



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

October 2023



Huge Turnout for September 10th Family Appreciation Day BBQ

The first annual Family Appreciation Day BBQ was a great success. Organized by 1st Vice President Matt Marcucci and his stalwart team of volunteers, the BBQ hosted close to a hundred Brothers and their families.

The weather was perfect, the food was delicious, and the pool was packed.



The Dream Team

Lou Langlamet, Matt Marcucci, Kevin Courtz, Tom Teixeira and Latham Woodward.

Have You Checked Out Our Website?

If you haven't, you should. It has Parlor #307's news and events, as well as links and news from the Grand Parlor and other parlors. Visit: fairfaxnativesons.com

The website's been given a complete makeover by Brother Mark Fogg. He's been working on it for months, and he's continually looking for ways to improve it, and your feedback and input will help.

There's still a lot of work to be done, and the more of us who look at the website and offer insights and impressions will help Mark make it more useful and intuitive.

Mark's only been a member of our parlor for a little while, but he's leaped in head-first and spent a ton of time working to bring us into the 21st century.

Mark's a long-time open water swimmer, and grandson to Native Daughter Hazel Laugenour Fogg – the first woman to swim The Golden Gate (1911), and Native Son Timothy E. Fogg. He's steeped in the culture and values of the NSGW, and we're lucky to have him in our parlor.

Message from the President

Burt Winn

Fairfax Parlor #307 has had a fun and busy year so far, and we have more events coming up this fall!

Lunches and dinners are scheduled for October, and our annual Christmas Potluck is on December 20th. We had a bang-up Family Appreciation Day on September 10th at the Canon Club, complete with free food and refreshments. Turn-out was good and we introduced the families of Native Sons to our facilities. A big thank you goes to Matt Marcucci for organizing and promoting this event, plus thanks to Lou Langlamet, Bill Madsen, Kevin Courtz, and Latham Woodward for cooking and serving and Tom Teixeira at the bar.

The nomination of Parlor officers occurs at the October meeting and the election of officers takes place in November. The installation of new officers occurs at the December meeting.

Over the horizon, next year, finds the Parlor celebrating its 75th anniversary. We were founded in Fairfax on September 21, 1949, and on September 21st of 2024 we will mark the calendar and celebrate our 75 years of existence. A committee will be formed to work up plans for this event. This is a big one.

Other news: The Parlor is in need of a Third Vice President. Want to be an insider at Fairfax Parlor? Volunteer for this position and "climb the chairs." We need you.

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR

[All events at Canon clubhouse unless otherwise shown.]

Wednesday, Oct 4 – Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, Oct 10 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Wed., Oct 18 – Old-Timers Night Dinner, 7:30. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, Oct 24 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Wednesday, Nov 1 – Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, Nov 14 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Wed., Nov 15 – Thanksgiving? Dinner, 7:30. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, Nov 28 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Saturday, Dec 2 – Xmas Dinner – St. Rita's Hall

7 p.m. Bar opens at 6

Wednesday, Dec 6 – Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Tuesday, Dec 12 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Wednesday, Dec 20 – Christmas Potluck, 7pm?

The Benefits of Involvement

Consider Grand Parlor

By Fred Codoni, Past Grand President, NSGW

Looking back over the last few years of our annual Grand Parlor, I found something disturbing. In addition to parlor delegates, there are other delegates: past grand presidents, grand officers, supervising district deputy grand presidents as well as members of various committees. All of these serve local or state-wide offices outside their own parlor and are entitled to votes at the annual Grand Parlor.

What was disturbing was the lack of Fairfax Parlor members on committees or as grand officers. We have only one Grand Parlor committeeman, Burt Winn on the Board of Control. With our many years as the largest parlor in the Native Sons of the Golden West, we should have better representation at the Grand Parlor level. We haven't had a grand officer for more than a decade.

Perhaps it's because we have no one in our parlor interested in more than just our own parlor, or perhaps we haven't touted the benefits of serving state-wide. Whatever it may be, it's time for us to get more involved in Grand Parlor activities.

In these days of declining membership statewide, as the largest parlor in the Order we need to step up and participate at the Grand Parlor level, either as committee members or, even better, as a grand officer. The work isn't hard, the rewards are great.

I'll be pleased to discuss this with you. Contact me at nsgwfpc@comcast.net or (415) 459-7085.

Tuesday Luncheon 9/12/23

A hearty meatloaf with gravy, potato salad, buttered peas and a side salad made for a wholesome, healthy Tuesday luncheon. Many thanks and compliments to Chef Lou and his culinary crew.



*The Heapin' Helpin' Boys
Ray Potter, Don Cronk and Lou Langlamet.*

Visit Other Parlors

By Louis Langlamet, Marshal

As District Deputy for The Sonoma Parlor 111 (their meetings are the second Monday every month), I had the honor to participate in the installation of their officers at their September meeting.

It was a great time with good food and camaraderie, and it reminded me of the great opportunity we have as members of the NSGW of being able to visit and participate in other Parlors' events.

I met and mingled with brothers from Santa Rosa, Petaluma-Nicasio, Napa and Fairfax. It's nice to get a perspective on how other parlors function, and how we all fit together in the Grand Parlor scheme.

One of the highlights for me was hearing Grand President George Adams congratulate and encourage the new officers and talk about his theme of families, and their importance to our membership.

