



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

AGOSTO, 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

Our summer activities are officially in full swing. The family picnic was a huge success. Thanks to our members, as well as the Ladies Club, who showed up early to help prepare food and setup. The food was spectacular, as always, but the fellowship and camaraderie were evident as well.

Thanks, ladies, for handling the raffle, cake raffle, specialty drinks and petting zoo. It was an honor to be part of the scholarship presentation. The weather was perfect. I couldn't have asked for a better day.



The annual Italian festival is right around the corner, August 24-25. We can always use your help. If you would like to donate your time, please contact Bob Scaletta or myself so we can schedule you in the sausage or ravioli booth.

I'd like to give a huge thanks to our unsung members who give tirelessly of themselves and get little or no recognition. Depending on the event, we have several bartenders: Mark and Jonathan Taormina, as well as Steve Nastrini. But our one constant behind the bar is Ralph Roberto. Thanks guys. We really appreciate all of your efforts.

Also, I would like to give a big thanks to Jack LoVerde who just recently stepped down from handling the raffle at our regular meetings. Thanks Jack.

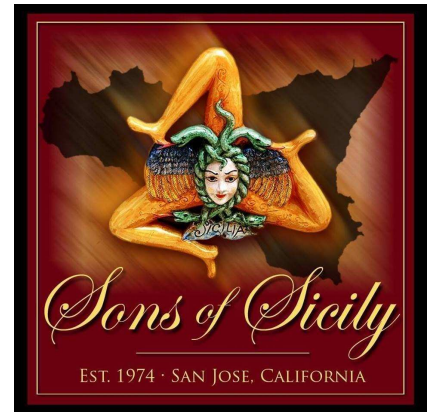
Don't forget, August is a guest night. September is a regular meeting, but we will be hosting the Women's Club for dinner.

I look forward to another wonderful meeting in August, as well as seeing all of you.

Grazie,

Dave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- August 5th —
Guest Night Meeting
- August 24th & 25th —
Festa with IAHF
- September 9th —
Meeting with Women's Club
- October 6th —
Little Italy Festa

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

favuri *n.m.* Favor, help, protection

Nun dumannari favuri a cui nun nni pò fari.

Eng. Don't ask a favor of someone who can't deliver

The proposed by law change scheduled for a vote at the Sept. 9th meeting.

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP

Section III: All members over Seventy (70) years of age shall be granted honorary membership status provided they have been a member in good standing for ten (10) years(consecutively) or more. They will pay one half of the current yearly rate for dues.

New:

Delete entire Section III of Article 1

Old:

Section IV: Membership shall not exceed 200 members. There will be a maximum waiting list of 50 proposed new members. The Membership Director will maintain applications. However, notwithstanding the above, for each and every member who qualified for half dues under Section III above, one additional new member shall be allowed membership in the Club. These members will be allowed to join the club above the normal 200 maximum limit of active members, so that the dues collected will compensate for the members entitled to pay half dues. To distinguish which new members were able to join the club in this status, they will have a member number in the 300 series.

New:

Section IV: Membership shall not exceed 200 members. There will be a maximum waiting list of 50 proposed new members. The Membership Director will maintain applications. Additional membership can exceed the 200 member cap by the number of members currently paying reduced annual dues to compensate for the dues short fall. As those members are “grandfathered out” the membership will revert back to the 200 member maximum.

ARTICLE II

DUES AND INITIATION FEES

Old

Section I: Initiation Fee - \$50.00, Yearly Dues - \$200.00, including regular monthly meeting dinners. Membership dues are payable annually, due on the 1st of January. Arrangements for alternative payment plans may be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval. Late payments will be assessed a \$25.00 charge after January 31st, if payment is not received by March 1st the member will be required to apply for reinstatement and will be re-assessed the initiation Fee of \$50.00. Effective January 1st, 2018.

