

RESOLUTION #1

REDUCE THE NUMBER OF GRAND TRUSTEES

WHEREAS in the past years the number of parlors in the Order has decreased; and

WHEREAS the number of Grand Officers needed to make the required official visits to the subordinate parlors can be reduced which will result in a savings in Grand Officers meetings; and

WHEREAS we have been having problems in filling the chairs of the office of Grand Trustees; and

WHEREAS it is always healthy for the Order if we have competition for the office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article V, Part B - Officers, Section 1 of the Grand Parlor Constitution, after the words Grand Treasurer, the word "seven" be changed to "five"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article V, Part A - Elections, Section 2c of the Grand Parlor Constitution, the last sentence be changed to read as follows:

A ballot to be counted for the office of Grand Trustee, when such office is contested, must be cast for (5) candidates for that office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article V, Part A - Elections, Section 2f of the Grand Parlor Constitution be changed to read as follows:

In the event of a contested election of six (6) or more candidates, the five (5) candidates receiving the highest number of votes, regardless of percentage, will be elected Grand Trustees for the following year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article V, Part A - Elections, Section 2g of the Grand Parlor Constitution be changed as follows:

Should a tie vote result in a failure to designate the winner of the last available seat(s), an immediate runoff ballot will be held among the tied candidates to narrow the final choice to five (5) elected Grand Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this constitutional amendment be effective immediately with the 132nd Grand Parlor.

Submitted by

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RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS the 130th session of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West adopted a resolution amending the Constitution to expand the membership of the Southern California Advancement of the Order Committee and more precisely defining its duties; and

WHEREAS that resolution called upon the committee to meet regularly, to report on its meetings "to assist the region as a whole, and each parlor within it, to increase membership and to make our Order more visible to the general public"; and

WHEREAS practical, actual experience with the reorganization indicates that the cooperation, harmony and development among the parlors of Southern California, and the enhancement the general membership's feeling of attachment to Grand Parlor are factors that cannot realistically be compelled through constitutional formulas; and

WHEREAS no other districts or geographic sections of our Order are placed under the influence of a group or body comparable to the Southern California Advancement of the Order Committee; and

WHEREAS the parlors in the Southern California region are as capable of self-direction and determination in the conduct of their affairs through spontaneous inter-parlor task forces, that are organized for particular purposes, as are all other parlors in other locations throughout the state;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern California Advancement of the Order Committee be dissolved by deleting Article VIII, Section 1-B6 and Article IX, Section 1-B6 from the Constitution in their entirety, thus eliminating the Southern California Advancement of the Order Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a point of clarification and binding instruction that it is the sense of the 132nd Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West that the event traditionally known as the Southern California Weekend is, in all respects, the equivalent to such similar events as the Weekend in the Redwoods and Forty-niner Days - all of which are planned and carried into effect by consortiums of host parlors, acting on their own discretion--and that each of these similar events shall be treated by the Grand Parlor and all of its officers in an equal manner in conformity to a common and uniform standard that shall be applied in no greater and in no lesser degree to one event than it is to another.

Submitted by

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### RESOLUTION #3

#### FILLING OF VACANCIES

#### ARTICLE V, SECTION 6, ELECTIONS AND OFFICERS

WHEREAS no one is able to predict or foresee the future and events do occur beyond our control and we have elected Grand Officer and Grand President appointees pass on to the Grand Parlor on High, or resign due to various personal reasons;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 6 of Article V shall be amended to read as follows:

During the recess of Grand Parlor, the Grand President may fill vacancies in any appointed office or committee. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by a

majority vote of the Grand Officers at a regular quarterly or special called meeting for that purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added to this Section that shall read as follows:

Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Grand Officers at a regular quarterly meeting or a special called meeting for that purpose shall, by majority vote, appoint a temporary Grand Trustee to hold office until the next Grand Parlor.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #4

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PRESIDENT AT LARGE  
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 (j), DUTIES OF OFFICERS

WHEREAS the Grand President shall within fifteen (15) days after his installation, under Seal of the Grand Parlor, appoint as many District Deputy Grand Presidents and Deputy Grand Presidents at Large as in his judgment may be advisable, to hold office at the will of the Grand President; and

