

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

139<sup>TH</sup> GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING

DOUBLETREE HOTEL

FIRST DAY MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2025

Prior to the opening of the GPAM, Karen Goh, Mayor of Bakersfield, was escorted to the stage by GM Renee Rianda. She welcomed us to her city and expressed her delight in having us here. She thanked us for our generosity in our charitable and historical endeavors. She presented a certificate of recognition to preserving the heritage of California to GP Darleen. GM Renee Rianda then escorted Maria Espinoza and Isabel Zamora representing County Supervisor David Couch, to the stage. Maria expressed her thanks to NDGW for the hard work we do in preserving the rich history and culture of California. She presented GP Darleen with a certificate of recognition from the County Board of Supervisors.

Morning Session:

The 139<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor was called to Order at 9:43 a.m. by Honorary Chairman Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 166, Montebello.

Honorary Chairman Camelia Robles invited the 2025 Annual Meeting Committee to enter. The Honorary

Chairman requested that the Honorary Marshal Marilyn Rodriguez, PGP, Angelita Parlor No.132, Livermore, escort the 2025 GPAM Sessions Committee Co-Chairmen Sherry Farley, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, and Joan Hall, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia, to the Altar where they were introduced. The Honorary Chairman handed the gavel to the GPAM Sessions Co-chair Joan Hall who requested that the delegates and visitors to assume their seats.

Chairman Hall invited the Past Grand Presidents to enter the room and assume their seats. She invited the Worthy Grand President Darleen Carpenter and her Corps of Officers to enter. GP Darleen was escorted to the Altar for introduction. She was then escorted to the stage and presented with the gavel.

GP Darleen asked the Grand Officers to assume their stations. She introduced the Grand Officers:

JUNIOR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT RAE ROSAS, TIERRA DE ORO

PARLOR NO. 304, SANTA BARBARA

GRAND VICE PRESIDENT HEIDI DILLON, JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5,

STOCKTON, AND OAKDALE PARLOR NO. 125, OAKDALE

GRAND MARSHAL RENEE RIANDA, WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90,  
WOODLAND, AND ALELI PARLOR NO. 102, SALINAS

GRAND SECRETARY CHRISTINE TRIPOD, PGP, JOAQUIN PARLOR  
NO. 5, STOCKTON

SENIOR GRAND TRUSTEE SHELLEY BUCHBERGER, ANGELITA  
PARLOR NO. 32, LIVERMORE

GRAND TRUSTEE MARION "SONNY" GRAVES, AMAPOLA PARLOR  
NO. 338, SUTTER CREEK, AND JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5, STOCKTON

GP Darlene introduced the Past Grand Presidents in attendance and on  
Zoom:

CAMELIA ROBLES, POPPY TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266, MONTEBELLO,  
GRAND PRESIDENT 1985 -1986

MARILYN BUSTILLOS, CALIFIA PARLOR NO. 22, SACRAMENTO, AND  
URSULA PARLOR NO. 1, JACKSON, GRAND PRESIDENT 1988 - 1989

BETH PERRIN, TOLUCA PARLOR NO. 279, BURBANK, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 1995 – 1996

DEBI STALDER, LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6, NEVADA CITY, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 1998 – 1999

CHRISTINE TRIPOD, JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5, STOCKTON. GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2000 - 2001

MARGARET MALLETTE, ANNIE K. BIDWELL, CHICO, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2002 – 2003

JOAN M. HALL, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292, VISALIA, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2004 – 2005

JEAN E. KOEHL, GILROY PARLOR NO. 312, GILROY, AND ANNIE K.  
BIDWELL PARLOR NO. 168, CHICO, GRAND PRESIDENT 2008 – 2009  
MARILYNN RODRIGUES, ANGELITA PARLOR NO. 32, LIVERMORE,  
GRAND PRESIDENT 2011 – 2012

LINDA M. GALASSI, SAN JOSE PARLOR NO. 81, SAN JOSE AND EL  
VESPERO PARLOR NO. 118, SAN FRANCISCO, GRAND PRESIDENT  
2012 – 2013

SHARON D. LOGAN, SAN JOSE PARLOR NO. 81, SAN JOSE, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2013 – 2014

SUZI RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10, REDWOOD CITY, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2014 – 2015

BONNIE M. TABOR, MORADA PARLOR NO. 199, MODESTO, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2015 – 2016

SHERRY A. FARLEY, GRACE PARLOR NO. 242, FULLERTON, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2016-2017

CYNTHIA CONNELLY, ANNIE K. BIDWELL PARLOR NO. 168, CHICO,

AND POPPY TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266, MONTEBELLO, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2017-2018

DAWN DUNLAP, EL PINAL PARLOR NO. 163, CAMBRIA. GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2019 – 2020.

SUSAN COLLINS, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO. 210, FORT BRAGG,  
GRAND PRESIDENT 2021 – 2022

NINA COFFENBERRY, URSULA PARLOR NO. 1, JACKSON, GRAND  
PRESIDENT 2022 - 2023

GP Darlene introduced the STATE CHAIRMEN FOR THIS TERM.

AMERICANISM AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION: CAROL MARKLE, GRACE  
PARLOR NO. 242, FULLERTON

BOARD OF GRIEVANCE: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DAWN DUNLAP,  
EL PINAL PARLOR NO. 163, CAMBRIA

CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT SUZI  
RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10, REDWOOD CITY

CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS & HISTORIC BUILDINGS: JENNI  
KING, WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90, WOODLAND.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS, AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS  
SUBCOMMITTEE ART TALENT CONTEST: BRANDI FLEISCHMANN,  
RUBY PARLOR NO. 46, MURPHYS, AND CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO.

292, VISALIA.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY & LANDMARKS SUBCOMMITTEE ESSAY  
CONTEST: STEPHANIE WHITTLE, TOLUCA PARLOR NO. 279,  
BURBANK.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION: PAST GRAND  
PRESIDENT SUSAN COLLINS, FORT BRAGG PARLOR NO 210, FORT  
BRAGG.

EDUCATION & SCHOLARSHIPS: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DAWN  
DUNLAP, EL PINAL PARLOR NO. 163, CAMBRIA.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS: PGP SHERRY FARLEY, GRACE  
PARLOR NO. 242, FULLERTON.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES: BRENDA GREEN, FRESNO PARLOR NO.  
187, FRESNO, AND CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292, VISALIA.

FINANCE: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT MARILYNN RODRIGUES,  
ANGELITA PARLOR NO. 32, LIVERMORE.

FRATERNAL JEWELRY: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT CAMELIA  
ROBLES, POPPY TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266, MONTEBELLO.

GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING CO-CHAIRMEN: PAST GRAND  
PRESIDENT JOAN M. HALL, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292,  
VISALIA, AND PAST GRAND PRESIDENT SHERRY FARLEY, GRACE

PARLOR NO. 242, FULLERTON.

HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER: MARY LOUISE DAYS, REINA DEL MAR

PARLOR NO. 126, SANTA BARBARA.

INSURANCE: ANNA ORTIZ, TIERRA DE ORO PARLOR NO. 304,  
SANTA BARBARA.

INVESTMENT: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT JEAN E. KOEHL, GILROY  
PARLOR NO. 312, GILROY, AND ANNIE K. BIDWELL PARLOR NO.  
168, CHICO.

JAMES D. PHELAN FUND: YOUR GRAND PRESIDENT

LAWS AND SUPERVISION: GRAND MARSHAL RENEE RIANDA,  
WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90, WOODLAND, AND ALELI PARLOR NO.  
102, SALINAS

LEGISLATION: KAREN MAY, ESHCOL PARLOR NO. 16, NAPA

LEGISLATION MONITORING: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT JOAN M.  
HALL, CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292, VISALIA.

MISSION RESTORATION: KRISTINA W. FOSS, RAINA DEL MAR  
PARLOR NO. 126, SANTA BARBARA.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE  
FOUNDATION, INCORPORATED: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT SUZI  
RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10, REDWOOD CITY.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHILDRENS  
FOUNDATION: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT CAMELIA ROBLES, POPPY  
TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266, MONTEBELLO.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HOME: PAST GRAND  
PRESIDENT DEBI STALDER, LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6, NEVADA CITY.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HOME  
SUBCOMMITTEE: EVELYN I CARLSON NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE  
GOLDEN WEST HISTORICAL COLLECTION, KATHY KELLY-  
BREITLER, EL VESPERO PARLOR NO. 118, SAN FRANCISCO.

PIONEER ROSTER and NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN  
WEST ARCHIVES: MARJORIE MCKISSON, SUTTER PARLOR NO. 111,  
SACRAMENTO.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION: ANNE RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10,  
REDWOOD CITY.

PERSONNEL: YOUR GRAND PRESIDENT.

PROCEEDINGS: JUNIOR PAST GRAND PRESIDENT, RAE ROSAS,  
TIERRA DE ORO PARLOR NO. 304, SANTA BARBARA.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT DEBI STALDER,  
LAUREL PARLOR NO. 6, NEVADA CITY

REAL PROPERTY: YOUR GRAND PRESIDENT



RITUAL & MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION: FROZEN FOR 3 YEARS (July 2022 to June 2025)

STATE OF THE ORDER: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT SHERRY FARLEY, GRACE PARLOR NO. 242, FULLERTON.

VETERANS WELFARE: LEONA SUNSERI, SUTTER'S MILL PARLOR NO. 336, COLOMA.

WELFARE: MARTI NOYES, JURUPA PARLOR NO. 296, RIVERSIDE

SPECIAL COMMITTEE: ASSESSMENT & RENEWAL (ARC): PAST GRAND PRESIDENT NINA COFFENBERRY, URSULA PARLOR NO. 1, JACKSON; AND GRAND MARSHAL RENEE RIANDA, WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90, WOODLAND, AND ALELI PARLOR NO. 102, SALINAS.

GP Darleen also introduced:

GPAM 2025 SUB-COMMITTEE CREDENTIALS: PAST GRAND PRESIDENT SUZI RILEY, BONITA PARLOR NO. 10, REDWOOD CITY

GPAM 2025 SUB-COMMITTEE: CHAIRMEN, TRANSPORTATION: ANNA ORTIZ, TIERRA DE ORO PARLOR NO. 304, SANTA BARBARA

GPAM 202 ORGANIST OF THE ORDER: BRENDA GREEN, FRESNO

PARLOR NO. 187, FRESNO, AND CHARTER OAK PARLOR NO. 292,  
VISALIA

GP Darleen made the following appointments:

Assistant Grand Marshals: Nancy Phillips, Morada Parlor No. 199, Modesto; Christine Lewis, Charter Oak Parlor No. 292, Visalia; Jerrilynn Crivello, Junipero Parlor No. 140, Monterey, Linda Yop, Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas.

GM Renee Rianda led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; Jr PGP Rae Rosas led us in prayer; GM Renee Rianda declared the 139<sup>th</sup> GPAM duly open and prepared for business.

GP DARLEEN ANNOUNCED HER APPOINTMENTS FOR THE GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PARLIAMENTARIAN: PGP MARILYN BUSTILLOS, CALIFIA PARLOR NO 22, SACRAMENTO, AND URSULA PARLOR NO. 1, JACKSON.

STENOGRAPHER FOR THE GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING: PGP MARILYN BUSTILLOS, CALIFIA PARLOR NO 22, SACRAMENTO, AND URSULA PARLOR NO. 1, JACKSON.

OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER: PGP BETH PERRIN, TOLUCA PARLOR NO. 279, BURBANK.

BOARD OF ELECTION: (Committee Policies, Page 1) JUDGE: SUSAN  
TINKLEY, POPPY TRAIL PARLOR NO. 266, MONTABELLO

TELLERS SUSAN TICHENOR, CALIFIA PARLOR NO. 22,  
SACRAMENTO; MARION WYDO, BONITA NO. 10,  
REDWOOD CITY; BETTY GROSS, CALIFIA PARLOR NO.  
22.

CLERK: GAYLE GLEIM, SAN JOSE PARLOR NO. 81, SAN JOSE.

PAGE FOR THE GRAND PRESIDENT: BARBARA CUSTER, MORADA  
PARLOR NO. 199, MODESTO.

PAGE FOR THE JR. PAST GRAND PRESIDENT: ANNA ORTIZ, TIERRA  
DE ORO NO. 304, SANTA BARBARA

PAGE FOR THE GVP: IDA EVANS, JOAQUIN PARLOR NO. 5,  
STOCKTON

PGP Jean Koehl moved to send letters to all PGPs not in  
attendance. Motion duly seconded and carried.

The Grand Secretary read the previous notice concerning  
electronic payments and it was given to State of the Order  
for channeling and distribution. She then read the letter of  
welcome from the Mother Parlor.

Recessed for Memorial Service.

## Memorial Service for our Departed Sisters:

GP Darleen read the eulogy for our departed and memorial service began with a recording of Elvis Presley singing How Great Thou Art. Then the memorial for PGP Marie M. Otto, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton was conducted by the PGPs of the order. The team of six entered dressed in gold robes and red stoles and the remainder of the PGPs entered dressed in white and assembled in front of the stage. Each PGP presented 3 carnations in red, white and yellow representing the colors of the Order in memory of both PGP Marie and her brother George. George always presented Marie with carnations each year she sought election to Grand Office.

PGP Marilyn Bustillos read the eulogy for PGP Marie.

## EULOGY FOR PGP MARIE M. OTTO

Marie M. Otto was born in San Diego to Ernest F., native of San Diego, and Marie S. Otto, native of Wisselsheim, Germany, on November 7, 1940. Marie grew up in San Diego, attended San Diego High School and San Diego State College, graduating in 1962. She was employed at a law firm for 28 years and also participated in the family floral business during weekends and holidays.

Influenced by her aunt, Myrtle, member of San Diego Parlor, and her father, member of San Diego Parlor No. 108, N.S.G.W., Marie joined Palomar Junior Unit No. 24. In 1957 she joined the senior Order, becoming a member of San Diego Parlor No. 208. For over 68 years, Marie was a faithful and ardent member of our Order. She progressed through the chairs in her home Parlor, serving as President during both the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. In 1987, supported by her Native Son brothers, Fred and George, and by her Parlor, Marie was elected Grand Outside Sentinel. In 1991, she was elected to the office of Grand Marshal. On the evening of June 26, 1993, in Modesto, Marie was installed as Grand President of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

The backdrop for the stage at her installation consisted of three panels with pictures of the California Tower at Balboa Park, the Cabrillo Lighthouse, and Mission San Diego de Alcala. Marie wore a black gown with a black and gold sequined bodice. She was escorted by her brother George. George and their cousins from Germany took part in a traditional family custom of mixing soil from California and Germany, representing the ancestry of the family.

In her address, she announced her theme for the year “Reach Out for Native Daughters.” She emphasized the need for new members and expressed her support for Veterans Welfare, Childrens Foundation, Education, and Mission Restoration. A tree lighting at the NDGW Home was announced for December 5, 1993. This popular tradition has continued annually and celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. She ended her address with the following poem:

We pledge ourselves to follow through the coming year  
    The light which God give us;  
    The light of Truth, wherever it may lead;  
    The light of Freedom, revealing new opportunities  
for individual  
    development and social service;  
    The light of Faith, opening new visions of the better  
world to be;  
    The light of Love, daily binding brother to brother  
(sister to sister)  
    and man (woman) to God in ever closer bonds of  
friendship and affection.  
    Guided by this light We shall go forward to the work  
of another year  
    with steadfastness and confidence.

The 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Grand Parlor, was held from June 22 to 24, 1994 at the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, It was her pleasure to share her year with the 25-year Past Grand President, Hazel T. Mallette.

Marie continued to serve the Order faithfully as a member of various committees, secretary in her own parlor, attending events and meetings etc. She was co-chair of the 2017 Grand Parlor annual meeting for Grand President Sherry Farley and she effectively represented San Diego Parlor No. 208 for many years. In 2018 Marie began her year as the Silver Anniversary Past Grand President, celebrating the event at the 2019 Grand Parlor. After San Diego Parlor consolidated into Grace Parlor No. 242, Marie continued her participation as health permitted. In her later years, ill health prevented her from traveling but she attended Grand Parlor via Zoom. Marie's smile, her infectious laugh, her good humor, and her faithfulness to our Order will be greatly missed. God speed, Marie. May you be happily reunited with your beloved family.

I am indebted to Historian, Mary Louise Days, for her report in the 2018-2019 proceedings on Marie's 25<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary as Grand President from which information was gathered for this eulogy.

Marilyn Bustillos, PGP

GOs, PGPs and members, dressed in white, then participated in the memorial procession for our departed sisters. As the names were scrolled on the display screen, Barbara Seaton, Forrest Parlor No. 86, read the names. GOs, PGPs and members reverently walked forward and placed sprigs of poppies in the vases on the stage. Our Grand President concluded the service by recessing the session at 11:48 in memory of our departed sisters. We are to reconvene at 1:30 p.m. We then attended the CFIC luncheon.