



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

April 2024



Fairfax Parlor Corned Beef Bash



Thank you for making our St. Patrick's Day celebration a great success!
 Here's to our great chef, Fred Schwab for cooking such a feast, coordinator Sean Aguilar with his young team of cheerful stalwarts - AJ Aguilar, CoCo Holland and Connor Trimble.
 Here's to Stan Rowan, Tom Teixeira and Joel Bantly for all their help.
 Here's to Lisa Brosnan and the Brosnan School Dancers for the great entertainment.
 Here's to President Matt

visiting brothers and Grand Parlor Officers. And a special thanks to Carol Courtz and Lynn Winn for decorations!



Finally, a big Thank You for all those members and guests that attended the event for making it a wonderful evening. A great meal, a huge turn-out, and \$175 from our raffle for Burt Winns' Grand Trustee Campaign. -Kevin Courtz-



Fred 'Iron Chef' Schwab training our chefs of the future.

Parlor Chats with Matt

Parlor President Matt Marcucci



It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of three of our brothers.

Jim Ringseis, a 36-year member of Fairfax Parlor, died on January 2, 2024.

Gordon Hedemark, a 42-year member of Fairfax and Mt. Tam Parlors passed on February 24, 2024.

Al Bernes, a 48-year member of Fairfax Parlor passed on March 5, 2024. There will be a memorial for Al on June 5th at Deer Park Villa from noon-4pm. All Native Sons are welcome to attend. If you have a vest please wear it.

May they rest comfortably in the Grand Parlor on high.

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR 2024

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 – Lamb Feed 7pm RSVP Kevin Courtz

Tue Apr 23 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Wed May 1 – Visiting Brothers Night, Dinner 7:30pm Bar at 6.

May 19 – 23 – **Grand Parlor:** (no luncheon this week)

Note!!

April 17 – Lamb Feed

May 1 – Visiting Brothers Night

RSVP Required – only 75 spaces available!

Kevin Courtz: kcbcourt@aol.com or call (415) 717-0418

General Albert Maver Winn

Memorial



Please join the Native Sons Fairfax Parlor #307 in celebrating our founder's (and my great-great grandfather's) birth.

Burton Winn, Jr. Past President,
 NSGW Fairfax Parlor #307

Date: **Sunday, April 28th, 2024**

Time: **1pm – 3pm**

Location: **Sacramento Historic City Cemetery**

1000 Broadway, Sacramento 95818

Meet at: **Gravesite 123-37**

Limited parking at gravesite. If possible, park on Broadway near 10th (3 block walk to site) or at black topped maintenance area near site. **Do not block roads.**

Please come out and show your support for our own Grand Parlor Trustee Candidate Burton Winn

March 12th Luncheon

If it wasn't actually a ton of tri-tip dripping with juice, the plates felt like it – loaded with expertly grilled steak, a heaping cup of pork and beans and surrounded by an acre of cole-slaw. This lunch is the reason we only eat every two weeks – it took that long to digest it. Another perfect BBQ offering by Smokin' Joe and his heavyweight crew. Salud!



Smoke Showin'

(L-R) Smokin' Joe Artigiani, Matt 'the Tenderizer' DaCuhna, and Stoical Stan Rowan

April Birthdays

Apr 3rd: Kevin Codoni (20), Gerald Doherty (18), Michael Franzoia 19)
 Apr. 6th: Webster R. (10), Richard Holland (13)
 Apr. 8th: Raymond Shone (58)!!!
 Apr 11th: Herman Fruchtenicht (42)!!
 Apr. 12th: David Franzoia (26), William Graves (34)!
 Apr. 13th: James Bliss (16)
 Apr. 14th: Stephen Bogel (42)!!
 Apr. 15th: Len Gaskell (25), William Menke (6)
 Apr 18th: Julian Chavez (20), Terry Lofrano (2)
 Apr 19th: Ronald Rodrigues (28)
 Apr 20th: Bill Madsen (20), Marty Marcucci (22)
 Apr 23rd: Scott Barrett (17), Craig Lieber (12), Jim Von Bima (25)
 Apr 24th: Brian McCarthy (23)
 Apr 26th: Frank Gallardo (56)!!!
 Apr 27th: Michael Codoni (39)!!

Fairfax Parlor's Grand Parlor Delegates

Elected at our 3/13 business meeting: Joe Allen, Lou Langlamet, Bill Madsen, Matt Marcucci, Ray Potter, Tom Teixeira, and alternate Joel Bantley. Automatics: Fred Codoni, Bob Rodgers, Fred Schwab and Burt Winn.

FAIRFAX PARLOR OFFICERS, 2024

President – Matt Marcucci **1st VP – Bill Madsen**
2nd VP – Eric Bowen **3rd VP – Chris Wand Sr.**
Jr. Past President – Burton Winn
Financial Sec – Bill Addy **Treasurer – Stan Rowan**
Recording Sec – Kevin Courtz
Newsletter Editor – Bill Madsen uubmadsen@sbcglobal.net
Website Manager – Mark Fogg FairfaxNativeSons@gmail.com

Fairfax Parlor Formal Initiation

On March 6th Fairfax Parlor held its annual Initiation for recently obligated members. It was a pretty good haul – eleven strapping young(ish) men with hearts of iron and fists of steel. Just the group of guys you want standing behind you when you're looking at a showdown or a throw-down.

Many thanks to our Grand Parlor reps who look pretty formidable themselves. To the uninitiated - Don't mess with the Golden West.



L-R Grand Officers: Sean Padgett, GSPP Ron Brocco, GT Doug Love, GP George Adams, GM Chris Adams, SDD Mitch Laing, G3VP Kris Nelson, G2VP Gary Padgett

L-R Initiates: Kyle Miller, Eric Bowen, Frank Maresca, Jeff Garon, Chris Wand Jr., Peter Berkhout, Nick Cereghino, Ethan Geary, Colin Spake, Brendan Clifford. Not in picture; Chris Wand Sr.

Mar 26th Lunch

Chicken Caesar salad with garlic bread and It's-Its for desert. Did the cook overspend? Yes he did. Did the luncheon-goers notice? Not appreciably. Plentiful food and even more plentiful garlic (note to self: Maybe stop at seven bulbs next time...).



The Kitchen Cabinet

L-R: Lou 'You want a fork? I'll give you a fork' Langlamet. Bill 'Half-a-Fred' Madsen and Matt 'Hack-a-Mole' Marcucci

And a big thank you to all the helpful brothers who shouted advice into the kitchen – we couldn't have done it without you

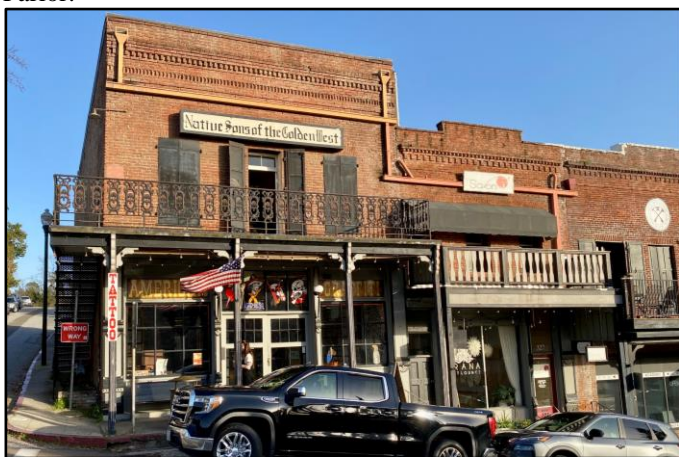
49er's Days Weekend

The Trustee Traveler - Burt Winn

The weather was cool and cloudy for my visit to the annual Forty-Niner Days Weekend hosted by Auburn Parlor #59 during the first weekend in March. The weekend travel included an interesting visit to a well-known part of California featuring a not-very-well-known aspect of California's History, the Joss House and Chinese Cemetery in Auburn.

Traveling with my wife, we drove from Marin on a busy Interstate 80 to Auburn to celebrate the first return of Auburn Parlor's event since 2020 when it was apparently stopped by the Covid pandemic.

We unpacked at the Hotel, then checked in at the NSGW Hall in Auburn for a well attended evening reception and get together. After socializing for a while we back to the Hotel to enjoy the Hospitality Rooms, open for the first time this year as there is an election of Grand Trustees and Grand Officers at Grand Parlor.



The next day, Saturday, the first event was an Initiation of new members to Auburn Parlor #59 at the nearby Mount Vernon Grange Hall. The Parlor seems healthy with many new members of all ages filling the Hall and being initiated. After a break, we drove back on Highway 49 to the nearby Historic Chinese Cemetery for a Dedication and a look at California history.

Chinese immigrants came to California (nicknamed "Gold Mountain") after the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill in 1848 to seek gold, create private enterprises, and provide raw labor for much of the construction of the Gold Rush era, including the Transcontinental Railroad. But there was a problem. The Chinese were segregated from the rest of society, so deceased laborers were buried in a segregated Chinese Cemetery instead of the Auburn Historic Cemetery.



Established in 1860, this Cemetery interred the remains of Chinese immigrants originally from Sze Yup (meaning "Four Counties"), Toishan district located on the Southeast coast of mainland China to the west of the Pearl River in what is now Southern Guangdong Province. This area includes Hong Kong and Macau. The Cemetery has few to no headstones, as there was no one to do Chinese engraving at the time. Headstones came later, but the interred remains ultimately were repatriated back to their ancestral origins in China or moved to other cemeteries. To do this, the remains were disinterred, ritually prepared, cleaned, and placed in 18 inch by 10 inch zinc boxes for shipment.



When visiting the Chinese Cemetery today, you can find the "Chinese Cemetery" sign visible from the East side of Highway 49, the Native Sons Dedication plaque, a few other cement plaques, a shrine burner, some depressions in the ground but not much else though there are some eleven burials still at the site. Looking at this hillside of trees and grass past the sign, I used my imagination to visualize a ritual Chinese funeral and an elaborate burial rite, including the burning of joss sticks (incense) and "Hell Banknotes" (paper money) for the deceased.



This Dedication ceremony featured not only the Grand Officers of the Native Sons, but some of the Yue family who own the nearby Auburn Joss House and can be seen in the group picture. I want to quote from The Native Sons plaque, "The plaque recognizes the Historic Chinese Cemetery and honors the Chinese pioneers in America who contributed to the wealth and growth of the Auburn community and the State of California." Immigrants from China are an essential element to the continuing story of California.

Returning to Auburn, we enjoyed a fine Tri-Tip dinner with the Brothers and guests of the Native Sons at the Mount Vernon Grange Hall, then enjoyed socializing again back at the Hotel Hospitality Rooms.

Wandering Marshal Lou Langlamet Sonoma Parlor 111 St. Patrick's Party



Sometimes the weather doesn't agree with you when you're a Marshal of the Golden West. Sometimes the weather isn't golden. Sometimes you just have to lean your head down into the wind, pull down your hat, pull up your pants and do what needs to be done.

Me and my deputy, Tom Teixeira, and my other deputy Irene (my wife, and also my chief) were heading up to wine country to keep order at a St. Patrick's party being thrown by the Sonoma 111 boys. Brothers from 5 different Parlors were going to be there, and it had been a long winter.

We were expecting trouble, but what we found was good food, good drinks and great camaraderie. It shouldn't have come as a surprise – the Sonoma boys know how to throw a party, and of course they know their way around a bottle of wine – no greenhorns here. It's always nice when you don't have to shoot somebody...



Other Parlors' Events

Meet Your Neighbor Breakfast Sat. April 6, 9:30am
Santa Rosa NSGW Hall 3318 Stony Point Rd. Santa Rosa
\$20 Payable at Door - Reservations A Must by April 3rd
A joint Native Daughters and Native Sons Annual Event
RSVP: Mitch Laing 707-975-1541

Old Timers Night/Monthly Dinner Wed. April 10, 6pm
Petaluma-Nicasio Parlor #183 Hermann Sons Hall,
Petaluma
RSVP: Kris Nelson krisnelson183@gmail.com

The Multi-Faceted Burton Winn

By Mark Fogg

The MC at the Lotus Temple gave Burt the honorific of Sri Burton Winn, for his many years of faithfully preparing a very complex Carnac song (a complex Ragam based melodic expression with improvisation within the Ragam.)

Burt delivered his song to a rapt audience, as the only Native Son of the Golden West ever to appear at the Lotus Temple.



His bluesy nuance was markedly different than other singers; and the warmth and clarity of his voice put him in the top class of performers (over a 3-hour performance window which was both fascinating and very enjoyable.)

The emcee of the Carnac Music Festival was glowing in her praise, referring to Burton's many years of performing as an inspiration to other performers and an object lesson for the Sri Ganesh faithful: fully prepared, highly practiced and polished, and presented with heart – an amazing accolade for any performance.

Carnatic Music is Southern Indian Classical Music. The words deal with historic Hindu themes and the stories of ancient Hindu Deities.

You should check him out the next chance you get.

**And support him in his bid for Grand
Trustee at Grand Parlor!**

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