WHEREAS the At Large should not be used when referring to District Deputies; and

WHEREAS there are Supervising District Deputy Grand President, and District Deputy Grand President as we know them now; and

WHEREAS in the past there were District Deputy at Large, the duties of which, when needed, were to take the place of a S.D.D.G.P or a D.D.G.P. should not be able to perform their required duties or to assist where needed within a District. There are Past Grand Presidents that the Grand President may appoint;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1(j), of Article VI read as follows:

Within fifteen (15) days after his installation, under Seal of the Grand Parlor, appoint a Supervising District Deputy Grand President and as many District Deputy Grand Presidents and Deputy Grand Presidents at Large as in his judgment may be advisable within each District who shall hold office at the will of the Grand President; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Grand President may appoint District Deputy Grand Presidents at Large at his discretion when he deems it necessary.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #5

ELIMINATION OF JUNIOR ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE  
ARTICLE VIII, PART C, SECTION C7, COMMITTEES

WHEREAS this Article VIII, Part C, Section C7 deals with the Junior Organization

Committee; and

WHEREAS there has not been a Junior Organization for many years;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section C7 Junior Organization Committee of seven (7) members be eliminated from the Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should this resolution be passed at the 132nd Grand Parlor that Article VIII, Part C, Sections C8 through C14 be renumbered Sections C7 through C13.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #6

FIRST CLASS MAIL  
VARIOUS SECTIONS OF GRAND PARLOR & SUBORDINATE CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS in regard to notifying Members of the Order, Parlor, etc. the Constitution uses many different ways of doing so. Examples - Registered Mail, First Class Mail, by mail, United States Post Office and Post Office; and

WHEREAS there should be one way of sending mail that covers the need of all concerned;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that wherever the means of mailing is used in the Constitution, that it be amended to read as follows, By First Class Mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when reference is made to mailing in the Constitution of Grand Parlor and the Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Parlors, be amended to read First Class Mail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following be changed:

Page 26-Section 4, Page 28-Section 19, Page 33-A3 (k) & A3 (L), Page 46-(k), Page 47-Section 13(b), Page 53-Section 2, Page 54-Sections 1 & 7, Page 62 Section 5, 2nd, Page 66-Sections 4, 5(b) & 6, Page72-Section 5.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #7

GRAND MARSHAL AND GRAND SENTINELS  
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 (p), DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS

WHEREAS section 1 (p) states the Grand President shall assign each member of the Board of Grand Officers, the Grand Marshal, and the Grand Sentinels as Liaison Officer to one or more of the committees created by Article VIII of the Constitution. It shall be the duty of this officer to make a report of the activities of the committees to which he is assigned at each meeting of the Board of Grand Officers; and

WHEREAS the Grand Marshal and the Grand Sentinels are members of the Board of Grand Officers since the 125th Grand Parlor; and

WHEREAS the Grand Marshal and the Grand Sentinels are mentioned as if they are not members of the Board of Grand Officers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article VI, Section 1 (p) be amended to read as follows:

Assign each member of the Board of Grand Officers, other than the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer as Liaison Officer to one or more of the committees created by Article VIII of the Constitution. It shall be the duty of this officer to make a report of the activities of the committees to which he is assigned at each meeting of the Board of Grand Officers.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #8

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE  
ARTICLE XI, SUBORDINATE PARLORS, SECTION 17

WHEREAS this Article XI, Section 17 (b) states - The Subordinate Parlors shall observe Memorial Day of each year on Memorial Day or on a day selected in close proximity thereto; and

WHEREAS Article VI, Section 1(o), Duties of The Grand President states that, at least thirty (30) days before Memorial Day each year, request that each Subordinate Parlor properly observe that holiday; and

WHEREAS shall means must and to request it is not a demand;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 17 be amended to read as follows:

Subordinate Parlors are encouraged to celebrate Memorial Day of each year on Memorial Day or a day in close proximity thereto.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #9

MERGING OF PARLORS  
ARTICLE XI, SUBORDINATE PARLOR, SECTION 7

WHEREAS Article XI, Section 7 refers to the merging of Subordinate Parlors; and

WHEREAS Sub-Section (f) and (n) deals with the surrendering of Parlor Charters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XI, Section 7, be amended to read as follows:

Section 7 Two or more parlors may merge into one upon application first being made to the Grand President by all of said parlors:

(a) Said application must be approved by a two-thirds vote of those voting at a meeting of each of said parlors.

