ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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May 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 MOTHER'S DAY...BUONA FESTA DELLA MAMMA We offer the following poem to all mothers on their special day and throughout the year.

A MOTHER'S LOVE

-Anon Of all the special joys in life, The big ones and the small, A mother's love and tenderness Is the greatest of them all.

May is a very busy month for Roma Lodge's membership and also the RIWA banquet business. May 1st is "Championship Sunday" for the 3rd Annual Men's Singles Bocce Tournament. Tuesday, May 3rd is our \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner. Sunday, May 8th is the RIWA Mother's Day Brunch. Monday, May 9th is the start of the Men's Golf League. Friday, May 13th is our Membership Meeting and the announcement of the scholarship winners. May 18th is Zuddy's Wednesday Night Buffet Special. Zuddy's weekend specials offered throughout the month of May are Cod Oscar and Eggplant Parmesan with Lobster Ravioli. Buon Appetito!!!

As previously stated, please understand that your participation in Roma Lodge's events and functions is appreciated and helps strengthen our club. Your promotion and support of the RIWA banquet business (which includes the member's dining room) is also appreciated and is necessary for the long term viability of our club.

Our congratulations go to Men's Bocce League Champions, Racine Dental with their team consisting of; Tom Garbo, Dave Chiapete, Jason Evitts, Nunzio Germanotta, Chuck Christiano and Woody Zanella.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the family of Roma Lodge brother Glen Kurhajec.

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

To our bocce committee, Tony Povkovich-Chairman, Dave Chiapete and Jim Silvani...thanks for your outstanding efforts in organizing and running our tournaments and leagues. To Dave and Bri Silvani...thanks for running the couples bocce league and providing a great time. To Frank Caira and all other helpers...thanks for providing a wonderful bocce season for our kids.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... **Rick Bonanno**

APRIL 2016 EVENTS

- Sunday, May 1, 2016 Tuesday, May 3, 2016 Sunday, May 8, 2016 Monday, May 9, 2016 Tuesday, May 10, 2016 Friday, May 13, 2016 Friday, May 13, 2016 Tuesday, May 17, 2016 Wednesday, May 18, 2016 Monday, May 30, 2016
- Singles Bocce Tournament Finals \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner Mother's Day Brunch - RIWA Men's Golf League Begins Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting Scholarship Recipients Announced President's Dinner Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet Memorial Day



away Monday, April 18, 2016.

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.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

The Calling Tree schedule includes those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between: Gabbey, Michael - Infusino, Egidio

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>, Jim LaBelle 262-995-0152 or <u>jlabelle71@yahoo.com</u>, The May Bingo Captain is Don Vena 262-554-2375

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 <u>dggoebel@yahoo.com</u> 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. <u>NOTE:</u> 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.



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.

ROMA LODGE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS April 2016 – February 2017					
Officers Term 2015-2017					
President	Rick Bonanno	262-914-1509	ricokeno@yahoo.com		
Vice-president	Dennis Porcaro	262-884-9121	appriservices@netscape.net		
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Term					
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2016 - 2018	Mike Peratt	262-206-9930	mperatt22@yahoo.com		

Thursday Nights at Roma Lodge this Summer

Starting May 19th our Members' Lounge will be open on Thursday evenings for members and guests to enjoy drinks, bombers and pizza.

Jeff DeMatthew (ph. (262)-880-7474 or email: dematthew@ameritech.net) will coordinate with Zuddy DeRose to provide the bombers and pizzas. Jeff will also be responsible for having a volunteer bartender on duty to serve you and your guests. If you are interested in being a volunteer bartender, contact Jeff. Otherwise, keep us in mind for Thursday evenings this summer.

Lighthouse Run, Saturday, June 18th

Roma Lodge and the Racine Area Running Club will be co-sponsoring teams in the Lighthouse Run 4 and 10 mile competitive team divisions this year. Non-members are welcome to sign up on either team. So, please pass this information on to any family and friends that may be interested. Team members will have both the Roma Lodge and the RARC logos added to the back of their Lighthouse Run t-shirt.

Prior to April 30th, the fee is \$20/person for both 4 and 10 mile team members. After May 1st, the fee goes up to \$22. **Also, the deadline to enter and have the logos added to the back of the race-shirt is May 15th.** Last year, we had a Racine Area Running Club 10 mile team that placed 2nd as a team, and our Roma Lodge 4 mile team just missed getting medals. We also had a number of Roma Lodge members that received individual age-group awards. We are looking to do even better this year. <u>Remember: The deadline to enter as a team member is May 15th.</u> For more information or to sign-up for one of the teams, please contact Jeff DeMatthew at: <u>dematthew@ameritech.net</u> or by phone at (262)-880-7474.



chance to win multiple \$50 in a drawing. <u>rtringali252@gmail.com</u>.

Roma Lodge Festival – Pick up Your Raffle Tickets – Be Eligible for Early Bird Drawing

The Friday June 10th lodge meeting is a social meeting. The bar opens at 5:30pm along with ticket turn in. There will be a short meeting at 7:00pm with dinner directly after, followed by our Festival presentation and Early bird drawing. Sell as many raffle books as you can and turn them in at this meeting. For each \$20 book of stubs and payment turned in that evening you get a

Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262)-504-9950 or

ROMA LODGE \$10,000 RAFFLE AND DINNER TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Prizes include: one \$4000 cash prize, one \$1500 prize, three \$500 prizes, five \$200 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes Wine, Appliance, and 50/50 Raffles also featured Cash Bar open at 5:00 pm; dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Contact Zuddy DeRose, 262-886-8850 for tickets.



Fulcs There are four By-law Amendments to be discussed at the May Membership Meeting, and voted on at the June Membership Meeting. (The changes are bolded and underlined):

1. Article V, Section 6:

Paragraph D. Members who have failed to meet their financial obligation to the Lodge by January 31st, or made special arrangements for payment of dues as provided in Paragraph C hereinabove, shall be placed in an inactive status. During this period of inactive status, such members shall have all of their rights as members of Roma Lodge suspended. They shall be ineligible to: participate in Lodge Functions, use the members' facilities, attend meetings of the members, or vote in any elections or referendum until they have paid their dues in full plus a late payment penalty to be determined by the Board. Any such member who has not paid his dues and the late payment penalty before the end of February will be dropped from the membership.

- i) On or about February 1st, the Membership Secretary shall send a "Final Reminder Statement" to those members that have not paid their dues by that date. The notice shall inform those members of the suspension of their rights and privileges as a member of Roma Lodge. They shall also be informed that failure to pay all dues and any other obligations then due to the Lodge together with the late payment penalty by the end of February will result in such member being dropped from membership.
- ii) Members dropped for non-payment of dues shall be eligible to re- apply for membership upon payment of their dues, the late payment penalty and <u>any current</u> application fee. The decision to accept such member back into the Lodge will be made by the Board of Directors after consideration of a recommendation from the Membership Screening Committee. In the event the Board of Directors accepts such member back into the Lodge, the membership status of such member shall then reflect continuous membership in the Lodge, with no gap in their membership seniority as a result of this incident.

2. Article VIII, Section 1:

Paragraph C: No regular or special meeting of the Lodge shall be declared open unless a quorum is present. The presence of not less than <u>65</u> members in good standing shall constitute a quorum. When only <u>65</u> members are present at a regular or special meeting, a two-thirds vote is required in the matter of soliciting funds, except for the ordinary Lodge administration expenses.

3. Article IX:

Section 4: The President should have the authority to approve expenditures of up to <u>\$1,000</u> \$3,000. Any expenditure of \$1,000 or more, but less than <u>\$3,000</u> \$7,000 shall require the approval by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any expenditure of <u>\$3.000</u> \$7,000 or more shall be submitted to the general membership for approval.

4. Article IX:

Section 10: The Roma Lodge <u>Columbus Day Dinner and</u> Christmas Party shall be a "members only functions". The Members Christmas Party must be held on a Saturday night.

Roma Lodge Honors Our Veterans Saturday, November 12, 2016



Richard Vallin U.S. Navy Commander 1960-1984 Viet Nam – 3 combat tours of Duty





Santo "Zuddy" DeRose U.S. Army PFC Korea

On Saturday, November 12, 2016 Roma Lodge will, again, pay tribute to our Veterans. This special banquet will honor Roma Lodge's military veterans, both living and deceased. Also participating in the event will be members of the Vittoria Colonna Lodge. Commander Richard Vallin, US Navy (Ret.) will lead this very special evening. Santo "Zuddy" DeRose originated the idea for a Veteran's Event which was first held in 2013. Our 2016 event will again feature various dignitaries including a guest speaker, a color guard, military music, "Challenge Coin" presentation, ceremonies to remember those missing in action and the "Battle Field Cross" remembering those who have died in action.

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER EARLY FOR THIS EVENT CONTACT RICK BONANNO AT 262-914-1509 TO REGISTER

Roma Lodge President's Dinner

Roma Lodge President's Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 17th. This extraordinary evening is annually hosted by Roma Lodge's president. Participants include past presidents, current board members, outgoing board members and newly elected board members. In addition to a delicious dinner, acknowledgements for outstanding service and other special presentations are made. Spirited discussions regarding the "Good and Welfare" of Roma Lodge's membership and the current and future state of the RIWA business also take place.



Standing from left to right: Jerome Litrenta (5th), James Fornary (7th), Orlando Litrenta (11th), Gaetano Policicchio (9th), Samuel Pulice (16th), Frank Romano (13th)



1 ANTHONY WELLS Served 3 terms 1923, 1924, 1933



JOSEPH FILIPPONE Served 3 terms 1925, 1937, 1939

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COSTANZO VALLONE Served 6 terms 1926, 1927, 1928 1930, 1931, 1938



Δ ANGELO PAVIA Served 1 term 1929



JEROME LITRENTA Served 6 terms 1932, 1935, 1936 1940, 1955, 1956



6 LUIGI MATAGRANO Served 1 term 1934



JAMES FORNARY Served 7 terms 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944 1945, 1946, 1947



8 JOSEPH FAZZARI

Served 2 terms 1948, 1949



a GAETANO POLICICCHIO Served 2 terms 1950, 1951



10 DOMENICK POSTORINO Served 1 term 1952

Served 4 terms

1953, 1954

1965, 1966

1957, 1958

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RAPLH NICOTERA, Jr. Served 1 term 1960

'61-'64, '69-'70, '73-'74

'77-'78, '86-'87, '91-'92





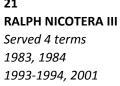
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JOHN LAPETINA Served 2 terms 1971, 1972



1979, 1980





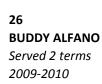
22 FRANK BISOTTI Served 3 terms 1988, 1989-1990 1997-1998

23 PETER CIARAMITA Served 1 term 1999-2000



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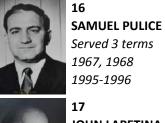
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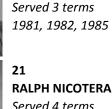
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2011-2012 27 **RICK BONANNO** Served 2 terms



19 GENE PRESTA Served 2 terms





Members Dining Room Specials for May

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



Zuddy's Eggplant with Lobster Ravioli Special

The Eggplant Special consists of Zuddy's breaded eggplant with the perfect amount of cheese topping. The side dish is lobster ravioli. The special includes the salad bar, bread, butter and a complementary glass of red wine. Price is \$12.95 Buon Compleanno e Tantí Augurí

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in May

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.

May 1	Don Písanello	May 16 Joe Romano	May 26 Ralph Tenuta
May 1	Tommy Rícchío	May 17 Charles Bonofíglío	May 27 Frank Zamagní
May 2	Charles Aíello	May 17 Len Montalbano	May 28 Alex Bagdasarían
May 2	Peter Chambasían	May 17 Allen DíBlasío	May 28 Paolo Cortese
May 2	Aurelío Fardella	May 18 Michael Pucci	May 28 Davíð Ruffalo
May 3	Davíð Hagman	May 19 Gary Petersen	May 28 Bill Rushing
May 3	Jeff Pascuccí	May 20 Joe Píllízzí	May 29 Al Stefaní
May 3	Níck Recupero	May 20 Ken Scolaro	May 29 Allen Hall
May 7	Jeffrey Fries	May 22 Achille Cortese	-
May 8	Richard DeFurio	May 23 Joseph Ingrascí	
May 8	Míchael Schoene	May 23 Ralph Líparí	
May 10	Anthony Povkovích	May 23 Alex Nígro	
May 11	PatSarto	May 24 Tony Catrine	
May 13	Anthony Písanello	May 26 Míchael Borzynskí	
May 14	Paul Costanzo	May 26 Ríchard Heck	

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



MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT ROMA LODGE

Sunday, May 8, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm Featuring Buffet Menu

Action Stations: New York Strip, Pasta, and Waffles

Scrambled Eggs, Frittata, Bacon, Sausage Links, Broasted Chicken, Italian Fried Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit, Muffins, Danish, Bagels, Assorted Juices, Coffee, and Dessert Station Kids Buffet

Mini Corn Dogs, Mac N Cheese, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Mini-Pancakes, Jell-O

Advance Reservations 9am-5pm @ 262-886-3610

Adults \$20.95 – PLUS TAX Children 5-12 years \$9.95 Children under 4 are free OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 Friday, June 10, 2016 Saturday, June 11, 2016 Wednesday, June 15, 2016 Sunday, June 19, 2016 Monday, June 20, 2016 Saturday, June 26, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Social Meeting and Early Bird Drawing Coffee and Cars Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet Father's Day First Day of Summer Couple's Golf Outing

News from the Bocce Courts

ROMA LODGE COMPETES IN HIGHWOOD'S BOCCE TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, April 3rd Roma Lodge entered 3 bocce teams in Highwood Bocce Club's Tournament. A total of 15 teams played in the 4-man round robin and single elimination tournament. Our teams found the courts in Highwood very challenging. However, they represented Roma Lodge very well and we are proud of their efforts.



Captain Tom Garbo, Nunzio Germanotta, Frank Chirico, Cesare Bosco



Dave Silvani, Captain Jim Silvani, Joe Povkovich, Joe Lipari, Joe Buscemi, Tony Povkovich



Captain Chuck Christiano, Woody Zanella, Jason Evitts, Dave Chiapete



Roma Lodge President Rick Bonanno, Highwood Tournament Director Paolo Giannetti, Roma Lodge Tournament Director Dave Chiapete, Highwood President Peter Pieracci

Bocce Players: Important Dates to Remember

- Monday, May 2nd starts the summer open bocce. Come play bocce Monday evenings at 7pm all summer long. Cards are drawn to determine teams. Come some Mondays, or all Mondays, no commitment required.
- The Summer Invitational Tournament will be held August 14th. The tournament will be a 5-man format. More details to come this summer.
- The Captains Meeting for Men's Bocce League will be held August 15th. This meeting is the one opportunity to changes rules for the 2016-2017 season. An agenda for the meeting, along with the team signup sheet for the 2016-2017 season, will be posted in the bocce courts this summer.

Congratulations to the 2016 Men's Bocce League Champions Racine Dental Group!



pictured (I to r) Nunzio Germanotta, Woody Zanella, Chuck Christiano, Dave Chiapete, Jason Evitts not pictured Tom Garbo

Remembering Racine's Old Neighborhood Grocery Stores – a HUGE Success

Over 400 people came out Tuesday, April 26th to reminisce about Racine's old neighborhood grocery stores and there impact growing up in Racine. An area power outage caused the electricity to go out, but everyone stayed to reminisce. Thanks to candles and a portable speaker the show continued uninterrupted until power was restored.

The program included stories from Rick Bonanno, Russ Missureli, Dolores (Christiano) Pinnow, Joe and Rosemary Povkovich, Eugene Hnilicka, Joe Romano, and Anita Bonanno. Jim Mercier brought his collection of Racine grocery store memorabilia, and Carol Burow Gianforte read her Racine Journal Times published article entitled "The Store". The evening concluded with audience members sharing their stories.

A big thanks to the committee, Joe and Rosemary Povkovich, Carol Burow Gianforte, Jim Mercier, Ralph Nicotera Jr., Cindy Pisanello, Lisa Graceffa, and Rick Bonanno.





Deadline for information for June 2016 *Newsletter* is May 20, 2016. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.