



CHISPA NUGGET



June 2024

SPECIAL MEMBER DINNER WEDNESDAY JUNE 5TH DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

We will be having our meeting at 6:00PM so arrive before 6:00. The dinner will be available after the meeting.

Those of you who were at the May 1st dinner know about the special event we are having at our June 5th dinner. We had a sign up sheet at the dinner so if you have already signed up you don't have to call. We are calling it our "cooks night off". The Executive Board of Chispa #139 would like to thank our cooks, bartenders, all the members who help out both in and out of the kitchen along with all our volunteers who help out with the pancake breakfasts.

This is a member's only event. The dinner will be catered by a local taco truck and is **free of cost to our members.** There will also be free beer served to quench your thirst. **You must call in your reservation to 290-728-8902 by May 29th as the caterer has to order food. If you call in late (you know who you are) you may not be able to participate in this event.** We want everybody to have a great time during this event, so please call in early. In fact why don't you just call in when you read this article!

EXECUTIVE BOARD JUNE 19TH

We are going to have our executive board meeting and it will take place as always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting starts at 5:30 and all officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date aside. and be there.

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY JUNE 16TH

The May breakfast had a nice crowd of 170 paid. Another big breakfast that went smoothly because our customers came at a steady pace. We didn't have the expected amount of servers but got a boost when Howard Lyon showed up. He wasn't sure if he could make it so he didn't respond to request for servers.

I will always send out an email notice at least the week before the pancake Breakfast. I am asking that those who would like to volunteer to send me an email letting me

know if you will be able to help. That way we will have an accurate count of who will be there. I'm sure you don't need my email since you will receive my notice containing my email.

The helpers were: Bert Abreo, Glenn Plowman, Glenn Berry, Bruce Ross, Mike Cilenti, Alan Brown, Steve Ageno, Pat Davis, Ron Rivera, Tony Droubay, Glenn Davis, and Howard Lyon.

Tell one and all friends and family about the great deal at the Native Sons Hall on the third Sunday of the month. All you can eat for \$10 including biscuits and gravy, pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and orange juice.

JUNE SOCIAL ON FRIDAY, JUNE 21ST DELICIOUS RIBS GUARANTEED

We are planning on having ribs for our social this month. I checked back to June of 2021 and found we had a great crowd of 70 in attendance.

I am hoping that this is one of the meals that a lot of people enjoy and want to show up on June 21st. I can never guess what the chefs are going to serve with the ribs but I am sure you will be happily surprised. With a rib dinner you can probably call in by the morning of the 19th and still be able to come.

We of course can use some help with the setup so if you are able to come about 4:00 PM to assist show up and get your name on the list of helpers. The cost of most of our socials is \$20 per person so this is no exception. Don't wait until the last minute to make your reservation.

Call 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party. Let's all make the effort to call neighbors and friends and invite them to this delicious meal. You can also send an email to chispa139@sbcglobal.net and make your reservation. I hope to see a large crowd at this event. The doors will open at 6:00 and dinner will be served about 7:00.

Editors note: You may remember that in the May Nugget I said that I asked that each of the delegates give me a small report about what transpired during the annual Grand Parlor meeting. The delegates we sent were Alan Brown, Dan Holley, and Gregg Smith. I have included some of the notes from them as articles in this Nugget. Glenn Berry attended as Curator of Artifacts.

GRAND PARLOR REPORT FROM ALLAN BROWN

Over 30 resolutions (mostly clarificatory language) were discussed and ratified, several (waiver of fees for student brothers, etc.) were carried over to next year, and one controversial topic (dropping the Native Californian requirement for membership) was passed by voice vote. Similar to the change resulting from a 1990's lawsuit allowing women into NSGW, no name change was required and all members shall be referred to as "Brothers". Only one paper ballot was required: Grand 3rd Vice President Brice from Observatory Parlor was elected with over 60% of the cast ballots.

I deepened my understanding of NSGW's mission, charitable contributions (over \$7.7 million over the years), and holdings (Lott's Lake in Plumas County, gold mining claim in Calaveras County, headquarters office building in San Francisco).

Our fellowship is strong, our purpose is relevant, and the eliminated nativism should allow the survival and growth of our worthy order. I, too, am saddened by the loss of Nativism, but learned that requirement was added in the 1920's. Our original founder was not a Native, but a Virginian!

The Golden West need not be exclusively California; gold discoveries in the Dakotas, Colorado, Nevada, and Alaska also added to our nation's wealth and history. We can now expand our Friendship to potential Brothers who share our beliefs, regardless of where they were born.

