



LA TRINACRIA



SONS OF SICILY September, 2022



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jon Taormina

Hello Fellow Sicilians-

Last meeting, I was approached by Joe Rotolo, a well-respected and longtime member of our club. Joe gave the club a check for \$4,000 from the Italian Men's Club. I would like to thank Joe and the Italian Men's Club for this wonderful donation to our scholarship fund. With the permission of the Italian Men's Club, we will be naming a scholarship after them to be given to one of the graduating high school seniors in 2023.

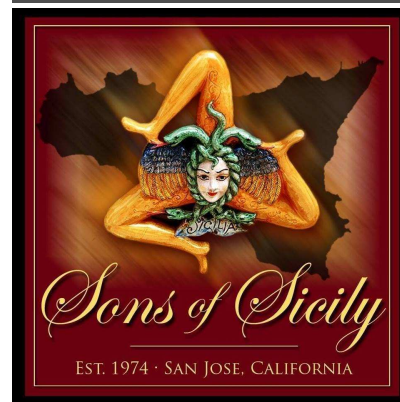


The Sons of Sicily Annual Golf Tournament was a huge success. On August 8th, eighty golfers set out on the Spring Valley Golf course and had a wonderful time. It was all capped off by a delicious Steak dinner that evening. A tremendous amount of work was done by Bob Scaletta, Mike Maltese and Al Mistretta to make this a fun time for all.

Get ready for one of our favorite events, the Family Barbeque is coming up on September 18th. Please call Mike Maltese for tickets at 408-972-4986. Looking forward to a great turnout of our families and friends as this day is sure to be a good time for all!

Jon Taormina

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



September 12th
Regular Meeting

September 18th
Family Picnic

October 2nd
Little Italy Street Festival

October 3rd
Male Guest Night

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Sicilian Word Of The Month:

Libbirtá *n.f.* Liberty, freedom.

Cui di la propria libbirtà si spogghia, sempri si trova cu affannu e cu dogghia.

Eng. Who rids himself of his own freedom, always finds himself with worry and pain..



SONS OF SICILY – FAMILY PICNIC

WHERE: Naperdak Hall – 770 Montague, San Jose

WHEN: Sunday Sept. 19th – 11:00 – 5:00 PM

MENU: BBQ Chicken, Pasta, Salad, G. Bread, Sausage Sandwiches

COST: \$25/person, \$15/under-12y, Free/under-5y

LUNCH SERVED at 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Aiuto Foundation (SOS) WINE EVENT



WHERE: Joseph George Wines – 1559 Meridian, SJ

WHEN: Friday Oct 21st – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

DRESS: Business Casual

COST: \$65/person or \$110/couple

All proceeds go to Aiuto Foundation Scholarship Fund

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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

Frati,

Frank Costa's wife passed away Sunday, August 28. Please keep Frank and his family in your prayers.

Jack LoVerde and his wife Diane celebrated their 29th wedding Anniversary.... Auguri

Enjoy Football Season!

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From Sicilian Accademy—Text by Ignazio Corrao

Sicilian (u sicilianu) is not a dialect but a LANGUAGE, and it is not a language that derives from Italian but, like Italian itself, derives directly from vulgar Latin. Sicilian represents the first Italian literary language, already in the first half of the thirteenth century, in the context of the Sicilian School.

UNESCO recognizes the status of "mother tongue" of the Sicilian language and classifies it among the "vulnerable" European languages. Sicilians are described as bilingual, with the difference that Sicilian is handed down in the family and on the street almost in a clandestine way (and we are often ashamed to speak it too), while Italian is imposed in schools, institutions and in any office public (and even private).

Few, especially a few Sicilians, understand that Sicilian is an extraordinary language, spoken by over 5 million people around the world, which should be studied, preserved, protected and to be deeply proud of. Instead, there has been a violent repression of pre-existing cultures and even the tendency is to pass as a hoax and ignorant the one who speaks their own language or that does not speak Italian. It seems shocking to me that Sicilian is not spoken in the Sicilian Regional Assembly (on the contrary, Sicilian deputies often speak very bad Italian in the assembly, while I have heard in Sardinia and Corsica speak their own languages in the regional assemblies (Not to mention Spain). Almost all Sicilians are able to speak and understand it, but we are essentially illiterate, unable to write or read it well because we have been basically prevented from doing so.



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By now we have had our Golf tournament and the Italian Festa at History Park. I don't know the results as of this writing, but I do know that we had great participation from our club members. Thank you very much, without your help we would never be able to be involved with so many events.

Our September 12th meeting will be a regular meeting at Napredak. Followed by our Family Picnic on Sunday September 18th See the announcement elsewhere in the newsletter and be sure to call Mike Maltese for tickets, 408/972-4986. Following that will be the Little Italy Street Festival on Sunday Oct 2nd see Craig Palermo for the volunteer list.

Then on Monday Oct 3rd we have a male guest night, so Call Mike Maltese for guest tickets, \$25/guest. And finally, we have our first Auito Wine Tasting Event on October 21st at Joseph George Wine Shop 1559 Meridian Ave. The cost will be \$60/person or \$110/couple. We expect that 90% of the funds raised will go to the scholarship fund. Please call Mike for tickets (only 50 available)

See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

September 12 — Regular Meeting Night

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bread and Butter • Antipasto • Salad 	 <i>Menu</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pasta • Sausage
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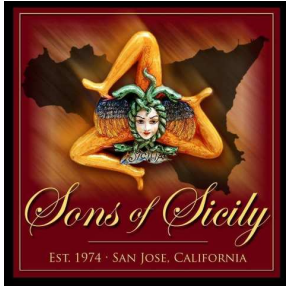
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As changes occur, we'll keep you posted with updates.

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