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Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents,
Officers and Members of Subordinate Parlors
Native Daughters of the Golden West

Dear Sisters,

It was brought to my attention this past month that you have been curious as to what I expect from you when I visit your Parlor/District for Official Visits. California is a beautiful and culturally diverse State and I love the idea of celebrating your area. For example, I recently spent a week in Santa Barbara for the Old Spanish Days celebration. What a wonderful way to experience the peoples who made up this thriving metropolis! Her Spanish/Mexican roots run deep and are so well displayed throughout the city.

Many of you know that I am an avid Tinkerbell fan, I love sparkly baubles and clothing, and, of course, fun shoes. I also very much enjoy our Ritualistic work. It is very vital to my experience as a Member of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

These first two months of my term as your Grand President have been absolutely amazing! I have had the privilege of attending 5 Parlor installations and am continuously enamored of the Installation Ceremony. It is so beautiful and our Sisters perform the Ritual work so well.

I recently completed my FIRST Official Visit to District 27, Part Los Angeles County (Beach, Central, and East areas). What a wonderful visit. I had the opportunity to visit the Huntington Museum gardens and art. So exciting! Unfortunately, Blue Boy was out on exhibition, but I did see Pinky and many other marvelous works of art. We had a lovely Official Visit and I was blessed to spend this time with our Sisters of District 27. I really look forward to my visit to your area.

Included in this mailing is the Summary of Legislation from the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting held at Knott's Berry Farm Hotel in Buena Park. The legislation that was proposed for consideration was discussed and acted upon by the voting Members. The list of resolutions and recommendations ratified, adopted, accepted, rejected, and withdrawn are included, as are the motions made from the floor.

Please review the Summary and utilize, at each of your Parlor meetings, either the Concise Meeting Script or the Formal Meeting Script, both of which were adopted by the Grand Parlor. It is suggested that the descriptions found at the beginning of each of these Scripts be read at your next Parlor meeting to assure that Members understand that all Parlor meetings are open, and the Order of Business may be modified to accommodate the required business to be conducted at any given meeting.

Ceremonies for the Initiation of Candidates and Installation of Officers were also adopted and are to be used by all Subordinate Parlors. In addition, and as appropriate, the Flag Presentation



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Ceremonies, the Funeral Ceremony, and the Memorial Service are to be used by all Subordinate Parlors.

Our Extension of the Order Committee is hard at work formulating ideas to help us increase our Membership. I am just thrilled with the creativity of Chairmen PGP Camelia Robles and PGP Beth Perrin. What a dynamite team!! This is just one example of why I feel I have the best team *EVER* working for our Order.

As you continue your work for Native Daughters of the Golden West, I wish for you many blessings.

I BELIEVE we can make a difference.

Cynthia Connelly, Grand President

*The future belongs to those who **BELIEVE** in the beauty of their **DREAMS**. –Eleanor Roosevelt*



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September 1, 2017

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Dear Sisters:

Another "Indian Summer" is here and GPO/San Francisco Bay Area is feeling the heat of record temperatures.

Important Changes/Updates related to Grand Parlor Office (GPO)

Please Note: I will be out of the office effective Thursday, August 31st – Tuesday, September 26th

GPO is OPEN for business during my absence. However, **(Effective September 1, 2017)**
NEW GPO Hours of 10 AM – **3:30 PM**, Monday – Friday

EXCEPT when GPO is CLOSED for the Labor Day Holiday on Monday, September 4th

In the interest of efficiency, I am attaching recent updates of the following documents as separate attachments from September, 2017 Parlor Mail.

- 1) **OFFICIAL DIRECTORY (2017-2018)**: Thanks to the Recording Secretaries who worked diligently to provide Parlor updates to GPO timely. **Please help us review this draft and suggest edits to GP Cynthia in September** to make this year's directory as accurate as possible.
- 2) **2017 – 2018 Grand President Itinerary**: GP Cynthia's Itinerary effective August 30, 2017
- 3) **2017 GPAM Legislation**

Kind regards,

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