GRAND PARLOR REPORT FROM GREGG SMITH

For me it was a great experience and I got to meet a lot of fellow brothers and make new friends. The banquet was great, food delicious, but my suit apparently shrunk a bit in the closet. Most importantly, my understanding of NSGW, it's mission, and it's rich history, has been greatly deepened. I was especially proud of how our Chispa Parlor is recognized for it's members, accomplishments, great meals/events, and community involvement. Glenn was an excellent mentor for us Grand

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

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HONORED BROTHERS The senior brother for June is David Wells who will be 82. Our youngest brother in May is Skyler Morford. There is an age difference of 64 years between the age of our senior brother and our youngest brother. I believe this is the largest difference I can remember.

I will continue to let you birthday brothers know that you are eligible for a free libation. You should attend the member dinner and take advantage of this wonderful treat.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

1	Dave	Wells
1	Skyler	Morford
4	Christopher	Reece
4	Bob	Moncada
10	Edward	Miske
10	Gary	Muto
13	Tim	Martell
16	Paul	Turounet
16	Bob	Hillis
18	Doug	Joses
19	Jeff	Vermillion
25	Zachary	Phelan

GREGG SMITH CONTINUED

Parlor virgins and even bought us awesome shirts advertising our virgin condition. Allan was a master joke teller and excellent companion. Dan was our "over the top" expert bartender in his room, better than any of the 1st floor hospitality rooms. I truly enjoyed getting to know these brothers better as they are amazing people.

I am personally excited about the vote on allowing non-residents but I must confess, I am also a bit saddened that a 3rd generation Native Son Californian like myself is no longer in a club that honors that as much. We all now must do our parts and bring in some new (younger?) members that will jump in and get involved as we are as we won't be around forever.

GRAND PARLOR REPORT FROM DAN HOLLEY

The representatives from CHISPA #139 arrived Sunday afternoon, registered and received the packet of information for the meeting which included the Advanced Report booklet and a pamphlet from Grand President Gearge Adams containing the meeting (day by day) schedule. The Advanced Report booklet contained reports from the Grand Vice Presidents on parlor visits, and reports from the following officers: Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Trustees, Grand Marshall, Grand Inside Sentinel, Governor General, and the various District Deputies (who summarized visits to the various parlors). Also included were reports from the standing committees, 31 proposed resolutions to amend the NSGW Constitution, and a list of diseased brothers.

Day One The meeting was called to order Monday morning by Grand President George Adams (NAPA #62). There were 171 voting members present. The Grand Marshal (son of George Adams) and his designees determined that all present were entitled to remain. In the afternoon session he appointed the "baby delegates (including Brown, Holley, and Smith) to take up the password and check attendees.

The meeting proceeded systematically working through the first part of the 31 resolutions to the NSGW Constitution. The day ended with a memorial service to deceased brothers.

Day Two On day 2 there were 179 voting members present. Resolutions 15, 24-29 and 32 (Grand Parlor venue) were passed by voice vote. Resolution 31 that would allow student deferment for NSGW dues was tabled for next year.

The most controversial of the resolutions was (historic) resolution 30 calling for a change in requirements for NSGW membership. Grand President Adams called for a voice vote. He subsequently banged the gavel, and declared that the ayes had the vote. The pertinent (key) wording to the resolution is "Section 8, para (a): Citizens of the United States who reside in California, will be eligible to be members of the Native Sons of the Golden West."

Day Three Day 3 was a designated "play

day." There were organized events including: shot gunning, horse shoes, cards, golf, and bowling. NAPA Parlor (#62) hosted a BBQ and wild pig roast at the historic Crane - Mellon Barn. GP Adams harvested the wild pig from a local NAPA ranch. They also provided roasted oysters.

Day Four Day 4 opened with a paper ballot vote for 3rd Grand Vice President. Brice Walker defeated Richard Cortez by a 2 to 1 margin.

Representatives of 4 hospitals that receive NSGW cleft palate research and treatment funding presented very moving slide shows on what they do. The accolades from them to NSGW was overwhelming. It was announced that NSGW had donated over \$7M since the early 1950's!

Next was the Cleft Palate March, which was quite a spectacle to watch. Representatives from the many NSGW parlors marched up to the speakers stand and presented donations to the Cleft Palate Fund. CHISPA #139 representative former President Glenn Berry gave a check for \$2000.

The new Grand Officers were next installed, followed by a reception for the new Grand President Steve McLean (Excelsior #31).

The May member dinner had 45 paid. We all enjoyed the dinner and here are the results of the after dinner raffle. Glenn Berry selected 4 winners. Here are the winners of the 50/50.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$15	Rocky Chick	
\$25	Steve Gonzales	\$20
\$35	Mike Vargas	\$20
\$45	Bob Loeffler	\$45

Thanks to all who participated and congratulations to the winners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS JUNE

- Jun 5 CHISPA139 Member dinner
- Jun 14 Flag day
- Jun 16 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30
- Jun 16 Father's Day
- Jun 15 Executive Board Meeting - 5:30
- Jun 21 Ribs Social doors open 6:00 PM

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