



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

SETTEMBRE, 2019



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dave Geraci

Fratelli,

I hope that you are all enjoying the last days of summer. With one festival behind us and another coming in October, we still have a little more time to enjoy some warm outdoor activities. August guest night was another great evening, thanks to the help of all who contributed. From the guys at the front door, those working the raffle, the bartenders, the gentlemen who put our newsletter together, to the outstanding cooking crew, makes me proud to be a member of this club.



The Festival at Little Italy will be on October 6th.

Please come and give your support to our Italian sausage sandwich booth. If you are able to donate your time helping in the booth, please contact Mike Maltese.

I'd like to give a huge thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Viverito for their many years of contributions to the raffle at the family picnic/scholarship award. We are truly grateful for your continued dedication to the club. Tanti picca fannu un assai. Eng. Many littles make a lot.

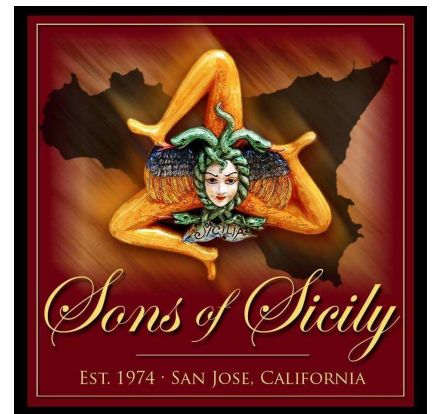
The September meeting is going to be a joint dinner with the women's club. We will break off in separate rooms after dinner to conduct our business meetings. It is not a guest night. Our next guest night will be in October 7th.

Hope to see you September 9th.

Grazie,

Dave

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- September 9th —
Meeting with Women's Club
- October 6th —
Little Italy Festa
- October 7th —
Guest Night Meeting
- November 4th —
Regular Meeting

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

mari *n.m.* Sea

Loda lu mari e teniti a la terra.

Eng. Admire the sea and stay on the land.

The proposed by law change scheduled for a vote at the Sept. 9th meeting.

ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

Section III: All members over Seventy (70) years of age shall be granted honorary membership status provided they have been a member in good standing for ten (10) years (consecutively) or more. They will pay one half of the current yearly rate for dues.

New:

Delete entire Section III of Article 1

Old:

Section IV: Membership shall not exceed 200 members. There will be a maximum waiting list of 50 proposed new members. The Membership Director will maintain applications. However, notwithstanding the above, for each and every member who qualified for half dues under Section III above, one additional new member shall be allowed membership in the Club. These members will be allowed to join the club above the normal 200 maximum limit of active members, so that the dues collected will compensate for the members entitled to pay half dues. To distinguish which new members were able to join the club in this status, they will have a member number in the 300 series.

New:

Section IV: Membership shall not exceed 200 members. There will be a maximum waiting list of 50 proposed new members. The Membership Director will maintain applications. Additional membership can exceed the 200 member cap by the number of members currently paying reduced annual dues to compensate for the dues short fall. As those members are "grandfathered out" the membership will revert back to the 200 member maximum.

ARTICLE II

DUES AND INITIATION FEES

Old

Section I: Initiation Fee - \$50.00, Yearly Dues - \$200.00, including regular monthly meeting dinners. Membership dues are payable annually, due on the 1st of January. Arrangements for alternative payment plans may be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval. Late payments will be assessed a \$25.00 charge after January 31st, if payment is not received by March 1st the member will be required to apply for reinstatement and will be re-assessed the initiation Fee of \$50.00. Effective January 1st, 2018.

ARTICLE II

DUES AND INITIATION FEES

New

Section I: Initiation Fee - \$50.00, Yearly Dues - \$250.00, including regular monthly meeting dinners. Membership dues are payable annually, due on the 1st of January. Those members that were grandfathered in at half dues will now pay \$150 yearly. Arrangements for alternative payment plans may be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration and approval. Late payments will be assessed a \$25.00 charge after January 31st, if payment is not received by March 1st the member will be required to apply for reinstatement and will be re-assessed the initiation Fee of \$50.00. Effective January 1st, 2020.


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Mark Taormina was married on August 3rd to his beautiful girlfriend Marissa....Congrats!

Big Joe and Esther Zambataro welcomed to the world their second grandchild. Jaxson Parker Trumble was born on August 3rd to their daughter Jessica and son in law Aaron Trumble.... Auguri!

Enjoy football season.

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

Sicilain Marionettes — Oper dei Pupi



Sicilian Opera dei Pupi developed into its present form in the eighteenth century. Typically, the marionettes and their theatre depict medieval characters and legendary events based loosely on history. There's Orlando, one of Charlemagne's knights, and the Norman knights of King Roger of Sicily. And Saracens (Moors). Baroque paladins,

really, since their costumes are often more reminiscent of sixteenth century decoration than medieval armor and clothes. As folk art, the productions are typically expressions of the popular perception of personages and events rather than faithful chronicles of history and literature. That was always the idea of this kind of entertainment. It wasn't meant to be informative so much as inspirational. Puppet theatre sometimes provided an innocent alternative to the passion plays of the Church. It could even be mildly revolutionary, though most themes served to idealize the nobility which controlled Sicily, reinforcing the strictures of a feudal society that existed in the countryside. While it eventually became a popular entertainment for children, it appealed to adults, too.

The marionettes themselves are made of wood with cloth with metal accoutrements. A handful of marionette makers still work in Sicily, particularly in Palermo, Catania and Messina, and sell many of their creations as souvenirs. Quality varies, naturally, but the best Sicilian marionettes are among the world's finest. Traditionally, certain families have specialized in marionette making and puppet theatre --the Cuticchios and Pasqualinos in Palermo, for example. It is a demanding field requiring numerous, highly-developed skills. Nobody is born a puppet master or puppeteer; it is an art learned over many years. The puppets are carved, painted and decorated. Sets are painted in the Sicilian folk style with traditional colors, using canvas for the backdrops. As with any visual or performing art, puppets and puppet theatre are very individual, reflecting each artist's personality and style.



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On August 5th we had our third male guest night, the turnout was great and the pasta sausage meatball combo was a big hit. Giuseppe also got several members' email address' to update our newsletter list (Thank You Very Much). And we gave out several applications so if you sponsored someone, be sure to keep in contact with TJ Blau (650-274-2944) to complete the process.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have completed the Festa weekend and hopefully had a good turn out and sold thousands of ravioli and sausage. As always Dave and I would like to thank those that volunteered to help set up, cook, serve, and break down for both of our booths. As you all know the club can't survive on dues alone so the special events help carry us through the year. If we you did not volunteer this year please consider volunteering for one of our events during the rest of this year or even next year.

Our September meeting will be on the 9th and it will be a joint dinner with Women's club so please contact Mike (by Sept. 5th) with questions and the number of guests. The agenda for the evening will be socializing from 6-7 pm, followed by dinner then two separate meetings.



For Tickets & Reservations Call

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



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

September 9th — Joint Dinner/Women's Club Meeting. \$20 Women's Club Member (Call Mike Maltese by 9/5)

- ♦ Appetizer
- ♦ Pasta with Pesto
- ♦ Bread & Butter
- ♦ Salmon
- ♦ Salad

October 6th — Little Italy Festa—Downtown San Jose

October 7th — Last Male Guest Night Meeting of the year—\$20/guest—Must call Mike Maltese by 10/3.

November 4th — Last Regular Meeting of the year.

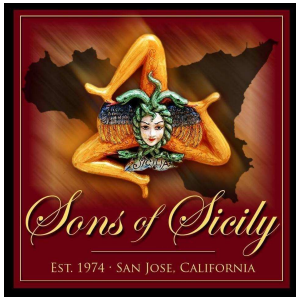
December 13th — Adult Christmas Party (Members and one guest only).

December 15th — Children's Santa Party (Kids 12 & under) Free for member's family.

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

Bob Scaletta— Social Events





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