

December

# Roma Lodge Newsletter

2024

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## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

The Thanksgiving holiday is behind us, and I hope each of you had the opportunity to spend quality time with your families. The holiday season always brings me a great deal of joy but also brings to mind those with whom I can no longer celebrate. I think of them often but more so at this time of year. I always hear that we cannot live in the past, but those memories are what keep me going at times. They make me appreciate those that are still here more and make me want to live each day to the fullest. Hug your family a little tighter this coming Christmas season and do something special for someone in need of help. From my family to yours, I wish you all a Blessed Merry Christmas!

The Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8th so sign up to bring your children and grandchildren to see Santa. Don't forget, if you want to enjoy some fun with the adults, our Members Christmas Party is Saturday, December 14th. Look for more details for both parties in this newsletter.

The monthly cribbage tournaments are in full swing. If you enjoy the game and like a little competition, stop by on the scheduled dates. Keep an eye out for postings at the club and online for the

monthly dates. Thank you to Mark and Pam Mano for continuing to organize these tournaments.

And now for the usual reminders.....

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We now have an expanded menu on the weekends and Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The buffet continues to offer a variety of items. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out. We ask that groups of 6 or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

**Reservations are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is (262) 886-8850.**

Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

Bingo participation continues to be excellent! Bingo has always been an

important function here at Roma Lodge and requires many volunteers. If you have the time to volunteer, please contact Jon Morelli, Mike Peratt, or Dennis Porcaro.

I know I put this in the newsletter each month, but it is important. If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help organize and work some of our many social events throughout the year. You can contact me or any of our board members if you have an area of interest. Our membership involvement and participation will always be the key to our success. A special thank you to all that contribute your time on a regular basis. Grazie!

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 13th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

*Frank L. Bisotti*  
President



## DECEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The December Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.



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



If you would like to volunteer 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 – [aprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:aprlservices@netscape.net)

Inserted to the right is the table of Bingo Captains for 2025. 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 others to learn the other jobs of Bingo.

**Please** consider giving your time. 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

## Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in December

December 1	Frank D'Acquisto	December 6	Gregory Pierangeli	December 16	Joseph C. Cuccio Jr.
	Richard Graceffa	December 7	Joseph Poisl	December 19	Mark DeCheck
	William Ruffalo Jr.	December 8	Fausto Fioravanti		Mark Porcaro
December 2	Dennis Gehrke	December 9	Edward Morelli	December 20	Paul J. Nolden
	Jacob Heller	December 10	Alfred De Rose	December 22	Jerry Perona
	Arthur Rozzoni		James Oswald		William J. Pucci Sr.
December 4	Pasquale Infusino	December 12	John Catrine	December 25	Patrick Johnson
December 6	Phill Davis		Ryan Sorenson	December 28	Michael Hasse
	Eric Hillery	December 15	Chris Hansen	December 29	Jeffrey DeMatthew
	Jim Morelli		Anthony Rossi	December 31	Nick Romano
	Jon Morelli	December 16	Joseph Chiapete		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, [teamtierney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teamtierney@sbcglobal.net) or 262-960-2855 if corrections are needed.



### **Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – October through December**

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

***Polzin, Bernard – Zicarelli, Ronald***

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled three-month period, you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one during the quarter. 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.



### **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 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**

December 6,7	Frank Bisotti
December 13,14	Dennis Porcaro
December 20,21	Jeff DeMatthew
December 27,28	Dave Silvani



## DECEMBER 2024 EVENTS

### Sunday, December 1

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### Roma Lodge Cribbage – 12:00 PM

National Christmas Lights Day  
National Eat A Red Apple Day  
Cyber Monday  
National Mutt Day  
Giving Tuesday  
National Cookie Day  
International Volunteer Day  
St. Nicholas Day  
National Cotton Candy Day  
National Letter Writing Day  
Candle Day  
Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

### Children's Christmas Party

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
National Brownie Day  
National Pastry Day  
Christmas Card Day

### Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM

Nobel Prize Day  
International Animal Rights Day  
UNICEF Birthday  
Gingerbread House Day  
National Poinsettia Day

### Members Meeting - 7:00 PM

National Cocoa Day  
National Guard Birthday

### Adult Christmas Party

National Cupcake Day  
National Chocolate Covered Anything Day  
Wright Brothers Day  
National Maple Syrup Day  
National Twin Day  
National Hard Candy Day  
National Sangria Day  
National Ugly Sweater Day  
Yule  
National Crossword Puzzle Day  
Winter Solstice  
National Cookie Exchange Day  
Festivus  
Christmas Eve  
National Eggnog Day  
Christmas Day  
Boxing Day  
National Fruitcake Day  
National Chocolate Candy Day  
National Card Playing Day  
Pledge of Allegiance Day  
National Bacon Day  
National Champagne Day  
New Year's Eve

## SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA) is having another SPORTS SHOW at ROMA LODGE on Sunday, December 15th from 9am to 2pm (it's MOST exciting in the first 3 hours). Founded back in 1975, the shows have grown from dozens to nearly 400 people at each of these events. Our shows feature generations of our families actively participating. Each show consists of over 60 dealers' tables with vendors from numerous states. Memorabilia includes sports cards, autographs, bobble heads, Nascar, other non-sports fun and so much more. We feature an entertaining auction running simultaneously around 9:45am until 11:30am with a large variety of items. Every show brings different surprises! There may be "signing" guests at some of our shows as well. Former NBA Referee and Roma Lodge Member, MARK MANO, greeted guests at our August Show. Please pass along the word to friends and family. And if YOU have a few items (up to 8 "lots") come early and ask me or MIKE if you could submit them into the auction (15% commission to charity) – and walk away with money. Honestly. What are they doing stuffed away in boxes? Bring them – sell them – make a collector happy!!

WSCA has fostered a great niche in the sports collecting business by combining our shows with charitable giving. As a "nonprofit organization" our profits go to various charities including, but not limited to the MDA, Lighthouse Youth Center of Milwaukee, Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Autism Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Veterans Charities, and many others. We have led local assistance events for families with providing Thanksgiving dinners, back to school supplies and Christmas presents.

I have volunteered with the Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association since the 1980s (nearly 35 years) and I'm thrilled to bring the WSCA to Roma Lodge every other month. My specialty has been procuring the items for the auction as well as running the auction at each event. Another Roma Lodge Member, John Gehring, has also been a part of WSCA for many years – both as a dealer and a guest.

This is a "FAMILY" Event, and we encourage all the Roma Lodge members to bring their families - their children and/or their grandchildren - as they build their own sports collectibles hobby in this healthy event. THIS WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS SHOW, and I heard a rumor that SANTA CLAUS will visit the Sports Show around 10am (well, at least that's what Santa's helper – PAT DIEM – told me).

And ANYONE coming to the Roma Lodge SUNDAY BRUNCH that day will get FREE ADMISSION to the Sports Show before or after your brunch (just tell "AMBER" that Paul Costanzo is paying your DOLLAR admission). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.

Paul Costanzo  
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## CHILDREN'S & ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Please see the next two pages for information on the Roma Lodge & Vittoria Colonna Lodge Children's Christmas Party and the Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party.

You can sign up for these events by visiting the following link:

<https://roma-lodge.square.site>

You can also order clothing or a brick for the patio and sign up for the Roma Lodge Newsletter by visiting the site.





ROMA LODGE &  
VITTORIA COLONNA

# Children's Christmas Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8TH 11:00-2:00

Open to Children and Grandchildren of  
Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Members.

Please purchase tickets in advance!

\$15 per adult in advance \$20 at the door

Children 12 and under are free but we will have fun for all ages even teenagers :)

To reserve your tickets complete the form below and submit with payment to  
the board room mailbox or Contact Dave or Briana Silvani at 262-995-3340

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of adults \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 each)

Child Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

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Members

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

at Roma Lodge | 7130 Spring St. Racine, WI 53406

**Saturday, December 14, 2024**

**5:30 - 9:30 PM**

**\$25.00 / Person**

**Please Purchase In Advance  
No Ticket Sales At The Door  
Member & Member Guest Only**

**Entertainment: All The Kings Men**

**Menu: Italian Appetizers and Food**

**To Purchase Tickets:**

- Call the Roma Lodge Office at (262) 886-3610
- or
- Purchase on Roma Lodge Square Site <https://roma-lodge.square.site>





## JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

Wednesday , January 1	New Year's Day
Wednesday , January 1	National Bloody Mary Day
Wednesday , January 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Wednesday , January 1	Boston Tea Party Anniversary
Wednesday , January 1	National Hangover Day
Wednesday , January 1	International Public Domain Day
Wednesday , January 1	National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
Thursday , January 2	National Science Fiction Day
Thursday , January 2	National Buffet Day
Saturday , January 4	National Spaghetti Day
Saturday , January 4	National Trivia Day
Monday , January 6	Epiphany
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM</b>
Tuesday , January 7	National Bobblehead Day
Thursday , January 9	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	<b>Members Meeting - 7:00 PM</b>
Saturday , January 11	National Clean Off Your Desk Day
Sunday , January 12	National Pharmacist Day
Wednesday , January 15	National Hat Day
Wednesday , January 15	National Strawberry Ice Cream Day
Wednesday , January 15	Martin Luther King's Birthday
Sunday , January 19	National Popcorn Day
Monday , January 20	Martin Luther King Day
Monday , January 20	National Cheese Lovers Day
Thursday , January 23	National Handwriting Day
Friday , January 24	National Peanut Butter Day
Friday , January 24	National Compliment Day
Saturday , January 25	Opposite Day
Sunday , January 26	National Spouses Day
Sunday , January 26	International Customs Day
Sunday , January 26	National Peanut Brittle Day
Monday , January 27	National Chocolate Cake Day
Friday , January 31	National Backward Day
Friday , January 31	National Hot Chocolate Day





## NOVEMBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The November tournament was held on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup>

First Place Over All – Mary Weitach

Second Place Over All – Terry Kueker

Third Place Over All – Bob Renteria

Fourth Place in Two Pools – Eric Litrenta

Fourth Place in \$15 Pool and Fifth Place in the other pools – Ray Stibeck

Great turnout for the November monthly cribbage tournament. Twenty-Four players. .  
Next tournament will be Sunday, December 1st! Come and have some fun.



## CRIBBAGE 2024

**SIGN IN 11:30 AM**



### Roma Lodge Tournaments

**Cost \$10 per Person**

**CASH drawing at start of tournament!**

**Final Roma Tournament**

**December 1, 2024**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES  
AND FRIENDS**

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

**TOURNAMENTS START AT 12 Noon**

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.



## Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Looking for a gift for that hard-to-buy-for family member or friend? How about immortalizing them with a brick on the Roma Lodge 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 in the spring of 2025.



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 IN EARLY SPRING OF 2025

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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**Deadline for information for the January 2025 Newsletter is December 20, 2024.** Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com).

*Jon Morelli*, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary