dicembre **Roma Lodge Newsletter** 2026

7130 Spring Street – Mount Pleasant, Wisconsin 53406 – (262) 886-8850 – RIWA (262) 886-3610
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---------- President's Message ----------

Roma Lodge Brothers:

Thanksgiving has passed, and 2026 is nearly over. The *Christmas* season is now here, a time to celebrate with family and friends and to remember the birth of Jesus and the sacrifices he made for all of us.

As we fondly remember the family and friends we have lost, I also ask that we remember our lodge brothers who passed away this past year…

John Grycowski
David J. Ricchio
Lawrence Presta
James Carravetta
Louis Arnone
Leonard Montalbano
William D. Chiapete

I have been informed that brother ***Jerry Perona*** is currently in hospice care. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I hope you can all join us for several holiday events taking place in December! Flyers for these events can be found in this newsletter or in the members clubhouse:

- **Children's Christmas Party** – Sunday, December 6th
- **Adult Christmas Party** – Saturday, December 12th
- **Breakfast with Santa** – Sunday, December 13th
- **Early Bird New Year's Eve Party** – Thursday, December 31st from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

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. **The restaurant will be closed on these Fridays – 11/27/26, 12/25/26 and 1/1/27.** Please mark your calendars and join us on Saturday of those three weekends.

If you have not been to our restaurant in a while, please consider joining us. The food has been excellent.

Reservations are encouraged to help us plan staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is 262-886-8850. For parties of six or more, a 19% service charge will be included, and there will be one check for tables of ten 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 is always looking for card sellers. This job requires that you be at BINGO!

If any Roma Lodge or Vittoria Colonna member is interested in working as a caller, callback worker, sheet seller or working at the money tables we would welcome your 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 is Tuesday, December 8th at 6PM**. 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 is Friday, December 11th.**. Dinner will be served starting at 6PM with the meeting starting at 7PM.

Merry Christmas to all!!!!

Cordiali saluti,

Jon Morelli
President



Roma Lodge Golf League Recap



by Pat Tierney

The 2026 Roma Lodge Golf League campaign concluded on October 12th with an outing at Ives Grove Golf Course and a showcase dinner at Roma Lodge prepared by Chef Michael. The league began in mid-May and provided golfers with the option of golfing nine or eighteen holes at several area courses. Weather this year was consistently good with only one rain day. Tee times are arranged around mid-day so that guys can get things done earlier in the morning and can participate in an early dinner with some of the golfers if they choose. This year's courses consisted of Ives Grove, Petrifying Springs, Johnson Park, Muskego Lake, Brighton Dale, Thunder Hawk, and Racine County Club. There was at least one scramble scheduled each month. Payouts are made for the winning team for each scramble, and blind bogey holes (six at each course), for closest to pin on par 3 holes, and the longest putt on the nineth and eighteenth hole at each course. Attendance ranged from a high of seventeen golfers to a low of seven. The league averages approximately ten golfers.



Highlights this year, included after-golf dinners on two occasions at the homes of Don Cicero and Rick Bonanno.

For those members that need a break on Mondays from work, or a retiree that likes golf and would like to experience camaraderie with fellow members, the golf league is a fantastic option.

Thanks to all members that participated this year and provided the laughs, great conversations, and decent golf with some tremendous shots on occasion. I am already looking forward to next year.

