



The Pathfinder

Branch Number 59

Forty-Third Year

July 2018

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MEETING-Fremont Elks Lodge

Wednesday July 18, 2018

Social Hour-11 A.M.



Big Sir Harvey's Thoughts

My fellow Sirs:
This July we have a real treat for you at our meeting. Three of the Heroes of '76 of the National Sojourners will be in full dress and showing us **BUILDING THE FLAG.**

Purpose of National Sojourners is to organize current and former members of the uniformed forces of the United States and Honorary Members, who are Master Masons and U.S. citizens. They develop true Patriotism and Americanism throughout the Nation, for bringing together representatives of the uniformed forces of the United States (past and present) in a united effort to further the military need of National Defense, and for opposing any influence whatsoever calculated to weaken the National Security.

July is a very important month for Branch 59. because we have to submit to SIR State our slate of officers for 2019 in August (we have openings **HELP WANTED!**). I have to submit the quarterly report to the area Governor our stats for the second quarter. All areas are looking good except for the above want ad.

The caterer informed me at our last meeting that the cost of the meal would go up. We will be discussing this at the next branch executive meeting (BEC). The meeting will start at 10 AM before the luncheon and all members are welcome to give us your thoughts.



Heroes of '76
National Sojourners, Inc.
Present

BUILDING THE FLAG

The purposes of this program are to promote patriotism and Americanism and to nurture The love of our country and its flag. The program is given by three men in uniforms of The Continental Army worn during the American Revolution. They are Masons who have served as commissioned Officers in the Armed Forces of the United States or an allied nation.

The 35-minute program begins as a large flag is carried in by two soldiers. After we Repeat the pledge of allegiance, the significance of folding the flag 13 times into a triangle is explained.

A soldier explains how and when each of the original 13 colonies came into the union. As he does so, two soldiers place alternate red and white stripes on the flag and the field of blue. After the significance of the colors is explained, the evolution of the flag from the Continental Flag, the Betsy Ross Flag, the Star-Spangled Banner is described, while the roll is called for our 50-star flag of today.

And finally, accompanied by stirring music, a monologue entitled "I am the flag of the United States of America" is given that tells what the flag is, where it has been, and what it represents to all of us. On some occasions where time and situation permit, the poem "A Toast to the Flag" is given as the conclusion to the presentation.

By finding ROLLIE — you can win a free lunch if your name is selected. Let Rollie Referee Dino Mostardi know where he is located in the Pathfinder after you buy your luncheon ticket.



Menu—Dina's Catering
Chicken Parmasana/ Sirloin Tip
Noodles, Rice, Vegetables
Open Deserts



If you are not coming or if you are bringing a guest or visitor
Don't forget to Call on the SUNDAY BEFORE THE MEETING- or earlier
Ed Guthrie (510) 659-0498 or email edguthrie@comcast.net



SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, June 20, 2018

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Branch 59

Meets at Fremont Elks
38991 Farwell Drive,
Fremont CA on the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month
10:00 AM
Executive Board Meeting
11AM Social Hour
12 Noon Lunch



A Nonprofit public
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Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Big Sir Harvey McAninch and the roll call of Officers and Directors was conducted. All

Officers and Directors were present except Little Sir Victor Okumura.

Treasurer's Report and BEC Minutes:

Sir Hugh Twomey reported that Branch finances are in good shape with a cash balance of \$4634.53 on June 20, 2018. The Treasurer's report and Minutes the April meeting were approved.

Secretary Jerry Robertson reported on the recent Emails from the SIR State President Derek Southern titled "To Help Your Branch Run Well" and a significantly updated "Schedule of Branch Operations." Briefly, the Secretary is required to remind, during the Board (BEC) meeting, all officers and committee leaders of future due dates for submittal of documents such as Forms 27, 28, etc. and the Little Sir is to report on the status of any overdue Branch 59 submittals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership:

Sir Carl Nordling reported that one new member is scheduled for installation today and one potential member is scheduled for orientation.

