

# THE NATIVE SON

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## '49er Days Returns to Auburn March 8

'49er Days returns to Auburn on March 8, 9, and 10, 2024. This event moves around the foothills every year and it was last held in Auburn in 2020.

The schedule is as follows:

**Friday March 8:** 3 to 8 p.m., Welcome reception at Auburn Parlor's Hall, 301 Commercial St. Auburn.

**Saturday March 9:**

7 to 9:30 a.m., Breakfast on your own.

10 a.m., Initiation at Mt Vernon Grange Hall 3185 Bell Road, Auburn.

1 p.m., Dedication of Chinese Cemetery.

6 p.m., Banquet - Mt Vernon Grange 3185 Bell Road, Auburn - \$49.

**Sunday March 10:** 7-10 a.m., Breakfast at Auburn Parlor - \$10. Redwood Parlor #66 will provide Gin Fizzes.

Headquarters hotel is the Foothill Motel, [www.foothillsmotel.com](http://www.foothillsmotel.com), 13431 Bowman Road, Auburn. It is in east Auburn just off Interstate 80 at either the Foresthill or Bowman exit. The rooms are \$115 for a Standard Queen and \$125 for a Double Queen. There are Deluxe Kings and Queens for \$135. Remember to say you are part of the Native Sons. The phone number is 530-885-8444. There are no blocked rooms, so get your reservation early. The plan is to put all the hospitality rooms in one area, which are Deluxe Kings or Queens and rooms 101 to 115. There is no second level to this motel, as such all rooms are ground level. There are also handicap rooms available. If you have any special dietary concerns, please let us know in advance.

The cost for the banquet and breakfast is \$59 for both. Otherwise it's \$49 for dinner and \$10 for breakfast.

Send checks, payable to "Auburn Parlor #59, NSGW" to the parlor at P O Box 9261, Auburn, CA 95604.



**Richard Arnold Hoffmann, PGP**  
February 15, 1941 - December 27, 2023

Past Grand President Richard Arnold Hoffmann died December 27 at his home in San Miguel.

"Dick" was born in Concord. After his family moved to San Miguel, he graduated from Paso Robles High School, later earning a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

After moving to Petaluma, he spent his career working in the U.S. Navy's Materials Lab at Mare Island Naval Shipyard until the Pentagon decommissioned the base in 1996.

A member of Nicasio Parlor #183 (now Petaluma-Nicasio #183) Dick held several leadership positions in the Order and was Grand President in 1998-1999.

Survivors include his brother Don (JoAnn); three children and eight grandchildren.

Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Jean; brothers Christian and Frederick; brother-in-law Fred Thacker; brother-in-law Dan Rosetta; son-in-law Robert Bright and nephew Jonathan McNabb. A memorial service was held in Paso Robles on January 20.

## HPF Announces "Awareness Month"

The Native Sons of the Golden West Historical Preservation Foundation, has designated February 2024 as "HPF Awareness Month."

Parlors are being asked to hold an extra raffle, auction or other fund-raising event to support the Foundation's work.

The HPF has distributed over \$1 million in large and small grants to non-profit organizations with building restorations, artifact preservations, educational materials and shows, monument preservation and museums. All funds raised are distributed via grants.

HPF Chairman Carl Von Bargaen said "The HPF cannot fulfill its mission without your help. Please donate to help fund our ongoing efforts to preserve California's history for future generations." You may donate by clicking the "donate" button at <https://www.nsgwhpf.org> or by sending a check to NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation, P O Box 95703, Auburn, CA 95603.

## One E-Mail for Everything!

We have a new e-mail address for parlors, districts, individuals, etc., to send information and/or flyers for upcoming events. It will be a one stop e-mail that will go to the website (for the calendar), social media (for pushing out), grand secretary (for Dates to Remember), and editor of *The Native Son* (for the next edition).

We will post the event information you want the Native Sons to see, so they may attend and support your events. There's no more need to send separate e-mails to different departments.

Thanks to Mitch Laing for the suggestion, and Marcia Skelton and the Information Services Committee for supporting this new e-mail address, which is [events@nsgw.org](mailto:events@nsgw.org).

## CRAB FEEDS

### Vallejo #77

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

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

Seating is limited to 200.

### Fairfax #307

Featuring sumptuous appetizers, salad, pasta and all the crab you can eat, Fairfax #307's crab feed will be held at St. Rita Hall, Marinda Drive and Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Fairfax, on Saturday, February 3. Price is \$65 per person. Reservations from Kevin Courtz, [kcbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcbscourt@aol.com), (415) 717-4018.

### Other Parlors' Crab Feeds

February 3, Napa #62 Crab Feed at the parlor's hall, RSVP (707) 224-3213.

February 17, Auburn #59. RSVP, Dave Allen, 530-401-1000.

February 17, Chispa #139 Cioppino Feed, Murphys.

## ST. PATS DINNERS

**Fairfax #307**, Wednesday, March 20 at St. Rita Hall, 100 Marinda Drive, Fairfax. No-host bar opens at 6, with dinner at 7:30. Open to everyone. Reservations from Kevin Courtz, [kcbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcbscourt@aol.com), (415) 717-4018.

**Estudillo #223**, Wednesday, February 28, at the Veterans Hall 1105 Bancroft Ave, San Leandro. Corned Beef with the trimmings, salad, garlic bread, dessert, \$15. Reservations required; please call by the Monday before the dinner: Dan (925) 783-3070 or Jim (510) 760-1419.

**Observatory #177**, Wednesday, March 20, at the American Legion Hall, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. The bar opens at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30. Contact Brice Walker at [valk-man@yahoo.com](mailto:valk-man@yahoo.com) or (408) 623-1014.

**Twin Peaks #214**, Wednesday, March 6, Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Blvd., San Francisco. Information from Gus Vallejo (415) 285-2892, [nsgw214@gmail.com](mailto:nsgw214@gmail.com).

**Napa #62**, "Jigg's Night," Monday, March 18 at the parlor's hall at 937 Combs Street, Napa. Cocktails 6 p.m., dinner 7 .pm. \$25 per person.

We know there are more but you'll have to check with local parlors as most have not provided info to *The Native Son* as of press time.

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2024 LUCKY CALENDARS

NOW ON SALE FROM GRAND PARLOR OR

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366 CHANCES TO WIN!



*Native Sons are everywhere, though Auburn Parlor #59 Treasurer Matt Haskins may be the first to display a parlor t-shirt at the South Pole where he is on assignment.*

## Fairfax Celebrates 75 Years

Fairfax #307 will celebrate its 75th Anniversary with a series of events on Saturday, September 21, 2024. The events will include a Grand Officer dedication of the 102-year-old Deer Park Villa Restaurant, a banquet at the parlor's club house and others being developed now. Everyone will be invited. Mark your calendars!

## Observatory #177 Dinners

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April 17 - Meat Loaf Wars Dinner

Contact Brice Walker at [valk-man@yahoo.com](mailto:valk-man@yahoo.com) or (408) 623-1014.

## OFFICIAL

### Reminder to Grand Parlor Candidates

If you want an ad in the April-May *Native Son* announcing your candidacy for election at the 147th Grand Parlor, please submit them to Editor Fred Codoni at [nsgwfpc@comcast.net](mailto:nsgwfpc@comcast.net) by March 15, 2024. Candidates for Grand Third Vice President normally have a 1/2-page ad, while others have business card ads. Contact the Grand Secretary's office for pricing.

### Delegates to Grand Parlor

Each parlor should nominate its candidates for Grand Parlor delegates at the first meeting of February and hold an election at the first meeting in March. Each parlor is entitled to two delegates at large, plus one delegate for each one hundred members over 51. For example, a parlor with 150 members is entitled to three delegates, while one with 151 members would be entitled to four. Parlor secretaries are asked to submit their parlors' delegate lists to the Grand Secretary as soon as possible after the election.

### Resolution Deadline

Resolutions with Constitutional changes are due in the Grand Parlor Office by February 10, per Article XIV, Section 1(a) of the 2023 Constitution. They may be emailed to [grandsecretary@nsgw.org](mailto:grandsecretary@nsgw.org), preferably in a Word document. They will be distributed to the Constitution Revision Committee and published in the Advance Reports.



**Preserving, Promoting,  
and Protecting California History**

## HPF Awareness Month – February 2024

The HPF board of directors are asking all Parlors of the Native Sons for just a little bit extra in the month of February.

Have an extra raffle, auction, or other fundraising event in you February meeting to help fund us for another year.

100% funds raised distributed via grants.

We have distributed over \$1 Million in large and small grants to nonprofit organizations.

- Historical Building Restorations
- Artifact preservations
- Educational materials and shows
- Monument preservation
- Museums



Donnell Monument After Restoration



The HPF cannot fulfill its mission without your help. Please donate to help fund our ongoing efforts to preserve California's history for future generations. You may donate by clicking the donate button at <https://www.nsgwhpf.org/> or by sending a check to:

NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation  
PO Box 6315  
Auburn, CA 95603

Thank you!

## GRAND PRESIDENT

Happy New Year to all!

With the Holidays over and the New Year here we all have plenty to look forward to. Crab feeds in January and February, Discovery of Gold and Weekend in the Redwoods. March leads us to all the corned beef you can eat as well as 49er weekend and the list goes on.

I would like to ask all parlors to please communicate your events with our Grand Parlor. We have lots of brothers that like to travel and show our friendship.



With Grand Parlor in May we are making plans to make this a memorable event. With more fun planned, and some requested training classes, we must also think about the business side of Grand Parlor. There will be resolutions submitted that will affect everyone. So, we must ask ourselves this question, are you going to be the solution? Will your parlor send a delegate to represent you and how your parlor can make that difference? That answer should be yes.

As the Grand President I have spoken to many members about lots of things, great things you all do to promote membership, friendship and family. I listened to the issues; some we have all experienced in our parlors. I also ask about participation at Grand Parlor with a common answer “we don’t send anyone.”

In the past few years, we have had resolutions fail by as little as 7 votes. We can collectively make a difference or are we going to be complacent and let things continue down the same path? I hope we can make that difference.

I would like to see the most parlors we have ever had come to Rohnert Park in May. Come to enjoy Grand Parlor. Come and make YOUR difference. Come and have a great time. I am looking forward to the rest of my year.

In Friendship Loyalty and Charity

Sincerely,

George A. Adams, Grand President

## OPINION

**We Are Not Our Ancestors**

By FRED CODONI, MANAGING EDITOR

Continuing attacks on the Native Sons of the Golden West accuse the Order of being a racist organization. They point to our history as “whites only” and our opposition to Japanese immigration and our favoring the internment of Japanese at the beginning of World War II. All of that is true, things that we cannot alter—as *no history can be altered*, but which we now repudiate.

Ask yourself, “Am I any different from my parents and other ancestors?” Of course you are. Each of you, and the Native Sons, should be radically different from your parents and our history. Where many of both your ancestors and the Native Sons lived with racial prejudice, today we espouse equality of all races.

Since the Native Sons excluded everyone but white California-born men, the Order has changed radically. Let’s look at us from the 1960s to the present.

All references to race were removed from our Constitution in 1967, with women allowed to join in 1994.

To defend allegations that the Order was anti-Semitic, we point to the fact that our founding fathers were a Catholic, Protestant and Jew. While many organizations would not admit Jews (leading to many Jews founding their own clubs) we never were anti-Semitic.

Anti-Hispanic? Hardly. We go all the way back to members such as General Mariano Vallejo and to Grand President Frank Gonzales (1931-1932), who joined the Native Sons in 1899. How about Grand Presidents Jessie Garcia (1997-1998) and Joseph Castillo (2020-2023)?

Native Americans? Most prominent was Grand President Dwight Dutschke (2013-2014).

Asian heritage? Grand President Phil Wong (1993-1994).

The list of “minority” grand officers is too long to recount here, but they were of Chinese, Japanese, African American and Pacific Islander heritage as well as Caucasians.

As far as the subordinate parlors, we can personally count members of all races in them.

We continue to be denigrated in the press and by others who look only to our past, not to how we are now. They ignore our long list of charitable and historic preservation work, our support of uncounted Little League teams, donations to schools, scholarship donations and community service. So many Californians look only to our past as they tear down our plaques and statues and condemn the Native Sons for what happened decades ago.

We are not our parents, and today’s Native Sons are not the same as our predecessors.

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

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

### THE NATIVE SON

Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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## Pharo Seeking Photos

Lucky Calendar Chairman Richard Pharo is getting a head start on the 2025 calendar and is looking for old photos of marine terminals to illustrate it. As an example, his first submission was a c. 1900 picture of San Francisco’s Ferry Building. Send him your photos at [rpharo61@gmail.com](mailto:rpharo61@gmail.com).

## OPINION

### More on Racism

At a recent meeting, while discussing the label of racism levelled against the Native Sons, someone made the argument that “It was just the way things were back then—everybody was doing it.”

I don't think this is a helpful argument for us. As an organization that prides itself on preserving and understanding history, it's important that we acknowledge our own. Not “everybody” was doing it. Yes, racism was pervasive, but not everyone was a racist, and not everyone was standing idly by allowing it to happen.

There were organizations fighting for racial equity operating nationally and in California as early as 1907. The National Urban League, the NAACP and CORE (the Congress of Racial Equality) were supported and assisted by many white men and women, but unfortunately, the Native Sons were not among them.

Before every meeting we pledge allegiance to our flag, country and the principles of “liberty and justice for all.” For many years we failed to honor that pledge, and it left us on the wrong side of history.

I know that we're not a racist organization. I know this. But there persists this perception. We need to act now to remedy our lack of action in the past. Simply saying that “everybody was doing it” is factually inaccurate and does nothing to change this lingering perception.

Perhaps we could expand our charities—putting our money where our mouth is—to demonstrate our support for underprivileged groups that are still struggling in California to find justice and equality. That would be one way of showing who we are and what we believe in.

I hope this can be a discussion we have going forward. A conversation on how to change these persisting misconceptions about our organization and ourselves.

Have an opinion of your own you'd like to share? Send it to [uubmadsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uubmadsen@sbcglobal.net).

[There's a great article exploring the NSGW, its history, and one of the protests against it. It's a thoughtful, balanced and well researched article written by Fremont High School senior Srihet-ha Pallapotthula. You should check it out at <https://thewhshatchet.org/huskies-argue-over-the-removal-of-controversial-plaque>.]

Bill Madsen, Fairfax #307

## SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

Help us keep everyone informed!



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

## Santa Rosa Monthly Dinners

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

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

Wednesday February 14 - Social 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7 p.m. \$20. Call to reserve by February 9. (707) 350-1116.

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Contact Brice Walker at [walk-man@yahoo.com](mailto:walk-man@yahoo.com) or (408) 623-1014.

## 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:

February 13 and 27 - lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30.

February 21 - Dinner meeting, bar opens at 6, dinner at 7:30.

March 12 and 26 - lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30.

March 20 - St. Patrick's Day dinner, St. Rita Hall. Everyone invited. Bar opens at 6, dinner at 7:30.

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.

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



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



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

Be sure to send your information to:

The Native Son -

<[nsgwfpc@comcast.net](mailto:nsgwfpc@comcast.net)>

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



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**NEW MEMBERS**

**NOVEMBER**

**Golden Gate #29**

John Scott Bishop

Keli Bishop

Shannon Cefalu

**St. Helena #53**

David Etue

**Quartz #58**

Michael Seghezzi

Kurt Stoesser

Joshua Pack

Daniel Chatigny

Timothy Brown

Stephen DeSena

Paul Aguilar

Justin Auld

**Napa #62**

Michael Wunderlich

Ronald Martini

John Vincent

Susan Vaziri

Kent Wheeler

Ronald Rae

Dan Parker

Robin Mueller

Chris Jonas

Gary Dent

Susan Collins

**Georgetown #91**

Gordon Derencin

**Arrowhead #110**

Amasa Albright

**National #118**

Revnaldo Nunez

**Piedmont #120**

Dwayne Sue

Stanley Branch

Lawrence Eade Jr.

**Chispa #139**

Gary Olson

Jeffrey Vermillion

**DECEMBER**

**Amador #17**

Brian Laurence

Ronald McMahan

Russell Robinson

Rob Newman

William Roberts

Steve Reed

Steve Lickiss

Luke Gamble

Dylan Ely

Richard Bohn

Clayton Buchanan

Jacob Gonzales

Brian Ramm

**St. Helena #53**

Eric Hall

**Gabilan #132**

John Tapella

**Estudillo #223**

Tommy Silva

**DEATHS**

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

**DECEMBER**

**Dolores – California #1**

Emily Powell Palmer

**Golden Gate #29**

Donald Perazzo

**Solano #39**

William “Bill” Lockefer

**Halcyon–Alameda #47**

Thayer Hall III

**Napa #62**

Franz Wartenweiler

Terry Hendricks

Charles Rathjen

**Silver Star #63**

Walter Brown

**National #118**

Albert Biachi

Petaluma–Nicasio #183

George Perry

**Guadalupe #231**

Robert Hernandez

Perry Burns

**San Luis Obispo #290**

Raymond Craig

**DECEMBER**

**Stockton #7**

Spencer Tracy

Robert Kavanaugh

Keith Bickley

**Sunset #26**

Dorothy Rundell

**Vallejo #77**

John Powers

**Sonoma #111**

Albert Morenzeni



**PEARL CAMBELL**

Former First Lady Pearl Campbell, Widow of Past Grand President Colin B. Campbell (1979-1980) Amador Parlor #17 has died.

She was known as a gracious First Lady and mentored many of her successors. She was a devoted mother and served her community for many years as City Clerk in Sutter Creek.

Our condolences are extended to her family, the members of Amador #17 and her friends throughout our great state.



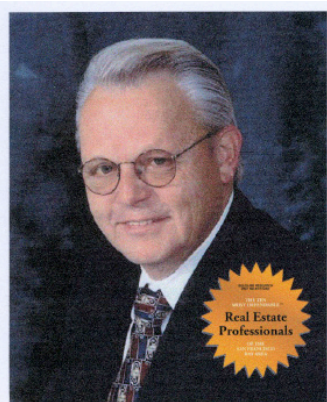
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# HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

The Historical Preservation Foundation is breaking new ground for fundraising to enhance its ability to support and provide funding to assist Subordinate Native Sons of the Golden West Parlors. HPF Vice Chairman Robert Bruno has been heading up a committee to build a PowerPoint presentation to help improve our ability to attract donations from outside of the Native Sons of the Golden West’s membership. Robert has been assisted by GT/Director Marcia Skelton, GT/Director Brice Walker, Secretary of the HPF Jedidiah Watson and GT/HPF Treasurer Doug Love. We look forward to sharing this with everyone at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in May at The Rohnert Park Doubletree Hotel. It will be a great time to discuss opportunities and engage delegates and guests with discussing which potential donors we should approach and seek assistance with our goal of Education and Preservation of California History.



Starting with February 2024, GT/Director Brice Walker has established Historical Preservation Foundation Awareness Month. He is working on enhanced efforts throughout the Native Sons of the Golden West to improve our fundraising abilities. Brice will be sharing various rewards for donations of various amounts by individual donors, including Historical Preservation Foundation Challenge Coins, Historical Preservation Foundation Lapel Pins, special Donor Buttons, and Historical Preservation Foundation sew-on Patches for members vests.

The Historical Preservation Foundation Directors and Officers look forward to seeing each of you at our upcoming events between now and The Grand Parlor Annual Meeting: Weekend in the

Redwoods in Fortuna, hosted by Ferndale Parlor; 49er Weekend in Auburn, hosted by Auburn Parlor; and the final Grand Officer Meeting of the Grand Parlor Year in San Francisco at our Native Son’s Hall. All promise to be fabulous events, and HPF Directors and Officers will be in attendance to answer questions, assist with grant applications and to take referrals for future donors to support Education and Preservation of California History.

In closing, please reach out to the HPF Board of Directors and Officers if you are interested in participating at the Board level of the HPF or anything else that you believe may help advance the Native Sons of the Golden West’s goals of Education and Preservation of California History.

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### Native Sons Should Know These Things!

How well do you know California’s official “things”? It seems California legislators have too much free time, so they create state “symbols.” See how many you know.

Answers on page 11.

- State Marine Animal \_\_\_\_\_
- State Marine Fish \_\_\_\_\_
- State Insect \_\_\_\_\_
- State Fossil \_\_\_\_\_
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- State Gemstone \_\_\_\_\_
- State Gold Rush Town \_\_\_\_\_
- State Grass \_\_\_\_\_
- State Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_
- State Lichen \_\_\_\_\_
- State Mineral \_\_\_\_\_

There are a few more State items on the list, but we gave up listing when we encountered the State Soil! (It’s “San Joaquin Soil.”)



# CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

By **BOB SANTOS**

Here is a list of recent donations to our Charitable Foundation in Honor of or Memory of. Such donations are a fine way to honor deceased members, friends or relatives. The Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all contributions are tax deductible.

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

**Sent for the Benefit of Twins Arthur & Issac**

Rich & Kathleen Lynch

**In Memory of Robert Lockefeer**

The Day Family

**In Memory of Michael James Barranti**

Robert & Kathy Santos

**In Memory of Richard A. Hoffmann PGP**

Robert & Kathy Santos

**In Memory of Pearl Campbell**

Robert & Kathy Santos

The Personal Donations, Cleft Palate March donations, Memorial Fund donations and our investment income are totaled and divided among the three hospitals. Without the continued support of all of you the Charitable Foundation would not be recognized by the hospitals as their longest supporters to their Cleft Palate Clinics. We the CF directors thank you very much for your support.

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

Members check presentation at UCSF November 20 and Sutter Health December 14

At UCSF we are the longest continued donor to their Cleft Pal-

## SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY

**Stockton Independent 9-24, 1923**

The Native Sons of Lodi are going to keep alive and foster that spirit of hospitality and cordiality which the Pioneers made proverbial in California, This organization has set aside Wednesday evening for "Strangers" and on that evening people who are in the city, whether members of local or other parlors, are invited to attend the meetings, which will have a number of special features for their entertainment. It seems quite appropriate that Native Sons should in such manner cherish the old-time California custom of open house. This incident recalls the fact that the Woman's Club of Lodi was the first in the State of California to extend greeting and friendship to its newly-rnade citizens and many of the largest organizations have since adopted that admirable plan.

ate Clinic. The NSGWCF started in 1953 which makes this year our 70th year with a total donation of \$3,967,600. Head Surgeon Dr. Jason Pomerantz gave a presentation on how are donations has helped so many Cleft Palate patients, including a patient at the presentation. Grand President George Adams with Grand Marshal Chris Adams and CF Chairman Paul Lapachet, Director Tom Perazzo and Director Robert Santos were present when George Adams presented a check for \$65,000 to Dr. Glenn Rosenbluth, Head of Cleft and Craniofacial Department. UCSF is recognized as a leader in cleft palate and craniofacial defects in the US and around the world.

At Sutter Health Grand President George Adams with Grand Marshal Chris Adams, Director Chairman Paul Lapachet, Director Jim Wilmarth, Director Mike Linn and Director Robert Santos presented a check for \$65,000 to Dr. Laura Workman Head of Sutter's Cleft Palate Clinic. NSGWCF has supported Sutter Health Cleft Palate clinic for 31 years of continuous donations. Dr. Workman has expressed how important the support of the Native Sons is to the clinic. She stated that without the Native Sons continued support they would not be able to have the programs of care they do.

Dr. Workman and the staff gave a brief tour of the clinic and different care rooms. A traditional picture of the staff and Native Sons in the hallway naming the clinic "Native Sons of the Golden West Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Clinic" was taken. Sutter Health Cleft Palate staff are extremely appreciative of the Native Sons support for this 30 some years.

The Board of Directors of the NSGWCF feels there is no more worthy cause than to ensure that all children, of whatever race, color or creed, have the opportunity to hold their heads up without shame or embarrassment.

The Board of Directors wish to thank Grand President George for his support in presenting the \$65,000 dollar checks to the three hospitals and to all donors through the year which makes this possible. Thank You.

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



*Native Sons grand officers and members pose with Sutter Health after check presentation. Partially-obscured sign honors the Native Sons; Sutter's Craniofacial Clinic is named for our Order.*

# RETRO RAMBLINGS

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

Somewhere between 655,000 and 758,000 years ago, California's Central Valley was covered by a shallow body of water known as Lake Corcoran. Lake Corcoran covered the valley from what are now the Tehachapi Mountains to the Sierra Buttes and at its greatest extent was as large as Lake Michigan is today. It drained into the Pacific through what is now the Salinas River and Monterey Bay. It is hypothesized that Lake Corcoran provided much of the water for precipitation in the Sierra Nevada through evaporation and that water partially formed several pluvial lakes in Nevada. Wildlife flourished and fossil remains of the short-faced bear, mammoth, dire wolf, giant sloth, early horses, camels, and antelopes have been found in the Central Valley.

This vast freshwater inland sea was not to last. Some 650,000 years ago, the Earth began to warm and the glaciers which held the Sierra Nevada in an icy grip began to melt. The water began to rush into the lake, raising the water level. At the same time, tectonic uplifting of the Coast Range near Monterey left Lake Corcoran with no outlet to the sea. Something had to give and it did. Approximately 600,000 years ago, Lake Corcoran carved a new outlet to the sea through what is now Carquinez Strait. The water poured through a low spot in the Coast Range, carving a channel 100 feet deep between what are now Contra Costa and Solano counties and permanently draining Lake Corcoran and changing the landscape of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Central Valley forever.

## Lake Corcoran Remnants Remain

Lake Corcoran didn't completely disappear. Kern, Buena Vista, and Tulare lakes were all remnants of the former freshwater inland sea. In fact, up until the late 19th century, the Central Valley was prone to flooding which turned the land into a vast swamp. During the Spanish and Mexican periods, maps labelled the valley as "Cienega de Tulares" or "Marsh of the Tules."

While the Spanish and others saw the Central Valley as a marshy place with little to no value, the indigenous people who lived there thought very differently. The entire valley teemed with wildlife and the wetlands provided fish and fowl. Elk, deer and beaver were plentiful. The plentiful tules provided the raw material for houses, baskets, clothing, and boats. The largest of the three lakes, Tulare Lake, or *Pa'ashi* as it was known to the local Tachi people, was the largest fresh water lake west of the Mississippi and the ninth largest in what would be the United States.

In the mid- to late-1800s many people drained and diverted the water from the marshy areas of the Central Valley to create farm and ranch land. By 1899 Tulare Lake went dry due to diversion of its source water for flood control and agricultural purposes. Buena Vista Lake lasted as an agricultural reservoir and recreational lake until 1953 when the Lake Isabella dam was built across the Kern River creating Lake Isabella. That isn't to say that the former lakes remained dry. In the years in which there are large amounts of precipitation, most recently in 2022-23, the Tulare Lake basin has been partially refilled allowing the lake to be "reborn" and give today's Californians a glimpse of what the Central Valley and the Tulare Lake Basin looked like in the past.



## More Information

The prehistoric and historic past of the Central Valley is one of change and of human interaction and intervention which has had a direct and profound impact on the geography, history, and economy of California as a whole. Luckily, there are a few institutions who have attempted to preserve the unique history of the Central Valley.

### Sarah A. Mooney Museum

542 W "D" Street

Lemoore, CA 93245

[MooneyMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:MooneyMuseum@gmail.com)

(559) 904-9669

Hours: 12 to 3 p.m. on Sundays (closed on major holidays.)

The Sarah A. Mooney Museum is a preserved Victorian house with exhibits highlighting how a well-off family lived in the area during the Victorian Era.

### Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science

2018 Chester Avenue

Bakersfield, CA 93301

[info@buenavistamuseum.org](mailto:info@buenavistamuseum.org)

(661) 324-6350

Hours: Thursday-Saturday: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday: 12 p.m.-4 p.m, Monday-Wednesday: Closed.

Admission: Members: Free, Children 2 and under: Free, Adults: \$10, Seniors (60+): \$8. Students 12 years and older: \$8, Children (3-11): \$6. The Museum also has special admission days. Visit its website @ <https://www.buenavistamuseum.org/hours-and-admission>.

The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History and Science has exhibits about the Central Valley during the Miocene Epoch and



Initiatory team, parlor members and new initiates from Georgetown #91 and Auburn #59 after the December 14 ceremony at Georgetown's Hall.

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Indigenous American life as well as exhibits on Paleontology and other areas of Science.

**Kern County Museum**

3801 Chester Ave, Bakersfield,  
California 93301  
[bebe@kerncountymuseum.org](mailto:bebe@kerncountymuseum.org)  
(661) 437-3330

Hours: Monday & Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday – Sunday 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Closed all Federal Holidays.

Admission: Adults: \$10, Seniors/Military: \$9 Children ages 3 to 12: \$5 Ages 2 and under free when accompanied by an adult. Members: free. Free admission to Active Duty Military and their immediate families from Memorial to Labor Day. Visit the Kern County Museum's Website @ <https://kerncountymuseum.org/> for more information.

Kern County Museum has many exhibits covering the general history of Kern County including indigenous peoples, the ranching, farming, oil, and music industries. One of the museum's highlights is the childhood home of Merle Haggard.

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**Answers to How well do you know California's official "things"?**

State Marine Animal: California Gray Whale

State Marine Fish: The Garibaldi



*Appropriately golden in color, the Garibaldi is California's State Marine Fish. It's found mostly in Southern California.*

State Insect: The California dogface butterfly

State Fossil: The Sabre tooth cat

State Flower: Golden Poppy

State Bird: California Valley Quail

State Tree: California Redwood

State Animal: Grizzly Bear

State Fish: Golden Trout

State Rock: Serpentine

State Fruit: Avocado

State Amphibian: California Red-Legged Frog



*The California red-legged frog is found almost exclusively in California. It's well-known for being the frog featured in Mark Twain's short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."*

State Dinosaur: Augustynolophus morrisoni (!)

State Fabric: Denim

State Dance: West Coast Swing

State Folk Dance: Square Dance

State Gemstone: Bentonite

State Gold Rush Town: Bodie

State Grass: Purple Needlegrass

State Historical Society: California Historical Society

State Lichen: Lace Lichen

State Marine Reptile: Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle

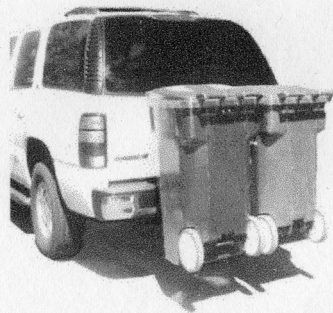
State Mineral: Gold

**NOV. CALENDAR WINNERS**

20	Mike Malley	San Jose	1-Nov-23
20	Bill Arnold	Oroville	2-Nov-23
20	Virgil Valerio	Oakland	3-Nov-23
75	Robert Bruno	San Mateo	4-Nov-23
20	Jeanne Menzel	Pleasanton	5-Nov-23
20	Rick Wong	Daly City	6-Nov-23
20	Bud Corletti	Colusa	7-Nov-23
20	Cathy Lemas	Hayward	8-Nov-23
20	David Franzoia	San Anselmo	9-Nov-23
20	Don Debolt	Fremont	10-Nov-23
75	Mark Rodriguez	Sacramento	11-Nov-23
20	Victor Crespi	San Francisco	12-Nov-23
20	NSGW #62	Napa	13-Nov-23
20	Anthony Neves	Los Banos	14-Nov-23
20	Herman Fruchtenicht	Fairfax	15-Nov-23
20	Riley Kucich	Chico	16-Nov-23
20	Sherry Olsen	Pescadero	17-Nov-23
75	Bob Caldeira	Livermore	18-Nov-23
20	Anthony Neves	Los Banos	19-Nov-23
20	Pennie Fulton	Walla Walla, WA	20-Nov-23
20	Mike Glass	Woodside	21-Nov-23
20	John Sangiacomo	Dublin	22-Nov-23
20	Bob Peralta	Napa	23-Nov-23
20	John Eyler	Novato	24-Nov-23
75	Robert Baffonno	Los Banos	25-Nov-23
20	Thomas Schmidt	Eureka	26-Nov-23
20	Rich Pharo	Sonoma	27-Nov-23
20	Ron Rivera	Angels Camp	28-Nov-23
20	James Linder	Salinas	29-Nov-23
150	Diane Toloski	San Francisco	30-Nov-23

**DEC. CALENDAR WINNERS**

\$20	Jedidah Watsin	Grass Valley	1-Dec-23
\$75	Bill Elliot	Georgetown	2-Dec-23
\$20	Otto Kramm	Speckels	3-Dec-23
\$20	Bob Quinn	Daly City	4-Dec-23
\$20	James Linder	Salinas	5-Dec-23
\$20	Patrick McMahon	Sonoma	6-Dec-23
\$20	Ed Miske	Angels Camp	7-Dec-23
\$20	Lorraine Frost	Phelan	8-Dec-23
\$75	Rita Holliday	Hayward	9-Dec-23
\$20	Ron Pacheco	San Leandro	10-Dec-23
\$20	Eugene Eliason	Napa	11-Dec-23
\$20	Wayne Walker	Pioneer	12-Dec-23
\$20	Stuart Williams	Napa	13-Dec-23
\$20	Dennis Pallo	Petaluma	14-Dec-23
\$20	Sharon Mosley	Battle Creek	15-Dec-23
\$75	NSGW #62	Napa	16-Dec-23
\$20	Garry Devlin	Rialto	17-Dec-23
\$20	Gary Milliken	Oakland	18-Dec-23
\$20	Thomas Kyne	San Anselmo	19-Dec-23
\$20	Vernon Parcell	Brentwood	20-Dec-23
\$20	Gary Arosio	Jackson	21-Dec-23
\$20	Eva Debolt	Fremont	22-Dec-23
\$75	Bertha Herborn	Hayward	23-Dec-23
\$20	Richard Rogers	Sutter Creek	24-Dec-23
\$20	Dean Zellers	Sonoma	25-Dec-23
\$20	Joseph Leonard	Stevinson	26-Dec-23
\$20	Art Duysings	Riverside	27-Dec-23
\$20	Jere Driscoll	San Francisco	28-Dec-23
\$20	Thomas Schmidt	Eureka	29-Dec-23
\$75	David Allen	Meadow Vista	30-Dec-23
\$500	John & Doreen Amaral	Sonoma	31-Dec-23



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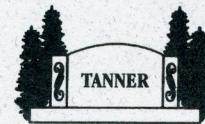
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# Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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Web Site NSGW.ORG

Revised July 2023 B

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
1st	Halcyon-Alameda #47 7PM	Amador #17 6:30PM Guadalupe #231 11:30AM Santa Lucia #97 7PM Business	Argonaut #8 6PM Chispa #139 6:30PM Fairfax #307 7PM Business Ione #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM San Jose #22 Meeting 11AM Santa Cruz #90 6PM Solano #39 7PM Business Twin Peaks #214 Social 7PM Washington #169 7:30PM Sept-June Woodland #30 6PM Byron #170 7pm Columbia #258 7PM Dolores #111:30AM Estudillo #223 5PM Business Ferndale #93 6 PM Dinner Hydraulic #56 7PM Los Banos #206 6PM Modesto #11 5PM Petaluma-Nicasio #183 6PM Pebble Beach #230 6:30pm Santa Rosa #28 6:30PM Dinner South SF #157 7PM	Excelsior #31 7PM JC Fremont #293 6:30PM National #118 11:30AM St Helena #53 Meeting 5PM Santa Ana #74 11AM Sunset #26 7 PM	Benicia #89 (Dark July, Aug) Col.Holderman #316 6:45pm Gabilan #132 6:30pm Georgetown #91 6:30pm Las Positas #96 7PM Piedmont #120 6PM Ramona #109 7PM Meeting Redwood #66 7:30pm	Los Angeles #45 (Rio Hondo + University) 10AM Juan Sanchez Adobe in Montebello	Konocti #159 12PM (When Able)	
2nd	Eden #113 7PM Elk Grove #41 7PM Humboldt #14 6:30PM Napa #62 7:30PM Business Sonoma #111 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting Quartz #58 6PM Sept-June	Auburn #59 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon Mt Bally #87 May-Dec Placerville #9 6pm San Luis Obispo #290 7PM Vallejo #77 7:30pm Yuba #55 6 pm	De Anza #312 6PM (dark July, Aug) Fairfax #307 7PM Dinner Ferndale #93 7PM Business Golden Gate #29 7:30PM Humboldt #14 7:30PM Ione #33 7PM Lodi #18 7PM Observatory #177 5:30PM Solano #39 6PM Social Twin Peaks #214 Business 7PM Washington #169 Sept-June	Silver Star #63 6PM (Dark July, Aug.)	Chispa Social Dinner	Redwood #66 Bear Lodge (May-Oct)		
3rd	Napa #62 6:30PM Social/Dinner Santa Ana #74 8PM Santa Lucia #97 6:00PM Dinner Sutter #261 7PM	Watsonville #65 1:30PM	Arrowhead #110 6PM Dinner 7PM Meeting Estudillo #223 6PM Social 7PM Dinner San Jose #22 11AM Lunch South SF #157 7PM Stockton #7 6:30PM	Las Positas #96 7PM *Last Thurs (4th or 5th) Piedmont #120 6PM (Dark Nov, Dec) San Miguel #150 7PM St Helena #53 Dinner 6PM Sunset #26 7PM				
4th	Eden #113 7PM Dinner Humboldt #14 Dinner Napa #62 7:30PM Business	Auburn #59 7PM Callistoga #86 7PM Fairfax #307 Luncheon						

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

Email Corrections to Mitch Laing via NSGW28Mitch@gmail.com

## PARLOR MEETINGS BY LOCATION

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

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

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