

SIR INC. MODESTO BRANCH 144 THE ALMOND CAPITAL BULLETIN

Dedicated to enriching the lives of members through
social activities while making friends for life



November 2022 Newsletter

Volume 11-2022

Message from Big Sir Biff Galbraith



November is here, the most notable holidays are Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. Do not forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on November 6th. November has just one birthstone, Topaz. Topaz is a symbol of strength and honor. November also has only one flower, it is the Chrysanthemum.

On November 8th, 2022, there will be a total eclipse of the moon. The eclipse begins at 2:16 am with totality at 2:59 am and ending at 3:41 am.

I want to thank all SIR members that served our country in the military. In 1938, Congress declared Veterans Day a federal holiday to honor veterans of WWI. In 1954, Congress amended the original act to include veterans of all wars. This year Veterans Day will be on November 11. Please remember to thank and show appreciation for all who served. I was watching a war documentary recently and heard this saying "**All Gave Some, But Some Gave All**"

Thanksgiving will be here soon, the fourth Thursday of November. Thanksgiving tradition began on November 26th, 1789, by George Washington. Our modern date of the fourth Thursday was set in 1941 by federal legislation. I know that all of us have much to be thankful for. I want all of you, our branch 144 SIR family, to know how blessed I am to have met and worked with such a great bunch of men. We live in a fantastic country where freedom and liberty were purchased at a horrible price. Another great saying that was on my whiteboard at Ceres High, "**The price of freedom is never free.**"

My November big SIR award goes to Nilo Casiano. Nilo has been our Branch treasurer for years. I want to thank him for the excellent job he has done for this branch. Lastly, I want to remind our members that **Ladies Day** is soon approaching, and we will have tickets available at the November meeting. Exact details will be in the newsletter. This month's meeting speaker will be Chuck Sheaffer. He will be leading our group in singing each of the military branch's fight songs. Hope to see all of you at our November 17th meeting.

Big Sir Biff Galbraith Branch 144

See page 6 for information on New Member Procedures

BIG SIR AWARD



Patton Brooks(R) receives the BIG SIR AWARD from
BIG SIR Biff Galbraith.

Speaker will be our own Chuck Sheaffer. Bio page 5 at bottom of bowling.

**Ladies Day is December 15. Tickets will go on sale at the November luncheon. \$25.00 per person. Those members who will not be at the November luncheon can purchase tickets by sending a check for \$25.00 per person to SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto, Ca. 95356. Include the names of the attendees and a notation for meal preference: chicken cordon blue, N.Y. steak or salmon.
*Choice of: Grilled Salmon, 6 oz New York Steak, or Chicken Cordon Bleu with Green Salad, Rice Pilaf, Buttered Green Beans and Chef Choice Dessert.***

REMEMBER, if you cannot attend the luncheons, please call *Gaylan King* at 209-380-9896 by Sunday November 13 (Luncheon is November 17). Thank you!

SIR INC
BRANCH 144 BEC MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order, by BIG SIR Biff Galbraith at 9:34 AM.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

BIG SIR Biff Galbraith, LITTLE SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Assistant Treasurer John Santillano.

DIRECTORS: Gaylan King, Bob Lewis, Andre Dodd, Jerry Strain, Anthony Butera.

GUESTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Julius Manrique, Gary Williams, Bill Stires.

ADDITION TO THE MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 15, 2022; The presence of Anthony Butera at this meeting, and under NEW BUSINESS, Gary Williams' motion had a 1st Bob Lewis 2nd Gaylan King Motion passed.

Motion made to approve minutes from September 15 meeting. 1st Andre Dodd 2nd Anthony Butera, Motion passed.

Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer's Report for September was presented by: Acting Treasurer Fernando Gonzalez,

Checkbook Balance as of September 1, 2022.....	\$6,792.92
Total Receipts.....	\$1,221.00
Disbursements.....	\$1,648.29
Checkbook and cash as of September 30, 2022	\$6,565.63

Motion made to approve the Treasurer's report and voucher requests for Bob Lewis in the amount: \$17.18 and Gary Williams for \$ 306.63, 1st John Santillano 2nd Gaylan King: Motion Passed.

Membership Report:

Gaylan King gave the Membership Report as of October 20, 2022: 116 Active members, 6 Disabled members, 0 Pending Member, 128 Unused Badges, Total Badges 250. Mark Martinez was voted in. Motion made to accept the membership report, 1st Bob Lewis, 2nd John Santillano. Motion passed.

SHLM: Julius Manrique

STATE HLM: Jerry Strain

HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham

Committee Reports:

Bowling: Bob Lewis: Reminded bowling participants that it is necessary to sign up for tournaments.

Golf: Jerry Strain: The new season has started and runs October to October of the following Year.

Update information to follow.

Travel: Bill Stires: Two trips for next year. Ireland and Northern Ireland, and Autumn Colors trip to East Coast. A few slots are still open.

Dining: Vince Sereno: Dining is Continuing to run smoothly. The schedule for the dining group will be in the next newsletter

Sunshine: Edd Santwier: (Sunshine Chair): Not Present. Nothing to report.

Walking Group: Anthony Butera: "Walking Panthers" will start again on October 29th.

Old Business: Julius Manrique moved that we retain the present slate of officers for 2023 and that John Santillano replace the retiring Nilo Casiano. This will require a vote by the membership at today's general meeting. 1st Andre Dodd 2nd Bob Lewis Motion Passed.

New Business: "Health, Aging and Fall Prevention" Newsletter, has now been distributed.

Meeting adjourned By BIG SIR Biff Galbraith at: 9:55 AM.

The time of the next BEC meeting will be at 9:30 AM, November 17, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Toepfer, Secretary



SIR TRAVEL



BILL STIRES – TRAVEL CHAIRMAN 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445 or email bstires46@gmail.com

Scenic Ireland Trip through Ireland and Northern Ireland April 14-27, 2023

Price: \$5,395 Double Occupancy Single \$6,195

\$500.00 Deposit to hold your place.

Final payment due on December 15, 2022

Sign up early to reserve your spot on this exciting trip.

\$50.00 Discount extended to November 30, 2022. Still room for the trip.

Airfare and transportation to and from the airport is included

18 meals. Includes gratuities on tour for Tour Manager & Bus Driver

Highlights: 12 nights in First Class Hotel Accommodations

1 night in Limerick, 1 night in Clifden, 1 in Sligo, 2 nights in Belfast in Northern Ireland, Visit Cliffs of Moher, local farms, an Abbey, Giant’s Causeway, Titanic Experience, Hillsborough Castle, Belfast’s O’Connell Street, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Trinity College, House of Waterford Crystal, Blarney Castle and the Kissing Stone, Garnish Island, Ring of Kerry, Dingle Peninsula, and **much, much more.**

Leisure time to explore most of the towns and villages.



Autumn Colors trip to East Coast

October 13 - 22, 2023. Price: \$4,330 double occupancy

Air Fare to be added in December 2022

Deposit of \$500 per person to hold reservation

Highlights: 2 nights stay in Boston. Tour of city, free time on own.

Visit Manchester, Vermont; Burlington, Vermont; North Conway, New Hampshire; Bar Harbor, Maine; Acadia National Park; Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Scenic drives along the Mohawk Trail and Kancamagus Highway.

Professional local tour guide for entire trip.

9 nights of First-Class Hotel accommodations.

14 meals including a regional lobster feast.

This trip will fill up fast, so sign up early.

Call Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 or email at bstires46@gmail.com to receive brochure.



DINING OUT CLUB

Dining Out Clubs Dates + Humor

DINING OUT CLUB *The Evening Dining Out Clubs have completed a successful return from our Covid interruption. The next meetings will be in January 2023. Hopefully, this winter we will not have a large number of flu and covid cases as some experts say may be possible.*

November brings Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. May all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day with your family. We also want to thank our VETERANS for their service and sacrifice, and please remember those veterans who gave their lives for our country.

I have been moving on from being in charge of the 3 evening Dining out clubs and the 2nd Tuesday Club and the 4th Tuesday Club are now being led by very capable Chairpersons. I thank Kathy and Jay Norris, (2nd Tuesday) and Hall Eubank, (4th Tuesday). Still needed is a Chairperson to assume leadership of the 4th Thursday Club. I will continue to assist them with the paperwork, newsletter articles, and the jokes.

Humor?

I did not know this.

Do Las Vegas Churches accept gambling chips?

THIS MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO THOSE OF YOU NOT LIVING IN LAS VEGAS, BUT THERE ARE MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES THAN CASINOS IN LAS VEGAS.

NOT SURPRISINGLY, SOME WORSHIPERS AT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL GIVE CASINO CHIPS RATHER THAN CASH WHEN THE BASKET IS PASSED. SINCE THEY GET CHIPS FROM MANY DIFFERENT CASINOS, THE CHURCHES HAVE DEVISED A METHOD TO COLLECT THE OFFERINGS.

THE CHURCHES SEND ALL THEIR COLLECTED CHIPS TO A NEARBY FRANCISCAN MONASTERY FOR SORTING AND THEN THE CHIPS ARE TAKEN TO THE CASINOS OF ORIGIN AND CASHED IN. THIS IS DONE BY THE CHIP MONKS. YOU DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING, DID YOU? *It's so easy to fool old folks.*

The Bathtub Test?

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?" "Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub." "Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup." "No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Name</i>		<i>Date</i>	<i>Age</i>
Jackson	Ed	11/12/44	78
Bica	Gus	11/14/44	78
Provost	Richard	11/02/42	80
Maxwell	Max	11/22/41	81
Salonga	Tony	11/21/40	82
Sterling	Jim	11/09/39	83
Chalk	Gary	11/21/39	83
O'Brien	Jack	11/08/38	84
Cook	Deane	11/04/38	84
Toepfer	Jim	11/01/37	85
Williams	Gary	11/09/36	86
Toschi	Gene	11/06/33	89

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Name</i>	<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Years</i>	
Gaylan	King	Cathey	11/18/00	22
Robert	Yanko	Roseann	11/23/96	26
Randy	Alford	Suzanne	11/24/87	35
Norman	Lawrence	Janet	11/30/55	67

NOVEMBER INDUCTIONS

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Inducted</i>	<i>Years</i>
Butera	Anthony	11/16/17	5
Chalk	Gary	11/17/16	6
Eubank	Hall	11/17/16	6
Graham	Sam	11/06/08	14
Morey	Mike	11/18/93	29
Sanford	Don	11/01/91	31
Masciorini	Walt	11/01/90	32



November 2022 Bowling Report

High Scratch and Handicap Series and Games

Scratch Games

Handicap Games

Week 5 October 4

Series: Joe Miceli 624 Joe Miceli 666
 Game: Bob Abujen 245 Arnold Fidalgo 262
 Arnold Fidalgo 245

Week 6 October 11

Series: Bob Abujen 677 Gary Del Nero 728
 Game: Bob Abujen 246 Gary Del Nero 270

Week 7 October 18

Series: David Brown 592 Marv VanMiddendorp 675
 Game: Jeff Chin 238 Juan Salinas 261

Week 8 October 25

Series: Bob Abujen 661 David Brown 691
 David Brown 661
 Game: David Brown 258 David Brown 268

Come out for our hometown tournament.

----- 2022 UPCOMING STATE TOURNAMENTS-----

November 3-4 McHenry Bowl, Modesto
 Vern Masse 209-538-3640

November 30-December 1 Danville Bowl, Danville
 John Monahan 925-837-1598

Branch 144 Bowling Chairman:

Bob Lewis 209-523-7387 bobalew69@msn.com

Chuck Sheaffer has been an active musician in Stanislaus County for over 45 years. He is a graduate of San Francisco State University. He taught for Modesto City Schools first as an elementary instrumental music teacher and in later years as the orchestra, choir, and madrigal director at Grace Davis High School. Charles is one of the original Junior High Orchestra Directors that started the Stanislaus Youth Orchestra (now the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra). He is also one of the original Modesto Suzuki Teachers. Charles has performed as a member of the Modesto Symphony and for many years as a member of the Townsend Opera Players. Chuck is also a certified flight instructor and taught flying at Modesto Airport with Gottschalk Flight Center until 1992. He is also a retired Naval Air Reservist who served as a meteorologist.

Currently, Charles is the organist and choir director for St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He continues to teach private music lessons.

November 2022 Golf News



This is the new URL for Area 18 Golf:

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

MON. NOV. 7	MICKE GROVE	COST: \$ 49.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. NOV. 14	DRYDEN	COST: \$ 47.00
HOST: 103	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. NOV. 21	SWENSON	COST: \$ 46.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: PREPAID
MON. NOV. 28	CREEKSIDE	COST: \$49.00
HOST: 144	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED
MON. DEC. 5	ELKHORN	COST: \$48.00
HOST: 164	9:00 AM	CARTS: INCLUDED

FALL IS HERE AND THE COOLER DAY'S ARE COMING. JUST NEED TO BUNDLE UP AND PLAY GOLF. STILL COLLECTING NCGA DUES FOR 2023, \$48.00 TO RENEW, \$58.00 TO JOIN. GOLF SCHEDULE FOR NEXT YEAR SHOULD BE OUT SOON. HAVE A GOOD THANKSGIVING AND WILL SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON NOV. 20TH.

JAY NORRIS Br#144 GOLF
 CHAIRMAN AND ASST. HANDICAP
 CHAIRMAN

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Proper use of SIR and Sir

“SIR” is an acronym used when referring to the organization Sons In Retirement, Inc. It should always be capitalized and without periods. There is no plural or possessive form of SIR. (Note: The initialized “S.I.R.” is used by a San Francisco gay rights group and prefers not to be confused with SIR.) “Sir” is a courtesy title serving to recognize the individual as a member of SIR. Sir, with the initial capital and small letters is to be used most often when referring to individual or Sirs when referring to a group of SIR members. Sir may be capitalized (SIR) when used in conjunction with a similarly capitalized individual’s name (see below).

Examples:

Organization:

SIR: When referring to the organization Sons In Retirement, Inc.

- 1) The SIR organization was created in 1959.
- 2) Currently, there are xxx members in SIR.
- 3) A copy of the SIR manual is available to all Sirs.

Individual:

Sir: When referring to individuals:

- 4) Sir Joseph Potter is a new member of SIR.
- 5) Branch xxx elected Sir Ronald Badgett to be Big Sir and Sir Adolph Lassen to be Little Sir.
- 6) A large group of Sirs attended the annual Christmas party.
- 7) Big Sir Ronald Badgett and Little Sir Adolph Lassen will attend the meeting.

SIR: Acceptable when used as all capitalized title:

- 8) BIG SIR RONALD BADGETT (a mix of uppercase and lower case, (e.g., Big SIR should not be used)
- 9) LITTLE SIR ADOLPH LASSEN, not Little SIR
- 10) SIR JOSEPH POTTER is ok.

Calendar of Events

**SCENIC IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND, APRIL 14-27, 2023.
OCTOBER 13-22, 2023, AUTUMN COLORS TRIP TO THE EAST COAST.**

NEW MEMBER PROCEDURE

A prospective member will attend a luncheon with a member as a guest. During the luncheon he will be introduced to the group, and he will be given a membership application. New members will fill out the application and submit it to the front desk after the meeting or mail the completed application to SIR at 3549 Fawndale Drive Modesto Ca. 95356. The application will be submitted to the Branch Executive Committee for acceptance. Upon acceptance the new member shall attend an Orientation session prior to the next meeting. At the luncheon the new member will be introduced to the membership.

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
2021 Anthony Butera



Modesto Branch 144 Officers

OFFICERS FOR 2022

Big Sir:..... Biff Galbraith 209-575-2724
Little Sir:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Secretary:.....Jim Toepfer (360) 477-0930
Assistant Secretary:.....Open
Treasurer:.....Nilo Casiano 209-324-5926.
Assistant Treasurer:.....John Santillano 209-544-1953

DIRECTORS FOR 2022

Anthony Butera 209-985-3473 Andre Dodd 209-527-0482
Gaylan King 209-380-9896 Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Jerry Strain 209-551-8220 Vince Sereno 209-524-9630

STATE, REGION, & AREA OFFICERS FOR 2022

STATE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc Rick Kindle 209-652-8608
STATE VICE PRESIDENT OF SIR Inc ... Dale Decker 209-533-0455
DIRECTOR, REGION 2..... Dale Decker 209-533-0455
GOVERNOR AREA 18..... Richard Provost 209-577-8219

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

RAMP

Recruitment:.....Open
Activities:.....Open
Member Relations:.... Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Publicity/Relations:... Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Accessories:..... Sam Graham 209-552-0960
Travel: Area 18:..... Bill Stires 209-544-2684
Area 18 Golf Chairman:..... Jerry Strain 209-551-8220
Assistant:..... Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Branch 144 Golf Chairman: Jay Norris 209-606-1475
Assistant:..... Gary Hubbard 209-551-5253
Area 18 Bowling Chairman:..... Vern Masse 209-538-4275
Branch 144 Bowling Chairman: Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Programs:..... Fernando Gonzalez 415-420-2440
Newsletter: ... Bob Lewis 209-523-7387
Data:..... Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Chaplain:... Jack O'Brien 209-542-7177
Dining:..... Vince Sereno 209-524-9630
Attendance:..... Tony Salonga 209-505-0915
Sunshine:.. Edd Santwier 209-605-9638
Assistant: Julius Manrique 209-576-1077
Nominating Committee Chairman: Gary Williams 209-578-3471
Members: Julius Manrique, Patton Brooks, Bill Burchell, and Sam Graham
Membership: Gaylan King 209-380-9896
Book Club:... Gaylan King 209-380-9896

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2023:



L-R: Big SIR Biff Galbraith, Directors: Gaylan King & Jerry Strain, Little SIR Fernando Gonzalez, Treasurer John Santillano, Secretary Jim Toepfer, Director Andre Dodd, Assistant Secretary Jack O'Brien, Directors Anthony Butera & Bob Lewis. Not pictured Director Vince Sereno.

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

The SIR website for the latest edition of SIR Happenings at: [SIR Happenings-August 2022](#)

If anyone knows if someone has an illness, accident, or passes, please let Edd Santwier (209-605-9638) or Julius Manrique (209-576-1077) know. Thanks!

SHLM: Julius Manrique; HLM: Gary Williams and Sam Graham; STATE HLM: Jerry Strain