



The Pathfinder

Branch 59 Fremont

Forty-Sixth Year

January 2022

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Big Sir BOB'S BLURB
Season's Greetings, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year Fellow SIR's! After a hotly contested election (NOT!), I am excited and honored to be your Big Sir for 2022, and I am thankful that we are now able to meet in person at our usual venue, the Fremont Elks Club! Your BEC has great things in store for

you over the next 12 months!

We start out our new year with a Branch Executive Committee second to none! I am indeed fortunate to have this great group of guys to help make my job super easy. We are only lacking in a Little Sir. Hopefully, before too long, someone will step up to assume these responsibilities, one of the easiest jobs in your chapter management.

We also start out the year on good fiscal footing, thanks to our previous BEC's decision to start collecting dues of \$60/member for 2022 and beyond. We will now be able to remain in operation without depending on a large number of lunch attendees. Before this, your chapter was one of only about 30% of the SIR chapters that DO NOT require dues. We were at the mercy of our lunches to remain solvent – a method that was just not working for us. Please send in your dues when you get your statement.

Over the next twelve months, you can expect great programs, great lunches, and great activities. Besides our usual golf, poker, bowling, bocce ball, walking, and other regular programs, we intend to have some great events in the works. How about a genealogy group? How about a Reno Train trip? How about a Gilroy Outlets shopping trip for members and spouses? This is a small sample of some of the things your BEC has been talking about. Your SIR branch is alive and well, and we look forward to seeing you all at the January Luncheon, with a program provided by our own Jerry Halligan. Let's Go SIR's and again, Happy Holidays!

Dues of \$60 (\$5x12) should be given to Sir Dave Nelson. Please pay by April 20 to maintain active membership. Dues assessment was explained in the November Pathfinder. (Checks payable to "SIR Branch 59")



January Guest
Sir Jerry Halligan



As many of you know Jerry leads the Wednesday Walker group. He will share some of their adventures at the January meeting since the November meeting had to be cancelled.

Our website now contains video files of speakers that were recorded during previous Zoom sessions.

<https://sirbranch59.org/speakers/>

January 19th Luncheon Menu

We will be served ;

**Beef Stroganoff ,Jerusalem Chicken
Rice Red Potatoes and steamed
Vegetables ,Green Salad, and Cake**

**Again- If you will not or can not make
the luncheon, please, please,
call**

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SIR Branch 59 BEC Minutes, December 15, 2021

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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



Our meeting was held in person at the Fremont Elk's Lodge.

The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Larry Jett at 10:02am. All BEC members were present for this last meeting of the BEC in 2021.

The November 17, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer, Larry Lardie reported the balance of the general fund was \$3,388.24. The treasure's report was approved.

Membership; Two men have indicated they will not continue their membership, reducing our numbers to 145. Rob intends to call non-excused members to gain an understanding of their circumstances. There are many valid reasons someone can't attend a luncheon, but there should not be a problem making a call to Ed Guthrie telling him so. It is important to have an accurate attendance number so we have the right amount of food prepared.

Attendance; Due to the cancelation of the November luncheon there was no attendance report given.

Nominations; Rick will take the mic during today's luncheon meeting to ask that members volunteer to join the BEC (Branch Executive Committee). In particular we are currently seeking someone to act as Little Sir for 2022.

Activities; Larry indicated golf attendance has dropped off lately due to weather, as have the walkers. There are 12 to 18 active bowlers.

2022 dues collection; We discussed providing a receipt for those who pay their \$60 dues for 2022, especially for cash payments. Also how we record payments. Secretary Dave offered to collect payments and record on the spreadsheet he uses for tracking Covid19 vaccination status. He will collect \$60 checks made out to "SIR Branch 59", or cash during our January through April luncheon meetings and forward them to Treasurer Larry. Dues will be prorated for new members who join after January 2022. The rate shall be \$5 per month remaining in the year.

Dave Shideler suggested the Elk's lodge may provide us a discount due to the several Sir members who are also Elk members. Rick offered to discuss this possibility with Elk's management team.

Rick will discuss 2022 lunch menus with caterer Daniel. He will share the results with us in January.

The state of our SIR Banner was brought up. It is very worn and tattered. Rick mentioned he would speak with someone he knows who may be able to construct a new one.

Gratitudes were given to Big Sir Larry Jett for his leadership throughout the year. He kept the ball rolling and steered our team toward opening branch 59 to in person meeting once again. The BEC met online, in parks and at his home. We abided by rules set by SIR State, Alameda county and science.

Larry shared his esteem for the entire BEC membership, citing the work and commitment by the group helped made his job a success and a pleasure.

Accolades went out to Jerry Sabo for coordinating the Zoom meetings which kept us in touch through the time we were not able to meet in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42am.

Dave Nelsen, Secretary

January Birthdays



Thomas Blalock
Age 90



Sterling Strickland
Age 88



Dominic Aiello
Age 80



James Cunningham
Age 79



Bob Banfiel
Age 77



David Hunter
Age 75



Robert Marshall
Age 74



Michael Burns
Age 72



Michael Huntzinger
Age 71



Victor Okumura
65



Sir Sammy Lum
Birthday
Chairman



Cyber Geezers usually meet on the Tuesday following our monthly SIR Luncheon. Our next meeting will be held on **January 25th**. We will again include Seniors of the Greater Niles Village, and any SIR Member wanting to join us. The meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Login information is given below.

Cyber Geezer Meeting

Since many of you are unable to attend our Zoom Cyber Geezer meetings, Jerry has recorded many of the old and new sessions and posted them on YouTube so they may be watched at your convenience. These videos are listed at [https://jsabo.info/youtube-](https://jsabo.info/youtube-computers-video/)

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The list is also be available on <https://sirbranch59.org/cyber-geezer-tutorial-videos/>

In the last Zoom session we will discussed using the app Duplicate Finder Pro to find both identical duplicates and similar photos. This software can be used for all types of files–cellent!

Please send requests to Jerry at jsabo3@comcast.net.

Join the next Zoom Cyber Geezer Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96358532596>

Meeting ID: 963 5853 2596



Getting Back to
"Normal"

–Sort of–



You can get your Pathfinder

<https://sirbranch59.org/newsletters-2022/>

Comments, photos for site etc. email to:

sirbranch59@gmail.com

Can't Put a Name to a Face?

Visit our branch website at

www.sirbranch59.org

Click on the Member Gallery tab on the website and then enter the password: SIR59



SIR Happenings is published 4 times a year—the next issue will be published for February 2022.

Deadline for submitting articles is January 15th. You can find past issues on our website:

<https://sirbranch59.org/>



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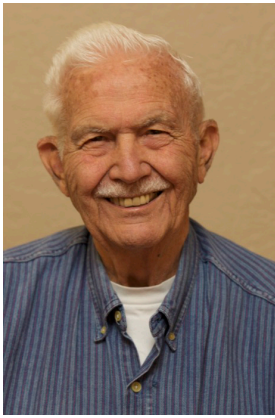
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Former Big Sir Richard Henry and festive holiday photos take by Sir Bruce Roberts

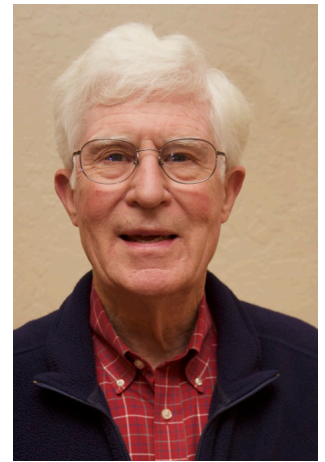


Are You SIRious



The Summer of '79 by Bud Spalding

In the Summer of 1979 our family vacationed in England. It happened because the priest of St. Leonard's, Marston Green (near Birmingham) and the priest of St. James' Episcopal Church in Fremont had exchanged residences in 1977. Fr. Jo Evans and I became good friends, and he invited my family for a visit to England. We were set up for a few days in England before continuing on to a tour through parts of Europe



Editor

Bruce Roberts

Wine Bottles over the hedge. Shortly after our arrival we celebrated Fr. Jo's 35th birthday. A fine party with many friends it was. Somehow a number of wine bottles appeared, their origin and ownership were somewhat questionable. A fine time was had by all, and the bottles found their way over Fr. Jo's hedge into the Church yard, only to be hastily picked up before the bishop's visit the next day.

Father Forgive. We toured many places in the area such as Stratford upon Avon (of Shakespeare fame), Warwick Castle (originally built of wood by William the Conqueror in 1068), and Ironbridge where iron was first used in construction. When we visited Coventry, an industrial city where many of England's war factories were located and bombed out during WWII, we found the nearly destroyed Coventry Cathedral. A memorial cross of burnt timbers stood where the altar had been, with the inscription, "Father, Forgive," inscribed upon it.

A Real British Pub Experience. Fr. Jo guided us to a proper British lunch in his father's favorite pub, a building, dark inside, with a low, open beam ceiling. And a tasty lunch it was. I don't remember the beer.

Saint Paul's Cathedral. One of the highlights of our trip into London a visit to Saint Paul's Cathedral. It burned during the Great Fire of London in 1666 and was rebuilt with its now iconic dome. Behind the High Altar the stained-glass windows honor the United States for its assistance during World War Two. There was a feeling of pride at being so honored.

Ugly American. As we were finishing our Britain visit and heading to France, we encountered another tour. A member of that tour asked where we were going. His response to *my* reply was, "I hope you have a better trip than we did. All we got to see were castles and Cathedrals." My thought was, "What would you expect on a visit to Europe?"



Announcements from Treasurer Larry Lardie, and Membership Chair Rob Ingebretson, Past Big Sir Larry Jett introducing newest member Sir Wes Murakami, newly appointed Big Sir Bob Marshall, our special entertainment, and a few random photos.



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scheduled Monthly Luncheon Meeting.