



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

September 2023



President – Burton Winn, 1st Vice – Matt Marcucci, 2nd Vice – Bill Madsen, 3rd Vice – Joe Tassone

Family Appreciation Day September 10th

To express our gratitude to the families of our parlor members, we're having a Family Appreciation BBQ at the Canon Club on Sunday, Sept. 10th, from 3 pm to 7 pm. This is a free event. The pool will be open to parlor members and their families and food and drinks will be hosted by Fairfax Parlor #307.

An email notice should have arrived already. Please contact 1st VP Matt Marcucci with any questions at mattmarcucci1977@gmail.com.

Please make your reservation before Sept. 7th. Please note this event will take the place of the monthly 3rd Wednesday Dinner.

Thank You, Brother Pat Martinez

Pat Martinez is stepping down from the Canon Club Management Committee after 5 years of selfless service. One of the main reasons the Club has become profitable is because of the thousands of volunteer hours Pat put in maintaining, repairing and improving our facilities.

We all owe Pat a deep debt of gratitude. Buy him a drink the next time you see him. He deserves it.

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR

[All events at Canon clubhouse unless otherwise shown.]

Wednesday, Sept. 6 - Business Meeting, 7 p.m. Bar opens at 6.

Sunday, Sept. 10 - Family Appreciation BBQ 3 -7pm.

Tuesday, Sept 12 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

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.

A Message from the President

By Burt Winn

What I have to say here is a very small token, a small appreciation, (and really just two bits in comparison) to someone who has had a very large impact on Fairfax Parlor #307 of the Native Sons of the Golden West. This individual has written and edited our monthly newsletter, The Native Son News, for 50 years, publishing some 600 editions, and is now surrendering the helm.

He, along with Bob Rodgers and the late Pete Arigoni, was involved with the purchase and development of our clubhouse here on Mitchell Drive in Fairfax. He has been Parlor President, then Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West and is senior, *senior* Past President of both.

He still edits and publishes the monthly State publication The Native Son for the Order. "Must be a labor of love," he says.

He has been our go-to-guru for all things Native Sons here in Fairfax. He's also a train guy and knows the history of the Railways here in California. He has left a high bar for us to hurdle and we thank him.

If you haven't figured this out yet, I'm talking about Fred Codoni, my sponsor and mentor. I want to thank Fred here and now for all the work, blood, sweat and tears, (well, maybe not blood) he has expended making this Parlor and Order what it is today!

Thank you Fred Codoni, you have a legacy here. We will work very hard to continue it.

September Birthdays

Sept. 1st: James Adam (72), Robert Legnitto (19)
 Sept. 3rd: Greg Giesen (27)
 Sept. 4th: Timothy Knittel (33), Robert Milani (59)
 Sept. 5th: Geoff Cunningham (7)
 Sept. 6th: Richard Lafranchi (39), Jeffrey Manson (23)
 Sept. 7th: Charley Cornwall (11), Pablo DeAlmeida (4), Larry Giambastiani (35)
 Sept. 8th: Eric Bowen (0), Pat Kelly (0)
 Sept. 10th: Leon DeLisle (9),
 Sept. 11th: William Curry (45), Steve Sibley (26), Michael Thiercof (36)
 Sept. 12th: David Fowler (16)
 Sept. 13th: Dan Hanlon (22)
 Sept. 14th: Michael Jue (7)
 Sept. 15th: Robert Bonderud (3), Richard Carson (16), Mark Fiore (4)
 Sept. 16th: Judd Simmons (25)
 Sept. 19th: Frank Shippey (2)
 Sept. 21st: William Goodwin (13)
 Sept. 24th: Steve Ardigo (11), Fred Bernardini (20)
 Sept. 25th: James Filippo (25), Rodney Oates (44)
 Sept. 26th: Michael Brusati (37), Paul Geraghty (42), Michael Isetta (43)
 Sept. 27th: Joel Bantly (19), Richard Rushton (38)
 Sept. 29th: Anthony Bricca (41)
 Sept. 30th: Pat Martinez (30)

August 16th Dinner

A feast for the ages! Stuffed mushroom caps, risotto, garlic bread, salad and perfectly grilled steak. Prepared by the *'Every-Job Everywhere All-at-Once'* crew.



Pillars of our Parlor

(Kevin Courtz, Joe Allen, Lou Langlamet Jr., AJ Aguilar, Joel Bantly and Fred Codoni)

FAIRFAX PARLOR OFFICERS, 2023

Junior Past President – Brian Franzoia
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 Second Vice President – Bill Madsen
 Third Vice President – Joe Tassone
 Recording Secretary – Kevin Courtz
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Our New (Old) Website

Fairfax Parlor #307 has had its own website for years. Unfortunately, we stopped using it several years ago and forgot about it.

