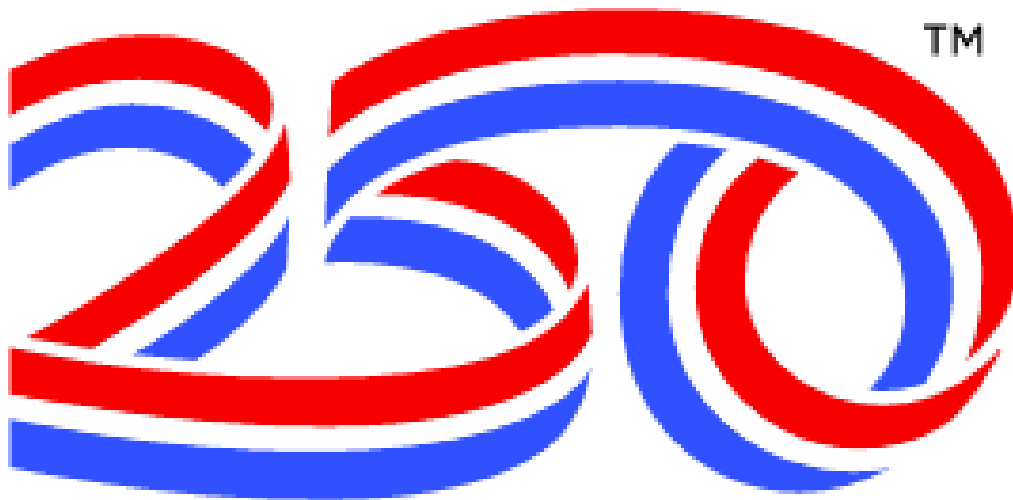


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Also available on the Roma Lodge Members website

# AMERICA



## ----- President's Message -----

Roma Lodge Brothers:

### Happy 250th birthday to our country!

Best wishes to all Roma Lodge members and their families for a safe and enjoyable holiday. If you attend this year's **Racine 4th Fest parade**, be sure to watch for the **Roma Lodge/Vittoria Colonna float**. Thank you to **Carmelo Bruno** for leading the project, to **Nick Rossi** for designing and overseeing the float's construction, and to all members of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna who contributed their time and effort.

The **Summer Bocce League** is in full swing and everyone that is involved is having a fun time. We have had many members come out to watch and grab a bite to eat while there. Please consider doing so yourself.

**Coffee & Cars** started on Saturday,

June 13<sup>th</sup>. We had 56 cars and many visitors came to view them. The next event will be on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. If you have a vehicle (car, motorcycle, farm tractor, etc.) please consider bringing it to the show. Remember our motto, "If it's special to you, it's special to us!".

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, the proposed by-law change, whereas meeting minutes will be available to view at the meeting but will not be read, has gone into effect. We will be displaying them on a TV screen in the meeting room. No paper copies will be available. We ask that pictures not be taken of the presentation as minutes are for our members only and are not to be disseminated outside of our club.

Our festival is quickly approaching and will be held Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>,

through Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. This year also marks the return of the **\$10,000 Dinner Raffle**, which will kick off the Festival on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not yet purchased tickets, please do so soon, as only a few remain. Tickets are \$100 and include two dinner tickets.

If you have not picked up your Festival Raffle tickets, please do so and sell as many as possible. As of this past week, 81 books were still unclaimed on the table in the Hall Of History. With 12 books per member at \$20 per book, this represents \$19,440 in potential festival profit on the table. Even selling a few ticket books helps protect the festival from the financial impact of inclement weather.

The restaurant is open on Wednesday evenings for the buffet, and Friday and Saturday nights with a full menu

and new specials each weekend. Please check your emails weekly for the Wednesday buffet menu and weekend specials. Please note that in July the restaurant will be closed July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> for the Fourth of July holiday and July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for the festival.

**Reservations are encouraged to help us plan staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is 262-886-8850. For parties of 6 or more, a 19% service charge will be included, and there will be one check for tables of 10 or more.**

Pricing for the Wednesday night buffet is:

- \$14.00 for adults
- \$13.00 for seniors 55 and older
- \$8.00 for children

**BINGO!** attendance remains excellent, with many new participants joining Roma Lodge Bingo. This important club function relies on numerous volunteers. **Dennis Porcaro** is always looking for card sellers. This job requires you be at BINGO!

from 3:30 PM – 6PM.

