



CHISPA NUGGET



January 2025

MEMBER'S DINNER WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8TH DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

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

We will be having our usual NY steak dinner with beans, a vegetable, and a salad and usually some deserts. Another reminder that we can now invite any number of guests (native Californians or NOT) and possibly recruit some new brothers to increase our membership. Two new guys earns you a belt buckle!

PLEASE call in by January 6th and leave your name and the number in your party. We had a large crowd for December's meal; however, many brothers failed to call in their reservations?! If we have your reservation, you will be assured a meal. If not, you may still attend the meeting and enjoy a beverage, but we may not have enough provisions to provide you a meal (or have seats at a table) for your party). Please call **209) 728-8902**

If you have the time, you might want to show up about 4:30 to help with the setup for dinner. We will also appreciate a couple of volunteers to help with the cleanup that evening; we usually finish by about 8:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 18TH

We will have our executive board meeting, as always, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting starts at 5:45; all officers are expected to attend this meeting. All members are also welcome to attend, so please set the date aside and be there! If you are considering becoming an officer (or perhaps a Trustee?) next year, check out the meeting format and let your intentions be known! We are also seeking Responsible Beverage Servers, RBS.

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY JANUARY 19TH

The December breakfast had a smaller crowd of 135 paid and 150 served (with reorders). Another breakfast that went smoothly because our customers came at a steady pace. We had the expected number of cooks which provided a smooth flow; although more volunteers and assistants are always welcome and appreciated!

Helpers for the December pancake breakfast included: Rocky Chick, Pat Davis, Bruce Ross, Mark Davis, Glenn Berry, Greg Calhoun, Louie Clark, Gary Olson, Tim Davis, Mike Cilenti, and Ron Rivera. Plenty of servers; plenty of cooks, makes for a smooth operation for all!

Please let Ron Rivera know if you will be able to help. That way we will have an accurate count of who will be there. His email is:

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Tell one and all, friends and family, about the great deal at the Native Sons Hall on the third Sunday of every month. All you can eat for \$12 including fresh biscuits and gravy (with sausage bits), pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, coffee or tea, hot cocoa and orange juice, and great community fellowship

This is a community family event with many returning regulars who enjoy the conversation as well as the breakfast. Invite yourself to partake of this bargain breakfast feast! Perhaps even a Mimosa or Bloody Mary at future pancake breakfast events?! February and March may allow us to experiment with this on a trial basis.

Veterans' Day Dinner

Our parlor, together with the Native Daughters of the Golden West from across Main Street here in Murphys, presented a tribute dinner free of charge to veterans and only \$20 for non-veterans. It was well-received by all who attended. Volunteers included: Burt Abreu, Pat Davis, Tony Drubay, Mark Davis, Alan Brown, Tim Davis, Ron Rivera, Glenn Berry, Mike Cilenti, Steve Ageno, and Howard Lyon.

Membership Dues

NSGW continues to wrestle with declining membership and the rising operating costs. Grand Parlor operates on a fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th) and our Chispa Parlor #139 operates on a calendar year basis. Grand Parlor per capita charges will increase over 7.5%, draining over 77% of our parlor dues! Please expect a lively discussion about this at our Members meeting and dinner January 8th.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next scheduled blood drive at Chispa #139 is planned for January. This event should occur Monday, January 6th, 2025.

Summer drives will be at the Native Daughters' parlor (across Main Street from our parlor) during the hotter half of the year, since their parlor has air conditioning (required for the sake of preserving the donated blood).

Roll up your sleeve and get in the spirit!! See you in 2025!!

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THE CHISPA NUGGET **January 2025**

Members' meeting and dinner
 Wednesday December 4th

Volunteers included: Rocky Chick, Burt Abreo, and Pat Davis (cooks), Louie Clark and Ron Rivera (bartenders), Mike Cilenti (parlor president), Glenn Berry (raffle), Gary Olson and Alan Brown (servers). Ron Rivera and Gary Olson doubled up their volunteer service as cleanup crew. A few more hands for cleanup would sure be helpful in the future. Consider joining us January 8th?!



Worthy Grand Past President
George Adams with our own
Glenn Berry

Raffle Results and donations:
 Social Dinner December 20th

| <u>Amount</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Donations</u> |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| \$25 | Olga Mincada | \$ 5 CP |
| \$50 | Nuala Jordan | \$20 #139 |
| \$65 | Ed Miske | \$20 #139 |
| \$100 | Cynthia Ross | |

Rae Davis and Sharon Nieder were winners of the holiday baskets provided by the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Congratulations to all our winners, and many thank to all our generous donors!! Both our parlor #139 and also Cleft Palate

12 BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!

Honored Brothers!! The senior brother for January is Ernest Rockholdt, who will be turning 85. Our youngest brother in January is Ian Morford who will be turning 27. There is an age difference of 58 years between the age of our most senior and our youngest brother.

We will continue to let you birthday brothers know that you are eligible for a free libation. You should attend the members' dinner January 8th to take advantage of this treat!!

- 01 Richard Rush
- 03 Gerald Pezzi
- 06 Tim Follendorf
- 11 Ernest Rockholt
- 12 William Eltringham
- 14 Ian Morford
- 16 James Phelan
- 19 Steve Ageno
- 19 Ken Gaultney
- 21 Steve Gorman
- 24 Charles Cuneo
- 31 Eric Davis

FIRST SOCIAL DINNER of 2025
CRAB FEED!!

Our next parlor social will be on January 17th. Please remember to make reservations before 5 p.m. Monday, January 13th. You can expect great food (Dunginess crab), dressing, salad, rolls, excellent camaraderie and conversation, and our usual convivial bartenders for your serving pleasure. Thanks, Bruce Ross and Skip (the mustache) Hoy.



Glenn Berry with Alan Brown
Donating funds at Grand Parlor
in Rohnert Park, May 2024

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: JANUARY '25

- Jan 01 New Year's Day
- Jan 06 American Red Cross blood drive 10am
- Jan 08 CHISPA #139 Members dinner 6pm
- Jan 15 Parlor #139 Executive Board 5:45pm
- Jan 17 Crab Feed Social 6pm

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Please attend Wednesday January 8th at our parlor members' meeting and dinner. We will be discussing our current financial condition and collecting the annual dues, and other big ticket items. Let your voice be heard before a membership vote is taken which will affect all of us. Silence is NOT golden!!

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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