

# CHALON NATION



## JULY - AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2016

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Chalon Board Meetings are held monthly on the second Saturday of each Month at, 11:00 a.m. at 1113 S. Chester Avenue Bakersfield, Ca. 93304

Elders Council meets every second Sunday at 12:00 p.m. at 1124 Baker Street Bakersfield, Ca. 93305 - Potluck and Raffle



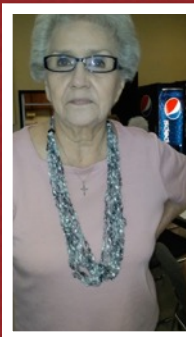
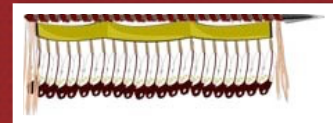
The Chalon Indian Council board met and discussed the upcoming Taco Sales, which is scheduled for August 27, 2016.

A meeting was scheduled for July 27, 2016 for all who are interested in helping at this event.

Pictured Below are some of our Chalon Elders.

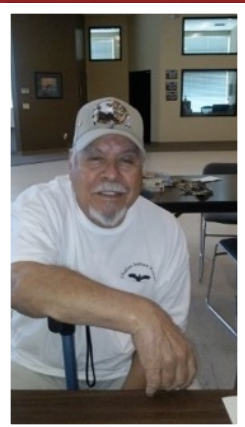
With Approval of the Chalon Indian Council Board, Tom Valenzuela, Audrey Alvarado, and Louise Appodaca worked on a proposal which was completed and sent to the Tule River Indian Reservation - Yokuts Foundation.

A presentation will made to the Tule River Indian Tribal Council – date to be announced.

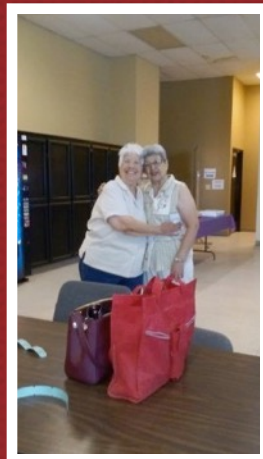


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

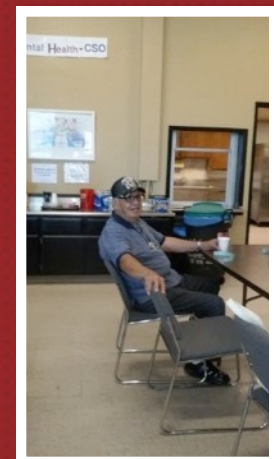
IRENE SOTO, ELDERS VICE-CHAIRWOMAN



RICHARD SUNIGA



VIVIAN CANEZ - RAMONA ALVARADO AND ROBERT ALVARADO



# On Chalon Traditions and Ceremonial Practices

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Dear Friends,



Often I am asked if I can provide information on Chalon culture, traditional practices, and especially on Chalon ceremonial practices. Much information has been recorded and is available and there are also others who can be contacted to help. So learning and reviving Chalon culture is a double task requiring some time and effort on the part of those seriously interested.

Many who live in the San Joaquin Valley are familiar with Yokuts practices native to the inland peoples. Chalon practices differ in many ways. The Chumash practices that some of you have learned are much closer, being among the coastal traditions, but still with differences from Chalon and its Ohlone-Costanoan family.

The following are a few of the known practices.

### *Non-ritual practices*

Hair: Short, close cropped, to the neck or shoulders, (m, f), bangs on forehead (f)

Ear lobe bored (males/females maybe)

Nasal septum bored (males-probably, females-unk),  
Nose-stick (m)

Tattooing: face (details unk), forehead, arms (m, f)

Pigments: Red mineral (fr. ground), white mineral;  
applied to face & body by fingers, cosmetic mud

Flowers worn in hair or ear

Halotis pendants and ornaments

### *Ritual and Festival practices*

Head: topknot, bunched in center (feathers unk, may have been Magpie)

Yellowhammer-quill bands

Paint: red mineral fr. ground, red ocher, white mineral, kaolin, charcoal for black, applied by fingers

### *Clothing*

Robes and capes: woven rabbit skins – twined with wefts of string

Small front apron of network, large back apron of buckskin

Habitually barefoot, [leather sandal (pre-Caucasian-unk?)]

