



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

June 2024



Visiting Brothers Night – May 1st

Thanks to everyone for making our Visiting Brothers Night a great success. With Brothers from 15 different Parlors it made for a raucous, festive evening.

Thank You to our great cooks Ray Potter, Don Cronk and Lou Langlamet for those fantastic ribs! (Not to mention the tasty beans and cole slaw.)

Let's not forget all our brothers that helped with set up and clean up and those that tended a very busy bar. With a special thanks to Connor Trimble and Christopher Jackson for help in the kitchen.

We made a profit of \$880 as well as \$60 for Burt Winn's Campaign Fund for Grand Trustee.

Again, Thank You All for making this another Great Event for Fairfax Parlor # 307.

Kevin Courtz



The Meat Market

L-R: Dominic 'Mr. Dependable' Trimble, Laughin' Lou Langlamet, Christopher 'The Kid' Jackson, Crew Chief Ray 'More than Okay' Potter and Don 'The GrillFather' Cronk

Message from the President

It is with sadness that I share the news of the passing of Brother Ken Franceschi. A native of San Francisco, he joined Fairfax Parlor on August 4, 2010. He died May 21, 2024. May he rest in peace in the Grand Parlor on high.

In Friendship, Loyalty, and Charity...

President Matt Marcucci

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR

- Wed., June 5 – Business Meeting, 7pm Bar opens at 6.
- Sat.-Sunday June 8-9 Fairfax Festival Parade. (No 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.

Fairfax Festival Parade

Saturday June 8th

Brothers, please don't forget to come down to the Good Earth parking lot at 9am to help us carry the California and American flags in the parade.

We won't be having our beer booth this year so this is our best opportunity to put ourselves out there in the public eye.

President's Dinner

Wed. June 19th

Fairfax Parlor President Matt Marcucci will be teaming up with Ray Potter and Don Cronk to provide another amazing night of ribs and revelry. **RSVP:** Kevin Courtz 415 717-4018

Other Parlors' Events

Wednesday June 12th: **Santa Rosa Parlor #28** will be serving BBQ Ribs for the monthly dinner. Brothers Jimmy Cliff and Mitch Laing will make their *special* dry-rubbed Smoked Ribs with sauce on the side. Cost is \$20 **RSVP:** Call or TXT Mark @ 707-350-1116 by Fri. June 7.

Saturday June 15th: **Sonoma Parlor #111** - 63rd Annual Chicken BBQ (and hot dogs) at historic Sonoma Plaza.
11:00 am: - Ceremony at the Bear Flag Monument
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Lunch & Live Music
RSVP: Dean Zellers 707-996-5282

May 14th Luncheon

This picture amazes me. I don't think I've ever seen such happy cooks with such genuine smiles so obviously enjoying the day.

These men are my heroes. Veterans of wars, fires, feasts and famines. And they sit and stand here full of joy – after cooking the best pork tenderloin I've had in ages, accompanied by crispy house fries and a healthy mixed green salad. A perfect lead-up to Memorial Day.



The Veterans

L-R: Rick 'Serenity' Seramin, John 'The Pacifier' Payne and Jaunty John Beckerly

May 28th Luncheon

Less of a luncheon – more of a feast. Bob Burrows and company would have won best lunch of the year (if we had such a thing) with their cross-rib roast with gravy, baked potato, green bean and Caesar salad extravaganza. They hit it out of the park. If you weren't there you just made the biggest mistake of your life.



The Over-Achievers

Bob 'Bon Appetite' Burrows, Steamin' Dan Freeman, 'No Fuss' Russ Knudson and Tom 'That's a Negative' Teixeira

News from Grand Parlor

Non-Natives are In

It's been decided – non-native Californians can now become members of our Order. From our survey we saw that 80% of our Parlor was in favor of this, but the voting at Grand Parlor was much closer. We'll be talking about implications for our Parlor and the Canon Club at our June 5th business meeting.

It's Official: Grand Trustee Burt Winn

After many months of hard work campaigning and fund-raising, Fairfax Parlor's very own Past President Burton Winn has won his election to the position of Grand Trustee. Congratulations, Burt! *(See his article on page 4)*

Fairfax Parlor Newsletter

Interim Editor Needed

We need someone to take over the newsletter for the months of July and August. Our amazing editor will be working on a personal project and won't be publishing the newsletter for those months.

Fairfax Parlor Scholarship Committee:

Six Scholarships Awarded

1. A.J. Aguilar, Son of member A. Sean Aguilar, awarded the annual Eugene Ardito Scholarship. Attends Archie Williams High School and plans on attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or University of San Diego.

2. Emma Almaguer, Daughter of member Jorge Almaguer, awarded the annual Joe Daly Scholarship. Attends Lewis and Clark College and majors in Biology and Neuroscience.

3. Matteo Almaguer, Son of member Jorge Almaguer, attends UC Berkeley and majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

4. Lucy Bodle, Daughter of member Tristan Bodle, awarded the annual Tom McEntee Scholarship. Plans on attending UC Berkeley or USC.

5. Ted Consani, Grandson of member Bob Burrows. Currently attends Petaluma High School. Plans on attending Santa Rosa Junior College.

6. Riley Geraghty, Grandson of member Paul Geraghty, is currently attending USC and majors in Business. He was awarded the annual Tom Fong Scholarship.

Each student will receive a \$1000 Stipend to use towards their educational expenses.

Kevin Courtz and Manny Barretta
Co-Chairmen

Fairfax Parlor Scholarship Committee

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

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More from Grand Parlor 'The Joe Allen Challenge'

By Joel Bantly



Joel Bantly captures Joe 'Oil-Can' Allen demonstrating why no plate is safe, no matter how large or heaped with food, from his mighty jowls. Go get 'em, Joe! Platters: be warned.

June Birthdays

June 1st: Mike Marron (32), Stan Rowan (22)
June 3rd: Matt Marcucci (20), Jeff Santa Cruz (9),
Richard Scettrini (29)
June 4th: Jim Maloney (18)
June 5th: Burt Winn (5)
June 6th: Steve Ardito (32), Ethan Newby (2), David Pesce (5),
Fred Pfeifer (41)
June 7th: Richard Mulaskey (31), Steve Raffo (30)
June 10th: Seb Saia (27)
June 11th: Joe Bruce – 11th (73)
Justin Codoni – 11th (3)
Ethan Geary – 11th (5 months)
June 12th: Jim Ringseis (36) RIP
June 13th: Ken Franceschi 5-21-24 RIP
June 15th: Bruce Bourne (39), Art Costamagna (18),
John Sarran (8), Mark Siegenthaler (24)
June 16th: Robert Linscott (20)
June 18th: Tony Lusinchi (3), James Snow (6),
June 26th: Don Jennings (12)
June 28th: Barry Murrin (16)
June 29th: Matt Gillespie (7)

Clubhouse Work Party

Fireplace Demolition

Join Brothers Bill Madsen and Joel Bantly in the complete and utter destruction of our clubhouse fireplace enclosure. (Please remain calm - no structural supports will be removed.)

Let's say June 15th just to start the conversation.

Please note: The brothers listed below have been dropped from our roster for non-payment of dues. If your name or the name of a friend appears on this list, and you feel that you / they should not have been dropped please let us know by contacting us at:

officers@fairfaxnativesons.com

Richard Allen, Rod Berry, Fernando Callejas, William Cuneo, Michael Dibley, David Fowler, Joseph Garbarino, Kenneth Giacomini, Gustav Helzberg, Robert Herman, Jesse Olivotti, David Pesce, Jeff Piccinini, Treavor Prater, Frank Shippey, Monty Stephens, and Paul Wilson

It Takes a Team

By Burt Winn - Grand Trustee

It has been quite a ride for me since I joined the NSGW 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, Fred described the process of running through the Parlor chairs, advising me that it would take around three years. I said, “Yes,” and was curious to see what would happen.

I was installed as Third VP in December of 2018. My duties were to order snacks for the parlor meetings and observe how things worked that year.

During that same year, Fred and then Grand President Joe Castillo asked if I would like to be on the Board of Control which would allow me to join the Grand Parlor meetings. Sure, let's go.

I climbed from Third VP 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. I was fortunate to have the help of our Parlor and the local area Grand Officers, who formed a team to help me on this journey. To run, you need help; You need advice, 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:

First of all: The membership of Fairfax Parlor #307 for their financial support and approval of this run. I can't thank them enough. More specifically:

Joel Bantly (thanks for the impressive wooden portable bar!)

Ray and Liz Potter

District Deputy Lou Langlemet and his wife Irene

Parlor President Matt Marcucci

Outside Sentinel Tom Texiera (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 Second 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 Bergen for organizing our hotel reservations and Hospitality Room.

Running for any office is never a solo endeavor. It takes a team. Thank you!



Essay Contest Winner

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 a common one about 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 Sutters mill. John Sutter, his boss, told James to keep the discovery a secret. So did the secret stay in Sutters 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 hours. 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 Sutters 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.

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