

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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December 2018 Issue MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members:

The next Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, December 14, 7:00 pm. If you have attended at least 6 meetings this year, and you haven't yet done so, make sure to turn your tickets in sometime before the meeting to be entered into the drawing where someone is going to win free dues next year! The winner will be drawn at the meeting and you do not need to be present to win. Please continue to keep in mind that Bingo can use more help, so if you have a Thursday afternoon or evening available, please stop at the Lodge and volunteer some of your time. Bingo is a vital income source to our club. Thank you to all Bingo volunteers!

For a limited time, members may purchase a \$100 gift card and receive a \$20 card for free. The gift cards can be used in the members' dining room, the members' bar, at RIWA's Friday night Café, or even at the New Year's Eve Party. This offer is valid through December 31, and there is no limit on the amount purchased!

Santa's mailbox is back at Roma Lodge for kids and grandkids to write letters to Santa. Please make sure your kids name and return address are on the envelope so Santa can answer each and every letter! Also, have the kids keep their eye out for Luigi, Roma's Elf, sent by Santa. He recently made the trip back from the North Pole and announced his arrival this past Saturday: "I am so happy to be back! Make sure to look for me each time you visit Roma Lodge! Love, Luigi!"

The kid's Christmas Party is set for Sunday, December 9. I encourage all members to bring their children and grandchildren. I speak from experience when I say that the memories from events like this one will be instrumental in their future participation and love for our club. More information is in this newsletter.

THEN, on Saturday evening, December 15, is an event that **NO** member will want to miss. The Roma Lodge Members' Christmas Party has long had the reputation of being one of the best and most popular events of the year, but this year, we are stepping it up a notch. The traditional Christmas buffet will remain the same, but we will be entertained by **The Vito Zatto Show!** A Vegas Style Show which includes singing, comedic impersonations, audience participation, and dancing. This promises to be a magical night, and I encourage all to attend. This is a member's only event (member and one guest). Ticket information is in this newsletter.

Due to all the positive feedback we received about our Holiday Buffet this past weekend, we are going to have a repeat on Saturday evening, December 29. In place of the normal menu will be a pasta station, kid's station, a chef carving station, dessert station, and much more! Reservations are recommended, 262-886-8850.

As hard as it is to believe, New Year's Eve is around the corner and Roma Lodge has a spectacular New Year's Eve Party being planned featuring the Doo Wop Daddies, an elegant dinner, champagne toast, a balloon drop, late night pizza, and much more! All this for just \$40 for members (2 tickets per member - \$55 per ticket non-member). **One big party, one amazing place, only at Roma Lodge!** Contact the RIWA Office for tickets to the New Year's Eve Party (262) 886-3610.

If the Packers are playing, the Members' Bar is open, and the full bar menu is available! We open a half hour before each game, and our famous pizza is on special, buy one/get one **FREE** during all games and a Korbel Old Fashioned for just \$3.00. We recently upgraded our sound system in the bar, and what a difference it makes! The bar menu includes hamburgers, grilled chicken and spicy Italian sandwiches, wings, appetizers, and more! Without question, there is not a cheaper or better place than Roma Lodge to cheer on your Green Bay Packers. Strip cards are available for each game.

New winter drink and menu specials have begun in the Members' Dining Room and Bar and continue through the end of February. Eggplant parmesan will be just \$8.95 and 10oz. chop sirloin with a choice of mushrooms or peppers and onions for \$9.95. All meals come with soup, salad, and choice of potato or pasta.

Just a reminder, the Wednesday night buffet has been permanently reduced to \$7.95 for seniors 55+ (\$8.95 regular). We will continue to feature a different entrée each and every Wednesday in addition to the regular buffet.

Finally, I am very excited to announce that "We are bringing tournament cribbage to Roma Lodge". The tournament will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019. You do not have to be a pro cribbage player to participate, it's all in fun. More details are in this newsletter!

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!
(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!)

Dave Chiapete
President

DECEMBER 2018 EVENTS

Sunday, December 9, 2018	Children's Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 14, 2018	Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 15, 2018	Members Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 25, 2018	Christmas Day
Monday, December 31, 2018	New Year's Eve Party



Condolences are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Clarence Bianco, age 84, who passed away on November 12th, 2018.



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 December Bingo Captain is Ken Scolaro



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Infusino, Egidio – Lucas Ron

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.

Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel

The Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel is currently placed outside the bocce court area again this year. The donation barrel will be picked up prior to Christmas. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to this great cause.

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in December

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.

Dec 1 Frank D'Acquisto	Dec 9 Ed Morelli	Dec 22 Ralph DeRose
Richard Graceffa	Dec 10 Al DeRose	Jerry Perona
Bill Ruffalo Jr.	Jim Oswald	Bill Pucci, Sr
Dominick Tirabassi	Dec 12 John (Jack) Bianchi	Dec 23 Peter Caruso
Russ Weyers	John Catrine	
Dec 2 Dennis Gehrke	Dec 25 Pat Johnson	
Art Rozzoni	Dec 15 Chris Hansen	Dec 27 Alex Modesti, Jr
Dec 4 Pasquale Infusino	Anthony Rossi	Dec 29 Jeff DeMatthew
Dec 6 Eric Hillery	Dec 16 Joseph Chiapete	Dec 30 Glenn Madrigano
Jim Morelli	Joe Cuccio Jr	Dec 31 Sam Graceffa
Jon Morelli	Alessandro Savaglio	Nick Romano
Greg Pierangeli	Dec 18 Robert Jorden	
Dec 7 Joe Poisl	Dec 19 Mark De Check	
Charles Presta	Mark Porcaro	

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



Sick and Shut-ins –

On behalf of the members of Roma Lodge, the Sick and Shut-ins Committee sends flowers to the funeral of deceased members as well as Get Well Cards to members who are hospitalized or ailing at home. If you know of a Roma Lodge brother who passed away or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Jeff DeMatthew, dematthew@ameritech.net or by phone at (262)-880-7474.

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 applicant for membership they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for any additional new applicants for membership proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificate would be provided to the proponent once the new applicant was voted in as a probationary member.

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 and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html.

Old RIWA Chairs for Sale in the Card Room

**Old RIWA Chairs are for sale in the card room for \$5.00 each.
Anyone interesting in purchasing one or more chairs should reach out to
Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or jfaraone@wi.rr.com**

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



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018 - 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**



Volunteers Needed for the Children's Christmas Party

Please donate your time to help with the Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party on December 9th. Help is needed that day with party activities, food preparation, and food service. On December 8th, Santa's helpers will be stuffing Christmas stockings for Santa to give to the children at the party.

Contact Tony Povkovich at 262-880-5945 or email tjpovkovich@gmail.com to volunteer.



Welcome! Welcome New Members

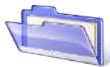
Voted into Membership at the November Membership Meeting:

Tom Blise, age 56, Kenosha, - Proponent: Dave Chiapete

Thomas P. Chiapete, age 64, Racine – Proponent: Dave Chiapete

James Germinaro, age 64, Union Grove – Proponent: Joe Buscemi (09/26/1953)

Rev. Javier Guativa, age 37, Racine – Proponent: Patrick Tierney (11/07/1981)



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at December 14 Membership Meeting

Bradley (Brad) Ley, age 33, was born in Racine. Having previously served in the U.S. Marine Corps, his is presently employed as a bartender at Main Hub. His proponent is Joe DeMatthew.

Celebrate New Year's at Roma Lodge

Entertainment provided by

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New
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- ~ Sit-down Dinner
- ~ Desserts
- ~ Late-Night Snack

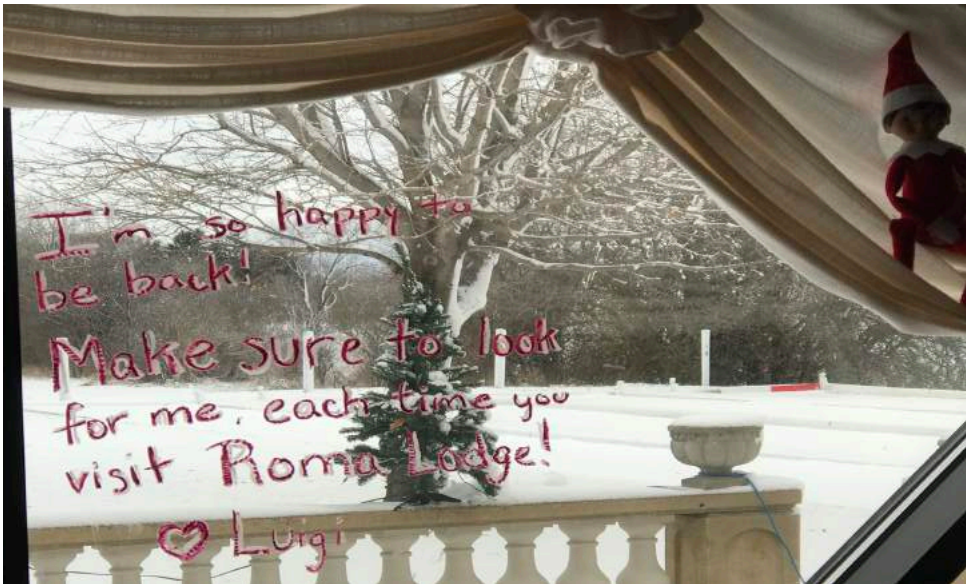
NEW YEAR'S EVE
6PM - 1AM

ONLY \$ 55 per person
\$110 per couple

Please call 886-3610 for tickets
(Limited tickets available)

Special Holiday Buffet Featured a Visit from Santa!

The Special Holiday Buffet on November 24th featured a delicious meal, movie presentation of Polar Express, and a visit from the Jolly Ol' Elf himself!





Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday December 15th, 2018

FEATURING



5:30 Cocktails

6:30 Traditional Christmas Dinner

Contacts for this Event:

Jason E. Dave C.
Frank B. Pat J.
or
RIWA 262-886-3610



A Racine tradition

Roma Lodge to take over Pancake Day

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RACINE — After 64 years under the direction of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Racine, Roma Lodge will be taking over Racine’s annual Pancake Day next year.

The Kiwanis chapter, which decided in September to disband at the end of this calendar year, voted on Wednesday to pass direction of Pancake Day to Roma Lodge, which has vowed to continue the event at Festival Hall on the first Saturday in May.

“We’re honored that they chose us,” said David Chiapete, president of Roma Lodge.

The Kiwanis Club of West Racine, which declined to take over direction of the event itself, has agreed to support Roma Lodge in the endeavor.

Originally, some 14 organizations expressed interest in hosting Pancake Day, but by the time the vote was taken, the list had been whittled down to five.

“They were all worthy organizations,” said Randy Savaglio, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Racine. “It was hard to pick.”

The Kiwanis who have been running the event plan to lend their expertise to the Roma Lodge during the first year.

Chiapete said the Roma Lodge looks forward to working with the Kiwanis Club of West Racine on this event and said it will continue to be called Kiwanis Club Pancake Day, with sponsorship by Roma Lodge.

Roma Lodge has donated more than \$400,000 to various causes over the past 25 years or so, Chiapete said, and will continue to donate some of the proceeds of Pancake Day. He said it was too early to say which local organizations or charities would benefit.

He said members of Roma Lodge take great pride in doing things for the community.

“It’s a tremendous community event,” Chiapete said of Pancake Day.

The vote

Savaglio said he didn’t want to speak for the other members who voted as to why they chose Roma Lodge. He said the transition was at the very beginning stages.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Racine is one of three local Kiwanis clubs. An aging membership was a factor in the decision to disband, along with a lack of younger members joining, board member Jerry Andersen previously told The Journal Times.

Roma Lodge was founded in the early 1900s as a mutual aid society. The Roma Lodge continues as a fraternal organization that fosters Italian-American culture through social, cultural, and entertainment events, scholarships, and gifts to local charities. The lodge also operates a banquet and conference center at 7130 Spring St., Mount Pleasant.

Winter Drink Menu

Hot Chocolate-----\$1.00

Spiked Hot Chocolate-----Rail \$3.00

-----Call \$4.00

(Rail Brandy, Whiskey, Vodka Etc)

(Call Brandy, Whiskey, Bourbon, Caramel Vodka Etc)

Poinsettia-----\$4.00

(Vodka, Cranberry Juice & Prosecco)

Caramel White Russian-----\$5.00

(White Russian made w/Caramel Vodka)

Rumchata White Russian-----\$5.00

(White Russian made w/Rumchata)

Winter Blues-----\$5.00

(Rumchata & Caramel Vodka w/Blue Curacao)

Dirty Snowman-----\$5.00

(Bailey's, Hot Chocolate & Ice Cream)

Pecan Pie Martini-----\$5.00

(Blend of Bourbon, Rumchata, & Crème de Cocoa)



We are bringing tournament cribbage to the Roma Lodge.



**Saturday 26 January 2019 in the Members lounge
Start time is 12 noon.**

Event will run through 2PM. Registration is from 11AM
to 11:45. Orientation from 11:45 to noon

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

**Cost: \$10 per person. \$1 of that sum will go to a drawing to
be held at noon. You are also entitled to a drink up to \$3.00
The remaining entry fee is paid out to the high score cards.
In addition there will be two optional side pools \$5 and \$15**

Some helpful hints to playing

1. A game should be played within 20 minutes
2. Scorecards will be provided. A win is 2 points, a skunk is 3 points and a loss counts 0. Spread points are important and will be recorded. There are no double skunks
3. First deal is determined by cutting of the deck. Low card deals first. Thereafter each time a player is about to deal his opponent will cut the cards after they have been shuffled. A normal shuffle is 3 to 4 times After the hands have been dealt the remaining cards are placed on the dealers side of the board not on top of the board
4. During play all cards remain face up even after a Go has been called
5. Mistakenly picking up your front peg to peg a score constitutes that peg becoming your back peg.
6. Always peg out to hole 121
7. Should any disputes arise or rulings be needed a judge with a rule book will be on hand

**The tournament is open to members and their guests. We would
appreciate a call or text to Mark Mano 813 523-7052 or Dave Chiapete
262 939-5914 so we have enough boards and playing cards.**

This is about having fun and yet enjoying some competition. There
are lots of ways to play cribbage and that is why we are using the
format indicated. It will help to ensure that happens,

Come join us!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Board of Directors Meeting
 Membership Meeting
 Members Christmas Party
 Christmas Day
 New Year's Eve Party

Free Estimates



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Games Start at 6:30 pm

Deadline for information for January 2018 Newsletter is December 20, 2018. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary