



Joaquin Murrieta Chapter E Clampus Vitus

Pleasanton, Calif.
May 3, 1978

Five years ago a group of Clampers got together in Alameda County and formed a posse called Joaquin Murrieta's Bandidos. They held meetings at Joe's Corner in Niles and at the old Redwood Inn in Oakland, with the intention of forming a chapter of E. Clampus Vitus in the East Bay.

They petitioned Yerba Buena Chapter to share mutual cohabitation of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties with Chapter One. On May 29th in the Bicentennial year of 1976, the Bandidos presented themselves before the Grand Council in Murphys, California and were granted a charter as Joaquin Murrieta Chapter 13, E. C. V.

The Following pages present a brief glimpse of the activities of Chapter 13 since May 29, 1976 and this booklet is dedicated to the Proctors of Grand Council and especially the Hon. Max Johnson, XSNGH, who ultimately allowed us to come into being and join the ranks of our illustrious brethren, by signing our charter.

Clampfraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Alan D. Ramsay'.

Alan D. Ramsay, XNGH
Joaquin Murrieta Chapter
E. Clampus Vitus

April 26, 1976

Hon. Max Johnson SNGH
4833 Kansas
San Diego, Ca. 92116

Dear Hon. Max Johnson,

I hereby respectfully submit application for permission to appear before the Grand Council at the ECV Saloon in Murphys Camp on May 29, 1982.

The purpose of this request is to present a petition for the chartering of a new chapter of ECV.

The proposed geographical area that we request encompasses portions of Spanish Land Grants. This area is now known as southern Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

We have made preliminary contact with Capitulus Redivivus No. 1, Yerba Buena Chapter concerning mutual cohabitation of the aforementioned area.

We respectfully await your response.

Clampfraternally,



Alan D. Ramsay, ECV
Joaquin Muriettas Bandidos

cc: Earl Schmidt, SGNR Grand Council ECV
A.J. Ledezma, Recorder, Joaquin Muriettas Bandidos



GREETINGS TO THE VENERABLE CLAMPROCTORS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF E CLAMPUS VITUS.

BE IT KNOWN THAT WE, MEMBERS OF JOAQUIN MURRIETA'S BANDIDOS, RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR PERMISSION TO FORM A NEW CHAPTER OF E CLAMPUS VITUS IN ALTA CALIFORNIA.

WE DESIRE MUTUAL COHABITATION WITH YERBA BUENA CHAPTER WITHIN THE SPANISH LAND GRANTS OF CASTRO, ESTUDILLO, MARTINEZ, MORAGA, PERALTA, SOTO, VALENCIA AND OTHER AREAS OF PUBLIC DOMAIN AS DELINEATED ON THE ACCOMPANYING MAP.

SURELY, CLAMPERDOM WILL BE ENHANCED BY OUR DEVELOPMENT OF GOODWILL, FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD AND THE GLORIFICATION OF THE HISTORIC LANDMARKS AND CALIFORNIANA WITHIN ALAMEDA AND CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

DURING THE PAST THREE YEAR OF ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, THE MEMBERS OF JOAQUIN MURRIETA'S BANDIDOS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO FORM A COMPATIBLE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITIZENRY OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AREAS.

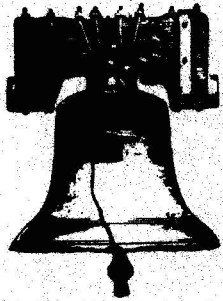
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Alan D. Ramsay

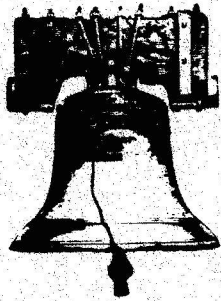
ALAN D. RAMSAY

on behalf of Joaquin Murrieta's Bandidos
this 29th day of May, ECV year 5981

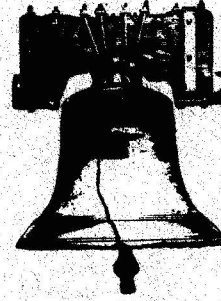
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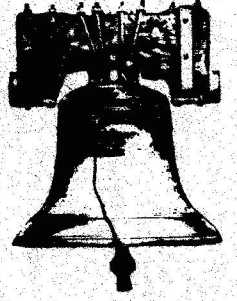
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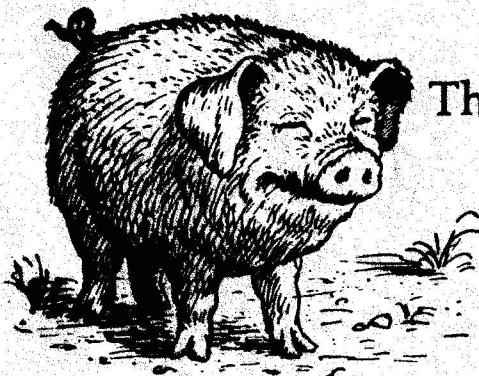


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COLOSSAL BICENTENNIAL TRI-CHAPTER PIG PEN PRODUCTION

- ★ CAPITULUS REDIVIVUS No. 1 ★ MOUNTAIN CHARLIE No. 1850
★ JOAQUIN MURRIETA No. 13



This tremendous and unique event
WILL BE HELD
IN THE
HOG PENS

at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, on Saturday, Sep-
tember 25, 1976 (E C V Year, 5,981).

*Directions: Drive to Pleasanton and watch for
FAIRGROUNDS signs on the main drag.*

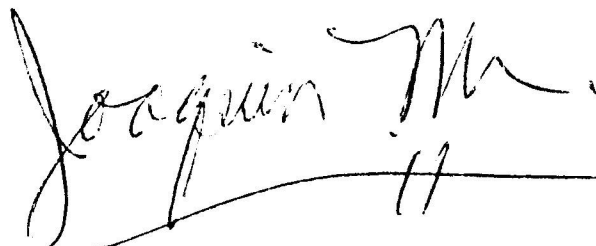
OCTOBER 16, 5982

BANDIDO BANNER!

JOAQUIN SAYS:

THE NOVEMBER 5, 5982, MEETING TO BE HELD AT SHAM'S PIZZA PARLOR IN GORGEUOS PLEASANT HILL, CA. AT PRECISELY 8:08 PM. THE ACCOMPANING MAP WILL DIRECT EACH CLAMPER TO THE SITE. THIS MEETING IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR THE SUCCESS OF OR CHARTERING DAY DOINS. EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE. ANY BROTHER THAT IS INTERESTED IN DOING RELIEF WORK FOR THE BROTHERS ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES PLEASE LET A.J. KNOW AT THE MEETING OR SPEAK UP AT THE DAY OF THE DOINS! AS IT STANDS NOW THE COMMITTEES ARE AS FOLLOWS..... COOK CREW, A.J. BUTLER, LEROY ?, RALPH TARLETON, HAROLD FRAZIER, JERRY CARMONA, AND JOHN JONES.....BARTENDING, DIRTY BILL BAIRD, FRED WARTON, DAIN WARTON, STEVE FRAGOSO, L.P. MATHEWSON, AND JERRY CARMONA..... THE SET UP COMMITTEE AND CLEAN UP COMMITTEES AS YET ARE LACKING CLAMPERS!!! ON OCTOBER 9, 5982, A.J. ,HAROLD FRAZIER, ROCKY STONE, JOHN JONES, CHRIS MISNER, AND BILL JONES.... THESE CIVIC MINDED CLAMPERS HAVE VOLUNTEERED A DAY TO THE RESTORATION OF THE CLAYTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S MUSEUM. THERE'S STILL A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS VERY FIRST TANGIBLE MURRIETA COMMUNITY PROJECT. IF THERE IS ANY CLAMPER WITH ANY CARPENTRY, ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING, DRY WALL, PAINTING, MASONARY, AND HEATING EXPERTISE PLEASE CONTACT A.J. AT 233-3712(415) OR DIAMOND JIM GARRISON AT (415) 685*9390 TO BE ASSIGNED . THE MEMBERS OF THE RITUAL COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THE WEEK BEFORE THE CLAMPESTUOS DAY,,,,, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS.....HAROLD FRAZIER, JOEL ROBERTS, GENO FAMBRINI, DEREK REA, LARRY STRAND, STEVE FRAGOSO, DAVE FOSTER, JIM HAGER, AND ALTERNATES...JERRY CARMONA, FRED WARTON, DAIN WARTON, FRED HANSEN, AND DIK RIMPLE. THESE CLAMPERS SHOULD MAKE A POINT TO BE AT THIS REHEARSAL SO THE CEREMONIES ARE CARRIED OUT IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER! ABA DABBA, ABA DABBA, ABA DABBA, THAT'S ALL FOLKS!

SEE YOU IN CLAYTON,
JOAQUIN M.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joaquin M." followed by a horizontal line and a small mark below it.



E CLAMPUS VITUS CLAMPROCLAMATION

**JOAQUIN MURRIETA NO. 13
ALAMEDA & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES**

BRETHREN, I JOAQUIN, RENOWN OUTLAW OF THE GOLDEN STATE, DO HEREBY DECREE THE HEWGAG WILL SOUND ON NOVEMBER 6, 5981. THE OCCASION SHALL BE THE CHARTER DOINGS OF THE JOAQUIN MURRIETA CHAPTER OF THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONOURABLE ORDER OF E. CLAMPUS VITUS.

THIS GESTICULATIVE EVENT SHALL TAKE PLACE IN THE HISTORIC TOWN OF CLAYTON LOCATED AT FOOT OF DIABLO NORTHEAST SIDE. SEE YOU AT THE DOINGS! Joaquin.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- 9:00—REGISTRATION AT PIONEER SALOON**
- 10:00—CLAMPRADE DOWN MAIN STREET**
- 11:00—CLAMP PLAQUE DEDICATION AND CLAMP CHARTERING!**
- 12:00—HALL OF COMPARATIVE OVATIONS**
- 2:00—SLIPPERY GULCH**
- 3:30—BANDIDO BANQUET COOKED BY MOUNTAIN CHARLIES FAMOST CLAMPCHIEF'S**

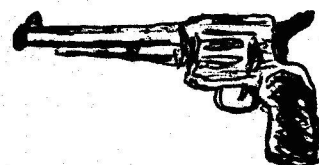
THE RUB SHALL BE:

- \$15.00 FOR BRETHREN WISHING A CHARTER MEMBERSHIP.**
- \$10.00 FOR BRETHERN WHO JUST WANT TO GATHER.**
- \$25.00 FOR P. B. C. S. WITH CHARTER AND \$1.00 FOR SICK JACKASS.**

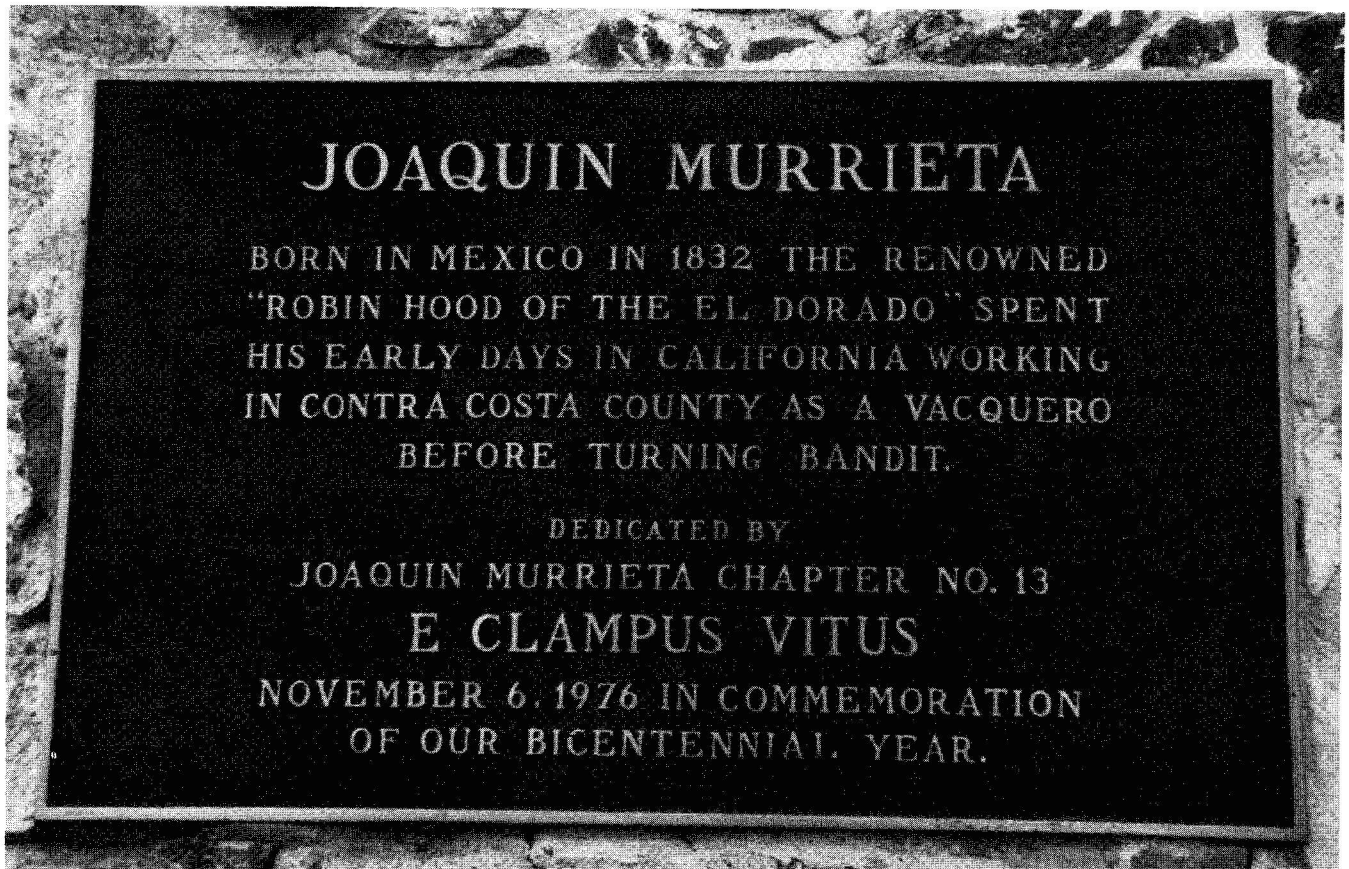
AFTER OCTOBER 25TH ADD \$5.00 TO ALL PRICES, EXCEPT SICK JACKASS

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**SEND GOLD DUST TO:
G. D. R. BILL, LLOYD
2983 JERALD AVENUE
SANTA CLARA, CALIF. 95051
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO E. C. V. #13**



NO GUNS, KNIVES, OR EXPLOSIVES. NO UNDUE HARRASSMENT OF P. B. C.'S. P. B. C'S MUST BE CLEAN AND SOBER. NO P. B. C'S SHALL HAVE RED SHIRTS, UNTIL AFTER INITIATION. WHAT SAY THE BRETHERN!



Joaquin Murrieta

Date: November 6, 1976

Location: Clayton, Alta California

Adjacent to the Clayton House* in the original olde towne Clayton. Members present at Chartering numbered some 700 brave souls, including all officers of Grand Council.

*The Clayton Historical Society's future home which Chapter 13 is supporting. ECV 13 helped in the restoration of the building.

JOAQUIN MURRIETA

CHAPTER NO. 13 E CLAMPUS VITUS

AT 9:30 am ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1977 THE MEMBERS OF MURRIETA WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE DEDICATED TO OAKLANDS OWN NATIVE SON, JACK LONDON, AT JACK LONDON SQUARE - FOOT OF BROADWAY IN OAKLAND -NEXT TO THE FIRST AND LAST CHANCE SALOON

AT 10:30am THE MIGHTY HEWGAG SHALL BE SOUNDED FROM THE TOP OF REDWOOD PEAK IN OAKLAND, CALLING ALL CLAMPERS FROM THE DIGGINGS TO MURRIETA'S SPRING DOINGS, AT ROBERTS RECREATION AREA IN REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK ON SKYLINE

THIS SPLENDIFIROUS AFFAIR WILL TAKE PLACE IN AN AREA OF UNSURPASSED NATURAL BEAUTY AND IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT ALL ECV BRETHREN REFRAIN FROM SCREWING UP THE PARK! HAWKERS CLEAR WITH HUMBUG PRIOR!

SCHEDULE:

REGISTRATION	10:30
PBC PARADE	11:00
HALL OF COMPARATIVE OVATIONS	NOON
SLIPPERY GULCH	2:00

BANDIDO BANQUET UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF OUR OMNIPOTENT CLAMP CHEF BIG RALPH TARLETON AND HIS WELL HUNG CREW TO COMMENCE AT 3:30 PBC S SHOULD BE PRE REGISTERED - PRESENTED BY THEIR SPONSOR TO HANGMAN BOB RYAN PRIOR TO 11am CLEAN AND SOBER - NO EXCEPTIONS!

AS USUAL NO GUNS, KNIVES, OR FIREWORKS PERMITTED

CHECKS PAYABLE TO ECV 13 - MAIL TO BILL LLOYD GDR: 2983 JERALD, SANTA CLARA, CALIF. 95051

registration

(BEFORE APRIL 10th) () I'LL BE THERE \$9.00 ADVANCE

NAME () PBC'S \$25.00 EACH

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

\$10.00 DAY OF DOINGS



Jack London

Date: April 16, 1977

Location: Jack London Square, Oakland

Between the First & Last Chance Saloon and the Jack London Mining Cabin. Approximately 250 Clampers were on hand.

JOAQUIN MURRIETA NO.13

Members are needed to help with the restoration of the Dublin school house.

SAT JUN 18 10 a.m.

SAT JUL 16 10 a.m.

SAT AUG 13 10 a.m.

LOCATION: take Dublin exit off hwy 580 follow exit to corner of Dublin Blvd and Foothill Blvd - look for church steeple adjacent to school house.



Front of Old Murray School House (1856). Showing the Architectural detail of original bell tower. Funding is needed to complete this Art in Architecture program.

*Joaquin Murrieta Chapter
to Dedicate Dublin Heritage Center*

JOAQUIN TO STAGE GIANT Over Niter in Dublin October 14 - 15th '77



When the hewgag brays from the top of Mt. Diablo's fire-seared summit at 8 p.m. on Friday evening, Oct. 14th, it will be calling Clampers from all the mines to join in an initiation of 25 pre-screened P.B.C.s by a candlelight ritual at the Dublin Heritage Center from 9-11 p.m. "Little Slippery" (beer) following ceremonies. PBCs **must** be pre-registered, clean, sober and at least 21 years of age. First 25 applications screened will be accepted, so don't delay.

Saturday morning begins with registration at the Heritage Center for late arrivals at 9 a.m.

- 10:00 a.m.** Clampers lead off stupendous parade.
- 11:30 a.m.** Great gaseous balloon ascension after proper Clamperrection!
- 12:00** Dedication of plaque at D.H.C.* (an official U.S. Bicentennial Commission project), followed by tours of the grounds.
- 1:30 p.m.** Slippery Gulch opens.
- 3:00 p.m.** Bountiful Bandido Banquet cheffed by Joaquins infamous band of culinary artisans.
- The Rub:** \$10.00 ECV (\$11.00 on day of doings)
\$25.00 PBCs
\$1.00 Sick jackass

Make checks payable to: ECV Chapter 13
Mail to: P.O. Box 284, Fremont, CA 94536

Clamper's Note

Friday nite is private Clampdoings. Saturday is open to the public —so remember... no guns, knives or explosives and no unruly, shitty behavior!

Space is available for campers & R.V.s on Friday and Saturday nites.

We will also have Joaquin lead off a street dance on Saturday eve at 9 p.m. featuring a mariachi & country bands. Free 'til our beer runs out! Satisfactory and so recorded!

By order of:

Council of Venerable Greybeards, Joaquin Murrieta Chapter, E Clampus Vitus

No Hawkers Allowed

Meal ticket for widders \$5.00; drinks 75¢ per ticket.

No advance reservations after Oct. 10. Commemorative buttons available on day of doings for \$1.00. ECV musicians please bring your instruments for parade and afterwards.



HERITAGE CENTER

DEDICATED TO THE PIONEERS OF THIS VALLEY
WHOSE SACRIFICES AND HARD WORK CONTRIBUTED
TO THE GOOD LIFE WE ENJOY TODAY.

THE CENTER IS SUPERVISED BY THE
DUBLIN HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

THIS PLAQUE DEDICATED
OCTOBER 15, 1977 BY
JOAQUIN MURRIETA CHAPTER 13
E CLAMPUS VITUS



Heritage Center

Date: October 15, 1977

Location: Dublin, Alta California

This is the only ECV plaque bearing the official Bicentennial Seal. There were 475 Clampers and untold civilians, including state, county and city officials. The event was covered by TV & newspaper reporters.

A TV documentary was filmed on location about ECV and the restoration of the Murray School House, the home of the Western Cowboy Hall of Fame. Another highlight of the day was the presence of ECV 13's Air Force, comprised of 2 hot air balloons.

Early History

by H. W. Kolb

Alameda County was formed in 1853. Murray Township, covering all of Amador and Livermore Valley boundaries, was fixed in September 1854. In 1855, an act was passed creating a Board of Supervisors for the County of Alameda. From 1856 to 1865 four early settlers from Dublin served on the Board of Supervisors. They were Dougherty, Murray, Green and Fallon.

Dublin can claim credit to the first school in 1856 and first church, St. Raymond's Catholic Church, built in 1859. Adjoining church on west side are cemeteries, Catholic and Protestant, resting place of early settlers and relatives.

By 1870, Dublin had two hotels, general merchandise store, wagon and blacksmith shop, shoemaker establishment and Sunday School. The Sunday School was moved in 1912 and is now a store room on the Kolb ranch.

Three miles south of Dublin off Foothill Road, now Meadowlark Dairy, Don Francisco Alviso, friend of Don Jose Maria Anador, built himself an adobe house in 1844, which still stands as restored by Walter Briggs. In the W.H. Kolb home is a large and only picture of this adobe. The picture is in its original state. Mrs. Elsie Kroeger Kolb, lived in this adobe as a young girl with her folks from 1898 to 1912. It is interesting to note that Amador's two story adobe and Alviso's one story adobe were built about the same time. Amador's adobe was completely destroyed in the great earthquake of 1868, but Alviso's suffered no damage to its more than two foot thick walls. The 1906 earthquake that destroyed San Francisco did some damage to wall and chimney, occupied by Elsie and her parents at the time.

The Fallon and Tehan home on Foothill Road, Highway 21, one mile south of overpass is another landmark soon to be destroyed for new homes. Frame-work of this old home is held together with wooden pegs instead of nails. Bandits Joaquin Murietta and Three Fingered Jack, stopped at this home of the Fallons to water their horses as attested by Fallon's grand-daughter, Kate Tehan.

After the Irish had arrived, from 1870 on, other families migrated to Dublin from Germany and Denmark and settled on large ranches, farming and raising livestock. They also operated the hotels, general merchandise store and wagon stock. They also operated the hotels, general merchandise store and wagon and blacksmith shop in Dublin.



Jose Maria Amador was the first man to receive a land grant in this valley (named after him). He was born in San Francisco in 1772. His father was a Mexican soldier.

Amador was the first settler in this valley in 1826, before Livermore came into the county. In 1835, he received the land grant Rancho San Ramon (16,516 acres) from Jose Figueroa, Commandant-General of Upper California.

Jose Amador was a man of more than ordinary intelligence and unlike more of his Spanish friends did not confine his operations to cattle exclusively, although he had immense herds. He also manufactured wagons, harnesses, saddles and many of the staple articles in demand at this time.

Michael Murray, after whom this township was named, resided here. Other early settlers in and about Dublin were Fallon, Devany, Harlan, Norris, Johnson, Martin, Glaskin, Dougherty, Green and McDermid.

Captain Jeremiah Fallon and his brother-in-law Michael Murray left St. Joseph, Missouri as part of a wagon train which included what was to be later known as the Donner Party. The departure took place May 7, 1846. Captain Fallon and wife Ellen had a year old daughter at the time of leaving who came with her parents across the plains. As the wagon train, with winter approaching neared the high Sierra, the Fallon party separated from the train at Hastings cut-off, taking a safer and quicker route to California. The ill-fated Donner Party instead rolled on to become tragic history.

Fallon and Murray arrived at Amador (now Dublin) and went direct to Mission San Jose and raised the American flag, as we were at war with Mexico.

Hearing of Donner's tragic end, they left here as one of three rescue parties to return the few people that were alive.

Dublin's

Fallon and Murray went to the gold fields in 1850. On their return they purchased 1000 acres from Don Jose Maria Amador, who lived in a two story adobe on the bank of Alimillo Spring, (now the intersection of Highway 21 and Dublin Boulevard).

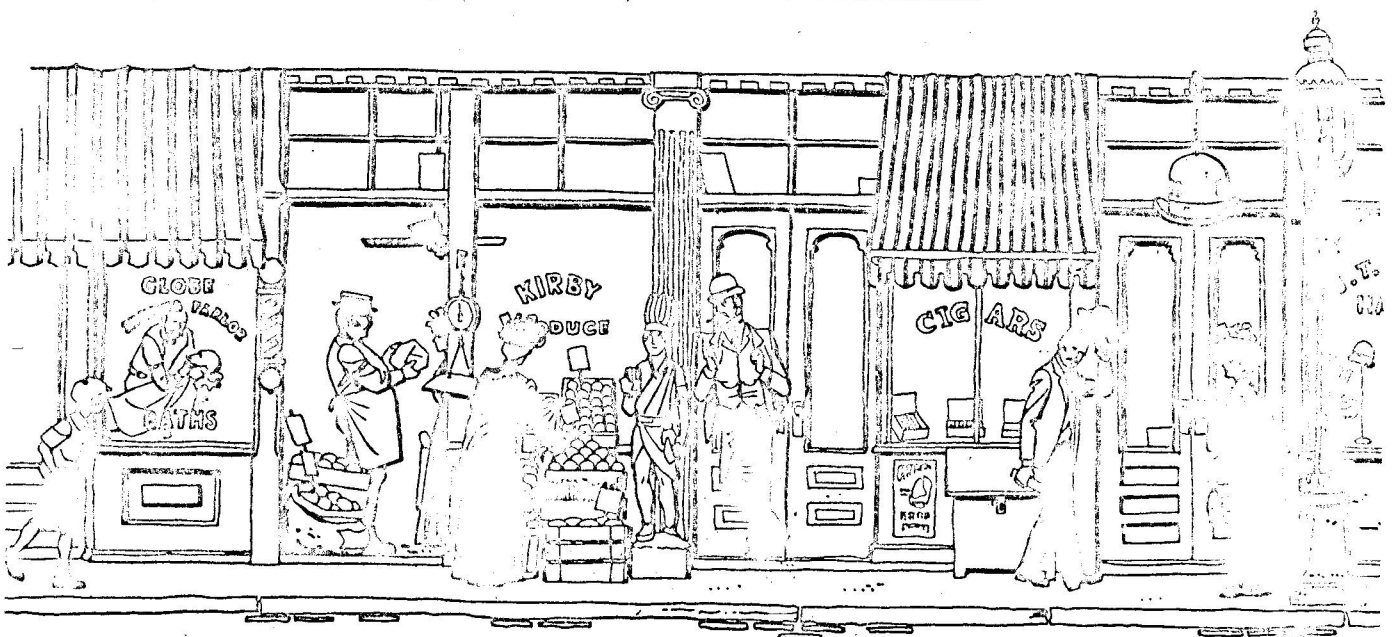
Murray Township, Murray School District, and ancient Murray School are all named after Michael Murray. The ancient Murray School (built in 1856) is the oldest school in Livermore-Amador Valley. It is still standing on Dublin Road opposite H.W. Kolb's home. The school is now used as a Church. Fallon School is named after Captain Jeremiah Fallon.

J.W. Dougherty came to Dublin in 1849 from Tennessee. He was a sheriff and County Clerk in that state. He purchased 10,000 acres at \$2.20 per acre from Amador including the adobe house and lived in it until it was destroyed in the great earthquake of 1868. At the time of Dougherty's death in 1879, he owned 17,000 acres in Amador Valley.

J.E. McDermid, who crossed the plains, arrived here from Missouri in 1852. The "ox yoke" used by him is in very good condition and is in H.W. Kolb's workshop.

John Green arrived in 1857, and bought land from Murray. He built an addition to the home, that Murray built in 1850. Green also built and opened the first store and Post Office in 1860, still standing in Dublin.

Dublin history dates back to a Congressional Act that over 100 years ago named the juncture of Post Road and thereby qualified it as an official stop for stage coaches to leave off mail for area residents.



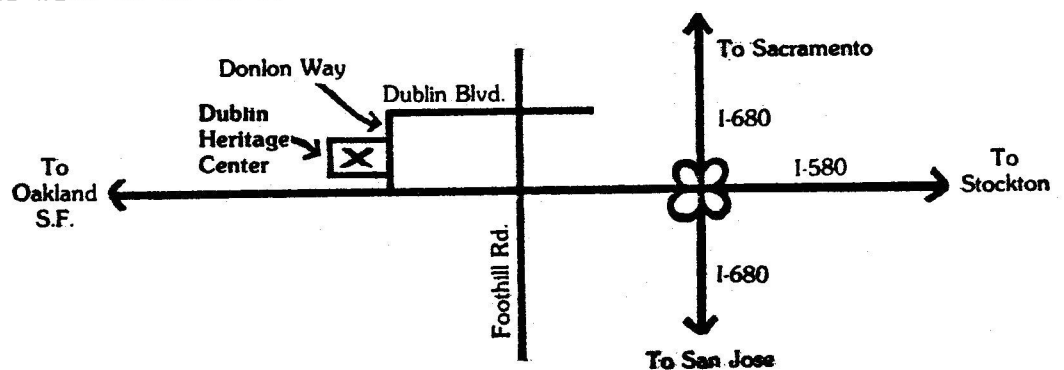
WANTED

Uniformed **CLAMPERS** to attend a meeting:

**FRI NOV
ELEVENTH**

JOAQUIN MURRIETA CHAPTER NO. 13 E CLAMPUS VITUS

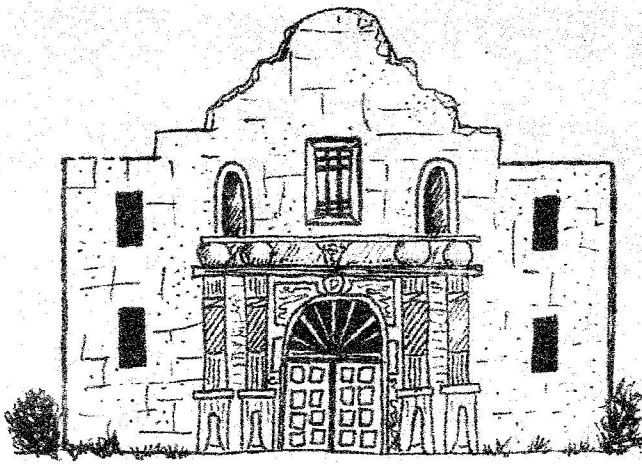
THE MEETING WILL START AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE DUBLIN HERITAGE CENTER IN DUBLIN, CA. REPORTS WILL BE GIVEN ON UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR OUR CHAPTER IN THE YEAR AHEAD AS WELL AS THE DUBLIN DOINGS THAT WE JUST HAD ON THE 14TH AND 15TH. COME JOIN US WITH SOME IDEAS AS TO WHAT YOU LIKED IN DUBLIN OR WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE A FEW COMMEMORATIVE BUTTONS LEFT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DIDN'T GET YOURS ON THE DAY OF THE DUBLIN DOINGS AS WELL AS A FINE SELECTION OF LONG COATS THAT WILL BE ON SALE.



This
Certificate of Appreciation
is awarded to
E Clampus Vitus
for
outstanding efforts toward
the development of the
Dublin Heritage Center
this 15th day of October 1977

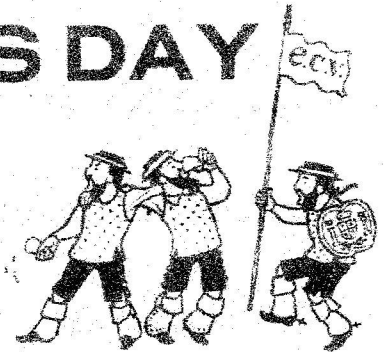
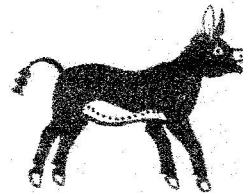


Judy Cook
Marie Cronin
Chair



Remember Alamo?

SATURDAY APRIL ONE ALL CLAMPERS DAY



Joaquin Murrieta Spring Doings

Honoring Brother Rocky Stone's pioneer Grandfather, Silas Stone the first white settler to homestead the Alamo-Stone Valley area.

Meeting Place: Corner of Stone Valley Rd. & Danville Blvd.
Alamo, Calif. off Freeway 680

Registration: 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.

Plaque Dedication: 11:00 Parade to follow the dedication.
Bring Musical Instruments.

Slippery: 12:30

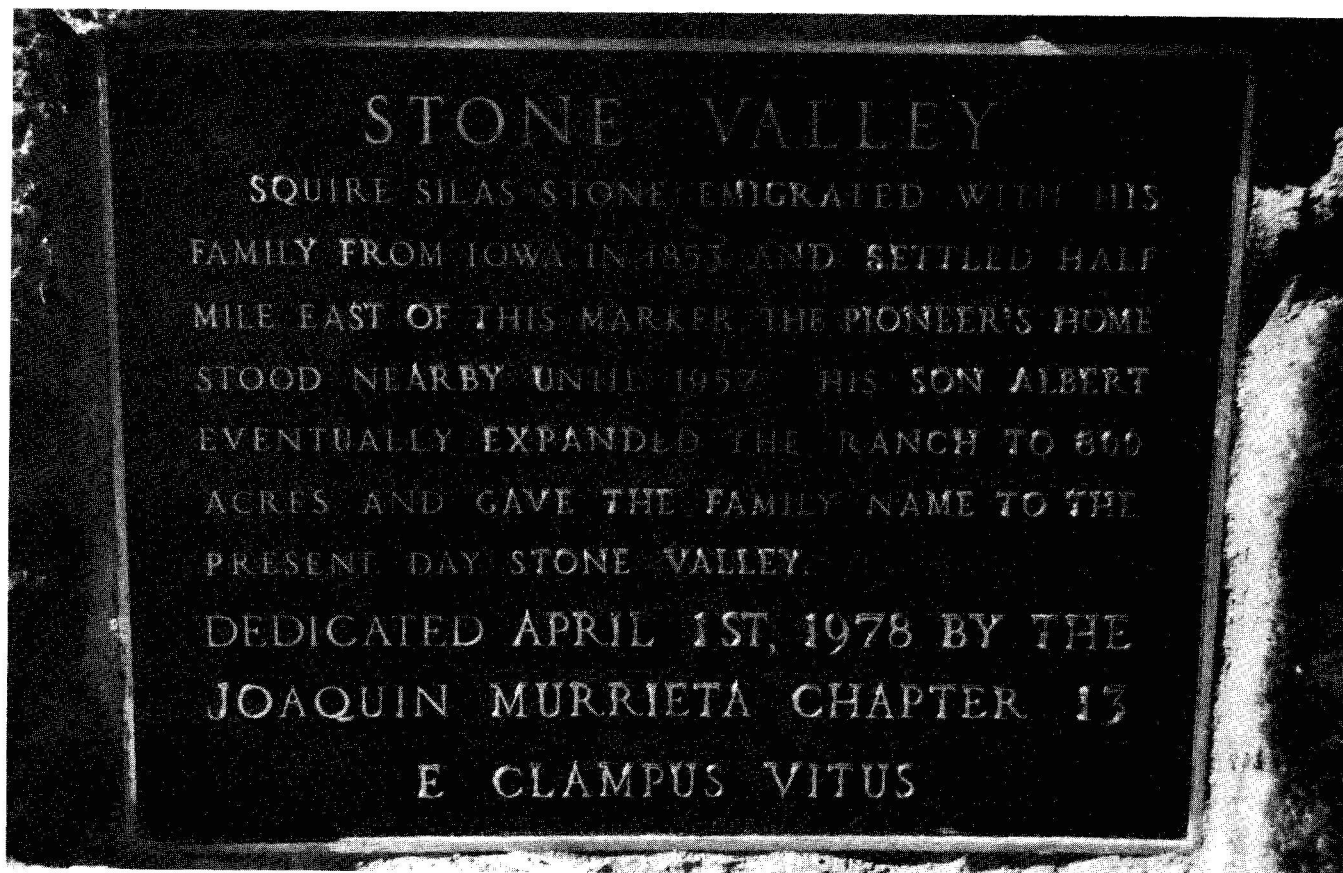
Bandido Banquet cheffed by
Joaquin's infamous culinary artisans

The Rub: \$8.00 Advance Registration - Must be received by Mar. 20
\$10.00 For registration on the day of the doings.
PBC'S will be limited to 30 at a nominal fee of \$25.00
to be paid and registered only in advance.
Selection will be on a first come basis.

PBC'S (Limited to 30) must be present with sponsor by 10 a.m. No red shirts on PBC. PBC's will be presented to the Hangman clean and sober. **NO INEBRIATED PBC WILL BE ACCEPTED!** It is the responsibility of the sponsor to inform the hangman of any PBC's having a physical problem.

No guns, knives, explosives, or shitty behavior.

Hawkers must clear with Humbug.



Stone Valley

Date: April 1st, 1978

Location: Alamo, Alta California

Dedicated to the greatgrandfather of Chapter 13's historian Rocky Stone. 330 Clampers were in attendance.

STONE VALLEY

Squire Silas Stone in 1853 travelled across the plains and mountains with his family and friends from Iowa to California.

At age 61, Silas and his wife Susanna (Ward) Stone sold their farm in Iowa to settle in part of the valley east of Alamo, Contra Costa County. He built a substantial home in 1855 after first digging a well. It was probably the only home around for years where water was pumped right to the sink. The house stood for 102 years. Born in Bennington, Vermont in 1792, he spent his declining years with a daughter, Fidelia, wife of William Meek, a prominent resident of Hayward, California.

He acquired the title 'Squire' shortly after arriving in Alamo by becoming active in community life. A tall man of stature, who spoke with authority, became 'Alcalde'. He also served on the first board of trustees of the Union Academy in 1860.

Colonel Albert Ward Stone came to California the preceeding year to explore the idea of moving his family west. Arranging for a ranch site in Colusa, he returned by way of Panama (63 years before the canal). He then persuaded his father, Silas, family, and friends to come. He was the master of a fifty wagon train. Arriving in Sacramento in the fall of 1853, the group split, Silas to Alamo, Albert and his immediate family to Colusa, where he entered cattle raising until complications over land title and illnesses forced him to leave. At that time the land adjoining his father's property became available. He moved the family into a temporary home in nearby Green Valley. One child looking for something in a closet with the aid of a candle carelessly set the house on fire. Fortunately, many things were still in packing cases and were saved. Their only money, gold, melted and ran down the floor cracks. It was later recovered and minted again.

They bought the property from a settler named Comstock who had bought it from Jose Miguel and Rafaela Miranda Garcia who had built a five-room adobe. It was an ideal homesite. A knoll overlooking the valley and foothills to the east toward Mt. Diablo. A family orchard, vegetable and flower gardens and a vineyard surrounded the home and farm buildings. Three additional rooms were added for the growing family. Grain and livestock was the main endeavor. Good grazing land surrounded the valley. Breeding fine horses of good stock were sold to haul grain from Tassajara and Livermore valleys to Pacheco and Martinez.

The earthquake of 1868 discouraged construction of a concrete and brick home. A twelve room fine frame house was built. With the growing family, livestock, and gardens there was demand for an improved water supply. A bountiful spring was located in the hills to the southeast. Water was piped to a cistern that held about 200,000 gallons located on a hill behind the house. It was built of the concrete and brick planned for the home. The cistern was dug by some of the Chinese laborers recently discharged from building the railroads throughout the West.

The property was partly bought three times. First, from the Comstocks. Secondly, by failing to file the deed immediately, (necessitating an all day trip to Martinez) a person of questionable character did file. He offered to sell for a modest profit. Thirdly, part of the property was given by the U.S. Government to encourage the growing network of railroads. That part was purchased from the Southern Pacific.

The Stone place was a popular haven for the friends of all the children.

Festive occasions included much music, singing, and dancing. A melodian aided the events.

Decendants are widespread: Locally--Alden Jones, Alfred Jones, Betty Overholtzer, Norma Anderson, Barbara Kahnberg, and Lillias Short of Livermore; Marjorie Rogers, W.C. Don Stone--Lafayette; Elwin R. 'Rocky' Stone, Robert B. Stone, M.D.--Oakland; Eleanor Getchel, Doris Kjelland--Alameda; Martha McCauley--Berkeley; Philip E. Stone--El Dorado Hills; Eleanor Brady--Redding; Margaret Miller--L.A.; Albert Stone--So. California.