



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Brothers-

It is Scholarships time again. If you have family and / or friends with graduating high school seniors with Sicilian descent that are planning on going to higher education, please steer them to our website at sonsofsicilysj.com. There you will find instructions and a copy of the Scholarship application.

During our last meeting there was a motion from the floor to "Have dessert at every meeting". During the Board of Director's meeting our Parliamentarian, "Big" Joe Zambataro, brought up that this motion is contrary to our Bylaws. Article IV [Directors], Section II [Food Services Director] of Sons of Sicily Bylaws states "The food services director shall be responsible for refreshments and food at meetings and social events designated by the BOD (Board of Directors). We will discuss further at the next regular business meeting in January.

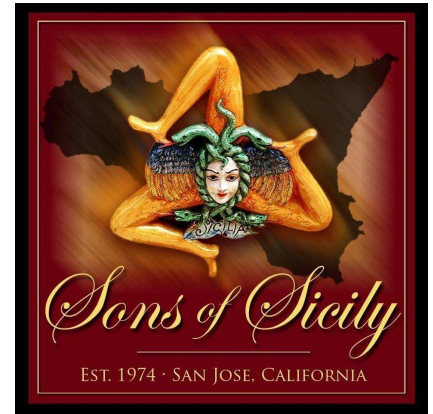
I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party on December 16th. This is always one of our most extravagant dinners. We will be having Prime Rib, Salmon, Pasta, Salad, Appetizers, and the ladies are making Cannoli for dessert. After dinner we have lined up a DJ to play some dance music. Please call Mike Maltese (408-972-4986) and mail your payment of \$35 per person to PO Box 6856, San Jose CA 95150. If you are not able to make it to the Christmas Party, I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas!

On December 18th we will be having our Children's Christmas Party. We will have a jumpy house; face painter and the trains will be there. Longtime member Rosario (Giovanni's Pizza on Lawrence) has volunteered to make pizza for everyone. If you have any children or grandchildren and want to attend, please call Mike Maltese (408-972-4986) and let him know the gender and age of the children so he can let Santa know how many gifts to bring.

Jon Taormina



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- December 16th
Adult Christmas Party
- December 18th
Children's Christmas Party
- January 9th
Regular Meeting Night

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

festa *n.f.* Holiday.

Lu travagghiu di la festa n  ti luci n  ti resta.

Eng. Preparing for the holiday is neither enlightening nor lasting.



Christmas Party

Friday, December 16, 2022

Napredak Hall, San Jose

No Host Bar: 6—7pm

Dinner: 7—8:30pm

Music & Dancing After Dinner

Raffle Following Dinner

CHRISTMAS
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Must RSVP By December 10th

Admission \$35 per person

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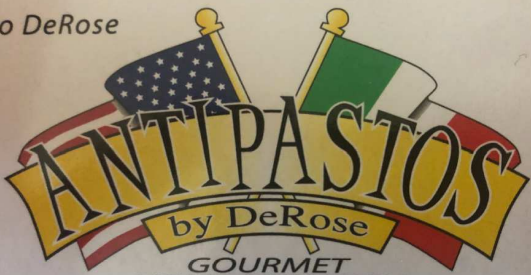
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If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: fredguidici64@yahoo.com.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Frati,

Big Joe Zambataro and his wife Esther welcomed a beautiful baby granddaughter Charlotte Rene Trumble. She is the daughter of Jessica Trumble who has been a server at our dinners for many years... Auguri

Dave Geraci's daughter Jessica gave birth to twin girls on November 7th. Congrats.



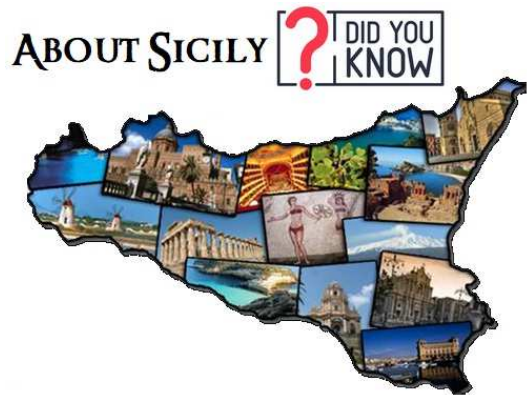
Christmas In Sicily –

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 Sicilia tradition. Christmas celebrations in Sicily begins on 8th December, when families traditionally start decorating their homes for the festive season. While Christmas trees are now common, it was only during the 2nd World War, during the Allied occupation that they first became popular. A much more widespread custom is the nativity scene. While popular all over Italy, 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" practiced in many villages in which the locals dress up and re-enact the Nativity from 25th December to Epiphany.

Gastronomically speaking, there is no one particular dish that all Sicilians eat at Christmas. However, such important festivities call for groaning tables and 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. Traditionally lasagna is supposed to bring good luck (though other types of pasta certainly won't!) but more and more people are now turning to the more Italian tradition of eating lentils, which auger wealth. However, once more, what you eat is not so important – 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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Our wine event at Joseph George wine shop was a success with a very cultured group of participants. We were able to donate about 90% of the funds (\$1430) raised to the scholarship fund.

The adult Christmas party is scheduled for Friday December 16th - no host cocktails 6-7pm and dinner around 7-8:30pm and dancing to follow. The cost will be \$35/person (\$70/couple). Call Mike 408/972-4986 by Dec 10th for questions and tickets (members and spouse only).

The Kids Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday December 18th from 11:30 to 3:00pm. All members children/grandchildren, 1 to 12 years old are invited to meet Santa (have a picture) and get a present. It is absolutely necessary for all parents/grandparents to call Mike with the age/gender of each child so Santa has the right present for each, Mike-408/972-4986.



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

December 16th — *Adult Christmas Party Member/Spouse, Significant/Other \$35/person*



Dessert offered by the Women's Club

December 18th — *Children's Christmas Party Must call Mike by December 12th!*

January 9th — *Regular Meeting Night*

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

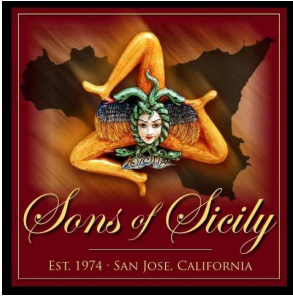
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