



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

DECEMBRE, 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

SOS Brothers-

Our last male guest night was a wonderful dinner. I hope all enjoyed the breaded meat and sausage appetizer. Thank you to all the cooks, bartenders, and front table guys.

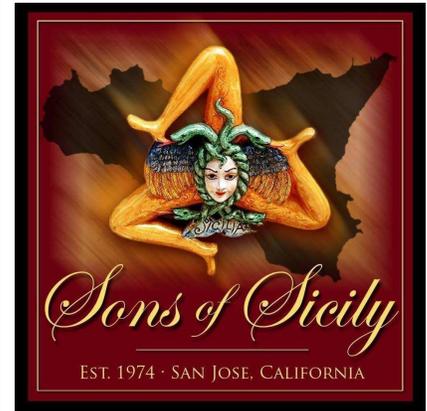
We are at the end of the year and have planned a spectacular Christmas Dinner. We are going to have Prime Rib as our main course! Mark Taormina has made all the preparations and this dinner will be special as always. If you have an extra coat or blanket you are looking to donate, this would be a great time. Please bring it to the Christmas Party and we will have a barrel to put it in. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

During this Christmas Season I hope all of our members get an opportunity to spend time with all their families and friends. As for our club, we are kicking ass. We have an increase in membership and we have made a decent amount of money. The plan is to give away \$21,000 of scholarships from our organizations to graduating High School Seniors next year.

Jon



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- December 15th
Adult Christmas Party
- December 17th
Kid's Christmas Party
- January 8th
Regular Meeting Night
- February 5th
Male Guest Night

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Festa *n.f.* Holiday

Lu travagghiu di la festa n'è ti luci n'è ti resta.

Eng. Preparing for the holiday is neither enlightening nor lasting.



Christmas Party

Friday, December 15, 2023

Napredak Hall, San Jose

No Host Bar: 6—7pm

Dinner: 7—8:30pm

Music & Dancing After Dinner

Raffle Following Dinner

CHRISTMAS
MENU

PRIME RIB
BUFFET



Must RSVP By December 7th

Admission

\$35 Per Spouse / Significant Other
Members FREE



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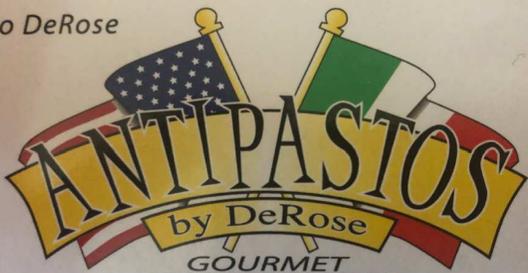
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Wishing you
and yours a safe
and healthy
holiday season



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.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

CHRISTMAS/NATALE

Some of you may recognize this article from last year, but I thought I would republish it since Christmas is such a huge part of our Sicilia tradition.

Christmas celebrations in Sicily begin on 8th December, when families traditionally start decorating their homes for the festive season. While Christmas trees are now common, it was only during the 2nd World War, during the Allied occupation, that they first became popular. A much more widespread custom is the nativity scene. While popular all over Italy, Sicily is probably second only to Napoli in the magnificence of its "Presepi", which can be found in most homes and most churches. One of the most intriguing nativity scenes on the island is the "Presepe Vivente" practiced in many villages in which the locals dress up and re-enact the Nativity from 25th December to Epiphany.

Gastronomically speaking, there is no one dish that all Sicilians eat at Christmas. However, such important festivities call for groaning tables and banquets of epic proportions. Serious eating begins on the evening of 24th December and continues for 24 hours. As might be expected in the land of cassata and cannoli, sweets and desserts are of equal importance. The most traditional of these are uccidati or cuccidati (depending on which side of the island you're from), large round biscuits filled with almond paste or dried fig paste. Presents are opened after dinner on Christmas Eve and huge family gatherings are considered par for the course.

If all that wasn't enough, barely a week later it is time for another "cenone" (literally big dinner) to celebrate the New Year. Traditionally lasagna is supposed to bring good luck (though other types of pasta certainly won't!) but more and more people are now turning to the more Italian tradition of eating lentils, which auger wealth. However, once more, what you eat is not so important – the essential thing is that there must be copious quantities and that at midnight a bottle or two of spumante are chilled to perfection and ready to pop. The final curtain comes down on Christmas on Epiphany on 6th January. Children jiggle with excitement as they wait for the arrival of La Befana an ugly witch-like figure who distributes sweets to children who have been good, and coal to those who have not.



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Our next meeting will be December 15th, it will be our annual adult Christmas party at Napredak Hall, with no host cocktails starting at 6pm with dinner to follow, then dancing and the raffle. The cost this year will be members free, and spouse (guest) \$35. You will need to call Mike by December 7th to let him know if you are coming and bringing a significant other.

Following the adult Christmas party, we will have our annual Kids Christmas party with Santa handing out presents to kids ages new born through 12. It will be Sunday December 17th from 11:30am to 2:30pm. We have all the usual stuff to help keep the kids entertained and the adults happy. Also, for this event Mike will need the age and gender of each child, new born to 12 that will be attending. Santa needs this information to make sure that he gets the right present to each of them.

YOU MUST CALL MIKE BY DECEMBER 7th.

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986

See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

December 15th – Adult Christmas Party Members Only + Significant Other

(\$35/per guest) *Call Mike by December 7th with Guest Information.*

December 17th – Kid's Christmas Party (*Call Mike by December 7th with age and gender.*

(So Santa can get the right present).

January 8th – Regular Meeting Night

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

Bob Scaletta — Social Events

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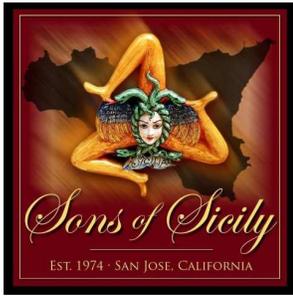
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