

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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## November 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 THANKSGIVING. BUON GIORNO del RINGRAZIAMENTO.*

The monthly president's messages began in April 2013 by reviewing each of our founding principles and outlining our organizational objectives. I would like to conclude my series of president's messages by conveying each of them again.

**Our third founding principle is FRATERNITY:**

*"The spiritual essence and the structure of the lodge are founded upon our conception of fraternity. We affectionately offer a hand to the humble, to the good and to the suffering without distinction. We console the families of our deceased members. To our needy and aged members, we offer all of the assistance that we can. By these works we keep alive the traditions of our ancestors and give tangible evidence of our sentiments of true brotherhood. Through them also, we gain inspiration, hope and faith to work for a better world in which human solidarity will become ever stronger. We believe in the brotherhood of man, and that the state was created by man to serve him and not vice versa."*

**THIS IS OUR CONCEPTION OF FRATERNITY.**

Roma Lodge's 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Columbus Day Celebration was a memorable evening. The food, prepared by Zuddy DeRose and his staff, was excellent. The music, provided by Ann Salerno and Jim Bednarek, was outstanding. And, our guest speaker, Larry Baldassarro was interesting and truly touching recalling his Italian roots and the essence of our Italian heritage and culture. We are now looking forward to our 94<sup>th</sup> annual Columbus Day Celebration.

Our congratulations go to Art and Trudy Rozzoni on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the family of deceased brother Tom Hort.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people: To the 93<sup>rd</sup> annual Columbus Day Committee; Al DeRose, Aldo Fallico, Frank Caruso, Mario Ruffolo, Zuddy DeRose and Dennis Porcaro...thanks for your significant contributions. To Deacon Russ Missureli, George Baumgardt, Carol Thiel, the Sacred Heart Choir, Zuddy DeRose, Michael Kroes, Dennis Porcaro, Don Cicero, Rosemary Domanico, Lisa Graceffa-Domanico, Jerry Perona and Frank Bisotti...thanks for your efforts in remembering our loved ones during our 2016 Memorial Service. To Dennis Porcaro, Lisa Graceffa-Domanico, Tina Gatzke, Rose and Alex Bagdasarian, Micheal Kroes, Jim and JoDell Faraone, Paul Costanzo, Tony Povkovich, Jason and Randy Evitts, Jim LaBelle, Jason and Vince Caira, John Gehring, Tom Linden, Joan Domanico, Dave Chiapete and all participants for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Trunks or Treats...thanks for your time and great work to make this event a special day for our kids.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

## NOVEMBER 2016 EVENTS

Tuesday, November 1, 2016  
Saturday, November 5, 2016  
Sunday, November 6, 2016  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
Friday, November 11, 2016  
Saturday, November 12, 2016  
Wednesday, November 16, 2016  
Wednesday, November 23, 2016  
Thursday, November 24, 2016

\$10,000 Raffle and Dinner  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual San Martin Wine Tasting  
Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Membership Meeting/Veterans Day Holiday  
Roma Lodge Veterans Event  
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet  
Holiday Lighting and Pizza Buffet  
Thanksgiving Day



**Condolences** are extended to the family of Tom Hort, age 80, who passed away on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



### **Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule**

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

**Szymandera, Michael –Charles Zupfer**

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 [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com),

The November Bingo Captain is Len Juliano 262-886-5579

### **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 *Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents* is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, [dggoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com) and on-line at [http://members.romalodge.com/membership\\_information.html](http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html).



### **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 [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com).

# San Martino

*Roma Lodge's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine Contest  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016*

*6:00 p.m.*

*(Judging to begin at 7:00 p.m.)*

*Entertainment featuring:  
Tony Spavone &  
The Sicilian Serenaders*

*You don't have to be a member of Roma Lodge to attend or  
enter your wine. We will have wine makers from Racine,  
Kenosha, Milwaukee, Madison and Illinois.*

**3 Independent Judges will sample home made wines and will declare the top 3**



**Tickets \$15**

Includes Home made wine sampling, meats, Hor'derves and entertainment.

