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March 2017 Issue

ELECTION EDITION MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Cari Fratelli,

Please keep in mind our founding principles: LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY. Please strive to achieve our objectives: TO SERVE, TO STRENGTHEN and TO UNITE.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve you as Roma Lodge's 27th president. I was truly thrilled to serve in this capacity over the past 4 years. It was humbling to run for president unopposed in the

elections of 2013 and 2015. It was also flattering that the membership suggested changing the current by-laws to eliminate the term limits of the president. Your trust and confidence in me, and in our great board of directors, is extremely gratifying. Thanks to all from the bottom of my heart.

I was very fortunate to serve with an outstanding board of directors in 2013-2014 and again in 2015-2016. It has been a pleasure serving with these fine members. I would like to thank our officers; Vice-President Dennis Porcaro, Parliamentarian Jeff DeMatthew, Recording Secretaries Jerry Perona and Tony Povkovich, Membership Secretary Doug Goebel and Treasurers Joe DeMatthew and Pat Diem. I would also like to thank the directors who served with me; Frank Bisotti, Dave Chiapete, Don Cicero, Pat Diem, Kevin Elrod, Jim Faraone, Ed Habel, Pat Johnson, Michael Kroes, Jim LaBelle, Chip Mazurek, Mike Peratt, John Pisanello and Tony Povkovich. I believe that the honor, integrity, dedication, cooperation, hard work, team spirit, trust and mutual respect that our board demonstrated is unprecedented in the history of Roma Lodge. From my perspective, our board of directors always kept in mind, and held dear, our founding principles of: LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY. Also, as an organization, our entire membership worked very hard to achieve the objectives of: **SERVING, STRENGHTENING** and **UNITING** our great club. As a result, we can all be very proud.

I would like to thank our Sergeants-at-arms; Bill Pucci, Jr., Frank Bisotti, Ken Scolaro and Pat Tierney for a job well done. Also, my thanks go to Deacon Russ Missureli, Orator Mario Ruffolo and Herald Michael Kroes for their contributions that enhanced our membership meetings. Also, of course, infinite thanks to Zuddy DeRose for his help on virtually everything over that last 4 years.

During the last 4 years we have accomplished a great deal together. We have enhanced our traditional events and also added new events to our calendar. Additionally, we have stabilized the RIWA business and have now achieved profitability for the first time in 9 years. These accomplishments and enhancements are a result of the hard work and dedication of many people. Unfortunately, it is next to impossible to name and properly thank every individual who contributed to our recent success. It is equally difficult to specifically list and adequately describe every activity and event that has been enhanced and positively affected by our great members. However, in this final newsletter as your president, we have attempted to provide some expressions of thanks and also included examples of new and special events.

Again, thanks to all for this opportunity to serve you as president. Please know that I will greatly miss it. We now wish our next president and incoming board members good luck in their new positions. We are confident they will continue to build upon our foundation. We are equally confident they will demonstrate the virtues of patience, understanding, wisdom, hard work and dedication that will be required to fully serve the members of our great Roma Lodge. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... Rick Bonanno

MARCH 2017 EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 Tuesday, March 7, 2017 Friday, March 10, 2017 **Sunday, March 12, 2017** Wednesday, March 15, 2017 **Sunday, March 19, 2017** Monday, March 20, 2017 Friday, March 24, 2017

Ash Wednesday **Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting - Election of Officers Daylight Savings Time Begins Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet Installation Dinner** First Day of Spring **Scholarship Application Deadline**



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Gabbey, Michael – Hunkeler, Lee

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,

The March Bingo Captain is Rich Nygro 262-632-2524 or 262-308-5758



Voted into Membership at the February Membership Meeting:

Anthony (Tony) Morelli, age 28, of Milwaukee is employed by U.S. Bank as a business banking officer. He was born in Racine and is married to wife Stephanie (Babits). His proponent is Jim Morelli

Vince E. Morelli, age 32, was born in Racine and now resides in Wauwatosa. Vince is employed by the U.S. Dept. of Justice as a bankruptcy auditor. He is single. His proponent is Jon Morelli.



Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership

Congratulations to Robert Starr, Sr. who completed his probation period and is eligible to be initiated at the March 2018 Installation Dinner. His proponent is Leonard Montalbano.

Children's Bocce League Began February 19th



Children's Bocce league began Sunday, February 19th. The league will meet Sundays through April 9th from noon to 2pm. This is an informal league open to members' children and grandchildren ages six and older. The league will teach bocce fundamentals for all skill levels. The banquet will be held Sunday, April 9th.

Roma Lodge Elections - Friday, March 10, 2017

Two candidates are vying for the position of President, two candidates are vying for the position of Treasurer, and seven names are on the ballot for the four open director seats on the Board of Directors. Voting will begin at 10:00 am in the Hall of History and continue until the time of the Membership Meeting, Below is a sample ballot showing candidates for the various offices.

Sample Ballot

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

March - 2017

NOTE: Order of names was determined by random drawing

ROMA LODGE BALLOT - MARCH 10, 2017	
PRESIDENT SAMPLE (Mark X for one) Dave Chiapete Michael Kroes VICE-PRESIDENT SAMPLE (Mark an X for one) Frank Bisotti	DIRECTORS SAMPLE (Mark X for no more than 4) Dave Silvani Randy Evitts Jim Faraone Lenny Juliano Kevin Elrod
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY SAMPLE	☐ Jon Morelli
(Mark X for one)	☐ Chip Mazurek
☐ Doug Goebel	
RECORDING SECRETARY SAMPLE (Mark X for one) □ Tony Povkovich	SAMPLE
TREASURER SAMPLE	
(Mark X for one)	
☐ Jack LeRose	
☐ Pat Diem	
PARLIAMENTARIAN SAMPLE (Mark X for one) □ Jeff DeMatthew	

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017 INSTALLATION DINNER

CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE And The INITIATION of NEW ROMA LODGE MEMBERS 5:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (Cash bar) 6:00 P.M. DINNER Tickets are \$10.00 per person (Members only function) Available from Zuddy DeRose 262-886-8850

Between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2016, eighteen probationary members joined the Lodge. Of those, fourteen successfully completed their probationary requirements. Each of these members, along with one guest of their choice, are invited to attend the Roma Lodge / Vittoria Colonna Lodge Installation Dinner on Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

The probationary members eligible for installation include:

Tim Barsuli Tom Housaman Jon Ortiz Thomas Devroy
Keith Ogden
Paul J. Costanzo
Vincent DeMarino

Jeff Wilkins Carmelo Bruno Robert Matson Frank Molinaro John Bianchi Esteban Malacara

Angelo Sarto

Those planning to attend should contact Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 262-554-7316.

Buon Compleanno e Tantí Augurí

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in March

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.

March 1	Robert Cribari	March 12	Gino De Bartolo	March 23	Louis Arnone
	Jeffery Wilkins	March 16	Egidio Infusino	March 24	Pete Ciaramita
	Lawrence Presta		David Porcaro	March 25	David Silvani
	James Heck	March 17	Gary Christensen	March 28	Scott Solomon
March 3	Brad Allbee		James Angelici		Gary Krause
	Joseph Matson	March 18	Michael Staeck	March 29	Ed Habel
March 4	John Ruffalo	March 21	Nunzio Germanotta		Christopher Aceto
March 5	Donald Paar	March 22	Timothy Barsuli	March 30	Bruno Rizzo
March 11	Ernie Rossi		Kurt Kluender	March 31	Jim LaBelle

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

The following By-law Amendment was discussed at the February 2017 Membership Meeting and will be voted on at the at the March 2017 Membership Meeting

Article VI – Organization, Section 9H Current By-Law:

(The President shall) appoint and serve as Chair of the Roma Lodge/RIWA Advisory Committee which monitors and makes recommendations on RIWA operations to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Amendment:

(The President shall) appoint and serve as Chair of an advisory committee to the Board of Directors concerning the Roma Lodge business known as the Racine Italian Welfare Association. (The committee will be known as the "RIWA Advisory Committee" and the business will be referred to herein as the "RIWA".) The RIWA is responsible for operation of the Roma Lodge banquet halls which are open to the public and the Roma Lodge Members' Lounge (both bar and restaurant). The RIWA Advisory Committee shall monitor and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding general operations and procedures of the RIWA.

- 1. The RIWA Advisory Committee shall:
 - a. Consist of the President, the General Manager of the RIWA and at least 3, but not more than 5, other members. Committee members are appointed by the president with approval of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Monitor the financial and overall operational aspects of the RIWA business and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning RIWA operations,
 - c. Ensure that the RIWA organization has a clear mission, that the mission is carried out, and that the mission is promoted widely throughout Roma Lodge and the community
 - d. Conduct mandatory quarterly meetings, or more often as conditions dictate,
 - e. Make recommendations to the Board, as necessary, to assure that a General Manager for the RIWA is in place to autonomously manage the day to day operations of the banquet halls and Members' Lounge.
 - f. By November 1st of each year, submit for approval by the Board of Directors an annual operating budget for the RIWA to be prepared by the General Manager in consultation with, and advice from, the RIWA Committee







Special Events...



Racine Italian Welfare Association Committee - 2014 A.D.



Pat Diem - Rob Piccolo - Frank Caruso - Joe Porcaro - Gordy Bedrosian Chuck Funk - Dennis Porcaro - Rick Bonanno - John Pisanello - Tom Garbo





Festival Committee, Captains and ALL Volunteers



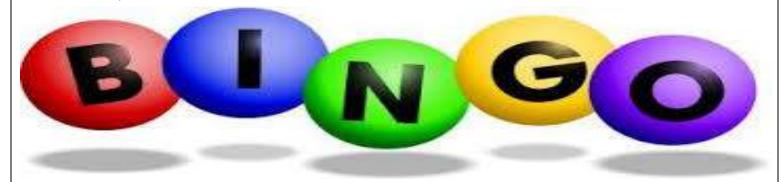
Standing, left to right: Gary Lipor, Chip Mazurek, Pat Diem, Joe DeMatthew, Joe Buscemi Sitting, left to right: Tom Garbo, Russ Missureli, Brian Hart, Doug Goebel, John Pisanello











To <u>ALL</u> the dedicated and hard working Bingo volunteers. Your efforts are truly appreciated.



Sitting, Pam Bisotti, Sarah Evitts, Tom Catrine Standing, Bob DiPaquale, Randy Evitts



Dennis Porcaro, Joe Porcaro, Russ Missureli



Sitting, left to right; Phillip Litrenta, Sr., Dick Pelleteri, Bill Ruffalo, Sr., Ed Stacois, Art Chiappetta Standing, left to right; Jim Faraone, Joe Clementi, Jerry Draeger, Tom Linden, Carl Catrine





left to right; Jimmy LaBelle, Alex Bagdasarian, Glenn Johnson, Mike Plantamura, Vince Caira, Rick Heck, Ken Scolaro



Bingo Caller Michael Kroes



The great Bingo Volunteers are always willing to help!!!

BOCCE





(left) Tournament Director Dave Chiapete, Bocce Chairman Tony Povkovich, President Rick Bonanno (right) League Director Jim Silvani, Couples Chairman Dave Silvani, Bocce Chairman Tony Povkovich



Children's Bocce

Rick Bonanno, Rosemary Domanico, Lisa Gemignani, Jeff Gemignani, Joe Povkovich, Rosemary Povkovich, Rosemary Cicero, Joan Domanico, Pete Ciaramita

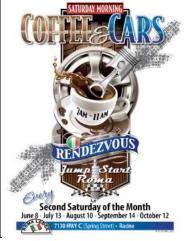
Zuddy's Kitchen Crew

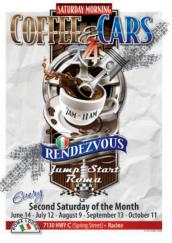


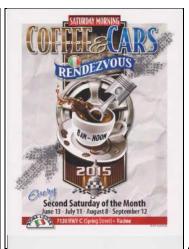
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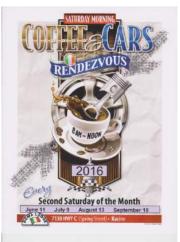


New Events...











President Rick Bonanno with Coffee and Cars Chairman Charlie Presta



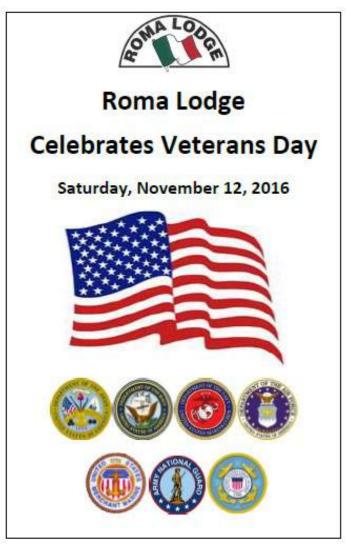




Dave Pagliaroni's 1967 Chevelle SS

New Events...

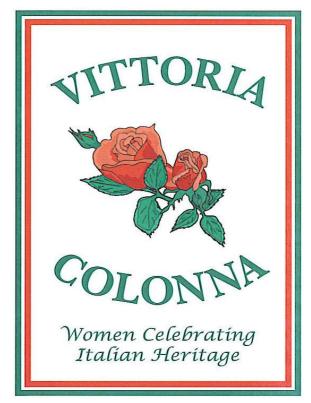








This event is unprecedented in the 90 year history of our great Roma Lodge. While we were working on this event two words kept coming to mind. The first word is **PRIDE**. We are very proud of you, as well as our deceased veterans, for your service to our country. We are proud of your dedication, your hard work and your bravery. The second word is **FREEDOM**. We are a free country because of you and your service. You know that our Roma Lodge is based upon the principles of **LIBERTY**, **EQUALITY** and **FRATERNITY**. The first of these principles is **LIBERTY**. 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. Through your service to our country, you have worked to ensure that we are safe and we are free. For that we are eternally grateful. **Rick P**. **Bonanno**, President





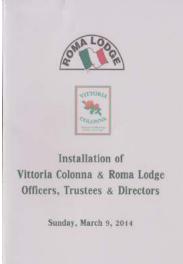
President Lisa Graceffa and President Rick Bonanno

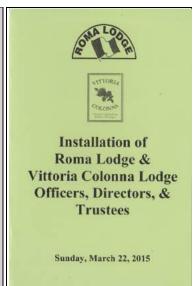


President Rick Bonanno, President Vicki Christensen and President Joan Domanico

Special Events...









Special Events...



Memorial Service

October 28, 2014 Vittoria Hall

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed



Member's Dining Room October 25, 2016





Special Events...



Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna enter Racine's 4th Fest Parade in 2014, 2015, 2016







2014 Winner Magruder Award



2015 Winner Christensen Award



Special Events...







New Events...



Vino, Birra, Cibo e Bocce (Wine, Beer, Food and Bocce)

Roma Lodge is hosting an afternoon of homemade wine tasting, free tap beer, great food and pick-up bocce games.

Saturday, November 1, 2014

(Noon - 6:00pm)

Homemade wines will be available for sampling from The Italian Workman's Club in Madison and Roma Lodge's members.

\$10.00 entry fee

Includes homemade wine samples, tap beer, food and pick-up bocce games. Cash bar available.

For tickets see Zuddy DeRose, Dave Chiapete, Tony Povkovich, Rick Bonanno





New Events...





Member name: How many Adults:

Child's Name: Child's age: Child's Name: Child's name: Child's name: Child's name: Child's Name: Child's Name: Name: Child's name: Child's name: Name: Child's name: Name:

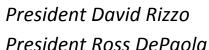
You may bring as many vechicles as you like but be sure to have enough candy/treats for 150-200 kids for each vehicle to hand out. All vechicles should be parked and ready by 12:30pm. Games and Concessions will open at noon, Trunk or Treating costume parade will beging at 1:00 and trunk or treating will follow and end at 2:00pm. Prizes will be announced at 2:00pm.



Italian Clubs and Organizations









President Joseph Emmanuele



President Al Rolandi



President Giuseppe Vella President Dean Cannestra



President Steve Torcaso



Grand Lodge President Marie Marsalli (IL & WI)





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Deadline for information for April 2017 Newsletter is March 20, 2017. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary