



CHISPA NUGGET



December 2022

**MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 7TH
DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM**

We are continuing to have our monthly member dinner meeting upstairs before the dinner. The meeting will begin about 6:15. The officer had to cancel his appointment for the last meeting because he was snowed in.

The officer from Grand Parlor will be at the December meeting to review our books so wish me luck in trying to reconcile everything. Since we are having an officer from Grand Parlor I would like to see a larger crowd than we have been having.

I hate to keep repeating this over and over again, but I want all who plan to attend please call, 209-728-8902 by Sunday, December 4th. I missed the November meeting but when I counted the money collected I saw that we only had 37 paid. I continue to be disappointed by our small turnouts for this monthly meeting.

I have to be at the next dinner so I hope to see a lot of you brothers at this meeting. I hope you are happy to see that I have finally gotten the newsletter out in a timely manner.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ON DECEMBER 21ST

We are going to have our executive board meeting and it will take place as always on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. We have **changed the time from 5:00 PM to 6 PM** because some officer couldn't make the meeting at 5:00. All officers are expected to attend this meeting so please set this date aside. and be there.

**NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH**

The November breakfast had 114 paid so we kept busy. Rocky was out of town but Bert Abreo, Glen Plowman, and Bruce Sage did a great job in the kitchen. The other helpers we had were: Louie Clark, Glenn Berry, Gregg Smith, Ron Rivera, Robert Bates, Tony Droubay, Mike Cilenti at the front desk and Eric Mackintosh standing outside convincing people to come in.

I only served one group but I was busy wrapping the knife and fork in the napkin

and washing things in the kitchen when needed. After all the guests left we started the cleanup which always takes some time. Several of us stayed and cleared the tables and wiped them down. Then all the tables and chairs were put away. While we really need 4 or 5 servers there is plenty of work to be done by others.

Tell all your friends, relatives, and anyone else you can think of about our great \$10 breakfast on the third Sunday of every month. I hope to see more of our members at our next breakfast so you can enjoy the **"ALL YOU CAN EAT"** helpings of pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy with coffee and orange juice.

VETERAN DINNER NOVEMBER 11TH

This event which has been held for many years was put on this year with great success. We had a great crowd. I missed the names of all the helpers but I do know we had several volunteers to get the tables set up first thing in the morning. The Native Daughters then decorated all the tables.

I manned the front door and only charged the \$15 to non-veterans. When the people entered the Native Daughters had a book for everyone to sign. In the book the guest put yes if they had been in the service and then which branch they served. I reviewed the book and may have missed some but I counted 26 veterans. I also found that 75 guests had signed the book. The breakdown was Army - 10, Air Force - 2, Navy - 10, Marine Corps - 4.

When I deposited the proceeds from the dinner it came out to 78 paid so we had over a 100 at the dinner. Before the dinner the scouts presented the flag and led in the pledge of allegiance. After this a neighbor in Greenhorn Creek, Andy Juknelis who is a 2 star general, walked around and talked to several of the veterans. While this was going on the Native Daughters were selling tickets for the gift baskets.

The dinner was started when the salad was put out and this salad allowed you to put one of three dressings on your salad. The dinner bell was rung and people lined up to get their spaghetti with meat sauce with rolls that were on the table. Everything was delicious. After dinner several of the veterans stood up and identified their branch and when they served. After this

we asked for the youngest veteran who turned out was only 33 and the then the oldest veteran who was 100. This of course brought a lot of applause. A delicious lemon cake desert was served after dinner. In the front of the dining room was a table with many, many bottles of wine which was donated by Ironstone. People could just walk up and pour their own wine of choice.

To wrap up the evening Eric Mackintosh walked around and had people pull the winning ticket for each of the donated items. I didn't get the names of the winners, except one and that was my wife Susan who won a magnum of wine from Four Winds and a Christmas dinner including a turkey. So thanks to the Native Daughters for donating these wonderful prizes. The evening was truly a tribute to our veterans.

**FRIENDS & FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH 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 12th. 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.**

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

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THE CHISPA NUGGET

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Sagittarius November - December 21 Sagittarians are adept at seeking out their very own pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

Capricorn December 22 - January 19 Capricorns are borderline workaholics, this doesn't necessarily make them dull or gloomy!

HONORED BROTHERS The senior brother for December is Larry Yacovetti who will be 80. Our youngest brother in Ryan Heryford who will be 24 in December. This means he is 56 year years younger than our senior brother.

All December birthday members can get their free libation at the member dinner.

BIRTHDAY BROTHERS

3	Bruce	Sage
4	Ryan	Heryford
5	Gregg	Smith
6	Bob	Middleton
25	Larry	Yacovetti
25	Bob	Koopmann
27	William	Cooper
28	Thomas	Woodburn

CHRISTMAS DINNER CONTINUED
 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 name and number so I can let you know if we need your help. You can send me an email: ronaldwr8@aol.com, 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.

OFFICIAL DUES NOTICE

We are going to charge \$72 which is what we charged last year. As I have said before a large portion of our dues, almost \$50, goes to Grand Parlor as a per capita tax. The current roster contains 146 members so we will be able to retain \$3,200 to help offset a small portion of our annual expenses. In addition to the 146 members we have 17 Grand Officers, and 17 widows.

Since we started emailing the Nugget to most of the people in our roster we are saving about \$1,000 per year for all the paper, postage, postage fee, and printer cartridges. Last year we started asking for renewals by the newsletter and reminders to those who don't pay in a timely manner. We are currently down to mailing 24 Nuggets. This costs us about \$230 annually.

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. In the past we would send out reminders in January and February by mail which took a lot of time and money. I am hoping that by the time I publish the January 2023 Nugget we have receive a large number of renewals.

Editors note: At our executive board meeting in November the board decided that to get more exposure for the parlor we should sign up for the Murphys Open House Parade on **December 2nd**. The entrants in the parade should meet in the Black Bart Theatre parking lot at 4:00 PM. The parade will start at 5:30 PM sharp. I would like to have 10 to 15 guys marching. Gregg Smith has added green lights to our banners and the group will be marching behind the banner. **I would like to have the names ASAP so I can make sure we have enough guys volunteering.**

We also want to get a group together to march in the Angels Camp Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10th. Meet at the St. Patrick's Church between 3:30 and 4:00 and the parade starts at 5:00 PM. The deadline for signing for this parade is November 28th so please let me know ASAP if you would like to march in this parade.

If you are going to march in either parade or both I want you to wear your Chispa139 vest. I will have some membership forms available to pass out during the parade. DO NOT BRING ANY CANDY TO PASS OUT DURING EITHER PARADE. Call 209-743-1701 and leave you name and the parade(s) you want to be in. You can also send me an email at: ronaldwr8@aol.com. I would like a lot of responses.

Editors note: Some exciting news for the new year. At our last meeting it was decided that we would be trying to have our **January CRAB FEED** on Friday January 20th 2023. We are also planning to have our **CIOPPINO FEED** on Saturday, February 18th. We don't know what it will cost but **SAVE THE DATES!**

NOVEMBER MEMBER DINNER

I wish more of you brothers would attend the monthly member dinner. We had another small crowd. Here are the 3 raffle winners.

Amount	Name	Donation
\$10	Shawn Connelly	
\$20	Bill Schwoerer	\$20
\$40	Bruce Cavestri	\$40

Thanks to all who participated and thanks to those who donated

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 7 - Member dinner
- December 21 - Executive Board meeting
- December 16 - Christmas Dinner
- December 18 - Pancake Breakfast
- December 25 - Christmas

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