



# LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

FEBBRAIO, 2023



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Brothers-

Unfortunately, I was ill during our last meeting and was not able to attend (I didn't want to get anyone else sick). It sounds like I missed out on some great food and a fun meeting. Thank you to Frank for conducting the meeting. Our next meeting will be a guest night.

Our annual CRAB FEEDS are selling out fast.

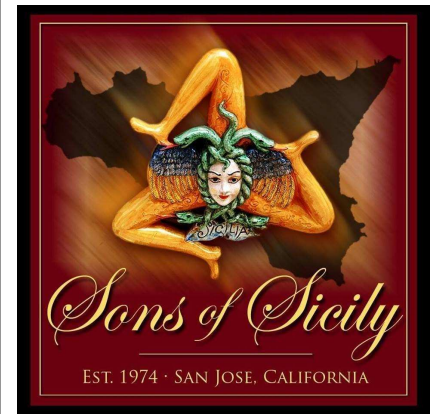
As a reminder we are having two crab feeds this year, February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>. Call Mike Maltese if you would like tickets. I hope to see everyone there. Don't miss out.

We are still accepting applications for our annual Scholarship. 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](http://sonsofsicilysj.com). There you will find instructions and a copy of the Scholarship application.

Jon Taormina



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- February 6th  
Male Guest Night
- February 11th  
First Crab Feed
- March 6th  
Regular Meeting Night
- March 11th  
Second Crab Feed

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### Sicilian Word Of The Month:

**Carnilivari** *n.m.* Carnival, Mardi gras, Shrove Tuesday.

*Pasqua e Natali cu cu' vôi Carnilivari cu li toi.*

*Eng. Spend Easter and Christmas with whomever you want, but celebrate Mardi gras with your own.*

## Calendar of Events

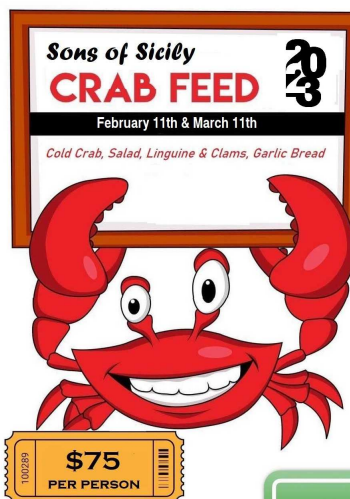
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January	9th	Regular Meeting
February	6th	Guest Night Meeting
	11th	Annual Crab Feed #1
March	6th	Regular Meeting
	11th	Annual Crab Feed #2
April	3rd	Ladies Night/ Guest Night
May	1st	Regular Meeting
	19th	Auito Wine Event
June	5th	Guest Night Meeting
	11th	Family Picnic / Scholarship Awards
July	10th	Regular Meeting
	24th	Annual Golf Tournament
August	5th & 6th	Festa With IAHF
	7th	Male Guest Night Meeting
Sept	11th	Regular Meeting
October	1st	Little Italy Festa
	2nd	Male Guest Night Meeting
	20th	Auito Wine Event (tentative)
November	6th	Regular Meeting
December	15th	Adult Christmas Party (Members Only)
	17th	Children's Santa Party

## LARGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!



Mike Maltese: 408-972-4986  
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No host bar 5:30 - 10:30  
Dinner 7:00 - 8:30  
Dancing 8:30 - 10:00

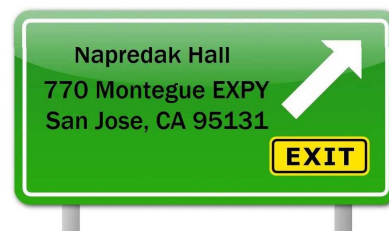
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**RAFFLE** 9:00 - 9:30

**Deadline!**

February 11th: January 31st or until sold out.  
March 11th: February 28th or until sold out.



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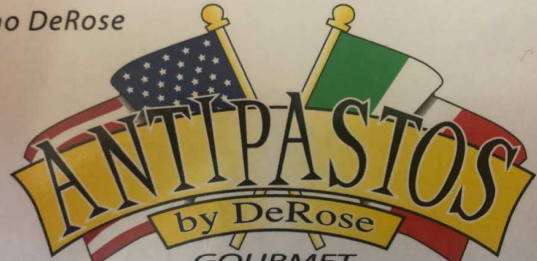
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Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Frati,

Mike Burriesci's Mother passed away peacefully on December 30th at the age of 93.

Anthony Salciccia's son Anthony Jr passed away in December.

Please keep the families of the departed in your prayers.

## Sicilian Language –

I was going through my newsletter archives and came across this article I published back in 2019, as a result of a heated social media conversation. Every now and then it's a good reminder to all of us that Sicilian is not a dialect, it's its own language with various dialects spoken throughout the island.

Thousands of years ago the island of Sicily was occupied by the original Sicilians, the most well-known being the Siculi. These people spoke a language that has not been spoken for millennia, but some words (mainly local names for plants) still survive in modern Sicilian.

Once the Phoenicians and later the Ancient Greeks arrived, the indigenous peoples and their language were eventually supplanted. Dialects of Greek were mainly spoken in Sicily until the arrival of the Romans after the First Punic War. It was then that Sicilian received a substantial Latin influence but Greek continued to be the main language for centuries.

With the fall of Rome and the conquests of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian, Greek was further solidified as the Lingua Franca for most of Sicily. However, a new layer would be added to the Sicilian language with the arrival of the Saracens from North Africa. The invasions did not stop there of course as the Normans, Hohenstaufens, Angevins and Aragonese all took turns ruling Sicily. While not every conqueror influenced the local language, most of the major occupiers have at least bequeathed a few words and phrases which have helped to make Sicilian so colorful



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As most of you know the crab feeds are our biggest fund raiser each year and we augment our scholarship fund each year with the money brought in as a result of the feeds. We are looking forward to a good turnout at Napredak hall. The ticket costs will be the same as last year, \$75 based on the current price of crab, we will have our regular menu again this year.

For Crab Feed tickets and reservations Contact Mike Maltese 408/972-4986 or email: [mmaltese@allenbrothers.com](mailto:mmaltese@allenbrothers.com)

Our upcoming meeting on Feb 6 th will be a male guest night with a very short meeting to cover just a few things that are important to pass along to the membership.

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986

See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

**February 6th – Guest Night**  
(Must call Mike by Feb 1st )

- Bread and Butter
- Antipasto
- Salad



- Pasta
- Chicken

**February 11th – 1st Crab Feed** (Must call Mike by Feb 4th)

**March 6th – Regular meeting night**

**March 11th – 2nd Crab Feed** (Must call Mike by Mar 4th)

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

*Bob Scaletta — Social Events*

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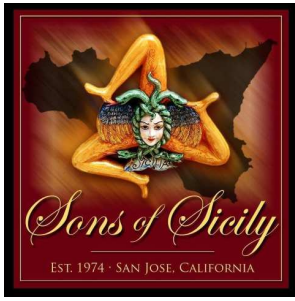
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