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## Stanislaus SIR Branch 103

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### Big Sir Crows By Doug Imberi

Well, here we are. Things should be getting better, but they ain't. Thank God most of us SIRs have been vaccinated which is more than I can say for the county, state or nation. I know I feel safer with the vaccine and will go out more often than if I wasn't vaccinated. In person meetings are very fluid at the moment. We have been getting about 30 or so for our meetings at the Golden Corral. We can put a few more in that room, but I don't think we can safely put many more in there. Based on our July meeting I thought we might find out if we are getting smaller or larger, but we had about the same numbers as our June meeting there. But Golden Corral is not in our future. We need a bigger room, more tables, a public address system and a place we can store our banners, books, and associated paraphernalia that we use at our meetings. The Elks are out of the picture. They will not hire any employees and continue to operate with only volunteers. We need to find a new place and are actively looking. If you know of a place that can accommodate us, please let me know.

Thanks to all of you who paid their dues on time. Last chance letters went out to all who had not paid their dues by August 1. So if you intend to play golf, bowl, travel, come to a lunch or participate in any SIR activity you have to get your dues in by August 18. We also started calling our members to find out what their intentions are about SIRs. We really need to get a handle on who is coming back, who is not and generally what are your concerns. So if you see an unknown caller, answer it or at least return the call so we can know what your doing.

Elections are coming up at our next meeting. It is the same ole guys as usual with exception of Dick Nelson who is running for Little Sir. If you have any nominations of officers, let me know so we can add them to the ballot. We need another Branch Executive Committee member to replace Don Reed who has done a lot for our organization. He put out the newsletter for many years, brings humor to share at our meetings and organizes our Thursday morning golf outings, which alone is a huge undertaking. Thanks Don for all you do for SIR. You deserve a break.

### Executive Committee

By Secretary Don Rowe (First Draft)

**Attendance:** Big SIR Doug Imberi, Little SIR Jeff Chin, Secretary, Don Rowe. Directors: Don Reed, Dennis Imhoff, and Gary Goodman.

**Absent:** Treasurer Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer, Joe Stackhouse Assistant Secretary Coe Barnard, Director: Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero, and Kerry Newman, and Bill Stires (travel)

**Committee Representatives** present: Tom Evans, (programs), Jeff Chin (newsletter and Computer Club), Dennis Imhoff (Merchandise), John Reedy (Golf) (Bob Kredit (Membership and data processing)

**Guests:** Governor, Richard Provost, State Sir Vice President, Rick Kindle.

**Call to Order:** Big SIR Doug Imberi, called the meeting to order at 12:57 A.M. at Golden Corral. **There were 6 Executive Board members present; therefore, no quorum.**

**Items may be discussed, but no action can take place. Actions need to be acted upon at the Aug. 25 meeting.**

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** June 23 Minutes were offered for modification.



Big Sir Doug Imberi

### August Program

By Tom Evans

There will be no speaker at our August meeting at the Golden Corral, 3737 Mc Henry Ave., Modesto. The meeting will begin at 11:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Party Room, which will be closed off to the public. Each individual will pay for their lunch and drink when entering the restaurant.

All members in attendance must either have a vaccination card or negative test results to participate.

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# GOLF

By John Reedy



Here is the information about the golf restart. The schedule is below. All payments for golf must be made by 6:00 PM Wednesday before the Monday Tournament. There will be NO payments at the golf course. **Mail all checks to John Reedy, 4637 Webster Road, Oakdale, CA 95361-9327. Make all checks to SIRs Golf. Write on the bottom of the check the date of the tournament and the course.**

If you want to ride/play with somebody, please let us know, give us all the information (ride, walk, play with/ride, etc.)

The courses where it says Cart Optional, you must pay for the golf fees and the cart fees at the same time with the mailed check.

No cart fees paid at the course. Example: Creekside-\$33 plus cart fees-\$48 total check. If you have a punch card, then \$9 plus cart fee-\$24.

Mon. Aug. 16-Creekside, 8:00 SG,\$34 (cart opt.\$15) Host 143

Mon. Aug. 23-Manteca, 8:00 SG,\$45 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon. Aug. 30-Atwater, 8:00 SG,\$47 (cart incl.) Host 144

Tues. Sept. 7-Pheasant Run, 8:00 SG,\$54 (cart incl.) Host 103

Mon. Sept. 13-Dryden, 8:00 SG,\$32 (cart opt.\$15) Host 143

Mon. Sept. 20-Micke Grove, 8:00 SG,\$45 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon. Sept. 27-Creekside, 8:00 SG,\$34 (cart opt.\$15) Host 144

Mon. Oct. 4-Manteca, 9:00, \$45 (cart incl.) Host 164

Mon. Oct. 11-Atwater, 9:00, \$47 (cart incl.) Host 143

Mon. Oct. 18-Dryden, 9:00, \$32 (cart opt. \$15) Host 103

Mon. Oct. 25-Elkhorn, 9:00, \$48 (cart incl.) Host 164

**Note: Remember your \$10 Branch 103 Membership dues for 2021. Must be paid by August meeting to participate in any SIR activity including golf. Write check to SIR 103**

## Muni-Creekside Golf

Muni-Creekside Golf is an activity that was created by Bob Kredit and Don Reed. This is now a SIR sponsored event. This is a weekly event held at Creekside Golf Course on Thursday mornings. Tee times are first come, first serve, and requests must be made by email or message to Bob Kredit at 9:00 pm the prior Wednesday to the golf tee time. You must have a tee time before coming to the course.

Each player must check-in with Bob inside or outside the Grill before checking in with the course. Bob will also collect your \$3.00.

Course rules are in effect. Do not touch the flag. 2 players will ride in the same cart and split the cost, if you want to ride single, you will pay the full cost of the cart. No rakes in the bunkers. No 5somes are allowed. At the end of 9 holes, you must turn in your card to Don inside or outside the Grill with 2 signatures. If you play 18, keep a separate card for the back nine. You are responsible to post your own back nine score. Closest To The Hole will be #8. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be in the bag. Do not handle the equipment unless you are on the green. There will not be a common pencil provided. Use your own.

There will be no gathering, and prize payouts will be the next time we see you.

**END OF SEASON GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BANQUET ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES. CONTACT JOE STACKHOUSE FOR ASSISTANCE WITH DONATIONS.**

# Members with Paid Dues for 2021

These members have paid their dues for 2021. Your membership dues for 2021 must be paid by the August Luncheon in order to participate in any SIR activities, including: golf, bowling, travel, and luncheons. The dues for 2021 have been reduced to half the regular dues. The dues for 2021 are \$10.00. Your dues may be paid to the Treasurer, Tim Anglim, at the luncheon meeting.

Angelton Fred  
Anglim Timothy  
Axtel Bill  
Bac Donald  
Barnard Coe  
Bender Paul  
Bickner Jimmie  
Bishop Robert  
Bommarito Chuck  
Bradley Joseph  
Brown David  
Bruk Roy  
Butrica Berry  
Cabusas Reynaldo  
Caldwell William  
Carney Donald  
Cherry Terry  
Cherry Oscar  
Chin Jeffery  
Counce Donny  
Cooper David  
Cox Gene  
Davidson Robert  
Davis Ed  
Del Nero Gary  
DeOcampo Rick  
Doniak Mark  
Elms Kerry  
Evans Tom  
Fachner Rusty  
Faria John  
Filan Michael  
Flagel Ronald  
Garza Ernie  
Genova Dominic  
Gianopoulos Tom  
Gibson Stephen  
Glenn Earl  
Goodman Gary  
Guida Edward

Hall Robert  
Havener L.D.  
Hermreck Dennis  
Hoddy Lee  
Holly Steve  
Hott Gerald  
Imberi Doug  
Imhoff Dennis  
Irby William  
Kershner Richard  
Kredit Robert  
Lafreniere Cliff  
Laurenti James  
Lemos John  
Lim Mark  
Locke Donald  
Luis Joe  
Maldonado Mike  
Manning Bob  
McCabe Robert  
McClellan Michael  
McKay James  
Nelson Richard  
Newman Kerry  
North Gerald  
Owens Larry  
Palmer Charles  
Pezzi Raymond  
Pinon Ed  
Prater Dave  
Provost Richard  
Quilici Lynn  
Rash Wesley  
Reed Donald  
Reedy John  
Reese Jerry  
Reeves Dan  
Roberts Marion  
Rodriguez Salvador  
Rowe Don

Rualo Hervi  
Saito Ronald  
Salle Larry  
Savage Joe  
Smith Roger  
Stackhouse Joe  
Standard Jim  
Sterling Earl  
Stevenson Donald  
Stowers Max  
Sykes Bob  
Taylor Johnny  
Tillery Raymond  
Underwood Lance  
Vasche Mark  
Von Buskirk Donald  
Wasmund Gary  
Webb Murle  
Whaley Vic  
Wirowek James

## Branch 103 General Membership/BEC Meeting

August 25, 2021

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

Golden Corral Buffet & Grill

3737 Mc Henry Ave.

Modesto, CA



Donald Carney	8/03/1946	#179
Michael Filan	8/04/1944	#196
Salvador Rodriguez	8/04/1945	#237
John McGrath	8/07/1950	#186
John Sherrard	8/07/1960	#161
David Brown	8/10/1947	#146
Jim Bickner	8/14/1939	#165
Roger Rauch	8/15/1953	#60
Jim Tanquary	8/19/1943	#200
Thomas Clarke	8/20/1947	#48
Rick DeOcampo	8/21/1964	#83
Michael Brady	8/25/1941	#75
Mark Lim	8/26/1947	#231
Kerry Newman	8/30/1938	#91
Gary Del Nero	8/30/1953	#68
Joseph Stackhouse	8/31/1943	#98
Daniel Reeves	8/31/1949	#34

## LADIES' DINE-OUT

The Ladies' Dine-out will on August 26, 2021 at My Garden Café, 3507 Tully Rd., #40, Modesto, at 11:30 am. All SIR wives/significant others are invited to attend. No reservation is required, however, all will be required to provide a copy of their vaccination card.



