

Proper use of SIR and Sir

“SIR” is an acronym used when referring to the organization Sons In Retirement, Inc. It should always be capitalized and without periods. There is no plural or possessive form of SIR. (Note: The initialized “S.I.R.” is used by a San Francisco gay rights group and prefers not to be confused with SIR.)

“**Sir**” is a courtesy title serving to recognize the individual as a member of SIR. **Sir**, with the initial capital and small letters is to be used most often when referring to individual or **Sirs** when referring to a group of SIR members. Sir may be capitalized (**SIR**) when used in conjunction with a similarly capitalized individual’s name (see below).

Examples:

Organization:

SIR: When referring to the organization Sons In Retirement, Inc.

- 1) The **SIR** organization was created in 1959.
- 2) Currently, there are xxx members in **SIR**.
- 3) A copy of the **SIR** manual is available to all Sirs.

Individual:

Sir: When referring to individuals:

- 4) **Sir** Joseph Potter is a new member of SIR.
- 5) Branch xxx elected **Sir** Ronald Badgett to be **Big Sir** and **Sir** Adolph Lassen to be **Little Sir**.
- 6) A large group of **Sirs** attended the annual Christmas party.
- 7) **Big Sir** Ronald Badgett and **Little Sir** Adolph Lassen will attend the meeting.

SIR: Acceptable when used as all capitalized title:

- 8) **BIG SIR RONALD BADGETT** (a mix of uppercase and lower case, (e.g. **Big SIR** should not be used)
- 9) **LITTLE SIR ADOLPH LASSEN**, not Little SIR,
- 10) **SIR JOSEPH POTTER** is ok.

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