Luckily, Brother Mark Fogg has volunteered to improve our website **FairfaxNativeSons.com** and bring it up-to-date.

Instead of spending \$200 every month to print and mail our newsletter, now we can just email it to all our members and post it on the website. That will make an extra \$2400 a year we can give to our charities.

To access the newsletter on the website you hit *'Member Services'* and then *'News'*.

We Still Need Emails

The easiest and cheapest way for us to send you notifications is through email. If you're on the list below, we need your e-mail. Please phone or text Bill Madsen at (415) 259-8340.

Adam, James	Allen, Michael	Ardito, Ralph
Augusto Jr., Carl	Bacci, Edward	Bettini, Emil
Bricca, Anthony	Callejas, Fernando	Carroll, Scott
Costamagna, Art	Cuneo, William	Damos, Russel
Deedy, William	Del Carlo, Donald	Dinneen, James
Filippo, James	Foell, Richard	Fradelizio, Paul
Fradelizio, John	Franzoia, Michael	Garabino, Joseph
Geraghty, Kevin	Giacomini, Kenneth	Giambastiani, Larry
Graves, William	Hasler, Gordon	Hedemark, Gordon
Jacobs, Thomas	Johnson, Stephen	Keating, James
Knapp, William	Loutas, John	McCamish, Ronald
Michel, Jack	Migliore, Frank	Milani, Robert
Nave, Richard	Nichelini, Ricky	Nuno, Ronald
Oates, Rodney	Petrini, Marty	Pizza, Jack
Purcell, Craig	Rehs, Gregory	Rohrs, Scott
Ross, Robert	Seramin, Richard	Smith, Shane
Tavener, Randy	Thiercof, William	Thompson, Richard
Thornton, George		

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee will now be meeting quarterly. Its goal is to increase our membership through public outreach and education, working to improve our relationship with the town of Fairfax and surrounding communities by promoting the Native Sons historical preservation and charitable works.

Flags

By Burt Winn

Flags are nearly everywhere you look.

Flags can represent many things; they can be a symbol, a signaling device, or be purely decorative. The study of flags is called vexillology from the latin word vexillum, or banner. Flags are usually rectangular in shape, but can be also triangles, like the burgees flown on ships or even sport team pennants.

The first flags, as such, have been traced to boat drawings on Egyptian pottery in the third millennium BCE. Flags are worn as pins, patches, stickers, hats and even on clothes. There is also a flag etiquette, where the flag is not mistreated but revered, and destroyed when mishandled.

We salute flags and honor them, for they also stand for history. The American Flag, for instance, has had to be revised with every new state admitted to the union, adding a star each time. Currently there are fifty stars. The California Bear Flag is actually the last of a dozen or so flags that have flown over California, with each flag representing a now foreign nation claiming California as its own.



Holding the flag in a ceremony can connect you with that history. Flag Day in the United States is on June 14 every year, as first proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916.

As a member of the Native Sons, I've had the privilege of marching with the flags of the USA and California in a flag day parade in Fairfax and holding the flag of Sir Francis Drake at the Bear Flag Ceremony in Sonoma. In Fairfax, I found it uplifting to lead the procession with the flags and watch the reaction of the crowd as we carried both American and California flags down Center

and then Bolinas Streets to the sounds of cheering and applause. History was both being honored and created by this event. It seemed like the whole town came out to participate.



Arriving at Sonoma for the Bear Flag Celebration in Sonoma Square, I was asked if I would like to participate by holding a flag in the Celebration. Yes, of course I answered, then received flag number "4," the English flag of St. George's Cross carried by Sir Francis Drake. The pictures show my viewpoint in the Flag Celebration. The order of the flags represent California history before the state existed and became California. Also, after the public recitation of California flag history, a new Bear Flag was installed and hoisted up the flagpole near the Bear Flag Monument, briefly getting caught in the trees. Freed, it finally waved in the breeze. This flag event ended with an outdoor BBQ on the Square sponsored by the Native Sons.

Flags are an important symbol and the Native Sons offer an opportunity to participate in their ceremonial uses. Be an insider and enjoy being part of a Flag Ceremony. Celebrate your California history.



Canon Club Management Committee

The committee met on 8/15/23. The following items were discussed.

Painting tennis court light poles and replacing halogen lights with LED's.

The recent parking difficulties due to the rising popularity of pickleball and other special events.

How to balance the needs for court time between tennis and pickleball activities.

The long-term vision for the Club. Does Parlor #307 want to make improvements to the clubhouse to ensure it can accommodate future parlor events?

August 22nd Lunch Cooks



(Joel Bantly, Kevin Courtz, Tom Texiera)

Working hard and loving it!!

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