## Bowling

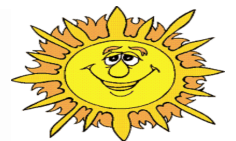
### SIR AND CLASSY LADIES LEAGUES

Dust off those bowling balls and get ready for winter leagues starting in August. Both leagues will return to Mc Henry Bowl with the same times on Tuesday afternoons. A change has been made about the start of the leagues. The leagues are set to begin with a meeting on September 7, with practice after the meeting. The leagues should start on September 14, 2021. All bowlers will have to provide vaccination proof and sign an activity waiver. Everyone is welcome to join the league. If you want to bowl and don't have a team yet, come to the first meeting on September 7 and we will find a team for you. Mc Henry Bowl is now open for practice.

### SIR STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

August 25 & 26	Grace Valley	Prosperity Lanes
Sept. 21 & 22	Carson City	Gold Dust West
Sept. 28	Brentwood	Harvest Park
Oct. 19 & 20	Citrus Heights	Fireside Lanes
Nov. 4 & 5	Modesto	McHenry Bowl

Contact Dom Genova, 523-1663, for more info.



By Gary Del Nero

Has been a busy month. Had three members pass all in the Modesto Bee same day. Darwin Skiles, Larry Maxfield and Gilbert Moss. All sent condolences and cards. Card sent to Paul Bender, fell and has medical issues hopefully heals to back to normal. Card sent to, actually two cards to Kerry Newman, wife had surgery and Kerry had surgery. Then had, I believe, a stint put in. Our thoughts and prayers for both of them. Tom Evans came down with COVID. He spent a night in hospital intensive care unit. Tom then found out all in his house, which is two sons and wife getting COVID. All on the mend and in quarantine. Bob Kredit had some medical procedures done and we were all very worried about Bob. Good news, he is on the mend. I got to golf with him last Thursday. Gary Del Nero Sunshine 103

# Travel

By Bill Stires

## Top of Switzerland and Oberammergau, Germany and the Passion Play

August 27-September 7, 2022

Price: \$5,025 double occupancy (Land only) Airfare will be added in October 2021. Deposit of \$750 per person to hold reservation. There are only 4 spots left for our group.

Highlights:

**2 night stay in Zurich, Switzerland.** Tour of city and leisure time on own to explore this great Swiss city.

**1 night stay in Interlaken, Switzerland.** A trip to the "top of Europe" with a panorama 360 degree experience of viewing France, Germany, and Italy.

**2 night stay in Brienz, Switzerland.** Visit a wood-carving museum, walk through the romantic Brunngasse, once awarded the title, "Most Beautiful Street in Europe."

**2 night stay in Lucerne, Switzerland.** A tour of the city and a farewell dinner to Switzerland. Travel through Innsbruck, Austria and on to the picturesque city of Oberammergau, Germany.

**2 night stay in Oberammergau and the Passion Play.** The Passion Play takes place only once every 10 years and is performed by people that live in Oberammergau.

**2 night stay in Munich, Germany.** Orientation featuring Olympic Stadium, Olympic Tower and Marienplatz. 17 meals, headsets throughout the tour, and much more.

Contact Bill Stires at 209-988-5445 if interested in this trip.

**If interested in any trips, call Bill Stires at home phone 209-544-2684, cell phone 209-988-5445, or email [bstires46@gmail.com](mailto:bstires46@gmail.com) to receive a reservation form. Friends, neighbors and relatives can go on any of the SIR trips.**

## Trip to Louisville to Nashville

September 16-24, 2021

Price: \$4,195 per person, double occupancy  
Pay in Full at time of reservation

Featuring a tour of Churchill Downs and the UNESCO World Heritage site of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, including 2 nights in Louisville, Ashville, and Nashville. Tour features included: Roundtrip airport transfers, Airfare into Louisville, returning from Nashville., 8-day guided tour with tour manager, guided tour of Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby, 9 nights first class accommodations, 12 meals. Gratuities on all included features, bus driver and tour guide. **Space is limited and sold on first come basis only.** There are only 6 spots left for the trip.

## Holland Tulip Festival Tour Featuring Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel

May 12-19, 2022

Price: \$3,895 per person, double occupancy, \$5,375 single. Deposit \$650 per person

Final payment January 10, 2022

**CURRENT PRICES EXTENDED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2021**

Space for 10 more passengers

Trip highlights: airfare into Chicago, returning from Detroit, gratuities for tour manager and bus driver, spend one night in Chicago with a guided tour of the city, attend the annual Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, visit Veldheer-DeKlomp Musiekparade (music parade), spend two nights at the Grand Hotel, the crown jewel of Mackinac Island, tour Mackinaw Island via a horse-drawn carriage, take the River Rouge Ford Factory tour, \$40 in Mayflower Money. As this trip was cancelled last year, it will fill up fast.

## STATE OFFICERS

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 Reg. 2 Dir. Dale Decker.....209 533-0455  
 Gov. Area 18 Richard J. Provost..209 577-8219

## BRANCH 103 OFFICERS

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 Little Sir Jeffery Chin.....602-3912  
 Secretary Don Rowe .....634-0100  
 Asst. Secretary Coe Barnard ..... 572-1937  
 Treasurer Tim Anglim ..... 578-4593  
 Asst. Treasurer Joe Stackhouse..... 543-0972  
 Gary Goodman ..... 578-0848  
 Gary Del Nero .....681-1100  
 Dennis Imhoff ..... 846-9529  
 Don Reed ..... 524-5374  
 Kerry Newman ..... 579-7747  
 Mike Filan .....491-2555

## COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

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 Assistant Richard Provost.....577-8219  
 Program Chair Tom Evans .....551-1836  
 Program Chair Asst. Jeff Chin.....602-3912  
 Member Orientation, Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Public Relations Bob Kredit .....672-0326  
 Bowling Vern Masse .....  
 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  
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 Dine Out Dennis Imhoff .....846-9529  
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 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: Gary Goodman, Dennis Imhoff

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

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jeffery Chin ..... jefferygary@msn.com .....602-3912

## Executive Committee, continued from page 1

**Treasurer:** Tim Anglim's report showed that the beginning balance was \$3,996.10. Receipts: \$180.00-dues, donations (include \$20 from prior year. Total receipts- \$280.00. checks written-\$497.17-Dennis Imhoff for mugs, \$276.50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly SIR Inc.assessment. Total deductions-\$773.67. Ending balance is \$3,502.43.

**Big SIR:** 1. Big Sir Doug introduced State Sir Vice President, Rick Kindle, and Area 18 Gov. Richard Provost, to present the Honorary LifeTime Award to Bob Kredit. 2. Big Sir Doug call the Seasons about luncheon sites. They require 60 people in attendance. We have had only 30-37 attendance for the last two monthly luncheons, so we need to raise our attendance and membership.3. The Annual State Sir meeting is Aug 25 at 9:00 via zoom.

**Little SIR Little Sir Jeff will send letters to members that have not paid dues. Dues need to be paid by Aug. 18. Without payment, those members will be dropped from all Sir activities.**

**Membership:** It was reported that we have 156 members. We have no new applicants.

**Luncheon:** NA

**Correspondence:** NA

**Program:** We had no speaker. We will wait for some time in the future.

**Sunshine.** Gary Del Nero reported via email Gary also said that we have lost three more members, Darwin Skiles, Larry Maxfield, and Gilbert Moss. Paul Bender has had a medical issue that is progressing, but not totally healed. Kerry Newman and his wife have had surgeries. Tom Evan and his family all had Covid 19 (all were vaccinated). Bob Kredit is back and playing golf again. Condolences cards have been sent to all reported.

**Health and Safety:** NA

**Golf:** Don Reed said that they had 34 signed up for Thursday.

**Newsletter:** Jeff said it is going well.

**Bowling:** Jeff reported that the league is still scheduled to start Sept. 7 with a meeting. League members may practice 3 games for free. Sept. 14, league begins.

**Merchandising:** NA

**Data Processing:** Richard would like someone to take over as web master.

**Travel:** NA

**Computer:** NA

**Dine Out:** NA

**Other:** NA

**Old Business:** Nominations were asked at the meeting. Big Sir, Jeff Chin, Little Sir Dick Nelson, Secretary Don Rowe, Assistant Secretary, Coe Barnard, Treasurer, Tim Anglim, Assistant Treasurer OPEN Directors:(NEED 6) , Dennis Imhoff, Gary Goodman, Mike Filan, Gary Del Nero, and Kerry Newman, and 1 open.

**NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR AT THE AUG. 25 MEETING. ALL OFFICERS AND DIRECTOR POSITIONS ARE OPEN FROM THE FLOOR. IF INTERESTED IN SERVING, CALL GARY GOODMAN OR NOMINTATE YOURSELF.**

**New Business:** NA

## 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



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