ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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July 2016 Issue

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cari Fratelli,

Please keep in mind our founding principles: LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY.

Also, please strive to achieve our objectives: TO SERVE, TO STRENGTHEN and TO UNITE.

HAPPY 4th of JULY. GOD BLESS THE U.S.A ...DIO BENEDICA GLI STATI UNITI d'AMERICA.

Our 38th annual festival is here!!! This festival promises to be our best ever. The festival continues to be successful because of the outstanding efforts of our festival committee, booth captains, volunteers and our sisters of the Vittoria Colonna. Thanks to all who contribute their time and participate in this great event for Roma Lodge and the Racine community. All plans are in place and we are ready to proceed with another extraordinary festival. Let's all remember to say a little prayer for the blessing of great weather.

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna entered Racine's 4th Fest Parade for the 3rd straight year. We were entry #78. Our entry included: a color guard, an F-150 from Porcaro Ford promoting our festival and pulling a 16' float, 4 Corvettes, a golf cart pulling a 16' BINGO trailer and a Mustang promoting our wedding facility. Our float and bingo trailer will be on display during our festival.

The 4th season of Coffee and Cars roared to a start on Saturday, June 11th. There were 70 cars. The next date is Saturday, July 9th (8:00am – Noon). **ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,** however, a \$5.00 "value bag" is offered as you enter. The July "value bag" contains 2 beverage tickets, 2 popcorn tickets and a pastry ticket. Also included are 2 complimentary tickets to our festival. It's a \$15.00 value. For additional details and to volunteer contact Chairman Charlie Presta.

Roma Lodge entered teams in the Lighthouse Run on Saturday, June 18th. Thanks to Jeff DeMatthew for organizing this event. Also, congratulations to Champion Georgine Kudrna for her victory in the women's (55-59) 10 mile race and to Champion Jeff DeMatthew for winning the men's (60-64) 4 mile race. We look forward to next year and another great showing by Roma Lodge.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the families of Roma Lodge brothers Sam Filpi and Warren Bradley.

Best wishes to our 24th President Joe Porcaro who is celebrating his 80th birthday on July 31st.

Every member should realize that helping and participating in our events serves to strengthen our club and unites us into one of the greatest fraternal organizations in the country. Please continue to monitor our calendar in the newsletter and website www.romalodge.com for all of our events.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people:

To the 4th of July Parade committee, construction crew and all other participants...thanks for your contributions for a successful Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna parade entry. To Charlie Presta and all of the Coffee and Cars participants and volunteers...thanks for jump starting us into the 2016 season. To all of the Roma Lodge team members in the Lighthouse Run...thanks for your willingness to participate.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

JULY 2016 EVENTS

Monday, July 4, 2016 Monday, July 4, 2016 Tuesday, July 5, 2016 Friday, July 8, 2016 Saturday, July 9, 2016 Tuesday, July 12, 2016 Wednesday, July 20, 2016 Friday, July 29, 2016 Saturday, July 30, 2016 Sunday, July 31, 2016 Independence Day
Roma Lodge & Vittoria Colonna 4th Float
Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting
Coffee and Cars
Roma Lodge Festival \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet

Roma Lodge Italian Festival Roma Lodge Italian Festival Roma Lodge Italian Festival

Condolences are extended to the family of Sam Filpi, age 93, who passed away on May 29th, 2016, and to the family of Warren Bradley, age 90, who passed away on June 16th, 2016.



Sam Filpi Warren Bradley

Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Macara, Roland - Oswald, James

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge.

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.



Volunteers are always needed.

Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or <u>jfaraone@wi.rr.com</u>,
The July Bingo Captain is Jim LaBelle 262-939-3470.

New Membership Incentive for Current Members

Any current Roma Lodge member who recruits a new member will be provided a \$30 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for the first new member they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for any additional new members proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificates would be provided upon the new member's successful election as a probationary status.

Application for Membership form along with the <u>Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents</u> is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, dggoebel@yahoo.com and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html.



Change of Address, Phone Number, or Email Address

Please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 dggoebel@yahoo.com of changes of address and/or phone numbers. This will help insure an up-to-date membership list so that you will continue to receive Lodge mailings and other communications.

Roma Lodge Reservations

For **Members Dining Room** reservations, the **telephone number is 262-886-8850**. When making reservations for the Members Dining Room, please telephone the <u>Members Dining Room number only.</u> Leave your name, day and date you want the reservation, your phone number, number of people in your party, and estimated time of arrival. You will only receive a call back if there is a problem or a question about your reservation. **NOTE:** The Members Dining Room is always closed on Membership Meeting nights, which are usually the second Friday of the month. It is also closed on Wednesday and weekend nights when events for members or members and guests are scheduled. To reserve the Venetian Room and for Roma-to-Go, telephone the RIWA Office at 262-886-3610. For the Members Card Room telephone is 262-886-2557.



Sick and Shut-ins -

On behalf of the members of Roma Lodge, the Sick and Shut-ins Committee sends a memorial gift chosen by the family of deceased members (or flowers if no preference is expressed), as well as Get Well Cards to members who are hospitalized or ailing at home. If you know of a Roma Lodge brother who died or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Jim Faraone, 262-657-1244 or email ifaraone@wi.rr.com.

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Gift Certificate Special!

Members can purchase five \$20 Gift Certificates for the Members Dining Room or Café Venerdi and receive a sixth \$20 Gift Certificate for free!

Gift certificates are available to Roma Lodge members from the RIWA office 262-886-3610, Dennis Porcaro 262-884-9121 or Frank Bisotti 262-914-1880.



ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE

In order to meet Roma Lodge's mission to carry on human relations activities on a charitable basis for the purpose of showing the community the positive force of Italian-American citizens, the CARES Committee, with the approval of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors, recently made a contribution of \$100 to the Deputy Friendly Golf Outing, and \$100 to the 37th Saint Catherine's Golf Outing.

For more information on the CARES, contact Ed Habel, 262-945-0911 or edhabel@yahoo.com.

Buy a Brick in the Patio Brick Program

Roma Lodge Sponsors the "Patio Brick Program" for members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge. By purchasing a brick, you and your family will not only benefit from maintaining the beautiful patio located on the west side of the building, but it will also provide for a lasting memorial to family and/or friends for years to come. Each Brick services as a testimony of your support and commitment to the Lodge, as well as serving to keep our Italian heritage alive.

A 4" x 8" brick consisting of two lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$50.00. A 12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$250.00.

To purchase a brick please contact:
Pat Johnson, 2621 Wynfield Drive, Racine, WI 53406
Phone 262-620-0366 Email pjohnson@cordeck.com

A 4" by 8" brick consisting of two lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$50.00 Check must accompany order.

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

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A 12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$250.00

NOTE: Spaces count as letters. A Check payable to Roma Lodge must accompany order.

Roma Lodge Festival XXXVIII – July 29, 30, 31 2016 Racine Festival Park

Greetings from the Festival Executive Committee

Final plans and supporting programs for the **38th Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival** are progressing. Now, we must focus our attention on the following important issues that must be successfully completed before the festival gates open:

Festival Mass

This year also marks the 38th year of the Festival Mass to be held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Festival Hall. Racine native **Father John Pulice**, who now resides in Franklin, and our own Deacon Russell Missureli will celebrate the Festival Mass. Music will be provided by the Sacred Heart Choir, under the direction of George Baumgardt. Each year, attendance at the Festival Mass has increased. Please, let's continue this Italian tradition. It's a wonderful opportunity to express our thanks.

"Top Gun" Incentive Cash Awards Program

As in previous years, cash prizes will be awarded to the Top Gun raffle book sellers. The rules are simple – All persons allocated raffle tickets are eligible to participate

There will be separate Top Gun Award Programs for Roma Lodge and for Vittoria Colonna Lodge

To be eligible for a potential award, a Roma Lodge member must sell a minimum of 16 full books

To be eligible for a potential award, a Vittoria Colonna member must sell a minimum of 8 full books

Final award standings will be based on the total number of books charged to and sold by the participant

In the case of a tie, award monies designated for the tied positions will be shared equally

The cash awards will be presented at the final festival report meeting

"6-Pack" Member Admission Plan

All Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge members will be given the opportunity to purchase 6-packs of admission tickets – six tickets for \$6.00. There is a limit of one 6-pack per member. There are no restrictions on Vittoria Colonna members whose spouse is a Roma Lodge member. These tickets will be available for purchase at the July members meetings of both Lodges. No 6-pack tickets will be sold after July 19th. These tickets must be picked up and paid for in person. For more information call Art Rozzoni, (262) 637-6312.

Festival \$10.000 Raffle and Kick-off Dinner

Mark your calendars for the Festival Kick off Dinner and \$10,000 Raffle on **Tuesday**, **July 12**, **2016**. The Kick-off will be held at Roma Lodge. Raffles, including 50/50 will be held during the evening. There will be 225 tickets priced at \$100.00 each, which includes two buffet-style dinner tickets. There will also be some dinner-only tickets available for \$20.00 each. Please contact Zuddy DeRose (262) 681-3576.

Pepper Cutting

On Monday, **July 25**th volunteers are needed in the Roma Lodge kitchen to help cut and prepare the peppers that are used at the Festival. The action begins at 8:00 am. Please bring your own sharp knife and a cutting board. A light lunch is provided.

Set-up and Tear Down

The set-up for the Festival will take place on **Wednesday July 27**th and **Thursday, July 28**th. Help is needed to load the truck at Roma and our festival shed and to unload at the park. The park opens at 9:00am. Contact John Pisanello (262) 939-5650 for instructions. Help is also needed at the park to place equipment and setup the park. Tear down will begin immediately after the festival on Sunday night, around 10:00 pm, and equipment will be removed on **Monday, August 1**st starting at 9:00 am.

Beer/Beverage Bars

Volunteers are needed to staff the three bars; the Promenade Bar between the colonnades, the Main Stage Bar, and the Tent Bar. Four shifts run Friday, July 29, 5pm - 9 pm and 9pm - 1 am; Saturday, July 30, 1pm - 5pm, 5pm - 9pm, and 9 pm - 1 am; Sunday, July 31, 12 pm - 4pm and 4pm - 10:00pm. Contact Art Rozzoni (262) 637-6312.

Food and Beverage Tickets Sales

Volunteers are still needed to staff the Food and Beverage ticket sales booths, especially from ten until close on Friday and Saturday nights. Contact Jeff DeMatthew, (262) 633-7530 (business), to offer your services.

Tabloid

Each year, a Tabloid is printed by the Racine Journal Times highlighting the Festival events, food, and entertainment.

To offset the cost of this tabloid, we solicit advertisements to be included in this insert. If you are interested in placing an ad in this year's tabloid, contact Doug Goebel, (262) 554-7316 or Patrick Diem, (414) 530-2988. Time is running out.

Stage Sponsorship

Special Sponsorship seating, refreshments, and banner advertising for your business is a great way to support and enjoy the Festival. It also serves as a wonderful way to reward your employees and thank your clients.

Contact Joe DeMatthew, (262) 989-1682, or email jddematthew@yahoo.com.

Finally, the Festival can only be successful through the work of many volunteers. Below are the Directors and Captains for this year's festival. **Please call and volunteer to help!**

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Festival Chairman: Patrick Diem	(262) 530-2988	Corn: Frank Bisotti, Jr	(262) 652-9779
Executive Director: Tom Garbo	(262) 639-1437	Sunday Mass: Russ Missureli	(262) 633-6582
Financial Director: Gary Lipor	(262) 681-9124	VIP Area: Jim or Joe DeMatthew	(262) 989-1682
Entertainment Director: Joe Buscemi	(262) 634-7623	Soda: Chip Mazurek	
Advanced Admissions: Jim DeMatthew	(262) 681-9740	Beer Director: Art Rozzoni	(262) 637-6312
Tickets: Food & Beverage: Jeff DeMatthew	(262) 880-7474	Pizza: Joe Jardina	(262) 637-0499
Operations: Tom Garbo	(262) 639-1437	Sausage: John Ruffalo	(262) 632-0259
\$10,000 Raffle: Zuddy DeRose	(262) 681-3576	Meatballs: Joe Porcaro	(262) 639-2623
Outside Vendors: Doug Goebel	(262) 554-7316	Six Pack Tickets: Art Rozzoni	(262) 637-6312
Hot beef: Joe Cicero	(414) 379-1620	Spaghetti Eating Event: Jim DeMatthew	(262) 681-9740
PR/Publicity Director: Jim DeMatthew	(262) 681-9740	Café Roma: Dennis Porcaro	(262) 884-9121
Fireworks: Gary Krause	(262) 639-9321	Café Roma: Chuck Domanico	(262) 886-3790
Set-up/Teardown/Signage: John Pisanello	(262) 939-5650	Café Roma-Dining: Rosemary Domanico	0 (262) 886-3790
\$20,000 Cash Raffle: Rick Tringali	(262) 504-9950	Tabloid: Doug Goebel	(262) 554-7316
Bingo/Pull tabs: Russ Missureli	(262) 633-6582	Volunteers: Doug Goebel	(262) 554-7316

A Special Note

Each and every member of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge and spouses work very hard for the success of this and past years' Festivals and it shows. Why else is the Roma Lodge Italian Festival named the number one Festival in Racine and Racine County?

Respectfully,

Pat Diem, Tom Garbo and the Festival Executive Committee and Festival Planning Council

Roma Lodge Festival XXXVIII

July 29, 30, 31, 2016 Festival Park – Racine, WI Entertainment Schedule

Adult Admission - Advanced \$4.00 - Gate \$5.00

	FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2016	mi p iii
TENT STAGE	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	The Britins
MAIN STAGE	4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Fall Hazard
	8:00 pm – Midnight	The Boogie Men
FESTIVAL HALL	5:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Karaoke Competition
FIRE WORKS	10:00 pm	Fireworks
	SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2016	
TENT STAGE	,	All the Kings Men
TENT STAGE	12 noon – 4:00 pm	
	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	The New Invaders
MAIN STAGE	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Mean Jake
	8:00 pm – Midnight	Evolution
FESTIVAL HALL	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Karaoke Competition
FIREWORKS	10:00 pm	Fireworks
	SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2016	
FESTIVAL HALL	10:30 am	Festival Mass
	5:00 pm	Spaghetti Eating Contest
TENT STAGE	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Academy of Dance
	2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Tom Anthony Group
	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Karaoke Finals
	9:00	\$20,000 Raffle Drawing
MAIN STAGE	12:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Hammered Brass Band
MAIN STAGE		
	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	The Sentinels

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna enter Racine's 4th Fest Parade for the 3rd straight year



'Celebrating 80 Years of the Greatest Parade on Earth'





Many thanks to our 4th of July Parade Committee and Construction Crew!!! Laura Catrine, Maureen Sorensen, Rick Bonanno, Dennis Porcaro, Lisa Graceffa, JoDell and Jim Faraone, Joan Domanico, Michael Kroes, Jerry Perona and Sarah Graceffa.



Master Float Builder Michael Kroes applies finishing touches



Veteran Float Driver Art Rozzoni guides us safely on Main St.



VC President Lisa Graceffa and VP Maureen Sorensen Driven by Lenny Juliano



Roma Lodge President Rick Bonanno and VP Dennis Porcaro Driven by Pam and Anita Bonanno



Laura Catrine helps Scholarship Winner Kyle Sinclair and sister Samantha. Not pictured Sarah Horwich. Driven by Mike Wall



Scholarship Winners Mari Suokko and Sabrina Ruffalo Driven by Gary and Janet Suokko

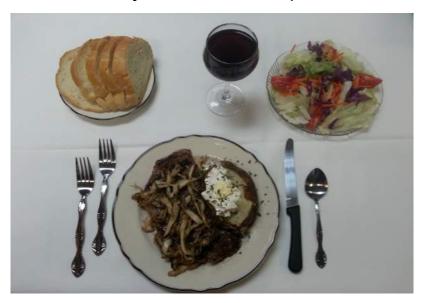


Come Say "BINGO" at Roma Lodge Designed, built and driven by Jim and JoDell Faraone



Say "I DO" at Roma Lodge. Bride Ashley Ketterhagen and Groom Matt Nelson Driven by Joe and Rosemary Povkovich

Zuddy's Prime Rib Special



The Prime Rib Special consists of Zuddy's perfectly cooked prime rib. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or generous helping of pasta bread and butter. Includes a complementary glass of red wine. Price is \$17.95

Zuddy's Cod Oscar Special



The Cod Oscar Special consists of Zuddy's famous mixture of cod, crab meat and asparagus covered with béarnaise sauce. The side dish is a baked potato or a very generous helping of pasta. The special includes the salad bar, bread, butter and a complementary glass of red wine.

Price is \$12.95

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in July

FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!

Members Bar will provide one free drink to a member during his birthday month on Friday or Saturday night when the kitchen is open. See the bartender for details.

July 1 Joe Clementi July 11 Brian Pulda July 24 Michael Ansani Michael Clementi July 25 Jim Faraone July 12 Art Greco Kelly Kudrna Nick Rossi Joseph M Tenuta July 26 Chip Mazurek Dan Litrenta July 15 Carmine Caruso Mark Soine Carey Tempesta July 16 John Lapetina Frank Porcaro Michael Miceli July 29 Francesco Chírico Bill D Pucci Mark Schneider Greg Pitts July 30 Tom Berefa July 2 George Chardukian July 19 Randy Porcaro Míke Plantamura July 20 Don Cicero John Domanico July 6 James Haase Chuck Daceno July 31 Dan Cupertino Joe Povkovích Joe Líparí Toe Porcaro July 10 Chuck Domanico July 21 Al Porcaro Victor Patrizzi July 23 Charles Funk

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, dggoebel@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.

FESTIVAL KICKOFF DINNER AND \$10,000 RAFFLE

TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2016 at ROMA LODGE

PRIZES INCLUDE:

ONE \$4,000 CASH PRIZE, ONE \$1,500 PRIZE, THREE \$500 PRIZES, FIVE \$200 PRIZES AND TWENTY \$100.00 PRIZES ~ WINE, APPLIANCE AND 50/50 RAFFLES WILL ALSO BE FEATURED

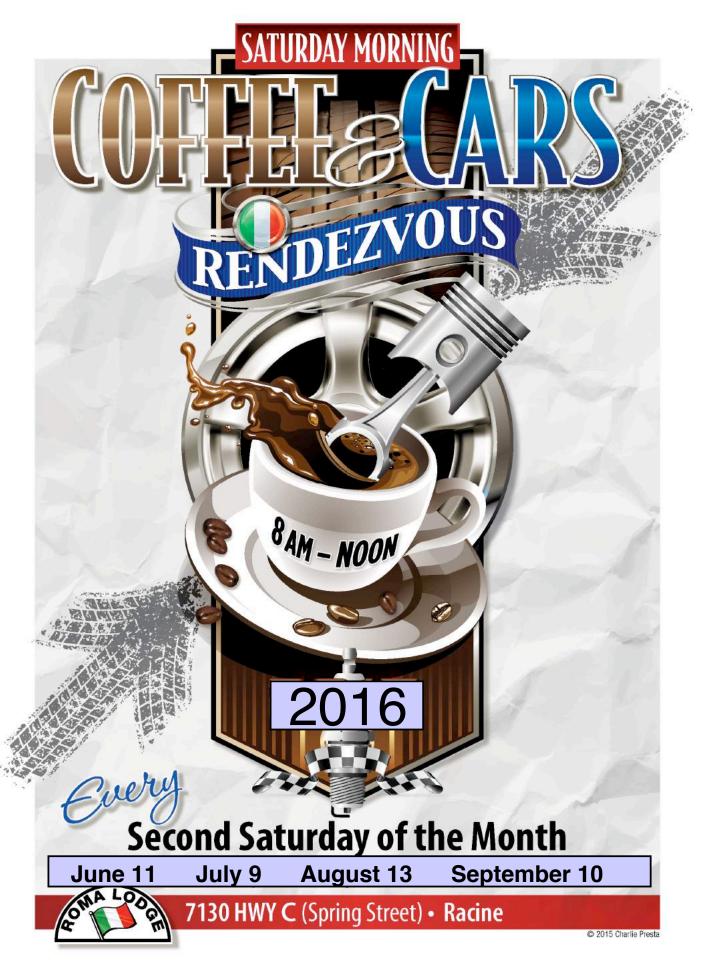
TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH, WHICH INCLUDES TWO DINNER TICKETS

CASH BAR BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M. WITH DINNER SERVED BETWEEN 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM - ZUDDY DEROSE (262) 681-3576

Thursday Nights in our Members Lounge this Summer

Grab some friends and come on out for our Thursday Night Pizzas and Bombers in the Members Lounge. Jeff DeMatthew will be tending the bar, and we will have Zuddy's large cheese and sausage or cheese and peperoni pizzas for only \$6.00. We will also have a 'make your own bomber' option for just \$3.00 each. We open at 5:00pm, and Jeff will stay to 11:00pm. Remember, members and up to 11 of your guests are welcome. Watch a game on our big screen, play some bocce in the courts, or just sit on the patio and watch the sunset. And, enjoy members prices at the bar with your brothers. It's all so good in *your* lounge at Roma on Thursday nights this summer!





GOLF & DINNER

\$75.00 per person

A FOURSOME MAY CONSIST OF MEN, WOMEN OR ANY COMBINATION

18 Holes with Shared Cart · Dinner at Roma Lodge Immediately Following · Hole Prizes Automatic Entry into Raffle · 50/50 Raffle

DINNER ONLY \$35.00 per person



SIGN-UP & PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 14th

PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT ROMA LODGE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ROMA LODGE/GOLF OUTING

LEAVE YOUR PAYMENT IN OFFICE WITH GOLF OUTING/TOM VENA, MIKE PERATT OR VICKI CHRISTENSEN WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE

QUESTIONS:

TOM VENA (262) 914-1949 MIKE PERATT (262) 206-9930 VICKI CHRISTENSEN (262) 552-1331

34th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY - AUGUST 14th, 2016

Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St; Racine WI 53406
Arrive at 8:00 AM for Coffee and Pane Fritta.
Games Start at 9:00 AM Sharp!!!!

FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$2,000

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person (Including Alternates)			
FEE INCLUDES: 8:00 AM	Coffee and Pane Fritta		
10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Sausage/Meatball Bombers, Fried Peppers, Corn on the Cob,		
	Tomato Salad, Soda and Beer from 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM		
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	BBQ Ribs, Italian & Henny Penny Chicken, Italian Potatoes,		
	Tomato Salad, Green Beans, Pasta & Meatballs.		
Any Non-Player	wishing to join us for food and drinks, may do so at a cost of \$30.00		

PROJECTED CASH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

MEN'S DIVISION (Based on 39 Teams)		WOMEN'S DIVISION (Based on 16 Teams)				
	1st Prize	\$2,000	_	1st Prize	\$800	
	2nd Prize	\$1,000		2nd Prize	\$400	
	3rd Prize	\$500		3rd Prize	\$250	
	4th Prize	\$300		4th Prize	\$150	

This year we are projecting to have a filled to capacity tournament consisting of 64 teams in the Men's Division (men or mixed) and 16 teams in the Women's Division (Ladies Only).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUND ROBIN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.

All teams (5 players) guaranteed minimum of 3 games possibly 4.
All games will be between 9-12 points depending on number of entries.
The Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be played to 16 points.

NOTE: ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BOCCE BALLS ONLY!

Championship game will be played on indoor court #1.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts.

This tournament will be filled on a first come - first serve basis.

Get your entries in early since we are expecting a filled tournament this year.

Come and join in the fun, food, drinks and camaraderie for a fun-filled day at the Roma Lodge.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Chiapete (Tournament Director) 262-939-5914 Rick Bonanno 262-914-1509 Tony Povkovich 262-880-5945



www.romalodge.com



Family Picnic & Pig Roast

(Music Featuring "The Bugs")
Sunday, August 28th
Doors Open at NOON

\$12.00 Adults (Kids 16 and under are FREE)

Zuddy DeRose 262-886-8850

Bill Pucci, Jr. 262-939-3452

Pat Johnson 262-620-0366

ROMA LODGE IN THE LIGHTHOUSE RUN

This year's combined Roma Lodge and Racine Area Running Club competitive teams were very successful in both the 10 and 4 mile races at this year's Lighthouse Run. Scoring members of both teams were awarded medals for their respective team accomplishments.

The 10 Mile team finished 3rd out of the 12 teams that competed in the event. Runners with a Roma Lodge connection on the 10 Mile team included: Georgine Kudrna (wife of Kelley Kudrna), Dave Perugini (who was voted in to the Lodge as a probationary member at the June Members' Meeting) and Tom Linden (son of member Tom Linden).

The 4 Mile team also finished 3rd in its race, taking 3rd place out of 14 teams that competed in that event. Runners with a Roma Lodge connection on the 4 Mile team included: Jordan Gardina, Jeff DeMatthew, Janet Suokko, Bailey Schwartz, Mari Suokko (wife and daughters of Gary Suokko) and Bill Binetti. Individual medalists with Roma Lodge connections in the 10 Mile Race were: Georgine Kudrna (5th overall female and 1st in the female 55-59 age group and David Perugini (4th place in the male 50-54 age group). In the 4 Mile Race, Jeff DeMatthew (1st in the male 60-64 age group) also medaled.



Roma Lodge Participates in the 70th Anniversary of Italian National Day



Consulate General of Italy in Chicago The Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Finocchiaro 70th Anniversary of the

ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY

Saturday June 4th, 2016 CASA ITALIA

3800 W Division Street - Stone Park - Illinois -

PROGRAM

12:00 noon Opening Ground

12:30 pm Start Ceremony - Italian and American National Anthem/Remarks 1:00 pm Reception by Chicago Land Restaurants and Food Operators

2:30 pm **End Program**

The 70th Anniversary of Italian National Day was celebrated at Casa Italia in Stone Park, Illinois on Saturday, June 4th. Over 350 people attended the event hosted by The Consul General of Italy Giuseppe Finocchiaro. His Excellency Italian Ambassador in the USA Armando Verricchio was unable to attend. However, other special guests included Italian Senator Renato Turano, Senator Claudio Micheloni, Senator Maria Mussini and Senator Franco Conte. Italian National Day (Festa della Repubblica) commemorates the 1946 referendum in favor of an Italian Republic over a Monarchy.



Giuseppe Finocchiaro, Mario Ruffolo



(1 to r) President Rick Bonanno, Consul General (1 to r) Mario Ruffolo, Senator Renato Turano, President Rick Bonanno

Thank You notes from 2016 Roma Lodge Scholarship Recipients

From Ian Eickhoff (grandson of Joseph Clementi)

Dear Scholarship Committee:

I would like to thank you and all the members of Roma Lodge for selecting me the winner of the

2016 Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship. It is a great honor to be able to receive this scholarship, and represent my Italian heritage. Roma Lodge has been the site of a number of wonderful meals and special family celebrations with two of my favorite Roma Lodge Members, Joe and Michael Clementi. It was also very special that Mr. Kroes was able to make the trip up to Manitowoc Lutheran High School to present me with this scholarship. It really meant a lot to me and my family. Next year I will be attending UW-Madison. I plan to pursue a degree in Business. This scholarship will be a great help in covering the cost of my tuition. It is a great honor to be recognized as the recipient of the Russell and Helen Missureli scholarship. Thank you again.

From Louisa Fredriksson (daughter of Steven Fredriksson)

Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee:

Thank you so much for selecting me for the John and Vlasta Kroes Merit Scholarship. I am thrilled to represent the Roma Lodge and the Kroes family. I have many fond memories of the Lodge, and your generosity towards my schooling is definitely included in that. Thank you so much again!

From Mari Suokko (daughter of Gary Suokko)

To the officers, directors and members of the Roma Lodge,

I am Mari Suokko and I was named the recipient of the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship. I want to thank all of you for selecting me for this award; I am very honored. I graduated from Union Grove High School as the 2016 Class Valedictorian and am proud that I maintained straight A's since kindergarten. I am so excited to be starting the next chapter in my life by attending Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. I will be studying pharmacy while playing golf on the FSU Women's Golf team. After 7 years, I plan on graduating with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. On the golf course, I have always appreciated the support from so many of you, and a special thank you to Zuddy for being my #1 fan! I am proud to say that UGHS won the conference 4 straight years, I was named the conference player of the year 4 straight years, and I went to State both as an individual and this past year as a team (1st in school history). In addition, this past year I was named the Racine County Player of the Year. In closing, I will commit to you that my goals will not change...I will be working hard to maintain the best grades possible and will be working hard to earn playing time on the golf team. I will not let the club down! Thank you again!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 9, 2016 Friday, August 12, 2016 Saturday, August 13, 2016 Sunday, August 14, 2016 Monday, August 15, 2016 Wednesday, August 17, 2016 Sunday, August 21, 2016 Sunday, August 28, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting – Sports Night
Coffee and Cars
Roma Lodge Invitational Bocce Tournament
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