Attendance

Sir Ed Guthrie reported the expected lunch attendance was 112.

Activities

Sir Roger Wallin stated that he needs to go

inactive due to a temporary relocation out of the area. Therefore, a replacement is needed to take over Roger's Activities Chairman responsibilities.

Birthdays

Both May and June birthdays will be celebrated today. For May Sir Donald Henry is the oldest at 89 and Sir Chip Koehler is the youngest at 64. For June Louis Bufkin is the oldest at 91 and Michael Lopez is the youngest at 69.

OLD BUSINESS

Big Sir Harvey McAninch again encouraged the Nominating Committee to expedite its efforts to find qualified candidates for all BEC officer, director and assistant director positions.

NEW BUSINESS

Big Sir Harvey McAninch commented on Form 27 and the need to bring in new members due to attrition. Younger members are especially needed for operation of Branch 59. The median age for Branch 59 members is 78.9. Harvey encouraged everyone to bring a guest to the next meeting.

There was extensive discussion regarding how to become better acquainted with new members and how to encourage members to actively participate in Branch 59 activities and leadership. Big Sir Harvey proposed that, as a trial, each BEC member be assigned sit at a table, other than their normal table, to get acquainted with more members. BEC members agreed to give it a try at lunch today.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Secretary Jerry Robertson

MEMBERSHIP, ATTENDANCE by Sir Ron Brutvan, Sir Ed Guthrie

Attendance Report



**Sir Ed Guthrie
Attendance
Chairman**

Attendance Report 6/20/2018

Members	103=67%
Guests	2
Visitors	1
Total	106
Excused	32
Unexcused	21



**Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday Chairman**

July Birthdays

Gordon Thym	95
Fred Cutter	89
Gordon MacLeod	88
Bernard Teague	88
Dino Mostardi	88
Ben Fernandez	84
Wayne Smith	80
Rowland McNeil	80
Wayne Meyer	79
Gene Lim	78
Robert Wallace	75
Jimmy Inocencio	74
John Mikel	72
Joseph Lucia	71
James Lomax	70



New Members/Guests

New Members
Bud Spalding

Sponsor
Bob Doherty

Guests (2nd time)
Jerry Halligan Bill Bauhofer

Guests (1st time)
Floyd Nesper Bill Briscoe



**Sir Bud Spalding receiving his
member plaque**

Membership Report



**Sir Ron Brutvan
Membership
Chairman**

Change of Status

To Inactive

No. 5 Roger Wallin
No. 18 Art McGrath

Deceased

No. 188 Skip Mugford
(5/31/2018)

Membership Report

6/20/2018

Active Members 153
Inactive Members 25

**Bring in a Guest
We need new
Members**



General Chester L. Ward, MD, MPH was our June Guest Speaker

SIR BRANCH 59 ACTIVITIES

Strikes and Spares by Sir John Pesek



For the past few Sirs Monday bowling it seems that our branch 59 bowlers have gone into hibernation. We have had only three 200 games bowled: Sir Miguel Ferras 221,

Sir Lew Heffron 202, and one really good game with a 600 series (3 games total) bowled by Sir Donal Spicer, 235 game and a 603 series.

This first week in July we welcomed two new bowlers. Sir Ted Shively and guest Jess Mesa.

Both bowlers showed lots of good bowling skills.

Sir Jerry Sabo, Sir Don Henry, Sir Ron Hamro and Sir John Pesek are venturing to Yuba City for the Twin Cities Branches 45 & 109 23rd Annual Bowling Tournament next week.

We always have room for more bowlers in our group. Usually 15 to 18 bowlers show up on Monday to bowl. There is no team commitment, nor a penalty if you can't make it. Coffee is hot and free. The companionship is warm and abundant. We meet at the Cloverleaf Family Bowl. Just show up and be ready to start practice bowling at 12:45 P.M. The cost is \$15 to bowl 3 games. We normally finish before 3:00 P. M.



Sir Roger Wallin is taking the inactive status and plans to join his son in the San Luis Obispo area. Roger will be missed as one of our top bowlers, the chairman of the activities committee, and a really good friend. I would like to take this opportunity for all you have done Roger. I hope your plans work out in our favor, and that you come back to Branch 59.

You can get your Pathfinder at:

<http://sirbranch59.org>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:
sirbranch59@gmail.com

Golf Notes by Sir Dave Shideler



The Division 4 Individual Qualifier will be played August 22, 2018 at Hiddenbroke Golf Club in Vallejo. A flyer was previously sent out with details. As I have mentioned before, there isn't a lot of interest in SIRS tournaments.

On the home front Ron Hamro (30 handicap index) shot 87 at the difficult Lake Chabot Golf Course in Oakland on June 21st. Congratulations Ron.

We continue to play on Tuesdays rotating between Spring Valley in Milpitas and Skywest in Hayward. I generally get tee-times a week ahead and email the information to our participating Sir Golfers. Your timely responses are appreciated. If you would like to be either added or deleted from my Golfer email list just let me know. Dpspanky@att.net.

I attended the last BEC (Board) meeting and part of the discussion was about various committee positions that remain unfilled for next year and beyond. It takes people to volunteer to keep this Branch going. I expressed the fact that I am in my position as Golf Chair because no one else would step up. I heard the following story before and found it on the internet and thought I would share it.

There was an important job to be done. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I had the opportunity to dive into the NCGA website and GHIN (handicap) program to make a change and noticed a few guys who need to POST their scores (sound familiar !!!?) It only takes a minute.

Senior rules: **Rule 3.b.3(g)**

There shall be no such thing as a lost ball The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Fairways and Greens

Dave Shideler



CYBERGEEZER MEETING

We usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on July 26th at Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Road, Fre-mont, CA. Just show up and you will be a member of our group. The meet-

ing time is from 1:30 to about 3:30 PM.

What is a Cyber Geezer? We are members of SIR Branch 59 and friends that want to keep up with technology. Topics are varied and usually generated by attendees. If you have any technology topic that you would like included in our next session, please send the information to Jerry at jlsabo3@comcast.net Topics for April included continued discussion of password management App LastPass. We also demonstrated and talked about the MS Word App—One Note.

Topics for July have yet to be determined at this writing, but suspect there will be more discussion regarding Password Managers such as LastPass and perhaps another look at One Note or Excel.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Please send notices of Activities and/or news items to jlsabo3@comcast.net.

COUPLES WINE TASTING

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

Chairman **Sir Joe Stanley 510-487-7751** or **email —JOESTAN@MAC.COM**

READERS AND BROWSERS

Bring your magazines and books to share, take books home to read. Sir James Floor 510-656-9537



BRIDGE GROUPS

The Bridge activity includes 2 night time couple's groups and a daytime group following the monthly luncheons **Sir Arnold George -510-797-9524**

COUPLES DINING OUT

All Sirs (singles, couples, friends) are invited to join us. This activity is in the planning stage so let your thoughts be known to:

Chairman **Sir Jim Ulam -510-797-9357** or **email —TIME4GOLF@SNAKEBITE.COM**

“Dealers Lunch Bunch”

Next poker lunch sheduled for July 25th
(FOURTH Monday of the month)

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Location: Home of Sir Larry Jett *
8176 Fairway Court
Newark, CA 94560

Buy-in and Game: \$10 buy-in with dime/quarter/half dollar/dollar chips; dime ante; half dollar maximum; each game around the table is dealer's choice.

Food/Drinks: Bring your own eats and drinks.

Roster: * Be advised that the monthly venue is subject to change from time to time. Any interested players who HAVE NOT previously signed up for the group should notify the Poker Co-Chair via email (hdog48@gmail.com) prior to attending a scheduled game.



Not sure about what “Activity” is going on....but?



Sir Bob Benya once again leads us in song—always appreciated!



Sir Nat Lord in one of those photos that requires no caption.



Past Area Governor, Sir Tom Sherba with his lovely daughter Yvette

Help! It would be great if photos taken at other activities besides our luncheons could be sent to Sir Jerry Sabo for inclusion in our Pathfinder. I know that many activities are going on such as the poker group activity. I really appreciated having those photos for the Pathfinder, and I know that Sir Sammy Lum would appreciate photos and stories for our sinbranch59.org website.



The caption to Sir Carlie Houseworth's photo might read—"That's all Folks"—another great luncheon.

Included below is an summary of the letter sent out to nearly all SIR Members, If you need more information—Let me know ASAP. *Jerry Sabo, Pathfinder Editor*

Greetings

This message is to advise all members about the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of SIRinc in conjunction with our 2018 Annual Meeting.

All Sirs AND their Ladies are invited to join in the activities planned around the Annual Meeting, details below.

We have a mailing list of nearly 8,000 members, so around 5,500 members will not receive this message directly. I ask all Big Sirs and appropriate branch leaders to spread the word that ALL Sirs and their Ladies are welcome to attend any, or all, of the activities organized around the Annual Meeting. Some branches declined to share their mailing list, they are particularly asked to get this information to their members asap

Deadline for Reservations and Payments:
Friday July 27

The Annual Meeting of Sons In Retirement Inc will be held on Tuesday August 7th at 9:30 am at the Thunder Valley Casino and Resort
1200 Athens Ave, Lincoln, CA 95648
Phone: (916) 408-7777

In addition to State Board Members, Area Governors, Past Presidents, and State Activity Chairs, the Big Sir of each branch is expected to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting. All Little Sirs are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.

Monday afternoon, August 6th: TopGolf fun competition - for all Sirs and their Ladies. Organizer Mark Stuart, MSS95678@HOTMAIL.COM

“TOPGOLF”

Join us Monday August 6th from 1 to 3 pm for socializing and fun at the TOPGOLF venue, 1700 Freedom Way in Roseville.

Advanced registration and payment not necessary for TopGolf...

You can contact Mark Stuart to signup, OR just show up. Cost per player will be \$7 per hour assuming we have five golfers per bay (actual cost to rent a bay per hr is \$35), military gets discount. There is free use of golf clubs available in each bay and we will have some Sir volunteers from Branch 98 there to assist folks when they arrive.

If you are retired military, bring your ID to obtain a discount.

Tuesday evening - after the Annual Meeting
No-host Cocktails and 60th Anniversary Dinner

Tuesday - for ladies, but Sirs not attending the Annual Meeting are welcome!

Spouse/Partner Program from 10:00 to 2:30

Group trip to the Galleria Shopping Center, Roseville

Group lunch

Spa treatment at Thunder Valley

Please email

Dick DeVoe: dicknchristy@comcast.net

with the names of people who are interested

Wednesday August 8th - morning

Golf and Bocce

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Jerry Sabo - Video

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Art Winkley - Assistant

BOWLING

John Pesek - Chairman

CAPS & EMBLEMS

Nat Lord - Chairman

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Howard Thompson

Ted Bresler

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Bill Briscoe - Chairman

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COUPLES WINE TASTING

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PAST BIG SIRS

1976 Peter Clark*

1977 Karl Heine*

1978 Harry Cooper*

1979 Kenneth Foster*

1980 Larry Varblow*

1981 Guido Milano*

1982 Alex Fulton*

1983 Stephen Epler*

1984 George Herman*

1985 Ray Crosby*

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2001 Bob Beam

2002 Rollin Cunningham*

2003 Don Henry

2004 Tom Sherba

2005 Howard Thompson

2006 Les Addison

2007 Ted Bresler

2008 Richard Holley

2009 Don Gillis*

2010 Frank R. Thomas

2011 Hugh Twomey

2012 James Ferenz*

2013 Skip Mugford*

2014 Rob Ingebretson

2015 Skip Mugford*

2016 Jim Ulam

2017 Jim Ulam

*(deceased)

PATHFINDER DEADLINE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pathfinder
will be Wednesday, a week after the regularly
scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.