



# LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

JINNARU, 2023



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Brothers-

I want to make sure the membership is aware that our next meeting will be on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Based on the New Year, we moved the meeting to this date.

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](http://sonsofsicilysj.com). There you will find instructions and a copy of the Scholarship application.

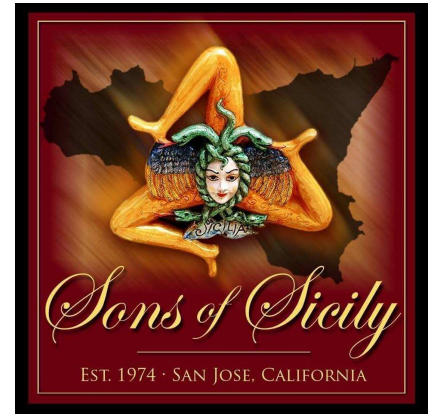


The Christmas Party was a blast. We had a great meal of appetizers, salad, veggies, pasta, salmon, and PRIME RIB!! I also want to thank Phil Cannazarro for volunteering his time and being our wonderful DJ. The Women's Club donated several wonderful and inventive baskets for the raffle which was a blast to watch. They also sponsored and made the cannoli's everyone enjoyed for dessert.

It is the time of year again where we start planning and selling tickets for our annual CRAB FEEDS. We plan to have two crab feeds this year, February 11<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets soon before they sell out. If you do not have a ticket source yet, see Mike Maltese. I hope to see everyone there. As a reminder this event is not just for club members but also their friends and family.

Jon Taormina

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- January 9th  
Regular Meeting Night
- February 11th  
First Crab Feed
- March 6th  
Regular Meeting Night
- March 11th  
Second Crab Feed

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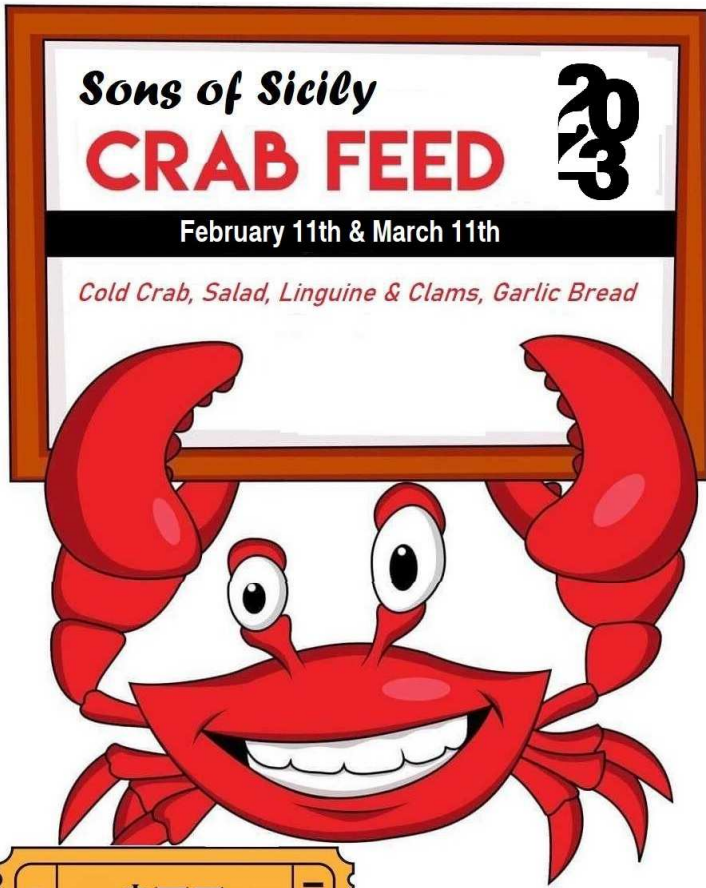
### Sicilian Word Of The Month:

**Jinnaru** *n.m.* January.

Jinnaru siccu, massaru riccu quannu dicembri metti lu lippu.  
Jinnaru vagnatu, burgisi consumatu.

*Eng. When January is dry, the farm manager is enriched, luxuriating in December.  
When January is wet, the tenant farmer is ruined.*

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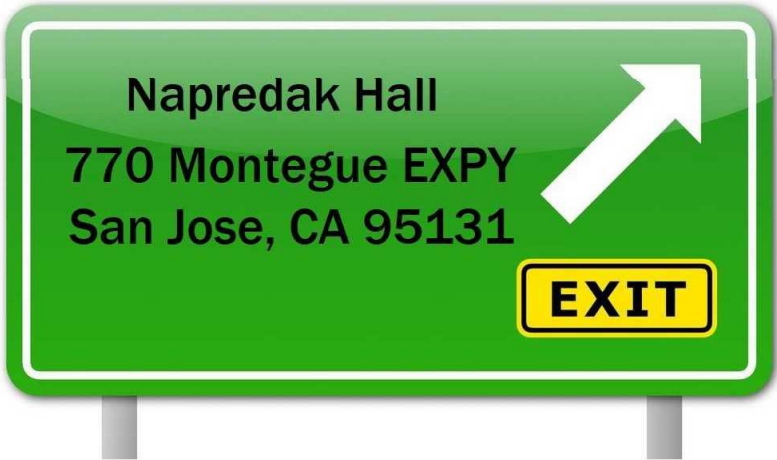


No host bar 5:30 ~ 10:30  
 Dinner 7:00 ~ 8:30  
 Dancing 8:30 ~ 10:00

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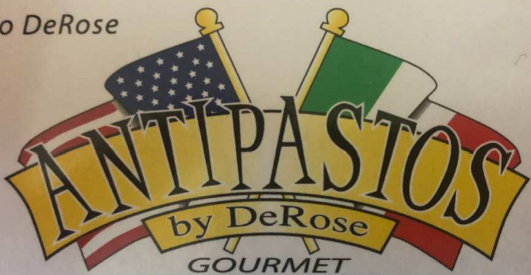
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If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: [fredguidici64@yahoo.com](mailto:fredguidici64@yahoo.com).

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Frati,

Frank Rancadore's father, Salvatore passed away on November 26th. Please keep the Rancadore family in your prayers.

Nick Vicari suddenly passed away December 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the Vicari family in your prayers.

Bon Annu!



**Epiphany In Sicily –**

I know I wrote about La Befana last year, but I wanted to write again about it as it brings me back to my childhood in Sicily in the 60's and 70's.

La Befana is an old woman who delivers gifts to children throughout Italy on Epiphany Eve, January 5<sup>th</sup>, in a similar way to Santa Claus. In fact, growing up in Sicily, La Befana was much more popular than Santa Claus.

A popular belief is that her name derives from the Feast of Epiphany or in Italian, "La Festa dell'Epifania", celebrated on January 6th. In popular folklore, La Befana visits all the children of Italy on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany to fill their socks with candy and presents if they are good or a lump of coal or dark candy if they are bad.



In many poorer parts of Italy and in particular rural Sicily, a stick in a stocking was placed instead of coal. Being a good housekeeper, many say she will sweep the floor before she leaves. To some the sweeping meant the sweeping away of the problems of the year.

The child's family typically leaves a small glass of wine and a plate with a few morsels of food, often regional or local, for La Befana. She is usually portrayed as an old lady riding a broomstick through the air wearing a black shawl and is covered in soot because she enters the children's houses through the chimney. She is often smiling and carries a bag or hamper filled with candy, gifts, or both.



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Our adult Christmas party was held on Friday December 16th although the crowd was smaller than usual the atmosphere was merry and fun. The Women’s club conducted the raffle (with “a ton” of prizes) and also provided desert (cannoli). Music was provided by our own Phil Cannizzaro which afforded many to dance the night away.

The Kids Christmas party was held on Sunday December 18th from 11:30 to 3:00pm. We had about 30 kids and grandkids attend the event. Rosario Spatola from Giovanni’s Pizzeria provided the pizza for all. We also had face painting and balloons for the kids as well as a small jumpy house to play in.

Our upcoming Crab Feeds (Feb 11th and Mar 11th) are still not yet confirmed because of the cost of crab and the number of tickets sold. So please call Mike to confirm the number of tickets you need and for which Feed you will be attending

We would love to hold the cost per ticket to \$75 but need to sell at least 250 tickets per event

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

January 9th — Regular Meeting Night

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bread and Butter</li> <li>• Antipasto</li> <li>• Salad</li> </ul>	 <p>Menu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pasta</li> <li>• Pork</li> </ul>
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February 6th – Guest Night (Must call Mike by Feb 1st )

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.

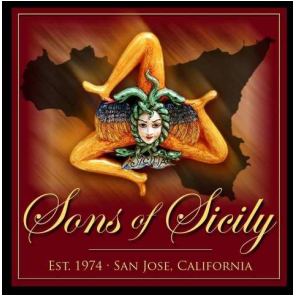
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