

## **ANDREW A. GALVAN**

Andrew A. Galvan is a descendant of the Ohlone, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok and Patwin Indians whose ancestral lands comprise the greater San Francisco Bay Region. His family's roots reach back beyond European contact in this area. Andrew traces his ancestral lineage to the laying of the cornerstone of the first buildings at Mission San Jose by his great-great-grandfather Chief Tarino. The cornerstone for the present restored mission chapel was laid by his father Felipe "Phil" Galvan in June 1982. Recent research has discovered his great-great-great grandfather's baptismal entry in the Registers of Mission Dolores, dated November 1794.

Lately, Andrew Galvan's efforts have focused on developing ways to preserve information about America's ancient past for the benefit of future generations. One of his strong beliefs is that Ohlone people need to know more about their ancestors. He views archaeology and physical anthropology as a way of retrieving some of what his people have lost. He believes that studies of archaeological remains are the only way he can discover what the lives of his ancient ancestors were really like. To that end, Galvan and business partner archaeologist Richard E. Thompson have formed their own Cultural Resource Firm and are carrying out archaeological investigations. Previously, beginning in 1976 at the well-known Holiday Inn Site in downtown San Jose through the present, Andrew has served as a Native American Indian Consultant/Monitor at prehistoric archaeological sites in the Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara.

Andrew earned his B.A. in History from the California State University at Hayward.

Andrew is a popular lecturer concerning the California Indians and the Alta California Missions. Andrew blends both the academic material and the traditional story-telling techniques learned from his father.

Andrew is President of The Board of Directors of The Ohlone Indian Tribe, Inc., as well as President of the Board of Directors for the Committee for the Restoration of Mission San Jose. He is also a member of The California Mission Studies Association and was its' Board President from 1994 - 1997. Andrew is a founding member of The California Missions Foundation.

As of February 1, 2004, Andrew has undertaken the duties as Curator of Old Mission Dolores, San Francisco, California.

Since 1995, Andrew has been an Associate of the Sisters of The Holy Family.

A former Franciscan Seminarian, Andrew continues to have an active part in the Franciscan Family in California. Currently, he is a member of Board of Directors for The Cause for Blessed Junipero Serra's Canonization. Most recently, Andrew has joined the Franciscan Pilgrimage Program assisting in pilgrimages to the Alta California Missions.

Andrew makes his home in Mission San Jose, California.

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