



Native Sons News

Fairfax Parlor #307

June 2025



New Members to be Obligated at June 4th Meeting

The following thirteen candidates have applied for membership in Fairfax Parlor and will be voted on at our June 4th meeting:

Dawson Beattie – Larkspur, Sean Boyd - San Rafael,
Brian Crowley – Fairfax, Mike Dudgeon – Fairfax,
Scott Kreinberg – Fairfax, Nikko Lubinski – Fairfax,
Ryan Milhous – Fairfax, Daniel Neal – Fairfax,
Kevin O’Heir – Fairfax, Mario Orihuela – Fairfax,
Jeff Stump – Kentfield, Creek Van Houten – San Anselmo,
Monica Whooley – Fairfax

Tuesday Lunch – May 13th

The stunning debut of Tiffany Knef – she’s only been a member for 6 months but she’s already running the kitchen like a pro!

A hearty (and heart-healthy) enchilada pie served with chips and a variety of salsas, cole-slaw, and ice cream for dessert.

With veteran help from Lou Langlamet and Matt Marcucci, it all went off without a hitch. Thanks guys!



L-R: Matt Marcucci, Tiffany Knef and Lou Langlamet

FAIRFAX PARLOR CALENDAR 2025

Wed., June 4 – Business Meeting, 7pm. Bar opens at 6.
Sat. June 7 & 8 – **Fairfax Festival Parade and Beer Booth**
Tue., June 10 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.
Wed., June 18 – **President’s Dinner**, 7pm. Bar opens at 6.
Tue., June 24 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30
Wed., July 2 – Business Meeting 7pm Bar opens at 6.
Tue., July 8 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar: 11:30.
Wed., July 16 – Dinner Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6.
Tue., July 22 – Lunch, 12:30 p.m. Bar opens at 11:30.

Message from the President



Native Son of the Month: Eric Bowen



If there’s something complicated and important that needs to be done, you shouldn’t be surprised to find out that Eric Bowen is the one doing it. He takes on the difficult jobs, the behind-the-scenes jobs, the jobs that most of us would shy away from.

And he does it quickly, and consistently, and efficiently.

Eric makes my job as President a whole lot easier and I want everyone to understand what an asset he’s been to the Parlor and how lucky we are that he’ll be our next President. We’ll be in very, very good hands...

The next time you see him, let him know how much you appreciate all his hard work – he deserves it.

My Last Issue as Newsletter Editor

This will be my last issue as the newsletter editor. I took over the newsletter two years ago from Fred Codoni who had faithfully published it for over forty years.

Fred always impressed upon us how important a newsletter is for a large membership like ours. It’s an invaluable tool for disseminating information and keeping our members updated and involved in what’s happening around our Parlor and our Club.

I’ve worked hard to keep the newsletter up to Fred’s rigorous standards, to honor his tradition and his work. If reading the newsletter is enlightening for our members, publishing it has taught me a tremendous amount about all the inner workings of our Parlor. There’s a rhythm to all our activities, and the newsletter is the pulse.

Publishing it prepared me (a little bit) for taking on the role of Parlor President, and I feel that it’s important for the health of the Parlor for others to learn more about the inner workings of the Parlor – to become repositories of this institutional knowledge.

Thankfully, brothers Russ Knudson and 2nd VP Chris Wand have volunteered to take over publishing the newsletter for a little while. I look forward to seeing their vision, whatever it may be, and know that the Parlor will be better off for their efforts and perspectives.

Thank you for the thousands of accolades.

Visiting Brothers Night

'Meet the Candidates' Dinner

Thanks to everyone that helped to make this event a success: Fred Schwab along with Mike Shea for cooking a great meal, their kitchen helpers - Dominic and Connor Trimble and Lou Langlamet, the set-up and clean-up crews with Matt Marcucci, Don Cronk, Joel Bantly, Bill Madsen, Lou Langlamet and Chris Wand, bartenders Tom Teixeira and Don Cronk, Administration and oversight: Chris Reilly and Kevin Courtz. And thanks to our 68 Paid attendees!

And a big, big thanks to Fred Codoni for his gracious introductions of our many, many distinguished visiting brothers and candidates. -Kevin Courtz-



Cooks: Fred Schwab, Mike Shea. Help: Connor and Dominic Trimble



Fred Codoni introduces the candidates and visiting brothers.



Fairfax Festival Parade & Beer Booth

We will be carrying the Stars and Stripes and Bear Flag in the Fairfax Festival on Sat., June 7 and serving Beer in the Town Park on June 7th and 8th.

Plan to be at the west parking lot of Good Earth at 9AM on June 7th. We need at least 60 people to carry both flags.

Everyone is invited to carry the flags – Native Sons, spouses, friends and older children. If you'd like to participate but have difficulty walking please contact Kevin Courtz at kcbcourt@aol.com

This is our one big event to show the town who we are.

We also need volunteers to staff our beer booth. Contact brother Joel Bantly at (415) 269-7934 or by email at slaquero@hotmail.com. We are allowed to sell beer from 11:30 to 4:30 PM both Saturday and Sunday and this is our biggest fund raiser for the whole year!

Please plan on attending the Parade and helping your brothers and our Parlor with the Beer Booth.

Thank you. -Kevin Courtz-

Tuesday Lunch – May 27th

Joe Artigiani, Stan Rowan and Matt Da Cuhna gave everybody in the clubhouse, the pool, the tennis courts, the parking lot and the neighborhood a treat – the savory aroma of barbecued tri-tip.

And then they gave everybody in the clubhouse an even bigger treat when they served it – grilled to perfection – the way Joe does it every time! Thanks guys!



Fire and Smoke

L-R: Matt Da Cuhna, Stan Rowan and Smokin' Joe Artigiani

On a sad note: Stan Rowan is hanging up his apron for good. He feels, and we agree, that it's finally time for him to sit down to eat and enjoy a whole meal, uninterrupted, instead of serving it up or cutting his meal short to dash around the clubhouse collecting money from everyone.

Thank you Stan – you deserve many years of long, relaxed lunches. You're one of the greats!



Stan Rowan holding back the tears with Mande Lopez

June Birthdays

June 1st: Mike Marron (34), Stan Rowan (24)
June 3rd: Matt Marcucci (22), Jeff Santa Cruz (11),
Richard Scettrini (31!)
June 4th: Will Hutchinson (1)
June 5th: Ryan O'Neil (11), Burt Winn (7)
June 6th: Steve Ardito (34), Frank Maresca (2),
Ethan Newby (3), Fred Pfeifer (42)
June 7th: Kevin Davis (1), Richard Mulaskey (32),
Steve Raffo (31)
June 10th: Seb Saia (28)
June 11th: Justin Codoni (6), Ethan Geary (2)
June 13th: David Schwab (15)
June 14th: Erik Johansson (1)
June 15th: Bruce Bourne (40!!), Art Costamagna (19),
Mark Siegenthaler (26)
June 16th: Robert Linscott (21)
June 18th: Tony Lusinchi (5), James Snow (8)
June 21st: William Deedy (47!!), Antone Sousa (1)
June 26th: Don Jennings (13)
June 28th: Barry Murrin (17)
June 29th: Matt Gillespie (9)

Scholarship Winners

We are proud to announce the four recent winners of our Annual Scholarship Awards for 2025.

1. AJ Aguilar, son of member Sean Aguilar, was awarded the annual scholarship in memory of Herman Fruchtenicht. AJ is in his first year at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.
 2. Ted Consani, grandson of Brother Bob Burrowes, was awarded the scholarship in memory of Eugene Ardito. Ted attends Santa Rosa Junior College with plans to transfer to a UC or State School.
 3. Nicole Murphy, daughter of Brother Sean Murphy, was awarded her scholarship in memory of Joe Allen. Nicole is in her 2nd year at UC Santa Cruz.
 4. Robin Stranton, son of member Wayne Stranton, was awarded the annual scholarship in memory of Joe Bruce. Robin attends Mesa College in San Diego and will transfer to Cal Poly Humboldt in the Fall.
- The Native Sons are proud of all the hard work these Students have put in to earn these awards and congratulate them.
- Kevin Courtz and Manny Barretta - Co-Chairs
Fairfax Parlor #307 Scholarship Committee NSGW

Parlor Stock Fund

As of May 29, the Fairfax Parlor Stock Fund balance stood at ~\$354,000. To ensure good communication regarding the use of funds from the Parlor Stock Fund, we're using the newsletter to inform Parlor members in advance before any funds are withdrawn from the Parlor Stock Fund.

There is no proposal on the June agenda requesting to withdraw or transfer funds. At a future meeting, there may be a request to use a portion of the funds to pay for a bocce court at the Club and we will let everyone know in advance when that proposal is coming. Hope to see many of you there.

5-Year Plan Committee

The 5-Year Plan Committee met on May 27th to discuss current and future work projects around the clubhouse.

Currently we're trying to finish up the bar/lounge area. Recent improvements include new (used) barstools and new bar tables. (Total cost: \$1100 – a huge bargain for such high-quality furniture).

Next step is installing wainscoting and finishing the area behind the bar – we hope to see it completed in the next month. Once that's finished the committee will look for our next big project, as well as prioritizing other projects – we'll let everybody know so that they can attend that meeting and offer their suggestions and insights.

Also, Brother Matt Da Cuhna has offered to lend us his dump trailer, his expertise and his tools to start preparing the area behind our tennis courts for a potential bocce ball court. He's offered to organize a work party to clear the weeds and figure out a layout for the courts. As of now the work party is scheduled for Monday June 2nd. If you're interested you can email Matt at mvdacunha@gmail.com

4th Grade Essay Contest

The 4th Grade Essay Committee has chosen a winner for 2025: Grace Anderson from Hidden Valley School – taught by Mrs. Hirsch.

Grace will receive an award of \$100 from our Parlor. All entrants were given gift certificates to Scoops Ice Cream in Fairfax.

Sadly, Brother Bill Addy has announced his intention to retire from managing the 4th Grade Essay Contest. He's done a great job for many years and we'll miss his enthusiasm and his dedication to promoting and preserving California history.

Check Out These Other Events

June 11th: **Petaluma-Nicasio #183 Stroganoff Dinner**, Petaluma
July 3rd: 6:00/7:00pm **Napa #62 Social/Wing Night** Chicken Wings, Napa Hall, Napa
July 9th: 6pm **Petaluma-Nicasio #183** Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Chili, Petaluma
Aug 2-10th: **Lotts Lake Work Party Week**, Lotts Lake, Plumas County. More Info: Dan Foppe - dnrtermite@gmail.com
Sep 5th: **NSGW and NDGW California Admission Day Event**, Basque Cultural Center in South San Francisco

To see even more statewide events, visit the NSGW website: <https://nsgw.org/calendar-of-events/>

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THE 148TH GRAND PARLOR

What Grand Parlor Means to Me

By Jr. Past President Matt F. Marcucci

In the last couple of years I have been honored to attend Grand Parlor as a delegate, the 148th in Stockton was my 4th. I believe that being elected as a delegate is truly one of the highest and sacred honors that a parlor can give to a brother.

One of the greatest things about attending Grand Parlor is learning new things, for example, this year I was selected to be a part of the elections committee as a teller, what an awesome experience.

Here are a few other examples why I love Grand Parlor; you get to meet new brothers, make great connections, help out your fellow brothers and see old acquaintances.



I got to talk with some of our older members and hear some of their memories and some fantastic stories. It is truly the most magical time, you see for me Grand Parlor is my Christmas, I look forward to it all year. As a Native Son there is no better time of year, and I am so proud to be a Native Son. This is what Grand Parlor means to me.

Native Sons forever, forever Native Sons, Brothers for life. In Friendship, Loyalty and Charity. God Bless the Native Sons of the Golden West.



*Matt Marcucci (3rd from left) Gets sworn in to
The Past Presidents Association*

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Fairfax Wandering Marshal

Lou Langlamet

Stockton Trap Shoot 148th Grand Parlor.

We had 10 brothers from North and South and East and West California participate in our Trap Shoot. The Stockton Trap and Skeet Club is a well-maintained club with lots of parking.

With the entry fees the NSGW was able to make a donation to the STSC youth program, our own Historic Preservation Foundation, and still have enough money for prizes for the participants.

After shooting we were off to the BBQ for some great food and drink, A Great Day To be a Native Son. Native Son's functions are a wonderful way to meet new friends and see old acquaintances.



Good guys with guns

What was especially nice to see was the four youngsters from various parlors shooting and laughing and having a good time. They all knew their butts from their barrels and they reminded us seasoned vets what it was like in the good old days when our hands were always steady.



*Colleen & Irene (my deputy) keeping score.
Thanks to everyone who participated in this fun event!*

The Grand Parlor 2025 - The Campaign Room

Story and Photos by Grand Trustee Burt Winn

The 2025 Grand Parlor was held at the Hilton Hotel on Grand Canal Boulevard in the Central Valley City of Stockton this year. As required by the Native Sons' Constitution, the event took place during the third week of May, and this year was no exception.

Named an All-American City for many years, most recently in 2018, Stockton is located on the San Joaquin River and is adjacent to the Sacramento/San Joaquin River Delta. Stockton is California's most inland seaport and a vital shipping and transportation hub for the Central Valley. It was California's first community to not have a Spanish or Native American name.



This year's event started with a reception for the delegates on Sunday night featuring a no-host bar at the Hotel and ended with the Grand Presidents Luncheon on Thursday afternoon at the Garlic Brother's Restaurant on the scenic San Joaquin River. Meetings and business occupied most of the intervening morning and afternoon sessions with a Play Day (I picked bowling) scheduled for the third day. The Grand Banquet ended the second day and a Grand Barbecue ended the third.



The Grand Banquet

I have attended seven Grand Parlors, but this is the first one I have attended both as a Grand Trustee and one where I am running for reelection. I had a busy and fun time (with

an emphasis on busy)! Sharing a Campaign Room (not called "Hospitality Room" due to Hotel regulations) to help defray expenses added to both the complexity and enjoyment of this event. Nicasio/Petaluma Parlor#183 and my Parlor, Fairfax Parlor #307, decided to share a Campaign Room. I'm not aware of any of the Parlors doing this before.



Our Campaign Room

At a campaign event in San Francisco before Grand Parlor, Grand Trustee Larry Schork, also running for reelection, suggested that we share a room to cut expenses. I thought about this for a minute and agreed to do it. I'm game. But how? Well, we decided to split the expenses down the middle, cutting both the cost of the room and the expenses of hosting it in half for each Parlor.

The Parlors would contribute individual Raffle prizes, while Nicasio/Petaluma would also hold a playing card Raffle where each of the 52 cards sell for \$20, the card then torn in half, and two winners would get \$300/each by matching their winning card picks. We would keep the rest for expenses.



No place to sleep in a campaign room

There was some preparation for sharing this room. Organizing donated prizes, shopping for both additional prizes and the supplies, moving everything from the Parlors

to the Hotel room, unloading and setting up the room, and assigning tasks all had to be completed before opening.

Thankfully we were on the first floor. Then there was the cleanup! We made lists of everything we thought we might need, including liquor, drinks, food and snacks. We brought a Margarita machine and a portable fridge and chafing dishes. We brought a portable wooden bar (thanks Joel), chairs, tables, and had to fetch ice. And we bought Chinese food from a local restaurant to serve on Wednesday night, the last campaign night before voting the next morning. This room became crowded since we couldn't move out the beds, becoming an obstacle course for our guests, delegates, raffle shoppers and ourselves!

But we pulled it off. Except there were problems! I returned to the room on Wednesday night to find the power out for our room and adjacent rooms. We called for maintenance twice to reset the breaker, hoping the lights would come on before it got really dark as we didn't want to do a camping trip at the hotel. There were apparently too many appliances operating at the same time on the floor setting off the breaker.



And then it went dark...

We put the folded tables on top of the beds for the food service and the prizes to stabilize their presentation. We created a spread sheet to help figure out the finances. The chairs we brought were set up so people had somewhere to sit and even the raffle tickets had their own prices and display. There was stuff everywhere you looked.

A team effort was required at 9pm Wednesday to distribute the raffle prizes and pull tickets numbers for some 40 raffle prizes. The room got really crowded then.

But we pulled it off. And we had an enjoyable time visiting with the delegates and guests while running an ongoing campaign, pouring drinks, serving food and snacks, and selling and pulling raffle tickets. This project, though, is not for the faint of heart.



The Grand Barbeque

Now for the thanks.

First, I'd like to thank the team from Fairfax #307: Joel Bantly and Lou Langlamet for hauling, moving, providing materials and bartending, Parlor Junior Past President Matt Marcucci for his assistance and energy, Tom Teixeira and Fred Schwab for bartending and helping, and my wife, Lynn, and also Irene Langlamet for helping with the food, the raffle drawing, and the overall organization of the room, and Ray Potter and Denyce Codoni for their donations and support. Also, thanks go to Parlor President Bill Madsen, Recording Secretary Kevin Courtz and all the members of Parlor #307 who assisted my campaign in so many ways. And, finally, to Fred Codoni for his support and inspiration.

Second, thanks go to the team from Petaluma/Nicasio Parlor #183: Grand Trustee Larry Schork for the inspiration to both attempt this and put the room together; Incoming Grand First Vice President Kris Nelson for his donations, support and endless good humor; Dave Schaefer, Santa Rosa Parlor #28 for his donation and support; and Mitch Laing also Santa Rosa Parlor #28 for his guidance and energy in this project.



*The Traveling Trustee and the Wandering Marshal
Burt Winn and Lou Langlamet*

So, thanks to the combined teams for a successful Grand Parlor Campaign

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