As you can see by the **BINGO! Captains Schedule** in this newsletter, **we need captains for July, August, and October.** As captain it is your job to get people to sell extra sheets on the floor. It is not a difficult job and people that sell sheets find it an enjoyable time with friends. We state the need for volunteers in every newsletter, yet we continue to struggle getting new people to help. Please consider helping.

We are also looking for people interested in training as callers and callback workers. If you can help, please contact Dennis Porcaro or me.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please consider joining one of our many committees or helping to organize and run social events throughout the year. For any other area of interest, feel free to contact me or any board member. Member involvement and participation remain essential to our ongoing success.

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting will be held on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM.

Remember, as was announced at the June meeting, beginning at the July membership meeting we will be serving dinner before the meeting. The bar will open at 5PM, dinner will be available beginning at 5:45 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. This is being done on a trial basis for now.

All members are welcome at the board meeting. If you wish to speak, please request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

*Jon Morelli*  
**President**

## Buon compleanno ai nostri fratelli della Roma Lodge nati a Luglio!!!

**(Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge brothers born in July!!!)**

July 1	<b>Michael Clementi</b>	July 16	<b>John Lapetina</b>	July 26	<b>Carey Tempesta</b>
	<b>William D. Pucci</b>	July 17	<b>Martin Defatte</b>	July 29	<b>Gregory Pitts</b>
July 2	<b>George Chardukian</b>	July 20	<b>Robert Basil</b>		<b>Mark Soine</b>
July 5	<b>James M. Sewell</b>		<b>Don Cicero</b>		<b>Joseph Tripodi</b>
July 6	<b>James Haase</b>		<b>Joseph Lipari</b>	July 30	<b>Tom Befera</b>
	<b>Joseph Povkovich</b>	July 21	<b>Alan Porcaro</b>		<b>Anthony Morelli</b>
July 10	<b>Chuck Domanico</b>	July 23	<b>Charles Funk</b>	July 31	<b>Matthew Pankow</b>
July 16	<b>Jon Hay</b>	July 24	<b>Michael Ansani</b>		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership File.  
Contact Pat Tiernev. [teamtiernev@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teamtiernev@sbcglobal.net) if corrections are needed.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



# **Italian Festival 2026**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

Members are encouraged to mark their calendars for the 2026 Roma Lodge Italian Festival, taking place July 24, 25 and 26. This annual tradition continues to be one of the Lodge's largest and most important events, bringing together members, volunteers and the community for a full weekend of food, music and fellowship. Additional details will be shared in the coming months, but we look forward to another successful festival and appreciate the continued support of our membership.

**"Tradition You Can Taste - Memories You Can Share."**

# Festival Raffle Ticket Reminder


47th Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival  
July 24th, 25th, and 26<sup>th</sup>

## Things to consider as we approach Festival time

There are still 80 (*eighty*) raffle book packets sitting on the table in the Lodge's Hall Of History.

Please pick up your 12 books if you haven't yet.

## Your responsibilities as a Roma Lodge member:

- Pick up your tickets (you are required to do so per *Roma Lodge Rule 2.4*)
- Sell or buy the tickets allotted to you
- Return all ticket stubs, cash from sold tickets, and any unsold tickets
-  Failure to return unsold tickets may result in loss of membership

## **Can't pick them up?**

Call Rick Tringali at **262-504-9950** to have Raffle Staff fill out your tickets — just send a check.

## **Questions?**

Contact **Patrick Diem, Festival Chairman**  
at **414-530-2988**

*Thank you!* — your support helps cover Lodge costs.

# **Festival Volunteer Opportunities**

*(The more volunteers, the merrier!)*

## **Pepper Cutting**

Monday, July 20, Contact ***Don Cicero***

## **Setup Help**

Monday, July 20

through Thursday, July 23

Contact ***Pat Diem or Ken Scolaro***

## **Takedown Help**

Sunday, July 27 (evening) and

Monday, July 28

Contact ***Ken Scolaro***

## **General Questions or Other Help**

Contact any of the following Festival Committee members:

**Bob Basil, Adam Britten, Joe DeMatthew,**

**Jason Evitts, Tom Garbo, Steven Gow,**

**Bill Gullo, Jon Morelli, Vince Morelli,**

**Dennis Porcaro, Ken Scolaro**

# Festival Entertainment Schedule

(Sunday Mass time also listed)

## Friday, July 24

<u>Time</u>	<u>Act</u>	<u>Location</u>
4–7pm	<b><i>All The King's Men</i></b>	Outside Stage
8–11pm	<b><i>The Boy Band Night</i></b>	Outside Stage
8–11pm	<b><i>Waiting For Eddie</i></b>	Inside – Café Roma

## Saturday, July 25

<u>Time</u>	<u>Act</u>	<u>Location</u>
Noon–3pm	<b>Tailspin</b>	Outside Stage
4–7pm	<b>One Louder</b>	Outside Stage
6–9pm	<b>Eric Carlson</b>	Inside – Café Roma
8–11pm	<b>Lunch Money Bullies</b>	Outside Stage

## Sunday, July 26

<u>Time</u>	<u>Event/Act</u>	<u>Location</u>
10:30am	<b>Mass with Fr. Juan Manuel Camacho</b>	Inside – Vittoria Hall
1-4:30pm	<b>Mean Jake</b>	Outside Stage

Join us as we kick off our 2026 festival season



# \$10,000

## Dinner Raffle

**\$4,000 First Prize**

**\$1,500 2nd Prize**

**\$500 (3 Winners)**

**\$200 (5 Winners)**

**\$100 (20 Winners)**

**30 Chances to Win • Approximately 1 in 8 Odds**

**Thursday, July 23, 2026** • Hosted in the Festival Beer Tent  
**5:30 PM Cash Bar • 6:30 PM Dinner • 7:30 PM Drawing**  
Entertainment to follow Drawing

**\$100 per Ticket**

Limited to 250 Tickets  
Tickets must be turned in before the raffle drawing  
Need not be present to win

**Tickets Include**

One (1) \$10,000 Raffle Ticket  
Two (2) Buffet Dinner Tickets  
One (1) free entry to the 2026 Italian Festival

### For Tickets:

Contact a Committee Member:  
David Chiapete - Committe Chair  
(262) 939-5914 - davidchiapete@hotmail.com  
Anthony Porcaro, Frank Bisotti,  
Mario Passarelli, Nick Rossi, or Tim Mason  
marketing.romalodge@gmail.com  
Make checks payable to: Roma Lodge

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# JUNE "COFFEE & CARS"



**John Urban with his  
1955 Plymouth**

**"Best In Show"**



**Tom Garbo and Jon Morelli  
with Tom's Vespa**



**Bill Pucci and his  
1927 Ford Model A**

*The June "COFFEE & CARS" had 56 vehicles on display and many spectators on hand. Stop in on July 11<sup>th</sup> for the next installment of this community event!*

# Roma Memories

## May 2026 Newsletter Photo Update



Nicholas Rossi  
marketing.romalodge@gmail.com

Last month, we shared another photo from Roma Lodge's Hall of History as part of our ongoing Roma Memories effort. The goal remains simple: to help identify the people, stories and moments behind the photos displayed throughout the Lodge.

Thanks to the help of our members, we are happy to share that additional information has now been provided for the photo featured in last month's article.

A special thank you to Dennis Porcaro for helping identify the individuals shown and for providing background on their involvement with Roma Lodge. This kind of member involvement is exactly what helps bring our Hall of History to life.

The individuals shown in the photo are:

### A-Francis Pulice

Mrs. Pulice was a longtime cook at Roma Lodge and the mother of future Roma Lodge President Samuel Pulice. Samuel Pulice went on to serve three terms as President of Roma Lodge in 1967, 1968 and again from 1995–1996. Her connection to the Lodge is a reminder that Roma's history was built not only through leadership roles, but also through the many people and family members who worked, volunteered and supported the Lodge behind the scenes.

### B-Herman Porcaro

Herman Porcaro played an important role in the development and success of the Italian Festival. His involvement is part of the larger story of the many members and families who helped build the Festival into one of Roma Lodge's most recognized traditions.

### C-Russell Missureli

Russell Missureli led Bingo for many years and also served 13 terms as President of Roma Lodge: 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1978, 1986, 1987 and 1991–1992. His long record of leadership and service reflects the kind of dedication that helped guide Roma Lodge through many important years.

These are exactly the kinds of details that make the Roma Memories effort so meaningful. A photo may capture a single moment in time, but the stories behind the people in that photo help us better understand the work, service and dedication that shaped Roma Lodge into what it is today.

### What's Next?

With this photo now fully identified, we are moving on to the next.

If you have information, names or memories connected to other photos displayed throughout the Lodge, I would love to hear from you. Even small details can make a lasting impact.

**Let's continue putting names to the faces that make up our history.**

# Roma Memories

## Preserving Our Story, One Photo At A Time

Nicholas Rossi

marketing.romalodge@gmail.com

Along the walls of Roma Lodge, our Hall of History quietly tells the story of who we are.

Each photo represents more than a moment in time. It reflects the people, tradition and commitment that built this Lodge into what it is today. These images capture generations of members who gave their time, shared their culture and helped create the community we continue to enjoy.

As a fraternal organization, Roma Lodge exists to promote fraternal & social relationships while supporting charitable, educational and cultural activities for our members and the broader community. Our history is not just something to remember, it is something to carry forward.

With that in mind, I am exploring an effort to continue highlighting and preserving the stories behind the photos displayed throughout the Lodge.

### We Need Your Help

Many of the faces in these photos are familiar, but all of their names and stories may not be documented. That is where the members come in.

If you recognize individuals in these photos, or have memories, stories or connections to the events shown, I would love to hear from you.

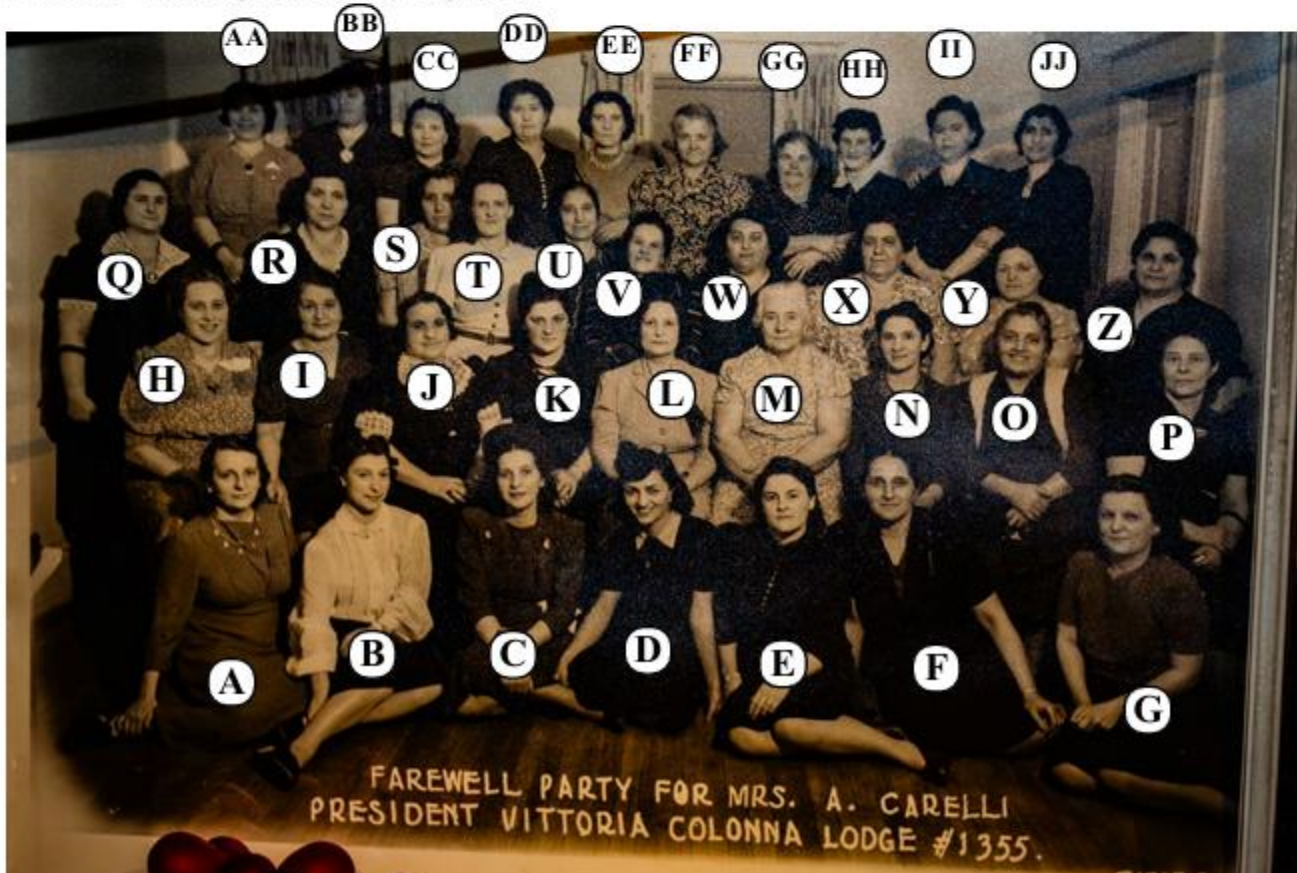
Who are the people in the photo? What was the occasion? What do you remember about that time at Roma Lodge? Even small details can help bring these moments back to life.

### Why This Matters

A core strength of Roma Lodge has always come from its members. Participation and involvement are key to our continued success. By sharing these stories, we are doing more than identifying photos, we are preserving our heritage, honoring those who came before us and strengthening the connection between past and present members.

If you have information to share, it can be emailed to [marketing.romalodge@gmail.com](mailto:marketing.romalodge@gmail.com)

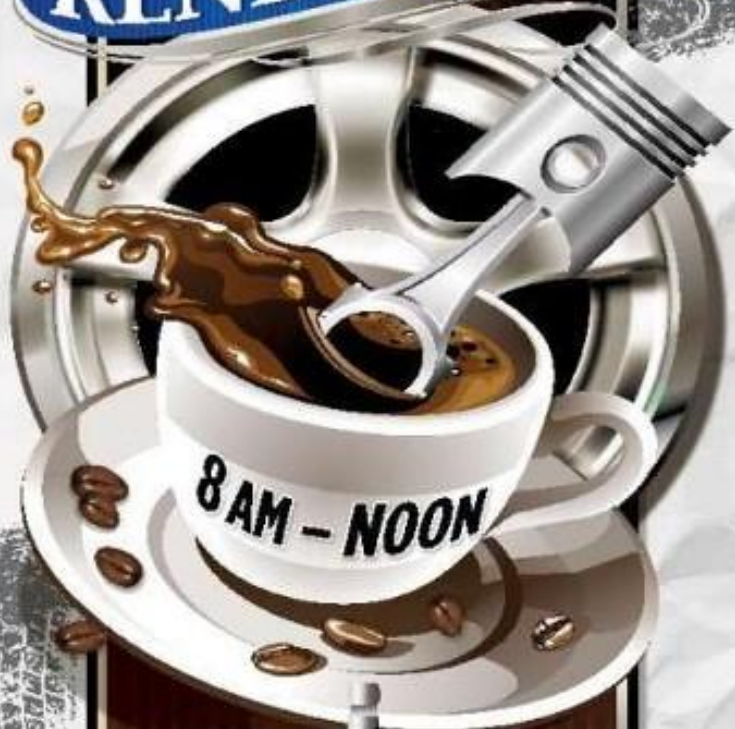
Let's continue building our history together!



SATURDAY MORNING

# COFFEE & CARS

 RENDEZVOUS



2026

*Every*

**Second Saturday of the Month**

June 13

July 11

August 8

September 12 (Safety Awareness Day)



7130 Spring Street (HWY C) – Mt. Pleasant

July, 2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **DINNER AT 5:45PM**



DOORS OPEN – 4:00 PM  
FOOD SERVICE – 4:45 PM  
BINGO! START – 6:00 PM



If you would like to donate your time, please contact one of the following: Jon Morelli: 262-994-2861 – [Roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:Roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com)  
Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)

At the right is a table of BINGO! Captains for 2026. We need people interested in being captains to volunteer. The empty months in the table need captains.

Each captain is required to secure volunteers to sell cards on the floor.

In addition to captains, we need volunteers to step up to learn the role of selling game cards (this job requires you to be at BINGO! from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at a minimum). We can also use volunteers to learn the other jobs of BINGO!.

Please consider giving your time on a Thursday afternoon and/or evening. BINGO! is an important source of income for Roma Lodge.

BINGO! CAPTAINS	
JANUARY	Ed Morelli
FEBRUARY	Ken Scolaro
MARCH	Don Vena
APRIL	Jason Evitts
MAY	
JUNE	Rich Nygro
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	Jon Morelli
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	Frank Bisotti
DECEMBER	Jon Morelli

**Funeral Service Representation – July through September**



Lodge members whose names are within the range ***Lipor, Gary – Porcaro, Anthony J.*** are expected to attend deceased members' funeral services, to represent the Lodge, during the calendar quarter listed above.

You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one, if the occasion arises, during the quarter. All Roma Lodge members are encouraged to attend the funeral services of their deceased brothers. A special Roma Lodge sign-in book will be on hand at the service for members to log their attendance.

**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, is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Steve Rawlinko, [srawlinko@wi.rr.com](mailto:srawlinko@wi.rr.com) or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

## ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

<b>July 2026</b>			
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
3rd	CLOSED	4th	CLOSED
10th	Keith Stannis	11th	Keith Stannis
17th	Jon Morelli	18th	Jon Morelli
24th	FESTIVAL	25th	FESTIVAL
31th	Dennis Porcaro	August 1st	Dennis Porcaro



### Bocce Schedules

To view Bocce Schedules, click the following link:

<https://www.romalodge.org/members/league-schedulesroster-sheetbocce-rules>

#### JULY 2026 EVENTS

Saturday, July 4	250 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Great Nation
Tuesday, July 7	Board Of Directors Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, July 10	Membership Meeting – 7pm ( <b>Dinner at 5:45pm</b> )
Saturday, July 11	Coffee & Cars – 8am
Thursday, July 23	\$10,000 Dinner Raffle
Friday, July 24	Roma Lodge Festival
Saturday, July 25	Roma Lodge Festival
Sunday, July 26	Roma Lodge Festival

#### AUGUST 2026 EVENTS

Saturday, August 8	Coffee & Cars – 8am
Tuesday, August 11	Board Of Directors Meeting – 6:30pm
Friday, August 14	Membership Meeting – 7pm ( <b>Dinner at 5:45pm</b> )

## Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

*Become a permanent fixture at Roma Lodge!!*

*Consider the Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program*

### **Some ideas are:**

- **Your name and when you joined Roma Lodge.**
- **For deceased family members – when they were members.**
- **In memory of a loved one.**
- **All Family members' names.**
- **Imagine a brick and add it to the patio.**

If interested, please fill out the order form on the next page and return to Dennis Porcaro. You can also order by scanning the QR code below or going to <https://roma-lodge.square.site>

Orders taken will be completed and installed as time and conditions permit.



4" x 8" Brick  
\$75.00



12" x 12" Brick  
\$200.00

## Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Bricks are available to members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna.

Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to a lasting memorial to family and friends for generations to come

### BRICK OPTIONS

4" x 8" brick consisting of three lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$75.00.

12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$200.00.

Check must accompany your order

To purchase a brick please contact:

Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)

### 4" by 8" Brick

**NOTE:** Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

### 12" x 12" Brick

**NOTE:** Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED AS TIME AND CONDITIONS PERMIT

Buyer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from **The Lettering Machine**.



TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>

Feel free to call The Lettering Machine at (262) 652-4177 if you have any questions. Thank you for your business!

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**The submission deadline for information to be published in the August, 2026 Newsletter is July 28, 2026 at 5pm (subject to change if circumstances warrant it).**

Comments, suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome and will only be acknowledged and/or acted upon if submitted to [roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com](mailto:roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com). **Items submitted for publication must pertain to Roma Lodge members and/or membership functions and contain complete information.**