



CHISPA NUGGET



February 2024

**MONTHLY MEMBER DINNER
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7TH
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.

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. Please call in by February 5th.

We found a new cleanup crew but they only clean the hall and all the areas of the kitchen that need cleaning. I have a new article in this Nugget letting you all know what we need to do after the dinner is finished.

EXECUTIVE BOARD FEBRUARY 21ST

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. In the last Nugget I said the meeting starts at 5:00 and apparently most of the board members thought it was 5:30. I have highlighted the 5:30 so the board knows the correct time.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 18TH**

The February pancake breakfast is the day after our Cioppino feed so I am hoping that we continue to have a large group of helpers at the breakfast. When I help out at the breakfast I usually spend a lot of time getting the knife, fork, napkin folded and taped. Since I won't be there we need to have some-

one available for this job.

We had another great crowd for our first pancake breakfast of the year with 165 paid. Of course this would not have been possible without the following helpers: Glenn Plowman, Rocky Chick, Bert Abreo, Alan Brown Tony Droubay, Dan Young, Louie Clark, Bruce Ross, Tim Davis, Patrick Burke, Mike Cilenti, Harold Lyon, Gary Olsen, Ron Rivera, and Glenn Barry.

I hope we can add some new names to the list next month to take a load off the regulars. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy, coffee and OJ for \$10. Come on down and enjoy this wonderful breakfast. We have been discussing increasing the price to \$12 but before we do I think we should do a survey at our next breakfast to determine what our guests and members who attend think about this.

JANUARY CRAB FEED SOCIAL

I arrived at the parlor the morning of the crab feed to help with the setup which was supposed to start at 9:00. All the tables were set and the last item remaining was the crab bibs. I don't know the names of the setup crews but maybe next month at the cioppino feed someone can get the names since I won't be around for one of my favorite events.

I have to mention the names of all who helped preparing, serving and keeping the tables supplies with extra napkins and emptying the crab shell cans for this meal. The helpers were: Rocky Chick, Steve Ageno, Tony Droubay, Howard Lyon, Dave Lazzari, Alan Brown, Glenn Plowman, and Bruce Cavestri. I may have missed a few guys so I apologize.

We started with the hors d'oeuvres and about 6:30 the salad was available for all to fix their salad the way they wanted. Some time after seven the crab was distributed to the tables. It seemed like just about the time anyone finished the first helping the servers were roaming the room and giving refills to everyone.

I don't know how many times they went around passing out more crab but I do know that when they finished serving everyone said how delicious the crab was and of course more that anyone can eat. We ended up with a full house and served about 140 crab meals and 6 pasta dishes. What a great meal!

I have to mention that Skip Hoy and Bruce Ross kept the libations flowing throughout the evening. Glenn Berry was very busy selling raffle tickets throughout the evening and we had a big raffle. After all was said and done Glenn picked the 6 lucky winners.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$25	Sally Spalding	
\$50	Karen Smith	\$20
\$75	Sue Harmuth	
\$100	Joe Bors	
\$125	Eric Mackintosh	\$100
\$150	Angela Kane	\$50

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

Cleanup after all meals

We will be busing our own tables including member dinners and socials. At the crab feed we asked everyone to bring their plates to the front of the kitchen area and wipe off the plates and put the silverware in a separate container. We had several helpers for this but for the future, including the upcoming Cioppino Feed, we must have some volunteers to stay after the tables are cleared.

We need a crew to clean and break down the tables & chairs, a crew to clean the floor and a crew to clean the bathrooms. Steve Ageno figured with three guys cleaning the kitchen it would take about 2.5 hours or so. Cleaning the hall, the floors and bathrooms about another 2.5 hours with a crew of three.

What we would like is to eventually have assigned crews to clean the hall after our member dinners and after our other events.

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

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Aquarius January 22 - February 18 Aquarians are known as trendsetters for the future.

Pisces February - March 20 Pisces have an understanding of others and an urge to help those in need.

HONORED BROTHERS Brother Gerry Marquette is the oldest this month and he will be 91 in February. The youngest brother this month is Austin Broglio and he will be 20. The difference between the two is 71 years which I believe is the biggest difference of any members for a specific month.

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. Of course Austin can have a non-alcoholic beverage at his young age.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS JANUARY

1	Steve	Breakfield
4	Austin	Broglio
6	Mike	Roscelli
7	Gary	Olsen
7	Gerry	Marquette
10	Don	Warner
24	John	Gilbeau
28	Rocky	Chick III

DUES NOTICE: Please take the time to pay your 2024 dues which should be paid by the end of January. 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 this page shows the address where you mail your dues. We have 71 who have paid but payments are coming in slowly. We currently have 138 members in our roster so we still have a long way to go. I repeat you create a lot more work for Steve Ageno and myself by not paying on time. Please make out your checks to Chispa139 N.S.G.W.

CLEANUP CONTINUED

We need to cross train these groups so that they know how to use the dishwasher, where the clean dishes/pots & pans go, etc.

We will need at least 6 volunteers for the night of the Cioppino feed so I will send an email asking for volunteers for this event. The email will have more details about getting the volunteers trained before the Cioppino Feed.

**CIOPPINO FEED
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH**

We had a fabulous crab feed in January and now we are going to have our Cioppino feed in February. This has always been one of our most popular events and I am hoping that this year turns out the same. This event was started by Bob Koopmann's father well before I joined the parlor and his son Bob Koopmann will be there with his usual large group. The price for the **Cioppino feed is \$65** and last year it was \$60.

This meal takes a lot of work to prepare and the cost of all the ingredients has gone up like all the other foods that we purchase. **We want everyone to call in to the hall before noon on Feb. 12 to 209-728-8902 and leave your name and the number in your party because that is the deadline for ordering.** We always order enough to accommodate more people and if you do call in late we will try to fit you in. Because of the cost of this meal, it is important that you make a reservation. **We are limiting the guests to 150.** Then on the evening of the event show up and we will have your name on a list.

Like most of our socials the doors open at 6:00 with dinner about 7:00. Invite your friends as well as your family so this event will be a great success. **We will be setting up for the event on the morning of the 17th at 9:00 AM.** Show up at the hall that morning and lend a hand. The more the merrier. With more helpers it goes very quickly.

INITIATION CEREMONY

On Saturday, January 27th, Excelsior Parlor 31 in Jackson had two dedication ceremonies. The first was at Mel and Faye's restaurant in Jackson and then another dedication ceremony at Central Eureka Mine in Sutter Creek. Both Bruce Ross and Glenn Berry attended the dedication ceremonies.

At 3:00 there was an initiation for new

members of the Native Sons. There were a total of 16 initiates at the ceremony. We had 4 initiates and their sponsors from Chispa139. The ceremony was conducted by many of the Grand Officers of the Native Sons.

The initiates and their sponsor were:

Greg Calhoun	Sponsor	Alan Brown
Gary Olsen	Sponsor	Alan Brown
Patrick Bebout	Sponsor	Bruce Ross
Steve Breakfield	Sponsor	Ron Rivera

In addition Steve Ageno was in attendance and organized and informed all the candidates and their sponsors about the ceremony.

January Member Dinner: The total number of paid was 42 which is better and over 40 for the first time in a few months. Glenn Berry handled the 50/50 raffle as usual. The raffle prize winners names were written very clearly by me and because I am writing this article the day after the dinner I haven't lost the names of the winners.

The dinner was excellent with hors d'oeuvres and clam chowder before the dinner. Just like the socials we had a nice salad to set up our taste buds for the steak. With all of this to eat the meal was finished with ice cream. When everyone was finished with dessert Glenn Berry selected the 4 winners. Here are the winners of the 50/50.

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Donation</u>
\$15	Patrick Burke	\$15
\$25	Bob Koopmann	\$15
\$35	Tim Davis	\$20
\$45	Greg Calhoun	\$45

As has happened before, the big prize winner was our brand new member Greg Calhoun. With all the winners donating all or part of their winnings Greg followed the lead and donated all back to the parlor. Thanks to all who participated and a great big thanks to the winners for their generous donations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FEBRUARY

Feb 7 NSGW Member dinner
 Feb 14 Valentine's Day
 Feb 17 Cioppino Feed - 6:00 PM
 Feb 18 Pancake Breakfast - 7:30-11:30
 Feb 21 NSGW Executive Board Meeting

NSGW HALL IS FOR RENT

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