(b) A majority of members of any parlor voting against such action shall defeat it; provided, however, that in cities having five or more parlors, twenty-five (25) votes shall be necessary to defeat such application.

(c) Upon a report and recommendation in favor thereof by the Visiting Grand Officer being made to the Grand President who in his discretion may grant permission for such merging.

(d) The Grand President shall give his decision in writing within ten (10) days upon receipt of a letter requesting that such voluntary merger be approved.

(e) No merger shall take place until written sanction has been received from the Grand President.

(f) The Grand Secretary shall transmit one of said copies to the parlor into which the parlor surrendering its charter desires to merge its membership.

(g) In case of such merging, all the parlors shall surrender their charters, excepting the parlor into which the others have merged. Members of the parlors surrendering their charters shall become members thereof upon payment of all charges against each to that date on the ledger(s) of the merging parlor(s), signing the membership roll, and payment of current dues to the parlor into which they merge.

(h) When two or more parlors consolidate and one of them has been paying sick benefits, the new parlor thus formed must receive the members from the other parlor in the same status they were before the two parlors consolidated.

(i) Any change from this must be accepted by the individual member thus joining.

(j) Any member of the merging parlor, who after official notice by mail, fails to sign the roll within sixty (60) days and pay all charges against his account, as well as dues charged on date of merging, shall stand suspended.

(k) Provided, however, that within sixty (60) days, any member not desiring to sign such roll may, upon payment of all charges against his account, obtain a withdrawal card from the parlor into which the parlor surrendering its charter has been merged.

(l) The Board of Grand Officers shall adopt such procedure and impose such conditions as in its judgment may be deemed necessary to carry into effect any portion of this section.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

#### RESOLUTION #10

#### SPECIAL CALLED MEETINGS ARTICLE III, SECTION 3, MEETINGS

WHEREAS no business shall be transacted at a special meeting other than that for which it may have been called; and

WHEREAS Article IV, section 3 of the Grand Parlor Constitution states that "No business shall be transacted at a special session other than that for which it was called, except by unanimous consent.";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article III, Section 3 be amended to read as follows:

No business shall be transacted at a "Special Meeting" other than that for which it was called, except by unanimous consent of those present at such Called Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by  
Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #11

SUCCESSION TO OFFICE AND FILLING OF VACANCIES  
ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 (a), DUTIES OF OFFICERS

WHEREAS this Section 3(a) states, the provision of Section 2(a), (the Grand First Vice President assuming the office of the Grand President in his absence), in reference to succession to office and the filling of vacancies shall apply to the Board of Grand Trustees; and

WHEREAS this reference to the Grand Trustees does not clearly state which Grand Trustee shall fill a vacancy should one occur; and

WHEREAS the office of Grand Third Vice President may be vacant; and

WHEREAS this section does not state that should a vacancy occur in the Board of Grand Trustees, just how this vacancy would be filled;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 3(a) of Article VI, be amended to read as follows:

The provisions of Sections 2(a) of this article, in reference to succession to office and the filling of vacancies shall apply to the Board of Grand Trustees. Should a vacancy occur and the office of Grand Third Vice President be vacant the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees shall temporarily fill that vacancy. In the event of the inability of the Grand Vice Presidents for any cause to perform the duties of their office or to succeed to the office of Grand President as contemplated in Section 2(a), their successors shall be elected by the Delegates of Grand Parlor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Section 6 of Article V shall be amended to read as follows:

During the recess of Grand Parlor, vacancies in any appointed office or committee may be filled by the Grand President. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by a majority vote of the Grand Officers at a regular quarterly or special called meeting for that purpose; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a new paragraph be added to this section that shall read as follows:

Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Grand Trustees, the Board of Grand Officers at a regular quarterly meeting or a special called meeting for that purpose shall, by majority vote, appoint a temporary Grand Trustee to hold office until the next Grand Parlor.

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Constitution Revision Committee

RESOLUTION #12

SURRENDERING OF CHARTERS  
ARTICLE XI, SECTION 6

WHEREAS Article XI, Section 7 refers to the merging of Subordinate Parlors; and

WHEREAS Sub-Section (f) and (n) deals with the surrendering of Parlor Charters; and

WHEREAS Section 6 of Article XI deals with the surrendering of a Subordinate Parlor's Charter; and

WHEREAS Sub-Section (o) deals with both merging of Subordinate Parlors and the surrender of Parlor Charters;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XI, Section 6, be amended to read as follows:

Section 6. No parlor shall voluntarily surrender its charter when a majority of its members in good standing object to its surrender, nor shall the funds of any parlor ever be divided among its members; upon dissolution, all funds, books, and other properties shall be immediately delivered to the Grand Secretary's Office upon such dissolution.

(a) Prior to the filing of such application, it shall be the duty of the recording secretary of the parlor contemplating surrender of its charter to file with the Grand Secretary copies of a listing showing:

1. The age of its members;
2. The amount of money owed by each member on their Roll;
3. A list of assets and liabilities;
4. A list of all parlor paraphernalia;
5. A list of all members who are Past Presidents of that parlor; and
6. A list of such members as are enrolled upon their sick benefit listor to whom they are paying benefits or donations.

(b) All property belonging to said parlors shall become the property of the Grand Parlor.

(c) If a new parlor is instituted at the same location within six (6) months after surrender of a charter and property, said property shall, upon payment of all amounts due the Grand Parlor by the dissolved parlor, be given to the said new parlor free of charge. Should no new parlor be instituted in the same location within six (6) months, said property shall become the property of the Grand Parlor.

(d) The Board of Grand Officers shall adopt such procedure and impose such conditions as in its judgment may be deemed necessary to carry into effect any portion of this section.

Respectfully submitted by

Constitution Revision Committee

# PROPOSED GRAND PARLOR BUDGET FOR 2009-2010

BUDGET 2009-10 ITEMS	ACCT. #	APPROVED 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010
STATEHOOD DAY	6001	3,000.00	1,500.00
ATHLETICS	6011	2,000.00	1,750.00
NSGW ARCHIVE/ARTIFACT PRESERVATION	6071	5,000.00	3,500.00
COLUMBIA MUSEUM	6081	3,500.00	4,000.00
DEDICATIONS	6111	13,400.00	14,000.00
DISCOVERY OF GOLD	6120	500.00	500.00
G.O. MEETINGS	6151	12,000.00	11,000.00
G.P. COMMITTEES	6161	4,500.00	4,500.00
G.P. MEETING	6171	3,000.00	3,000.00
G.P.'S EXPENSE	6191	12,000.00	12,000.00
LABSATION	6221	1,000.00	1,000.00
LOTT'S LAKE	6231	2,000.00	2,250.00
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION	6271	27,000.00	27,000.00
ORGANIZATION	6281	21,500.00	21,500.00
PGP PRESENTATION	6291	500.00	500.00
PUBLICITY	6321	8,000.00	5,000.00
SCHOLARSHIP	6331	4,250.00	5,250.00
FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST	6332	5,000.00	5,000.00
REGALIA	6341	1,500.00	1,500.00
VISITING BOARD - G.O.	6391	7,300.00	7,500.00
FLAG DAY	6501	150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>137,100.00</b>	<b>132,400.00</b>
<b>GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE BUDGET</b>			
AUDITING	6031	7,800.00	8,200.00
BOOKKEEPING	6041	2,400.00	1,900.00
COPIER	6091	4,100.00	1,350.00
G.P. PRINTING	6181	3,300.00	4,000.00
INSURANCE	6211	43,000.00	43,000.00
OFFICE EQUIP/REPAIR	6251	6,100.00	6,000.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	6261	6,000.00	6,000.00
POSTAGE	6311	1,500.00	1,750.00
RENT	6351	8,400.00	9,000.00
SALARIES - GR SEC	6361	26,500.00	27,000.00
- OFF SEC	6361	42,550.00	43,825.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6371	10,220.00	10,220.00
PAYROLL TAX	6411	5,825.00	5,900.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	6431	400.00	390.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>168,095.00</b>	<b>168,535.00</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>305,195.00</b>	<b>300,935.00</b>