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Dear New Member:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW)!

Founded in 1886, the Native Daughters of the Golden West is one of California's oldest fraternal organizations. For nearly 140 years, our members have worked together to preserve California's rich history while strengthening our communities through education, charitable service, and lifelong friendship.

Our mission is to actively preserve California's history and quality of life through education and community service while continuing to build the bonds of sisterhood that make our Order so special. As a new member, you are now part of a remarkable legacy. Your enthusiasm, talents, and participation will help ensure that our organization continues to thrive for generations to come.

We are proud of our charitable endeavors through our three affiliated 501(c)(3) organizations:

- **NDGW Charitable Foundation** – Supports grants and projects that further the charitable work of our State Committees.
- **NDGW Children's Foundation** – Provides medical and dental grants to eligible children throughout California.
- **NDGW Home** – Preserves and maintains our beautiful Julia Morgan-designed home in San Francisco.

In addition, our many State and Parlor Committees provide opportunities for every member to become involved in causes they are passionate about—from preserving California's historic landmarks, parks, missions, and lighthouses to supporting veterans, education, environmental stewardship, and community service.

I encourage you to become actively involved by attending your Parlor meetings, participating in events, and exploring the many opportunities available throughout the Order. Every member has unique gifts to share, and together our accomplishments are limitless.

You are one of our greatest ambassadors. Please share the story of the Native Daughters with your family, friends, and community. Your enthusiasm and personal experiences are the best way to introduce others to the meaningful work we do.

To help you stay informed, visit our website at www.ndgw.org. Our password-protected **Members Only** section contains valuable resources, forms, announcements, and the Monthly Mailing, which is posted around the first of each month. Your Parlor Recording Secretary can provide you with the current password.

I also encourage you to stay connected with your Sponsor. She can introduce you to members from other Parlors, accompany you to district and statewide events, and help you discover the many opportunities available within our wonderful organization. There truly is something for everyone in the world of NDGW.

I look forward to meeting you as I travel throughout California during my term as Grand President. Thank you for joining our sisterhood and for helping us preserve California's past while building a strong future for the Native Daughters of the Golden West. In the meantime you can reach me at grandpresident@ndgw.org

Welcome to the NDGW family! Sincerely,

Renee Rianda

Renee Rianda, Grand President
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