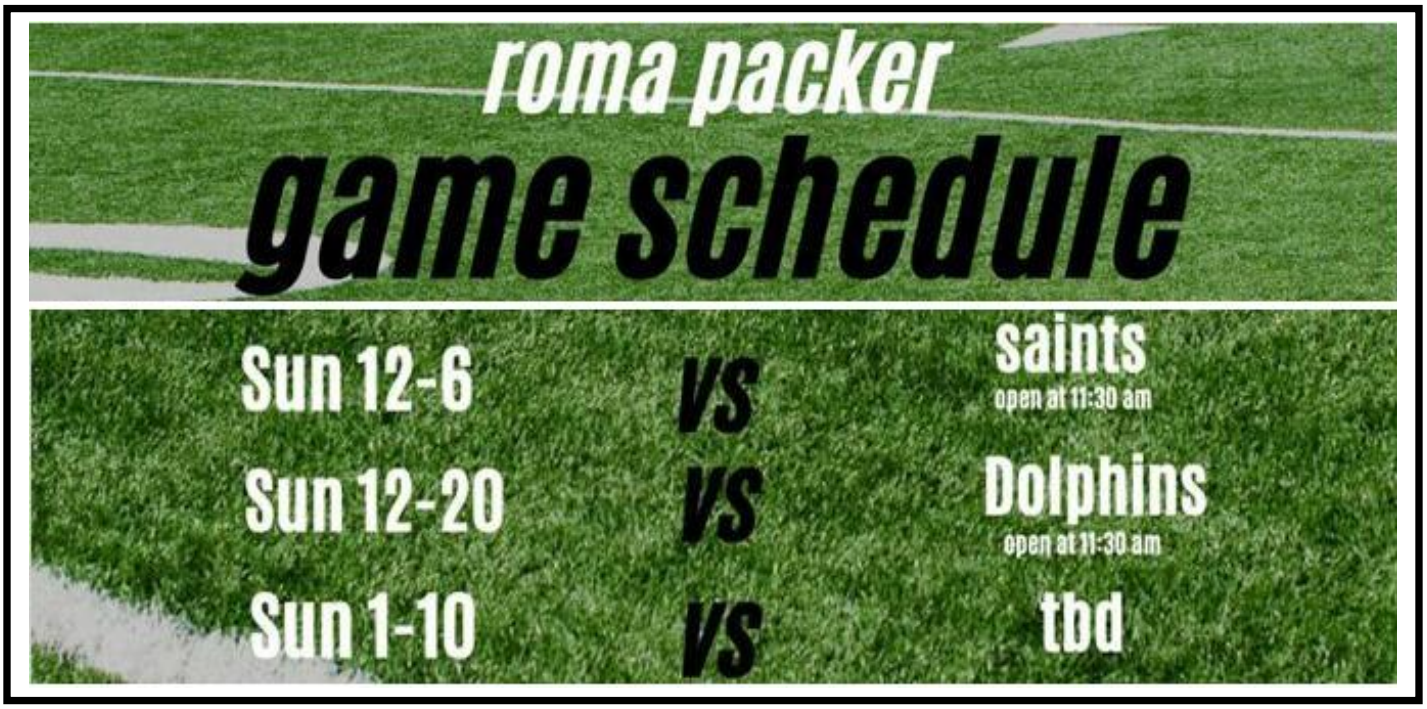






There is a "**FIRE ACCESS LANE**" that services the north side of our lodge building. It is *clearly marked* with a bright red and white sign stating "**NO PARKING - BEYOND THIS POINT – FIRE ACCESS LANE**". There are also yellow lines demarcating the fire lane. Still, some members choose to park there anyway. This type of violation was noted by the local Fire Department during an inspection. The lodge has done due diligence by installing the sign and marking the affected area. It is up to lodge members and their guests to comply and avoid possible fines for the lodge or individuals.

Please do not park in the fire access lane.



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

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

December 1	**Frank D'Acquisto**	December 6	**Jon Morelli**	December 16	**Joseph Chiapete**
	Richard Graceffa		**Gregory Pierangeli**	December 19	**Mark Porcaro**
	William Ruffalo Jr.	December 9	**Edward E Morelli**	December 22	**Gerald F. Perona**
December 2	**Dennis Gehrke**	December 10	**Alfred Derose**		**William J. Pucci**
	Jacob Heller		**James Oswald**	December 25	**Patrick Johnson**
	Arthur Rozzoni	December 12	**John Catrine**	December 28	**Michael Haase**
December 4	**Pasquale Infusino**		**Ryan Sorenson**		**Paul Nolden**
December 6	**Phill Davis**	December 15	**Chris Hansen**	December 29	**Jeffrey Dematthew**
	Jim Morelli		**Anthony Rossi**	December 31	**Nick Romano**

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 by the Membership Committee and the Board. Action by membership is required for final approval. Voting is slated to take place during the December 11, 2026 membership meeting.