**Tickets available from the following:**

Dave Chiapete (262)939-5914

Zuddy DeRose (262)886-8850

Rick Bonanno (262)914-1509



**\* Please contact Dave Chiapete by November 1st to enter your wine**



# 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**



7130 Spring Street  
Racine, WI 53406

# Celebrate Veteran's Day

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

Roma Lodge is very proud to hold a dinner and ceremony to honor all veterans. Please join us for this very special event which is open to the public.

## Veteran's Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

***CIRCLE*** Military Branch: Army Navy Air Force  
Marines Coast Guard National Guard Merchant Marine

Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: 1941-1945)

***CIRCLE*** Service: WWII Korea Vietnam Desert Storm  
Iraq/Afganistan Other \_\_\_\_\_

Medals/Honors/Awards: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the registration and payment to:  
Roma Lodge c/o Rick Bonanno, President  
7130 Spring Street  
Racine, WI 53406

Please call Rick Bonanno 262-914-1509 for details



**Welcome New Members** - Voted into membership at the October Membership meeting  
William J. Smith, age 31 lives in Salem, WI; Born in Kenosha, Employed as project manager by Alert Self Performance Service  
Married (Laura); wife is of Italian descent (grandparent – Niashee)  
Proponent: Charles Funk (father-in-law)



**Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership**

Thomas Devroy – Proponent: John Passarelli  
Esteban Malacara – Proponent: Pat Sarto  
Keith Ogden – Proponent: Pat Sarto  
Jon Ortiz – Proponent: Pat Sarto

**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.

**The Members Dining Room will be CLOSED on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “San Martino” Wine Tasting Event and Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> for our Roma Lodge Veterans Event**

**Members Lounge Open for Packer Games in December**

A bartender will be on duty for the Packer games December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Pizza and bombers will be available. Please join us for food, fun, and Packers!!

**Café Venerdi will be closed Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and the entire month of December.**

*Zuddy’s famous sauce is now on sale in the member’s dining room. Enjoy the great taste of Zuddy’s sauce anytime you desire in the convenience of your own home. See Zuddy to purchase or ask your waitress during your next visit to the member’s dining room. Zuddy’s sauce comes frozen and packaged in a very generous 32 oz container.*

**\$4.00 each or 3 containers for \$10.00**

All three By-law Amendments voted on at the October 2016 Members Meeting were approved. The amended By-Laws read as follows *(changes in bold/italic)*:

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 **any current** 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 12.5% or more of the total membership in good standing as of February 1 of each year shall constitute a quorum from that date until February 1<sup>st</sup> of the next year.*

3. Article IX:

Section 10: The Roma Lodge Christmas Party shall be a "members only functions". *The Columbus Day Dinner may be attended by members of either Roma Lodge or the Vittoria Colonna Lodge and one guest.* The Members Christmas Party must be held on a Saturday night.

## Membership Surveys Have Been Mailed

Roma Lodge members should have received, or will be receiving shortly, via U.S. Mail, a Membership Survey package. The brief 4-page survey contains 22 questions. Survey feedback will provide guidance to the Lodge as it endeavors to serve members better.

Included in the package is a pre-labelled return envelope with return postage provided. Please mail back completed surveys by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Your opinion matters!

If you do not receive a survey please contact Jeff DeMatthew at [dematthew@ameritech.net](mailto:dematthew@ameritech.net) or 262-880-7474

## ROMA LODGE OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND PIZZA BUFFET



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016

*Fun begins at 6:00 pm with Hot Punch and Hot Chocolate with a visit from that Jolly Old Elf himself*

*Then Watch as the Roma Lodge Grounds Turn into a Lighted Holiday Wonderland  
Then Join Us for our Regular Pizza Buffet in the Members Dining Room  
Reservations for the Buffet are Suggested - 262-886-8850*

## ROMA LODGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ROMA LODGE MEMBERS' CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 - DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL FEATURE - LUNCH AND PICTURES WITH SANTA AT 12 NOON

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE - ADULTS ARE \$10.00 EACH

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY DECEMBER 5 TO MAKE SURE SANTA  
DOESN'T FORGET A PRESENT FOR YOUR CHILD

Return this reservation form BY DEC. 5 to:

**Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party, 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406**

**Make Checks Payable to ROMA LODGE**

Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults at \$10.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name

Boy or Girl

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*December 10, 2016 Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party*



