



# The Grapevine

Tokay SIR Branch 145 Newsletter

*A non-profit social organization for men over 50*



## MARCH 2023

### Big Sir Remarks

Gentlemen,

Meeting attendance took a dive from January to February. We had 46 members in January and only 35 in February. Being a bit of an optimist I had estimated 40 for February.

As we discussed during the Meeting on 2/14, I will be sending an email requesting you to respond YES or NO on whether you plan to attend the March 14 Meeting. Please respond. Please.

If you don't use email, please call or text me at 209.327.7335 with your name and a YES or NO. If I don't answer, please leave a voice message. Elkhorn will order the food on 3/6, so I will need responses pronto.

The collection of 2023 Annual Dues has gone well. As of February 14, 63 members had paid dues. There are still 24 members not paid. We really don't want to lose more members. If you have not paid your dues by March 31 your membership will be terminated. If you have not paid by the March 14 Meeting we will contact you once to determine your status. If you will not be at the March 14 Meeting, you can mail a check for \$20, payable to **SIR Branch 145**, to me at **Mark Wahlman, 19453 Wilderness Way, Woodbridge, CA 95258**.

Plans for the Annual Picnic are progressing. We will be back at our usual spot in Micke Grove Park on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are being printed and will be on sale at the March 14 Meeting.

A thank you to Jeff Chin for attending our February 14 Meeting and the BEC Meeting that followed. Jeff is our new Area 18 Representative replacing Richard Provost. Thank you, Jeff and Richard, for your service to SIR.

A reminder – you are all welcome to attend the BEC Meeting that follows our Member Meeting. Come and see what goes on!

See you at Elkhorn on March 14<sup>th</sup>!

Mark Wahlman, Big Sir

### LUNCH COST INCREASE

Effective January 2023 the cost of lunch will be **\$25**.

Elkhorn cites increased costs.  
Inflation strikes again!



### 2023 ANNUAL DUES

Annual Dues of **\$20** per member are due and may be paid at the March Meeting. If not attending, please mail a check to:

**Mark Wahlman**  
**19453 Wilderness Way**  
**Woodbridge, CA 95258**

# Speaker March 2023

**Jack Zech**

**Sabbatical Distillery**

**Website: [drinksabbatical.com](http://drinksabbatical.com)**

Jack Zech is a Stockton native, fourth-generation farmer, and first-generation distiller on Victoria Island, a 7,000-acre ranch located at the southwest corner of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Jack founded the Sabbatical Distillery in the farm's former asparagus packing shed in 2017 with the support of three generations of family members. The first licensed distillery in San Joaquin County since Prohibition, Sabbatical finally opened its doors in 2021 and has been releasing award-winning spirits and educating the public about whiskey, water, farming and the Delta ever since.



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## FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

We started February with a balance of \$3771.68. Our monthly expenses were lunch \$850.00 our newsletter \$88.35, for a grand total of \$938.35.



Our receipts were: lunch \$775.00, pot was \$46.00, and we collected \$220.00 membership dues for a grand total of \$1,041.00. The net gain for the month was \$102.65.

Regards,

Juan G Ochoa, Treasurer 209-481-5325

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## Membership Report February 2023

Membership in attendance:	35
Guest in attendance:	1
Percentage of active members in attendance	40%
Total active members:	88
Members Added:	0
Members Reinstated:	0
Members Dropped	0
Members Resigned	0

***Stephen Hellmer-Membership Chairman***



Lasagna Bolognese  
Caesar Salad  
Seasonal vegetables  
Garlic Bread



Tony Canton jr  
David Mattheis  
Roger McCormick  
Ronald Mettler  
John W. Schwartz  
Roger Sperring  
Matt Nomura  
Richard Handel  
George Roxson

## Activities

### Branch 145 - Annual Picnic

May 9, 2023

10:30am thru 1:30pm

Micke Grove – Delta Shutter

Menu: Tacos (beef, chicken, pork),  
taco salad, beans, rice, ice cream,  
sodas & water

Caterer – El Grullense Restaurant

\$20 per person – Members & Guests

Tickets on Sale – March Meeting

### March Dine-Out

March 16, 2023

6:00pm

Lodi Beer Company

105 S. School St., Lodi

RSVP – [drpaulwright49@gmail.com](mailto:drpaulwright49@gmail.com)

### March Wine Appreciation

March 28, 2023

5:00pm

Hosts – Ernie & Lanie Baca

RSVP – [adalanie@yahoo.com](mailto:adalanie@yahoo.com)

COME JOIN THE FUN!!



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233 BROOKS STREET  
LODI, CA 95240

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Big SIR

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Ruben Moser 1988-1989  
Al Baerwald 1990  
Bill Owen 1991  
Al Cooper 1992  
Earl Klapstein 1993  
Dave Stennick 1994  
Gus Armendariz 1995  
Jerry Kirsten 1996  
Bob McCaffrey 1997  
Tom Bandelin 1998  
Frank Garcia 1999  
Bob Handel 2000  
John Korphage (18) 2000-2001  
Jack Jackson 2001  
Bill Dauer 2002  
Ron Westerterp 2003  
Dave Hinchman 2004-2005  
Paul Reiner 2006  
Neal W. Welsh 2007  
John Mendonca 2008  
Bill Shankles 2009  
George Cameron 2010  
Richard Baines 2011-2012  
Al Furr 2013  
Chuck Bennett 2014-2015  
Jack Johnson 2016  
Bob Gorbet 2017  
Phil Schrock 2018  
Paul Wright 2019-2021