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## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy.

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. While we still have the limited menu, Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends. We ask that groups of 6 or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

The Wednesday night buffet continues to offer a variety of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help on the buffet, even once a month, please contact me. The reservation line is 886-8850. Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids.

**Reservations for the members' dining**

**room are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is (262) 886-8850.**

Bingo participation has been excellent! Bingo has always been an important function here at Roma Lodge and requires many volunteers. If you have the time to volunteer, please contact Jon Morelli, Mike Peratt, or Dennis Porcaro.

Jim Faraone is stepping down as the head of bingo. I would like to thank Jim for all his years of commitment to the club and bingo.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help to organize and work on some of our many social events throughout the year. You can contact me or any of our board members if you have an area of interest. Our membership involvement and participation will always be the key to our success. A special thank you to all that contribute your time on a regular

basis. Grazie!

Elections for the terms of four directors will be held in March. The February meeting is your chance to be nominated to run for one of the four director positions. If you are interested in a position, please contact the election committee chair, Jon Morelli.

You can also have someone nominate you from the floor at the February meeting. It's a great opportunity to really get involved in the club and new ideas are always welcome.

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, February 6th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

*Frank L. Bisotti*

President

## MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Dues must be received by January 31<sup>st</sup> to maintain your membership. Please drop them off in the board room mailbox or mail them to Pat Tierney at Roma Lodge. Please send to Pat's attention.**

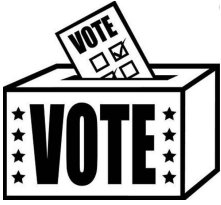
## FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The February Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations for four (4) Board Members will take place at this meeting.

## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



Nominations will be made at the February 9, 2024, Membership Meeting for four (4) director positions for the 2024-2026 term. The Directors whose regular terms expire in March 2024 are Jack LeRose, Greg Pierangeli, Dennis Porcaro, and Bill Pucci.

The election will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024.

To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2024
- Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two years and completed his probationary period.
- Accept the nomination at the time it is presented at the February meeting. If he is unable to be present, he must have a representative deliver his written acceptance of the nomination at the meeting.
- Not be a purveyor to the Lodge
- Not work in a paid position for the Lodge or receive a salary or hourly wage from the Lodge, except for those positions on the Board that are salaried.

Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Jon Morelli at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 18, 2024, highlighting their history with the Lodge and why they wish to serve as a Roma Lodge Board member. These statements will be published in the March Newsletter



DOORS OPEN – 4:00 PM  
FOOD SERVICE – 4:45 PM  
BINGO START – 6:00 PM



If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact one of the following:

Jim Faraone: 262-657-1244 – [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com)

Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)

Ken Scolaro (February Captain): 262-488-4886 – [kscolaro@wi.rr.com](mailto:kscolaro@wi.rr.com)

## ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

February 2,3  
February 9,10  
February 16,17  
February 23,24

Guy Schetter  
Keith Stannis  
Steve Rawlinko  
Jon Morelli

## February 2024 EVENTS

Thursday, February 1	National Freedom Day
Friday, February 2	Groundhog Day 2024
Friday, February 2	National Hedgehog Day
Friday, February 2	National Tater Tot Day
Friday, February 2	Give Kids A Smile Day
Saturday, February 3	National Golden Retriever Day
Saturday, February 3	National Carrot Cake Day
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>Roma Lodge Cribbage – 12:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, February 4</b>	<b>Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM</b>
Sunday, February 4	Rosa Parks Day
Sunday, February 4	Thank Your Mailman Day
Monday, February 5	National Weatherperson's Day
<b>Tuesday, February 6</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM</b>
Tuesday, February 6	National Frozen Yogurt Day
Wednesday, February 7	National Send a Card to a Friend Day
Wednesday, February 7	National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
Thursday, February 8	National Boy Scout Day
Thursday, February 8	National Kite-Flying Day
<b>Friday, February 9</b>	<b>Members Meeting - 7:00 PM</b>
Friday, February 9	National Pizza Day
Saturday, February 10	Lunar New Year
Sunday, February 11	Super Bowl Sunday
Sunday, February 11	National Inventors' Day
Monday, February 12	Lincoln's Birthday
Tuesday, February 13	Mardi Gras
Wednesday, February 14	Valentine's Day
Wednesday, February 14	Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14	National Donor Day
Wednesday, February 14	International Book Giving Day
Saturday, February 17	Random Acts of Kindness Day
<b>Sunday, February 18</b>	<b>Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM</b>
Monday, February 19	Presidents' Day HOLIDAY
Tuesday, February 20	National Love Your Pet Day
Wednesday, February 21	National Sticky Bun Day
Thursday, February 22	National Walking the Dog Day
Thursday, February 22	National Chili Day 2024
Thursday, February 22	George Washington's Birthday
Friday, February 23	National Banana Bread Day
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>WSCA Sports Show 9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday, February 25</b>	<b>Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM</b>
Sunday, February 25	National Clam Chowder Day
Monday, February 26	National Pistachio Day
Wednesday, February 28	National Pancake Day 2024

*Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri*  
*Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in February*

February 1	John Passarelli	February 6	Chuck Mano	February 19	Robert Vallone
February 2	Frank Caira	February 7	Joe DeMatthew	February 21	Benjamin Cupertino
	Arthur Chiappetta		Jason Evitts	February 22	Eugene Modesti
February 3	Alan Tripp		Ryan Massman		Gerald Nosotti
February 4	William Gullo	February 10	Garrett Wilkins	February 24	Arthur Simmons
February 5	John Grycowski	February 19	Michael Kroes	February 28	David Chiapete
February 6	Jeff D'Acquisto		David J. Ricchio	February 29	Frank Sullivan

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, [teamtierney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teamtierney@sbcglobal.net) or 262-960-2855 if corrections are needed.



**Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – January through March**

The Calling Tree schedule includes those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between:

***Adamowicz, Randy – DaPra, Dominic***

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled three-month period, you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one during the quarter. Other members are also encouraged to attend. There will be a special Roma Lodge sign in book at the service for members who attend to verify that they are fulfilling their obligation.

**Sick and Shut-ins**



On behalf of the members of Roma Lodge, the Sick and Shut-ins Committee sends flowers to the funeral of deceased members as well as "Get Well" cards to members who are hospitalized or ailing at home. If you know of a Roma Lodge brother who passed away or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Dennis Porcaro, [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net) or by phone at (262) 884-9121.



## JANUARY CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The January tournament was held on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>

### Winners

- 1st Place (All pools) – Pete Loewen
- 2nd Place (\$10 & \$5 Pools) – Brett Yutka
- 2nd Place (\$15 Pool), (3rd Place \$10 & \$5 Pools) – Kip Humburg
- 3rd Place (\$15 Pool), (4th Place \$10 & \$5 Pools) – Chris Sklba
- 4th Place (\$15 Pool), (5th Place \$10 & \$5 Pools) – Joe Bodi

Great turnout on January 14th. Twenty-seven players braved the cold. Thanks for all who were able to attend. We invite all members, spouses, and friends to the next tournament on February 4<sup>th</sup> starting at Noon. Sign in at 11:30 AM.



## CRIBBAGE

**NEW START TIME**  
**12 Noon**



**Roma Lodge Tournaments**  
**Cost \$10 per Person**

**CASH drawing at start of tournament!**

**February 4th, 2024**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES  
AND FRIENDS**

**Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents**

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

**March 10th, April 7th**

**SIGN UP AT 11:30AM**

**TOURNAMENTS START AT 12 Noon**

**Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.**

**COME EARLY AND EAT AT THE SUNDAY BRUNCH!**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BRUNCH STARTS AT 9AM**

**RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED!**

## SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA) is having another **SPORTS SHOW at ROMA LODGE** on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm (it's most exciting in the first 2-3 hours). Founded back in 1975, the shows have grown from dozens to nearly 400 people at each of these events. Our shows feature generations of our families actively participating. Each show consists of over 60 dealer's tables with vendors from numerous states. Memorabilia includes sports cards, autographs, bobble heads, NASCAR, other non-sports fun and so much more. We feature an entertaining auction running simultaneously around 9:45am until 11:30am with a large variety of items. Every show brings different surprises! There may be "signing" guests at some of our shows as well. Please pass along the word to friends and family.

WSCA has fostered a great niche in the sports collecting business by combining our shows with charitable giving. As a "nonprofit organization" our profits go to various charities including, but not limited to the MDA, Lighthouse Youth Center of Milwaukee, Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Autism Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Veterans Charities, and many others. We have led local assistance events for families with providing Thanksgiving dinners, back to school supplies and Christmas presents.

I have volunteered with the Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association since the 1980s (nearly 35 years) and I'm thrilled to bring the WSCA to Roma Lodge every other month. My specialty has been procuring the items for the auction as well as running the auction at each event. Another Roma Lodge Member, John Gehring, has also been a part of WSCA for many years – both as a dealer and a guest.

This is a "FAMILY" Event, and we encourage all of the Roma Lodge members to bring their families - their children and/or their grandchildren - as they build their own sports collectibles hobby in this healthy event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.

Paul

Paul Costanzo

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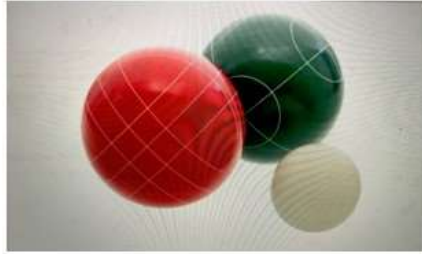
# Roma Lodge 2024 Kids Bocce

Starts Sunday Feb 4<sup>th</sup>\* (off Feb 11 for Superbowl)

Banquet Sunday March 24th

Sundays from 12:00 until 2:00

Hot Dog concessions will be open each week



Come play the Italian traditional game of Bocce!!

Learn from our very own highly skilled players!

Ages 5 and up open to members

children, grandchildren and their friends!



**Sunday February 11th**

**Doors open at 3:00 PM**

**Adults - \$15 Children under 12 - \$10**

Children under 6 FREE

**Includes all Tap Beer, Soda,  
Pizza, Sausage, Nachos, etc...**

**Call or Text Frank Caruso to reserve your table**

**262-914-1026**



## MARCH 2024 EVENTS

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Employee Appreciation Day  
National Peanut Butter Lover's Day  
**Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM**  
National Anthem Day – 1931 Anthem officially adopted  
World Wildlife Day  
National Hug a G.I. Day  
**Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM**  
National Day of Unplugging  
National Oreo Cookie Day  
National Cereal Day  
**Members Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
National Meatball Day  
**Roma Lodge Cribbage – 12:00 PM**  
**Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM**  
National Mario Day  
Daylight Saving Time Starts  
National Hug Your Dog Day  
National Good Samaritan Day  
Pi Day (3.14 – first three digits of Pi)  
National Popcorn Lover's Day  
National Potato Chip Day  
National Corn Dog Day  
**Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM**  
Saint Patrick's Day  
Spring Equinox (Start of Spring)  
International Day of Happiness  
World Down Syndrome Day  
National Goof Off Day  
National Puppy Day  
National Chip and Dip Day  
**Kids Bocce - 12:00 PM**  
Palm Sunday  
National Cheesesteak Day  
National Medal of Honor Day  
International Waffle Day  
National Spinach Day  
Holy Thursday  
Maundy Thursday  
MLB Opening Day  
Milwaukee Brewers open in New York against the Mets  
@ 12:10 PM  
Good Friday 2024  
National Vietnam War Veterans Day  
National Doctors' Day  
Holy Saturday  
Easter Sunday



## Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Bricks are available to members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna.

Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to a lasting memorial to family and friends for generations to come

### BRICK OPTIONS

4" x 8" brick consisting of three lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$75.00.

12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$200.00.

Check must accompany your order

To purchase a brick please contact:

Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)

### 4" by 8" Brick

**NOTE:** Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### 12" x 12" Brick

**NOTE:** Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY SPRING OF 2024

## Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

1. Please call to make a reservation. It will help with both food preparation and staffing.
2. If you have a party of ten or more, we ask that your reservation is set by 5:30 or after 6:30 to ensure quality service is provided to all. Please keep splitting of checks to a minimum. This takes considerable time and will delay service.

Our Chef, Mike, will continue to create specials each week to add a variety of food options for our members and guests. Along with the weekly specials we will continue to provide a quality reduced menu. We encourage everyone to stop out and enjoy Mike's creations.

The Member's Restaurant is open for the Wednesday Buffet, and every Friday and Saturday for dining.

Thank you

## Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from **The Lettering Machine.**

TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>



Feel free to call The Lettering Machine at (262) 652-4177 if you have any questions. Thank you for your business!

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**Deadline for information for the March 2023 Newsletter is February 20, 2023.** Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com).

*Jon Morelli*, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary