



# LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

NOVEMBRE, 2022



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Brothers-

Our next meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> will be a regular business meeting. We will be inviting our Ladies Club since the location where they normally meet is being rebuilt after an arson fire. We will all be having dinner together followed by the ladies having their meeting in the bar area and we will be doing the regular thing in the main hall. Looking forward to seeing you all there.



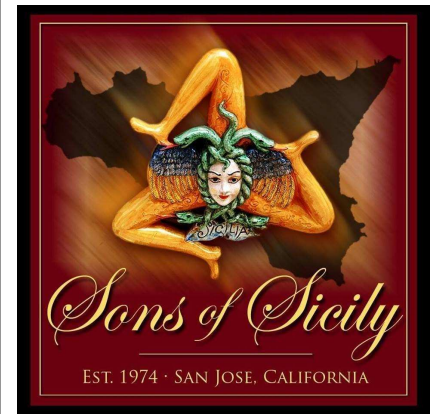
The Little Italy Festival was a huge success. The club had our sausage booth in full swing and we were able to make quite a bit of money for the club and scholarship fund. The management of the festival really treated our club well and did a great job with advertising and getting a ton of people out to have fun.

We also had a great Wine Tasting Event at Joseph George Wine Shop on Meridian Ave. About 40 of us came out and had a great time wine tasting and catching up. I hope this is an event that we can have every year. Thank you to Bob Scaletta for putting this together.

Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors!!!

Jon Taormina

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- November 7th  
*Combined Meeting Night*
- December 16th  
*Adult Christmas Party*
- December 18th  
*Children's Christmas Party*

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### Sicilian Word Of The Month:

**Disiata** v.t. *past p.* Desired.

La vicchiaia è disiata, ma quannu veni, è udiata.

*Eng. Old age is desired, but when it comes, it's detested.*



# 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  
MENU

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BUFFET



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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

Brother Giuseppe (Joe) Visconti passed away in October. He was a native of Bagheria, Sicily. Please keep the Visconti family in your prayers.

Long time Napredak Hall employee José Lopez passed away in August. He was a hardworking and kind man. Please keep his family in your prayers.

## All Souls Day –

Some of you may recognize this article from last year, but I thought I would republish it since All Souls Day, or "I Morti" in Sicilian, is such a huge part of our Sicilian tradition.

The 1st of November is a national holiday in Italy, known as Tutti i Santi or Ognissanti, which celebrates all saints and is followed by All Souls Day on the 2nd of November, a day devoted to honor loved ones who have passed away. Il Giorno dei Morti begins at dawn with a somber Mass for the dead, offering prayers and alms for the deceased. After Mass, families visit the graveyard to pay tribute to the faithful who have gone before them. At the cemetery, the graves of family members are decorated with mums and candles. Yet, the day is not only a solemn affair and the remembrance of the deceased can turn into a celebratory occasion in certain regions, especially in Sicily.

In Sicilian, this 'day of the dead' is known as "U juornu re muorti". Children wake up hoping to find a treat from relatives not yet forgotten. The 'muorti' bring presents of toys and sweets. The tradition serves to strengthen family bonds, linking children to family members who have come and gone before them. Until a few decades ago, this was in fact the only celebration of the year when children received presents, usually sweets and toys. Today there are many other occasions during the year (Christmas, Epifania, Birthdays, etc.) and the tradition risks to lose its strength. But parents continue to warn their children to behave in hopes that "i bonarmuzza re muorticieddi" (the good souls of the dead) might bring them presents. The young ones wake up on the 2nd of November to hunt for presents that had been hidden around the house.

One of the most common treats is Frutta Martorana, sweets made of almond paste that are expertly crafted to look like fruits. The marzipan delicacies are a specialty in Palermo, Sicily, where they are said to have been first made by nuns at the Monastero della Martorana. The nuns prepared the 'Frutta' in honor of a visiting archbishop at Easter time. The bishop was so impressed by the convincing display of fruit and vegetables that he declared that a miracle must have occurred to allow such a bountiful harvest so early in spring.



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For our November meeting, the women's auxiliary will be joining us for dinner and conducting their own meeting separately. They will hold their meeting in the bar area after dinner. The cost for the women's auxiliary members will be \$25/person. Call Mike with questions (408) 972-4986.

As of this writing, we are still a few days out from our Auito Wine tasting Event on the Oct. 21st at Joseph George Wine Shop. We expect that 90% of the funds raised will go 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 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 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, (408) 972-4986.

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

**November 7th** — *Combined Meeting Night with Women's Auxiliary (Call Mike (408) 972-4986)*



**December 16th** — *Adult Christmas Party Member/Spouse, Significant*

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

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

*Bob Scaletta — Social Events*

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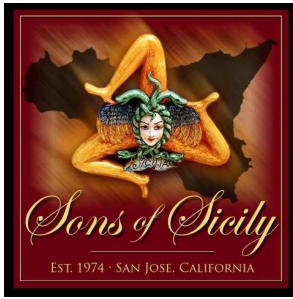
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