Michael J. Bolton, age 28, resides in Mount Pleasant, WI He is single. His Italian link is through genetics. Michael is employed by Roma Lodge as a chef.
His proponent is Jon Morelli.

Andrew O'Neil, age 41, resides in Beach Park, IL He is single with no children. His Italian link is through genetics. Andrew is employed as a delivery driver for Amazon.
His proponent is David Silvani.

** Roma Lodge Membership Contact Information**

If you have not responded to the email sent by "Roma Lodge Secretary", on October 5th, asking you to confirm your current cell phone number, *PLEASE DO SO*. 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 & Vittoria Colonna

Childrens Christmas Party

Sunday December 6th from 11:00 - 2:00

MUST RSVP to Briana Silvani 262-995-3340 or complete form below by Dec 1st

$15.00 per adult (Children under 12 free)

**** will be $25.00 per adult at the door ***



- Meet Santa and get your photo
- Family Photo Backpack
- Mrs. Claus games and activities
- Glitter Tattoos
- Make an Ornament
- Decorate a Cookie
- Holiday Music

Please Join us for this wonderful event open to children and grandchildren of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Members



Name_____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

Child Name _____ Age _____

How Many Adults _____ Cash.

Menu

- Chicken Tenders
- Pasta with Red Sauce
- Pasta with Butter
- Meatballs
- Fries
- Novalty Ice Cream



Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party

Saturday, December 12, 2026 • 5:00 pm

Christmas Party Program:

5:00 pm Guests Arrive
- Cash Bar Opens
- Antipasti served to tables

6:00 pm Family Style Dinner
- Served to tables

6:15 - 10:00 pm Entertainment
- Dinner Performance (6:15 - 6:45)
- Case & Park High School Choirs
- After-Dinner Performance (7:00 - 10:00)
- All The King's Men

Vino e Bibite:

Each table will receive two complimentary bottles of wine, one red and one white. Complimentary soda will also be available at the bar.

Dinner Menu:

Served Family Style

Antipasti:
- Rotini with Anchovies & Garlic
- Bacon-Wrapped Chestnuts
- Bruschetta & Steak Crostini

Insalata:
- Wedding Salad
  - with black olives, croutons, pepperoncini, onions, tomatoes and cheese. Italian dressing on the side.

Primo:
- Bowtie Pasta
  - with Roasted Red Pepper Alfredo
- Meat-Stuffed Shells

Secondo:
- Champagne Chicken Breast
- Baked Ham

Contorno:
- Mixed Vegetables
  - Carrots, Broccoli and Cauliflower
- Columbus Day Roasted Potatoes

Dolce:
- Napoletano Cake

For Tickets or Questions:

Contact Carmelo Bruno
or
Briana Graan

Carmelo Bruno: (847) 533-8888
carmelo.bruno8888@gmail.com

Briana Graan: (262) 886-3610
brianaromaep@gmail.com

$35 per person

Reservations required with payment
Open to Members & 3 of their guests
Scan the QR code for the ticket website
Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Due to a recent bylaw change approved by Roma Lodge membership, Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge members may now bring up to 3 (three) guests to the Columbus Day Dinner and Members Christmas Party.

State Title for Anzalone

St. Thomas More Ends a 20-Year Wait

Nicholas Rossi
marketing.romalodge@gmail.com

For Carter Anzalone, the decision to play soccer for St. Thomas More High School in St. Francis came down to one goal. After five years with his MLS NEXT club team, the Bay View resident stepped away from club play for the season to help his high school win its first state championship since 2006.

Playing both midfield and wing, Carter helped St. Thomas More capture the Division 3 regional and sectional titles before advancing to the state final. In the championship game against Edgerton, he buried a 40-yard free kick in the second half to help seal a 3-1 victory. St. Thomas More closed the season with 11 straight wins, the longest season-ending winning streak across all Wisconsin divisions.

Carter earned Metro Classic Conference Player of the Year honors and an All-State selection. He also received an invitation to play in the state high school all-star game in the summer of 2027.

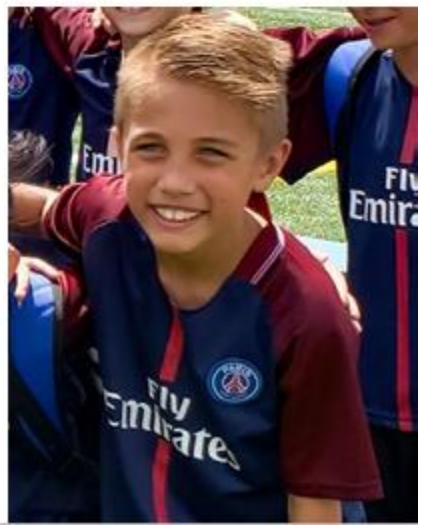
Carter is the son of Roma Lodge member Derek Anzalone and the grandson of fellow Roma Lodge member John Anzalone. The photos Derek shared trace Carter's years on the soccer field, from playing at age 10 to winning a high school state championship. Congratulations to Carter, his teammates and the Anzalone family from Roma Lodge!











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 preserverving 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 LODGE

7130 Spring St., Mt. Pleasant, WI

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



December 13th, 2026
9am to 12pm

Celebrate the holidays with a delightful breakfast.
Enjoy photo opportunities with Santa and a holiday Backdrop

Bacon • Sausage • Scrambled Eggs
Hashbrown Patties • Pancakes
French Toast Sticks • Fruit
Omelettes to order

$17.95 Adults
$10.95 Kids (4-12)
3 and under FREE

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
262-886-3610


ROMA LODGE
EARLY BIRD
NEW YEARS EVE
THURSDAY, DEC. 31ST 4-8PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW THRU DEC. 30TH
$45+TAX PER PERSON
DOORS OPEN AT 3:45PM
LIVE BAND
5-8PM
CHAMPAGNE TOAST & COUNTDOWN
AT 5PM (12AM In ITALY!)
TICKET INCLUDES:
HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES 4:15PM
MADE TO ORDER PASTA STATION
DESSERT STATION (CHEESECAKE, CANNOLI, TIRAMISU)
TAP BEER & SODA (CASH BAR AVAILABLE)
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED! FOR TICKETS, CALL 262-886-3610
NOW - DEC. 30TH

ROMA LODGE

7130 SPRING STREET RACINE, WI

www.romalodge.com

WINTER BOCCE *Tournament*

$300

4 PERSON TEAM

*ADDITIONAL PLAYERS $75 EACH

SATURDAY JANUARY 23RD

9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS

8:00 AM Kringle and Coffee

**Cash Bar & Food available for purchase made to order all day **

** Free Nacho bar for players at noon**

CHECKS MADE OUT TO - ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT
or use QR CODE above

RULES AND REGULATIONS
ROUND ROBIN / SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT
CAN USE OWN BALLS IF 107 MM 920 GRAM BOCCE BALLS ROMA LODGE HOUSE BALLS AVAILABLE FOR USE AS WELL

EMAIL - ROMABOYZBOCCE@GMAIL.COM
Dave Silvani 262-321-1604, Dave Chiapete 262-939-5914, or Derek Anzalone 262-308-7557

December, 2026 MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 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 – 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 – October through December

Lodge members whose names are within the range ***Porcaro, Anthony R . – Zwaga, Dennis*** 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

December 2026			
Friday		**Saturday**	
4th	Pat Tierney	5th	Pat Tierney
11th	Pat Diem	12th	Pat Diem
18th	Frank Bisotti	19th	Frank Bisotti
25th	CLOSED	26th	Eric Andersen

Bocce Schedules



To view Bocce Schedules, use the following link:

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

DECEMBER 2026 EVENTS

Sunday, December 6	Children's Christmas Party – 11am
Tuesday, December 8	Board Of Directors Meeting – 6pm
Friday, December 11	Membership Meeting – 7pm (Dinner at 6pm)
Saturday, December 12	Members Christmas Party (5pm)
Thursday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31	Early Bird New Year's Eve Party (4pm)

JANUARY 2027 EVENTS

Friday, January 1	New Year's Day
Saturday, January 23	Winter Bocce Tournament – 8am

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!

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The submission deadline for information to be published in the January, 2027 Newsletter is December 26, 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.***