

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
Fifty-first Annual Session  
OF THE  
Grand Court of California  
FORESTERS  
of AMERICA



HELD AT  
Masonic Temple  
Sacramento, California  
May 16, 17, 18  
1940

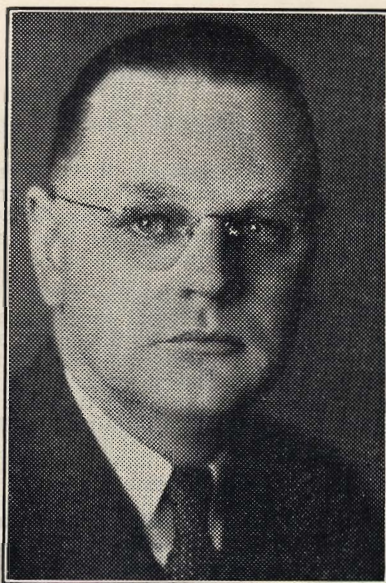
## PAST GRAND CHIEF RANGERS

- 1889 \*F. C. Hensley, Court Robin Hood No. 1.  
 1890 \*Rufus B. Harmon, Court Capitol of California No. 6.  
 1891 \*Lewis Thorne, Court Los Angeles No. 30.  
 1892 \*Joseph D. Case, Court Inter Nos No. 18.  
 1893 \*John J. Cordy, Court Aurora No. 2.  
 1895 C. P. Rendon, Court Stockton No. 56.  
 1896 \*A. Orfila, Court Columbus No. 102.  
 1897 \*R. B. Vellage, Court Shell Mound No. 17.  
 1897 \*C. H. Bremer, Court Pride of Alameda No. 19.  
 1898 \*J. S. W. Saunders, Court Golden West No. 20.  
 1899 \*Jacob Samuels, Court Golden West No. 20.  
 1900 \*Joseph W. Hughes, Court Sacramento No. 12.  
 1901 \*Hugo K. Asher, Court Palo Alto No. 53.  
 1902 \*John Heenan, Court Bonita No. 43.  
 1903 \*Edward I. Wolfe, Court Inter Nos No. 18.  
 1904 H. A. Gabriel, Court Sherwood No. 60.  
 1905 John H. Foley, Court Los Angeles No. 30.  
 1906-7 Chas. A. Root, Court Sacramento No. 12.  
 1908 H. L. Simon, Court Golden Gate No. 5.  
 1909 \*Daniel Teare, Court Robin Hood No. 1.  
 1910 \*Leo Kaufmann, Court Palo Alto No. 53.  
 1911 Wm. H. Donahue, Court Alisal No. 108.  
 1912 \*John Castera, Court Los Angeles No. 30.  
 1913 James G. Quinn, Court Shell Mound No. 17.  
 1914 \*Wm. M. Klinger, Court Palo Alto No. 53.  
 1915 Phil G. Sheehy, Court Pajaro Valley Rose No. 44.  
 1916 \*Milton M. Davis, Court Robin Hood No. 1.  
 1917 \*W. A. Anderson, Court Star of Woodland No. 10.  
 1918 \*L. H. Brownstone, Court Washington No. 37.  
 1919 P. H. Koehler, Court Los Angeles No. 30.  
 1920 Mat Arnoldy, Court Pride of Marysville No. 34.  
 1921 \*Frank Mitchell, Jr., Court Hayward No. 78.  
 1922 \*Felix Gross, Court Golden West No. 20.  
 1923 Maurice L. Rapheld, Court Palo Alto No. 53.  
 1923 \*† Frank Conklin, Court California No. 4.  
 1924 James R. Davis, Court Magnolia No. 2  
 1924 \*† Julius Calman, Court Golden Gate No. 5.  
 1925 Frank L. Zelich, Court U. S. of America No. 38.  
 1926 Andre Rouseyrol, Court Francaise No. 97.  
 1927 Wm. B. Hornblower, Court Bonita No. 43.  
 1928 Albert Springer, Sr., Court Magnolia No. 2.  
 1929 Frank A. De Patta, Court U. S. of America No. 38.  
 1930 Fred C. Lassen, Court Livermore No. 77.  
 1931 Clarence W. Morris of Court Palo Alto No. 53.  
 1932 Elmer F. Arnoldy of Court Pride of Marysville No. 34.  
 1933 Paul O. Weimann of Court Shell Mound No. 17.  
 1933 \*† Jacob Label of Court Magnolia No. 2.  
 1934-5 N. Chas. Brusatori of Court Giuseppe Verdi No. 206.  
 1936 Paul Teilh of Court California No. 4.  
 1937 \*Walter J. Horber of Court California No. 4.  
 1938 J. H. Galleher of Court Magnolia No. 2  
 1939 Wm. J. Armstrong of Court Livermore No. 77.  
 1940 Wm. E. Farrenkopf of Court California No. 4.

\*Deceased.

†Honorary (conferred by Grand Court).

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

To All Subordinate Courts and to Financial Secretaries in Particular:

Address all communications to Frank L. Zelich, Grand Secretary, Room 212 Marshall Square Building, 1182 Market Street, San Francisco, California. Checks, postoffice or express orders must be made payable to "Grand Court of California, F. of A."

Communications for the Grand Chief Ranger must be addressed to Leon Joseph, 3045 Jackson Street, San Francisco, Calif.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

To the Chief Ranger of the Court:

For the information of the members of the Court it shall be imperative upon the Chief Ranger to see that the contents of the annual reports and all other documents issued by the Executive Council of the Grand Court be read in open Court the first or second regular meeting night after receiving the same.

The Chief Ranger is strictly enjoined not to give the password to any but financial members of the Court except upon a printed authority from a member's Court with the Court seal affixed. In every case the password must be given every member singly, and in private. The Beadles are also cautioned against the password being overheard at the portal of the Court, and that the portal is closed previous to a member addressing and saluting the Chief Ranger.

To the Courts, and Secretaries in Particular:

By resolution of the Executive Council, and approved by the Grand Court, ALL SUPPLIES must be PREPAID. No attention will be given to orders for supplies unless the above is complied with.

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## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meetings of the Executive Council of the Grand Court of California are held the first Monday of the months of June, September, December, February and the third Monday in April, in the Executive Council Chambers, 430 Marshall Square Building, San Francisco, at 7:30 p. m., and at which place the goods and effects of the Grand Court are kept, and from which any information respecting the Order may be obtained. Office hours, Daily, except Sundays and holidays, from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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**FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION**

Sacramento, California, May 16, 1940.

The Fifty-First Annual Session of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, was opened by Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, at 10:20 a. m.

Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf announced that His Honor Mayor T. S. Monk was in waiting and appointed Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori, Past Supreme Chief Ranger Cecil P. Rendon and Supreme Senior Woodward M. L. Rapheld a committee of three to escort His Honor into the Court Room. Past Supreme Chief Ranger C. P. Rendon introduced him to the Grand Officers and Delegates. Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf requested that he be escorted to a seat on the dais. He then called upon His Honor Mayor Monk to address the delegates present. He responded and extended the welcome of the City of Sacramento and expressed the wish of the citizens of Sacramento that the stay of the delegates and members of the Order be an enjoyable one.

Past Supreme Chief Ranger Cecil P. Rendon was called upon by the Grand Chief Ranger to respond to the address of welcome. Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. H. Donahue was asked to expound the principles and teachings of the Order.

The Grand Chief Ranger then requested the committee to escort His Honor the Mayor from the Court Room. Upon retiring he was given an ovation long to be remembered.

I. Orchid of No. 37, member of the Committee on Credentials and Returns made a partial report on the credentials presented and recommended that Wm. Berger of No. 2 be seated for B. Newman of No. 2, Paul Peickert of No. 56 be seated for E. Cady of No. 56, E. J. Bergin of No. 61 be seated for Geo. Pratchner of No. 61 and A. Martinelli of No. 266 be seated for M. Bianchi of No. 266. Motion made by S. Bernstein of No. 37 and seconded by J. Merriman of No. 38 that the delegates be seated. Motion carried.

At this time the Grand Chief Ranger asked for the roll call of the delegates, Grand Officers and Past Grand Chief Rangers.

Following this, Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf read his message.

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## Report of the Grand Chief Ranger

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May 16, 1940.

To the Grand Court of California.

Greetings:

Another milestone has been traveled along the path of Forestry and I shall shortly be called upon to take my place among the Past Grand Chief Rangers and surrender the gavel of authority to my successor. During the past year, however, I have been the recipient of many honors and courtesies at the hands of our loyal membership, and to me it has been a real pleasure and great privilege to have served you in return. I recognize full well the errors of my administration and wish to assure you that they were mistakes of the mind and not of the heart, and as I vacate my station it is with a feeling of regret, compensated, however, by the fact that this Grand Court will select as my successor one better able and better qualified to lead this Great American Institution of ours to greater accomplishment. I trust you shall accept this, my last message, as coming from one who loves this fraternity and who ever was and ever will be only too willing to give of his time and energy to further its interests.

In humble gratitude I wish to express my appreciation for the tireless efforts of those who have labored with me in our aim to restore the effectiveness of our organization. More particularly, however, do I commend to you our Grand Financial Secretary, Frank L. Zelich, and express my appreciation for the fine cooperation and willingness of his office to work with me. The greatest tribute I can pay to him I humbly believe is this statement: I dread the day when Grand Chief Rangers no longer have him to pave their way.

Despite the tremendous hopes which your Grand Chief Ranger had in the fraternity generally, the fraternity has failed to develop new men of sufficient leadership and audacity in the several Courts to guide them, as well as this body, away from the dangerous road it has been traveling. The ideals of fraternity appear to have outgrown the comprehension of a majority of those who would be its exemplars; in other words, lack of understanding and interest are the greatest danger that beset us today as well as tomorrow.

We appear to lack the sharpness of insight, the sturdiness and rectitude of men who can see and insist upon the rightness of things, and more importantly the courage to attack the problems before us. As a result our fraternity wavers in a time of national as well as fraternal crisis. We are failing to grasp the opportunities before us. We are in the crisis of "Moral Inertia."

The magnitude of this moral decadence and its pronounced effect upon the personnel of this body as well as the Courts, becomes self-evident to each Grand Chief Ranger as he proceeds with the difficult and responsible task of arranging his appointments of Deputies and to the several Committees. In the final analysis his appointments indicate the leaders of tomorrow. Let each delegation here present review in his mind's eye the action of his Court as to whether or not his Court has included in your delegation the highest type of your leadership, those who truly understand the motivating

forces within this Great American Fraternity and realize the important work it must perform from a patriotic standpoint as well as from a humanitarian standpoint. Are the truly big men of this fraternity here present? Have we presented tomorrow's Grand Officers and ad interim committeemen, or are they becoming indifferent as to our future?

Whatever our immediate problem may be it only reaffirms this fact. Our crying need is for the rebirth of the Foresters of America as a Militant Patriotic Fraternity. This is the first answer to indifference for therein lies the secret of our future. It is our patriotism which will again give life and flavor to the fraternity and exemplify that morality which makes men good of heart, strong in spirit and whole in mind, for without these militant principles we are without a cause. It is my request in order to give purpose to, as well as justify our future existence, that this body adopt vigorous resolutions against:

1. The Doctrine of Racism,
2. The Philosophy of Nazism and Facism in these United States,
3. Bolshevistic and Atheistic Communism's infiltration in these United States.

If you believe, as does your Grand Chief Ranger, that all of the foregoing point to the centers of our fraternal weakness, then you must likewise agree that heroic efforts are essential if we are to turn the tide. If you believe the foregoing paragraphs present the foundation upon which we must build, then you are in a position to mass your forces so that we shall not fall into these same pitfalls this coming year. Your education as to the nature and extent of these pitfalls is the only method we have of assuring ourselves that we can and will avoid them in the future.

As we sit in session we must direct our minds not into the past of things, with its hopes and failure, but rather must we direct our thoughts out into the unborn days that stretch before us. I shall not, therefore, devote much time to the past, for most of what I might say will be found elsewhere in this record, but will attempt to set down frankly my views upon the future of the Order, its welfare and its prosperity. For after all nothing can be so totally lost as opportunity. But we can discuss the technique for tomorrow for I believe there is a wealth of opportunity and incentive now that we all understand our common problem in the Forest of Life. May I quote from an editorial in the "San Francisco News," titled, "Let's Sell Confidence."

"For even the American salesman has been down. He's listened to his boss damning the New Deal and predicting the worst so often that it's got him. Where the new crusade began, in Lincoln, Neb., its sponsors tell of a man who wanted to buy an automobile, visited sales rooms repeatedly and found everybody there too listless even to ask his name. . . .

"... It's worked elsewhere, in more than 200 cities. Its sponsors aren't fools, and they realize that people without money can't buy. But they realize also that many people with money don't buy who could and would if they were properly approached."

I believe this thought has a practical application to our fraternal problem. Let's all go forth from this Session with this slogan as our guide: "Let's Sell Confidence in Forestry."

Fraternities sprang into existence because of a simple, aye, even homely, desire on the part of men for association. Through the desire for association he received the benefit of neighbor's

thoughts and the fusing of them evolved new things; mutual protection, mutual pleasure and mutual interests were created and fraternity flourished and prospered and extended itself throughout the world.

Just as trade, science and inventions have mastered space and time, thereby narrowing the world and making nations dependent upon one and another; just as man's genius to develop methods of production intended to make us all happier and lighten our burdens has caused his worst troubles of unemployment, depression and starvation; just as the daily worker struggles with that problem, so must we as fraternalists grapple with our problem. Ours is wrapped up in automobiles, radios, motion pictures, employers' liability insurance, health insurance, old age pensions and other measures now before legislative bodies throughout the land.

They are excellent things to improve the conditions of humanity at large, but they are surely and slowly putting fraternal societies out of business. How long are we going to sit idly by and lift not a finger, might I say advisedly, to modernize ourselves, streamline ourselves as one might term it, to meet this ever pressing challenge? The answer of the true fraternalist is quite obvious. These things are too mechanical to truly meet the requirements of men who after all are endowed with the soul of immortality. We believe in a Supreme Chief Ranger of the Universe, from whom flows the milk of human kindness and sacrificing charity, the warmth of human associations. The State Welfare Board will not come to chat with us and to reminisce, thereby bringing real sunshine and laughter to us during our last few years in this world. Only the human touch of fraternity through its teaching of brotherhood can do that. The State Industrial Commission will not come and sit with us during the long tedious hours when pain and doubt wrack our body. No, my friends, it is again the human touch of compassion as taught in fraternity that can give encouragement and release from the mental anguish that accompanies incapacitation. May I say again the mechanical can never replace the warmth of a fraternal handclasp, nor the sunshine a fraternal visit brings to the sick room.

If you think that these thoughts are too idealistic for you, may I then point to a more practical application of fraternity which is not envisaged in the mechanical substitutes for fraternity now coming into being. Society in general needs fraternity today just as sorely as yesterday; Forestry is needed just as sorely in this great democratic nation of ours as it was in those days immediately following the birth of this nation and its classic struggle of the middle nineteenth century for preservation of these great rights as embodied in the words "The American Way of Life." We must have the free and easy association and intercourse of men, or men will again become serfs as in the middle ages and civilization will become stagnant and humanity revert to barbarism.

Look well to the many nations of Europe for the truth behind this thought. For example, the denial of liberty to great masses of intelligent, peaceful, law-abiding citizenry. Denied not only to associate in the name of fraternities for the common weal, they must even submit to religious and political persecutions. They disbanded Masonry, Jewish Life, Protestant Societies and Catholic Societies and all forms of scientific and educational organizations which they sponsored, in spite of their great capabilities for good as evidenced by their long traditions, and why. I'll tell you why. Because the totalitarian leaders knew that if they permitted these great forces to meet, the resultant interchange of thought would soon evolve a



method of protection for society at large, and that would mean the end of the Dictators and the unscrupulous men who surround them.

In other words, we accept the challenge and regard their action as the greatest compliment that they could have bestowed on the great spirit of FRATERNITY. They feared fraternity. They feared ordinary people such as you and me. Can't you feel a surge of pride and satisfaction in your breast to realize the great power for good you hold in your hands? So, I ask you to look well to ourselves. Fraternity destroyed, not by decree, but by the ever constant expansion of legislation in fields of endeavor previously served only by fraternity, leaving only the subversive organizations to carry on and through easy intercourse solidify their positions till suddenly they emerge from their haunts to be an all powerful force. Then as an unorganized people we wake up and find the damage done, a new order of society upon us, the conquest of America by the "isms" of Europe. Yes, my brothers, fraternity is needed in this "land of the free and home of the brave" to see that we shall always enjoy the privileges and rights of today which are synonymous with Americanism and democracy.

Fraternity is needed to continue the education of grown-ups in methods of self government, loyalty to state and preservation of the ideals of these United States of America. Fraternity provides the only bulwark against Communism, and now I state my belief that Forestry is broad enough, has depth enough, character enough and courage enough to again actively and courageously duplicate the acts of our forebears in the very beginning of this nation. Let us all here rededicate ourselves to love of our flag and stimulate our membership in the Foresters of America as a means of defense of State and the Democratic way of Life.

At this moment I know the question uppermost in your minds might well be: Pretty words, but what is your plan? I recommend that this Grand Court Create a Committee on Americanization and Propaganda, the membership of which shall not be restricted to members of this Body, rather the entire membership should be available to supply the personnel this important committee would require. This committee should prepare and release at least monthly a comprehensive treatment on some phase of our national affairs or the politico-economic questions before the American people. They should give encouragement and devote much time to the program of new Courts by building contacts to carry on what I believe to be the most important as well as the most likely method of expansion and growth. New units are necessary if we are to maintain our position.

The matter of instituting new Courts requires that the Order deal forcibly and intelligently with this issue, and in my opinion will be far more productive than attempted Organizational activities in the older non-functioning Courts.

I believe that five new Courts could be organized throughout California if proper men could be contacted in various cities, and we provide funds for this activity. I would recommend that the work be started to the end that every means possible be contacted looking to the organization of at least five new Courts this year and every year. These I am sure can be secured to the Order with the proper effort advanced.

In this regard I call to your attention the institution of two Junior Court this year, namely, Junior Court Pride of San Francisco and Junior Court Pride of Redwood City, and in addition I leave as a legacy to my successor the Junior Court now ready for institution

at Soledad as well as several other locations still being surveyed by interested and loyal Foresters, and it is my firm conviction that the incoming administration should realize a minimum of five additional Junior Courts.

As I have traveled through the State I have been struck by the misconception of our brothers as to the original purposes of our organization, and believe that we must actively and energetically enter upon a program of education intended to improve the morale of our people in general. I would recommend therefore, that we, by law, set aside a day or period in each year when we would be required to demonstrate our affiliation. Such celebrations should be highly educational and patriotic in scope.

We should attempt to gather through the medium of the Court, substantial men in all cities who have not as yet perfected their citizenship papers and sponsor these groups in our public school system so that these men and women shall become citizens of these United States of America. I believe such an activity would be in complete harmony with our doctrine of "Americanism and Good Citizenship" and if carefully developed would as a consequence provide a feeder activity as well as much needed constructive publicity.

We should complete details for sectional patriotic demonstrations upon definite dates, as for instance, "Constitution Day." Through careful arrangements and sincere cooperation by the Courts we shall again be able to receive much needed constructive publicity, which activity in itself lends itself admirably to the securing of new membership.

The most important issue Foresters have to deal with today is recovery. Genuine, material recovery transcends all other issues at this time. The way to recovery and social stability is the way of genuine, determined, tolerant cooperation now, among all elements of our fraternity, to re-establish a standard of patriotic service we all desire—a standard which will have no equal anywhere in these United States.

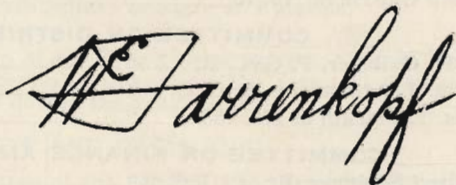
In a true partnership, responsibilities and awards are apportioned in relation to what is considered the due contribution of each participant in the agreement. Not only are Court Officers and Grand Officers interdependent, both rising and falling together, but the various constituents of our fraternal economic and social structure similarly are dependent on each other. However, cooperation is no longer merely a matter of welfare of each constituent group in our fraternity, but of saving the fraternity itself. To all of us democracy is as necessary as air. But, unlike air, democracy cannot be taken for granted. We must dedicate ourselves anew to the purpose of democratic life, realizing fully our responsibilities as well as our rights. In our fraternity there is no way to solve our problems effectively other than through wholehearted cooperation of Grand Officers, Court Officers and active membership. I am convinced that this philosophy of cooperation gradually is taking hold. This trinity of forces, each in turn, cannot "pass the buck." We have little patience with any element in our fraternity today which is not willing to put first things first. And the first and foremost thing is the defeat of this moral inertia. Whether you agree that the measures taken or the recommendations made will have the effect desired, I do believe wholeheartedly we can agree that each of them aims to reach maladjustments in fields where recovery must be stimulated.

I believe, however, they are merely the first steps and they will fail utterly unless we follow through with the driving force of re-

stimulated individual initiative to renew the flow of members and start the machinery of militant patriotism.

This Report must needs come to an end. In closing it, therefore, I merely recall the points which I believe must prevail. Our mass population, for the most part leaderless, who has thought liberty in the American sense to be an inexhaustible gold mine, more than ever requires the Foresters of America to bear the brunt of attack in defense of this fundamental American ideal. In order to make of us intelligent patriots we must reconstruct in our minds the glorious past of these United States and rebuild American initiative and philosophies, and again I repeat, who has a greater part to play in this movement than the Foresters of America? And finally, my brothers, the campaign against radicalism in the country must be undertaken by men who believe they understand human nature and can therefore understand the impulses which lead supposedly staunch citizens to the ranks of the "reds." It must be undertaken by men whose work in the humanitarian field leads them to believe they have the feel of the underlying social situation they would tend to correct. They must have the intellectual temperament to command the respect of leftist and rightest alike, so again I ask you, has any patriotic group greater training in this field or a finer record upon which to attack these problems than the Foresters of America? We can be the foremost Fraternity in our land, but we must, as I stated earlier, modernize ourselves to meet the new challenges which are being thrown at our feet by taking for ourselves a new theme based upon the requirements of this day and age. And thus I close this message, confident that we can go forward and onward into a new day following that close student of fraternal matters and leftist tendencies of our people, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph. May I pledge myself to follow his lead and bespeak for him your courage, enthusiasm and efforts to re-establish the Foresters of America on the mountain of unadulterated Americanism. Forward we march, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, with one mind and one heart, determined to revitalize the Foresters of America, to give it renewed strength and a vigorous character which shall command the respect and admiration of men in all walks of life. Then and not until then will we be justified as a fraternity in claiming for ourselves distinctions among the fraternities of these United States. Our true motto now and always—"Americanism and Forestry."

Fraternally submitted in Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. E. Farrenkopf". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Grand Chief Ranger.

Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf appointed the following committees:

**COMMITTEE ON LAWS**

Maurice L. Rapheld, P. G. C. R.....	San Francisco
N. Chas. Brusatori, P. G. C. R.....	San Rafael
H. Jacoby of No. 253.....	Pittsburg

**COMMITTEE ON HONORED DEAD**

C. P. Rendon, P. G. C. R.....	Stockton
Chas. Root, P. G. C. R.....	Sacramento
E. S. Franscioni of No. 153.....	Soledad

**COMMITTEE ON PRESS AND PUBLICITY**

Chas. E. Hill of No. 12.....	Sacramento
Dave Marks Jr. of No. 117.....	Placerville
A. Kleppel of No. 119.....	Sacramento

**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS**

Ben Thomsen of No. 43.....	San Francisco
Arthur Della Santa of No. 10.....	Woodland
I. Orchid of No. 37.....	San Francisco

**COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER**

Clarence W. Morris, P. G. C. R.....	San Francisco
C. P. Rendon, P. G. C. R.....	Stockton
Elmer Machado of No. 70.....	Salinas

**COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

M. Taylor of No. 2.....	San Francisco
David Bothwell of No. 77.....	Livermore
O. Martinelli of No. 256.....	Scotia

**COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPLIES**

Jas. DeMarco of No. 267.....	Weed
Alex Briones of No. 56.....	Stockton
Ben Litzenstein of No. 38.....	Oakland

**COMMITTEE ON ACTS**

Mat Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.....	Marysville
A. Van Hulle of No. 17.....	Oakland
Cecil Gordon of No. 72.....	Fresno

**COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION**

J. H. Galleher, P. G. C. R.....	San Francisco
Wm. J. Armstrong, P. G. C. R.....	Livermore
Jos. T. Clarkin of No. 158.....	Redwood City

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND TAXATION**

Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.....	San Francisco
Fred Miller of No. 4.....	San Francisco
D. Sirianni of No. 266.....	Dunsmuir

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Elmer F. Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.....	Marysville
Judge James G. Quinn, P. G. C. R.....	Oakland
W. H. Donahue, P. G. C. R.....	Oakland

Motion made by Grand Trustee Syd Bernstein and seconded by J. Aigen of No. 56 that we give a rising vote of thanks tot he Grand Chief Ranger for his inspiring and splendid message. Motion carried. All present stood and gave a tremendous ovation.

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## ADVANCE REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND GRAND OFFICERS 1939-1940

Wm. J. Armstrong of No. 77.....	Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger
Wm. E. Farrenkopf of No. 4.....	Grand Chief Ranger
Leon Joseph of No. 53.....	Grand Sub-Chief Ranger
Maurice J. Conklin of No. 4.....	Grand Treasurer
Frank L. Zelich of No. 38.....	Grand Secretary
Geo. L. Solari of No. 158.....	Grand Recording Secretary
Arthur Bergfeld of No. 17.....	Grand Senior Woodward
Lawrence Garatti of No. 206.....	Grand Junior Woodward
Irving Gamberg of No. 2.....	Grand Senior Beadle
G. Ernest Pia of No. 107.....	Grand Junior Beadle
Bernard Thevenot of No. 97.....	Grand Lecturer
Jack Merriman of No. 38.....	Grand Trustee
Mike Aiello of No. 253.....	Grand Trustee
Wm. Leavitt of No. 72.....	Grand Trustee
Sydney Bernstein of No. 37.....	Grand Trustee
Alwyn Briones of No. 56.....	Grand Trustee
J. B. Nelson of No. 61.....	Grand Trustee
H. S. Weaver, Jr., of No. 3.....	Grand Trustee

### REPORT OF THE FIFTIETH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

To the Officers and Delegates of the Fifty-First Annual Session of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America.

Brethren:

Under the leadership of our Grand Chief Ranger, Wm. E. Farrenkopf, there follows herein in this report the acts and decisions of the Executive Council during the year.

### ACTS AND DECISIONS

#### First Regular Meeting of the Fiftieth Executive Council held June 5, 1939

I. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in drawing the warrants on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund, in payment of sick benefits, flowers and death benefits.

II. Adopting motion that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be paid.

III. Adopting motion that the members of the Executive Council be allowed the same compensation to attend the Executive Council meetings as last year.

IV. Adopting motion that the second meeting of the Executive Council be the Second Monday in September instead of the first Monday, which would be Labor Day.

V. Adopting motion that the Grand Secretary be allowed thirty days' leave of absence to attend the Supreme Court Convention.

VI. Grand Secretary reported that since last Executive Council eight brothers were put on the sick list and five taken off the sick list and that Brother Frank Ferguson passed away on May 15, 1939.

VII. The following Grand Officers, Supreme Officers and Past Grand and Past Supreme Officers were noted present: Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Grand Treasurer Maurice Conklin, Grand Secretary F. Zelich, Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari, Grand Senior Woodward Arthur Bergfeld, Grand Junior Woodward L. Garatti, Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg, Grand Junior Beadle G. Ernest Pia, Grand Trustees S. Bernstein, J. B. Nelson, J. Merriman and Alwyn Briones, Chairman of Supreme Trustees N. Chas. Brusatori, Supreme Senior Woodward Henry Goldman, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Albert Springer, Sr., Justice of Supreme Court Forum James G. Quinn, Past Supreme Senior Woodward J. J. Ryan, Past Grand Chief Rangers J. H. Galleher, James R. Davis and Paul Teilh, Grand Court Organization Committeemen F. Jerry, Sr., and A. Van Hulle and Grand Auditors A. J. Miller, Fred Miller and Max Taylor.

**Second Regular Meeting of the Fiftieth Executive Council  
held September 11, 1939**

I. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in drawing the warrants on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund, in payment of sick benefits, organization fund tax, per capita tax and refund of dues.

II. Adopting motion that flowers be telegraphed to Supreme Court Forum member and Past Grand Chief Ranger James G. Quinn, who was ill in New York.

III. Adopting motion that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be paid.

IV. Adopting motion that Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong be recommended for the appointment of Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.

V. Adopting motion that the matter of Court Marin No. 73 be left in the hands of the Grand Secretary for merger with Court Sausalito No. 150.

VI. Grand Secretary F. Zelich reported that since the last Executive Council meeting nine were put on the sick list and three taken off.

VII. Adopting motion that the matter of Court Point Reyes No. 219 be left in the hands of the Grand Chief Ranger.

VIII. Adopting motion extending congratulations to Brothers Henry Goldman upon receiving the honor of Past Supreme Ranger, N. Chas. Brusatori on his election of Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger and M. L. Rapheld upon his election of Supreme Senior Woodward, at the recent Supreme Court Convention.

IX. Accepting the report of Chairman Albert Springer, Sr., of the Grand Court Organization Committee and their recommendations.

X. The following Grand Officers, Supreme and Past Grand Officers were noted present: Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Grand Treasurer M. J. Conklin, Grand Secretary F. L. Zelich, Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari, Grand Senior Woodward A. Bergfeld, Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg, Grand Trustees J. Merriam, H. S. Weaver, Jr., S. Bernstein, J. B. Nelson and M. Aiello, Past Grand Chief Rangers J. H. Galleher, W. J. Horber, and F. A. DePatta, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Albert Springer, Sr., Past Supreme Chief Ranger Henry Goldman, Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori and Supreme Senior Woodward M. L. Rapheld.

**Third Regular Meeting of the Fiftieth Executive Council  
held December 7, 1939**

I. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf in granting dispensation to Court Adriatico No. 137 and Court Sherwood No. 60 to merge on November 27, 1939, under the name and style of Court Sherwood No. 60.

II. Approving the action of Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf in granting dispensation to Court Magnolia No. 2 to institute a Junior Court on October 20, 1939, under the name of Junior Court Pride of San Francisco No. 1.

III. Approving the action of Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf in granting permission to Court Cavallotti No. 163 to confer the honor of Past Chief Ranger on Brother Lodovico Natale, who served as Treasurer three consecutive years, as required by the General Laws.

IV. Adopting motion that this Grand Court advise the Courts in California of the plan and outline of the Hospital and Surgical Reimbursement, as developed for the Foresters of America as requested by Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf.

V. Grand Secretary reported that since the last Executive Council meeting seven were reported on the sick list and three reported off. He also reported the deaths of Past Grand Trustee Dr. Geo. F. Pache, Past Grand Chief Ranger Walter J. Horber, Alfred Marchetti, J. E. McElheney and C. L. Johnson.

VI. Adopting the following resolutions in memory of Past Grand Chief Ranger Walter J. Horber and Past Grand Trustee Dr. Geo. F. Pache:

**RESOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has taken to His Home, Past Grand Chief Ranger Walter J. Horber, whose transition from earthly cares and responsibilities to celestial habitations is to our Order and to his associates and companions, who hold sacred the ties of Fraternity and Friendships, a great loss; and,

WHEREAS, his lofty, sincere and commendable qualities live in our memories; and the happy associations, when all life's tides were at their highest, grandest flood, will always be first in our thoughts.

RESOLVED, that on behalf of our brotherhood we extend our most sincere sympathy and ask to be permitted as we offer these expressions of sorrow, to share in grief with the family.

"Death's but a path that must be trod,  
If man would ever pass to God."

WM. E. FARRENKOPF, G. C. R.

LEON JOSEPH, G. S. C. R.

F. ZELICH, G. S.

Committee.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has taken to His Home, Past Grand Trustee Dr. Geo. F. Pache, whose transition from earthly cares and responsibilities to celestial habitations is to our Order and to his associates and companions, who hold sacred the ties of Fraternity and Friendships, a great loss; and

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Committee.

VII. Adopting motion to grant dispensation to Court Francaise No. 97 to change meeting hall and meeting nights.

VIII. Approving the action of Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in taking up the charter of Court Chris Bremer No. 166 as of November 1, 1939 and placing the members on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund.

IX. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in drawing the warrants on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund, in payment of sick benefits, per capita tax, flowers, refund of dues and death benefits.

X. Adopting motion that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be paid.

XI. The following Grand Officers, Past Grand Chief Rangers and Supreme Officers were noted present: Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Grand Treasurer M. J. Conklin, Grand Secretary F. Zelich, Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari, Grand Senior Woodward A. Bergfeld, Grand Junior Woodward L. Garatti, Grand Senior Beadle I. Gamberg, Grand Trustees J. Merri-man, M. Aiello, S. Bernstein, H. S. Weaver, Jr., and Alwyn Briones, Past Grand Chief Rangers J. H. Galleher, Aibert Spranger, Sr., Past Supreme Chief Ranger H. Holdman, Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori and Supreme Senior Woodward M. L. Rapheld.

Fourth Regular Meeting of the Fiftieth Executive Council  
held February 5, 1940

I. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf in taking up the charter of Court Point Reyes No. 219 as of February 1, 1940.



II. Adopting motion that Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori and Grand Junior Woodward L. Garatti be given a vote of thanks for assistance given in closing the affairs of Court Point Reyes No. 219.

III. Adopting motion that this Executive Council take membership in the Inter-Fraternal Council and that Grand Secretary F. Zelich represent the Grand Court.

IV. Accepting the report of the Grand Court Convention Committee on the coming convention, selecting the Senator Hotel as headquarters.

V. Adopting motion that the report of the Committee on Drill Teams and Competitive Drills be accepted.

VI. Adopting motion that the report of the Grand Court Organization Committee be accepted.

VII. Adopting motion that the matter of Court Marin No. 73 be left in the hands of Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg and that expenses incurred be paid by this Council.

VIII. Grand Secretary reported that since the last Executive Council meeting seven were placed on the sick list.

IX. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in drawing the warrants on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund in payment of sick benefits, per capita tax and death benefits.

X. Adopting motion that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be paid.

XI. The following Grand Officers, Past Grand Chief Rangers and Supreme Officers were noted present: Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger and Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Grand Treasurer M. J. Conklin, Grand Secretary F. Zelich, Grand Recording Secretary Geo. So'ari, Grand Senior Woodward A. Bergfeld, Grand Junior Woodward L. Garatti, Grand Senior Beadle I. Gamberg, Grand Trustees J. Merriman, Wm. Leavitt, H. S. Weaver, Jr., S. Bernstein, Past Supreme Chief Ranger Henry Goldman and Past Grand Chief Ranger Albert Springer, Sr.

**Fifth Regular Meeting of the Fiftieth Executive Council  
held April 15, 1940**

I. Proposed amendments to the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Court as follows:

From the Fiftieth Executive Council:

Article IV, Section 1, Subdivision 11, Page 5—Strike out the word "seven" and substitute the word "three," which will then read, "Three Grand Trustees."

Signed: Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.  
Wm. E. Farrenkopf, G. C. R.

Article V, Section 1, Page 7—Strike out the word "nine" in the second line and substitute the word "five", which will then read: Section 1—At each annual session of the Grand Court a Board of Five Directors, composed of the Executive Council of the Grand Court, shall be elected by ballot.

Signed: Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.  
Wm. E. Farrenkopf, G. C. R.

Article VII, Section 1, Page 15—Strike out after the word "Grand Secretary" "Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Junior Woodward, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Beadle." Section 1 will then read: The Executive Council shall be composed of the Grand Chief Ranger, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Senior Woodward. Each and every member of said Executive Council shall have a vote upon all questions that may come before it, except that the Grand Chief Ranger shall not vote on appeals from his own decision.

Signed: Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.

Wm. E. Farrenkopf, G. C. R.

II. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary in drawing the warrants on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund, in payment of sick benefits, per capita tax, refund of dues and funeral benefits.

III. Adopting motion that all bills approved by the Finance Committee be paid.

IV. Adopting motion that the charter of Court Marin No. 73 be taken up and the members placed on the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund.

V. Approving the action of the Grand Chief Ranger in granting the following dispensations:

To Court California No. 4 to change meeting hall.

To the Extension Committee to circulate tickets to the Courts in San Francisco for their dance.

To Court Madrone No. 158 to institute a Junior Court, under the name and number of Junior Court Pride of Madrone No. 2, on Monday evening, April 29, 1940, in Redwood City.

VI. Accepting the report of Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg in the matter of Court Marin No. 73.

VII. Grand Secretary reported that since the last Executive Council meeting six were reported on the sick list, four were reported off and that Brother J. A. Pedrotta died on March 27, 1940, and Brother Thos. W. Owen died on April 9, 1940.

VIII. The following Grand Officers, Past Grand Chief Rangers and Supreme Officers were noted present: Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Grand Secretary Frank Zelich, Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari, Grand Treasurer M. J. Conklin, Grand Senior Woodward Arthur Bergfeld, Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg, Grand Trustees S. Bernstein, J. Merriam, Alwyn Briones and J. B. Nelson, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori and Past Grand Chief Ranger Albert Springer, Sr.

IX. Past Grand Chief Ranger Albert Springer, Sr., on behalf of the Grand Officers, presented Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf with a token of esteem.

A complete list of warrants drawn on the Sick and Funeral Fund, General Fund and Organization Fund is in the office of the Grand Court.

Fiftieth Executive Council



- WM. E. FARRENKOPF,  
Grand Chief Ranger
- LEON JOSEPH,  
Grand Sub-Chief Ranger
- MAURICE J. CONKLIN,  
Grand Treasurer
- FRANK L. ZELICH,  
Grand Secretary
- GEO. L. SOLARI,  
Grand Recording Secretary
- ARTHUR BERGFELD  
Grand Senior Woodward
- L. GARATTI,  
Grand Junior Woodward
- IRVING GAMBERG,  
Grand Senior Beadle
- G. ERNEST PIA,  
Grand Junior Beadle

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

To the Grand Court of California  
Foresters of America:

I hereby submit my report for the year passed, to this Grand Court for your consideration and approval, conscious that I have to the best of my ability, endeavored to perform my duties of this office.

The following is a summary of the Annual Reports filed in this office by the various courts in this jurisdiction:

Number of Courts in California Jurisdiction, May 1, 1939.....	59
Number of charters surrendered or consolidated.....	3
Total number of Courts in California Jurisdiction, May 1, 1940..	56

MEMBERSHIP

INCREASE January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1940

By amalgamation or merger.....	51
Transferred to Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund.....	13
Initiated during the year 1939.....	413
Joined by clearance card.....	4
Reinstated .....	18
By error last report Subordinate Courts.....	4
Transferred from social to beneficial.....	2
Total increase .....	505

**DECREASE January 1, 1939 to January 1, 1940**

Transferred to Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund.....	13
Precluded .....	623
Withdrawn .....	32
Left by Clearance Card.....	7
Died .....	114
Transferred to Social from Beneficial.....	2
By amalgamation or merger.....	51
By error last report Subordinate Courts.....	4
<b>Total decrease .....</b>	<b>846</b>

**RECAPITULATION**

Number of members January 1, 1939.....	5611
Increase for 1939.....	505
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>6116</b>
Decrease for 1939.....	846
Number of members January 1, 1940.....	5270
Net decrease of members during 1939.....	341
Error 1939 Reports.....	2
<b>Corrected Report May 1, 1939.....</b>	<b>5737</b>
Number of members May 1, 1940.....	5282

**FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS****Receipts**

Received for proposition and initiation fees.....	\$ 1,849.75
Received for dues .....	72,713.54
Received from other sources.....	24,592.77
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 99,156.06</b>

**Expenditures**

Paid out for medical attendance and medicine.....	\$ 11,710.04
Paid out for sick benefits.....	27,129.84
Paid out for funeral benefits.....	10,720.00
Paid out for donations.....	778.19
<b>Total paid out for relief.....</b>	<b>\$ 50,338.07</b>
Paid out for banquets and social purposes.....	4,605.09
Paid out for management expenses.....	39,411.17
<b>Total expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$ 94,354.33</b>
Balance on hand in all funds July 1, 1939.....	227,396.30
Received during the year.....	99,156.06
<b>Total receipts .....</b>	<b>326,552.36</b>
<b>Expenditures during the year.....</b>	<b>94,354.33</b>
<b>Balance in all funds January 1, 1940.....</b>	<b>\$232,198.03</b>
<b>Net gain during the year 1939.....</b>	<b>\$ 4,801.73</b>