



Triangle Sons & Daughters of Italy

Serving the North Carolina Triangle since 2004

LODGE 2817

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Luglio-Agosto, 2020

Sicily: Land Of Love & Strife

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If you were not able to attend the showing of Sicily: Land of Love & Strife, from our own member Mark Spano, last year it's now available on Amazon Prime Video. This amazing exploration of Sicily takes the viewer to a place of spectacular beauty, epic human struggle, depth and diversity of culture, philosophical insights, and historic sites. This is a must watch.



TSDOI 2817 Calendar of Events

- Jul 25 ___ Durham Bulls – **CANCELED**
- Aug 8 ___ Bocce Tournament – Bob G
- Aug 9 ___ Helen Wright Shelter Dinners – Nick V
- Sep ? ___ Annual Picnic / Pot Luck - **TENTATIVE**
- Sep 5 ___ Annual Fund-Raiser Breakfast – Bob G
- Sep 26 ___ Festa Italiana – **CANCELED**
- Oct 11 ___ General Membership Meeting and Outstanding NC Italian/American Award
- Dec ? ___ USO Hanger Party
- Dec 6 ___ Annual Christmas Dinner - Margaret C
- Jan 31 ___ Movie Night
- Apr 9 ___ La boheme Opera

July-August Birthdays

This month we celebrate the birthdays of those members celebrating in July. Wish the following members Happy Birthday when you talk to them:



JULY: Lorraine Passaretti (5), Marie Scalco (7), Roxeanne DeMarche (10), Becky Stinnett (11), John Confalone (13), Frank DeMaria (20), Mary Muth (22), William Ward (23), Anita Kretchik (28).

AUGUST: Joseph Mele (3), Fran Giannuzzi (4), Lenny Cicero (4), Mia DeStasio (5), Linda delZioZoffer (7), George Quartell (8), Paul Schmidt (9), Caroline Connor (10), Talia DeStasio (11), George Scalco (20), Patricia Palmer (21), Donna Kerrigan (27), Bradley Moses (29), Mark La Mantia (29), Marie Knight (30).

Event Status Update

Bocce Tournament - There is still time to sign up for the Bocce Tournament on August 8th. You can form your own team or you can join a team that needs another member. Masks will be required. For additional information contact Bob Giannuzzi.

Durham Bulls - The game originally scheduled for July 25, 2020 has been cancelled due to COVID-19. The Durham Bulls will roll over our payment for tickets into the 2021 season at which time we will receive priority to get great seats and our game of choice.

Annual Picnic / Pot Luck – We are looking at possibly combining the annual picnic and the pot luck as an outdoor event in September. This is tentative and more information will be forthcoming.

Fundraiser Breakfast – We have been told by O'Charley's that we are still on for our fundraising breakfast, however we are waiting to hear back on capacity.

Festa Italiana – All events in Raleigh have been cancelled until at least October 31.

Once again, we are sorry for the inconvenience COVID-19 has had on many of our 2020 events.



Volunteers Needed

We are still looking to recruit at least 2 members for the Fundraising, Membership and the Good and Welfare committees. Contact Fran Giannuzzi if you can help.

Fundraising Committee

Work with the treasurer to:

- Sell 50/50 raffle tickets at Events
- Help with sale of GOPLAYSAVE books if Council determines we will sell in 2021
- Help with sale of TSDOI merchandise at key Events

Membership Committee

Work with the membership chair to:

- Welcome new members at events and make sure they are seated with some members
- Work at Festa Italiana to promote membership

Good and Welfare Committee

Work with the good and welfare chair to:

- Sending cards to the sick or whatever else is deemed necessary such as death, congratulations, surgery
- Send a donation/gift to a member who has experienced a death in their immediate family
- Make a hospital visit to a member if necessary
- Help a member that has any hardships with meals and whatever they may need following an illness - perhaps help to coordinate with membership

Charities for 2020-2021

Our Lodge has always been committed to our philanthropic giving and volunteering for those in need. We've added 4 new charities for the year. Please let Mary Muth know if you would like to donate or volunteer to work with any of these organizations.

Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism – Donation from our annual Bocce Tournament

Helen Wright Women's Shelter – We will be sponsoring 4 meals during 2021.

Family Promise – We will sponsor a family and buy them presents.

The ARC - Advocacy for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD)

Interfaith Food Shuttle - innovative, solutions designed to end hunger in our community.

Read & Feed - bridge the reading gap by providing children with the resources they don't have at home

ALS Association – Help find a cure for ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease

Columbus Memorial at Bond Park Vandalized

You may not be aware that there was a Christopher Columbus 500th anniversary monument at Bond Park that was erected by the Knight of Columbus. To our lodges horror it was defaced recently. The KofC asked the town of Cary to remove the monument and is storing it until the KofC can identify a place to have it safely reinstalled.



Helen Wright Shelter Dinner

We delivered another meal to the women at the Helen Wright Center on June 12. The dinner consisted of pulled pork with rolls and cole slaw (Mark Spano), baked beans and veggie burgers (Nick Verna), salad (Mary Muth) and homemade cookies (Vinny Russo). The women were very appreciative of the whole meal. The next meal is August 9th and we have enough members committed.



New TSDOI Badges Available

With our names change to the Triangle Sons and **Daughters** of Italy we are also updating our name badges. If you would like to order a new name badge, which is also larger, with the new name, please contact Bernard Castellano. The badges cost \$8.50 each.

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RECIPE COURTESY OF VALERIE BERTINELLI

Sicilian Tomato Pesto

(Reprinted from www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/valerie-bertinelli/sicilian-tomato-pesto-8738886)

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup slivered almonds (toasted)*
- 1 pound bright red cherry tomatoes
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves
- 1/2 cup fresh flat-leaf parsley leaves
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves
- ¼ - ½ teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 cloves garlic (grated)
- Kosher salt
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan or pecorino
- 1 baguette, cut crosswise into slices and lightly toasted

Directions

Heat a dry, medium skillet over medium heat. Add the almonds* and toast, stirring often, until golden, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.

Combine the cooled almonds, tomatoes, basil, parsley, mint, red pepper flakes, garlic and 1/2 teaspoon salt in a food processor. Pulse, adding a little bit of the oil at a time, until everything is finely chopped and emulsified. Add the Parmesan and pulse to incorporate. Season with salt to taste.

Place in a strainer to get rid of the excess liquid then transfer to a serving bowl and serve with the toasted baguette slices. Any leftover pesto can be kept refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 days.

NOTE - Nick gives it ★★★★★

Ten Largest Italian Cities Quiz

Here's your chance to test your knowledge of the most populous cities in Italy. Rank the following 10 cities by population with 1 being the most populous and 10 being the least populated. The population does not include metropolitan areas. Answers below, no cheating!

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| Genoa | |
| Rome | |
| Catania | |
| Naples | |
| Turin | |
| Florence | |
| Palermo | |
| Bologna | |
| Milan | |
| Bari | |



Catania, Sicily

| City | Population | Rank |
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| Rome | 2,553,873 | 1 |
| Milan | 1,299,439 | 2 |
| Naples | 995,171 | 3 |
| Turin | 902,255 | 4 |
| Palermo | 675,277 | 5 |
| Genoa | 605,084 | 6 |
| Bologna | 374,425 | 7 |
| Florence | 368,059 | 8 |
| Bari | 328,428 | 9 |
| Catania | 305,773 | 10 |