



# CHISPA NUGGET



December 2021

### MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1ST DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

I missed the November dinner because of another engagement. The member dinner is expected to break even or even generate a small profit to keep our parlor doors open. I checked the attendance at the November dinner and we only had 33 paid meals. In checking back for the entire year we have averaged 33 members per dinner. **A definite money losing attendance figure.**

I keep telling you about this short fall so I think starting next year we will have to come up with meals that are less costly than steak. but I always set aside the first Wednesday of the month for this. This December will be the 2nd month in a row that I miss the dinner because my wife has set up another engagement.

The member dinner as always was prepared by our regular chefs, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Glen Plowman, and Dick Terry. These guys plus Mike Cilenti were the servers. Skip Hoy and Bruce Ross managed the bar.

**You don't have to wait for your Nugget to arrive to make your reservation since you know it is always the first Wednesday of the month except if that day is a holiday. There is no reason you can't make your reservation the week before the dinner since you know the date of each months dinner before the Nugget is even published.** The deadline for making a reservation is November 29th.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING DECEMBER 15TH**  
We will be having our executive board meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meeting will start at 7:00 PM. It is important that all you officers show up for this meeting. Many officers have been missing the meetings and a part of being an officer is attendance at this meeting.

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY DECEMBER 20TH

The November breakfast had another nice crowd of 96 paid guests. Just like

last month it started very slow but once it picked up we had a steady flow of customers. This number of course includes kids but I just count the total dollars paid for the meal and divide by \$8 to come up with the number of guests.

To help the parlor with expenses I changed the collection can at the front desk to say "Tips - Help Support our Parlor". I guess the crowd felt generous as we collected \$60 for the parlor bank account.

The crew for this breakfast was Rocky Chick, Glen Plowman, Mike Cilenti, Glenn Berry, Bruce Ross, Alan Brown, and Ron Rivera. I want to thank all of you guys for making this a very smooth day.

And guess what, we are having our next breakfast in December. With the breakfast coming with 6 days until Christmas, we will probably have a big crowd for that breakfast. I will send an e-mail to the regular helpers so we make sure we have a large enough crew to handle the hopefully large crowd. You brothers are all welcome to invite your friends to this best deal in the world for a \$8 breakfast. The doors open at 7:30 with breakfast served until 11:30.

### VETERANS DINNER NOVEMBER 11TH

I give all the credit to Bert Abreo for suggesting that the Native Sons have the Veterans dinner since the Native Daughters didn't have enough volunteers to have it this year. We set up for a lot of people but there was no way of telling how many attended since all veterans got in free. The meal of spaghetti, salad and french bread was delicious and if I remember correctly we had cookies for desert.

We called out the tables so we didn't have a big line for those being served. We had a bottle of wine for each table and everyone seemed to have a good time. One of the attendees was Andy Juknelis and his wife Mei. Andy is a neighbor who lives in the Greenhorn Community. Andy is an active 2-star general in the Army reserve. After the dinner he stood and thanked the Native

Sons for putting on this event honoring our veterans. He then thanked the crowd for showing their support of our veterans and our country. He followed this up by asking all the veterans in the audience to stand up and everyone applauded them. When Andy finished speaking everyone applauded him for his service. The night was a great tribute to all veterans.

### FRIENDS & FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

**As we have for the past several Christmas dinners, we are asking that all of you who attend the dinner bring canned goods and other dry goods to be collected when you arrive.** We all know there are a lot of people in need. Let's all bring something that can be given to the Resource Connection Food Bank in San Andreas. With our expectations of a large crowd, with your generosity, we can help a log of folks.

**To insure everyone can bring a few guests we are asking that you limit your reservations to 6 people including yourself.** Call in early and make your reservations for this great dinner of turkey and ham, with potatoes, stuffing, and gravy. You have to make reservations to attend. The deadline for signing up will be Monday December 13th. The doors will open at 6:00 with dinner being served about 7:00. We would like to have some items to raffle to raise money for the parlor. **If you have an item to donate please bring it to the hall.**

We usually decorate the tables so we need volunteers to come and set up the tables at 9:00 AM. Please call me if you can come and help with the setup. We only need a few people so call me and I will set up the crew. My number is 209-743-1701, if no answer just leave a message with your number so I can let you know if we need more help. In addition to the raffle items we will also have our 50-50 raffle. Let's make an extra effort this year and attend this Christmas celebration.

### FUTURE NUGGET PUBLICATIONS

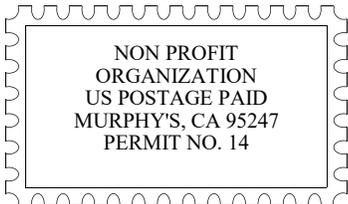
We have been sending out the Nugget for many years but now we are going to be sending out the Nugget to people's e-mail address.

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Sagittarius November 22 - December 21  
 Sagittarians believe that anything is possible – and because of this belief system, Sagittarians are adept at seeking out their very own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Capricorn December 22—January 19  
 Capricorn, however, is patient and persevering. They reach their goals because they know the longest journey commences with a single step and that the first step is always the most difficult.

HONORED BROTHERS Our senior November brother is Kevin Clerico who will be 78 in December. Our youngest brother in December is Ryan Heryford who will be 23. The age difference is 55 years.

We only 8 birthday brothers in December. Don't forget to ask for your birthday drink at the member dinner in December.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

3	Bruce	Sage
4	Ryan	Heryford
5	Gregg	Smith
6	Bob	Middleton
8	Kevin	Clerico
25	Bob	Koopmann
27	William	Cooper
28	Tom	Woodburn

FUTURE NUGGET PUBLICATIONS CONT'D

In reviewing the list of Nuggets we send out I found that we have the following breakdown of recipients.

- 143 active parlor members
- 1 associate member
- 22 widows
- 34 others many of them other parlors and also some past Grand Officers

When sending our monthly Nugget we used a special permit from the post office that is available for this kind of newsletter. The cost was only \$.19 per newsletter. The limitation on this process is that you have to have at least 200 newsletters to use this facility. In sending out the 200 we have been paying the postage of \$38 each month. In addition to this we have an annual fee of \$256 for the permit allowing us to have the \$.19 postage rate. The permit is for a year so that comes out to \$21.33 per month ,

We will make exceptions for some members and widows who don't have e-mails, but any of the "34 others" won't be mailed the January Nugget. If anyone has access to the internet they can still read the monthly Nugget on our website.

"www.chispa139.org". Here are the numbers of people with e-mail.  
 86 members with e-mails  
 8 widows with e-mails  
 5 others with e-mails  
 99 total with e-mails

We will be sending e-mails of the January Nugget to all who have e-mails. All the members and widows who haven't updated their e-mail will be mailed. If you are a member or widow and you don't have access to the internet you will have to call me at 209-743-1701 and let me know why you can't access our website to let me know so we can accommodate you. If you haven't contacted me by the end of January to explain your problem you will no longer be mailed the Nugget.

Mailing the Nugget is not a one man job so when I do the printing and mailing we usually have 3 people besides myself folding and taping.

OFFICIAL DUES NOTICE

We have mentioned that the dues for 2022 will be going up from \$60 to \$72. Because a large portion of our dues, almost \$50, goes to Grand Parlor as a per capita tax we had to raise the dues

to \$72. By raising the dues we will now be able to keep about \$3,100 from dues. We normally mail a notice to members about renewal but since that costs us \$.58 for each notice we decided to make this newsletter the renewal notification.

**As always we would like you to pay your dues before the end of January. Please make your check payable to: "Chispa139 N.S.G.W.". Send your check to Chispa139 N.S.G.W., PO Box 151, Murphys, CA 95247-0151. You will make the job easier for all of us who process the dues.**

Below this is the e-mail we have in the roster for you if this is blank we don't have your e-mail.

If no e-mail appears we will need your e-mail to allow us to send you the monthly Nugget. If there is no e-mail in the blank space please send your e-mail to me at: ronaldwr8@aol.com or call 209-743-1701 and leave a message.

NOVEMBER MEMBER DINNER

I wish more of you brothers would attend the monthly member dinner. We had another small crowd. Here are the 4 raffle winners.

Cleft Palate

Amount	Name	Donation
\$15	Ray Rogers	\$15
\$25	Ray Rogers	\$25
\$35	Tom Kingshill	\$20
\$45	Jim Phelan	\$20

As you can see all the winners donated to Cleft Palate. Actually we had 3 winners since Ray won twice.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

- December 1 Member dinner
- December 15 Executive Board meeting
- December 17 Christmas Dinner
- December 19 Pancake Breakfast
- December 21 First day of Winter
- December 25 Friends of Murphys Christmas Dinner

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