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Please accept my application for membership as member
in the Historical Society of Southern California.
I enclose my remittance in the amount of for annual dues.

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Date Telephone Number

Dues include subscription to the Society's Quarterly and Newsletter. All dues, contri-
butions and bequests are deductible under State and Federal tax provisions since the
Society is a non-profit organization supported solely by membership dues and
contributions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*This is the first edition of the Society's revitalized News-
letter. Your contributions and comments will be more
than welcome. Please send them to Stewart Rogers at
the Society office.*

New Lummis Book

Members who attended our Christmas reception had an opportunity to meet Keith Lummis who was there to present the new book, "Charles F. Lummis: The Man and His West," which was co-authored with sister Turbese Lummis Fiske, who died in 1967. She had spent over 40 years assembling journals, diaries and correspondence into manuscript form which was later undertaken by Keith Lummis. "This candid and refreshing biography, by two who knew him so well, is rich in selections from Lummis' own writings and anecdotes about people whose paths crossed his. Also included are a wealth of photographs, many taken by Lummis himself, and a selection of illustrations and remarks from the El Alisal House Book."

The book may be ordered by members only, for a substantial savings, directly from the Historical Society office. Price to members: \$14.85 including tax. (Please add 60¢ mailing charge if you do not wish to pick up the book at headquarters office). The regular price is \$18.55 including tax.

Braille Institute

Dudley Gordon has just completed a series of lectures on history for the blind at Braille Institute. Naturally, this expert on Lummis presented his final lecture at the Lummis Home where he also conducted a tour.

The blind at the Institute are most receptive to new learning experiences. They will welcome instruction from any of your hobbies and special knowledge. Please contact The Braille Institute to offer your services.

Early Latin Americans

Publication of a book, "Spanish-Mexican Families of Early California: 1769 - 1850," by Marie E. Northrop has been announced for early this year. Those interested in this most comprehensive volume covering over 4,000 names of early Californians may contact Polyanthos, Inc., 811 Orleans Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70116.

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NEWSLETTER



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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PLEASE SUBMIT NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO EDITOR STEWART ROGERS AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

YOUR COOPERATION WILL HELP MAKE THIS AN INTERESTING MINI-PUBLICATION TO KEEP US ABREAST OF EVENTS AND PROGRAMS.

COMING EVENTS

- January 18 "Women Artists of the American West"
Museum of Science & Industry
Speaker: Phil Kavinick 7:30 p.m.
Followed by viewing of exhibit "Women Artists from 1900 to 1930 as seen from 1976"
- February 21 "A Peoples' War" Bicentennial Exhibit
sponsored by the Huntington Library
Brunch: Huntington-Sheraton 9:30 a.m.
(with speaker)
Tour: Huntington Library 11:30 a.m.
Dr. Ed Carpenter
Afternoon free to tour gardens and attend concert on terrace of main house at 1:30 p.m.
- March 17 "Life and Times of Ernest Dawson"
Dawson's Book Shop 7:30 p.m.
Speakers: Glen and Muir Dawson
- June 5 Annual Trek - Catalina Island (tentative)

NEWS NOTES

Christmas Reception

A very large turnout of members certainly insured the success of our Christmas Party and Reception at the Lummis home in December. Keith Lummis was on hand with his new book on his illustrious father, Charles. To add atmosphere, several people had booths at which their handicrafts were displayed and offered for sale. Highlighting the festivities was a delightful selection of delicious refreshments. A gala occasion such as this just doesn't happen

by accident. Many dedicated members prepared food and helped to serve under the efficient leadership of Vice President Kay Wright. Our thanks go to all who helped make the party a success.

Dominguez Adobe

Many members attended the dedication of the Court of Flags on the grounds of the Dominguez Seminary on Sunday, January 11. Of special interest was the attendance of the descendants of Don Manuel Dominguez from the Carson, Watson and Del Amo families, all familiar names in our community. The Dominguez Adobe of the Rancho San Pedro is now open on a regular basis to the public. It is located at 18127 South Alameda Street in Compton.

Membership Meeting

At our last meeting, Wednesday, January 21, members met at the Los Angeles Athletic Club to enjoy a most entertaining program on "Rustic Canyon and the Story of the Uplifters" It was presented by Betty and Thomas Randall Young from slides which had been prepared in connection with research material they had gathered for their new book on Rustic Canyon. The Athletic Club went all out in gracious hospitality, including wonderful pastries. The evening was especially significant in that Athletic Club members had originally sponsored the Uplifters Club which made many important cultural contributions to our community.

Bicentennial Symposium

Several of our members participated in and attended a one-day program at the University of Southern California on Saturday, January 24 entitled "Historical Perspectives on the Family and Society."

The day was jammed with interesting and provocative subject matter including such items as, "Skeletons in the Closet?" or a new look at Family History."

There will be an abundance of special programs this year in connection with our Bicentennial celebration - many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. We should all make an effort to see as many as possible. How often can we personally celebrate a bicentennial event honoring the birth of our nation?

HELP YOUR SOCIETY GROW

Our organization is as strong as our membership and we must continue to grow in order to remain healthy. Attrition and inflation are troublesome burdens we must all combat and they can be easily overcome if each of us does a small share.

Each of us enjoys some special feature (or all) of our benefits. It won't hurt to review them so that they are fresh in your mind when you offer a friend or acquaintance the opportunity to join you in the fellowship of our organization.

An outstanding History publication, the Southern California Quarterly, sent *free* to members four times a year. This feature alone makes a membership a terrific bargain!

Our annual treks often take us into colorful and historical places which are completely inaccessible to the general public. This feature alone is a fabulous incentive to join!

Our monthly programs give us an opportunity to meet, hear and see some of the truly outstanding personages of our time, each with a special background or knowledge that makes the evenings something significant to always remember. A fantastic feature worth the price of membership alone!

A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NOTICE. PLEASE GIVE IT TO A FRIEND TODAY.