



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

May 2024



Fairfax Parlor Lamb Feed

On Wednesday, April 17th the Club was packed, there was no parking to be had, some jackass parked so far into the road on the cul-de-sac that nobody could get in or out, but... the clubhouse was hopping, the smoke was thick by the BBQ, and there was lamb a-plenty to be had (though not quite enough potatoes). I think it may have been the best lamb I've ever had. A big thank you to Mike Shea and his terrific crew.



Inside Chefs

'Mastermind' Mike Shea and his stalwarts:

Connor Trimble, Christopher Jackson and Laughin' Lou Langlamet

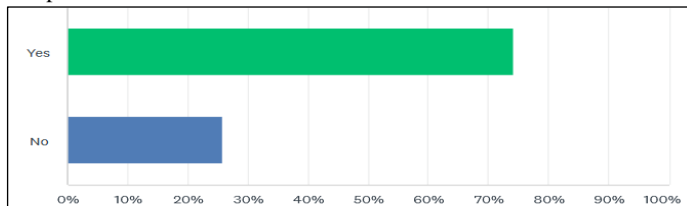


Outside Chefs

L-R: Dan Trimble, Larry Nilsen and Tom Teixeira.

Survey on Allowing Non-Native Californians To Join the Native Sons

Do you support our Parlor's Resolution to amend the NS Constitution to accept non-native Californians as members of our order?



Lots of thoughtful comments on this. Soon to be posted on the website.

No Fairfax Festival Beer Booth

Due to rising costs and surcharges our Parlor won't be operating our beer booth at the Fairfax Festival this June. This year's increased costs:

- \$600 for 100% recyclable cups.
- \$750 to rent the Refrigerated Beer Trailer.
- \$1200 Event Insurance for serving alcohol.
- \$400 for Health Dept. and ABC License Fees.

This increase of \$3000 makes the beer booth a break-even proposition at best. The beer booth has been a staple of our Parlor for years, raising money for our charities and show-casing our Order to the community, but we had to decide if all the effort and planning was worth it. We sent out a survey to our membership and only 10% of the 61 respondents said we should keep the beer booth. (11% undecided and 79% against keeping it.) We'll continue looking at our options for future festivals, but for now we'll participate in the parade only, carrying our flags with pride and dignity. Hope to see you out there!

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR 2024

- Wed May 1 – Visiting Brothers Night, Dinner 7:30pm Bar at 6.
- May 19 – 23 – **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., June 8 – Fairfax Festival Parade – Flag bearers needed
- 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.

Other Parlors Events:

- Wed. May 8th – Santa Rosa Parlor #28
Annual Mother's Day Prime Rib Dinner – \$25 – friends welcome
Social 6:30pm, Dinner 7pm RSVP: Mark (707) 350-1116
- Mon. May 20th – Napa #62 Taco Social/Dinner
RSVP, 707-224-3213, NS Hall, Napa
- Sat. Jun 1st – Georgetown #91
15th Annual Black Powder Shoot, Georgetown
- Sat. Jun 15th – Sonoma Parlor #111
Sonoma Flag Day BBQ, Sonoma Square, Sonoma 11am – 4:30pm

April 9th Luncheon

In a moment of culinary genius, Fairfax Native Son of the Year Joel Bantly had a revelation – the Ham and Cheese Slider. Sliding down the gullet like a cool drink on a hot day they were magical – especially in how quickly they disappeared from your plate. Accompanied by some tangy cole-slaw, this was a meal for the ages – simple but divine.



The Back-Sliders

(L-R) Lariat Lou Langlamet, Tom 'Here Comes Trouble' Teixeira, Joel 'BadAss' Bantly, and John 'No Payne No Gain' Payne

May Birthdays

May 1st: Bernard Chapman
May 4th: William Mitchell
May 7th: Kevin Courtz Jared Tanamachi
May 8th: Donald Kavanaugh, Louis Leoncini, Robert Testa
May 9th: Stanley Loar, Ronald Santa Cruz
May 14th: William Cuneo Paul Fradelizio
May 15th: James Codoni Anthony Lofrano Mikeal Martin
May 17th: Donald DeSurville Lawrence Dickinson
May 19th: David Greenblat
May 20th: Mark Barone
May 22nd: Steve Donnellan Vincent Sheehan
May 24th: George Alboff Todd Schopp
May 25th: Scott Smith
May 26th: Harley Miller
May 27th: John Guy
May 28th: John Moore , Chris Wand Jr. (1), Stephen Warner
May 30th: Gustav Helzberg
May 31st: Christopher Baumsteiger Donald Souza

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Hiking the Pacific Crest Trail

Brother Anthony Starelli has begun his 5-month trek to memorialize his father Tony Starelli, hiking 2600 miles from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT).



Here's Anthony in Campo, Mexico/California om April 25th

You can follow Anthony's progress using MapShare:

<https://share.garmin.com/M38OV>

Password: 2024PCTAStarelli

April 23rd Lunch

Swooping in at the last minute to save the day was Fred Codoni and his team of Parlor 307's 'Ever-Reliables'. Spaghetti and meatballs (Fred's secret recipe and proof of his Italian heritage). Served with a side of sumptuous Caesar salad, Fred said this was his last-minute meal – but it tasted like a head-liner to me.



The Meal Savers

L-R: Joel 'Bonifica' Bantly, Fred 'Viva Italia' Codoni and Lou 'Lacrimale' Langlamet.

General Albert Maver Winn Birthday Memorial – 4/27/24 *The Trustee Traveler - Burt Winn*



Springtime is maybe the best season in California. California Poppies are in bloom, the weather warms, the rain recedes and mid spring, April 27, is also the birthday of our founder of the Native Sons of the Golden West, General Albert Maver Winn, my great-great grandfather. I have organized a Winn Birthday Memorial event to celebrate the occasion, with a gathering at his burial site, Pioneer Grove at the Sacramento State Cemetery in downtown Sacramento.



Photos courtesy Lynn Poirier

This is the second year of doing so, and on April 28th a group of brothers met, listened to a speech or two, and helped me lay a wreath of California Bay Laurel at the foot of the Winn obelisk, the tallest monument in the Cemetery. We enjoyed snacks, sang happy birthday and enjoyed the warm weather.

Anyone's Opinion This One Happens to be Mine

By Bill Madsen



Caption: 'After a work day to improve the Sonoma Plaza in 1922, Native Sons and Daughters of the Golden West enjoy a banquet hosted by the Sonoma Valley Woman's Club.'

On Volunteerism

Look at this picture. There's a lot of people. That's a boatload of volunteers. Maybe two or three boatloads. They're our people. Native Sons and Daughters turning out to make the world a better place to live in.

Fairfax Parlor needs people to step up and help run the Parlor. 15 years ago the workload was shared by more than a score of brothers dedicated to making our Parlor a vibrant, something something.

We had softball teams and bocce teams and meals and music under the stars. Those things don't organize themselves. Guys saw a need or an opportunity and they stepped up and took charge.

Larry Dickinson's bocce team. Tom McEntee's Music Under the Stars. Herman Frutenuch's Bar Where You Are. And we had enough cooks for Tuesday lunches every single week.

Joe Allen, John Payne, Cornelius Keane, Joe Daly, Al Guidi, Lou Vaccaro, Gene Ardito, Ray Potter, Bill Addy, Pat Martinez, Fred Codoni and a bunch of other guys that volunteered to staff and maintain the Club.

That was our heyday. But a lot of those guys have passed or have health issues and aren't able to help out like they used to. We need new brothers to step up and take their places.

This Parlor and our Club have a lot of potential. Take a look around the clubhouse and ask yourself, 'What can I do to help improve this place? What skillset do I possess that might be of use to the Parlor or the Club?'

You come to the lunches. You come to the dinners. Look at that picture again. Those people earned their dinner.

Are you taking advantage of the Club discount because you're a Native Son? Think about what part you can play in earning your keep. You're costing Fairfax Parlor \$1300 every year.

Look at that picture. Be part of that picture. Join us for real.

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