



CHISPA NUGGET



March 2025

MEMBER'S DINNER WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH 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. **New password!**

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 note the paragraph to follow regarding membership and sustainability.

PLEASE call in by March 3rd and leave your name and the number in your party. We had a large crowd for February'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 (**if you have paid your 2025 dues**), 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**

Please consider showing up about 4:30 to help with the setup for dinner. If not, expect to volunteer to help with the cleanup that evening; we usually finish by about 8:30 PM. If you have not volunteered in the recent past, you are overdue! We need your help!! It takes all of us to be successful as a parlor.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MARCH 19TH

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 MARCH 16TH

The February breakfast had a large crowd of 196 paid and 238 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! We need to develop backup volunteer cooks and servers to **sustain our parlor**.

Helpers for the February pancake breakfast included: Rocky Chick, Pat Davis, Bruce Ross, Bert Abreo, Mark Davis, Alan Brown, Jeff Vermillion, Glenn Berry, Gregg Smith, Louie Clark, Glenn Plowman, Tim Davis, Mike Cienti, 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:
ronaldwr8@aol.com

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 care to 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?! April and May may allow us to experiment with this on a trial basis.

Membership Dues

NSGW continues to wrestle with declining membership and rising operating costs. If you have not paid your \$90 annual dues by March 3rd, please bring them to the membership meeting to be **eligible to attend**. We want to include all members who decide to remain in the Chispa parlor. We cannot roster you otherwise!!

Presentation of Pins

At our Membership Meeting and dinner held February 5th, we presented pins to members who have achieved 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and even 50, 55, and 60 years of membership! Congratulations to all who attended and who were awarded their pins. Photos to follow as space permits.

American Red Cross

Blood drive at our Parlor #139

Our parlor will be hosting the Red Cross again (last time was January 2025) on **Monday March 10**.

Log on to American Red Cross and set an appointment or just drop in as a "walk on" donor.

A few moments of your time can give the gift of life to one who needs it!!

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THE CHISPA NUGGET **March 2025**

Members' meeting and dinner
 Wednesday February 5th

Volunteers included: Rocky Chick, Burt Abreo, and Pat Davis (cooks), Bruce Ross and Skip Hoy (bartenders), Mike Cilenti, Glenn Berry, Gary Olson and Alan Brown (servers). Rocky Chick, Bruce Ross, and doubled up their volunteer service as cleanup crew. A few more hands for cleanup would sure be helpful in the future. Consider joining us March 5th?!

120th celebration April 12th,

Our parlor was restarted in 1905 after a brief pause in activity. To recognize over a century of existence, we will host an initiation for recent new members, a banquet, and a plaque dedication with the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Please save the date and join in the festivities!

Raffle Results and donations:
 Social Dinner February 15th

Amount	Name	Donations
\$10	Alex Steele	\$10 #139
\$25	Jeff Johnston	
\$50	Sheryl Stanger	\$10 #139
\$75	Jim Heryford	\$35 #139
\$110	Ernie Meier	

Congratulations to all our winners, and many thank to all our generous donors!! Our Chispa parlor #139 benefitted from their generosity!!

And thanks again to "The Raffleman", our own **Glenn Berry!**

9 BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!

Honored Brothers!! The senior brother for March is Dick Brockett, who will be turning 86. Our youngest brother in March is Kevin Clarico, who will be turning 44. There is an age difference of 42 years between the ages of this month's most senior and youngest brothers.

We will continue to let you birthday brothers know that you are eligible for a free libation. You should attend the members' dinner March 5th to take advantage of this

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| 11 | Rick | Darby |
| 11 | Walt | Markus |
| 11 | John | Muller |
| 14 | Dick | Brockett |
| 22 | Steve | Kautz |
| 22 | Mike | Walsh |
| 28 | Kevin | Clarico |
| 30 | William | Brubaker |
| 31 | Tad | Folendorf |

Nomination and election of officers

It is time again to consider our Chispa slate of officers for 2025-26. I you are curious about the workings of our parlor #139, and want to know more than what happens at the general members' meeting on the **first Wednesday** of each month, consider attending the Executive Board meeting on the **third Wednesday** of each month. All members in good standing (paid your dues?) are welcome to attend. Currently "Open" positions include Trustee, and prospectively both Inside and Outside Sentinels, as well as Marshall. Come join the fun and see how it works!!

THIRD SOCIAL DINNER of 2025
St Patrick's Corned Beef !!

Our next parlor social will be on Friday, **March 14th**. Please remember to make reservations before 5 p.m. Monday, March 10th. You can expect great food, salad, rolls, excellent camaraderie and conversation, and our usual convivial bartenders for your serving pleasure. Thanks, Bruce Ross and Skip (the "mustache") Hoy.

Remember: if you want to speak with an executive officer, ask questions, or just get up to speed on parlor activities, you can attend any of four regular events each month!!

First Wednesday of each month is our members' meeting and steak dinner.
Third Wednesday of each month is our Executive Board meeting downstairs at the parlor and all members in good standing are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Third Friday of each month is our social dinner, and
Third Sunday of each month is our pancake breakfast.

You can also access our email, telephone, or fax numbers (posted at the bottom of pages 1 & 2).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: MARCH 2025

Mar 05 Members' meeting & dinner
 Mar 14 St Patrick's corned beef social
 Mar 15 **Saturday Irish Days parade**
 Mar 15 Corned beef sandwiches
 (Irish coffee, bloody Mary, mimosa?)
 Mar 16 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:30
 Mar 19 Parlor #139 Exec.Board 5:30pm

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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