*Table Reservation Form*

*Reservation Deadline is Monday, November 28, 2016*

*This is a Members Only Function (One member with one guest)*

*Ticket price is \$20 each. Payment Does NOT have to accompany the Reservation Form –*

*Payment is due on Friday, December 9, 2016*

*Reservations can be made for groups of less than 10*

*Reservation Forms and Payment can be mailed to :*

*Zuddy DeRose, c/o Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406*

*Names (One name per space)*

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*Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri*

*Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in November*

**FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!**

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

Nov 1 William Chiapete  
Roland Macarra  
Emil Passarelli  
Greg Perona  
Lester Perugini  
Nov 3 Gary Ricchio  
Nov 4 Antonio Rottino  
Nov 5 Frank Aiello  
Darryl Sturino  
Nov 6 Michael Boero  
Nov 7 Jerry Sackman  
Nov 8 James Pitts  
Nov 10 Gene Bilotti  
Rick Bonanno

Nov 10 Ralph Cefalu  
Tom Chambasian  
Esteban Malacara  
Nov 11 John LeRose Jr  
Rick Palmer  
Nov 12 Richard Tringali  
Nov 13 Russ Missureli  
Nov 14 Richard Chiapete  
Jim Mascari  
Pat Tierney  
Nov 15 Charles Lombardi  
Nov 16 Grant DeCheck  
Nov 18 Ron Woods

Nov 19 Zuddy DeRose  
Nov 20 David Boero  
Leonard Juliano  
Nov 21 P.J. Litrenta  
Nov 22 Caesar Mattioli  
Nov 25 Vincent DeMarino Jr  
Nov 28 Frank Andreoli  
Thomas Devroy  
Nov 29 Clarence Bianco  
William Binetti  
Nov 30 John Tylo

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, [dggoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com) if corrections are needed.

**Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel**

The Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel will be placed in the bocce court area again this year. The donation barrel will be picked up twice, once prior to Thanksgiving and a second time prior to Christmas. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to this great cause.

### Zuddy's Italian Combo Special



The Italian Combo Special consists of meat or cheese ravioli, tortellini, gnocchi and zucchini over Zuddy's famous red sauce. The special also includes the soup and salad bar, bread and butter and a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$9.95

### Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special



Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special consists of sautéed onions over perfectly seasoned and cooked liver. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or generous helping of pasta and bread and butter. Also included is a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$9.95

## **An update and thank-you from a Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship Recipient**

The following letter, as required by the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship's published "Renewal Procedure", was received this past September.

***From Molly Heck, a 2015 Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship recipient.  
Molly is the daughter of James Heck***

Dear Roma Lodge Members,

I have just begun my sophomore year at Clemson University and would like to thank you all for your support through the scholarship I received last fall.

Throughout my freshman year, I completed Clemson's General Engineering program and declared my major as a Mechanical Engineer in the forthcoming years. I am currently planning to further my degree by studying and working with humanitarian issues, such as international development and development engineering. These fields work to improve both human and economic development while keeping technology and efficiency in mind.

As a member of both RiSE (Residents in Science and Engineering) and WiSE (Women in Science and Engineering), I have been able to meet faculty and students who share similar interests. Along with classes and schoolwork, I was able to join Kappa Alpha Theta, which has given me countless opportunities to learn and create new connections through events such as educational speakers and service hours. Other clubs and activities I have become involved in include Habitat for Humanity, Engineers for Developing Countries, and Clemson Dancers. Another notable opportunity has been the ability to be a part of a Creative Inquiry which studies and applies the mechanics of catapults in other engineered machines, which will be applied and placed in a competition this spring.

I hope you all have a great year as well and thank you again for your continued support and generosity.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Tuesday, December 6, 2016</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>
<b>Friday, December 9, 2016</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>
<b>Saturday, December 10, 2016</b>	<b>Members Christmas Party</b>
<b>Sunday, December 18, 2016</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Party</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 21, 2016</b>	<b>Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet</b>
<b>Wednesday, December 21, 2016</b>	<b>First Day of Winter</b>
<b>Sunday, December 25, 2016</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>Saturday, December 31, 2016</b>	<b>New Year's Eve Party</b>



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Deadline for information for December 2016 *News*letter is November 20, 2016. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [tjpovkovich@gmail.com](mailto:tjpovkovich@gmail.com).

*Tony Povkovich*

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary