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St. John's Cleft Palate Presentation October 15

The Native Sons of the Golden West Charitable Foundation will make its annual presentation to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica on Sunday, October 15, as the concluding event of the 2023 Southern California Weekend.

After 9:30 a.m. Mass in the Sister Marie Madeleine Chapel, Grand President George Adams will lead a team dedicating a plaque in the Gloria and Jimmy Stewart Rose Garden. Brunch and a program will follow at 10:45 a.m. in the Flaherty Commons Dining Court. Concluding the event will be photos on the Grand Staircase. Early arrivals may meet at the Cleft Palate Center for coffee, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Hosted valet parking will be available at 2121 Santa Monica Blvd. RSVP is requested by Monday, October 2, to taylor.morton@stjohns.org or (310) 829-8106.

Past Presidents Assn. to Meet

Governor General William Flores of the Native Sons of the Golden West Past Presidents Association will preside at the organization's 102nd General Assembly in Burlingame October 20-22.

Event Chairman Past Governor General Bob Fletcher and the members of San Francisco Assembly No. 1 invite delegates and guests to the meeting.

Registration will be held Friday, October 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. and Saturday, October 21 from 9 to 10 a.m. Registration fee is \$125 per person including the luncheon and the banquet on Saturday evening, both held at the hotel. Single event tickets are available.

The Governor General has requested Business Casual Attire (no shorts) for those attending the banquet.

Headquarters hotel is the Doubletree by Hilton, San Francisco Airport, 835 Airport Blvd, Burlingame, CA 94010. The hotel rate is \$129.00 per night. Your room will include breakfast on Saturday and Sunday.

When you call the hotel at 1-650 344-5500 for reservations, please be sure to mention Native Sons of the Golden West Past Presidents to obtain the discounted rate.

The Governor General's reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, October 20.

The first session of General Assembly 2023 will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 21. The Native Daughters Visitation will be at 1:30 p.m. followed by the Memorial Service and Installation of Officers.

The Hotel has assured us that they can accommodate us under the CDC guidelines and protocols.

Assembly Secretaries, please send your list of delegates to Secretary General Donna Fletcher, 1284 Skyline Dr., Daly City, 94015 or e-mail to rdfflet29@yahoo.com.

SoCal Weekend Oct. 13-15



The Annual Southern California Weekend will be held in San Bernardino October 13-15, hosted by Arrowhead Parlor #110.

Friday, October 13 will feature a reception at the headquarters hotel, the Staybridge Hotel Inn and Suites, from 5 to 6 p.m. followed by dinner on your own. The Claim Jumper is across the hotel parking lot and there are many other restaurants close by on Hospitality Lane.

Saturday, October 14 starts with breakfast for those registered at the Staybridge, followed by a 10:30 a.m. tour and dedication of the Enterprise Building. Lunch is on your own. At 2:30 p.m. there will be a grand officer initiation of new members. The banquet, photo booth and bingo will be at 5 p.m.

Registration fee is \$85 per person. Send checks, payable to "NSGW 110" to Barbara Kimball, P. O. Box 30, San Bernardino, CA 92402.

Staybridge Inn and Suites price is \$165 per night plus tax and includes two queen beds and a sofa bed. Each room accommodates three people. Make reservations using the link at www.NSGW110.org or call (909) 383-0505 and ask for the Native Son rate. Check-in time is 3 p.m.

SHARE THIS NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

Help us keep everyone informed!

LOTT'S LAKE REPORT

By DAN FOPPE, Chairman

The work week for 2023 was held the week of August 26 to September 3. We had a skeleton crew this year, but what a great crew! We did accomplish building the new outhouse, replacing the one that was burned down at the end of the campground.

Another crew worked to re-secure the cabin. We began by cleaning the cabin prior to repairing it. There was a lot of debris left behind, including gear and broken shooting clays. The loft was filled with stuff of members and non-members. I will try to get back soon with a trailer to remove a lot of the left items. If members want to retrieve any of their items, they may do so before I return. My return date is unknown at this time. If they're still there when I return, the items will be dumped. Lott's Lake is for all members and all are welcomed there. However, it's not a personal storage or dumping area. The sign in the cabin says "Pack it in and pack it out." Everyone should remember that motto.

At the time I was there, two new locks were cut at the front and rear. It amazed me how destructive people can be.

I have a new list of community members that will be sent to Grand Secretary Tom Perazzo for his records.

The 2024 work week is scheduled for August 3 to 20.

I want to thank Worthy Grand President George Adams and his wife for visiting us at Lott's Lake.

Fairfax-Mt. Tam Merger Done

Mt. Tamalpais #64 has merged with Fairfax #307, giving the latter a total of 411 members.

Past Grand President Robert Rogers spent many years working to save the parlor, acting as its secretary but Mt. Tam members unanimously voted to merge and they were accepted by a vote of Fairfax Parlor.

Fairfax Parlor greeted the Mt. Tam members with a luncheon on July 25. Among those attending was Brother Jack Streckfus, who joined Tam Parlor in 1946 and is a 77-year member.



Jack Streckfus, 77-year member.

NEVER FORGET
THE CARDINAL VIRTUES
OF THE NATIVE SONS OF THE GOLDEN WEST:
FRIENDSHIP, LOYALTY, CHARITY

TRAVELS WITH MITCH

Travels On The California Trail Continue

By MITCH LAING, Santa Rosa #28

Greetings Brothers:

While no longer a Grand Officer I continue to enjoy adventures in our Golden State.

First week of September I had the opportunity to meet up with Jr PGP Jeff Schmidt and together we continued our travels #On-TheCaliforniaTrail.

Tuesday we enjoyed the hospitality of Amador Parlor #17 in Sutter Creek; Wednesday it was Ione Parlor's meeting and dinner and Thursday we continued to Excelsior Parlor #31 in Jackson (coincidentally GT Doug Love was doing Official Visits at all three parlors that week so he had his own cheering squad).

Then it was pack up and drive to South San Francisco for Native Daughters/Native Sons luncheon celebration of California Admission Day, the rededication of the Broderick-Terry Duel site and an overnight in Livermore before the Board of Grand Officers meeting and always great Statehood Day BBQ hosted by Piedmont Parlor #120 on Saturday.

Many brothers continued to Ione for their September 9 Statehood Day BBQ (Rotisserie BBQ Prime I heard) but it was time for me to get back home and prepare for my next adventures. (Note to self: DO NOT SKIP Ione Parlor Statehood Day BBQ in 2024!)

Monday, as Supervising District Deputy GP, I installed Sonoma Parlor #111 officers while Grand Trustee Larry Schork did his Official Visit. Tuesday I carpooled with G2VP Gary Padgett and Jr PGP Schmidt for Gary's Official Visit to San Luis Obispo #290 where I met with an old High School buddy—he rejoined the parlor after years away. We had PGP and SDDGP James King hop in the car with us as we rolled thru San Miguel to San Luis Obispo. (Personal note: I had the distinct honor of meeting a 40-year member who transferred after Cambria closed who knew my brother Jim, also with Cambria, who passed away 30 years ago) After an overnight in Paso Robles it was back home to get ready for my own Santa Rosa #28's dinner with GOS Sean Padgett's Official Visit of our books.

In all that was 9 days, 1,400+ miles and 9 parlors or events for my Native Sons Passport, and fond remembrance of Hospitality, Brotherhood and Good Times.

Brothers, I encourage you to get out #OnTheCaliforniaTrail to visit Parlors, attend events, see historic sites and enjoy our wonderful Golden State of California!

In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity,
Mitch

Native Daughters Rededicate Oakland Memorial Fountain

Encinal Parlor No. 156 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West will rededicate the Sallie Rutherford Thaler Memorial Fountain in Oakland's Lakeside Park on Monday, October 16 at 11 a.m. The park is directly across from the wildlife sanctuary. A box lunch in the nearby Garden Center will follow.

RSVP is requested no later than Wednesday, October 4, from Terrie Kurrasch, 1113 Ironwood Road, Alameda, 94502. Specifying turkey, ham and cheese or vegetarian lunch. Parking fee is \$3 per car, debit or credit card only. Native Sons and guests are welcome.



Native Son Official Passport Available

The Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West has created an NSGW “Official Passport” that will allow members to log their visits to parlors and Native Son events and become eligible for prizes.

There are pages for attending individual parlor meetings and events, and other events such as the Southern California Weekend, a Board of Grand Officers meeting, Sonoma’s Flag Day and dozens of others. There’s space to list candidates which the passport holder has sponsored, and for parlor and Grand Officer positions held.

When attending an event, holder will present the passport to any parlor officer, who will stamp or initial the appropriate place in the passport. Receiving stamps or initials may make individuals eligible for prizes. Prize for Bronze Level (five stamps) is a lanyard with passport protector or other prize. Prize for Silver Level (15 stamps) is Grand President’s belt buckle. Prize for Gold Level (31 stamps) is a Passport Challenge Coin.

Passports are available from the Grand Parlor office or parlor secretaries.

Fairfax Lunches, Dinners 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.

Next dinner on October 18 will be the parlor’s Old Timers Night, honoring 25- and 50-year members and parlor past presidents.

Make reservations with Kevin Courtz at (415) 717-4018 / kcsbscourt@aol.com.

Next lunches are October 10 and 28, November 14 and December 12. Price is \$10 per person, with wine, beer and soft drinks available for purchase.

Reservations from Kevin Courtz as above.

Santa Rosa Parlor Has Monthly Dinners

Santa Rosa #28 welcomes Native Sons, families and friends to the parlor’s monthly dinners.

Held the second Wednesday of the month, dinner is typically \$15 and includes beer, wine, soda and water, although donations toward drinks are always appreciated. (or bring something to share and leave for next month).

Santa Rosa Hall is located at 3318 Stony Point Road south of Santa Rosa proper, just North of Todd Rd. Social is 6:30 p.m., dinner is served at 7.

No dinner in October.

November 11. Traditional Thanksgiving Buffet Dinner, open to members, family and friends, 5 p.m. Space is limited. Price is just \$15. Call Mark to Reserve 707-350-1116.

December 13 is the parlor’s annual Christmas Buffet and Raffle. Attendees are asked to bring a gift to be raffled off with proceeds going to Cleft Palate Charitable Foundation.

Carpooling is advised and reservations are a must! Call Mark at (707) 350-1116 by the Friday prior to dinner.

Parlor Meetings	
Amador #17	Calistoga #86
Argonaut #8	Chispa #139
Auburn #59	Col. Nelson M. Holderman #316
Benicia #89	Columbia #258
Byron #170	De Anza #312

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South Octobefest

South San Francisco #157 will celebrate Octobefest with a dinner at the Janet Pomeroy Center, 207 Skyline Drive, San Francisco, on Wednesday October 11.

Featured on the menu will be sausage, red cabbage, German potato salad and the trimmings.

Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. with dinner around 7. Cost is \$20 as usual and includes your beverages.

Call or text Matt Caselli 415-823-3615 no later than October 5 for reservations.

Don’t see your parlor events listed in *The Native Son*? That’s probably because you don’t send anything to us! We need copies of your newsletters. Please send them to Editor Fred Codoni at nsgwfpc@comcast.net.

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Deadline for
advertising and editorial submissions
for the December-January issue
of *The Native Son* is
November 15, 2023

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, both now 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 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 Jewish. 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.

OPINION

Grand Trustees Wanted

By BRICE WALKER, Grand Trustee, Observatory #177

So, are you thinking about elevating your status as a Native Son? Running for Grand Trustee might just be what you need to do. Each year at Grand Parlor, seven Grand Trustees are elected. Along with the other Grand Officers of our Order, the Grand Trustees make up the Board of Grand Officers that are tasked with managing the business side of the organization. Grand Trustees are members of the Visiting Board; you will be assigned to visit parlors and inspect their books and offer help and guidance where needed. This is an important touchpoint for the Order. It helps us make sure parlors are operating correctly and are in good order.

Trustees also give recommendations for what banks we use and who the authorized signers are year to year. We also verify that insurance policies are in place and have the appropriate amount of coverage. Grand Trustees can also be tasked for any ad hoc committees that might be formed and take part in any investigations as charged by the Grand President or Board of Grand Officers. The Howard Pare fund is another item that we keep an eye on, and we are also asked to make recommendations for other investment items. The Grand President also assigns Trustees to be liaison to multiple Grand Parlor Committees. A lot of interesting and fulfilling assignments that keep us busy throughout the year.

So, I hope you are now thinking about how you can join the ranks of Grand Trustees. First it is helpful to find a sponsor to help guide you through the process. This could be a Past Grand President or any other current or past Grand Officers. They will provide instruction and will be the person that stands up for you in Grand Parlor and gives your nomination speech. If you are thinking about taking the leap, it is helpful to attend Trustee and Grand Officer Board meetings which are held quarterly. This will give you a view of what we do and how we do it. You should also plan to attend events like dedications or initiations. Attending Discovery of Gold and 49er Days weekends are another way to introduce yourself and let people know you are serious about taking this next step. My advice is to show up and show out, make a statement, and get ready for a big adventure. Those of us already engaged will help out with training and mentorship to help you be successful. Hopefully I have inspired some new brothers to join us in leading our Great Order.

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Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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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.

CALENDAR



Brothers a thousand miles apart! Fairfax Parlor President Burt Winn, left, visited Brother Andy Saez who lives in Durango, Colorado. Andy, now 93, joined Fairfax Parlor in 1975 and was its president in 1981. Andy served as deputy district grand president and forgot to return his regalia—which he wears in this photo!

- October 4**, 6 p.m. Fairfax #307 Official Visit by Grand Marshal Chris Adams.
- October 9**, 7:30 p.m. Napa #62 Official Visit by Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio.
- October 11**, 6 p.m. Los Banos #206 Official Visit by Grand First Vice President Steve McLean.
- October 11**, 6/7 p.m. South SF #157 Octoberfest, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco.
- October 12**, 6 p.m. Piedmont #120 Official Visit by Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio.
- October 13-15**, Southern California Weekend hosted by Arrowhead #110, San Bernadino.
- October 15**, 9:30/10:15/10:45 a.m. Mass, Dedication, Brunch & Program, NSCF Donation, St. Johns Hospital, Santa Monica.
- October 18**, 6/7:30 p.m. Fairfax #307 Old Timers Night Dinner, Fairfax.
- October 22-29**, Grand President's Cruise, Port of San Francisco to Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Diego, Ensenada and return to San Francisco.
- October 24**, 7 p.m. Auburn #59 Official Visit by Grand Trustee Doug Love.
- October 24**, 6:30 p.m. Calistoga #86 Official Visit by Grand Trustee S. Padgett.
- October 25**, 5 p.m. Placerville #9 Official Visit by Grand Trustee Doug Love, Diamond Springs.
- October 26**, 5:30 p.m. St. Helena #53 Official Visit Grand Trustee Sean Padgett.
- November 1**, Solano #39 Venison Stew and Official Visit by Grand Trustee Ethan Philips, Fairfield.
- November 8**, South San Francisco #157 Veterans Dinner, Janet Pomeroy Center, San Francisco.
- November 9**, 7:30 p.m. Redwood #66 Official Visit by Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio, Redwood City.
- November 11**, Solano #39 Prawn Feed, Fairfield.
- December 14**, 6 p.m. Georgetown #91 Official Visit, by Grand Trustee Doug Love.



On September 8, Grand Officers of the Native Son rededicated the site near San Francisco's Lake Merced of the Broderick-Terry, reputed to be "the last noted American duel" on September 13, 1859. Broderick was killed. The Native Sons of the Golden West Historic Landmarks Committee placed the original plaque in 1917.



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
 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 -

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Monthly Mailer -

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

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



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Nancy Bishop

Excelsior #31

Michael Wagner

National #118

Norman Tinkman

Los Banos #206

Daniel Arambel

Fairfax #307

Peter Berkhout

Nicholas Cereghino

David Zischke

AUGUST

Dolores – California #1

Joel Blocksom

Excelsior #31

Kyle Judd

Redwood #66

Grayson Wolf

Larisa Wolf

Ramona #109

Norma Teran

Arrowhead #110

Edward “Steve” Negrete

Sonoma #111

Stanley Laughlin

Fairfax #307

Chris Wand

Kramer Herzog

DEATHS

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

JULY

Humboldt #14

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Eli Bogdanovich

Golden Gate #29

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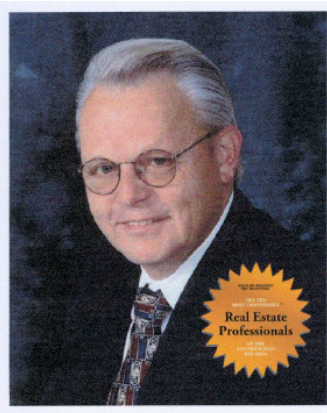
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HISTORICAL PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

By **CARL VON BARGEN**

The Historical Preservation Foundation continues to need your help to keep providing grants to fund historically significant education and restoration projects. All donations help to keep our Foundation operating. Any amount can assist the Historical Preservation Foundation to continue to support the mission of the Native Sons of the Golden West to preserve, protect, restore, and educate the world about California's incredible history and treasures.

So far this Grand Parlor Year the Historical Preservation Foundation has, through the generous support of our members, been able to provide grants to help relocate and re-erect the historical white



cross in Ferndale, provide a grant for the construction of an ADA restroom at the Willowsprings Schoolhouse outside of Sutter Creek/Ione area, and provide a grant to help with the restoration of the Fiddletown Schoolhouse roof. These are the things that keep the Native Sons of the Golden West in the public eye and keep us relevant and interesting to new potential members.

The Historical Preservation Foundation looks forward to discussing ideas for fundraising and worthy projects to showcase what Native Sons of the Golden West are all about. Please feel free to reach out to your local Director of the HPF, as listed below, if you have new ideas for fundraisers, or if you have a recommendation of a corporate or individual donor that you feel we should approach, or information about a project that you feel should be investigated and supported that will enhance California Historical Preservation and Education.

We look forward to working hard for each and every Native Son for the coming year. We appreciate the opportunity to assist the Native Sons of the Golden West to prosper and grow. Please look at the new Historical Preservation Foundation's roster and find your local Director to discuss how the HPF can help your Parlor with a future project. We always look forward to talking and working with the Brothers of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

By **BOB SANTOS**

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

When you make a donation to the NSGW Charitable Foundation in Memory of a family member, friend or loved one a 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 to copy and send your donation with instructions. We always send a card with name and donor and also send it in to *The Native Son*.

DONATIONS

In Honor of Cleft Palate

United Way Capital Region
 Sea Point Parlor #158

In Memory of Debbie Perry

Judy Harty
 Robert & Kathy Santos
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In Memory of Gloria Johnson

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In Memory of Tommy Kasimos

National Parlor #118

In Memory of Elizabeth Dunne Skewes-Cox

Tomas Cox

In Memory of Barbara Bouterious

Kathy Santos

How to Give

Giving to Cleft Palate can be done either directly or through a gift model that can provide tax benefits. Also, a gift can be given through your employer matching funds. Check with your tax consultant for different programs.

From Dr. Vargerik of UCSF "Every penny of your gift is used to provide team care for our needy patients, and we adhere to our promise of not turning any child away."

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.

Hospital Donations

At its last meeting the CF board has tentatively schedule hospital donations to St. John's in Santa Monica in October, UCSF in November and Sutter Health in December. Actual dates have not been set yet and donation schedule may change.

RETRO RAMBLINGS

By **DOUGLAS D. LOVE**

Grand Trustee, Napa Parlor #62

South of Gilroy, east of US-101, located near the mouth of San Juan Canyon on CA-156, lies the city of San Juan Bautista. Founded on June 24, 1797 with the establishment of Mission San Juan Bautista by Fermin Lasuen, the site for what would become California's fifteenth mission was chosen due its proximity to a large population of the indigenous Mutsun people. Soon after the mission's founding over 1,000 Mutsun were living, working, and worshipping at the mission. As with most of the missions, a Spanish settlement developed and the town of San Juan Bautista was born.

By 1803, the congregation had outgrown the original adobe church and construction began on the present mission which was completed in 1812. This construction and expansion made it the largest of the twenty one missions.

Mission San Juan Bautista remained an active church after secularization in 1835. In 1859, the mission buildings and fifty five acres of land were returned to the Catholic Church. Today, the mission remains an active parish church in the Diocese of Monterey.

Besides being an active house of worship for 226 years, the mission also was a location in Alfred Hitchcock's film "Vertigo", starring Jimmy Stewart and Kim Novak. It sits on the western edge of the last remaining intact Spanish plaza in California and on the northern edge of the plaza is a remaining section of the original El Camino Real which linked all of the missions in California.

Gift Shop and Museum

The mission has a gift shop and a museum which has displays of Indigenous, Spanish, Mexican, and American era artifacts including handwritten choir books by Padre Esteban Tapis using the system of colored notation he developed, and the Breen family bible. The Breens temporarily lived in a storeroom of the mission, which is now the gift shop, after surviving the ordeal of the Donner Party and before moving into, and eventually purchasing, an adobe from

General Jose Antonio Castro. The Breen family lived in the adobe until 1933 when it was donated to the state. It is now known as the Castro-Breen Adobe. It houses exhibits on the Breen family and life during the early American Era.

The Castro-Breen Adobe is but one of several buildings preserved or restored in the San Juan Bautista State Historic Park. Also included are the Plaza Hotel, the ground floor of which was originally constructed in 1792 as a barracks for indigenous converts and laborers. It became the barracks for Spanish soldiers in 1813. It was also a private residence and a commercial building before being remodeled into the current hotel in 1853 by Angelo Zanetta. It currently serves as the park entrance and museum. Several rooms are furnished as they would have been in the 1860s.

On the plaza is the Plaza Hall/Zanetta House, originally built in 1815 as a home for the unmarried indigenous girls of the mission. It was purchased, torn down and rebuilt as a home and community hall in 1868 by Angelo Zanetta. It has exhibits of period furnishings and early children's toys. Next to it is the Plaza Stable with exhibits of stages, wagons, and fire wagons. Behind the stable is the blacksmith's shop. Across the street are the original town jail and a restored settler's cabin.

Downtown San Juan Bautista

The downtown area of San Juan Bautista has been designated a National Historic District and the San Juan Historical Society, along with other organizations, has designated 49 buildings and sites on a historic walking tour. Many of the buildings date from the late 1700s through the 1920s and are still in use. Examples are the Anza Adobe, the Texas Masonic Lodge, the San Juan Bautista Cemetery and the Carl Luck Museum. Most of the historic buildings are clustered along Third Street, a block south from the mission.

During the Gold Rush, San Juan Bautista benefited from a boom as it was along the route from Los Angeles to San Francisco and

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San Juan Bautista

then to the gold fields. Notables like William T. Sherman visited the town. When the Southern Pacific railroad bypassed San Juan Bautista in favor of Hollister the town's fortunes declined. The building of the San Juan Pacific Railway and the San Juan Cement Company plant, beginning in 1906, revived the local economy. When the cement plant closed in 1973 due to increasingly tighter environmental regulations, the city turned to agriculture and tourism. San Juan Bautista calls itself "The City of History," not without some justification.

Getting There

From 414 Mason Street: Take US 101 South to Exit 345 to CA-156 East. Follow CA-156 East to The Alameda. Turn left onto The Alameda. Turn right onto Franklin St. Turn left onto 2nd St. The park entrance is in the Plaza Hotel on your left. The Mission is

on your right. The entrance fee for the park is \$3 per person. The Mission charges a \$10 entrance fee. (\$7 for Seniors over 60) It is a 1 hour and 40 minute, 94 mile, drive from 414 Mason Street.

San Juan Bautista SHP is open every day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Mission Gift Shop, Museum and Garden are open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Admission: Self-Guided Tour \$10 adults, \$7 seniors – 60 years and over, \$5 vets, under 5 years of age free/

Mission San Juan Bautista admission is separate from the State Park admission.

For the walking tour, please visit: <https://historicwalkingtrail.com/>.

Woodland Parlor and TILLYfest

Two World Champion cows will be celebrated at the second annual TILLYfest, November 4 in historic downtown Woodland's Heritage Plaza on Main Street. Both champions are purebred Registered Holsteins, the renowned black and white dairy breed developed over many centuries in Holland.

Both cows are famous for the same achievement: breaking the world record for lifetime milk production. The only difference is that they were born exactly 100 years apart! Tilly Alcartra in 1908 and Nor-Bert Colby Connie in 2008... and Connie is a direct descendant of Tilly!

The curious coincidence between the two cows emerged in May, 2023, based on information from the Holstein Association USA. This information revealed that Connie is Tilly's 22nd great-granddaughter! How was this discovered?

It began in 2021 with Dino Gay, a Woodland native and president of Woodland Parlor 30 who said "Our history group wanted to create a fun fall festival that celebrates the unique agricultural heritage of Yolo County."

Gay was looking for a theme for the festival as a fundraiser for a local history museum. He chanced upon Tilly Alcartra, Yolo County's world-famous Holstein cow of the early 20th century. After some research and networking, he discovered a historical novel called *Asa and the Holstein Queen* by Sacramento author and illustrator, Lynne Gough.

Gough's book details the history of Woodland's famed Tilly and her owner, Asa W. Morris, the author's great-grandfather. In January, 2022, Gay contacted Gough and after much hard work and collaboration the first annual TILLYfest was successfully held last November.

Soon after the collaboration began, Gay contacted the Holstein Association USA to research Tilly's descendants, and he received a chart tracing one lineage to Nor-Bert Farms in Indiana. The Holstein Association registers all purebred animals with their formal pedigreed names and their breeders. They also keep production records dating back well over a century.

Fast-forward to May, 2023, Daren Sheffield, Director of Holstein Performance Programs at Holstein Association USA, contacted Gay with some very interesting information. Nor-Bert Colby Connie of the same Nor-Bert Farms had just broken the world record for lifetime milk production with a staggering 486,300 lbs. Sheffield provided proof that Connie was Tilly's direct descendant.

Nor-Bert Farms is a third generation, family-owned operation located in Bremen, Indiana, which has a 145-cow milking herd of Holsteins, Brown Swiss, Ayrshires and a few Jerseys. Begun in 1945 by Norman and Bertha Krathwohl, the farm is still jointly owned by the family. Grandson, Jeremy Dankert, bred Connie and has had several super producers in his herd. In June, Gay and wife Katie visited Nor-Bert Farms and met Connie. It is exciting that Dankert will be attending TILLYfest 2023.

Tilly Alcartra and Asa Morris were world famous in the early 20th century. For her exceptional production, Tilly was crowned, "Queen of Holsteins" by the American Dairy Industry. Asa also collaborated with the early Davis University Farm (now U.C. Davis) which certified all of Tilly's production records.

In 1919, Asa took Tilly on tour as an ambassador for her breed. She always rode with him in a parlor train car, and was the highlight of many parades. As a guest of honor, she was stabled in the lobby of the lavish Palace Hotel in San Francisco! Tilly Alcartra's fame put Yolo County on the world map. And now the crown is passed to her descendant Connie, the newest Milk Queen. Long may she reign!

TILLYfest will be held on Saturday, November 4 at Heritage Plaza in front of the 1896 Opera House. It is free to the public with the exception of Gough's historical breakfast presentation for which reservations are currently available at TILLYfest.org. There will be many vendors on the plaza, food and refreshments, a silent auction and a celebration of Americana roots music. Nine blue grass, country-western and folk bands will be performing in various venues throughout historic downtown Woodland.

100 HUNDRED YEARS AGO**Native Sons to Publish Serra History
Stockton Independent 5-22-1923**

SANTA BARBARA. May 21. — The first history of California, written by Father Junipero Serra, founder of the California missions, will be published for the first time in the English language this year, through the effort of the Native Sons history fellowship at the University of California, Professor Herbert E. Bolton told the members of the 46th grand parlor here this afternoon. The work will consist of four volumes and is now being translated. The afternoon session of the grand parlor was devoted to reports and memorial exercises. Recess was taken until Wednesday to enjoy a day of recreation tomorrow.

JULY CALENDAR WINNERS

AUGUST CALENDAR WIN-

\$75	Kelly Dean	Oceanside	1-Jul-23
\$20	Mark Westwood	Yucaipa	2-Jul-23
\$20	Dan Eraldi	Sonoma	3-Jul-23
\$20	Judi Thacker	San Miguel	4-Jul-23
\$20	Rebecca Jewett	Hayward	5-Jul-23
\$20	Arrowhead #110	San Bernadino	6-Jul-23
\$20	Mason Hunt	Santa Rosa	7-Jul-23
\$75	Joe Claro	Rosemead	8-Jul-23
\$20	Steve Soto	Cambria	9-Jul-23
\$20	Otto Kramm	Speckels	10-Jul-23
\$20	James Wuschel	Placerville	11-Jul-23
\$20	Gary Arosio	Jackson	12-Jul-23
\$20	Julie Shellcross	Rocklin	13-Jul-23
\$20	Wayne Warden	Carmichael	14-Jul-23
\$75	Judy Harty	Ione	15-Jul-23
\$20	Mary Linda Daddona	Walnut	16-Jul-23
\$20	Daniela Shelton	Briggs	17-Jul-23
\$20	Chales Vella	San Francisco	18-Jul-23
\$20	Joe Claro	Rosemead	19-Jul-23
\$20	Kristi Connolly	Belmont	20-Jul-23
\$20	Gabriella Salcido	Pleasant View	21-Jul-23
\$75	JoAnn Alonzo	Pacifica	22-Jul-23
\$20	Margarida DaSilva	Novato	23-Jul-23
\$20	Ron Billington	Sacramento	24-Jul-23
\$20	Martin Howard	Auburn	25-Jul-23
\$20	Eric Bristol	San Luis Obispo	26-Jul-23
\$20	Debby Rodriguez	Pleasanton	27-Jul-23
\$20	Mike Gustafson	Rocklin	28-Jul-23
\$75	Thomas Kyne	San Anselmo	29-Jul-23
\$20	Alan & Alisha Stanly	San Bernadino	30-Jul-23
\$150	Don McBride	San Leandro	31-Jul-23

\$20	Ben Courtz	San Rafael	1-Aug-23
\$20	Mike Menzel	Pleasanton	2-Aug-23
\$20	Jeanne Menzel	Pleasanton	3-Aug-23
\$20	Jon Ingraham	East Carrison	4-Aug-23
\$75	Robert Arhontes	Castro Valley	5-Aug-23
\$20	Keith Bickley	Stockton	6-Aug-23
\$20	Margarida DaSilva	Novato	7-Aug-23
\$20	Art Duysings	Riverside	8-Aug-23
\$20	Jim Millett	Burlingame	9-Aug-23
\$20	Kevin Bruce	Atascadero	10-Aug-23
\$20	Bruce Ross	Murphys	11-Aug-23
\$75	Michele Lynce	San Bruno	12-Aug-23
\$20	Brian Monske	Napa	13-Aug-23
\$20	Ron Galvan	San Leandro	14-Aug-23
\$20	Dan Ryan	San Leandro	15-Aug-23
\$20	NSGW #62	Napa	16-Aug-23
\$20	Patrick Schork	Berkeley	17-Aug-23
\$20	Timothy Wilson	Carlotta	18-Aug-23
\$75	Vernon Parcell	Brentwood	19-Aug-23
\$20	Bill Pickering	Sacramento	20-Aug-23
\$20	Garry Devlin	Rialto	21-Aug-23
\$20	Harry & Elizabeth Wellman	San Jose	22-Aug-23
\$20	Kathy Faley	Napa	23-Aug-23
\$20	Susan Faessel	Anaheim	24-Aug-23
\$20	Shannon Hoffman	Stevenson Ranch	25-Aug-23
\$75	Kaylee Wehrman	Pleasanton	26-Aug-23
\$20	Barbara Banks	Petaluma	27-Aug-23
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Monthly Calendar of Native Sons Parlor Meetings

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

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Downville #92 - On Call Presidio #194 - No Meetings

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