



# THE NATIVE SON

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## Native Sons Grand Officers for 2024-2025.

Front row, from left: Grand Secretary Thomas Perazzo, Grand 3rd Vice President Brice Walker, Grand 1st Vice President Gary Padgett, Grand President Steve McLean; Jr. Past Grand President George Adams, Grand 2nd Vice President Kris Nelson, Grand Treasurer Tim Tullius.

Middle row, from left: Grand Trustees Steve Reinert, Burt Winn, Marcia Skelton, Doug Love, Dennis Valerio, Larry Schork and Tim Prince.

Top Row, from left Grand Inside Sentinel Sean Padgett, Grand Marshal Tommy Baggett, Grand Outside Sentinel (Dave Schaefer not present because of illness, Mitch Laing is standing in for him).

### Disposition of Resolutions

There were 31 resolutions considered by the 147th Grand Parlor. Most dealt with cosmetic changes in the Grand Parlor and Subordinate Constitutions and were passed.

The other resolutions were as follows:

Resolution 147-01, Grand Parlor Meeting Fund. Added new Section 5 defining uses of an Annual Session Fund financed by registration fees. Passed.

Resolution 147-31, Student Per Capita Exemption. Allowed certain students exemption from per capita tax. Defeated.

Resolution 147-30, Membership. Opened eligibility for membership to all citizens of the United States who reside in California with the same rights and privileges as previously accorded to members born in the State of California, except such non-native members are not permitted to hold Grand Parlor office until after ten years in the Order. Passed. Story on page 3, full text on page 13.



## Another Milepost in Our History!

On June 5, PGP Fred Codoni administered the Native Sons Oath to six candidates, including two who were born outside the Golden State.

From left: Parlor President Matt Marcucci, Don Cronk (born in Wisconsin), native-born Kyle Lee and Jim Guthrie, Sam Granat (born in New York) native-born Brett Nelson and Mark Biggins.

Unless another parlor has obligated non-natives prior to June 5, Cronk and Granat will be the first to enter our Order.

### Comments from PGP Fred Codoni

It was indeed a high honor to be able to help our Order by obligating not only six new members for Fairfax Parlor, but possibly the first non-natives to enter the Native Sons.

This isn't the first time I have been honored. As grand president in 1985, I journeyed to Santa Lucia Parlor in Salinas and obligated the first women to enter the Native Sons, the late Gladys Keema.

Opening our ranks to everyone has been a long time coming. The subject was debated by countless prior Grand Parlors, finally being accepted by the delegates at the recent 147th Grand Parlor.

Some delegates opposed admitting non-natives, but most saw the pressing need to strengthen our ranks in any way we could.

Many who are now eligible has been part of the Native Sons as "outsiders." Take Don Cronk from Washington, obligated June 5. He has been helping at Fairfax Parlor's lunches and dinners for several years. Now Don is officially one of us—and proud of it!

### Now It's Your Turn!

Delegates to the 147th Grand Parlor changed our Constitution to allow non-native membership.

Now you, our members, have to spread the word and sign up everyone you believe would be a good member.

We've had problems in the past with "exclusiveness." Now no one can accuse the Native Sons of that! Everyone is allowed to join—natives, non-natives, women, all races.

Now we can enhance our membership by including all those who love California and contribute new life to our numbers.

But we have to go and get them!

The per capita tax  
resulting from the 2024-2025 budget approved by the  
delegates to the 147th Grand Parlor  
has been set at \$59.82.

## 147th GRAND PARLOR

### OPEN TO ALL!

For the first time in the 148-year history of the Native Sons of the Golden West, membership will be open to every United States citizen 18 and older who lives in California, regardless of place of birth.

Delegates to the 147th Grand Parlor in Rohnert Park voted to remove the requirement for California birth in order to strengthen our Order and once and for all set aside any argument that we can be described as “exclusive.” Non-native applicants will be accorded the same privileges as our native applicants, except non-natives will not be eligible for Grand Parlor office until they have been members for ten years.

Allowing non-natives members has been pro-

posed—and defeated—for decades of Grand Parlors. Now, with membership slightly more than 5,000 and the per capita tax rising as membership declines, the 2024 delegates realized that drastic measures were necessary if the Native Sons are to survive, that this may be our final try to increase membership to sustainable levels.

During the coming year, Grand Parlor will closely watch to see if non-natives become members. PGP Fred Codoni, major proponent of Resolution #30 which allows non-natives to enter, said the only way this major change in eligibility will work is if the delegates and members actively recruit every prospective member.



*PGP Dave Allen presents gavel to incoming Grand President Steve McLean at the conclusion of installation ceremonies at the 147th Grand Parlor. From left: Grand 2VP Kris Nelson, McLean, Allen, Grand 3VP Brice Walker, PGP Jeff Schmidt.*

# 147th GRAND PARLOR



Among those enjoying the Sunday reception were Grand Trustee Doug Love and Eden #113's Marv Rodriguez.



Registration for Grand Parlor was changed for 2024, somewhat slowing the process as checking in at two stations was required in order to receive badge with a bar code. For the first time in many years, there were lines to check in.



Incoming Grand President Steve McLean and wife Karen chat with Fairfax Parlor members and wives at the reception.

Below: Board of Grand Trustees seated and ready to participate in the 147th Grand Parlor.



## GRAND PRESIDENT

Like every Grand President before me, following Grand Parlor your feelings and energy are feeling the crunch. But the adrenaline starts following quickly. I'm very excited to start my journey and wish to thank everyone for supporting and helping me along the way!

I left Jackson bright and early Memorial Day for Golden Gate Park in San Francisco for my first event honoring WWI and WWII Gold Star Brothers at the Dough-Boy Monument. SDDGP Brother Bob Teal did a great job running the event. PGP James King helped organize in absentia. I was able to say a few words and help lay a wreath at the monument along with Kathy Kelly-Brietler, State President NDGW PPA. PGP Paul Lapachet, PGP Ron Bronco, PGP Dean Zellers and Grand 1st VP Gary Padgett read the Roll Call of the Gold Star Brothers. Grand 3rd VP Brice Walker provided the closing prayer.

A statement at the Memorial really moved me. "You shall pass through this world but once, any good thing therefore that you can do, or any kindness that you can show to any human being, do it now. Do not defer or neglect it, for you shall not pass this way again."

One year is not very long and goes fast, so I've been told by all past Grands. That's why I plan to emphasize my energies towards tangible projects such as our museum in Columbia. We're already making plans to organize meet and greets with the Director of Parks & Recreation and various key legislators. Speaking about the Capitol, I hope to increase our presence in these areas. I hope to find a date and secure a meeting room for a BOGO meeting under the Dome and/or a Legislative Day where we make appointments with our Senate and Assembly Representatives to talk about all the good things we do.

This past year the Board of Grand Officers hired the firm "Reputation Defense Network." Chairman Marcia Skelton, along with GS Thomas Perazzo, PGP Duane Gavin, PGP James King, PGP Dave Allen and GIS Sean Pagett along with our Information Services Committee spearheaded this idea. We are already seeing the positive results. This will add to our credibility and sustainability. These efforts help change the hearts and minds of the public opinion of our organization.

I hope to visit as many parlors as possible as I juggle schedules between being Grand President and "DA MAYOR" (Thank You for the pin Worthy Grand 2nd VP Nelson).

### THE NATIVE SON Fred Codoni, Managing Editor

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## GRAND PARLOR

### Please Stay and Help!

We've heard from a few Native Sons that they will drop out of our Order since it is now open to everyone and their "special status" as native-born California now means nothing.

Don't leave! We need you now more than ever to recruit both people born in California and outside our state. We're sure every Native Son knows some non-native who would love to be a member of the Order—we have to get them in to build our membership and reduce our per capita tax.

We know of one instance where a well-known TV personality has wanted to join the Native Sons for years—and now he can! What a great boon his membership would be!

There are many others who are now eligible to join who will be real assets to their parlors—all we need do is ask them!

If you love the Native Sons of the Golden West, don't leave your parlor—take this golden opportunity to increase our membership and strengthen our order!

### Finally! Welcome to Everyone!

By MARK WESTWOOD, President, Arrowhead #110

At our recent Grand Parlor in May 2024, the Native Sons of the Golden West passed Resolution No. 147-30, to allow non-born Californians to join our ranks no matter where their umbilical cord was cut. Yes, that's right, the Native Sons of the Golden West are embarking on a new era where birth is no longer a barrier to membership in the Native Sons of the Golden West.

Now we can grow, expand and strengthen our brotherhood no matter what state you were born in. We can all come together in FLC and sing "I Love You California" and pledge loyalty for this, the greatest state, and the Golden State of California.

We are now "The Native Sons of the Golden West, Arrowhead Parlor 110, California Community!"

Our parlor membership is already slated to grow by a half dozen proposed new members ready to join us. They've raised their families, and served and nurtured our great state. Some of these new members have lived longer in California than those of us who were born in California. Thank you to our brothers at Grand Parlor for their fortitude to recognize it's not about being born in California, but about the California Soul in our hearts. California Spirit!

We can take heed now that the Native Sons and our rich history will have a sure chance to survive and be known among the 40 million potential new members and residents who are already here.

Gold Strike Native Members who struck gold by being born on California soil, or those who love California, can now adopt and pledge their love to our great state as members.

Friends, patriots, children and our spouses, including our life's partners who have long awaited at our meeting doors but were not born in California no longer have to be excluded. This makes sense since most have demonstrated their loyalty by already participating in everything but our meetings. The Native Sons are now inclusive and we will be stronger for it.

As I reflect on some of our possible incoming members, I am excited. These new members include military and law enforcement officers, teachers, a priest, students, businesses, retired, able and experienced people who will bring a vast amount of talent, capacity resources, support and dues to our loyal band. Welcome!

Adeline S. Biggins of Manor School in Fairfax won first prize in the Grand Parlor Essay Contest for fourth grade students. While her subject was the a common one—the California Gold Rush—her treatment was different and attracted the interest of the judges. Brother Bill Addy of Fairfax Parlor was the local chairman of the contest. Here's her essay.

#### The California Gold Rush

Gold in California!!! You can't walk down the street without kicking a gold nugget! Or so one flier said. In reality you have to labor away at the mines or pan the creeks for gold. Some people did strike it rich, but for most people the gold rush was a difficult time.

On January 24, 1848, James W. Marshall found gold at Sutter's mill. John Sutter, his boss, told James to keep the discovery a secret. So did the secret stay in Sutter's Mill? No, no it did not. The tale of gold in California quickly spread to the far corners of the world.

Most people who came to California in search of gold had a comfortable life on the East Coast, where there were paved roads, organized cities, and large homes. In California they had none of those luxuries. People mainly had to live in tents and the food was never fresh.

The people who made the real money in the gold rush sold supplies and services to the miners. For example, Levi Strauss sold sturdy pants to miners and two partners named Henry Wells and William Fargo created a bank for the miners' gold. Levi Strauss & Co and Wells Fargo were really successful businesses during the California gold rush and still are today.

The California gold rush changed the lives of many people of European descent but it also impacted the indigenous people who relied on the land. The Nisenan Maidu for example lived near the American river which happened to be the same river where gold was found in Sutter's Mill. Many native peoples died from foreign disease and starvation and others were forced to leave their sacred land.

The gold rush was exciting for some people and sad for others. But to this day it remains one of the most important events in California history.



Fairfax Parlor President Matt Marcucci presents award to Adeline Biggins of Manor School in Fairfax, winner of the State Essay Contest. Chairman Bill Addy is at center; Judge Pat McEntee is at left.



Past Grand President Dave Allen congratulates Grand President George Adams as he enters the Grand Banquet with his wife Lisa.



Horseshoe tournament was a feature of the Annual Picnic at Santa Rosa's Crane Melon Farm. Brother Dave Franzoia of Fairfax Parlor was chairman.



Tom Teixeira pauses while barbecuing oysters at the Annual Picnic. Right center is Fred Schwab tending the barbecue. Both are members of Fairfax #307. Main course at the picnic was barbecued chicken and roasted hog, the latter weighing 300 lbs. and hunted by Grand President George Adams.

## PARLOR EVENTS

### Napa Dinner Schedule

Napa #62 is holding a dinner on the third-Monday of each month at its hall at 937 Coombs Street in Napa. Cocktails are at 6, with dinner at 7. Price is \$15 per person. Here's the schedule"

June 17 - Shrimp

July 20 - Spaghetti

August 17 - Stew and Polenta

September 21 - Schnitzel

October 19 - Oktoberfest

November 18 - Chicken Broccoli Casserole

December 16 - Turkey

RSVP to (707) 224-3213

### Eat at Observatory

Observatory No. 177 has scheduled the following event at the American Legion Hall in Willow Glen, 1504 Minnesota Avenue, San Jose. The bar opens at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30. For information, contact Brice Walker at [walk\\_man@yahoo.com](mailto:walk_man@yahoo.com), (408) 623-1014.

June 19 - Pulled Pork Dinner

### Solano Swine Dine

Solano #39's Annual Swine Dine will be held at the Peterson Ranch in Gordon Valley on Saturday, June 22. Price is \$32 per person. Tickets are available by calling or texting Mike Dillman at (707) 974-7442.



### Silver Star Awards Scholarships

Many of Silver Star #63's members are proud alumni of Lincoln High School's "Zebras," so it's fitting that the parlor awards scholarships to students at the school.

Oksana, Meghan, and Reagan each were awarded a 2024 Native Sons of the Golden West Silver Star Parlor (Lincoln) scholarship. Katelyn was awarded the 2024 Larry Holian Memorial Scholarship by the parlor—Larry was a 50+ year member of the NSGW, and a special member of the parlor.

Silver Star President Tom Jones presented the scholarships.

### Celebrate State's 174th Birthday!

The Native Sons and Daughters invite everyone to celebrate California's 174th birthday at a program and luncheon at the Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco, on Friday, September 6. Free parking is available.

Social hour is at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:15 p.m. Luncheon entree choices are Prime Rib au Jus, Salmon with Champagne Sauce or Vegetarian Pasta. Price has not been determined.

Honorary Co-Chairs are NDGW Grand President Darleen Carpenter and NSGW Grand President Steve McLean.

All proceeds will benefit the NSGW Historical Preservation Foundation to assist with markings and dedications across the State and the NDGW home to assist with the upkeep of the magnificent Julia Morgan-designed historic home.

Information from Suzi Riley (650) 465-5691.

### Redwood BBQ Schedule

Redwood #66 will be holding a barbecue at its Bear Lodge on the third Saturday of each month through October. The bar will open at 4:30 p.m., with dinner served at 5:30.

RSVP to Paul Guardaldi at (650) 888-0022, [Nsgw66@gmail.com](mailto:Nsgw66@gmail.com). Price is \$20 per person. The schedule:

June 15: Spaghetti Western Italian dinner.

July 20: 1/2 BBQ'd chicken with ranch beans, salad, bread rolls and apple crisp desert.

August 17: Tri-tip with mashed potatoes, vegetables, bread rolls and desert.

September 21: New York Steak.

October 19: Oktoberfest Bavarian Cuisine with sausages, sauerkraut, etc."

### Silver Star and Horseshoes

The 11th Annual John Hofman Memorial Horseshoe Tournament will be held on July 4, 2024, at Lincoln's McBean Park horseshoe pits. New this year there will be two divisions: Hot Shots (comp team members) and Novices (non-comp team members). First place in both divisions will receive a cash prize and trophies, and second place will receive trophies.

Jeff Williams and the McBean/Lincoln Horseshoe Pitching Club are presenting the tournament on behalf of Silver Star Parlor #63. Members of the parlor "are immensely appreciative of them stepping in to manage the annual 4th of July tournament, and that a portion of the entry fees will be donated to the parlor for the scholarship fund and the Lincoln 4th of July Fireworks Fund."

Pre-entry is strongly encouraged as a limited number of teams will be allowed. If you have any questions, or to pre-register, please contact Jeff Williams at 530-786-1646 or [RingerJeff@outlook.com](mailto:RingerJeff@outlook.com).

Sierra Hills Framing of Lincoln underwrote the trophies.



## HPF Awareness Month – February 2025

The HPF board of directors are asking all Parlors of the Native Sons for just a little bit extra in the month of February. We want to point out that you can donate at any time you choose, not just in February or at Grand Parlor. Please keep our HPF mission in mind all year long!

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

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Thank you!



**MARCH**  
**Modesto #11**  
 Duane Nelson  
**Humboldt #14**  
 John "Jack" Nash  
 Robert Figas  
 Nathan LaCount  
**San Jose #22**  
 Maryrose Bonetti  
**Solano #39**  
 Chad Cravea  
 Kevin McCay  
**Redwood #66**  
 Richard Busalacch  
**Santa Cruz #90**  
 Peter Melrose  
 Lawrence Tartaglino  
 Gregory Walters  
 David Buckalew  
 George Pepper  
 Paul Basanese  
 Ronald Cox  
 David Ponza  
 William Bruce  
**Ferndale #93**  
 Steven "Shane" Finch  
 Mark Hill  
 Roberto Calderon  
**Gabilan #132**  
 Tom Burris Jr.  
**Chispa #139**  
 Jonathan Davis  
 Steve Gorman  
 Gary Hambly  
 Gary Muto  
 Glen Davis  
**Los Banos #206**  
 Gary Ramos  
 Modesto #11  
**APRIL**  
**Los Angeles #45**  
 Celeste Calibrisi  
**Halcyon - Alameda #47**  
 John DeRespini  
**Napa #62**  
 Michael Baber  
 Jacob Bowman  
 David Masters  
 Jim Muschetti  
 Adrian Sahim  
 Las Positas #96  
 Quinton Beffa  
 Austin Jeffers  
 Joey Phillips  
**Chispa #139**  
 Mitchell Christiansen  
 David Hatfield  
**Ramona #109**  
 Carina Rivera  
**Los Banos #206**  
 Dennis Areias  
**Twin Peaks #214**  
 Garry Salinas

Paul Rea  
 Mike Regalia  
**Pebble Beach #230**  
 Carren Dixon  
 Sean Santana  
 Mike McDermott  
**Fairfax #307**  
 Mark English  
**May 2024**  
**Redwood #66**  
 Jason Lawrence  
 Scott Somersett  
**Calistoga #86**  
 Frances Ann Tedeschi  
**Arrowhead #110**  
 Robert Porter  
 Jovanna Rodriguez  
 J. Miford Harrison  
**National #118**  
 Thomas Enberg  
 Thomas Fernandez  
 Duane Stalley  
 Thomas Sullivan  
**Chispa #139**  
 James Connell  
**Pebble Beach #230**  
 Paul Fajnor

## DEATHS

**MARCH**  
**Modesto #11**  
 Julius Manrique  
 Jackie Brown  
 Wesley Hall  
**Solano #39**  
 Richard Scholl  
**Los Angeles #45**  
 Leonard "Bud" Utter  
**Napa #62**  
 Kenneth Beadleston  
 Oliver Sheridan  
**Vallejo #77**  
 John Moore  
**Calistoga #86**  
 Ronald Mashburn  
**Ramona #109**  
 Steven Woods  
 Edith Thatcher  
**Konocti #159**  
 Gilbert Amaya  
**San Luis Obispo #290**  
 Ercole Brughelli  
 John Thompson  
**John C. Fremont #293**  
 Mickey Cardoza  
**Fairfax #307**  
 Gordon Hedemark  
 Jim Ringseis  
 Allen Bernes

**APRIL**  
**Humboldt #14**  
 Donald Cloney  
**Excelsior #31**  
 John "Jack" Quinn  
**Solano #39**  
 James Jagers  
 Kirk Sheldon  
**Redwood #66**  
 Raymond Gilson  
 Alexander Schwed  
**Benicia #89**  
 Carl Lunsted  
**Santa Cruz #90**  
 Howard Tsuchiya  
**Las Positas #96**  
 Stanley Kueffer  
**Arrowhead #110**  
 Vincent Medina

**South San Francisco #157**  
 William Segale  
**Columbia #258**  
 Deuk Perrin  
**John C. Fremont #293**  
 Walter Rebello  
 John M. Gandy

**MAY**  
**Vallejo #77**  
 Charles Gianola  
 Dennis Clemente  
**Las Positas #96**  
 Mathew Bayer  
 Gary Lowe  
**Chispa #139**  
 Eric Mackintosh

## Cruise With George Adams

Now that he's finished with his duties as Grand President, Brother George Adams is inviting all Native Sons, families and guests to join him on a 16-day cruise on the Norwegian Joy, leaving from Los Angeles, through the Panama Canal, to Miami. The cruise celebrates George and Lisa Adams' forty years of marriage.

For information, contact Group Specialist Patrice Wiggan. Direct phone (954) 618-5921. Group code A2760464.

## South Celebrates Italy

South San Francisco #157 will celebrate the anniversary of Italy's Independence (when it voted to go from a monarchy to a republic) with a dinner at the Janet Pomeroy Center at 207 Skyline Blvd. on Wednesday, June 26.

The LA FIESTA DE LA REPUBLICA ITALIANO ITALIAN DINNER menu will include Chicken Cacciatore, polenta, mixed Italian vegetables with garlic and butter, salad with tomatoes, red onions, Garbanzo beans, cucumbers, croutons in Italian dressing, bread and butter.

Dinner and all liquid libations are included for \$20 per person, payable at the door.

Reservations required; call or text John Sangiacomo at (925)-785-1674.

## 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 at its hall at 3318 Stony Point Road. 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).

### Membership Applications Need Changes

Allowing non-natives to enter our Order will require changing our membership applications. If you have the current version, there are only two items referring to California birth that need correction. Simply line through those two and you can use the applications until you receive the latest version.

## PARLOR EVENTS



*With Napa Parlor's magnificent stained glass seal as a background, a grand officer team led by PGP Ron Brocco initiated eleven candidates April 22. New members were from Napa #62, Calistoga #86 and Sonoma #111.  
Photo by Dick Kuykendahl.*

### Horseshoe Tourney at Las Positas

Las Positas #96 will hold its 31st Annual Horseshoe Tournament at Robertson Park Horseshoe Pits next to the Rodeo Grounds at 3000 Robertson Park Road, Livermore on Saturday, June 22.

This is a double-elimination, singles and doubles event. Practice and signups are from 8 to 9 a.m. Singles event starts at 9 a.m. sharp. Registration fee is \$20 per event. Horseshoes will be provided. Trophies will be awarded for the top two finishers.

The lawn adjacent to the pits is available for families and friends to enjoy. Linguica sandwiches with chips are \$10.

There'll be a raffle during the break between events. Donations of raffle prizes are appreciated.

The tournament is open to all Native Sons and their guests. Robert Jeffers (925) 382-7914 / [robert@jdgeneral.com](mailto:robert@jdgeneral.com) or James Burness (209) 601-0630 have further information.

### Sonoma Flag Ceremony and Barbecue in the Plaza June 15

In connection with the annual flag raising ceremony at Sonoma's Bear Flag Monument, Sonoma #111 will hold its 63rd Annual Chicken Barbecue in historic Sonoma Plaza on Saturday, June 15.

Live music will be provided by the Rich Little Band. Beer for the event is sponsored by Lagunitas Brewing Company. All proceeds from the event stay in the Sonoma Valley.

The flag raising ceremony is at 11 a.m. Barbecued chicken and hot dog meal will be served from noon to 4 p.m. Price is \$20 per person. Music and dancing begins at noon.

Information is available from Dean Zellers, (707) 996-5282.

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 indicate who you would 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*.

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Joe & Linda Neitzel

**In Memory of Leonard Utter**

Joe & Linda Neitzel

**In Memory of Robert Lockfeer**

Joe & Linda Neitzel

**In Memory of William " Bill " Segale**

**Grand Parlor Cleft Palate March Report**

The doctors and nurses from UCSF, Sutter Health and St. John's Medical Center made excellent presentations on one-stop care that is available at their hospitals. Video and slide presentations were used to explain the new technology and use of the one-stop process care to cleft palate patients. Each hos-

with a cleft palate or craniofacial birth defect. The doctors and nurses are very appreciative of the continued support from the Native Sons of the Golden West for over these past 70 years.

The March was run by Paul Lapachet, PGP CF Chairman with Jim Wilmarth and Robert Santos CF Directors. At the table counting checks were Tom Perazzo GS and Fred Codoni PGP.

Preliminary count this year shows a gain of almost \$20,000 from last year. Thank you

Our preliminary count at this time because all donations are not in yet:

Parlors.....	\$70,614
Others.....	\$3,846
Memorial.....	\$18,800
Pledges.....	-\$1,049
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$94,309</b>

With many donations not in yet we are really hoping to reach over \$100,000 for the March. A donation now will provide immediate increased support for children with a cleft. Your parlor or personal donation will be counted in the March and posted in proceedings of Grand Parlor and our website.

Dr. Vargerik of UCSF states "every penny of your gift is used to provide team care for the needy patients and adhere to our promise of not turning any child away."

If you missed the March and wish to make a donation please contact Director Robert Santos at [rsantos@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rsantos@sbcglobal.net) and forms will be e-mailed out. Any donation is most welcomed and appreciated.

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. We are a separate nonprofit corporation and fully accredited 501(c)(3) charitable organization. As such all donations are fully-tax-deductible.

The Board of Directors wishes to thank you very much for your support and generosity



*At the Annual Picnic at the Crane Melon Barn near Santa Rosa, Past Grand President Paul Lapachet isn't paying attention to the spirited conversation to his left.*



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## HPF Historic Travel Contest 2024-2025

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 on this flyer 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 4/30/2025 to submit your photo to Brice Walker at [valk\\_man@yahoo.com](mailto: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!!!!



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### 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



**CORRECTION**

We're reprinting these photos from the April-May issue because we mixed up the names on the story of Piedmont Parlor's efforts to restore a monument to World War I veterans. At top, Piedmont's Paul Berlin.

The picture below is Paul with Father Jayson and others. In the last sentence in the original description of the event, Gary Foppiano was not present that day.



*Estudillo #223 celebrated its 121st anniversary with a dinner on April 24. Honored that night were the parlor's fifty-year members. Photo shows (left to right) Grand President George Adams, John Gonsalves, Russ Drake, Dale Phillips and Grand Second Vice President Gary Padgett.*

**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. Reservations are not required for Tuesday lunches.

June 11 and 25 - Lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30. Beer, wine and soft drinks available. Lunch is \$10.

June 19 - Dinner, 7:30. Bar opens at 6. Reservations requested from Kevin Courtz [kcsbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcsbscourt@aol.com) (415) 717-4018.

July 9 and 23. Lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30. Beer, wine and soft drinks available. Lunch is \$10.

July 17 - Dinner, 7:30. Bar opens at 6. Reservations requested from Kevin Courtz [kcsbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcsbscourt@aol.com) (415) 717-4018.

August 13 and 27. Lunch. Bar opens at 11:30, lunch at 12:30. Beer, wine and soft drinks available. Lunch is \$10.

August 17 - Dinner, 7:30. Bar opens at 6. Reservations requested from Kevin Courtz [kcsbscourt@aol.com](mailto:kcsbscourt@aol.com) (415) 717-4018.

**SoCal Weekend in October**

Ramona Parlor #109 is sponsoring the Annual Southern California Weekend October 4-6, which includes our annual brunch and donation to the Cleft Palate Clinic at Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica. Further information will be in future issues of *The Native Son* and can also be found by contacting Ramona's Recording Secretary Teresa Diaz; call or text (626) 483-1764 / [tdiaz52@aol.com](mailto:tdiaz52@aol.com).

**Petalma-Nicasio Feeds**

Dinners are at Hermann Sons Hall, 860 Western Avenue, Petaluma on second Wednesdays. Reservations from Kris Nelson, (707) 332-2376 / [krisnelson183@gmail.com](mailto:krisnelson183@gmail.com).

June 12 - Meeting and Chili Dog Summer Slam.

July 10 - Meeting and Old Time Recipe Pasta Dinner.

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By KAREN VON BARGEN

The Native Sons of the Golden West California Adventure Club has a variety of outings planned for this year leading into next. If you have interest in attending or are seeking more details please RSVP to me, Karen von Borgen, at [thedollysmama@yahoo.com](mailto:thedollysmama@yahoo.com) or text at (530) 403-0360. If you mentioned interest at Grand Parlor please RSVP as I may have forgotten in the whirl of events. I am always looking for suggestions for activities, particularly in the southern part of California. Here is what we have so far:

**June 6-11** - Camping at Golden Serenity, NSGW Mining Claim, Calaveras Big Trees, Arnold, California. Free.

**July 17-24** - Usal Beach north of Fort Bragg. Free.

**August 2-11** - Lott's Lake work week near Philbrook Reservoir, Butte County. Free.

**September 21-26** - Butte Lake group campsite, Lassen National Park. The number of vehicles in this site is limited. You must pay park admission fee; camping is free.

**October** - Governor's Ball (Civil War-era dress) and private tour of the Comstock Foundation's mining museum and stamp mill, Virginia City, NV. Dates to be determined. Purchase your own Ball tickets at \$40 each.

**November 8** - Megladon fossil hunting at Ernst Quarry/Sharktooth Hill near Bakersfield, \$10.

**December 8** - Victorian Christmas, Nevada City, noon. Optional dinner at Friar Tucks Restaurant. RSVP required to participate in dinner.

**January 5-21** - Jr. PGP George Adams Panama Canal cruise. Details from Brother George at (707) 481-4295.

**February 14-22** - Ensenada and the Mexican Napa Valley, Bajar Golf Resort north of Ensenada. Lodging approximately \$110 per night. Costs vary according to what you choose to do. Karen has extensive experience traveling in Mexico. Passport or passport card required.

**March** - Charitable Foundation/Historical Preservation Foundation joint event, Stockton Thunder ice hockey game, date to be determined.

**April 18-24** - Lava Tubes National Park, Indian Wells campground, site fee \$10 per campsite per day.



## Powder Shoot was June 1

By KAREN VON BARGEN

A full contingent enjoyed the annual Georgetown black powder shoot on Saturday, June 1. The weather cooperated by being warm and comfortable. As shooting finished for the morning a fine barbecue was served participants by the team of dedicated cooks. I regrettably missed the announcement of the winner of the walk and shoot competition but as always the rivalry was fierce. Three very heartfelt cheers to Bill Elliot for hosting all of us again this year on his property



Frank Edwards, one of Georgetown's crew of cooks, displays some long black powder guns.



ABOVE: It's the best time of the day as shooters and friends relax in the woods. LEFT: Everyone needs hearing protection at a black powder shoot!

It has been quite a ride for me since I joined the Native Sons of the Golden West, Fairfax Parlor #307, in November 2018. From knowing nearly nothing about the nuts and bolts of the organization, I went from a new member to a Grand Trustee in less than six years.

But I could not have done this by myself.

Soon after joining the order, I was asked by Past Grand President Fred Codoni if I would like to run for Third Vice President and "climb the chairs." Not knowing what that meant, it was described as running for the Parlor Offices, starting with the Third VP and proceeding on a yearly basis to Parlor President, a process that takes some three years. I said, "Yes," and was curious about what would happen.

I ran for that office and was installed in December of 2018. I ordered snacks for the parlor meetings and just observed things for about a year. Also during this year, I was asked by first Fred Codoni, then Grand President Joe Castillo, if I would like to be on the Board of Control thus allowing me to join the Grand Parlor meetings.

Sure, let's go.

The chair climb for me started the next December when I was installed as Second VP. But then, in

March of 2020, COVID hit and everything changed. Closures and lockdowns occurred and meetings went virtual.

During the next two years, I went from Second VP to Parlor President as people above me left. I was installed as Parlor President for the 2023 calendar year, finishing my term in December. During this time, some members of the Grand Parlor were urging me to consider a run for Grand Office as a Grand Trustee, suggesting I would be "good at it." I considered this and decided to run. Let's see what happens.

Running for a NSGW State Office requires you to be available and ready to serve. But you can't do this alone. It takes a team. So, with the help of the Parlor and the local area Grand Officers, a team was created to do this journey. To run, you need help and advice, you need manpower and vehicles to move things, you need the support of your Parlor and you need money for supplies. And you have to rent a Hospitality Room for the Grand Parlor, fill that room with food, drinks, a raffle and a staff, and you will need help moving and transporting everything.

This all costs money and takes time. I got a lot of help from inside and outside the Parlor and it is now time to be thankful.

So, I would like to thank my team:



enough.

Then from Fairfax Parlor #307:

Joel Bantley (thanks for the impressive wooden portable bar!), Ray Potter and his wife Liz, District Deputy Lou Langlamet and his wife Irene, Parlor President Matt Marcucci, Outside Sentinel Tom Teixeira (great bartending Tom!), Parlor 1st VP Bill Madsen, Past Grand President Fred Codoni and his wife Denyce,

Past Grand President Bob Rogers (wonderful Chinese food, Bob!) and his wife Dorothy, District Deputy Kevin Courtz for providing the Raffle tickets.

My wife Lynn Poirier who helped guide me the whole way.

Special thanks go to:

Current Grand Third Vice President Kris Nelson for his invaluable support and advice, Grand Trustee Larry Schork for his attention to the details, Grand Trustees Mitch Laing, Dennis Valerio and Marcia Skelton for their help, advice, and endless good humor. And Historical Preservation Foundation Chair Carl Von Barga for organizing and securing the hotel reservations and the Hospitality Room.

Running for any office is never a solo endeavor.

It takes a team.

Thank you!

## PPA to Meet in Burlingame

The 103rd General Assembly of the Past Presidents Association will be held Oct. 18-19 2024 in Burlingame at the Doubletree 835 Airport Blvd.

For more information e-mail [nsgw29tmt@comcast.net](mailto:nsgw29tmt@comcast.net).



*Grand President McLean speaks at the wreath laying by the Native Sons and Daughters at the Doughboy Statue in Golden Gate Park.*



## Historical Preservation Foundation

The Historical Preservation Foundation is breaking new ground for fundraising to enhance our ability to support and provide funding to assist Subordinate Native Sons of the Golden West Parlors. Robert Bruno, HPF Vice Chairman, has been heading up a committee and built a PowerPoint presentation to use 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, with technical support and expertise from GIS Sean Padgett. We shared this with everyone at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and we will be working to enhance this presentation and make it available to all members who wish to use it to potentially attract donors to help us with our mission to promote education and preservation of California History.



The Historical Preservation Foundation Directors and Officers look forward to seeing each of you at all of our upcoming events between now and the next Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in May of 2025. HPF Directors and Officers will be in available all year to answer questions, assist with grant applications and to take referrals for future donors to support Education and

Preservation of California History.

We want to welcome all of our new Directors to our Board and encourage everyone to reach out to your local Director to obtain assistance for you and/or your Parlor to fund a project that promotes education and/or preservation of California History. It is the only way to promote positive membership growth within the Native Sons of the Golden West. If you attend parlor meetings within the San Francisco region, please seek out new Director Michael O'Brien. If you attend parlor functions in the Sonoma region, please seek out new Director Bob Balich.

In closing, The Historical Preservation Foundation has had an excellent year in both fundraising and grant funding. As of our first meeting for the new fiscal year, we have awarded a grant to the Western States Trail Museum, which will be showcasing the various routes the pioneers used to access California and its riches, and Ironwood Camp which will be digitizing various old records from the Gold Rush era and sharing this information with youth as well as giving the youth an opportunity to experience using a sluice box to search for their own gold. We would like to thank everyone who has supported us and requested assistance to do a project. We look forward to another great year.

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## Jen Roger Wins Site Contest

Jen Roger of Placerville #9 was the winner on our HPF Site Contest. This historic photo was taken in Coloma on the South Fork of the American River. Jen's prizes included HPF Swag: a pin, patch and coin.

Members from many parlors participated, including Sonoma, Redwood, Dolores-California, Calistoga, Observatory, Fairfax, Pescadero and Argonaut.

Thanks to Lexi Pacheco, Wendy Johnson and Richard Pharo for their efforts.

The contest for 2024-2025 is now underway. You have until April 30, 2025 to enter. See details in the flyer on pag 12.

By: Douglas Love, Grand Trustee

### Where's Timbuctoo?

When I was younger, there used to be a phrase that was quite common that was used to describe a nearly impossible task, a very arduous journey, or something that was almost impossibly distant. That phrase was "from here to Timbuctoo," Timbuctoo being a nearly mythical city somewhere across the Sahara Desert, almost impossible to reach. During the Middle Ages, Timbuctoo was an immensely wealthy city and a center of learning. Once home to one of the oldest universities in the world and three great mosques, Timbuctoo commanded the salt and gold trade routes in sub-Saharan Africa. It was a city that at its height boasted a population of 100,000. Today the population has diminished to less than 15,000. The loss of trans-Saharan trade, desertification, war, internal strife and a decreasing water supply have all taken a toll on this once fabled Malian city. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Timbuctoo is still a difficult destination to reach. A flight from San Francisco takes nearly 23 hours.



Once though, Timbuctoo was much easier to reach. Not the storied city in Mali, but one much closer: here in California. With the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill and President Polk's announcement of it in his December 5, 1848 State of the Union message to Congress began one of the greatest human migrations in history. Surprisingly Polk's announcement was brief:

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

These three sentences both announced and confirmed the presence and abundance of gold in California and changed the history of California, the United States and the world. Tens of thousands of gold seekers would flood into California from all over the world and life here would never be the same.

### Searching for Gold

One of the places that the early Argonauts began to search for gold was the Yuba River. In 1848, Jonas Specht, following the advice of an indigenous guide, began prospecting on a sandbar and "washed some dirt and found three lumps of gold worth about



*Remains of Timbuctoo's Wells Fargo building.* In 1855, hydraulic mining had taken over and the town of Timbuctoo was founded. There was a hotel, a Wells Fargo office, a store, and the first houses. In 1857, Timbuctoo's theatre was built, an event that made the newspapers in San Francisco.

By the middle of the 1860s and into the 1870s, Timbuctoo was at its peak. The town had a population of around 1,200, there was a second general store, a second hotel, a post office, a church, a blacksmith's shop, a livery stable, three bakeries, three shoe shops, three clothing shops and dry goods stores, eight boarding houses, six saloons, and many other businesses. Timbuctoo was the largest town in eastern Yuba county. However, like many other Gold Rush towns, Timbuctoo's heyday was going to come to an end.

In 1878 a severe fire destroyed many of the town's buildings including the post office and one of the hotels. But a couple of other events further led to the decline of Timbuctoo. The first was the 1884 Sawyer Decision in *Woodruff v. North Bloomfield Gravel Mining Co.*, 18 F. 753 (9th Cir, 1884); one of the first environmental cases which effectively shut down hydraulic mining in California because the results were a "public nuisance." The second was when State Route 20 bypassed the town in 1937. As mining was no longer and potential customers drove right past the town, Timbuctoo faded into obscurity. Today, the town has 12 inhabitants and only one original structure still stands, the first house built in 1855 and it is a private residence. The only other remainders of the town are the cemetery, which is still active, but on private property, and the ruins of the Wells Fargo office, also on private property.

I wish to thank Brother Lane Parker of Yuba Parlor #55 for his knowledge and expertise.

**GETTING THERE:** From 414 Mason Street: Get on Interstate 80 East to CA 99 North. Take CA 99 North to CA 70 North. Take CA 70 North to CA 20 East. Take CA 20 East to Timbuctoo Place, turn left onto Timbuctoo Place. It turns into Timbuctoo Road. Continue past the large gate with the sign that says "Timbuctoo"; it is the entrance to a private hunting and fishing club. Further on you will see the ruins of a brick building to your right, the ruins are what is left of the Wells Fargo office. Timbuctoo is 143 miles from San Francisco and the trip takes 2 ½ hours

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\$20	Steve Day	Fairfield	1-Mar-24
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\$20	Cody Zellers	Sonoma	3-Mar-24
\$20	Martha Chavarin	Fremont	4-Mar-24
\$20	Cody Sanders	The Dalles	5-Mar-24
\$20	Susan Hartman	Belmont	6-Mar-24
\$20	Timothy Wilson	Carlotta	7-Mar-24
\$20	Jim Stifle	Benicia	8-Mar-24
\$75	Clint Isbell	Lewiston	9-Mar-24
\$20	Casey Monahan	Sonoma	10-Mar-24
\$20	Al Saroff	Redwood City	11-Mar-24
\$20	Michael Britton	Alameda	12-Mar-24
\$20	Al Saroff	Redwood City	13-Mar-24
\$20	Bob Teal	Burlingame	14-Mar-24
\$20	Aubrey Mukogawa	Oakley	15-Mar-24
\$75	Mary Schubert	Perris	16-Mar-24
\$20	Garry Devlin	Rialto	17-Mar-24
\$20	Ronald Ferdani	Millbrae	18-Mar-24
\$20	Ray Thompson	Auburn	19-Mar-24
\$20	Rene' Foppe	Petaluma	20-Mar-24
\$20	Cindy Mills	Livermore	21-Mar-24
\$20	Jason Rowan	Sacramento	22-Mar-24
\$75	Mike Morton	Santa Cruz	23-Mar-24
\$20	Rose Twyman	Sonora	24-Mar-24
\$20	Dean Hubbard	Eureka	25-Mar-24
\$20	Karl Streich	Spokane	26-Mar-24
\$20	Mike Luciani	Hayward	27-Mar-24
\$20	Eden #113	Fremont	28-Mar-24
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\$20	Gavin Crouse	West Sacramento	8-May-24
\$20	Mike Rhodes	Auburn	9-May-24
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\$75	Tom Wills	Santa Rosa	13-Apr-24
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\$20	Fay Johnson	Albion	15-Apr-24
\$20	Tommy Baggett	Sutter Creek	16-Apr-24
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\$20	Debra Eynon	Rohnert Park	26-Apr-24
\$75	Tim Prince	San Bernardino	27-Apr-24
\$20	Ron Ferrari	Pacific	28-Apr-24
\$20	Fairfax #307	Fairfax	29-Apr-24
\$150	Paul Guisto	San Francisco	30-Apr-24

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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 &amp; 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 &amp; 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 &amp; 12:30pm, Social &amp; 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

Benecia #89: 6:00pm, No meetings July &amp; August, B.D.E.S. Hall, Benecia

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. &amp; 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**

Konociti #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. &amp; Aug., Soba's, El Centro

**THIRD THURSDAY**

Silver Star #63: 6:00 pm, except Jul. &amp; 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 &amp; 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

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