



# CHISPA NUGGET



April 2025

## MEMBER'S DINNER WEDNESDAY APRIL 2ND 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. Recruiting just two new brothers earns you a belt buckle!

**PLEASE call in** by March 31st and leave your name and the number in your party. We had a large crowd for March's meal; however, many brothers again 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 APRIL 16TH

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 APRIL 20TH

The March breakfast had a large crowd of 207 paid and 248 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 March pancake breakfast included: Rocky Chick, Pat Davis, Bruce Ross, Bert Abreo, Steve Ageno, Mark Davis, Alan Brown, Gary Olson, Patrick Bebout, 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 April 2nd, 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!! If you have decided NOT to pay your dues, please resign IN WRITING so Chispa #139 will not be charged by Grand Parlor.

## Break-In at NSGW parlor #139

You probably already know that we were burglarized shortly after the Irish Days weekend. Vandals broke through the downstairs door, smashed into the bar, stole cash and liquor and attempted to steal the laptop computer from the office. Sheriff deputies took the report, dusted for fingerprints, and followed up with their investigation for suspects, who may have waded across the creek to consume our liquor in the bushes behind the library. Thanks to our alert Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, and bar manager, a timely deposit of the weekend's receipts had already been made into our accounts at the bank. Thank you Ron Rivera, Mark Davis, Bruce Ross, and Steve Ageno for your diligence!

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**THE CHISPA NUGGET** **April 2025**

**Members' meeting and dinner**  
 Wednesday March 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 April 2nd?!

**120th celebration**

**April 11th, 12th, and 13th.**

Our parlor was restarted in 1905 after a brief pause in activity. To recognize over a century of existence, we will host a full weekend of activities: Friday 11th Meet & Greet with cocktails, Saturday 12th an initiation for 14 recent new members, a plaque dedication with the Native Daughters of the Golden West, and a **prime rib** banquet. Finally, Sunday 13th a limited pancake breakfast for members and guests ONLY. Cost: **\$70** for all events and a commemorative pin (**\$40** for prime rib dinner ONLY).

**Raffle Results and donations:**  
 Members' Dinner March 5th

Amount	Name	Donations
\$10	David Wells	
\$25	Pat Burke	\$25 #139
\$50	Joe Darby	\$10 C.P.
\$75	Gary Hambly	\$35 #139

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

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

**18 BIRTHDAY BROTHERS!!**

**Honored Brothers!!** The senior brother for April is Eugene Deaver, who will be turning 86. Our youngest brother in April is Brian Goss, 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 April 2nd to take advantage of this treat!! **Hope you paid your dues !?!**

01	John	Hacker
01	Thomas	Wrightson
02	JP	Gutierrez
02	Thomas	Walsh
05	Ron	Sellick
07	Eugene	Deaver
08	Steve	Gonzales
09	Dave	Kingshill
09	Glenn	Plowman
11	Brian	Goss
17	Tom	Kingshill
18	Mitch	Christiansen
18	Ron	Rivera
21	Jan	Schulz
22	Bill	Mason
26	Pat	Bebout
27	Bruce	Cavestri
28	Steve	LaJeunesse

**Nomination and election of officers**

It is time again to consider our Chispa slate of officers for 2025-26. If you are curious about the workings of our parlor, 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. Prospectively "Open" positions include Corporate Director, and both Inside and Outside Sentinels.

Come join the fun and see how Chispa #139 works!!

**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 or all 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; **members in good standing** are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Third Friday* of most months (not this April) 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: APRIL 2025**

Apr 02 Members' meeting & dinner  
 Apr 11 120th Meet & Greet cocktails  
 Apr 12 Initiation, dedication & **dinner**  
 Apr 13 Members ONLY pancakes  
 Apr 16 Parlor #139 Exec.Board 5:30pm  
 Apr 18 **No social dinner this month**  
 Apr 20 Public pancake breakfast for all !

**NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT**

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