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Also available on the Roma Lodge Members website

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

Roma Lodge Brothers:

Well, Summer is ending and our children and grandchildren are starting back to school. The summer flew by and now the football season starts, and the Brewers are looking to start a promising playoff run. ***I hope you all had a great summer!***

Carmelo Bruno, Frank Bisotti and their team are working on the **Columbus Day Dinner** to be held on **Saturday, October 10th**. Please see the information (Page 4) in this newsletter and keep an eye on your emails for additional information.

We had several men inquire about membership during our festival. Four prospective members were interviewed and approved by the board. They will be brought to the membership for a vote in September and October.

The final ***"Coffee & Cars"*** for the 2026 season will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 8:00am – Noon. This show will also be our ***"Safety Awareness Day"*** featuring members of the:

- South Shore Fire Department
- Caledonia Fire Department
- Mt. Pleasant Police Department.

They will have equipment and displays for the attendees to visit. Please bring your children, grandchildren, family and friends. It will also be a great day for you to bring your favorite vehicle to show. See Page 8 for details.

Remember our motto, ***"If it's special to you, it's special to us!"***.

The members restaurant is open on Wednesday evenings for the buffet, and Friday and Saturday evenings with a full menu and new specials each weekend. Please check your emails weekly for the Wednesday buffet menu and weekend specials.

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 that you be at BINGO! from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM on a given Thursday.

The *Vittoria Colonna* members have agreed to help with **BINGO!** as captains for the months we have not been able to get Roma members to captain. They began in August and did an excellent job. They bragged (to me) that they sold more floor sheets

in August than we had any other month. Watching them in action, *I think they are right.* I want to thank the *Vittoria Colonna* for stepping up and taking on the role for us.

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 ***Board of Directors meeting*** will be held on Tuesday, **September 8th, at 6:00 PM.** All members are welcome at the board meeting. If you wish to speak, please request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

The next ***Roma Lodge Membership meeting*** will be held on **Friday, September 11, at 7:00 PM.**

After the August membership meeting, sixteen members set up an impromptu bocce tournament with a random draw format. The team of Jim DeMatthew, Jim Silvani, Joe Povkovich and Bill Pucci took home the title.

Jon Morelli
President

Buon compleanno ai nostri fratelli della Roma Lodge nati a Settembre!!!

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

September 1	Michael Garbo	September 14	Ralph Nicotera III	September 27	Joseph W. Buscemi
September 3	William Bushell		Alex Roman		Damiano Piraino
September 4	Victor Guglielmi	September 15	Michael Mlsna	September 28	John Bonaretti
September 5	Ralph Malicki	September 16	Kevin Tripp		Roy Cacciotti
September 7	Luke Mason	September 17	Philip Mazzie		Charles Hoeft
September 9	Eric Andersen	September 26	James Germinaro		Glen Johnson
September 10	Matthew Bremer		Kenneth Hotchkiss	September 29	David Schneider
			Dominic Lopiccolo	September 30	Gavin Decheck

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership File.

Contact Pat Tierney, teamtierney@sbcglobal.net if corrections are needed.

Candidates For Roma Lodge Membership

The following membership candidates have been approved or conditionally approved by the Membership Committee and the Board. Action by membership is required for final approval. Voting will take place at the September 11, 2026 and October 9, 2026 membership meetings.

To be voted on at the September 11, 2026 membership meeting:

Andrew O'Neil, age 41, resides in Beach Park, IL. He is single with no children. His Italian link is through genetics (*Conditional approval subject to genetic records being submitted and approved by the Membership Committee*). Andrew is employed as a delivery driver for Amazon. His proponent is David Silvani.

Rob Hunt, age 70, resides in Mount Pleasant, WI. He is married to Nancy and has three children. His Italian link is through his wife (*Aiello*). Rob is retired from the military and law enforcement. His proponent is Greg Pierangeli.

Rick Onyon, age 61, resides in Racine, WI. He is married to Kristina and has one child. His Italian link is through his wife (*Lipari*). Rick is a business owner (Butcher & Barrel; RIO Tech, Inc.). His proponent is Ralph Lipari.

To be voted on at the October 9, 2026 membership meeting:

Ned Povolo, age 68, resides in Caledonia, WI. He is married to Neva and has two children. His Italian link is through his father. Ned is a retired accountant. His proponent is Steve Ramig.

**** Roma Lodge Membership Contact Information ****

We are updating our membership contact information! We are asking that you respond to the email blast that will be coming out in the near future asking you to confirm your current cell phone number. We will be using it, in the future, to send text messages regarding important membership announcements, events, and activities going on at Roma Lodge. We will continue to send out information to your email address. Text messaging will allow us to reach members that may not check their emails or do not receive them due to their spam settings.

You may also email your **CURRENT CELL PHONE NUMBER** to: romalodge.secretary.msg@gmail.com. It is important to make sure when you email back, to include your full first and last name so it can be cross referenced with our membership list.

Thank you for helping us keep our membership information up to date!

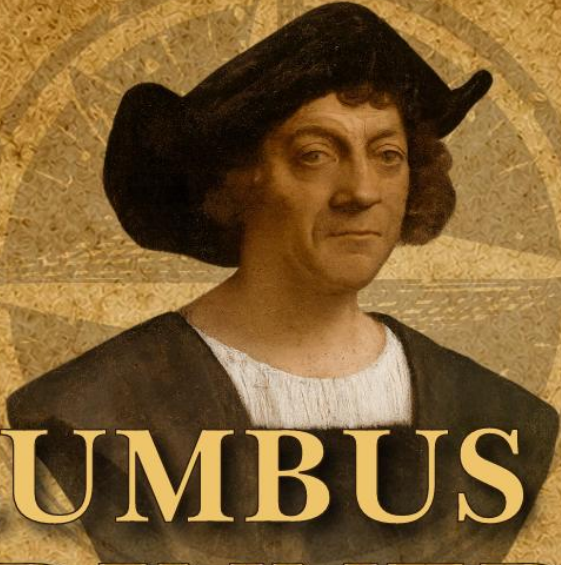
Roma Lodge Hosts The Racine Special Olympics

On Tuesday evening, August 25th, Roma Lodge hosted the Racine Special Olympics Agency #715. The bocce team, consisting of twenty-five players, demonstrated their skills on our indoor courts. In addition to the players, three coaches and twenty-one parents experienced bocce at Roma Lodge. Including Roma Lodge volunteers, over fifty people were in attendance. The players, coaches, parents and volunteers all enjoyed the great Roma Lodge pizza provided by Chef Jake. Soda, cookies and juice boxes were also provided. Additionally, Roma Lodge donated a \$100 check to Agency #715. The Racine Special Olympics expressed their thanks to Roma Lodge's Board of Directors, the CARES Committee, the RIWA and all volunteers for providing a wonderful and memorable event. They are looking forward to visiting Roma Lodge again next year.



Pictured above with the ***Racine Special Olympics Bocce Team*** are Roma Lodge volunteers: **Dave Silvani, Joe Jardina, Rick Bonanno, Jim Silvani and Tom Garbo.**





COLUMBUS DAY DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

5:00^{PM} - 10:00^{PM}

Cash Bar at 5:00^{PM} • Family-Style Dinner at 6:00^{PM}

Members Dining Room
\$40 Per Person

FAMILY-STYLE MENU

Caprese Salad • Angel Hair Pasta with Garlic & Oil
Chicken Florentine • Sicilian-Style Pork Chops
Italian-Style Fried Potatoes • Italian Green Beans • Dessert
A Bottle of Red and White Wine per Table

GUEST SPEAKER:
Ernie Rossi

50/50 Raffle
Raffle Baskets



SCAN FOR TICKETS

RESERVATIONS

VC Member Contact:

Denise Rossi: 262-909-9004

Roma Lodge Contact:

Carmelo Bruno: 847-533-8888



Presented by Roma Lodge & Vittoria Colonna

Roma Lodge & Vittoria Colonna Members May Each Invite 1 Guest



AUGUST "COFFEE & CARS"



"Best In Show"

1957

Chevrolet Corvette

Owned by:
Dan Wooster

Roma Lodge Board Of Directors Meetings

All lodge members are welcome at monthly board meetings. If you wish to speak at a board meeting, please request permission ahead of time by contacting President Jon Morelli.



Board President Jon Morelli addresses a rapt group of lodge directors.

(Photo courtesy of Rick Bonanno)

Roma Memories

Preserving Our Story, One Photo At A Time

Nicholas Rossi

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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.

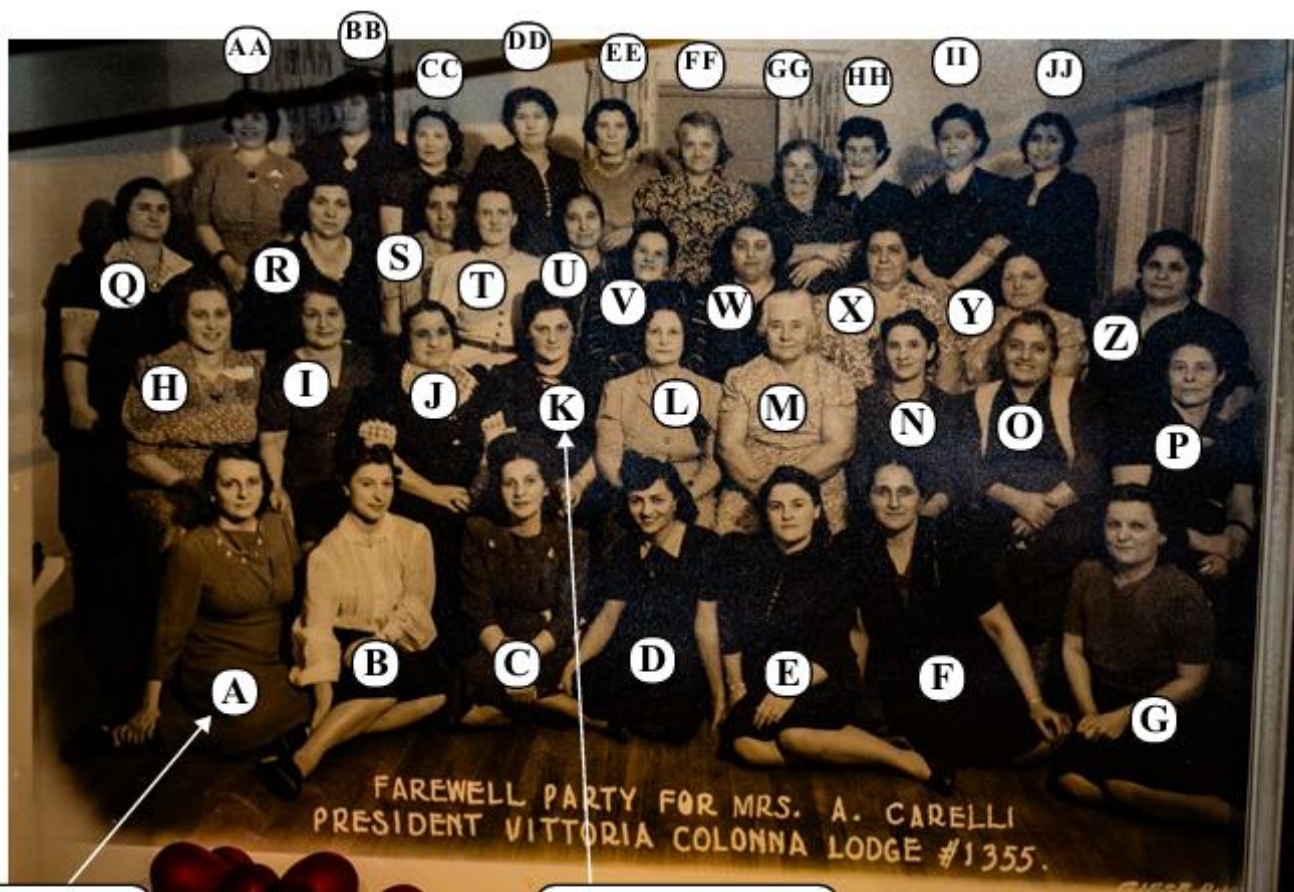
If you have information to share, it can be emailed to marketing.romalodge@gmail.com

Let's continue building our history together!



Roma Memories

May 2026 Newsletter Photo Update



**Rose Mary
Zwaga**

**Edith (Christiano)
Binetti**

Nicholas Rossi
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Last month, we continued to share the same 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.

Some of the individuals shown in the photo are:

A-Rose Mary Zwaga

Thank you to Dennis Zwaga for identifying Rose Mary Zwaga!

K-Edith (Christiano) Binetti

Thank you Rose Monfeli for identifying Edith (Christiano) Binetti!

What's Next?

I will continue to send this to the newsletter until we identify everyone in this photo!

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.

COFFEE & CARS

SAFETY AWARENESS DAY



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 12
2026

8:00^{AM} - 12:00^{PM}

ROMA LODGE
7130 SPRING STREET
MOUNT PLEASANT, WI
(262) 886-3610



COFFEE



CARS



**SAFETY
DISPLAYS**



**TROPHY
BEST IN SHOW**

MEET LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS

See emergency vehicles, equipment and safety demonstrations!

Participating agencies, vehicles and displays are subject to availability and emergency-response needs.



DISCOVER ROMA LODGE MEMBERSHIP

Meet members and learn more at
our membership information table.

Let's Talk
**ITALIAN
HERITAGE!**

All vehicles welcome! If it's special to you, it's special to us!

September, 2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The next Membership meeting is scheduled 
for Friday, September 11th at 7pm. **DINNER AT 6PM**



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
Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – aprlservices@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 or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

September 2026			
Friday		Saturday	
4th	Frank Bisotti	5th	Jon Morelli
11th	Eric Andersen	12th	Eric Andersen
18th	Adam Britten	19th	Adam Britten
25th	Carmelo Bruno	26th	Carmelo Bruno



Bocce Schedules

To view Bocce Schedules, click the following link:

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

SEPTEMBER 2026 EVENTS

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

Board Of Directors Meeting – 6pm

Friday, September 11

Membership Meeting – 7pm (Dinner at 6pm**)**

Saturday, September 12

Final Coffee & Cars (“Safety Awareness Day”) – 8am

OCTOBER 2026 EVENTS

Tuesday, October 6

Board Of Directors Meeting – 6pm

Friday, October 9

Membership Meeting – 7pm (Dinner at 6pm**)**

Saturday, October 10

Columbus Day Dinner – 5pm

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

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!

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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The submission deadline for information to be published in the October, 2026 Newsletter is September 27, 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. **Items submitted for publication must pertain to Roma Lodge members and/or membership functions and contain complete information.**