



LA TRINACRIA

SONS OF SICILY

NOVEMBRE, 2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

SOS Brothers-

I apologize for missing our last regular meeting, I was working in Antioch. Thank you to Frank Saliccia for conducting the meeting. The food and atmosphere sounded wonderful. Thank you to all the cooks, bartenders, and front table guys.

We had such a good time at the Little Italy Festival Downtown San Jose. There was a great turnout. The club made as much, if not more, money at this one-day event than the two-day Italian Festa event at Kelley Park in August. The club had a wonderful group of volunteers. Thank you to the pepper cutters, BBQers, sausage wrappers and front of the tent team. Craig Palermo led the team and did a great job once again.

We are all set for our next Male Guest Night Meeting scheduled for November 6th. Please call Mike Maltese (408-972-4986) by November 1st if you are planning on bringing any guests.

Craig Palermo had a great idea to sell Ravioli's, Sausages, and other meats for pickup for your Christmas dinners.

Fratelli,

Jon

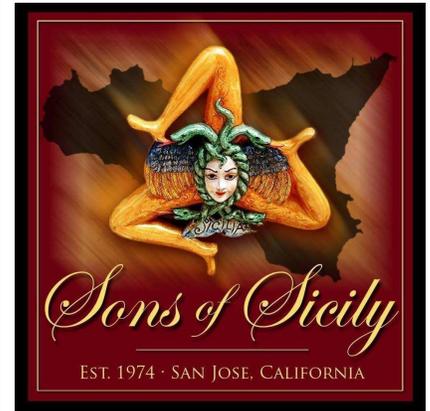
See below for a note from Ron:

Would you like to avoid the supermarket lines before Christmas and save a few dollars in the process? If so, we're taking a pulse of members, friend's, and family would like to buy uncooked Ravioli or Sausage a few days ahead of Christmas. It's the same quality we cook and serve at the Festa. We can't do this for a tiny total order, but together, this would benefit the scholarship fund and you will benefit from a little bit of SOS for your Christmas feast. The pricing will be out soon, but we expect to offer a better price than at your local deli or supermarket.

Please contact Ron Palermo at ronpalermo@protonmail.com. Ron's mobile is 408-425-8172 for those without email.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- November 6th
Male Guest Night
- 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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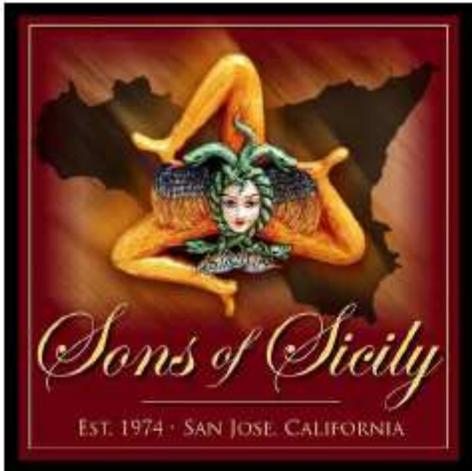
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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

travagghiari v.t. To work.

Cu' a lu cauru nun voli travagghiari, mori di friddu, o Cu' nun travagghia a tempu caudu, patirà poi a lu tempu friddu.

Eng. Who doesn't work during the hot weather, will then suffer in the cold weather.



2024

Calendar of Events

<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>April</i>
<p>8 Regular Meeting</p>	<p>5 Male Guest Night Meeting</p> <p>17 Annual Crab Feed #1</p>	<p>4 Regular Meeting</p> <p>16 Annual Crab Feed #2</p>	<p>1 Male Guest Night</p>
<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>August</i>
<p>6 Regular Meeting</p> <p>TBD Auito Wine Event</p>	<p>3 Male Guest Night Meeting</p> <p>TBD Annual Family Picnic</p>	<p>1 Family Night/ Scholarship Awards</p> <p>TBD Annual Golf Tournament</p>	<p>3 & 4 Festa With IAHF</p> <p>5 Regular Meeting</p>
<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>	<i>December</i>
<p>9 Male Guest Night Meeting</p>	<p>6 Little Italy Festa</p> <p>7 Regular Meeting</p> <p>14 Annual Golf Tournament #2</p>	<p>4 Male Guest Night Meeting</p>	<p>13 Adult Christmas Party (Members Only)</p> <p>15 Children's Santa Party (Members Only)</p>

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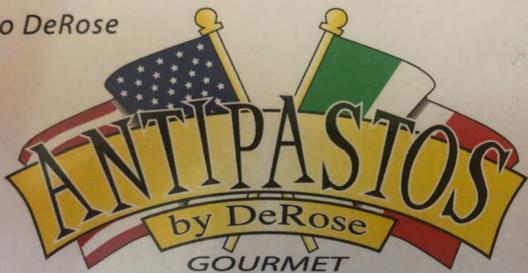
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If you have any news to report and want it placed in next month's newsletter, please contact me before the 15th of the month at **650-670-0777** or email me at: fredguidici64@yahoo.com.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

Please keep Anthony Gates in your prayers as he battles cancer.

Paul Battaglia had a bad fall at home on October 13th. He has a broken scapula and 4 staples in his head. Please pray for a speedy recovery.

Mike Maltese's step father Angelo Denevi passed away peacefully at the age of 90. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Great News:

Past President Dave Geraci is officially retired!

Auguri

ALL SOULS DAY/DAY OF THE DEAD

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 muorticeddi" (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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Our next meeting will be a Male guest night on Monday November 6th. If you are going to bring a guest, you will need to call Mike Maltese by Tuesday October 31st (before you go out treat-or-treating with the grand kids).

Then following in December, we will have our annual adult Christmas party at Napredak Hall, the 15th with no host cocktails starting at 6pm with dinner to flow, then dancing and the raffle. The cost this year will be members free, and spouse (guest) \$35. You will need to call Mike, but please wait until after the November meeting before calling him.

Following the adult Christmas party, we will have our annual Kids Christmas party with Santa handing out presents to kids ages 1 through 12. It will be Sunday December 17th from 11am to 3pm. We have all the usual stuff to help keep the kids entertained and the adults fed. Also, for

this event Mike will need the age and gender of each child attending. As you know Santa needs this info to make sure that he gets the right present to each of them.

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

November 6th – Male Guest Night (*Call Mike by Wednesday, November 1st*)

December 15th – Adult Christmas Party Members Only + Significant Other
(\$35/per guest) *Call Mike after November 6th with Guest Information.*

December 17th – Kid’s Christmas Party (*Call Mike after November 6th with age and gender.*
(So Santa can get the right present).)

January 8th – Regular Meeting Night

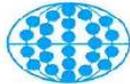
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Bob Scaletta — Social Events

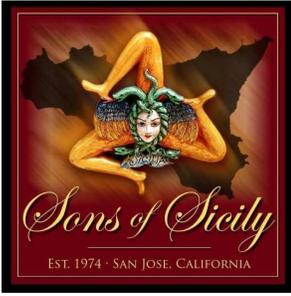
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