



MISSION BELL

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Ring in the News of the Preservation Campaign for Mission San Antonio de Padua

EVERY PHOTO HAS A STORY

The historic photo is from *The Henry Ford* collection, taken around 1883. It was purchased as a Christmas gift and delivered to me from Glasgow Scotland. The other photo was taken on a recent visit to the lovely mission.



A Message from Campaign President MICHAEL LUGO

Hello dear friends of Mission San Antonio de Padua.

My name is Michael Lugo and I am the new President of the Campaign Board charged with preserving Mission San Antonio for posterity. While the earthquake retrofit of the beloved Mission is complete we still have plenty of work to do.

The mission for our new board remains the same, to raise funds for the conservation, restoration, and preservation of this historic mission and we now shift to establishing the Legacy Endowment Fund to realize current and future plans for Mission San Antonio. Our vision is long term and our board is currently working to revise our vision statement to reflect our long term goals. We will be adding more information about our legacy endowment to our website soon.

At this time, we have several universities interested in future Archeological studies, California Mission History, and in the Native Salinan Tribal people who lived here. With your generosity and continued support we can ensure future generations of school children, historians, and visitors from all walks of life can continue to experience this historic treasure.

There are many ways you can make a donation:

- Donate online from our website preservemissionsanantonio.org
- Send a donation to: Post Office Box 450, King City, CA 93930.
- Support our "Room Naming" Campaign (more information is in this newsletter)
- Come visit the Mission, the newly restored museum, and while you are here visit the gift shop as well
- If you shop at Amazon please choose smileamazon.com and add the Campaign as your support group or charity.

We have numerous projects yet to complete and our new board is energized and excited! Thank you for your contribution, you have no idea how much it means to have your support. ■

A New Normal

By Joan Steele, *Mission Administrator and Campaign to Preserve Mission San Antonio de Padua Board Member*



REMEMBER LIFE BEFORE COVID? Frankly, it is difficult to recall after over two years of masks, vaccinations, boosters, and social distancing. We are a resilient people, however, and life does go on. We learn to live with a new normal. COVID isn't going away, so our new normal includes education, precautions and common sense.

Life at the Mission is no different. While we prefer to view 2020-2021 through the filter of a silver lining; the shut down of the Mission allowed us to complete the seismic retrofit with nobody but skeletal staff and construction crews on site. It afforded us the time and space to put the Mission's best face on for the returning guests and visitors.

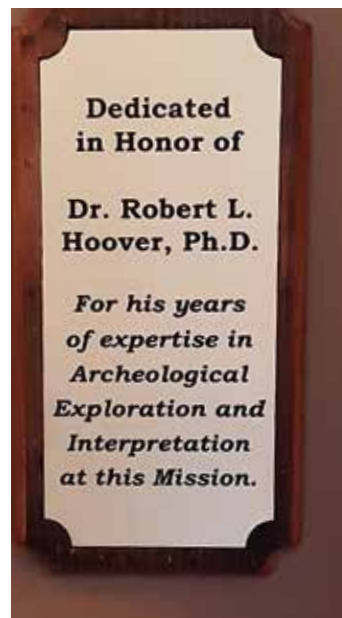
Private and group retreats resumed at the Mission in September of 2021. Since then, we have been increasingly busy. While some groups are still hesitant to congregate in retreats, most have resumed full capacity with individuals eager to get out of the house and restore their faith and inner resolve at this wonderful, serene, historic place. The new normal includes a few changes. The Mission no longer offers any catering services to retreat guests. Groups are responsible for bringing their own cooks/chefs with them to serve their retreat participants' needs. Individual

retreat guests, as before, are encouraged to bring their own pre-prepared meals with them for the duration of their retreat, as they are given access to a refrigerator, microwave, and electric teapot in the dining room. The retreat center is now closed Sunday-Tuesday evenings. If you are considering an individual or group retreat, please call the Mission office at 831-385-4478, ext. 10 or email office@missionsanantonio.net ASAP to reserve space, as we are currently booking well into 2023.

When I last reported to you in our Spring 2022 newsletter, we were beginning to work on restoration of our septic lines/system. This is a very large facility and we have four separate septic systems to accommodate it. This restoration is very expensive but also highly critical to the use of the facility. Retreat and gift shop income are what enables this Mission to remain open to the public. I am happy to be able to report that the restoration of the septic systems is almost complete.

Our donor appreciation art piece, to be displayed in the quadrangle garden, is scheduled to begin creation by the illustrious metalsmith, Max Randolph by the end of the year. We don't want to spoil the surprise, so I won't give the details at this point, by you can join Max's 2.5 million followers on his social media accounts, beginning in mid-Fall, to watch the creative process as it unfolds.

We still have space for our "Room-Naming" Campaign to allow you to leave a legacy of honor, dedication or in memory of someone you love. What a lovely way to illustrate your love and care for someone.



We are working with the Architects-of-Record, Franks and Brenkwitz, LLP, whom have spearheaded our retrofit/restoration project, on the plans for the restoration/remodel of the pavilion. The focus will be to make the building safe and more versatile for group usage, for events and also for classroom/lab use by Archeological Field Schools.

We have been hard at work on the restoration of our many historic paintings at the Mission. We just received back four paintings, two which are displayed in the museum, after having undergone cleaning and conservation. Again, this is a lengthy, painstaking and expensive process, but one that is well worth the effort as these historic artifacts are restored to their former glory.

Maintenance on the adobe buildings will begin again when the weather cools. As many of you already know, buildings made out of mud, clay, and straw need constant upkeep to retain their wonderful integrity and appearance. It



would be a travesty, and irresponsible, to allow all our hard work over the past eight years to become weatherworn and dilapidated again.

Our Mission fundraising events have returned to the calendar, with this year's *Mission Days* and *Mission Fiesta* well attended and enjoyed. Our Fall wine-tasting event, *Afternoon in the Garden*, is scheduled for Saturday, November 5th from 3-6pm. Please see the Mission website for further details. We are currently discussing the possibility of offering an additional dinner and night's stay for that evening, as a separate *Evening in the Garden*, for a very limited number – twenty couples. Please email me if you are interested in attending.

It's a *new normal* ... but that's okay. They say that the only thing you can depend on not changing is that life involves constant change. We experience, we learn, we adapt...we grow.

Always forward...never back! Please continue with us on the journey. ■

Meet the New Board of Directors

BOARD MEMBER DAVID MASCORRO is the Vice President of the Fundraising Committee. He is a direct descendant of Pedro Encinales, a full blooded Salinan Indian and David's great great-grandfather. David's father served in the Army and was stationed at Fort Ord when he was in junior high and high school. During that time his family made many trips to Jolon to visit his grandmother who basically grew up on the Mission San Antonio land, and his mom spent much of her childhood at the Mission as well. Needless to say, he also spent a lot of time at the Mission over the years.



David's Mom helped with the restoration of the "Ranch" in 1994 making adobe (which was Pedro Encilanes home), when she became ill and passed away 30 days later. David's mom loved the Mission and after she passed away he really started to feel a stronger connection to the area and the Mission.

David and his wife have participated in many Mission events over the last decade and David along with his former boss, Reint Smit, hung permanent lighting in the courtyard area.

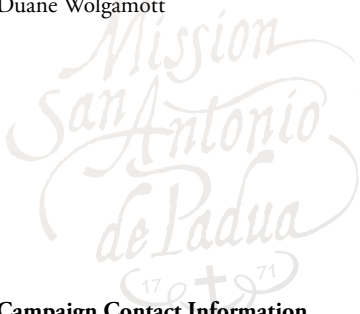
After a 38 year career as a building engineer, working in the San Francisco area, David retired. These days he spends time fishing when he can and working on his photography. David took this beautiful photo that captures the tranquility of Mission San Antonio de Padua. ■



Photo by David Mascorro

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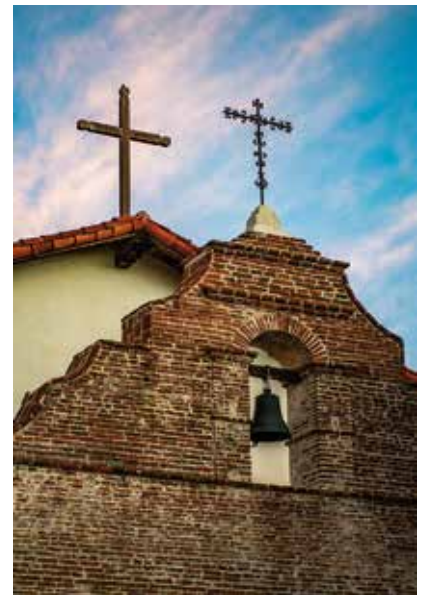
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Join us in saving history while becoming part of the Mission's history for future generations. What a wonderful way to weave your family name into the colorful tapestry of the San Antonio Valley story!

Limited spaces available - act now!



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