



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

MAGGIO, 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

It is truly an honor to serve as President of this wonderful club. Thanks to Little Joe Zambataro for his leadership and guidance in the past couple years. Thanks to the outgoing Executive Board for their service and dedication for the last two years. I would like to welcome the incoming Executive Board, and look forward to working with them for the common goal of helping this club flourish. I am grateful to the new Women's club for their continued support of the Sons of Sicily.

Last month's dinner was another success. I always enjoy ladies night and what a great turnout we had! Compliments to the cooks, under the direction of Jonathan Taormina, for another fabulous meal! I would also like to give a huge thanks to Jessica Zambataro, for assisting us with maintaining a dedicated serving staff.

We've got a lot of activities coming up in the near future. Our 5th annual golf tournament is on May 20th. We are still looking for a few more golfers. Anyone interested please contact Mike Maltese.

Don't forget June is guest night. It is important that we keep this a thriving club, and that means new membership. Please give Mike Maltese a call with a head count if you are bringing guests, and let's show our new prospects what a great club we are!

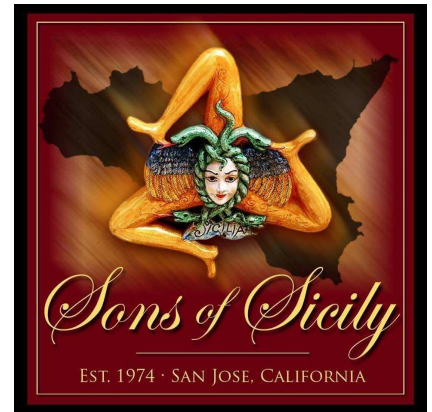
Next month is a regular meeting. I look forward to breaking bread and enjoying fellowship with all of you soon. La saluti veni di l'alligrizza di lu cori, (*Health flows from the happiness of the heart*). The cooks staff, headed up by Mark Taormina, will be preparing another wonderful meal. We have a couple of new members and it will be nice to welcome them into the club. I hope to see you there.

Grazie,

Dave



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- May 6th —
Regular Business Meeting
- May 20th —
Annual Golf Tournament
- June 3rd —
Guest Night Meeting
- July 1st —
Regular Business Meeting

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Taurmina *place name* Taormina

A Taormina quantu su' li muntati su' li pinnina.

Eng. At Taormina every climb has its descent.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation presents

Casino Night Fundraiser

May 31, 2019 6:00 p.m.



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* add \$10 tickets to prices starting May 1, 2019

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TO ATTEND**

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Frati,

Brother Joe Russo passed away on April 8th from complications of cancer at the age of 81. He was a native of Little Italy in Omaha Nebraska and graduate of Bellermino High School in San Jose. He was a long time employee of IBM. Please keep the Russo family in your thoughts and prayers.

Russ Vento would like to thank all the members for the love, prayers and support through his recovery since he fell ill in October. He is deeply grateful and looks forward to returning to our regular monthly dinners.

Mrs MaryAnn Moss mother of Sarah and mother in law of John Cortese passed away on April 5th at the age of 99. She was a regular attendee of many of our functions. Please keep the Moss and Cortese families in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

Bouna Salute a Tutti e Dio vi Benedica,

Fred

Sicilian Language

I know I have written about this subject before, but I wanted to bring it up again since I recently took part on a heated conversation on social media about our beautiful Sicilian language. Yes, language because contrary to popular belief, Sicilian is not a dialect, it's its own language with various dialects spoken throughout the island. Read on...

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, Hohenstaufen, Angevins and Aragonite 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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The time for Scholarship applications for 2019 has passed. Now the scholarship committee will review the applications for the Auito board and make the appropriate notifications to the applicants. We will award the scholarship winners at our Family Picnic in July.

Our annual Golf Tournament will take place May 20th at Spring Valley in Milpitas. There's still time to sign up so please call either Mike Burriesci (408-316-3075) or Mike Maltese to sign up. Again this year the cost will be the same - \$150/guest with both the Lunch and Dinner meals included!

In June we have our second guest night, so bring your friends (and potential new members) for a great meal, and even better Sicilian hospitality! Call Mike Maltese for the number of guests and see TJ Blau (our new membership director) for applications.




For Tickets & Reservations Call

Mike Maltese (408) 972-4986. It's Important!



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

May 6th — Regular Meeting



- ♦ Appetizer
- ♦ Pasta
- ♦ Bread & Butter
- ♦ Chicken
- ♦ Green Salad

May 20th — Annual Golf Tournament at Spring Valley Golf Course. Call Mike Maltese or Mike Burriesci

June 3rd — Guest Night Meeting (\$20/guest) Call Mike Maltese

July 1st — Regular Meeting

July 14th — Family Picnic - You must call Mike Maltese for every person attending.

Adults \$20 each Kids under 12 \$10 Kids under 4 FREE!

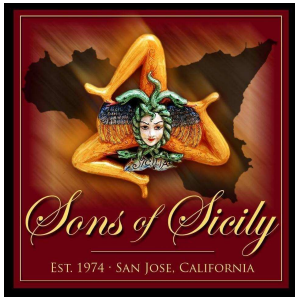


September 9th will be a joint meeting with the women's club at Napredak Hall.

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

Bob Scaletta— Social Events





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