



CHISPA NUGGET



October 2023

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We are continuing to have our monthly member meeting upstairs before dinner. The meeting will begin about 6:15. You all know that when more people show up the parlor does better financially. Let's plan on attending the monthly parlor dinner in October.

Now is the time to call in, don't wait until the last minute. You can send an email to chispa139@sbcglobal.net or call 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party.

I can't believe how small the crowds been this year. We can't keep having these steak dinners with such a small group. Let's all take the time to attend the October meeting.

EXECUTIVE BOARD OCTOBER 18

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 OCTOBER 15TH**

Because the month of October started on a Sunday our breakfast comes very early in the month. For those of you who read the Nugget I want you to know that I will be out of the country on September 26th and return on October 16th so I don't know if I will be sending a notice asking for volunteers early in the week of the pancake breakfast.

I am leaving for my flight on the 25th of September so I will get the Nugget out before that time. If possible I will send a notice about volunteers sometime during the week of the breakfast.

If you can check you calendars you might even send me an early note letting me know if you can help. I will still be gone that day.

As I said in the last Nugget we had our biggest crowd ever in August. The guest count for September was less but still a good money maker for the parlor.

I know that most if not all of the volunteers take the time to pay for their breakfast and sit down and enjoy this great meal. I always hope that we will see more of our members at these events. Please pass the word around about the \$10 breakfast that includes everything and the added benefit of "all you can eat". Here the helpers: Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Glenn Plowman, Alan Brown, Tim Davis, Ron Rivera, Bob Bates, Eric Mackintosh, Steve Ageno, Bruce Ross, Dan Holley, Gregg Smith.

**SEPTEMBER 15TH SOCIAL
PASTA WITH ITALIAN SAUSAGE**

We only had about 30 guests which is a very small group. For everyone's information when you take out the \$200 cost of cleaning after the dinner there wasn't enough money collected to pay for this dinner. It is always a mystery to me that when we have 133 members we only have 30 guests. If I remember correctly I believe there were only about 7 or 8 members.

Since I always mention members and friends are invited it seems that members didn't invite many friends. We went through the usual start with hors d'oeuvres and about 6:30 the salad was put out. Everyone took the time to get their salad and added their dressing of choice. About 7:10 the dinner bell was rung and everyone lined up to get their meal. The meal had rigatoni noodles covered in sauce and a nice big Italian sausage.

It was actually nice to see that all of the people who attended called in so we had an accurate count of people. With Glenn Berry

not able to make it, Bruce Ross our President handled that job. I don't know who set up the tables but the dinner was prepared by Glenn Plowman, Bert Abreo, and Rocky Chick. We had Skip Hoy manning the bar and he kept up easily with the small but thirsty crowd. After everyone had finished their meal the desert of tiramisu was served and everyone cleaned their plate. We then had our raffle. Bruce picked the first winner. The winners picked the next ticket. Here are the winners.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$10	Bob Loeffler	\$10
\$20	Miranda Preston	
\$30	Miranda Preston	\$20
\$40	Sharon Nieder	\$20
\$50	Gene Deaver	\$40

Thank you to all who participated in the raffle and thanks to those who donated part of their winnings to the parlor.

**OCTOBER 20TH SOCIAL
RIBS AND TRI-TIP**

I couldn't believe it when I was told that we are going to have this unique combination of ribs and tri-tip. I guess you can call this a meat extravaganza. I didn't get the details on what the remainder of the dinner is going to be but I do know we will have some kind of starch, vegetables, and a salad as we always do at our socials. I am notifying Rocky Chick that there will be a desert so he has time to order it.

I'm asking all those who receive their Nugget through email or by snail mail to think hard about attending the next social. It will be unique since we have never featured two kinds of meat other than at Christmas when we have turkey and ham. I repeat this every month to let you know you can send an email to chispa139@sbcglobal.net or call 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party. Please take the time to invite some of friends and relatives.

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Libra September 23 - October 22 Librans feel that sharing information with others is important to them.

Scorpio October 23 - November 21 Scorpions when they are negative about something or critical of themselves, they tend to get in their own way.

HONORED BROTHERS OCTOBER brother Bill Schwoerer who will be 93 In October. The youngest this month is Aaron Miller who will be 53, and the difference in age between Bill and Howard is 40 years.

As a reminder all of the guys on this list are allowed to go to the bartenders and ask for the free libation of their choice.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS OCTOBER

2	Howard	Lyon
2	Robert	Pachinger
3	Norman	Price
7	Jim	Lashbrook
9	Jon	Ingber
14	Bob	Petithomme
15	Tony	Droubay
16	Louie	Clark
16	Steve	Hutchings
17	Dennis	Gomes
20	Ernest	Wilberg
21	Ed	Kane
23	Bill	Schwoerer
23	Larry	Ziehlke
24	Bob	Arhontes
25	Bob	Bates
27	Skip	Hoy
28	Steve	Millier
28	Ken	Pimentel
29	Ray	Beaudreau

29	Greg	Jordan
31	Aaron	Miller
31	Bruce	Ross

Editors notice members only: Bruce Ross our president asked me to include an article letting you know that starting with the October member dinner we can invite a guest or two to the dinners. He is hoping that this will increase our attendance. Bruce chatted with one of the Grand Parlor trustees and he said that his parlor has been doing this for years to help offset the cost and to add to their bank account.

I remember many years we always allowed members to bring guests even if they were not born in California. We used to have 50 to 60 people at our dinners. I have another article that shows how much the total number of Native Sons has in all the parlors has gone way down. The only restriction is that the non-members have to wait either in the bar area or on the back porch while we conduct our meeting. Let's give it a try and see what happens.

STATEHOOD PARADE COLUMBIA

We had 12 of our members march in the annual parade in Columbia, to celebrate California's admission to the United States. This one also had the added extra of the 50 year anniversary of the Back to the Future movie with the car used in the movie in the parade. We marched through town and to add an extra while we were marching we spun around to show both side of the street the big California flag. We had a great time

Editor's note: I am letting you know that when we asked for your dues last year we did not send out envelopes except to those brothers who don't have emails. I will include this note until later this year when we begin collecting dues. We don't want to spend money mailing notices to those with email addresses.

DECLINING MEMBERSHIP IN NATIVE SONS

Our parlor like all parlors throughout the state is steadily losing members. Steve Ageno found that over the last 10 year there has been an average loss of 260 members per year though out the state. The latest membership total for the state is about

5,000 members. Some parlors weren't able to pay their per capita and other parlors have closed their doors. There have also been cases where parlors close to each have merged to keep the doors open.

Steve sent a note to Grand Parlor asking if the organization may change their constitution to admit men into the organization even if they weren't born in California. There was an amendment written several times and presented at the annual Grand Parlor meeting in May. Each time it was voted on it was rejected by a negative vote.

I know that when I joined the parlor in 2003 there were more than 160 members in our parlor and as of today we only have 133. Even though we have added many members in that time our numbers keep going down. Steve and I both hope that all of you brothers can talk to friends and neighbors and see if they may have been born in California. I know that Tad Folendorf did some recruiting early this year and brought in new members and Tony Droubay a new member him self brought in 2 members.

September Member Dinner: The total number of paid was 37, another low turnout. This of course leads to a small raffle. Glenn Berry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were:

Amount	Name	Donation
\$10	Alan Brown	\$10
\$20	Ron Rivera	\$10
\$30	Mike Cilenti	\$20
\$40	Alan Brown	\$20

As you can see even though we had a small raffle all of our generous member donated part or all of their winnings back to the parlor. This seems to be a tradition but I want to assure everyone that it is not necessary to donate back to the parlor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS OCTOBER

- Oct 4 NSGW Member dinner - 6:00
- Oct 9 Columbus Day
- Oct 15 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30
- Oct 18 Executive Board Meeting—5:30
- Oct 20 Social Ribs & Tri-tip

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