



## **THINGS MANY OF US DON'T SEEM TO KNOW**

*SIR State Training Committee 10/1/05*

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1. SIR is an organization of retired men. It is a non-profit public benefit, social welfare organization. Its purpose is to provide for the welfare of retired men. (Articles of Incorporation)
2. SIR is not a “Service Club”. Insurance costs are lower because SIR is a social welfare organization.
3. The governing body of the State Corporation, Sons In Retirement, Inc. (SIRinc) is the Board of Directors.
4. The governing body of each Branch is the Branch Executive Committee (BEC).  
Rule 150
5. Obtaining new members every month is the life line of SIR.
6. SIR is always singular. A Branch member is a Sir. Sir may be plural when referring to more than one member.
7. Rule 41 states that Branches are to conduct regular monthly luncheon meetings. It further states that Holiday Parties and Ladies Day function may be held in lieu of (2) regular luncheon meetings at the discretion of the BEC, and that attendance is optional. **Note:** The Rule does not include Branch Picnics as being in lieu of a regular monthly luncheon meeting. Branches, however, may have as many SIR activities as they wish, but only a Holiday Party or a Ladies Day function can be held in lieu of two monthly luncheon meetings.
8. Rule 100 states that members must attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings a year. For those branches with two ladies day functions the minimum requirement is 5 meetings each year.
9. Rule 100 states a member **may** (not shall) be notified in writing of the pending termination of his membership. Branch leaders should find out why members are not attending meetings before dropping them.
10. Shall and Must are mandatory. May and Can are permissive. Rule 2
11. SIR entities are defined as Branches, Areas, Regions and SIRinc, the State Corporation.
12. Changes in the Standing Rules proposed by a BEC or by an individual member of a Branch shall be submitted by the BEC through its Area Governor and Regional Director to the President for his consideration. Rule 16
13. Raffles are prohibited unless they comply with Federal and State law. Rule 45
14. Membership requires no initiation fees. Authorized expenses of the Branch may be defrayed through dues or voluntary contributions. The amount of dues or a suggested amount for voluntary contributions shall be approved by the BEC. Fund raising events are not allowed. Rule 44
15. Branch Rosters are to be sent to the State Secretary by March 1st of each year. If a new version is not available, send the current edition. This is an IRS requirement and is important. Rule 178