#### **ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER**



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#### September 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.

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 first founding principle is LIBERTY:

"We want a free country as it was conceived by the founding fathers. We want freedom of assembly, of speech, of opportunity, and above all, economic freedom. We want that freedom which uplifts the common man and affirms his rights as a worker in every field of human endeavor. To assist man in the proper understanding of those rights and of his duties to the state and his fellow men, there being no right without a corresponding duty. We want schools and institutions of learning to be forever free. We want individual freedom of thought, of conscience and of religion. We believe that liberty is the most essential and precious prerogative of man; that if we give it up in order to obtain temporary safety, we will have neither liberty nor safety."

THIS IS OUR CONCEPTION OF LIBERTY.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are extended to the families of Roma Lodge brothers John Dentice and Allan Hall.

Congratulations to our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bocce Tournament Champions Racine Durand and Roma 5.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people: To Bocce Chairman Tony Povkovich, Tournament Director Dave Chiapete, Zuddy DeRose and the many volunteers...thanks for organizing and conducting a very successful 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bocce Tournament. To Zuddy DeRose, Mike Peratt, Tom Vena, Don Vena, Chuck Funk, the other volunteers and participants...thanks for an excellent Roma Lodge Golf Outing. To Zuddy DeRose and Pat Johnson...thanks for organizing a successful Arlington Park Bus Trip. To Zuddy DeRose, Pat Johnson, Bill Pucci, Sr., Bill Pucci, Jr. and the many volunteers...thanks for making our Family Picnic a very special day for all of us.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... Rick Bonanno

#### **SEPTEMBER 2016 EVENTS**

Monday, September 5, 2016 Tuesday, September 6, 2016 Friday, September 9, 2016 Saturday, September 10, 2016 Wednesday, September 21, 2016 Thursday, September 22, 2016

Labor Day
Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting

Coffee and Cars

**Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet** 

First Day of Autumn

Condolences are extended to the family of Allan Hall, age 80, who passed away on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, and to the family of John Dentice, age 56, who passed away on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016.





Alan Hall John Dentice



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

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

#### Quadraccia, Albert - Russell, Matthew

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 September Bingo Captain is Dennis Porcaro 262-884-9121

#### **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, <u>dggoebel@yahoo.com and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership information.html</u>.

# Change of Address, Phone Number, or Email Address

Please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 <a href="mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com">dggoebel@yahoo.com</a> 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.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com">jfaraone@wi.rr.com</a>.

#### 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.

Thursday Nights in our Members Lounge this Summer is now over for the season.

Thank you to all who came out!

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, October 8, 2016 **Roma Lodge** 

# **Columbus Day Dinner**

This is a Members Only Function

WILL BE HELD IN THE MEMBERS DINING ROOM (TICKETS ARE LIMITED)

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

5:00 pm Cocktails - Members Prices - 6:30 pm - Dinner

More Details in the October Newsletter

# **News from the Bocce Courts**

#### The upcoming 2016-2017 Men's Bocce Season is fast approaching!

The Men's Bocce Season starts September 12<sup>th</sup>.

The rules for the 2016-2017 season are posted on the bulletin board in the bocce courts and will be given to each Captain at the start of the season.

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS: Your initial rosters are due the first week, and the finalized rosters with payment is due October 19th.

#### PLAYERS ARE NEEDED FOR A TUESDAY NIGHT TEAM

Paul Costanzo is in need of 1-2 more bocce players for his Tuesday Night team. If you are interested in joining his team please contact him at pcostanzo@wi.rr.com.

#### Saturday Night Social Bocce League to begin October 1st

The inaugural Saturday Night Social Bocce League will begin on October 1, 2016. The league is open to all Roma Lodge members. Each team must consist of 3 men and 3 women and at least one Lodge member, who will serve as team captain. Other than the captain, team players may be members or non-members. Games will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held every other Saturday night through March, with the exception of holidays and evenings that club events are held. Cost is \$180 per team and will include a banquet the final league night. The league will be limited to the first eight teams to register with the possibility of adding a second league on alternate Saturday evenings, if participation warrants such. Please contact Co-chairs Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914, Jason Evitts (262) 994-1926, or Dave Silvani (262) 321-1604 to register or with any questions.

#### Men's Doubles Bocce Tournament September 17th

A Men's Doubles Bocce Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The price is \$30 per team and limited to 24 teams. Details will be posted in the bocce courts. Please see Tony Povkovich or Dave Chiapete to enter.

There are three By-law Amendments to be discussed at the September meeting and voted on at the October, 2016 Members Meeting *(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.
- 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.

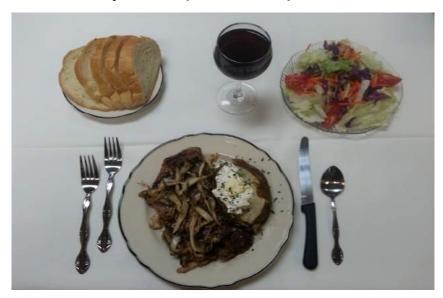
#### 2. Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph C:

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 Columbus Day Dinner and 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.

### Zuddy's Chop Sirloin Special



Zuddy's Chop Sirloin Special consists of perfectly grilled top sirloin covered with sautéed mushrooms and onions. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or a very generous helping of pasta and bread and butter. Also included is a complimentary glass of red wine.

Price is \$10.50

## Zuddy's Shrimp Capri Special



The Shrimp Capri Special consists of Zuddy's famous mixture of shrimp and roasted red peppers sautéed in olive oil and served over a very generous helping of pasta. The special includes the salad bar, bread, butter and a complimentary glass of red wine.

Price is \$11.95

# Roma Lodge Festival 2016



# Thank you to all the volunteers!





#### Thank You note from Roma Lodge Scholarship Recipient

The following letter, from Joseph Fredriksson, was received in early May, 2016. Joseph was a recipient of the 2013 Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship. Joseph is the son of Steven Fredriksson.

Dear Mr. Kroes,

I hope all is well back home in Wisconsin. Even as we approach the summer months, the weather out here in Lander, Wyoming has not much improved since winter.

I am writing to request the scholarship funds for my next and final academic year at Wyoming Catholic College. I would also like to share with you some of my experiences from and thoughts on these past three wonderful years.

Being part of an extremely small college and being very close to the senior class, these next few weeks are important to me. They mark the end of the year in which I had a class/grade tie to my freshman year. Amidst all of the sadness and happiness I experience for the seniors moving on, I have been given an opportunity to reflect on my time here and why I continue to return to this great school.

While it is nice to learn facts about various things (eg. The Catholic faith, history, language, etc.), I have come to believe, as the English author Charles Dickens expressed in his satire *Hard Times*, that the amount of facts a person absorbs is not the measure of a good education. The word "education" comes from the Latin word "educure", meaning to draw or lead out. For most of history, great thinkers thought education involved drawing out what is already in the human person, the capacity for great physical, intellectual, and even spiritual virtues. It aimed not at forming a worker (although it is necessary and good to learn a trade eventually), but rather a good man that will be a good thinker, a good father, a good friend, a good servant, and also a good worker.

My education here has helped me realize this. It is integrated, holistic. It is helping me relate to people in all walks of life, not just those in a particular field. From Theology to the Humanities, these classes have become precious to me, forming me into the man I need to be (as I have mentioned in a previous letter to you). I hope that next year I can model like my original senior class for the freshmen, showing them what a blessing it is for us to be able to study the works of Aristotle, Plato, St. Thomas, Dante, Milton, etc. and see the natural world as we do on out outdoor expeditions.

Thank you and the rest of the members of Roma Lodge for making this intellectual pursuit a reality. I look forward to doing good work after graduation in gratitude to you, my friends, my family, my teachers, and my God.

#### Buon Compleanno e Tantí Auguri

#### Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in August

#### 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.

| Sept 1 | Brian Odders<br>Mike Garbo  | -       | Robert Betchkal<br>William Pinnow | Sept 26 | Dom Lo Piccolo<br>Dave Piggins |
|--------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|
|        | Anthony Hirt                | -       | Armando Covelli                   | Sept 27 | Joe Buscemi                    |
|        | Frank Nicotera              | Sept 14 | Ralph Nicotera III                | _       | Damiano Piraino                |
| Sept 2 | Steve Clementi              |         | Anthony Porcaro                   | Sept 28 | Charles Hoeft                  |
|        | Jack Kelley                 | Sept 16 | John Savaglio                     |         | Glenn Johnson                  |
| Sept 3 | Fred Metzger II             | Sept 17 | Phil Mazzie                       | Sept 29 | Mark Mano                      |
|        | Bill Bushell Tobias Miceli- |         | Aiceli-Gwiazdowski                |         | Dave Schneider                 |
| Sept 5 | Patrick Juliana             | Sept 18 | Kevin Elrod                       | Sept 30 | Gavin DeCheck                  |
| Sept 8 | Steve Maritch               | Sept 19 | John Suprak                       |         |                                |
|        | Eugene Modesti              | Sept 24 | Mike Galovits                     |         |                                |
|        | Ray Stevens                 |         | Benny Ruffolo                     |         |                                |
| Sept 9 | Eric Andersen               | Sept 25 | Frank Schiro                      |         |                                |
|        | Adolfo Greco                | Sept 26 | Ron Brodsko                       |         |                                |

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

#### The Roma Lodge 34th Annual Invitational Bocce Tournament Champions





Racine Durand and Roma 5 are the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Roma Lodge Bocce Champions.

Left Picture (top row I to r): John Gehring, Brian Hart, Joe Mandala, Frank Chirico

Left Picture (bottom I to r): Emil Ruffalo and Zuddy DeRose

Right Picture (top row I to r): Tom Garbo, Dave Chiapete, and Chuck Christiano

Right Picture (top row I to r): Nunzio Germanotta and Jason Evitts

Roma Lodge's 34th Annual Invitational Bocce Tournament was held on Sunday, August 14th. 25 men's and 4 women's teams participated.

Thank you to the Tournament Director, Dave Chiapete, and the volunteers that helped set up, prepare and serve food, sell tickets, and referee the games for the tournament!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual San Martin Wine Contest and Cocktail Party

The San Martino committee has been meeting the past few months, planning this year's wine tasting and contest with expectations of making it even bigger and better than last year! Another incredible evening is being planned including the return of The Sicilian Serenaders. Lisa Graceffa, Joan Domanico, and Zuddy DeRose are once again working on another phenomenal menu for this event. Anyone who makes homemade red wine may enter the wine contest, and all homemade wines will be available for everyone to taste. Also, those who make any homemade Italian meats (Sopressata, Prosciutto. etc.) are encouraged to bring a sample for others to try.

Two Hundred fifty people attended last year's San Martino event and we expect many more this year! The committee encourages everyone to mark the date of November 5th on your calendar. Look for more information in October's newsletter. If you have any questions please contact Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914

#### **ROMA LODGE SPORTS NIGHT 8-12-16**



Zuddy DeRose (I) presents Jack Martini (r) the plague as an Outstanding Italian Athlete for his career in bowling



Zuddy DeRose (I) and father Gary Suokko (r) presents Mari Suokko (c) the plague as an Outstanding Italian Athlete for her High School golfing career



Tony Povkovich (I) presents Bill Gullo (r) the "Most Improved Bocce Player" award

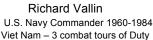


2015 Men's Single Bocce Champ Cesare Bosco present the green jacket to the 2016 Men's Single Bocce Champ Tony Povkovich I to r : Zuddy DeRose, Tony Povkovich, Cesare Bosco, Rick Bonanno

# Roma Lodge Honors Our Veterans

Saturday, November 12, 2016











Santo "Zuddy" DeRose
U.S. Army PFC

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, October 8, 2016 Monday, October 10, 2016 Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Friday, October 14, 2016 Wednesday, October 19, 2016 Sunday, October 23, 2016 Tuesday, October 25, 2016 Monday, October 31, 2016 Columbus Day Banquet
Columbus Day Federal Holiday
Board of Directors Meeting
Social Meeting and Festival Report
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Halloween Trunk or Treat
Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Memorial Service
Halloween





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**Deadline for information for October 2016** *Newsletter* is **September 20, 2016**. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at <a href="mailto:tjpovkovich@gmail.com">tjpovkovich@gmail.com</a>.

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary