



# Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

January 2024



## FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR 2024

Wed., Jan 3 – Business Meeting – 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Jan 9 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Jan 17 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Jan 23 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Sat., Feb 3 – Crab Feed St. Rita’s Hall 7pm RSVP  
 Wed., Feb 7 –Business Mtg 7pm Nominate Grand Parlor Delegates  
 Tue., Feb 13 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar: 11:30.  
 Sat., Feb 17 – Scholarship Fundraising Dinner  
 Tue., Feb 27 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Mar 6 – Formal Initiation + Business, Election of GP Delegates  
 Tue., Mar 12 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Mar 20 – St. Patrick’s Day Dinner, St. Rita’s Hall RSVP  
 Tue., Mar 26 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Apr 3 –Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Apr 9 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Apr 17 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Apr 23 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., May 1 – Visiting Brothers Night, Dinner 7:30pm Bar opens at 6.  
 May 14 – 18 – **Grand Parlor:** (no luncheon this week)  
 Tue., May 28 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., June 5 – Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Sat.-Sunday June 8-9 Fairfax Festival Parade and Beer Booth  
 Tue., June 11 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., June 19 – President’s Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., June 25 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., July 3 –Business Meeting 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., July 9 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar: 11:30.  
 Wed., July 17 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., July 23 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Aug 7 –Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Aug 13 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Aug 21 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Aug 27 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Sep 4 –Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Sep 10 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Sun., Sep 8 – Family Appreciation Day BBQ, 4 - 7pm  
 Sat., Sep 21 – 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fairfax Parlor #307  
 Tue., Sep 24 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Oct 2 – Business Meeting, 7pm. Nominate Parlor Officers  
 Tue., Oct 8 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Oct 16 – Ray Potter Annual Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Oct 22 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Oct 30 – Family Pot Luck 5pm Costume Contest  
 Wed., Nov 6 – Business Meeting – Elect Parlor Officers 7pm Bar at 6.  
 Wed., Nov 13 – Petaluma-Nicasio Turkey Feed RVSP  
 Tue., Nov 12 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar: 11:30.  
 Wed., Nov 20 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.  
 Tue., Nov 26 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Dec 4 –Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.  
 Sat. Dec 7 – Parlor Xmas Party St. Rita’s Hall  
 Tue., Dec 10 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.  
 Wed., Dec 18 – Christmas Potluck 6pm

## Message from the President



I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity of ‘going through the chairs’. Taking on the responsibility of the Vice President positions has allowed me to grow not only into a better Native Son, but also a better man.

As I step into the role of President I make this solemn promise to all of you: I will be the best President I can be to the best of my ability, demonstrating respect for my position, my duties, and my brothers. The NSGW is a family, and Parlor #307 has been a second family to me, and I vow to honor and protect that family.

Our Parlor is the largest parlor in the Order, a strong parlor, a vital parlor, but we’re facing many challenges and changes as our old guard, the brothers who led us and shepherded us for the last 20 years are stepping down or have passed on to pan gold at their claims in the great beyond. Michael Anthony, Pete Arrigoni, Gene Ardito, Al Guidi, Artie Hecht (founding father of Fairfax Parlor), Tom McEntee, Lou Vaccaro and many others gave the best parts of themselves to this Parlor, and they’ve left a hole that one man alone cannot fill.

My goal as President is to find the brothers among us who can help fill these holes and create an infrastructure to pave our way into the future. I’m lucky to have a team of VP’s who have already demonstrated their commitment to our order with their tireless work and innovation.

But the four of us alone aren’t enough. We need your help and your skills and your time, Brothers, to allow this Parlor to flourish long into the future. I know we can do it. I need you with me.

In friendship, loyalty, and charity,

Your President; Matt F. Marcucci



Incoming Pres. Marcucci receives gavel from DD Dan Foppe



## Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Dinner

It was cold and wet outside, but it was warm and full of the sounds of joy and laughter within. I can't remember a nicer Christmas dinner than this one. In fact, I can't remember much about this one either.

It started with beer and the bantering of our benevolent brothers. Did I have two beers or was it three? I'm not sure. I recall dinner being served late because nobody wanted to break off their conversations to sit down. Maybe four beers...

When dinner finally arrived the room quieted down a little as everyone set to work. I had an ample, tasty portion of sirloin tip (was it sirloin tip? maybe it was chateaubriand?) Whatever it was, it was delicious. As was the wine. It was a cheeky little Pinot. Maybe... I can't be sure. I do know our table killed several bottles. Or was that just me?

Outgoing President Burt Winn welcomed incoming President Matt Marcucci at some point (right before dinner?) and also introduced our Native Son of the Year – Joel Bantly (that seemed to happen later, though). Did Burt stand up twice? You should ask somebody else.

Dinner was followed by tiramisu and several Irish coffees, after which I have no idea what happened.

## Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Luncheon

Fred Schwab's authentic East Coast Clam Chowder. After tasting it you begin to wonder if maybe he's really a native of Boston. His side dish was a perfect accompaniment: a sumptuous Caesar Salad – *Delizioso!*



*The Real Deal*  
Fred 'Iron Chef' Schwab

## Joel Bantly: Fairfax Native Son of 2023

There was a lot of competition for this year's Fairfax Parlor Native Son of the Year award – we truly had an embarrassment of riches.

There's Fred Codoni, who in relinquishing some of his duties this year has shown us just how much he's meant to the Parlor. He's been our Atlas, carrying the Parlor on his back for dozens of years. He deserves the honor of Native Son of the Decade, or perhaps Native Son the Century!

There was Pat Martinez, who recently stepped down from the Canon Club Management Committee. Over his tenure he volunteered several thousand hours of time and labor, and more importantly, he's one of our regular cooks.

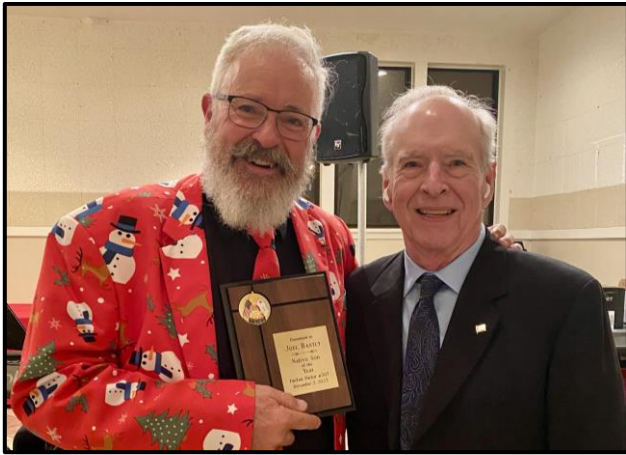
And then there were our two new faces, Eric Bowen and Mark Fogg, who've jumped on the grenade of Fred's duties, re-establishing our website, overhauling our membership database, and making electronic billing possible. Together they've spent hundreds of hours reinvigorating our Parlor, and each of them could easily be a Native Son of the Year.

It wasn't an easy decision, but Burt's choice was a good one: The omnipresent Joel Bantly – you see him at every Parlor event, where you'll usually find him helping with set-up, or cooking, or doing whatever it is that needs to be done.



He does it all with an open, friendly smile, a slightly mischievous twinkle in his eye, with a warm and ready welcome for everyone. He embodies the tenets of our Order; Friendship, Loyalty and Charity – wearing them like old clothes – with ease and comfort – just like his Christmas party suits, where he stands out among us and shines.

Joel inspires us to try and be our better selves – to make that extra effort to reach out to other members, to honor and respect every one of our brothers. When we see Joel smiling (and we always see Joel smiling) it reminds us to smile too, and to celebrate this special time we're able to share together. Joel Bantly, it honors us to honor you with the Native Son of the Year Award. Congratulations!



Native Son of the Year Bantly with President of the Year Winn

## Outgoing President Burton Winn

By Matt Marcucci

Burt, you've had an outstanding term as President of our Parlor and I'd like to thank you for your leadership and all that you've taught me during your term.

It is an honor and a privilege to not only have had you as a President, but to have you as a brother and to get to know you as a friend.

The Native Sons of the Golden West are proud of you. The members of Fairfax Parlor #307 are proud of you. And I am proud of you and all that you've accomplished.

And I know that General Winn, your great great-grandfather and the founding father of our order, would be proud of you.

In friendship, loyalty and charity – thank you, brother!



### FAIRFAX PARLOR OFFICERS, 2024

President – Matt Marcucci    1<sup>st</sup> VP – Bill Madsen  
 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Eric Bowen    3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Chris Wand Sr.  
 Jr. Past President – Burton Winn  
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## In Memory of Brother Frank Silvestri

Frank Silvestri, a 50-year member of Mt. Tam #64 and lately of Fairfax #307, passed away on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. He was 78. He was raised in San Rafael, graduated from Marin Catholic in 1963, and served in the Army Reserve 1965-1973. Frank was a devoted father and grandfather, and an avid outdoorsman, hunter and bocce enthusiast. May he rest in peace in the Grand Parlor on High.

## Good of the Order

By Mitch Laing – Supervising District Deputy District #14

Brothers, as SDDGP for District 14 I want to remind you that as a Brother you are welcome at other Parlors.

Locally we have Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Petaluma-Nicasio, Napa, St Helena, Calistoga, Solano, Benicia, and Vallejo.

NSGW brothers put on some great meals and would love to see you once or twice a year at their Parlor.

Meeting dates and contact info is available at [nsgw.org](http://nsgw.org), in the directory plus we have a monthly meeting calendar available that you can use while traveling.

Grab another brother and plan to make a trip soon.

I look forward to seeing you #OnTheCaliforniaTrail In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, Mitch Laing

### Santa Rosa Parlor #28

#### Polenta and Stew Dinner 1/10/24

Come enjoy a Polenta and Stew Dinner Wed. **Jan 10, 2024**. This is PGP Gene Perry's Polenta and Stew Recipe, enjoyed in past years at many other NSGW Festivities. As always Dinner is Open to Friends and Family. RVSP by calling (707) 350-1116 or (707) 291-3646 Santa Rosa Hall is at 3318 Stony Point Rd, Santa Rosa. Social is 6:30pm, Dinner served 7pm. Just \$20.

#### Excelsior Parlor #31 presents:

#### Discovery of Gold Weekend: Jackson, California

**Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (Friday – Sunday.)  
 Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 1pm: Dedication of the Central Eureka Mine in Sutter Creek.  
 Cost for the weekend is \$60  
 Contact Jim Wilmarth at (209) 781-5675 with any questions.

### January Birthdays

- Jan 1<sup>st</sup>: Joe Artigiani (37)!
- Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>: James Wheeler (16)
- Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Elmer Carr (17), Sean Murphy (11)
- Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Tim Tregner (14)
- Jan 7<sup>th</sup>: Russ Knudson (20)
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup>: Joe Gallardo (21)
- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>: Patrick Muldoon (22)
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>: Tristan Bodle (2), Fred Schwab (50?) !!
- Jan 12<sup>th</sup>: Michael Groza (25)
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup>: Charles Codoni (28)
- Jan 14<sup>th</sup>: Jesse Olivotti (8)
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>: Giuliano Lavezzo (11), Dave Simonini (35)!
- Jan 16<sup>th</sup>: Gregory McGrath (25)
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup>: Bob Herman (34)
- Jan 19: Mark Anderson (26), Angelo Cosentino (18), Jack Hayes (45)!
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup>: Larry Nilsen (23), Robert Rosa (15)
- Jan 21<sup>st</sup>: Trevor Prater (2)
- Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>: Donald Soldavini (23), Mike Sousa (27)
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>: Frank Migliore (23)
- Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: John Imbimbo (21)
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup>: Jorge Almaguer (7), Herb Mooney (6), Bob Rogers (47)!!
- Jan 28<sup>th</sup>: Don Corwell (15)
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: Tom Teixeira (53)!!!
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: Ricky Nichelini (21), Bradley Schauer (28)



## Dec 20<sup>th</sup> Xmas Potluck

By Lou Langlamet

It was another great Christmas Potluck Party, with good food, good folks, and good cheer. Our clubhouse was expertly decorated for the season, almost as colorful as Joel Bantly, but not quite (what can be?).



As usual there was an abundance of food and a nice variety to choose from. Our expert mixologist Tom 'Sexy Texy' Teixeira supplied liquid refreshments, and being in good spirits we sang Happy Birthday to Fred Codoni – 89 years young.

These events don't happen by magic, so I'd like to offer a big **Thank You** to all that helped to set up, decorate, and especially clean-up afterwards. Brothers, your efforts are greatly appreciated!

## Calling All Architects

Fairfax Parlor #307 is looking for architects and designers to help us imagine what our Parlor clubhouse and grounds might look like in the future.

With our 5-Year Plan just getting underway, we need brothers with vision to join our committee and help us anticipate and navigate the treacherous waters of Design Review, Planning, Engineering, Zoning and EIR's.

If you're interested in joining the 5-Year Plan Committee and putting your stamp on the Parlor's future please contact Bill Madsen at [uubmadsen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uubmadsen@sbcglobal.net).

## Fairfax Parlor Survey

The Fairfax Parlor Survey is coming out in early January. It's a short survey intended to give us an idea of how Parlor members feel about the Parlor, the Canon Club, and the future.

With the information we gain from the survey we'll be able to draft a more comprehensive 5-Year Plan for the Parlor and the Canon Club.

The more responses we get the clearer picture we'll have of where and how we should be channeling our resources.

This survey will only be available by email. If you don't have an email, or we don't have your current email, you won't be receiving a survey.

If you receive this newsletter by email, you'll be receiving the survey. Please participate – our future depends on you.

## Meet Brother Thomas Jacobs

While trying to collect emails and phone numbers for our membership records I've had the pleasure of talking to brothers that don't regularly attend our meetings or functions



Meet Thomas Jacobs: He joined Mt. Tam Parlor #64 forty years ago after visiting the NSGW headquarters on Mason St. to research his ancestors.

Thomas, a dentist by trade and a historian by passion, is an active member and founder of the San Francisco History Association.

He has an extensive collection of historic items, some of which are Native Sons pieces from decades past.



This was a Past President's gold presentation piece given to his grand uncle John Rough in 1915 as the Past President of Diamond Parlor in Pittsburgh.

Thomas also came across this Pan Pacific age watch fob in his journeys:



On the left, above the California flag it depicts the Golden Gate Fair Tower of Jewels.

The figure in the center appeared in some of the Fair artwork – symbolic of pushing the earth apart to form the Panama Canal.

I found out a lot about Thomas and a little about our history just from reaching out

to get an email. We have amazing people with intriguing stories all around us – thanks for sharing this, Thomas!

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