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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

DEDICATED to the PROMOTION of INDEPENDENCE and DIGNITY in RETIREMENT



### Big Sir Crows By Gary Goodman

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. It is my honor to be your new Big Sir, I would like to thank Richard Provost for all the help he has given me during my transition from Little Sir to Big Sir. I hope I can do as good of a job as he. This coming year will bring some new fun and adventures for our club. I would like to challenge each member to think about the reason each of us became members. For me, it was a fellow member who invited me to a luncheon. As I got to meet other members, I feel I have a whole new list of guys that I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know. The reason I have considered being Little Sir and now Big Sir is because I feel everyone should do their part in making our club successful. That doesn't necessarily mean being an officer, but it could be helping set-up and tear down the luncheon supplies, helping with the various interest groups in our club. We still need a computer club chairman, and a dine out chairman. How hard can that be? So, guys please step up. Be a part of making our club successful, I also want to remind all members that if you can't make it to the meeting you should call our membership chairman to let him know you will not be there. Not letting the membership chairman know, means we pay for lunches when we have less than we specified. We have always tried to keep the cost of the lunches down. Richard and I have checked other places and the Elks are as reasonable as anyplace we checked. That being said, the Elks Club is increasing the fee to \$18.00 for the lunch meal. Please let me know if you have any suggestions, I am always open to solutions. We also need to be aware of the importance of paying the dues for our club. Guys, it's \$20.00 per year. Maybe we all don't understand what the dues are for. The dues pay for our printing costs, postage, insurance and state dues. If everyone doesn't pay their dues it puts us in jeopardy for any financial situation that may arise. So, now that all that is said, I want to let you know how much I have enjoyed being a member of SIR and how much I have enjoyed getting to know many of you and I am looking forward to a great year in our SIR Branch.



### Jan. Program

By Gary Goodman

Big Sir Gary Goodman will present the officers of Branch 103. He will also give the state of the Branch and what we can look forward to in the year 2019. He will give the membership a chance to offer their suggestions and ideas at this time, so come prepared.

### Help Paradise Fire Sirs?

Many members have asked about supporting Sirs from Paradise and Magalia who have lost their homes and possessions in the Camp Fire. Here's how you can help... Donate via our new GoFundMe account We have set up a Sir GoFundMe (GFM) online account to accept donations from individual Sirs by credit or debit card at: <http://bit.ly/Donate2ParadiseSirs>

### Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

Minutes of November 16, 2018 Board Meeting.  
Attendance: Big Sir Richard Provost, Little Sir Gary Goodman, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Treasurer Tim Anglim. Directors: Don Reed, Gary DelNero, Bill Caldwell, Bob Kredit.  
Absent: Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse, Directors Dennis Imhoff and John Johansen.  
Committee Representatives present: Don Reed (Bulletin), Richard Provost (Membership), Gary DelNero (Sunshine), Tom Evans (programs),  
Guests: Doug Imberi (Little Sir elect)  
Call to Order: Big Sir, Richard Provost, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Marie Callender's, Modesto. There were 9 Executive Board members present for a quorum.  
**REPORTS: Secretary:** Nov. 16 Minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept Nov. minutes Rowe, 2nd Barnard. PASSED  
**Treasurer:** Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$5398.92. Deposits: Ladies Day lunch tickets, \$368. Total receipts: \$368. Checks written: \$2828.38-Lunch, \$24 to Don Rowe, Past Big Sir badge, Funstrummers, \$200, UPS Store, \$27.03, printing, \$20.00 to Don Reed for postage. Total Deductions: \$3,099.41. Balance: \$2,667.51. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd Rowe- PASSED.  
**Membership:** Richard Provost reported that we have 160 active members. We have 1 new member, Donny Coonce, for a total of 161 members. Motion to accept the membership report- Kredit 2nd Reed- PASSED. Motion: Drop the following from our membership roll- -Elmer Bois, Robert Saylor, Gary Pattee, Bud Andrew, Tom Hatagowit, and John Johansen- Rowe, 2nd Del Nero-PASSED  
**Luncheon:** The lunch and service were very good! The Funstrummers were very enjoyable also.  
**Correspondence:**  
**Program:** Tom Evans reported that Jan. of course, Big Sir, Gary Goodman, will speak. For Feb., we have Candi Woertz on a mentoring program for High Schoolers. For March, we have our newly elected Sheriff, Jeff Dirkse. In April, we will have Judy Kindle from Sierra Vista. Tom also said that Arnold Chavez from the Great Valley Museum donated two fam-

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# GOLF

# Travel

By John Reedy



**NCGA DUES: \$48 and \$58 for new members.**

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**Mon., Jan. 7 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 103.**

**Mon., Jan. 14 – Atwater, 9:00 a.m.**

SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.

**Tues., Jan. 22 – Mickle Grove, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$38 (cart incl.) Host 144.**

**Mon., Jan. 28 – Manteca 9:00 a.m. SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164.**

**Mon., Feb. 4 – Creekside, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$31 (cart optl.) Host 103.**

**Mon., Feb. 11 – Pheasant Run, 9:00 a.m. SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143.**

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The website for our golf club is:  
<http://www.sirinc2.org/area22golf/>

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Golf chairman for Branch 103 is John Reedy. Mail your checks (made out to SIR Golf) to John at 4637 Webster Rd., Oakdale, CA 95361-9327, 209 869-6888, e-mail: [jrbaldeagle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrbaldeagle@sbcglobal.net)  
John's co-chairmen: Kerry Newman, 579-7747 and Jerry Hott, 602-2910.

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All Golfers Welcome to Play -- Modesto Muni 9-holes of golf Thursdays at 8 a.m., every week, except holidays and if it rains to hard. NCGA membership not required to just golf and take part in closest to the hole contest. Sign-ups start at 7 a.m. on a first come first served basis. We have coffee and \$1 donuts for those wishing to purchase on a first come first served basis. Call Don Reed at 524-5374 or Bob Kredit at 672-0326.

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Branch 136 (Sonora) plays Mt. Springs. To check time and dates contact Paul Padavana at [paulp\\_57@yahoo.com](mailto:paulp_57@yahoo.com)

## Branch 103 Website

The Branch 103 Website can be found at [www.sirinc2.org/branch103](http://www.sirinc2.org/branch103)

By Bill Stires

### Baseball Spring Training aka. Adult Spring Break

March 11 to March 15, 2019  
(We are flying this year)

Price: \$1,648 per person Double Occupancy \$2,148 single  
Includes: Air transportation, hotel, 3 baseball games, all bus transportation, gratuities, game bucks, dinners at Rustlers Roost, Don and Charies Dinner Show, plus much, much more.

Minimum of 20 passengers, trip is guaranteed to go.

*If you are interested in a Spring Training Trip with the Sons in Retirement, better get it now. This is the last one planned and no more in the future.*

### LAND TOUR OF DENALI CRUISE OF ALASKA AUG. 23-SEPT. 3, 2019

Cruise on the Crystal Symphony (848 passengers). All inclusive, all transportation, hotels, all beverages, free Wi-Fi, pre-paid gratuities, enrichment classes and more. Shore excursions are not included.

4 day land tour of Denali and 8 day cruise of Alaska (Anchorage to Vancouver) Cruising the Inside Passage and Tracy Arms.

Prices \$5350 to \$6525 per person. \$300 per person discount at time of presentation, \$125 discount if paid by check, save 2.5% of cruise fare if paid by February 15, 2019.

### FUTURE TRIP

Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Stay in Oberammergan, Germany for the Passion Play (only performed once every 10 years). August 29-Sept. 9, 2020.

The play is a staging of Jesus' passion, covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem and leading to his execution by crucifixion.

Price: Approximately \$5700 per person. Air Fare to be determined in Oct. 2019.

Price includes all transportation, hotels, gratuities for tour manager, and more. \$500.00 deposit per person holds spot. Final payment not due until March 1, 2020

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All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 22 website for printing:

<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

Note that friends, neighbors, family, etc. can go on these trips. they do not need to be SIR members to enjoy the trips.

Contact Bill Stires for detailed Flyers and Applications for all SIR travel at 544-2684. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350. [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com)  
Travelers are urged to carry with them an up to date list of their medications.

Remember your \$20  
Branch 103 Membership  
dues for 2019  
Write check to SIR 103

## SIR 103 Couples Dine-Out

The next dine out will be  
**JAN. 26, 2019 4:30 P.M.**

### La Parillia

McHenry Village, Modesto

\$5 corking fee for wine

Your hosts will be Tom and Diane Evans

Please confirm your reservations by

Friday, Jan. 19, 2019

E-mail [tevans7810@msn.com](mailto:tevans7810@msn.com)

By phone to Tom's son Steven at 581-1049

Dine Out events are for the benefit of Sir Members and their spouse, lady friend or significant other. Smaller groups lend themselves to interesting conversations with fellow Sirs and their spouses, as well as allowing restaurants to show off their service and best cuisine. Each member picks up their own tab. A different Sir member chooses the restaurant each month.

## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The ladies luncheon will be  
**Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019**

at the

Twisted Pig

2717 Coffee Rd., Modesto.

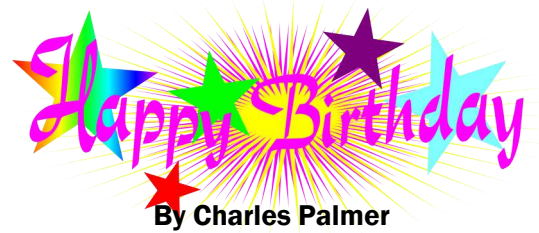
Please call Barbara Webb and advise so she can have plenty of space arranged.

Please call 209-526-6511 or Chrissy Imhoff at 846-6529

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Guys you need to start telling your wives about this SIR Ladies' monthly luncheon.



Officers for Branch 103 2019 were installed by Richard Provost, past Big Sir, on the right. From L-R: Secretary Don Rowe, Bill Caldwell, Little Sir Doug Imberi, Bob Kredit, Gary Del Nero, Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, Treasurer Tim Anglim, Big Sir Gary Goodman. Not pictured were Assistant Treasurer Joe Stackhouse and Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard. (Who were not listening when the call came.)



By Charles Palmer

Robert Fachner	1/27/1953	#11
John Faria	1/20/1947	#15
Joe Terra	1/14/1948	#19
Stephen A. Bruce	1/26/1949	#28
Marion Roberts	1/16/1933	#46
Donald Reed	1/13/1935	#57
Julian Andona	1/7/1939	#67
Claude McMillen	1/9/1943	#76
Gary McManus	1/19/1947	#83
Charles Fox	1/14/1927	#144
Ken Haub	1/1/1945	#205
Jim Waterman	1/14/1947	#217
Emiliano Perez	1/21/1936	#220
Larry Sallee	1/29/1952	#221
Francis Flaim	1/3/1944	#232



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

**WEEK #17:** John Schamante SG-SS-HS 236-648-687. Don Binney HG 251. **WEEK #18:** Larry Sallee SG-SS 243-640, Ed Davis HG-HS 270-670. **WEEK #19:** Don Reed SG-SS-HG-HS 244-621-278-723. **WEEK #20:** Joe Bradley SG-HG 244-265, John Sherrad SS 588,



Dom Genova HS 680.

**Branch 103 Sirs cashing in the Nov. 1-2 Bill Tisdall Tournament: Dave Brown 1st in A Div. and Larry Salle 6th In B Div. Chuck Nichols 4th and Gene Cox 5th. In A Doubles Larry Sallee/John Sherrard 2nd. In B Div. Doubles Dom Genova/Steve Hughes 1st. Dave Brown had 6th and Larry Sallee 8th in All Events.**

**STATE BOWLING** — State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: Tues., Jan. 8, Pacific Bowl Stockton. Tues.-Wed., Jan. 22-23, Napa Bowl, Napa. Tues.-Wed., Feb. 12-13, Granada Bowl, Livermore. Tues.-Wed., Mar, 19-20, Diablo Lanes, Concord.

Check the State SIR Bowling at [sirinc.com](http://sirinc.com) or contact bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli at 406-8156 for applications.

Lots of fun bowling. For entry forms or for joining a team, call bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli 406-8156.

It is never to late to start bowling. We have bowlers well into their 80's and even their 90's. Meet bowlers from the four Branches of Sons In Retirement (Area 18).

The league is always looking for experienced or new bowlers.

# Membership

By Charles Palmer

**MEMBER RESIGNED:**

John Johansen Badge #2  
Gary Pattee Badge #116

**DROPPED MEMBERS:**

Bud Andrews Badge #123  
Tom Hatagowit Badge #226  
Robert Saylor Badge #123

**DECEASED:**

Elmer E. "Ed" Bois Badge #18

**NEW MEMBER:**

Donny Coonce (Rhonda) Badge #35

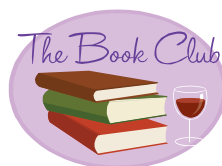
1929 Lifetime Dr.  
Modesto, CA 95355-1525  
209 918-3889, 403-4197  
Donny coonce@hotmail.com —  
Fish, Golf, Hunt, Travel

**ADDRESS CHANGE:**

Chuck Nichols Badge #198  
118 West Clausen Rd.,  
Turlock, CA 95380-9771

**REMINDER: SIR Members are required to attend at least one-half of the luncheons in a 12 month period. (Not counting Ladies' Day) If you wish to continue to participate in golf or bowling, you need to make sure you are eligible.**

**The new edition of SIR Happenings has been posted on the SIR website: <http://sirinc.org/sirhappenings/>**



Earl Glenn will open and close the book cabinet each luncheon.

You can take and bring books. There are usually some good and entertaining books available.

**STATE OFFICERS**

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011  
 Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle .....209 652-8608  
 Gov. Area 18 Patrick Reed .....209 289-3314

**BRANCH 103 OFFICERS**

Big Sir Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Little Sir Doug Imberi .....596-1298  
 Secretary Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard ..... 572-1937  
 Treasurer Tim Anglim ..... 578-4593  
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
 Richard Provost .....577-8219  
 Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Bob Kredit.....672-0326  
 William "Bill" Caldwell ..... 529-4125  
 Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Don Reed .....524-5374

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN**

Membership Charles Palmer .....836-4164  
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219  
 Program Chair Tom Evans .....551-1836  
 Program Chair Asst. Doug Imberi .....545-3053  
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Public Relations Bob Kredit .....672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli .....406-8156  
 Bowling Dominic Genova .....523-1663  
 Golf Chair, John Reedy .....869-6888  
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman .....579-7747  
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott .....602-2910  
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman .....574-9301  
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn .....537-7254  
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires .....544-2684  
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Sales Asst., Kerry Newman .....579-7747  
 Lunch Menu, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Data Processing Richard Provost .....577-8219  
 Computer Club .....Open  
 Special Events Richard Provost .....577-8219  
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972  
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Raffle .....Roy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan  
 Table Setup, Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell .....529-4125  
 Table Setup, Jim Bickner .....522-4345  
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis .....522-4080  
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman .....578-0848  
 Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Kerry Elms  
 Nominating Committee: Richard Provost,

Dennis Imhoff, and Bob Kredit

Honorary Life Members: Bill Caldwell, Lon Loudermilk and Don Reed

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Don Reed ..... sir103\_57@yahoo.com ..... 524-5374

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
 Friday following each Regular Branch Meeting at 7:30 a.m.  
**MARIE CALLENDER'S**  
 3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto

**If you are unable to attend the Monthly Luncheon, please call Charles "Bob" Palmer at 209 836-4164 pepabob@hotmail.com**

**Executive Committee, continued from page 1**

ily passes to the Museum. Tom put them on the raffle for the Ladies Day.  
 Sunshine: Gary Del Nero reported that he sent a card to Max Stowers who had surgery. He is trying to see if Dick Kershner is okay. James Dean is ill, and Gary contacted him. Great to see Joe Stackhouse and Bob Sykes at the luncheon.  
 Newsletter/Thursday golf: Don Reed reported the newsletter is going well. He is working on the Directory for The Jan. meeting. He will have 50 printed.  
 Golf: NA  
 Bowling: NA  
 Merchandising: NA  
 Special Events: NA  
 Travel: NA.  
 Computer: **LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER(S) TO TAKE OVER THE COMPUTER CLUB**  
 Dine Out: Tom Evans will host Jan. Details will be in the newsletter.  
 Old Business: Bob Kredit looked into the post card idea and said it was not necessary.  
 New Business: A Discussion concerning whether we should have dues rather than donations. Motion: Assess members for dues- Goodman, 2nd Caldwell -FAILED  
 A discussion about the contract for next year with the Elks was had. The proposal from the Elks to raise the price to \$18.00 and keep all the other items as we have had. Richard went to Seasons and found that they also are charging the same amount.  
 Motion to accept the Elks contract for 2019 going into effect in Feb: Rowe, 2nd Kredit-PASSED (This January lunch price will remain \$16)  
 Other: Gary thanked Richard for his service and gave a gift to him.  
 Adjournment: 8:27 A.M.

**SIR DISCLAIMER and ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS**

All trips and other activities arranged by and for SONS IN RETIREMENT, Inc., and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the passengers, or their property, in any matter pertaining to said tours or other activities. Regular members missing three (3) consecutive meetings shall be notified by Form Letter 4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to the attendance

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Wed., Jan. 23**  
**Elks' Lodge**

**645 Charity Way**  
**Modesto**  
**Phone 524-4421**

**FELLOWSHIP: 10:30 AM**  
**LUNCHEON: 11:20 AM**



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