Naked (men, boys, children)

Body coated with mud or clay, for warmth

### *Tobacco*

Gathered wild, Uses: bedtime smoking, smoking by shamans, eating with lime

### *Musical Instruments*

Rattles: attached to stick handle, split clapper stick, no drums of any kind, bull-roarer (for amusement), musical bow played with finger, single bird-bone whistle (end blown, mouth blown, not flattened around hole, of wood, not of elder or bone)

### *Calendars and Counting*

Descriptive calendar, winter solstice observed in calendar, stars as month makers, number system: decimal

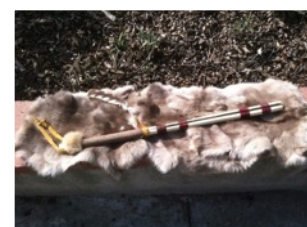
### *Religious traits*

Prayer and offerings: to sun and moon, offerings of meal or seeds, of tobacco, of shells

Space constraints restrict me from presenting a fuller list of Chalon practices, but those interested may refer to Harrington 1942 in *Anthropological Records* Vol. 7, No. 1. Even more valuable is the knowledge of the brother and sister Chalon residing on the coast. These native relations safeguard extant traditional knowledge and regularly visit special and sacred sites. The Rumsen, Muwekma, Choychenyo, and Mutsun Ohlone-Costanoan tribes also have much traditional culture and practices in common and much to share. This is also true of the neighboring Salinan and Esselen peoples who have long held relations with your Chalon ancestors. Relations at the intertribal level are beyond my authority, but this may be something the tribal board and council may want to pursue.

The essential focus and character of Chalon traditional ceremonies and those of its neighboring peoples have long been that of healing the ills and spirits of the living, of honoring and saying farewell to those who have crossed over, and of renewing the strengths of the tribe. Your quest to bring back the traditional practices and to reunite the people are in that same ceremonial spirit of healing the ills and renewing the strengths of the tribe and the people. Be well.

Charles



# Chalon Indian Taco Sale



Date: August 27, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Place: 1124 Baker Street (corner of Baker St. & Monterey)

Come out: and enjoy delicious Indian Tacos – \$6.50  
Fry Bread Only – 3.50      Vegan Indian Taco – 5.50  
Strawberries w Whipped Cream – 4.50

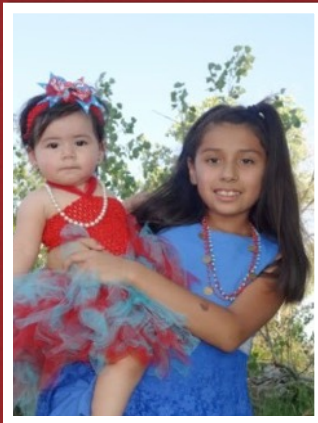
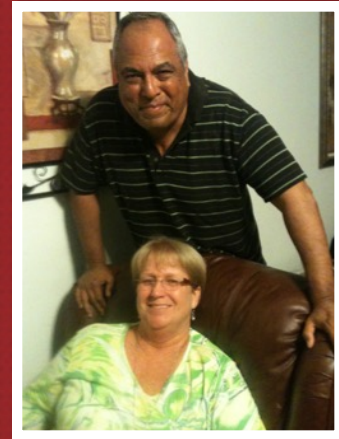


Proceeds towards Education and Cultural Awareness. Call Tom for more information at 889-2350 or Tim at 302-1503      Pre-sale tickets are now available.

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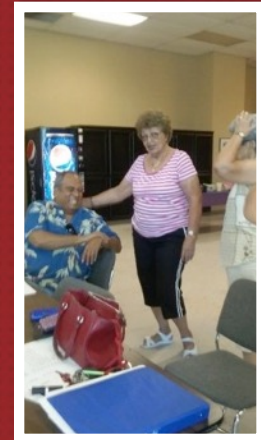
# CHALON FALL EQUINOX CEREMONY



Chalon Tribal Members: Pictured above: left to right Paulette Sanchez, Teresa, Amah-Mutsun, Cari Herschel, Chalon, Guest in Red, Liz A. Arriaga, Chalon, Louise Appodaca, Chalon Elder and Guest Chumash woman from Ventura. Back Roll: Paul, Amah-Mutsun, Yvonne Blank, Chalon and Aubrey and Cameron Garcia, Chalon. Upper right: pictured is Martin, Chalon and Gayle Castro, living in Arizona.

Pictured on the lower left: Left to right: Cali Teeka Ruiz and Ashley Rios, Chalon.

Pictured on the right: Elders, Martin Castro and Margie Fernandez - at our Elders Meeting. My apologies to our sister guests that attended the Equinox, I shall get your names in the near future and list you in our next issue.



## STARTING AT NOON

1. BRING FOOD TO SHARE
2. WATER WILL BE PROVIDED
3. COUNCIL WILL BRING CHICKEN
4. BRING CHAIR AND CANOPY IF YOU HAVE ONE
5. LADIES WEAR LONG SKIRTS
6. WEAR TENNIS SHOES

## September 17, 2016 - to be Held at the Pinnacles National Park (west side)

For more info call Tim Lomas at 661-302-1503

The Fall Ceremony is a time to renew our spirits and honor our ancestors, along with the healing of our ills and to strengthening our ties with other Indigenous nations.

Love grows by giving. The love we give we keep. The only way to retain love is to give it.

"None of us knows what the next change is going to be, what unexpected opportunity is just around the corner, waiting to change all the tenor of our lives."

The location for the ceremony will be at the end of the High Chaparral trail. Thank you to the Pinnacles National Park Service for your continued support and assistance.

Let us all join together to honor our ancestors and our homelands.



# MEMORIAL – IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED ON TO THE SPIRIT WORLD

## PRAYERS FOR FAMILIES OF

1. RUDY N. ROCHA - PASSED  
JULY 1, 2016 - SON OF  
PATRICA CASTRO BROWN
2. FREDRICK JOSEPH  
GRIJALVA SR. - PASSED  
JULY 3, 2016 -SON OF  
VERONICA SUNIGA  
GRIJALVA
3. PAUL WALTER CASTRO -  
PASSED JUNE 23, 2016 ,  
SON OF CHRIS CASTRO SR.

**May the warm winds of Heaven  
blow softly upon your house.**

**May the Great Spirit  
bless all who enter there.**

**May your moccasins**

**make happy tracks**

**in many snows,**

**and may the rainbow**

**always touch your shoulder.**

## Tule River Elders Gathering

The Tule River Elders Gathering was held on August 18 thru 21, 2016, at the Chollo Grounds. Many people were in attendance to hear the different elders speak to Creator.

Louise Appodaca and her family were invited to participate and share a story about their Chalon Nation.

Joey Garfield, Tule Tribal member introduced the family and did the blessings as they entered the circle.

Martín Gonzales, flute player participated and shared his beautiful flute music.

Louise and Elizabeth danced the Female Dolphin Dance, which was given to them by the Chumash Elder, Antonio Romero at Santa Ynez, who has now passed to the Spirit World.

The Powama Dance was shared with others who wanted to join in.

Prayers and songs were sung by daughters, Elizabeth, Elaine, and Yvonne with the assistance of our dear friend Elaine. Martín Gonzales and Dr. Kenneth Hansen, our Legal Consultant assisted with playing the clapper instruments.

We want to thank Joey Garfield for inviting our people to come out and share our story.

