to the hotel to enjoy the hospitality rooms, open for the first time this year as there is an election of Grand Trustees and Grand Officers at Grand Parlor.



Auburn Parlor's historic hall.

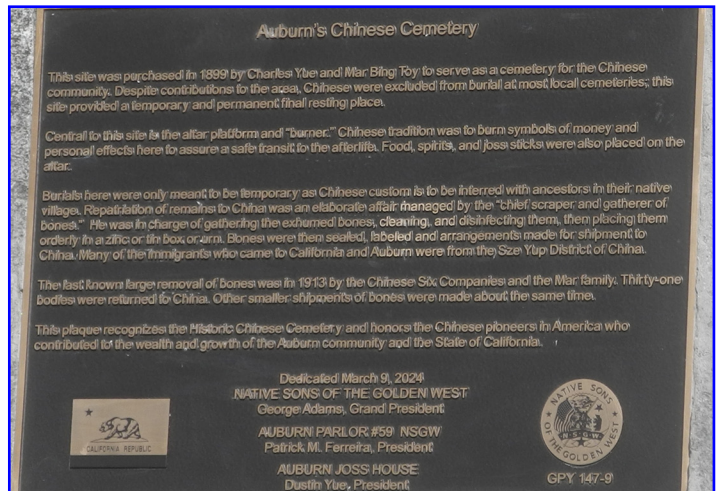
Initiation and Dedication

The next day, Saturday, the first event was an initiation of new members to Auburn Parlor #59 at the Mt. Vernon Grange Hall. The parlor seems healthy with many new members of all ages filling the hall and being initiated. After a break, we drove north on Highway 49 to the nearby Historic Chinese Cemetery for a dedication and a look at California history.

Chinese immigrants came to California (nicknamed "Gold



Chinese and other members of the community hold joss sticks in front of the plaque. Brother Richard Yue (in black cap) attended.



Plaque tells history of the Chinese Cemetery.

Mountain”) after the discovery of gold at Sutter’s Mill in 1848 to seek gold, create private enterprises and provide raw labor for much of the construction of the Gold Rush era, including the Transcontinental Railroad. But there was a problem. The Chinese were segregated from the rest of society, so deceased laborers were buried in a segregated Chinese Cemetery instead of the Auburn Historic Cemetery.

Established in 1860, this Cemetery interred the remains of Chinese immigrants originally from Sze Yup (meaning “Four Counties”), Toishan district located on the Southeast coast of mainland China to the west of the Pearl River in what is now Southern Guangdong Province. This area includes Hong Kong and Macau. The Cemetery has few to no headstones, as there was no one to do Chinese engraving at the time. Headstones came later, but the interred remains ultimately were repatriated back to their ancestral origins in China or moved to other cemeteries. To do this, the remains were disinterred, ritually prepared, cleaned, and placed in 18-inch by 10-inch zinc boxes for shipment.

The Cemetery Today

When visiting the Chinese Cemetery today, you can find the “Chinese Cemetery” sign visible from the east side of Highway 49, the Native Sons Dedication plaque, a few other cement plaques, a shrine burner, some depressions in the ground but not much else though there are some eleven burials still at the site. Looking at this hillside of trees and grass past the sign, I used my imagination to visualize a ritual Chinese funeral and an elaborate burial rite, including the burning of joss sticks (incense) and “Hell Banknotes” (paper money) for the deceased.

This Dedication ceremony featured not only the Grand Officers of the Native Sons, but some of the Yue family who own the nearby Auburn Joss House and can be seen in the group picture. I want to quote from The Native Sons plaque: “The 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.” Immigrants from China are an essential element to the continuing story of California.

Returning to Auburn, we enjoyed a fine Tri-Tip dinner with the Brothers and guests



New members of Auburn #59 initiated March 10 with Grand President George Adams. Chance Ferreira, Dustin Yue, Henry Cox, Greg Haislet, Erik Petersen, Rick Bentley, Courtney Smith, Jordan Ferreira, Jared Jensen, Bryan Remington, DJ Twerberg, D. Cash. Not all are pictured.

of the Native Sons at the Grange Hall, then enjoyed socializing again back at the hotel hospitality Rooms.

The weekend concluded with gin fizzes served at Auburn’s Hall, courtesy of Redwood Parlor #66. There followed a breakfast at the hall.

These weekend trips are a great way to celebrate and promote California’s History with the Native Sons of the Golden West.



Dedicated by the Native Sons years ago is the Chinese Joss House in Oldtown Auburn. A joss house is a place of worship. Joss sticks are burned as part of ceremonies in a joss house.

Fairfax Parlor Meals Continue

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

Upcoming meals:

April 9 and 23 - lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30.

April 17 - Lamb Feed, Native Sons and prospective members only. Bar opens at 6, dinner at 7:30.

May 1 - Visiting Brothers Night. Bar opens at 6, dinner at 7:30.

May 7 - lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30.

May 21 (tentative) - lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30.

Wandering Marshal

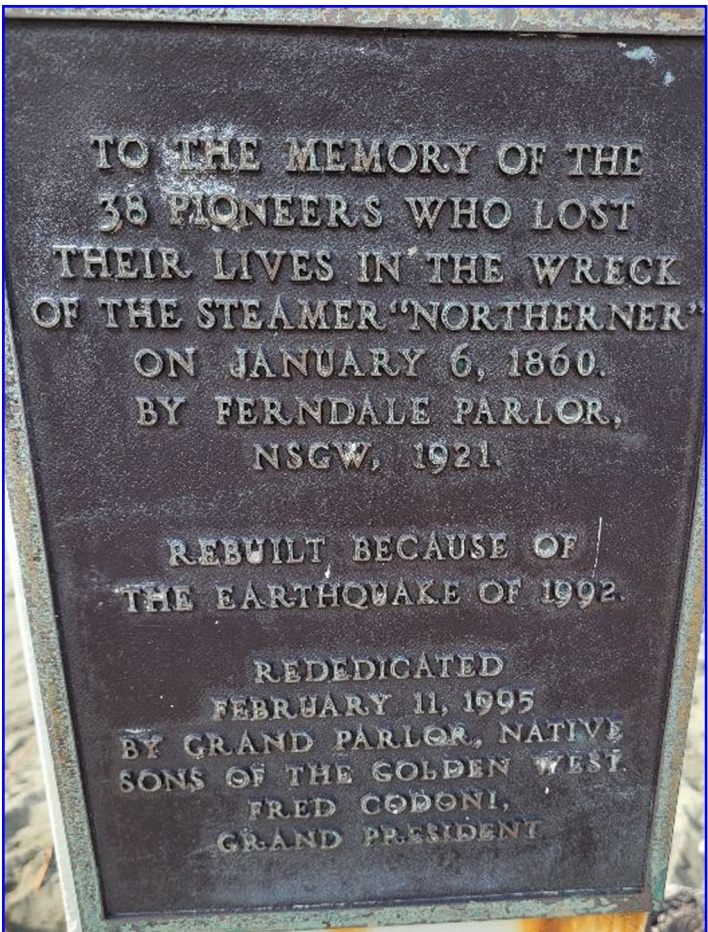
By LOU LANGLAMET, Marshal, Fairfax #307

My wife Irene and I have been going to Weekend in the Redwoods for quite a few years and enjoy the camaraderie of seeing friends from all over the state and the informative dedication of historical sites.

On Saturday morning February 10, we traveled to the McKinleyville Airport for the dedication in honor of Howard "Pete" Snell, whose tragic death nearby spurred greater safety standards in the auto racing industry. The Snell Foundation still tests helmets and safety equipment to this day.

Afterwards we had a nice light lunch at Eureka Parlor's hall, a beautiful old building with retail on the ground floor and the parlor above.

Then on to Ferndale. The cross at the Ferndale Cemetery was dedicated in memory of 38 pioneers who lost their lives in 1860 when the steamer *Northerner* hit the offshore shoals. An earthquake wrecked the original cross; it was rebuilt and dedicated by Grand President Fred Codoni in 1995. Unfortunately, the cliff on which the cross was mounted continued to erode and, to save it, PGP Allan Baird had to the cross lowered down to the beach, its present site. Because of the crumbling cliffs, a second cross was dedicated in the cemetery about Ferndale with exceptional view of the surrounding countryside.



PGP Fred Codoni, who dedicated the cross on the hillside in 1995, stands with Grand President George Adams and the new dedicatory plaque at the Ferndale Cemetery.

Cross and plaque were on hill above Ferndale, later rescued by PGP Allan Baird and crew because erosion on site threatened its falling into sea. It is now located on Centerville Beach.

Later, in Fortuna, there was a formal initiation of nine new brothers, followed by a fine dinner and a silent auction.

Sunday everyone went home, but Irene and I extended our stay to visit the site of the original cross and see some more of the beautiful countryside. Irene navigated our way there and, though the roads were a bit dodgy and I found myself pressing my right foot into the floor like it was a brake, we made it in one piece.

It's always a pleasure to travel around the state, meeting our brothers and celebrating our history. If you get a chance you should try it.



Delon Batiste, newly initiated member of Ferndale #93, enjoys a libation provided by Ken and Chuck of the parlor.



AT LEFT: Dale Warmuth, General Manager of Leon's Car Care in Eureka, speaks at dedication of plaque at the McKinleyville Airport in honor of William Howard "Pete" Snell, whose death in a sports car race nearby in 1956 inspired safer helmets and the creation of the Snell Memorial Foundation. The foundation is a leader in testing, certification and improvement for motor sports and other activities where helmets are used.



New members initiated at Fortuna February 10, were George Smoker, T. J. Goslin, Joyce Davenport, Delon Batiste, Rusty Rocha, Ryan Rice, David Clark, Mike Murphy and Steve Pritchard.

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JAN. CALENDAR WINNERS

Amt	Name	City	Date
\$250	Rich LopEz	Fremont	1-Jan-24
\$20	Allan Baird	Fortuna	2-Jan-24
\$20	Dan Potter	Novato	3-Jan-24
\$20	Sadey Merryman	Janesville	4-Jan-24
\$20	Allan Baird	Fortuna	5-Jan-24
\$75	Gary Padgett	Sonoma	6-Jan-24
\$20	Sonoma #111	Sonoma	7-Jan-24
\$20	Melanie Morrison	San Francisco	8-Jan-24
\$20	Napa #62	Napa	9-Jan-24
\$20	Greg Freeman	San Francisco	10-Jan-24
\$20	Diib Mitard	Mountain View	11-Jan-24
\$20	Jesse Davis	Tracy	12-Jan-24
\$75	Allan Baird	Fortuna	13-Jan-24
\$20	Kristin Johnsen	Sonoma	14-Jan-24
\$20	Al Saroff	Redwood City	15-Jan-24
\$20	Jenni King	Sparks	16-Jan-24
\$20	Marcy McCoy	Pacifica	17-Jan-24
\$20	Jason Mukogawa	Oakley	18-Jan-24
\$20	Peter Stieler	San Bruno	19-Jan-24
\$75	Aubrey Mukogawa	Oakley	20-Jan-24
\$20	Robert Legard	Stockdale	21-Jan-24
\$20	Allan Baird	Fortuna	22-Jan-24
\$20	Nathan Ching	Martinez	23-Jan-24
\$20	Jim Trimble	Benicia	24-Jan-24
\$20	Rosemarie Lippman	Walnut	25-Jan-24
\$20	Misael Parra	Santa Rosa	26-Jan-24
\$75	Brooke Zellers	Sonoma	27-Jan-24
\$20	Santa Lucia #97	Salinas	28-Jan-24
\$20	Sonoma #111	Sonoma	29-Jan-24
\$20	Ed Caler	San Mateo	30-Jan-24
\$150	Scott Herborn	Hayward	31-Jan-24

FEB. CALENDAR WINNERS

Amt	Name	City	Date
\$20	Jade Marino	San Leandro	1-Feb-24
\$20	Frankie Johnson	Albion	2-Feb-24
\$75	Karen Perazzo	Pacifica	3-Feb-24
\$20	Larry Wirbict	Benicia	4-Feb-24
\$20	Anna Demartini	San Anselmo	5-Feb-24
\$20	Melissa Brilliant	San Francisco	6-Feb-24
\$20	Robert Legard	Stockdale	7-Feb-24
\$20	Jeff Cromer	Benicia	8-Feb-24
\$20	Vanessa Corpuz	Alameda	9-Feb-24
\$75	Andi Foppe	Santa Rosa	10-Feb-24
\$20	Roz Allen	Meadow Vista	11-Feb-24
\$20	Ethan Phillips	Placerville	12-Feb-24
\$20	Beth Crow	Weaverville	13-Feb-24
\$20	Mike Ferdani	Pioneer	14-Feb-24
\$20	Tom Wills	Santa Rosa	15-Feb-24
\$20	Amilia Amader	Rocklin	16-Feb-24
\$75	Bob Woltz	Benicia	17-Feb-24
\$20	FS Rod Inc.	Los Banos	18-Feb-24
\$20	Jeff Cromer	Benicia	19-Feb-24
\$20	Steve Reinhart	Pioneer	20-Feb-24
\$20	Gilbert Rodrigues Sr.	Los Banos	21-Feb-24
\$20	Mark O. Santos	Benicia	22-Feb-24
\$20	Al Saroff	Redwood City	23-Feb-24
\$75	Mike Menzel	San Leandro	24-Feb-24
\$20	Logan Humpherys	Santa Rosa	25-Feb-24
\$20	Fairfax #307	Fairfax	26-Feb-24
\$20	Rosemarie Lippman	Walnut	27-Feb-24
\$20	Chrystal Schwab	San Rafael	28-Feb-24
\$150	Bill Cadwallader	Milpitas	29-Feb-24



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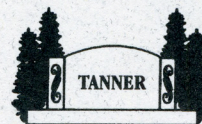
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Parlor Meetings by Day of the Week

FIRST MONDAY

Halcyon-Alameda #47: 7:00pm, Alameda Elks Lodge, Alameda

FIRST TUESDAY

Amador #17: 6:30pm, NSGW Hall, Sutter Creek
 Auburn #59: Board Meeting, 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Auburn
 Santa Lucia #97: Business Meeting, 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Salinas
 Guadalupe #231: 11am, Jan., Mar., May, Jul., Sep., Nov., Basque Cultural Center, So. San Francisco

FIRST WEDNESDAY

Argonaut #8: 6:00pm, Dunstone Memorial Hall, Oroville
 San Jose #22: 11am Officers Meeting, Holder's Co. Inn, Cupertino
 Ione #33: 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Ione
 Woodland #30: 6:00pm, Rotating locations, Woodland
 Solano #39: 7:00pm, Business Meeting, Masonic Hall, Fairfield
 Santa Cruz #90: 6:00pm, NSGW Hall, Santa Cruz
 Chispa #139: 6:00pm, NSGW Hall, Murphys
 Washington #169: 7:30pm, except Jul & Aug., Newark Pavilion, Newark
 Twin Peaks #214: Social Meeting, 7:00pm, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco

Fairfax #307: 7:00pm, Native Sons Hall, Fairfax

FIRST THURSDAY

Sunset #26: 6:30pm, Denny's, Auburn & Watt, Sacramento
 Excelsior #31: 6:30pm, NSGW Hall, Jackson
 St. Helena #53: Business Meeting, NSGW Hall, St. Helena
 Santa Ana #74: 11:30am, At a restaurant Tbd, Santa Ana
 National #118: 11:30am, Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco

FIRST FRIDAY

John C. Fremont #293: 6:30pm, Jan. – Mar., Our Lady of Miracle Parish Hall, Gustine. 6:00pm, Apr. – Dec. Veterans Hall. Gustine

SECOND MONDAY

Humboldt #14: 6:30pm, Business Meeting, NSGW Hall, Eureka
 Elk Grove #41: 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Elk Grove
 Quartz #58: 6:00pm, Sept – June, American Legion Post 130, Grass Valley
 Napa #62: 7:30pm, NSGW Hall, Napa
 Sonoma #111: 7:00pm, Sonoma Veterans Memorial Hall, Sonoma
 Eden #113: 7:00pm, Veterans Hall, Hayward

SECOND TUESDAY

Placerville #9: 6:00pm, IOOF Hall, Diamond Springs
 Yuba #55: 6:00pm, Smartsville Community Church, Smartsville
 Auburn #59: 7:00pm, Business Meeting, NSGW Hall, Auburn
 San Luis Obispo #290: 7:00pm, IOOF Hall, San Luis Obispo
 Vallejo #77: 7:30pm, Vallejo PAL Building, Vallejo
 Mt. Bally #87: May - December, Various Places, Weaverville
 Fairfax #307, 11:30am & 12:30pm, Social & Lunch, NSGW Hall, Fairfax

SECOND WEDNESDAY

Dolores California #1: 11:30am, Italian American Social Club, San Francisco
 Modesto #11: 5:00pm, The Secret Garden Restaurant, Modesto
 Santa Rosa #28: 6:30, Dinner Meeting, except July, NSGW Hall, Santa Rosa
 Hydraulic #56: 6:00pm, Roadrunner Auto, Nevada City
 Ferndale #93: 6:00, pm, Social Meeting, Turf Room – Humboldt Co. Fairgrounds, Ferndale
 Byron #170: 7:00pm, Antioch Historical Society Museum, Antioch
 South San Francisco #157: 7:00pm, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco
 Petaluma Nicasio #183: 6:00pm, Hermann Sons Hall, Petaluma
 Los Banos #206: 6:00pm Dinner Meeting, D.E.S. Hall, Los Banos
 Estudillo #223: 5:00pm, 4th Wed., 7:00pm, Veterans' Memorial Building, San Leandro
 Pebble Beach #230: 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Pescadero
 Columbia #258: 6:00pm, NS Columbia Museum Hall, Columbia

SECOND THURSDAY

Redwood #66: 7:30pm, Eagles Hall, Redwood City
 Benicia #89: 6:00pm, No meetings July & August, B.D.E.S. Hall, Benicia
 Georgetown #91: 6:30pm, IOOF Hall, Georgetown
 Los Positas #96: 7:00pm, Odd Fellows Hall, Livermore
 Ramona #109: 7:00pm, Ramona NSGW Hall/Museum, San Gabriel
 Piedmont #120: 6:00pm, Except Nov. & Dec., Veterans' Memorial Bldg., San Leandro
 Gabilan #132: 6:30pm, NSGW Hall, Castroville
 Col. Nelson M. Holderman #316: 6:30pm, 2310 Laurel St., Ste. 1, Napa

SECOND SATURDAY

Konocti #159: Noon, Braitto's Marina, Kelseyville

SECOND SUNDAY

Los Angeles #45: 10:00am, Sanchez Adobe Museum, Montebello

THIRD MONDAY

Santa Lucia #97: 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Salinas
 Sutter #261: 7:00pm, NDGW Hall, Sutter

THIRD TUESDAY

Watsonville #65: 1:30pm, I.O.O.F. Hall, Watsonville

THIRD WEDNESDAY

San Jose #22: 11am Lunch Meeting, Holder's Co. Inn, Cupertino
 Golden Gate #29: 7:30pm, Pacifica American Legion Hall, Pacifica
 Ione #33: 7:00pm, NSGW Hall, Ione
 Solano #39: 7:00pm, Social Meeting, Masonic Hall, Fairfield
 Ferndale #93: 6:00pm, Business Meeting, Club House - Royal Crest Mobile Estates, Fortuna
 Las Positas #96: 7:00pm, Odd Fellows Hall, Livermore
 Observatory #177: 5:30pm, Willow Glen American Legion, San Jose
 Twin Peaks #214: 7:00pm, Social, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco
 Fairfax #307: 7:00pm, Native Sons Hall, Fairfax
 De Anza #312: 6:00pm, No meetings Jul. & Aug., Soba's, El Centro

THIRD THURSDAY

Silver Star #63: 6:00 pm, except Jul. & Aug, Sierra Hills Framing, 531 Lincoln Blvd., Ste B, Lincoln

THIRD FRIDAY

None

THIRD SATURDAY (May-October)

None

FOURTH MONDAY

Humboldt #14: 6:30pm, Social, NSGW Hall, Eureka
 Napa #62: 7:30pm, NSGW Hall, Napa
 Eden #113: 7:00pm, Hayward Veterans Hall, Hayward

FOURTH TUESDAY

Auburn #59: 7:00pm, Social, NSGW Hall, Auburn
 Calistoga #86: 7:00pm, except July & Dec., Calistoga Community Ctr., Calistoga

FOURTH WEDNESDAY

Stockton #7: 6:30pm, Italian Athletic Club, Stockton
 San Jose #22: 11:00am, Lunch Mtg., Holder's Country Inn, San Jose
 Arrowhead #110: 7pm, except Nov., Enterprise Building, San Bernardino
 South San Francisco #157: 7:00pm, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco
 Estudillo #223: 7:00pm, Dinner, Veterans' Memorial Building, San Leandro

FOURTH THURSDAY

St. Helena #53: 5pm, Social, NSGW Hall, St. Helena
 Las Positas #96: 7:00pm, Odd Fellows Hall, Livermore
 San Miguel #150: 7:00pm, San Miguel Community Center, San Miguel

LAST WEDNESDAY

Arrowhead #110: 7pm, Nov. Only, Enterprise Building, San Bernardino

MEETINGS ON CALL

Downieville #92: NDGW Hall

Presidio #194: San Francisco

General Albert Maver Winn Memorial



Please join the Native Sons Fairfax Parlor #307 in celebrating our founder's (and my great-great grandfather's) birth.



Burton Winn, Jr. Past President,
NSGW Fairfax Parlor #307

Date: **Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

Time: **1pm – 3pm**

Location: **Sacramento Historic City Cemetery**

1000 Broadway, Sacramento 95818

Meet at: **Gravesite 123-37**

Limited parking at gravesite. If possible, park on Broadway near 10th (3 block walk to site) or at black topped maintenance area near site. Do not block roads.



Gus, Ritner, Burton
3 generations Native Sons



Blossoms, the harbingers of spring, are abundant throughout our Golden State. Photos by Paula Wong, Placerville #9.

Resolutions below were prepared by the Grand Parlor Constitution Revision Committee.

RESOLUTION 147-1 – Grand Parlor Meeting Fund. Changes title to “Grand Parlor Annual Session Fund” and specifies allowable uses.

RESOLUTION 147-2 – Duties of the Grand Secretary. Clarifies language.

RESOLUTION 147-03 - Duties of Grand Trustees. Makes chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees a member of the Salary Committee.

RESOLUTION 147-4 – Duties of Grand Treasurer. Adds several duties.

RESOLUTION 147-5 – Hall Association Directors. Refers to appointment of appointments and duties of the two Native Sons as members of the San Francisco Hall Association.

RESOLUTION 147-6 – Nominations. Sets rules for nomination individuals to Grand Parlor offices.

RESOLUTION 147-7 – Adds language clarifying handling of resolutions sent to Grand Parlor.

RESOLUTION 147-8 – Semi-Annual Reports. Clarifies information needed on semi-annual reports and adds a new section requiring listing of all real property and requiring filing of all necessary federal and state tax returns and sending Grand Secretary of copy of each tax return.

RESOLUTION 147-9 – Definitions. Lists proper name and definition for Grand Parlor items, such as “The Grand Parlor: The Grand Officers, delegates, and other voting members as defined in Article III, Section 1, of this Constitution.”

RESOLUTION 147-10 - District Deputy and Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents. Concerns appointments and duties of SDDGPs and DDGPs.

RESOLUTION 147-11 – Salary Committee. Lists composition and duties of the Salary Committee.

RESOLUTION 147-12 – Appointive Offices. Makes offices of Grand Secretary, Grand Organist and Grand History open to any member of the Order in good standing.

RESOLUTION 147-13 - Emergency Expenditures. Defines certain parts of Emergency Expenses Fund.

RESOLUTION 147-14 – Flag Day. Sets Flag Day Celebration date and location and use of Flag Day Observance Fund.

RESOLUTION 147-15 – Information Services Committee. Sets number of members and use of Information Services Fund.

RESOLUTION 147-16 – Fourth Grade Essay Contest Committee. Defines membership and jurisdiction over fund.

RESOLUTION 147-17 – Discovery of Gold Fund. Defines use of fund.

RESOLUTION 147-18 – California Statehood Day Fund. Clarifies use of jurisdiction, removes superfluous language.

RESOLUTION 147-19 – Dedications Fund. Defines jurisdiction and oversight of fund.

RESOLUTION 147-20 – Legacy Fund. Describes use of fund and specifies how much may be used each year.

RESOLUTION 147-21 – Phelan Relief Fund. Clarifies certain items.

RESOLUTION 147-22 – Assistant Book Officers. Makes definition of all assistant book officers the same.

RESOLUTION 147-23 – Election of Delegates. Clarifies some language.

RESOLUTION 147-24 – Parlor Budgets – Requires parlor officers to report on their parlors financial status and requires a

yearly budget.

RESOLUTION 147-25 – Parlor Elections. Changes and clarifies procedures for parlor elections.

RESOLUTION 147-26 – Grand Secretary Fund Jurisdictions. Refers to Grand Secretary having jurisdiction over the Regalia Fund and the Grand Parlor Printing Fund.

RESOLUTION 147-27 – Grand President Fund Jurisdictions. Defines jurisdiction and oversight of the Board of Grand Officers Meeting Fund, the Grand Parlor Committee Fund and the Visiting Official Expense Fund and removes superfluous language.

RESOLUTION 147-28 – Board of Grand Officers Fund Jurisdiction. Refers to Board of Grand Officers jurisdiction over the Legal Expense Fund, the Special Legislation Fund and the Contingency Expense Fund.

RESOLUTION 147-29 – Miscellaneous Fund Jurisdiction. Defines committees having jurisdiction over miscellaneous funds.

RESOLUTION 147-30 – Opening membership to non-natives. See full text of this resolution on page xx.

RESOLUTION 147-31 – Student Per Capita Exemption. Provides exemption from per capita tax for full-time and part-time students subject to requirements.

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 at their institution(s), and maintaining a 3.0 GPA, shall be exempt from per capita tax for a maximum of 6 years, and

{2} those providing evidence of part-time enrollment at their institution(s), and maintaining a 3.0 GPA, shall be eligible for their per capita tax to be covered by the Phelan Relief Fund 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 of maintaining a 3.0 GPA, 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 of maintaining a 3.0 GPA, may be submitted to the Board of Relief the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor, Article XI, Section 13{e}{2}.

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