

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN



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July 2021 Newsletter

Volume 07-2021

Message from Big Sir Anthony Butera



Hello Fellow SIR Members. Finally, we are all starting to meet in place. This includes Branch 144 as we will resume our monthly meetings in person starting July 15th at the Seasons. See the safety guidelines and time that follow this article.

During the COVID Pandemic and the lock down many of us may have been bombarded from various sorts of scammers from the IRS to Medicare and even our own personal banks. So, what kind of defense we can we put up.

Well not so long ago, a credit freeze was a tool usually reserved for people who had suffered identity theft. But as data breaches have piled up, the **credit freeze** has become more widely recognized as the most effective way to **protect your credit**, even if a thief hasn't yet made fraudulent use of your personal information.

The reason: When you place a credit freeze (also known as a security freeze) on your credit reports, new creditors can't review them to judge whether you're eligible for a credit card or loan — and in turn, lenders are unlikely to grant credit to fraudsters posing as you. When you need to shop for credit, you can temporarily lift the freeze.

Thanks to federal law, placing and lifting a freeze is free at each of the major credit agencies. To set up a credit freeze, take these three steps.

STEP 1: GATHER YOUR INFORMATION. At a minimum, you'll have to supply identifying information such as your Social Security number, birth date and address. If you haven't lived at your current home for more than a couple of years, you may need to have your previous address on hand too.

Depending on the credit agency, you may need to set up a PIN that you'll use to confirm your identity when you want to temporarily lift or permanently remove the freeze. Experian requires a PIN of five to 10 digits. With TransUnion, you must provide a six-digit PIN to unfreeze your credit report by phone or mail. But if you go online, you can manage your freeze with a password-protected account instead. Equifax no longer requires a PIN. You can use a password-protected online account or provide identity-verification information by phone or mail.

Think about the number you'd like to use for your PIN — don't pick something obvious, such as your birth date — and of passwords that you can use for your Equifax and TransUnion accounts, if you choose to place the freezes online.
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STEP 2: CONTACT EACH CREDIT AGENCY. The web pages or phone numbers below are the quickest avenues to imposing a freeze. To submit your request by mail, use these addresses: Equifax Information Services LLC, P.O. Box 105788, Atlanta, GA 30348 888-298-0045, Experian Security Freeze P.O. Box 9554, Allen, TX 75013 888-397-3742 TransUnion LLC P.O. Box 2000, Chester, PA 19016 (888)-909-8872.

STEP 3: SAVE YOUR PINS AND PASSWORDS. Write down the PINs and online account passwords and keep them in a safe place at home. When you're ready to shop for a loan or lift the freeze for any other reason, you can call the phone numbers or visit the websites listed above.

Now that you have all your defenses in place, see you at our Next General Meeting on July 15, 2021 at the Seasons Catering and Event Center at 11am.

Big SIR Anthony Butera Branch 144

\$16 dues are past due. Make check payable to "SIR Branch 144" and mail it to: SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive, Modesto, CA 95356. Thank You!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON RETURNING WAIVER FORMS ON PAGE 6



WE WILL BE MEETING AT SEASONS FOR THE JULY LUNCHEON!

If you cannot attend the luncheons, please call Gaylan King at 380-9896 by Sunday, July 11 . Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
JUNE17, 2021

The meeting was called to order, by Anthony Butera, at 9:30 AM. Roll Call.

A quorum was established with the following present:

Big Sir Anthony Butera, Little Sir Biff Galbraith, Secretary Fernando Gonzalez, Treasurer Nilo Casiano

Directors: Gaylan King, Andre Dodd, Jim Toepfer, Bob Lewis, and Jerry Strain.

Guests and Committee members: Vince Sereno, Bill Stires

Minutes from April: Minutes had no corrections.

Motion to approve the minutes, 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd Jim Toepfer, motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for April was Presented by Fernando Gonzalez

Checkbook Balance as of May 31, 2021.....	\$ 5,447.11
Receipts.....	\$ 128.00
Disbursements.....	\$.00
Checkbook and cash as of May 31, 2021.....	\$ 5,775.11

Motion to approve to approve the Treasurer's report. 1st Andre Dodd, 2nd Bob Lewis. Motion Passed.

Big Sir Report: New Business

Discussed the July 15 meeting at Seasons and will be indoors. The seating will be 6 to a table with 15 tables set up.

Discussed whether it was going to a buffet style meal but need to follow up with Season's whether it will be as in the past or whether each person will present a plate and server will serve the dish. Having it delivered to the table would be more costly. With everyone vaccinated buffet style should not an issue. Next general meeting will be at 11:00 am.

Little Sir Report:

Biff reported that 70% of members contacted have been vaccinated, 49 have returned waiver forms, 25 have sent proof of vaccination. Board members all have volunteered to call members from the list, each board member was assigned several pages from the member list to call and ask them if they will be attending the July 15th meeting and remind them to sign a waiver form and send Biff the form and copy of their proof of vaccination. The results of the calls will be communicated back to Biff by each board member by the first week in July. We need to provide Seasons with head count for the lunch. Next meeting will be a presentation by Ray Simon, we will need to provide a place for him to present without having to climb on the stage. Greg Silva will be the speaker for August talking about being a golf pro. In September, Debra Steinberg will talk in September would be about her mountain climbing experiences.

Membership Report

Gaylan sent out the report. 120 Active and 4 Disabled. There was no discussions regarding the report.

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel; **HLM:** Gary Williams and Sam Graham; **State HLM:** Jerry Strain

Committee Reports:

Travel: Bill Stires: The trip to Laguna in July will proceed as planned, the other trips are on schedule as planned. Bill made a test flight on Southwest and it went well.

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Probably starting up in September (we will be talking to McHenry Bowl).

Golf: Jerry Strain: The annual scramble was held and golf is proceeding as planned.

Dining: Vince Sereno: Is not planning on starting any dining activities.

Newsletter: Doing fine.

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: Nothing to report.

Walking: Anthony Butera: Still meeting on Saturdays

Next Meeting will be 9:30 AM, July 15, 2021 at Seasons

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted by Fernando Gonzalez Secretary

Area 18 Travel

Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play. August 27 – September 7, 2022
Price: \$4,725 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare to be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. So sign up now to reserve your spot for this great trip.

Highlights: 2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland. Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city. ◊ 1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland. A trip to the “Top of Europe” with a Panorama 360 Degree. Experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy. ◊ 2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland. Visit a Woodcarving Museum, walk through the romantic Brunnengasse, once awarded the title “Most Beautiful Street in Europe.” ◊ 2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland. A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany. ◊ 2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play. The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau. ◊ 2 night stay in Munich, Germany. Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, Headsets throughout the tour, and much more. Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in the trip.

Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island’s Grand Hotel May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$3,895 Per Person Double Occupancy \$5,375 Single

Deposit \$650 per person Final payment January 10, 2022

Trip Highlights:

*Transportation to and from airport *Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit *Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver *Spend 1 night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city *Attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan *Visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (Music Parade) *Spend 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Macinac Island *Tour Macinac Island via a horse-drawn carriage *Take the River Rouge Ford Factory Tour *\$40 in Mayflower Money *Much, much more

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters July 25-28, 2021 Price: \$1,995.00 Double \$2,490 Single Total payment with reservation form.

COVID-19 VACCINATION NEEDED FOR TRIP

Private bus for our group will be provided

Trip is still available for other passengers

Trip from Louisville to Nashville September 16-24, 2021

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville

At this time vaccination or test is needed 72 hours before trip.

Tour Features Included:

1. Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville
2. 8 day Guided tour with Tour Manager
3. Guided Tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby
4. 9 nights first class accommodations
5. 12 meals
6. Gratuities on all included features and to bus driver and tour guide

Price: \$3,995 per person double occupancy \$5,093 single occupancy. Pay in Full at time of reservation. Space is limited and sold on first come first served basis only.

Call Bill at 209-988-5445 or 209-544-2684 to reserve your spot.

DINING OUT CLUB HUMOR

Humor – “Phyllis Dillerisms”

1. As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.
2. Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
3. Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up is like shoveling the sidewalk before it stops snowing.
4. Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out!
5. The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.
6. A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.
7. I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.
8. Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
9. Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an argument, a bank has just been robbed.
10. We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve years telling them to sit down and shut up.
11. Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.
12. What I don't like about Christmas is looking for a job the next day.
13. The only time I enjoyed ironing was the day that I accidentally got gin in the steam iron.
14. His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.
15. Old age is when the liver spots show through your gloves.
16. My photographs don't do me justice – they look just like me.
17. Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the bottle – Keep away from children.
18. I asked the waiter, “Is this milk fresh?” He said, “Lady, three hours ago it was grass.”
19. The reason the golf pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can't see him laughing.
20. You know you're old if they have discontinued your blood type.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Lewis	Bob	07/14/51	70
Campbell	Cal	07/23/48	73
Zabel	Larry	07/04/47	74
Bartels	Lonnie	07/23/47	74
Irwin	Rick	07/26/44	77
McNett	Tom	07/28/40	81
Hawes	Jack	07/07/40	81
Bell	Red	07/29/38	83
Graham	Sam	07/10/36	85
Lewis	Ernie	07/02/31	90

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Pete	Dutton	Vivien	07/01/06	15
Ron	Quintanal	Glenna	07/05/02	19
Ernie	Pinkston	Connie	07/17/01	20
Dan	Erreca	Diane	07/18/98	23
Brad	Hardison	Daria	07/28/84	37
Ron	Harris	Karen	07/05/80	41
Joe	Miceli	Mary	07/01/67	54
Julius	Manrique	Barbara	07/20/63	58
Mike	Morey	Phyllis	07/12/53	68

JULY INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Induction</i>	<i>Years</i>
Martinez	Joe	07/07/05	16
Oehrlein	Ken	07/03/08	13
Gasper	John	07/07/08	13
Bell	Red	07/07/08	13
Toschi	Gene	07/01/10	11
Huffstatler	Dan	07/05/12	9
Duran	Jim	07/05/12	9
Cook	Deane	07/05/12	9
Scoble	Tony	07/11/13	8
Lewis	Bob	07/17/14	7
Medrano	John	07/20/17	4
Hodge	Doug	07/20/17	4
DeArmond	Hal	07/19/18	3
Hardison	Brad	07/19/18	3
Jones	Vernon	07/19/18	3
Parks	Larry	07/19/18	3
Leffingwell	Charlie	07/18/19	2



July 2021 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 30 June 16

Series: David Brown 653 John Schamante 678

Game: John Schamante 277 John Schamante 291

Week 31 June 23

Series: Dan Erreca 679 Dan Erreca 679

Game: David Brown 235 Clark Pearson 24

Playoffs:

Team 4 def. Team 9---Team 12 def. Team 1

Championship: Team 12 (Chuck Nichols & Tom Mickelson) def. Team 4 (Gene Cox, Bick Wooley & Steve Bruce)

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Team 1(Clark Pearson, Dave Conley, Jerry Hott & Steve Gibson) won the 1st/3rd. Team 4(Gene Cox, Bick Woolley, Wes Rash & Steve Bruce) won the 2nd/3rd. Team 12(Chuck Nichols, Tony Ferro, Tom Mickelson & Larry Zabel) won the 3rd/3rd. Team 9 (Fred Sherman, Michael McClellan, Don Binney & Jerry Strain) won the Wild Card.

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Come out for our hometown tournament.

---- 2021 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS----

July 9-11 Knotty Pines Lanes, Pollock Pines
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

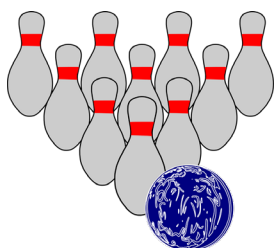
August 9-11 National Bowling Stadium, Reno, NV
Ray DiBasilio 530-558-9727

August 25-26 Prosperity Lanes, Grass Valley
Charlie Babiarz 530-470-8964

**ALL TOURNAMENTS SUBJECT
TO CANCELLATION**

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com



JULY 2021 GOLF NEWS



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

https://sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf/

TUESDAY JULY 6	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MONDAY JULY 12	MANTECA	COST: \$45.00
HOST: 164	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MONDAY JULY 19	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 143	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MONDAY JULY 26	SWENSON IQ	COST: \$44.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MONDAY AUG. 2	DRYDEN	COST: \$47.00
HOST: 144	8:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MONDAY AUG. 9	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$45.00
HOST: 103	8:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

THE COST OF CREEKSIDE WENT UP \$1.00 ON JULY 1ST. NO CHANGE AT DRYDEN. WE WILL HAVE A MEETING ON JULY 15. BE NICE TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN. DON'T FORGET TO ADD THE CART FEE TO YOUR CHECK FOR CREEKSIDE AND DRYDEN, SWENSON. STAY SAFE AND SEE YOU SOON.

JAY NORRIS BR# 144 GOLF CHAIRMAN
Sirgolfer144@gmail.com

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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
2019 Jerry Emery
2019 Jerry Strain
2020 Anthony Butera



Modesto Branch No. 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2021

Big Sir:..... Anthony Butera 985-3473
Little Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
Secretary:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Assistant Secretary:..... Jack O'Brien 221-3691
Treasurer:..... Nilo Casiano 324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:..... Open

DIRECTORS FOR 2021

Andre Dodd 527-0482	Sam Graham 552-0960
Gaylan King 380-9896	Bob Lewis 523-7387
Jerry Strain 551-8220	Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2021

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Stu Williams 510-865-5000
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ...Rick Kindle 652-8608
DIRECTOR, REGION 2.....Dale Decker 533-0455
GOVERNOR AREA 18.....Richard Provost 222-1910

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:....Gary Williams 578-3471
Publicity/Relations:...Sam Graham 552-0960

Accessories:.....Sam Graham 552-0960
Travel: Area 18:.....Bill Stires 544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:.....Jerry Strain 551-8220
Assistant:.....Jay Norris 606-1475
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 606-1475
Assistant:.....Gary Hubbard 551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:.....Vern Masse 538-4275
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 523-7387
Programs:..... Biff Galbraith 575-2724
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 505-0915
Sunshine:...Edd Santwier 605-9638 **Assistant:** Julius Manrique 576-1077
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 578-3471
Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership:.. Gaylan King 380-9896
Book Club:.....Joe Venturini 524-6577

FUTURE SPEAKERS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS:

Greg Silva will be the speaker for August talking about being a golf pro. In September, Debra Steinberg will talk about her mountain climbing experiences. Biff is looking for a group to play at the December luncheon and looking for suggestions.

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [Sir Happenings - May 2021](#)

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

SHLM: Julius Manrique and Ted Nagel HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain