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Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

I'm glad to hear that most of you have already paid your dues for 2020. Thank you to all who taken care of that. Those of you who have not done so yet, please take care of this so we can move on to other things. On the topic of money, our lunch fee is going up \$1.00 for a total of \$19.00. I don't like it, but that is the way things are going. Any of you who have tried to rent a hall lately know how pricey these places are. Many other clubs pay more, at least the food is much better than when I joined SIR a few years back. How many of you would like to do more than play golf or bowl? I've noticed on your application forms that almost everyone has checked off more activities than just golf and bowling. Both those are supported by outstanding platforms and people that are committed to making it happen. I think we can do the same in other areas on a smaller scale such as bocce ball, or horseshoes, or cribbage, or anything else you would like to do. Please let me know if you would like to do more in the way of activities and I'll do my utmost to "get 'er done." Finally, thanks to all who help make this organization run. If it weren't for you, there would be no SIR. If you would like to help out, talk to one of our officers or the board of directors, and we will find a place for you to contribute. Hey, it has been in the 70's all week here in the Coachella Valley with plenty of sunshine and blue skies, and the arthritis is at bay. See you in the Spring.



Big Sir Doug Imberi

Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

February Program

By Tom Evans

Elks Club Presentation

Brad Smith, from the Elks Club, will give a presentation about the Elk's Club. He has served as the Exalted Ruler in Modesto. He will speak about the activities for the members and their action in the community.

Note: Remember your \$20 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2020, if not paid! Write check to SIR 103

Minutes of January 24, 2020

Attendance: Little Sir, Mike Lenz, Secretary, Don Rowe, Treasurer, Tim Anglim. Directors: Gary Goodman, Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, Gary Del Nero, and Jeff Chin.
Absent: Big Sir Doug Imberi, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse, Director Vince Rucobo, Bill Stires, (Travel), John Reedy, (Golf).
Committee Representatives present: Jeff Chin (newsletter, Computer Club), Tom Evans, (Programs), Tom Evans, (Programs), Gary Del Nero, (Sunshine), Don Reed, (Thurs. Golf), Dennis Imhoff, (Merchandise), Bob Kredit, (Membership and Data Processing).
Guests: Area Governor, Richard Provost.
Call to Order: Little Sir, Mike Lenz, called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. at Denny's, Modesto. There were 8 Executive Board members present for a quorum.
Secretary: December 20 minutes were offered for modification: Motion to accept December minutes- Rowe, 2nd Goodman-PASSED
Treasurer: Treasurer Tim Anglim reported: Beginning balance: \$2573.20. Deposits: lunch, \$1,746, Donations \$1,906.00, raffle, \$82.00 Contributions from lunch, \$4.81, Logo sales, \$108.00, refund of excess Dec. meal charge, \$102.23. Total receipts: \$3,944.23. Checks written: \$1,759.14-Lunch, Jeff Chin-printing, \$14.03, SIR, INC. Assessment, \$288.75. Deductions Total: \$2,061.92. Balance \$4,455.51. Motion to accept: Anglim, 2nd, Chin - PASSED.
Membership: We have 3 new member applicants: Martin Fauria, David Seivert, and Mark Vasche. Motion: Accept the new members, Reed, 2nd Imhoff-PASSED
We had 2 members dropped: Gary McManus and Jim Cloward. We have 161 members. Motion: Accept the membership report, Rowe, 2nd Imhoff-PASSED
Bob Kredit suggested that we reduce the dues by \$5.00 per quarter for new members. Motion, Chin, 2nd, Reed-PASSED
Luncheon: Gary Goodman worked with the Elks Banquet on a contract for 2020. Beginning January 31, 2020, the meals will cost \$19.00. Motion to accept new contract, Goodman, 2nd, Rowe-PASSED.
Correspondence: none
Program: The Elks Club will do a presentation in February. Big Sir Doug will give his State of Branch 103 Address. Tom will seek to get Pete Vella from Gallo Wine. Anyone will an idea for a

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GOLF

Travel

By John Reedy



Our new website for Area 18 golf is: https://www.sirinc2.org/public_html/area18golf. The old website:

<http://sirinc2.org/area22golf/> will work until June 2020. Please start using the new secure website.

Mon., Feb. 3—Creskide, 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 103

Mon., Feb. 10—Pheasant Run, 9:00 SG, \$43 (cart incl.) Host 143

Tues., Feb. 18—Manteca, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon., Feb. 24—Elkhorn, 9:00 SG, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 144

Mon., Mar. 2—Manteca, 9:00 SG, \$44 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon., Mar. 9—Creskide, (Match Play), 9:00 SG, \$33 (cart opt.) Host 143

Mon., Mar. 16—Reserve, 9:00 SG, \$54 (cart incl.) Host 144

Mon., Mar. 23—Swenson, 9:00 SG, \$27 (cart opt.) Host 103

Mon., Mar. 30—Dryden, 9:00 SG, \$32 (cart opt.) Host 144

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**. John's co-chairmen: Kerry Newman, **579-7747** and Jerry Hott, **602-2910**.

-- 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 6:30 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**.

By Bill Stires

Laguna Arts Festival Pageant of the Masters in Southern California July 26-29, 2020

Price: Double \$1,895 Single \$2,290
Tour Includes: Airport Transfers, roundtrip airfare to Los Angeles 3 night stay at the Best Western Plus in Long Beach. Tour of Ronald Reagan Library. Gondola Cruise, Dinner at Naples Rib Company. Roundtrip transportation aboard the Catalina Express. Avalon Scenic Tour of Catalina Island. Tour of Mission San Juan Capistrano. Admission in the Sawdust Festival. Dinner at Tivoli Terrace. Reserved Main Tier Center Tier seats at the Pageant of Masters. Guided Tour of Los Angeles. Admission into Space Shuttle Endeavor exhibit.
5 meals: 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
Gratuities for bus driver and step-on guides.

Early reservation is urged to insure Main Tier Center Seats at Pageant. Must have 20 passengers by March 1, 2020 to make trip a go.
\$500 per person deposit to hold place for trip.
Final payment Due May 18, 2020

HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL TOUR FEATURING MACKINAC ISLAND'S GRAND HOTEL May 7- 14, 2020

Price: \$3,365 Dble. \$4,415 Sgle.
Tour Includes: Airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit
Airport transfers, 2 nights in Holland Michigan, visit Tulip Gardens and a working Windmill, attend the Festival along with the Music Parade. 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel on Mackinac Island with horse-drawn carriage tour
A tour of the Ford factory and watch a F150 pickup truck being built
Plus optional tours and much, much more, and \$40 in Mayflower Money.
Final payment due on January 15, 2020.

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

All the reservation forms are available on the SIR Area 18 website for printing:
<http://sirinc2.org/branch144/travel>

GOLDEN GATE FIELDS April 18, 2020

Price: \$143.00 per person
The SIR Area 18 & Friends will be traveling on a Storer Tours bus to beautiful Golden Gate Fields Race Track for the day. Here we will try our luck to Win, Place or Show at the horse races. Upon arrival, we will receive a racing program and seating in the Turf Club. You will enjoy a delicious buffet lunch and a fun afternoon of horse racing.
Turf Club Dress Code: All guests are requested to dress in smart casual style. Ladies Stylish festival hats and stylish casual footwear including tennis shoes are welcomed. Sweat pants, T-Shirts, baseball hats, flip flops, shorts of any style and tank tops are not allowed. Golden Gate Fields reserve the right to deny access into the Turf Club if wearing inappropriate attire.
Minimum of 30 passengers needed by March 18, 2020 or the trip will be cancelled. Maximum of 44 passengers, sign up early to guarantee your seat!

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 or cell ph. 209 988-5445. Mail to Bill at 241B Leveland Lane, Modesto, CA 95350. bstires46@gmail.com

Travelers are urged to carry with them an up-to-date list of their medications.

RV Club Formation

There has been discussion on the possible formation of an RV Club. If there is enough interest, steps will be taken to make that happen. If you are interested, speak to any board member.

CODE FOR GALLO

You can use promo code SIRS 1920 when ordering tickets online. There is a section when you check out to enter promo code. You are asked that the code is only for SIR members and not shared.

Branch 103 Website

www.sirinc2.org/



By Bob Kredit

Ken Haub	1/01/1945	#205
Larry Owens	2/04/1943	#129
Mike Alves	2/09/1948	#50
Don Rowe	2/19/1949	#216
Steve Holly	2/19/1945	#21
Gilbert Moss	2/20/1943	#31
Earl Glenn	2/21/1942	#126
Doug Imberi	2/22/1950	#7
Roger Smith	2/23/1952	#180

Bowling



League Bowls Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

McHenry Bowl, 3700 McHenry Ave., Modesto

Results from week 23 of league:

First Place-Team 4(G.Cox, B.Woolley, W. Rash, S.Bruce) **Season High Scores:** Scratch game: D.Brown-267, Handicap game: B.Lewis-288, Scratch series: D.Erreca-728, Handicap series: S.Hughes-771. Average: D. Erreca-214.39

STATE BOWLING – State SIR Bowling tournaments are held many times during the year: **Area 18 will hold the 2020 State SIR Tournament at McHenry Lanes on May 13-14, 2020. Local bowlers take note and plan on taking part!** Check the State SIR Bowling at sirinc.org or contact bowling chairman Jim Pastorelli at 406-8156 for applications.

Membership

By Bob Kredit

NEW MEMBERS:

Martin Fauria Badge #4
10605 Rio Sombra Dr.
Oakdale, CA 95361 209 602-7935
mfauria@comcast.net

Mark Vasche (Pam) Badge#62
1101 Petersburg Way
Modesto, CA 95355 209 402-8390
mvasche@gmail.com

David Seibert (Linda) Badge #49
3417 Sharon Ave.
Modesto, CA 95355 209 505-8990
Harleyseibert@comcast.net
Golf, antique cars

MEMBERSHIP DROPS:

Gary McManus
Jim Cloward

Couples Branch 103 Dine-Out

The next couple's Dine-Out will be at

La Parrilla

**McHenry Village
February 25, 2020**

Meet 4:30 pm, Dinner 5:00 pm
\$10 corkage fee for wine.

Your hosts will be Bob and Gretchen Kredit. Please confirm your reservation by email (bkred8209@aol.com)

or call 209-672-0326.

LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies luncheon Every
3rd Thursday At 11:30 A.M.
Thursday, February 20

At

Marie Callendars
3500 Coffee Rd., Modesto
Please call Barbara Webb
if you will be attending
at 209-526-6511

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



Dennis Imhoff, SIRINC27 from Branch 103 is presented a Certificate of Appreciation from State President Ed Benson by Governor 18 RICHARD Provost and Region 2 Director Rick Kindle.



Membership Chair Bob Kredit with new member Jim McKay.

STATE OFFICERS

State Pres. Ed Benson..... 925 943-7011
 Reg. 2 Director Richard Kindle209 652-8608
 Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost..209 577-8219

BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

Big Sir Doug Imber596-1298
 Little Sir Michael Lenz480-8556
 Secretary Don Rowe634-0100
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard572-1937
 Treasurer Tim Anglim578-4593
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
 Jeffery Chin602-3912
 Gary Goodman578-0848
 Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Don Reed524-5374
 Vince Rucobo968-8931

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Membership Charles Palmer836-4164
 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219
 Program Chair Tom Evans551-1836
 Program Chair Asst. Michael Lenz480-8556
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit672-0326
 Public Relations Bob Kredit672-0326

Bowling Jim Pastorelli406-8156
 Bowling Dominic Genova523-1663
 Golf Chair, John Reedy,869-6888
 Golf Co-Chair, Kerry Newman579-7747
 Golf Co-Chair, Gerald Hott602-2910
 Golf Handicap Barry Meiselman574-9301
 Book Exchange, Earl Glenn537-7254
 Travel Area 18 Bill Stires 988-5445, 544-2684
 Merchandise Sales, Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Lunch Menu, Doug Imber596-1298
 Data Processing Richard Provost577-8219
 Computer Club Jeffery Chin602-3912
 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff846-9529
 Sunshine Chair: Gary Del Nero681-1100
 Chaplain Joe Stackhouse.....543-0972
 Asst. Chaplain, Gary Goodman578-0848
 Meal Tickets Don Rowe634-0100
 RaffleRoy Bruk, Jim Bickner, Mike Filan
 Table Setup, Don Rowe634-0100
 Table Setup, Bill Caldwell529-4125
 Table Setup, Jim Bickner522-4345
 Lead Singer, Ed Davis522-4080
 Backup Singer, Gary Goodman578-0848
 Audit Committee: Kerry Newman, Kerry Elms
 Nominating Committee: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff, and Vince Rucobo

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

NEWSLETTER EDITORS

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**EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING**
 Friday following each Regular
 Branch Meeting at 7:30 a.m.
DENNY'S
 1525 Orangeburg Ave., Modesto

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speaker, let Tom Evans know.
Sunshine: Gary contacted Charles (Bob) Palmer and reported that he is getting help from the VA. Gary also presented Gary Goodman with a "cooking cool" present.
Newsletter: Jeff said the newsletter is going well.
Thursday golf: Don said the number has gone down the last few rounds due to the weather. There were 22 players yesterday. Little Sir Lenz said that Don should talk to Kelly at Creekside to take the place of Muni after it closes.
Bowling: N/A
Merchandising: Dennis will be getting information on a vendor.
Data Processing: Richard Provost said that Bob Kredit will take over.
Travel: N/A
Computer: Jeff reported that he has had members seeking help and asking questions.
Dine Out: In January 2020 Bill and Betty Caldwell are hosting at Johnny Carinos (by the Mall) on January 28 at 5:00 P.M. They charge \$10 for corkage.
Old Business: N/A
New Business: N/A.
Other: 1. Richard Provost informed the Board that Forms 27 and 28 are due on the 30th of each month. 2. Members are calling the Elks Club with complaints. **IF MEMBERS HAVE COMPLAINTS, THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE BIG SIR OR LITTLE SIR, NOT THE ELKS CLUB!** 3. Tabled discussion about attending the speakers presentations.
 Adjournment: 8:25 A.M.

NOTICE!!

**If you are unable to attend the
Monthly Luncheon, please call**

Bob Kredit

At 209 672-0326

bkred8209@aol.com

**NEXT MEETING
February 26
Elks' Lodge**

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

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

**Any complaints about SIR must be
conveyed to BIG SIR or LITTLE SIR**

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