

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

2020 is finally in the books, thank God! I pray that 2021 will bring us some much needed relief, and hopefully sees us coming together as a club. With no positive signs on the immediate outlook, I remain hopeful that we are approaching the end of this crisis. I have not, as of yet, heard of a single COVID-19 fatality of any of our club members. It must be those good Sicilian genes or perhaps just that Sicilian stubbornness!



Though our expenses have been minimal since last April, there are expenses. With all of our fund raising abilities being put on hold; along with the fact that we are not collecting dues at this time, we are looking at any and all possible ways to fund raise. We have seen that several clubs are offering drive thru crab feeds. So, we decided that our club would offer a crab feed to our members, families, and friends. I encourage you to support our club with the purchase a delicious crab dinner. Please tell all of your friend and help us get the word out.

I would like to pay a tribute to Steve Salciccia who we just recently lost. In many ways Steve was the backbone of this club. Having served as President, Food Services, and until his passing, Financial Secretary. Even as financial secretary he continued to work tirelessly in the kitchen, at every meeting, every crab feed, and family picnics. He was truly the role model of service to this club, he loved this club, and there will be a great void in his absence. God bless you Steve.

I hope to see all of you as soon as possible.

Grazie,

Sicilian Word Of The Month:

novu *adj.* New, unexpected, recent. Lu novu amuri fa scurdari lu vecchiu . Eng. New love makes you forget the old love.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Feb 1st— PENDING Nominating of Officers
- Mar 1st— PENDING Election of Officers Meeting
- Mar 13th— Annual Crab Feed

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Stephen M. Salciccia September 6,1953 – December 22, 2020 Born and raised in San Jose, CA





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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: <u>fredguidici64@yahoo.com</u>.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

- Past President, Long time cook, and current Financial Secretary Steve Salciccia passed on December 22nd after a brave fight with cancer. Please keep the Salciccia family in your prayers.
- Duke DeSando and his wife Sandy survived a bout with COVID 19 in December. Thanks to God!
- O Giuseppe Chiaramonte turned 60 on January 8th

Minchia! Auguri Beddu

Carnevali—

Carnival of Acireale is considered one of Sicily's most beautiful carnivals, the magnificent Baroque city in the Province of Catania. Acireale's Carnival boasts an almost-ancient tradition, having begun in the 16th Century – and since, having run every February from then on as a spontaneous party among the people. Peculiar to this fest was the launching of rotten eggs and citrus fruits in streets – at least until an edict finally banned this "game."

At the start of the 1700s, the Carnival took on more refined tones thanks to a new addition: "abbatazzi" or folk poets that improvised rhymes on the streets of Acireale. In the 19th Century, the "cassariata" then came on the scene, the parade of distinguished, horse-led carriages from which nobles launched sprays of candy and confetti at spectators. Yet it was only in the 1930s that paper-mache masks entered





into the picture, along with floats led by steers and accompanied by various characters and satirical groups in constant movement.

Making the Carnival of Acireale even more spectacular are the parades of ebullient and outrageous floats, a draw for thousands of tourists every February. So beloved is the Carnival of Acireale that the act is repeated in August: taking advantage of the beautiful summer nights, the City puts on the Parade of the Grotesque Floats. The merits of visiting Sicily and above all the splendid City of Acireale get bumped up even higher when you consider that not far off exist a range of breathtaking sites to visit. Think Catania, Mt. Etna, and the deep blue sea lying in wait on all sides of this amazing isle.



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LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



Mike Maltese: 408-972-4986 mmaltese@chefswarehouse.com

Bob Scaletta: 408-448-7247 wwbd2004@sbcglobal.net Given that an in-person event is not possible this year, we are excited to bring our annual Crab Feed tradition to a new format - "Crabs to Go - Drive-Thru!"

DRIVE THRU AND PICK UP YOUR MEAL BETWEEN 3 - 6 PM MARCH 13th.

Dinner for one \$45 or two for \$80 - pickup includes:

Marinated Cold Crab 2lbs (4lbs for two)

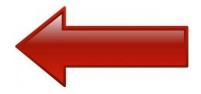
Mixed Green Salad (dressing on the side)

Linguine & Clams ("molto al dente" with sauce on the side)

Half loaf of Garlic Bread (uncooked so it won't get hard)



To purchase tickets Monday March 8th 6PM



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