ARTICLE II

DUES AND INITIATION FEES

New

Section I: Initiation Fee - \$50.00, Yearly Dues - \$250.00, including regular monthly meeting dinners. Membership dues are payable annually, due on the 1st of January. Those members that were grandfathered in at half dues will now pay \$150 yearly. Arrangements for alternative payment plans may be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval. Late payments will be assessed a \$25.00 charge after January 31st, if payment is not received by March 1st the member will be required to apply for reinstatement and will be re-assessed the initiation Fee of \$50.00. Effective January 1st, 2020.


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Enjoy the rest of your summer. Let's all attend the Festa on the 24th and 25th.

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 fredguidici64@yahoo.com.

Bouna Salute a Tutti e Dio vi Benedica,

Fred

Ferragosto

August 15, a national holiday in Italy, marks the Feast of the Assumption, the day that the Virgin Mother ascended body and soul into Heaven. Many people in Sicily heads to the beach on August 14th, along with barbecues, picnic hampers and tents. They set up camp on the sand overnight, turning the beaches into one big, joyous campsite, rammed with people who eat quantities of barbecued food and splash into the sea at midnight to mark the start of Ferragosto proper on the 15th. They then dance through to the early hours of the morning before returning home around lunchtime the same way that they arrived.



The Assumption is also known as Ferragosto, a name that has roots in the Latin "Feriae Augustin," or Emperor Augustus' holidays, which marked a time of rest and celebration at the conclusion of the arduous growing and harvest seasons. In pre-Christian times, it celebrated the bounty provided by Mother Earth. In Christian times, it celebrates the Virgin Mother's life.



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Our Family picnic was a great success with hundreds of members, family and friends getting together for games and good food. The women's club again was a big part of the day, with more volunteer's than I could count. The raffle, bake sale roulette wheel, Margarita's & Limoncello wagon and general all around helped with anything and everything that needed to be done. What would we do without them!

As we did last year the annual Scholarship Awards were announced and the proud winners this year are:

- ◆ Austin Amaral (Lou deFranco Winner)- *Grandson of Frank Taormina, Nephew of Mark Taormina*
- ◆ Logan Reulman (Ross Castro Memorial Winner)- *Grandson of Carol Castro*
- ◆ Alex Turturici- *Son of Andrew Turturici, nephew of Phil Turturici and Grandson of Rosario Turturici*
- ◆ Ryan Smith- *Grandson of Paul Lipari*

In August we will have our third guest night, so bring your friends (and potential new members) for a great meal, and even better Sicilian hospitality! Call Mike Maltese for the number of guests and see TJ Blau (our membership director) for applications.

Also the annual Italian Festa will be on August 24th & 25th at San Jose History Park on Phelan and Senter Rd. As always we could use volunteers to help set up, cook, serve, and break down for both of our booths. Big Joe Zambataro and Dave Geraci will be in charge of the sausage and ravioli booths. So if you're available to help please contact them (Big Joe 408-813-0551 or Dave 408-833-3916) in early August.



For Tickets & Reservations Call

Mike Maltese (408) 972-4986. It's Important!



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

August 5th — Guest Night Meeting—\$20/guest (Call Mike Maltese)

- ◆ Appetizer
- ◆ Bread & Butter
- ◆ Salad
- ◆ Pasta with Meatballs
- ◆ Sausage

August 24th & 25th — Annual Festa at History Park San Jose

September 9th — Joint Meeting with Women's Club at Napredak Hall

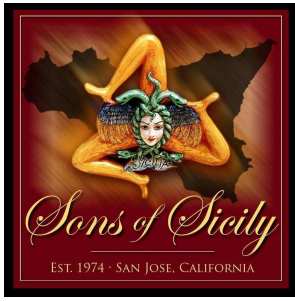
October 6th — Little Italy Festa—Downtown San Jose

October 7th — Last Guest Night Meeting of the year—\$20/guest—Must call Mike Maltese

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

Bob Scaletta— Social Events





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