



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

Thanksgiving is days away. That must mean that the SOS Christmas party is right around the corner, and you can partake in all the festivities. We will have a live band, photo booth, raffle prizes, and all the wonderful food and drinks. But first, you must notify Mike Maltese and PAY by Dec. 9th. We will not be accepting walk-ins the night of the party. So please notify Mike ASAP!

I missed last month's regular meeting but was told that we had a very light turnout. I'm sure the fellowship and food was amazing as always.

Scholarships forms are available on our website. So, if you have a high school senior moving on to higher education, you will want to seize this opportunity. Forms must be submitted by Feb 28.

Next year should look a lot like pre pandemic years. We have scheduled two crab feeds, nomination and election of officers, family night. The January meeting is male guest night.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Christmas party and hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Grazie,

Auito Foundation Update

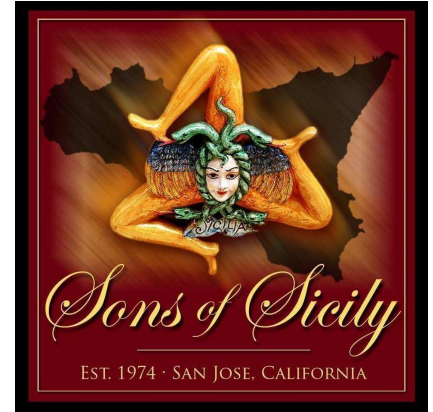
I am very excited to update the club on the status of the Auto Foundation, which is the nonprofit charitable organization funded by the Sons of Sicily. We have a new sense of positivity and momentum after adding some quality members to the Board and eliminating some of the negative influences of our past.

This year we will have given away approximately \$15,000 to deserving High school graduates going on to higher education. You should receive your Sons of Sicily dues letters in the mail very soon. Please take some time and consider donating to the Auito Foundation. This money will be used to fund our scholarships. Thank you for your time.

Jon Taormina, President Auito Foundation



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Dec 17th
Adult Christmas Party
- Jan 10th 2022
Male Guest Night
- Feb 7th 2022
Officer Nominations
- Feb 12th 2022
First Annual Crab Feed

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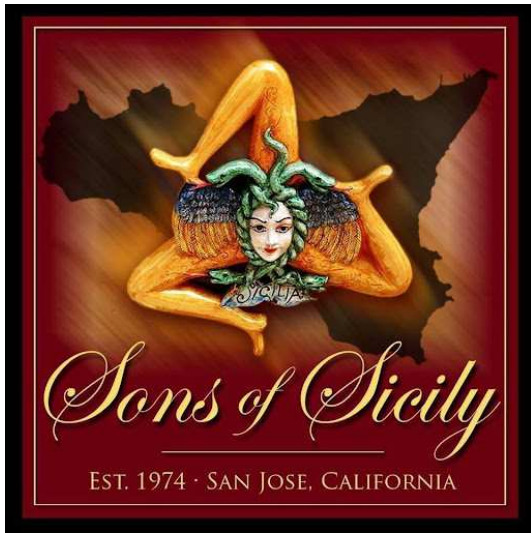
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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Natali *n.m.* Nativity, Christmas

Scumatura a san Micheli, la pècura 'nsicchisci pi Natali.

Eng. Skimp with the feed by St. Michael's, the sheep will be skinny for Christmas.



2022

Calendar of Events

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January

10 Male Guest Night

February

7 Nomination of Officers

12 1st Crab Feed

March

7 Election of Officers

12 Second Crab Feed

April

4 Installation of Officers / Ladies Night

May

2 Regular Meeting

June

6 Male Guest Night

July

11 Regular Meeting

24 Family Picnic

August

1 Male Guest Night

8 Annual Golf (Tentative)

September

12 Regular Meeting

18 Family Picnic (Alternate)

October

3 Joint Meeting with Women's Club
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

November

7 Regular Meeting

December

16 Adult Christmas Party (Members Only)

18 Children's Santa Party

"OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE"

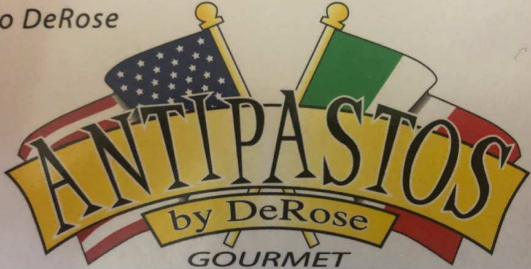
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If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: fredguidici64@yahoo.com.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Andrew Garofolo passed away on October 23rd at the age of 70. He is the brother of members Sam and Jimmy. Please keep the Garofolo family in your prayers.

Russ Vento turned 90 and celebrated his 67th wedding anniversary with his bride Louise on October 24th... Auguri

Please keep Bob Marchant in your prayers for a speedy recovery. He's been under the weather and needs our support.

Christmas in Sicily—

Some of you may recognize this article from two years ago, but I thought I would republish it since Christmas is such a huge part of our Sicilian tradition.

Christmas celebrations in Sicily begin on December 8th, when families start decorating their homes. While Christmas trees are now common, they first became popular during the 2nd World War. A much more widespread custom is the nativity scene. Sicily is probably second only to Napoli in the magnificence of its "Presepi", which can be found in most homes and the vast majority of churches. One of the most intriguing nativity scenes on the island is the "Presepe Vivente" where the locals dress up and re-enact the Nativity from 25th December to Epiphany.

There is no one particular dish that all Sicilians eat at Christmas. However, such important festivities call for banquets of epic proportions. Serious eating begins on the evening of 24th December and continues for 24 hours. As might be expected in the land of cassata and cannoli, sweets and desserts are of equal importance. The most traditional of these are uccidati or cuccidati (depends which side of the island you're from), large round biscuits filled with almond paste or dried fig paste. Presents are opened after dinner on Christmas Eve and huge family gatherings are considered par for the course.

If all that wasn't enough, barely a week later it is time for another "cenone" (literally big dinner) to celebrate the New Year. The essential thing is that there must be copious quantities and that at midnight, a bottle or two of spumante are chilled to perfection and ready to pop.

The final curtain comes down on Christmas on Epiphany on 6th January. Children jiggle with excitement as they wait for the arrival of La Befana an ugly witch-like figure who distributes sweets to children who have been good, and coal to those who have not.



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We're still under the same county requirements for all indoor meetings. So, for us to meet at Napredak, we must require all attendees to wear a mask to get inside the building. Masks are not required while eating or drinking. We ask that if any members are not comfortable with this arrangement, they should plan not to attend this meeting.

The adult Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, December 17th at Napredak. No host cocktails 5:30 to 7:00, with dinner to follow and dancing until 10pm. As voted on at our August meeting the cost per person will be \$35. You can reserve your Christmas dinner tickets by paying in November at the meeting but, you **MUST** purchase tickets by December 9th. The children's Santa Party was discussed at the October meeting and it was decided to not have the party this year because of Covid 19 since kids are still not able to get vaccines.

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Don't forget to check out our website for the most up to date information.



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

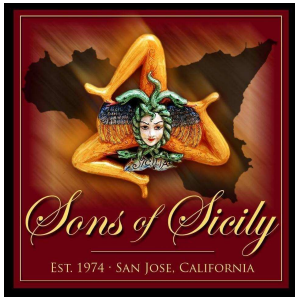
- Dec 17th** — Adult Christmas Party / Must contact Mike Maltese—\$35 per person
- Jan 10th, 2022** — Male Guest Night (Must contact Mike with number of guests—\$25 per guest)

Christmas Holiday Buffet	 <i>Menu</i>	Dessert by the Women's Club
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Feb 7th, 2022 — Officer Nominations

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

Bob Scaletta — Social Events



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