This tied right in with our parlor Family Appreciation BBQ on Sept. 10th, and he asked me to talk about our event and how successful it was. It made me proud to be a member of our parlor. (Shout-out to 1st Vice President Matt Marcucci and everyone who participated.)

I think everyone should make the effort to visit other parlors, there are so many benefits and it's fun in the bargain.

Some Other Parlor Functions

Monday Oct 9th, 7:30 pm - 8:00 pm:

Napa #62 Official Visit By Grand Trustee Dennis Valerio

Wednesday, Oct 11th, 6 – 8pm:

South San Francisco #157 Octoberfest

Saturday, Nov 4th 9:00 am - 7:00 pm:

Woodland Parlor #30 2nd Annual TILLYFest

(Fundraiser to help establish local history museum in historic downtown Woodland.)

To find news and events for other parlors visit our website: fairfaxnativesons.com and click on 'Member Services', then click on 'News, many Parlors'.

FAIRFAX PARLOR OFFICERS, 2023

President – Burt Winn

First Vice President – Matt Marcucci

Second Vice President – Bill Madsen

Third Vice President – ???

Recording Secretary – Kevin Courtz

Financial Secretary – Bill Addy

Treasurer – Stan Rowan

Newsletter Editor – Bill Madsen ubmadsen@sbcglobal.net

Website Manager – Mark Fogg FairfaxNativeSons@gmail.com



Codoni's Corner

Pull up a chair, sit down, stop flapping your gums and maybe you'll learn something...

75th Anniversary Coming!

Fairfax Parlor will celebrate its 75th anniversary in September 2024. In anticipation of that event, each future issue of our newsletter will trace the history of our parlor from its institution in 1949 until the present. Here's the first installment.

Fairfax Gets A Parlor!

The organization known as The Native Sons of the Golden West was founded in 1875 and eventually encompassed hundreds of subordinate parlors. It wasn't until 74 years later that Fairfax Parlor was organized and admitted to the Order.

In 1949, Marin County already had three other parlors: Mt. Tamalpais in San Rafael, Sea Point in Sausalito and Nicasio in Nicasio. There were also several Native Daughters parlors in Marin including those in San Rafael and Fairfax.

In August 1949, Mrs. Agnes O'Connell, past president of Fairfax Native Daughters, instigated a campaign which resulted in a meeting of eligible men at the old Hamilton House in Fairfax, where Past Grand President Walter Bailey explained the purposes and objectives of the Native Sons to 24 interested natives. Kenneth Edgar was elected temporary chairman and the group began its search for the 75 eligible men required to secure a charter from Grand Parlor.

On August 22, the group met to hear Grand President Dr. Peter Conmy and to elect its first officers.

D. Frank Monte, father of current member Charlie Monte, was elected the parlor's first president. Vice presidents were Roy Bunt, Arthur Hicks and Stan Marincik, with Recording Secretary Walter Sterner, Financial Secretary Ed Fuselli and Treasurer Ken Edgar. With the preliminaries out of the way, the Native Sons—and the City of Fairfax—prepared for the formal institution of the parlor.

NEXT: September 21, 1949—Fairfax Parlor is born.



New Members

Welcome to our newly obligated members Chris Wand Sr. and Chris Wand Jr.



Chris Wand Jr. (left, obligated Sept. 6th) gets pinned by his father Chris Wand Sr. (right, obligated Aug. 2nd)

October Birthdays

- Oct. 1st: Thomas Cefalu (25)
- Oct. 2nd: Paul Herrerias (25)
- Oct. 3rd: John Pesce (17)
- Oct. 4th: Daniel Morse (5)
- Oct. 5th: Ronald Granucci (28), James Reeds (1)
- Oct. 6th: David Rohner (50)
- Oct. 7th: Frank Egger (60)
- Oct. 10th: Charlie Monte (66)
- Oct. 11th: Dan Trimble (36)
- Oct. 12th: Claudio Casartelli (5), Randy Tavenner (46)
- Oct. 13th: Jack Streckfus (77)
- Oct. 14th: Peter Batanides (31), Otis Guy (16), Shane Smith (20)
Charles Trimble (32), Ted Van Midde (20)
- Oct. 16th: John Vermeulen (16)
- Oct. 17th: David Biggio (?), Paul Robinson (7)
- Oct. 18th: Chris Clark (1), Willie Danz (7), Dan Hanley (40)
- Oct. 19th: Christian Siegenthaler (18)
- Oct. 21st: Shane Winsler (7)
- Oct. 22nd: Michael Curry (50)
- Oct. 23rd: Bill Addy (19)
- Oct. 24th: Alan Anderson (51)
- Oct. 25th: Reggie Vance (26)
- Oct. 26th: Paul Souza (42)
- Oct. 27th: Joseph Morrison (8)
- Oct. 29th: Bob Arrigoni (60), Will Walsh (24)
- Oct. 30th: Scott Lafranchi (14)
- Oct. 31st: Paul Coleman (8), Chris Lopin (24), Jeff Piccinini (3)

Sept. 26th Luncheon

Critics were raving about the perfect pork tenderloin, roasted potatoes, and the surprisingly delicious boiled red cabbage. Complemented by a side salad and a dessert of cookies and ice cream, no one left disappointed.

Prepared by veteran chefs Tres Spatulas.

(Pictured left to right: Rick 'The Samaritan' Seramin, 'Jaunty' John Beckerley and John 'Bring the Pain' Payne.)

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