



CHISPA NUGGET



December 2023

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

Beginning at our November member dinner you could bring a guest to the dinner even if they are not eligible to become a Native Son. I will keep repeating this for a couple more member dinners. The only thing that has to happen is the guests must wait in the bar area until the meeting is over.

In the past we didn't worry about the number of guests but you should call in your reservation so we know how much food to order. 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. The cost is \$20.

The November dinner had 44 paid which is much better attendance than we were getting. Let's try and improve on that number in December.

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECEMBER 20TH

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 5:00 and all officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date aside, and be there.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
DECEMBER 17TH**

We continue to have huge turnouts for our pancake breakfasts and November was no different. We served a total of 165 breakfasts and we had plenty of helpers. I believe that one of the reasons for these large turnouts is because brother Gregg Smith posts the details of the breakfasts on several media sites.

I am always asking for volunteers and I will continue that each month. The guys

who worked the breakfast were: Bruce Ross, Bruce Cavestri, Glenn Berry, Tim Davis, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Glenn Plowman, Mike Cilenti, Ed Miski, Alan Brown, Bob Bates, Gary Olsen, and Patrick Burke. Thanks to all the helpers who made this possible.

The best breakfast in the Mother Lode and the best price anywhere. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and OJ for \$10. Come on down and enjoy this wonderful breakfast.

Since our help is very cheap our income isn't reduced by much. Oh, I forgot we don't get paid. If you haven't volunteered yet please show up on the 17th and help.

**NOVEMBER SOCIAL
PRIME RIB**

We had a total of 122 people who paid for this delicious meal. We got a lot of last minute people calling in so what happened is we only cooked just enough for everyone. I will keep reminding you that last minute additions are very tough on the chefs so please, please sign up early.

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 the table numbers were drawn for each table to avoid a big backup at the serving line. This worked fine so nobody had to stand in line for a long time.

The prime rib and all the other parts of the dinner were delicious. This is the largest crowd we have had in some time and it was nice to see the hall full of people enjoying each others company and the great food they were served.

After everyone had finished their meal the dessert of lemon cake was served and everyone cleaned their plate. This dessert is one of my favorites. We then had our raffle. Glenn sold tickets throughout the meal. After we finished our dessert, Glenn picked the winning tickets. Here are the winners:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$25	Jim Peterson	\$10
\$50	Mary Kingshill	\$30
\$75	Patrick Burke	\$75
\$100	Vicky Mannix	\$40
\$150	Michille Farley	\$150

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

Editors dues notice: Please take the time to pay your 2024 dues which should be paid by the end of December. I will keep including this notice until all the dues have been received. The dues amount will be \$72. There will be no mailed notice asking for your dues. The top of the second page shows the address where you mail you dues.

We had 14 members pay shortly after the last Nugget but payments are coming in slowly. Please make out your checks to N.S.G.W Chispa139.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH COST \$15**

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, and with your generosity, we can help a lot of folks.

You can bring a few guests but, 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 11th. 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. The Native Daughters had a lot of prizes at the Veterans dinner so let's look around for something to donate.**

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THE CHISPA NUGGET **December 2023**

Sagittarians November 22 - December 21
 Sagittarians have an inherent need to develop their own unique philosophy of life.

Capricorn December 22 - January 19
 Capricorns are willing to try unusual approaches on their road to success in business.

HONORED BROTHERS December brother Larry Yacovetti who will be 81 in December is the oldest this month. The youngest brother this month is Ryan Heryford and the difference between the oldest and youngest is 56 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 DECEMBER

3	Bruce	Sage
4	Ryan	Heryford
5	Gregg	Smith
6	Bob	Middleton
25	Larry	Yacovetti
25	Bob	Koopmann

NOVEMBER 11TH VETERANS DINNER

The annual special dinner to honor our veterans had a much smaller crowd than usual. It seems that several other nearby cities had events for veterans which could account for the low turnout. The boy scouts marched the flag. Many of the veterans were honored individually and a group of young girls handed each and every veteran a hand made poppy and a medal.

The dinner was the usual spaghetti with meat sauce with french bread and a great salad. I didn't take notes but I believe there was a dessert served. We again had 2 star general Andy Juknelis in attendance and he chatted with many people. This event is a joint venture with the Native

Sons & Native Daughters. The Native Daughters had a raffle of the many items that they donated. I don't know how much money was raised from the sale of tickets for the door prizes. The important thing is the profit from this event as always goes to an organization that supports veterans.

NATIVES SONS MARCHED IN THE ANGELS CAMP CHRISTMAS PARADE

After sending out multiple messages asking for volunteers we got enough brothers to sign up so we could carry the flag in the parade. We even had 3 last minute people show up which helped.

Almost all of the volunteers had their vests and the lights so they could be seen. As best I could I got all the names of the helpers but if I missed anybody I apologize. Here are the names:

Steve Mather, Glenn Berry, Alan Brown, Skip Hoy, Bruce Sage, Bob Bates, Jeff Vermillion, Ron Rivera, Tad Folendorf, Bob Middleton, Mike Walsh, Harold Price, Dave Lazzari

Two of the volunteers, Mike Walsh and Harold Price live far away but happened to be in town for the event. In front of the guys carrying the flag were Harold Price and myself carrying the Native Sons banner highlighted with green Christmas lights. As we marched through town Harold and I looked back and saw we were way ahead of the flag because the group was spinning the flag around while marching. The crowd always cheered louder when they did this. Overall I think the Native Sons put on a good show.

FRIENDS OF MURPHYS DECEMBER 25 FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Things are a little different this year, of course, but the Murphys Friends are already working to make sure dinners are available. There will be no gathering in Murphys but dinners may be picked up at the Native Sons Hall in Murphys, Treats in San Andreas, and Mar-Val in Valley Springs between

noon and 3 pm on Christmas Day. Home delivery is also available in Calaveras County. Call 209.736.6177 to pre-order or for additional information.

Editors note: We only have about 35 to 40 of our members at our member dinner. As the Financial Secretary I present the status of our finances. This year because we have had some very good socials and our ever popular pancake breakfasts bringing in large crowds they have in fact increased our bank balance by a little over \$12K.

Another factor that has helped a lot is the generosity of our members and guests in donating back part or all of their winnings to the parlor. These donations from the raffles and the pancake breakfast donation can we accumulated another \$6K. Due to the larger crowds at our events the parlor's part of the 50% raffle money has been \$3.8K. Since I always stress attendance you can see how important that is.

November Member Dinner: The total number of paid was 44 which is a nice turnout. Glenn Berry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners were:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$10	Dan Young	\$10
\$20	Tom Kingshill	\$20
\$30	Ron Rivera	\$30
\$40	Bob Joseph	\$20

It seems that even though I remind everyone that you don't have to donate back to the parlor everyone ignored my advice and everyone donated back some or all of their winnings. I want to thank all of for your participation and the generous donations to the Native Sons.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER

- Dec 6 NSGW Member dinner - 6:00 PM
- Dec 15 Native Sons Christmas Social \$15 , doors open 6:00 PM
- Dec 17 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11:30
- Dec 20 Executive Board Meeting
- Dec 25 Christmas Day

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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