

Spring 2023 Meeting



For our Spring 2023 colony meeting, we tried something a bit different. We met in the historic Dunneville Dancehall at the San Benito County Historical Park near Hollister on May 20th. It was a beautiful setting on a warm spring country day in the California sunshine. We had 31 members and guests in attendance.

Members and guests were greeted by Phoebe, our honorary ambassador of goodwill. Phoebe's owner, Secretary Bob Roberts, provided a golf cart from his company to transport some of the members around the park.

We maintained our pilgrim traditions as Elder Bob Hellam read the Pilgrim's Pledge. Assistant Governor Shelley Ware led the Pledge of Allegiance and Secretary Bob Roberts held the roll call of ancestors. Stephen Hopkins was the most represented.



A delicious lunch of tri-tip, chicken, beans and bread was provided by Danny's Smoke N Grill BBQ along with a cake welcoming our Colony to Hollister.



After lunch, we were treated to a concert by the South Bay Trombone Choir courtesy of Assistant Governor Shelley Ware. The Choir performed historical tunes for each decade beginning in the 1800's. Songs included Dixie, one of Abraham Lincoln's favorites, and John Philip Sousa's first march from the turn of the century. A history of each song was presented prior to each performance. It was great!

We followed up the luncheon with a walking tour of the park led by San Benito Historical Park Director, Anita Kane. All of the buildings on the site have been relocated from somewhere in the area including the Cottage Corners Saloon, the Willow Creek Schoolhouse, and the Sullivan House.



Cottage Corners Saloon



The Sullivan House

Willow Creek Schoolhouse

