



CHISPA NUGGET



January 2026

MEMBER'S DINNER WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7TH DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

We will be having our meeting at 6:00 PM so arrive before 6:00. Dinner will be available after the meeting. This **WILL BE** our first New York steak dinner (with hors d'oeuvres, salad, beans, vegetables, and usually some dessert) for the **new still low \$25 price**. If we vote to replace steak with mac & cheese, we may be able to return to \$20 price. Peanut butter & jelly? Maybe \$15!

Consider calling a few of your friends to join us for dinner and fellowship. Chispa has been averaging 42 brothers at each monthly dinner; our roster has 132, so over ninety folks have not been attending. We will be discussing and voting on: increasing our annual dues, member and social dinner prices (menu dependent).

Come meet some of our newest recruits!! Reminder: we can now invite any number of guests (native Californians or NOT) and possibly recruit some more new brothers to increase our membership. Recruiting just two new brothers earns YOU a NSGW belt buckle!

PLEASE call in by January 4th and leave your name and the number in your party. We had a great crowd for December's meal; however, many brothers again did NOT 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, but we may not have **enough provisions** to provide you a meal (or have places set at a table for you and your party). Please call: **(209) 728-8902 Thank you!!**

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** and have over 100 brothers with you! Many hands make light work!! FLC!

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING JANUARY 14TH

We will have our executive board meeting on the **3rd Tuesday** of this month. This meeting starts at 6:00; all officers are expected to attend this meeting. **All members in good standing are also welcome to attend**, so please set the date aside.

We are seeking Responsible Beverage Servers (RBS) to assist in bartending, so consider learning? It requires successful completion of an online course regarding laws applying to serving alcoholic beverages.

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH

The December breakfast was handled well by 14 volunteers!! Volunteers and assistants are welcome, needed and appreciated! Our most recent new initiates are turning out to support our parlor. Orientation guides "newbies" in the kitchen and storeroom, as well as the functioning systems of the parlor (public address, heating & cooling, lights, etc.) We need to develop backup volunteer cooks and servers to **sustain our parlor**. Consider joining us this month of January for the New Year?

Plenty of servers and plenty of cooks makes for a smooth operation for all! The same fourteen regular volunteers will welcome anyone who wants to contribute some of their time and effort to assist in preserving our Chispa parlor.

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 to help our parlor function. His email is: **ronaldwr8@aol.com**

Tell your friends about the great deal at the Native Sons' Hall on the third Sunday of every month. Fresh biscuits and gravy (with sausage bits), pancakes, scrambled eggs, link sausage, coffee or tea, hot cocoa and orange juice, and great fellowship, **still only \$12!**

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

(AND HAVE INCREASED)

At our Members' Dinner on Wednesday January 7th, we will be voting on the amount of the increase required to meet our Grand Parlor assessments. Bringing yourself and other brothers to our NY steak dinner will help minimize (but not eliminate) the need for higher dues. **Expect \$100 for 2026** to cover Grand Parlor per capita fees. All members in good standing are welcome to attend; please bring dues!

PURPOSE

Our CHISPA parlor does a great job of eating and drinking together. **F**riendship, **L**oyalty, and **C**harity are our primary precepts. Please help us to be even more meaningful contributors to the greater Murphys community by sharing YOUR ideas for additional activities.

We often participate in local parades in Murphys, Arnold, and Angels Camp. We, along with NDGW, have hosted the American Red Cross with their blood drive, saving donors from driving to Sonora to get "poked".

What else would you like to see us do?

Volunteers at December 21st pancake breakfast

Bob Koopmann, Bruce Cavestri, Pat Davis, Tony Droubay, Dave Meade, Ron Rivera, Steve Ageno, Jeff Vermillion, Mike Cilenti, Mark Davis, Dan Holley, Bob Bates, Howard Lyon, and Alan Brown

Volunteers at December 11th Veterans' Day dinner

Gary Olson, Dennis Finley, Gregg Smith, Mark Davis, Alan Brown, Tony Droubay, Steve Ageno, and Jeff Vermillion.

And the Boys Scouts of America and their scoutmaster for color guard service!

CORNHOLE !! Thursday Jan 8th

You don't want to miss **Nathan's** (our newest member's) idea for a fun evening out of the weather with lights, beer, wine, and convivial company. Come to play or come to watch, but be sure you save the date and COME!! When this is successful, we plan to repeat it on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Possibly hot dogs again this time?

\$10 for members; \$15 guests.

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