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Information Release

On Sunday August 28, 2016 the St. Joseph's Club will observe the 90th anniversary of its founding.

It originally began under the name "San Giuseppe Society." The club was formed on August 13, 1926 to provide a social forum for the Italian immigrants living in the vicinity of All Saints and St. Anthony of Padua Parishes. In coming years, the club purchased its original home located at 608 W. 26th Street. It called this location home until 1989, when a few members with a vision purchased the "Old Hickory Pit." This is now our home located at 2724 S. Union Ave. in the heart of Bridgeport and the 11th Ward.

The St. Joseph's Club was one of the first Italian-American clubs in the City of Chicago to own its own property. The traditions which began over eight decades ago by the members of the San Giuseppe Society live on today under the guidance of the older members of the St. Joseph's Club who from decade to decade pass on the Italian traditions of the St. Joseph's Table, the Procession, and Mass to honor our Patron Saint Joseph. We are also showing respect for the Parish and neighborhood we were raised in and show respect, love and community service to our friends and neighbors.

The St. Joseph's Club membership has risen to an all-time high of 120 sponsored members, and we are very proud to say that we have 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generation families.

The Celebration will start with the Statue of St. Joseph leaving its place of honor at the club and proceed in procession to All Saints-St. Anthony Church where it will be received with honor and presented to the altar for the start of Mass. The Mass to be celebrated by Pastor Fr. Peter McQuinn. After Mass, Father will bless our Statue, Membership, families and friends. We will then leave the church, place the St. Joseph statue on the float and start the procession. The procession will proceed through the area around the club stopping at historical places for fireworks and blessings. The music will be provided by the Sicilian Marching Band. The procession will terminate at the Club where food and beverages will be provided along with music. The final tradition of the day will be to return the St. Joseph Statue to its altar in the Club.