

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Jon Taormina

SOS Family-

We had a great Guest Night in September. I can't believe how great those ribs came out. Oh and the pasta with lentils was fantastic. The little girl scout the club purchased the dessert cookies from thanks the SOS as well. Thank you to all the cooks, BBQ'ers, bartenders, and front table guys.



The next event we have coming up is the Little Italy Festival on October 1^{st} . As usual we will have a booth at the festival earning money for our scholarships fund. We are looking for volunteers to help out at the Sausage Sandwich booth. Please reach out to Craig Palermo (408-690-5339) if you would like to help.

I am looking for some ideas for the Christmas Party gift for the Ladies. Last year we gave out bottles of high end Olive Oil. Please give me a call at 408-781-8870 if you have any ideas.

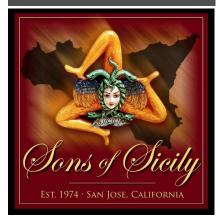
Jon

PS – I got my physical done last week and passed with flying colors.

Sicilian Word Of The Month: libbirtà *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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- October 1st Little Italy Festival
- October 2nd Regular Meeting
- November 6th Male Guest Night
- December 15th Adult Christmas Party
- December 17th Kid's Christmas Party

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Non-Stop Entertainment:

- Pasquale Esposito (Headliner)
- Vanessa Racci
- Anthony Nino Lane Band
- · Cory Pesatauro
- Balliamo Tarantella Dancers
- · Plus much more...



This Year's Grand Marshall Rob DiNapoli













Joe Pizzo's wife Frances needs our prayers

FOOTBALL

SEASON

IS HERE!

as she recovers from an illness.



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: <u>fredguidici64@yahoo.com</u>.

Buona Salute a tutti e Dio Vi Benedica.

Fred

FROM SICILIAN ACCADEMY - Text By Iganzio Corrao

Fix this concept well, 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. In this regard Dante Alighieri said: "We will be the first to investigate the nature of the Sicilian, since we see that the vulgar Sicilian is attributed a reputation superior to all the others: that everything the Italics produce in terms of poetry is called "Sicilian". 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. Instead, since the creation of the national language, 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.

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. In Sardinia and Corsica, I've heard them speak their own languages in the regional assemblies.

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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Coming soon the Little Italy Festa, Sunday October 1st, in downtown San Jose. Call Craig Palermo to volunteer to work on-site at the downtown venue. He will be assigning work hours (9am to 7pm) and tasks. He is looking for the cleanup crew this year (last year only 4 people stayed to help do the tear down). *** Craig (408) 690-5339 ***

Also, for the Little Italy festa this year Mike will be coordinating the Pepper cutting at Napredak on Friday October 30 about 5:30pm. Please give him a call to volunteer.

Call Mike-(408) 972-4986



See the schedule below for a quick reference in chronological order

October 1st – Little Italy Festival (Call Craig Palermo to volunteer)

October 2nd - Regular Meeting Night

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).

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

Bob Scaletta — Social Events



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