

SONS IN RETIREMENT

MODESTO BRANCH 144

*Dedicated to the promotion of independence
and dignity of retirement*



March 2019 Newsletter

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Message from Big Sir Jerry Emery



First of all, I want to thank those of you who remembered to ask your significant other what kind of presentation they wanted at our December Ladies' Day. The vote was in favor of a singing group rather than a speaker. Again, please give Anthony Butera, our Little Sir and program chairman, about possible entertainment groups for that December meeting.

Thanks also to Chuck Shoup and Jack O'Brien for completing our annual audit. The audit found no exceptions and we want to thank our Treasurer, Nilo Casiano, for all of his efforts and time keeping track of our books. Another thank you needs to be given to former Treasurer, Tom Watson, for taking the time to assist the audit team to complete the audit reports that are required by the state Sir office.

Internal volunteering is required of you in order for our chapter to continue in existence. Thanks to C.K. Gottschalk for volunteering to be our Assistant Treasurer and helping Nilo. We still need an Assistant Secretary to assist Biff Galbraith, generally taking notes at our BEC meeting only if Biff is absent. If you have experience before you retired that can benefit our Chapter, please let Sam Graham or me know. Filling our officer positions is a year around activity and we need assistance from the general membership. Whether you were a former accountant or have experience in your church as a Minister or Assistant Minister, please let us know.

It was great to see 105 members at last month's meeting. Please continue to bring guests, as they might become members and make our chapter greater than it already is.

Sincerely, Big Sir Jerry Emery

\$24 dues are due at the March luncheon, and have to be paid by March 31. If not attending the March luncheon, please send a check to: SIR Branch 144 at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, CA 95356

NEW MEMBER



Pictured L-R Bill Burchell (SP)-Mike Ewald (NM)

Mike was a Deputy Court Administrator for the Superior Court of California in Kern County. He enjoys Book Club, Breakfast Club, Cooking-Group, Dine in-Potluck, Dine Out- Group, Explore & Eat, Game Night, Hikers, Travel, & Wine Tasting. His wife is Fran.

Welcome to Branch 144 Mike!

LADIES DAY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE MARCH & APRIL LUNCHEONS. SEE LEONARD DAVIS OR EDD SANTWIER.



Remember, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 380-9896 by Sunday March 17. Thank you!

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BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order, by Big Sir Jerry Emery, at 9:30 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Big Sir Jerry Emery, Little Sir Anthony Butera, Secretary Biff Galbraith, Treasurer Nilo Casiano, Asst. Treasurer CK Gottschalk.
Directors: Sam Graham, Gaylan King, Andre Dodd, Bill Burchell, Jim Toepfer, Gary Williams, Guests and Committee members present: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires, Bob Lewis, Julius Manrique, Tom Watson, Patton Brooks, Chuck Adams, Vernon Jones, Jack O'Brian, Edd Santwier, and Pat Reed area Governor.

Jerry Emery entertained a motion to approve the January 17th, 2019 BEC Minutes 1st Jim Toepfer, 2nd Gaylan King, Motion Passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for January was Presented by Treasurer Nilo Casiano.

Checkbook balance 2-21, 2019.....	\$ 3,786.98
Total receipts.....	\$ 3,335.00
Total disbursements.....	\$ 2,285.60
Total checkbook and cash 2-21, 2019.....	\$ 5,036.38

Motion by 1st Sam Graham, 2nd Andre Dodd, to accept the Treasurer's Report, Motion Passed

Motion to pay for pay vouchers: Bob Lewis \$22.22 and Sam Graham \$30.00 1st Gaylan King, 2nd Jim Toepfer, Motion passed.

Audit: Well recorded, easy to track, and all Balanced. Lead Chuck Shoup, assistant Jack O'Brian.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King presented the Membership Report.

One Inductee: Raymond (Ray) Tenorio, (vote Required)

One application: Michael (Mike) W. Ewald, (vote Required)

There are two Resignations: Douglas (Doug) Montgomery, Lou Lombardi, (vote Required)

There is one death: Mike Hamiel

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel

State SHLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Disabled Members: Vincent (Vinny) Altadonna, John Carvalcho, Howard Grieshaber.

Total Members 147 active

Motion by 1st Bill Burchell, 2nd Andre Dodd, to approve Membership Report. Motion Passed

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires, will talk to members at meeting.

Bowling and Golf: Doing well.

Dinning: Vince Sereno, all is going well.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier, is now Sunshine Chair contact (605-9638)

Old Business: Need assistant Secretary. Dues due by March meeting. Anthony and Jerry attended State SIR, Mission statement and goals. Trend shows statewide 5% drop in membership. Median age in high 70's. How do we attract younger members? Ladies will now be allowed to attend any of our activities. Logo talked about, has SIR over the rooster, with "Activities for men" under the logo.

Please pick up Roosters from your table and place at food service table at end of meeting. (each table)

New Business: Commemorative Airforce: Great breakfast 2nd Sat each month. \$7.00 per person, will have a section for SIR members. Jerry Stain and Gary Williams will look at our business cards, looking into emphasis on activities and general update.

Motion to examine 1st Bill Burchell, 2nd Jim Toepfer,

Meeting adjourned: 10:10AM

The time of the next BEC meeting will be 9:30AM March 21st

Respectfully submitted by Biff Galbraith Secretary

Area 18 Travel

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers)

August 23, 2019 – September 3, 2019

\$125.00 discount if paid by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if paid by February 15, 2019. Final payment due: May 15, 2019

Land tour of Denali and Cruise of Alaska.

4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day Cruise of Alaska Anchorage to Vancouver.

Ports of call; Seward, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Ketchikan, Cruising the Inside Passage and Tracy Arms.

All inclusive (all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free wifi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more) Shore excursions are not included.

Prices: \$5350 to \$6525 per person – depending on type of cabin.



SEE PAGE 6 FOR TRIP TO SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND GERMANY IN 2020. (PASSION PLAY)

The trip is filling up fast so don't delay and sign-up today.

**SIR Area 18 & Friends Presents
Kentucky Derby Race Day!
A Golden Gate Fields Turf Club
Experience!!!
May 4, 2019 * Saturday**

The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Today is an extra special racing day, along with live racing, there will be a live stream of the Kentucky Derby. The times of the Kentucky Derby live stream will be advised. It is usually after the last race. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing. Afterwards, board the coach for our return ride home to Central Valley. **HAPPY TRAVELS!**

Come & Join the fun with SIR Area 18 & Friends as they enjoy the live stream of "Kentucky Derby Race Day" along with live racing, from a spectacular view from the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club.

COST PER PERSON: \$142.00 Per Person

Minimum of 46 passengers needed by April 1, 2019 or the trip will be cancelled.
Maximum of 50 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!!

If interested in any trips call Bill at home phone 209-544-2684 or cell phone 209-988-5445 to receive a reservation form with more details.

Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.

“DINING OUT” CLUBS



Dining Out Club News

March Info & April/May Locations

March 6th--(1st Wed. Club)

Marcella's at Tully & Standiford Arrive at 4:45 pm -- Hosted by Henry Solario

March 12th--(2nd Tues. Club)

*Outback Steakhouse---4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with Hosts
Jerry & Merlyne Strain at
551-8220 as soon as possible!*

March 26th--(4th Tues. Club)

*George's Steakhouse---4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with
Hostess Linda Johnson at 552-8844
No later than March 19th.*

March 28th--(4th Thurs. Club)

*Shangri-La China Bistro---4:45 pm
Confirm YES/NO Reservations with
Hosts Julius & Barbara Manrique at 578-
5607 - No later than March 21st.*

1st Wednesday Club

*April 3rd - Canal Street Grill
May 1st - Olive Garden*

2nd Tuesday Club

*April 9th - Marcella's
May 14th - Tahoe Joe's*

4th Tuesday Club

*April 23rd - Bella Italia
May 28th - Tesoro*

4th Thursday Club

*April 25th -Carino's Italian
May 23rd - Cool Hand Lukes*

*Contact Vince at 524-9630 if you would
like to join one of our Dining clubs*

Quotes to Think About:

**To avoid criticism, do nothing, say nothing,
Be nothing. --- Elbert Hubbard**

**Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it --
- Salvador Dali**

**The way to get started is to quit talking, and
begin doing. --- Walt Disney**

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Name		Date	Age
Bohling	John	03/30/44	75
Bree	John	03/12/32	87
Casiano	Nilo	03/04/42	77
Dodd	Andre	03/25/42	77
Erreca	Dan	03/23/55	64
Hollander	Tom	03/16/50	69
Norris	Jay	03/18/46	73
Peck	Russell	03/31/28	91
Scoble	Tony	03/28/34	85
Sheaffer	Chuck	03/17/49	70
Sherman	Fred	03/22/33	86
Shoup	Chuck	03/13/39	80
Tenorio	Ray	03/03/56	63
Venturini	Joe	03/10/30	89
Weiss	Thomas	03/29/38	81



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Spouse	Date	Years	
Mike	Ewald	Fran	03/29/74	45
Bruce	Fetzer	Debbie	03/30/96	23
Walt	Masciorini	Ann	03/03/56	63
Ken	Oehrlein	Sochi	03/14/64	55





March 2019 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 24 February 5

Series: Larry Sallee 600 Gene Cox 691

Game: Don Reed 224 Lor Salvi 260

Week 25 February 12

Series: John Sherrard 620 Tom De Dios 680

Game : Joe Bradley 262 Joe Bradley 284

Week 26 February 19

Series: Joe Miceli 613 Joe Miceli 658

Ron Halliday 658

Game : Joe Miceli 223 Ron Halliday 242

Week 27 February 26

Series: David Brown 648 Ron Halliday 722

Game: John Schamante 257 John Schamante 271

Come out for our home town tournament.

----- 2019 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

March 19-20 Diablo Lanes, Concord
Dan Weller 925-935-5510

April 8-11 Gold Dust West, Carson City
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: SIR Vern Masse
209-538-4275

vn03@sbcglobal.net

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Please help SIRS from Paradise & Magalia.
Here's how:

Donate via our new GoFundMe account

SIR has set up a Sir GoFundMe (GFM) online account to accept donations from individual SIRS by credit or debit card at:

<http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

If you have any questions about GFM there is a Donor Help Page at

<https://support.gofundme.com/hc/en-us/categories/360000158447>

You can also pay by check or cash. Make check payable to SIR. Give check or cash to Nilo Casiano.

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MARCH GOLF 2019



MONDAY MAR. 4	SWENSON	CARTS: \$14.00
HOST: 103	\$ 27.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR. 11	CREEKSIDE M/P	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$31.00 M/P 5.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR. 18	RESERVE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 143	\$53.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY MAR. 25	MANTECA	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$ 44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 1	DIABLO GRANDE	CARTS: INCLUDED
HOST: 103	\$44.00	9:00 AM
MONDAY APR. 8	CREEKSIDE	CARTS: \$15.00
HOST: 144	\$ 31.00	9:00 AM

IF YOU WANT TO PLAY IN THE MARCH 11 MATCH PLAY, YOU HAVE TO SIGN UP BEFORE MARCH 7. THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF 3 TOURNAMENTS. THE 4 MAN BEST BALL TOURNAMENT IS JUNE 17, AT MANTECA. TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT TEAMS. LET ME KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE ONE. AN A,B,C,D. PLAYER TEAM.

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Past Big Sirs

1988 Lynn Wood
1989 Elbow Jones
1990 Dick Benevento
1991 Warren Lawson
1992 Al Evans
1993 Joe Underwood
1994 Homer Jorgensen
1995 Don Singer
1996 Max Norton
1997 Charles Cox
1998 Dick Bachman
1999 George Harden
2000 John Shores
2001 Bob Curley
2002 Frank Pierson
2003 Julius Manrique
2004 Ed Boyle
2005 Ted Nagel
2006 George Ditman
2007 Herman Vigil
2008 Michael Mensinger
2009 Charles Shoup
2010 Gary Williams
2011 Jerry Strain
2012 Sam Graham
2013 Jerry Emery
2014 Leonard Davis
2015 Patton Brooks
2016 Bill Burchell
2017 Gary Williams
2018 Sam Graham

Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2019

Big Sir:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562
Little Sir:.....Anthony Butera 985-3473
Secretary:.....Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....CK Gottschalk 846-0415

DIRECTORS FOR 2019

Bill Burchell 529-6039 Andre Dodd 527-0482
Sam Graham 552-0960 Gaylan King 380-9896
Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930 Gary Williams 578-3471

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc ...Ed Benson 925-943-7011
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR, Inc .. Jim Johnson 536-1595
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Rick Kindle 652-8608
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Pat Reed 289-3314

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Jerry Emery 838-1562
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:....Gary Williams 578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 552-0960
Travel: Area 18: ..Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:.. Joe Adams
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:....Gary Hubbard 551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:Jim Pastorelli. 406-8156
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:Vern Masse 538-4275
Programs:.....Anthony Butera 985-3473
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 578-3471
Chaplain:...Vernon Jones 683-8033
Dining: Vince Sereno 524-9630, Henry Solario 578-5607
Attendance:.....Tony Salonga
Sunshine:.....Edd Santwier 605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 576-1077
Nominating Committee: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks & Bill Burchell
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.... Joe Venturini 524-6577



John Medrano won the Birthday Drawing.



Hal Conkey receives Super Senior President's Award from Area Governor Pat Reed

To save 15% on tickets to the Gallo Center use code: *SIRS1819*

Please visit our website at www.sirinc2.org/branch144

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (605-9638) or Julius Manrique (576-1077) know. Thanks!

Ernie Lewis is home recovering from surgery. Jerry Strain is home recovering from surgery. Don Sanford is ill.

SHLM: Julius Manrique & Ted Nagel

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain