

# LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jon Taormina

Sons of Sicily-

As I prepare to pass the torch to the next leader of The Sons of Sicily, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey I've had over the past three years as your president. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve this club, and I couldn't be prouder of all we have accomplished together.

When I first took on the role of president, I was excited by the opportunity to lead such a remarkable group of individuals. Over the years, we've worked tirelessly to host a variety of successful events and festivals that have brought our



community closer together. One of the highlights of my tenure was the opportunity to give back to the next generation, and I am proud to share that we were able to award over \$50,000 in scholarships to first-year students. These scholarships will help shape the future for many, and I'm thrilled to have played a role in that.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the dedicated and passionate members of our Board of Directors and the countless volunteers who stepped up time and again to lend a hand. Your support has been invaluable, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As I step down from my position, I am confident in the bright future of The Sons of Sicily under the leadership of our new president, Frank Salciccia. I know Frank will continue to guide the club with the same passion, commitment, and vision that has defined us. I wholeheartedly welcome Frank into his new role and look forward to seeing where he leads us in the years to come.

While my time as president has come to an end, my love for this club and its mission will never waver. Thank you all for your support, your hard work, and your friendship. Here's to many more years of success, tradition, and brotherhood.

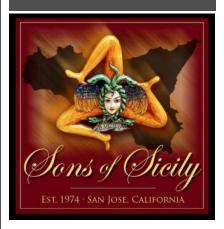
Jon Taormina - President

PS – Thank God for the Sicilian blood flowing through our veins.

#### Sicilian Word Of The Month:

**fidi** *n.f.* Faith. Megghiu muriri chi rùmpiri la fidi. *Eng. Your word is your bond.* 

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- April 7st
  Officer Install./Ladies Night
- May 5th Regular Meeting Night
- May 16th
  Aiuto Wine Event
- May 30st Annual Golf Tournament
- June 2rd
   Male Guest Night

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## Sicilian Cheesecake

Courtesy of Marcellina In Cucina

#### Ingredients

- 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cups (6oz/185 grams) shortbread cookie crumbs
- ½ cup (4oz/115 grams) unsalted butter (melted)
- 2 pounds (32oz/900 grams) whole milk ricotta cheese (drained)
- 4 eggs (room temperature)
- 1 cup (approximately 250 grams) mascarpone cheese
- 1 cup granulated white sugar
- ½ cup (2oz/60 grams) chopped semisweet dark chocolate (optional)
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



#### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F/180°C. Butter a 9inch/23cm springform pan with a removable base.

#### Base

Combine the shortbread cookie crumbs with melted unsalted butter in a medium bowl.

Spread evenly onto the base of the prepared pan then press with fingertips or the back of a spoon until well compressed and flattened.

Refrigerate while preparing the filling.

#### Filling

Process the ricotta and sugar in the food processor until smooth.

Add the eggs and whizz until well combined.

Add the mascarpone, cornstarch, vanilla extract, lemon zest and cinnamon. Process to mix well. Don't over mix or the mascarpone can split.

Put in the dark chocolate then pulse until just barely combined without breaking up the chocolate too much.

Pour into the prepared base and smooth the surface.

#### Bake

Bake for 45-50 minutes or until the sides are puffed up, the middle is still a little jiggly and the surface is browned. Turn the oven off and leave the cheese cake in the oven for 1 hour with the door ajar. Use a wooden spoon to hold the door open just a little.

Remove from the cheesecake from the oven and let it cool completely. Then refrigerate overnight or for a few hours to chill and set completely.

#### Serve

For best results, remove from the fridge 30 minutes before serving, though can be served at room temperature.

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If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: <a href="mailto:fredguidici@gmail.com">fredguidici@gmail.com</a>.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred Guidici - Health & Welfare

Frati,

-Please keep Freddie Fox in your prayers as he recovers in a rehabilitation facility.

-Bill Cardoni's wife Darlene passed away in March. Please keep the Cordoni family in your prayers.

-Please keep Ralph Roberto in your prayers as he battles a health ailment.

-Great news Jonathan Taormina has been named Battalion Chief. Congratulations!!!







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Our Second crab feed of the year was a great success. We had about 360 attending, a huge raffle and plenty of crab for everyone. We also had a Champagne bar and it was a big success, we gave away a stemmed wine glasses with each pour. The Women's club had cannoli for desert and they did a brisk business. Again, the garlic bread was outstanding! The volunteer crew worked well together and as of 9:00 the dancing was in full swing.

Our next meeting will be the installation of Officers and Spouse night. The cost for spouse's will be \$30/person. No host cocktails and soft drinks will be available at 6pm,

dinner starting at about 7:00. We will have the ceremonies after dinner, raffle and then wrap up the evening with coffee and dessert. Please call Mike by April 2<sup>rd</sup> if you are bringing a spouse/lady friend that night! Please, no children!

Also, tickets will be available for the May 16<sup>th</sup> Wine event. The cost will be the same as last year, \$75/person or \$125/couple. We have moved the time up half an hour, 4:30p to 6:30p. Please see me or call Bob at 408-448-7247.

Then we have our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Friday May 30<sup>th</sup> at Coyote Creek Golf Club. Signups are open now, please contact Al Mistretta 831-458-1212 or Mike Maltese 408-972-4986



### For up to date information please check out our website — www.sonsofsicilysj.com.

## See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

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As changes occur, we'll keep you posted with updates.

Bob Scaletta — Social Events



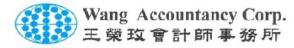


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