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Also Available in on the Web at <http://members.romalodge.com/newsletter.html>

Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy.

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. While we still have the limited menu, Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends. 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.

The Wednesday night buffet continues to offer a variety of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help on the buffet, even once a month, please contact me. The reservation line is 886-8850. Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids.

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

Bingo participation has been 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 Jim Faraone, Mike Peratt or Dennis Porcaro. Let's all wish Jim a speedy recovery.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help to organize and work on 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!

Elections for the next terms of officers and four directors will be held in March. The February meeting is your chance to be nominated to run for an officer position or one of the four director positions. If you are interested in a position, please contact either of the election committee chairs, Greg Pierangeli or Bill Pucci, Jr. You can also have someone nominate you from the floor at the February meeting. It's a great opportunity to really get involved in the club and new ideas are always welcome.

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

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President

FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The February Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 10th.

Nominations for all Officers and four (4) Board Members will take place at this meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM REQUIREMENT

Please remember it is important to have a quorum at all membership meetings. Without a quorum we cannot conduct an official meeting, meaning we cannot vote on new members or conduct any official business.

FEBRUARY 2023 EVENTS

Wednesday, February 1
 Thursday, February 2
 Thursday, February 2
 Friday, February 3
 Friday, February 3
Sunday, February 5
Tuesday, February 7
 Thursday, February 9
Friday, February 10
 Saturday, February 11
 Sunday, February 12
Sunday, February 12
 Tuesday, February 14
Sunday, February 19
 Monday, February 20
 Tuesday, February 21
 Wednesday, February 22
 Wednesday, February 22
 Thursday, February 23
 Thursday, February 23
 Saturday, February 25
Sunday, February 26

National Freedom Day
 Groundhog Day
 National Tater Tot Day
 National Carrot Cake Day
 National Golden Retriever Day
Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM
Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM
 National Pizza Day
Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM
 Thomas Edison's Birthday
 Lincoln's Birthday
Super Bowl Sunday – 3:30 PM
 Valentine's Day
Kids Bocce Starts – 12:00 PM
 President's Day
 Mardi Gras
 Ash Wednesday
 National Walking the Dog Day
 Battle of the Alamo
 National Chili Day
 National Pancake Day
Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM



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:
 Jim Faraone: 262-657-1244 – jfaraone@wi.rr.com
 Mike Peratt: 262-942-1212 – mperatt22@yahoo.com
 Ken Scolaro (February Captain): 262-488-4886 – kscolaro@wi.rr.com

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

January 27, 28
 February 3, 4
 February 10, 11
 February 17, 18
 February 24, 25
 March 3, 4

Pat Diem
 Frank Bisotti
 John Pisanello
 Jeff DeMatthew
 Dave Silvani
 Pat Tierney

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen are scheduled to be voted on at the **February 10, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

Stephen Edward Gow – Age 29

Hales Corners, Wisconsin
Born in St. Charles, Illinois
Employed in sales by Runecast Solutions
Married (Rebecca De Matthew Gow)
Wife is of Italian descent
Proponent: Adam Britten

Garrett P. Wilkins – Age 23

Milwaukee, WI 53207
Born in Racine, WI
Employed as a mechanical engineer by Milsco Manufacturing
Single
Mother is of Italian descent (Carolyn Bianco Wilkins)
Proponent: Jeff Wilkins (Father)

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

February 1	Jordan Gardina	February 6	Jeff D'Acquisto	February 19	David J. Ricchio
	John Passarelli		Chuck Mano		Robert Vallone
February 2	Frank Caira	February 7	Joe DeMatthew	February 21	Benjamin Cupertino
	Arthur Chiappetta		Jason Evitts	February 22	Eugene Modesti
February 3	Peter Flex		Ryan Massman		Gerald Nosotti
	Alan Tripp	February 8	Ronald Guarascio	February 24	Arthur Simmons
February 4	William Gullo	February 10	Garrett Wilkins	February 28	David Chiapete
February 5	John Grycowski	February 19	Michael Kroes	February 29	Frank Sullivan

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Mike Peratt, mperatt22@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – January through March

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

Adamowicz, Randy – DaPra, Dominic

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.

OBITUARIES

Lawrence "Larry" Curty

July 12, 1943 - December 20, 2022



Former member Larry Curty passed away on December 20, 2022, in Naples, Florida with his loving wife by his side.

He was the youngest of four boys of the late Joseph and Theresa Curty.

He resided in Racine, WI and Naples, FL with his wife, Jacqueline Olsen Curty.

He was employed at Twin Disc for 35 years, primarily in the payroll department, retired in 1994.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jackie; his children: Lisa (Larry) Grzyb and Steve (Heidi) Curty and his grandchildren: Collin (Lexi) Grzyb, Tyler Grzyb, Alyssa Curty, Hannah Curty, and his great-grandson, Miles Grzyb.

A private service was held with his Family in Racine, Wisconsin..

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Our sincere condolences go out to Larry's family.

Joseph S. Clementi

July 8, 1935 – January 6, 2023



Member Joseph S. Clementi, 87, peacefully passed away in his sleep at St. Monica Senior Living facility on January 6, 2023. He was born in Racine on July 8, 1935, the son of the late Vincenzo and Giuseppina (nee: Marrone) Clementi.

Joe was a graduate of Holy Name School, St. Catherine's High School – Class of 1953, and Dominican College – Class of 1962. On July 29, 1961, in St. Stanislaus Church, he was united in marriage to Joan S. Czosnek. Joe and Joan were married for 49 amazing years.

Although he worked for Case Corporation for almost 20 years and was the owner of JSC Enterprises for even longer, Joe will truly be remembered for his service to country and community. Joe was Airman First Class with the US Air

Force during the Korean Conflict. At St. Lucy Parish, Joe was Parish Council President for 20 years and also held roles as Home & School President and Festival Chair. He was instrumental in the fundraising for the building of the new church. Joe was an active member of the Kiwanis and the Knights of Columbus where he led the local council as a 4th Degree Grand Knight. Joe also held public office as the Chairman of Mt. Pleasant attending to the concerns and issues of his constituents. Joe was a member of Roma Lodge for more than 20 years and was a Grief Group Leader at St Paul's Church.

Joe positively impacted all that came to know him. He enjoyed a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. He was always up for dessert, watching his Green Bay Packers, and telling his jokes over and over. Joe was very proud of his family and his Italian heritage. Those two have been intertwined in many traditions that will carry on.

Joe leaves to cherish his memories his six children: Donna (Carter) Culver of River Forest, IL, Michael (Tammi) Clementi of Racine, Kathleen (Eric) Eickhoff of Sheboygan Falls, WI, Tony (Nicole) Clementi of Frankfort, IL, Steve (Tracy) Clementi of Greenfield, WI and Sue Beaty of Brookfield, WI; 13 grandchildren: Lily, Matthew and Sophie Culver, Katherine Clementi and Mary Margaret (Adam) Rogan, Joshua (Melanie) Eickhoff, Ian and Samuel Eickhoff, Isabella, Joseph and Marco Clementi, and Vincent and Marisa Clementi and sister-in-law Sandy Czosnek of Racine. Joe is preceded in death by his wife Joan, brother Frank (Joyce) Clementi, sister Catherine Anderson, brothers-in-law Eugene Czosnek and Russell J. Anderson, and sister-in-law, Dolores Clementi.

In lieu of flowers, memorials and donations can be directed to St Monica Senior Living:
<https://stmonicasseniorliving.com/>

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Our sincere condolences go out to Joe's family

Ronald Joseph Guarascio, Sr.

February 8, 1938 – January 22, 2023



Member Ronald Joseph Guarascio, Sr. passed away at Aurora Medical Center in Kenosha on Sunday, January 22, 2023.

Ron was born in Racine on February 8, 1938 to Joseph and Esther (nee: Litrenta) Guarascio. He attended Sacred Heart Grade School, St. Catherine's High

School and Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. Ron was employed at Oster Manufacturing Co. as a supervisor in the accounting department. He also worked at International Register Co. in Richmond, IL as plant manager and production control. Ron went on to Huffy Sports in Milwaukee. He then became the owner of Paradise Lanes, Inc. of Racine in 1989 until his retirement in 2013. Ron was a proud member of Roma Lodge. He enjoyed gardening, being outdoors, and was a wonderful cook. He was also a season ticket holder of his beloved Green Bay Packers. The most important thing to Ron was the love he had for his family, spending time with them up north, where they would go fishing, hunting and spend time together.

Ron is survived by his wife, Mary (nee: Nelson); daughter,

Deanna (Tim); son, Ronald, Jr. (Tiffany); grandchildren Jenni (Ryan), Kara (Troy), and Tia; great grandchildren Athena, Apollo, Atlas, Aries, Estelle; sister, Anita; many nieces and nephews. Ron was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Esther; son, Randall; brother, Raymond; Uncle Orla and Aunt Hazel Litrenta.

The family would like to thank the staff of ICU at Aurora Medical Center for their compassionate care given to Ron. There will be a celebration of life to honor Ron on Saturday, February 4 beginning at 4:00PM at the Hiawatha Bar in Sturtevant.

Our sincere condolences go out to Ron's family



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 Dennis Porcaro, aprlservices@netscape.net or by phone at (262) 884-9121.

MARCH 2023 EVENTS

Wednesday, March 1

Friday, March 3

Friday, March 3

Monday, March 6

Sunday, March 5

Sunday, March 5

Tuesday, March 7

Thursday, March 9

Thursday, March 9

Friday, March 10

Sunday, March 12

Sunday, March 12

Tuesday, March 14

Tuesday, March 14

Friday, March 17

Sunday, March 19

Monday, March 20

Saturday, March 25

Sunday, March 26

Wednesday, March 29

Thursday, March 30

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

Employee Appreciation Day

National Anthem Day – 1931 Anthem officially adopted

National Oreo Cookie Day

Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

National Popcorn Lover's Day

National Meatball Day

Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM

Daylight Savings Time Starts

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

National Potato Chip Day

Pi Day (3.14 – first three digits of Pi)

St. Patrick's Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Spring Equinox (Start of Spring)

National Medal of Honor Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

MLB Opening Day

Milwaukee Brewers open in Chicago against the Cubs

@ 1:20 PM

MEMBER ENTRANCE KEY FOBs

The members entrance has worked with either a key or a key fob for years. As many of you have discovered the old key entry system to the main entrance of the clubhouse is no longer operational. Those of you with the old keys will need to transition to the key fob system. After many delays, due to supply chain issues, Mike Peratt has been able to obtain additional key fobs and they are now available from Mike Peratt and Briana

Doherty – RIWA Manager.

If you would like a new key fob, please contact

Mike Peratt at (262) 206-9930 - mperatt22@yahoo.com or

Briana Doherty at (262) 886-3610 - brianaromaep@gmail.com.

There is a \$10.00 deposit for each fob.

JANUARY CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS



First Place in all Pools - Jimmy Guerrero
Second Place in all Pools - Valerie Degerstedt
Third Place in all Pools - Kip Humburg
Fourth Place in the \$10 & \$5 Pool - Eric Litrenta
Fourth Place in the \$15 Pool plus 5th Place in the \$10 & \$5 Pool-Jim Degerstedt



CRIBBAGE 2023



Roma Lodge Tournaments

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES
AND THEIR GUESTS**

Cost \$10 per Person

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

NEXT TOURNAMENT IS

February 5th, 2023

SIGN UP AT 12:30PM

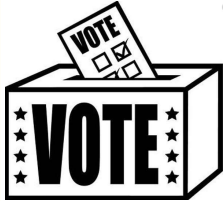
TOURNAMENTS START AT 1PM

OTHER SCHEDULED DATES:

March 5th, 2023 - April 16th, 2023

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.

Come have fun and enjoy the competition.



2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Nominations will be made at the February 10, 2023, Membership Meeting for all Officers and four (4) director positions for the 2023-2025 term. The terms of President - Frank Bisotti, Vice President – John Pisanello, Parliamentarian – Jeff DeMatthew, Recording Secretary – Jon Morelli, Membership Secretary – Mike Peratt and Treasurer – Pat Diem expire and will be contested. The Directors whose regular terms expire in March 2023 are Frank Caruso, Matt Montemurro, Dave Silvani, and Pat Tierney.

The election will be held on Friday, March 10, 2023. To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

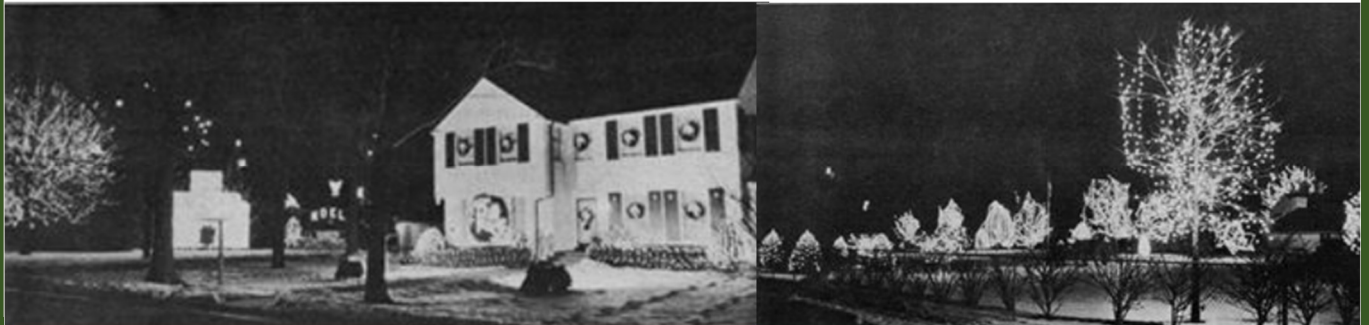
- Be a member in good standing as of February 2023
- Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two years and completed his probationary period.
- Accept the nomination at the time it is presented at the February meeting. If he is unable to be present, he must have a representative deliver his written acceptance of the nomination at the meeting.
- Not be a purveyor to the Lodge
- Not work in a paid position for the Lodge or receive a salary or hourly wage from the Lodge, except for those positions on the Board that are salaried.

Those interested in being candidates for these positions should contact Bill Pucci at wmpucci50@gmail.com - 262-939-3452 or Greg Pierangeli at docgregtpier@yahoo.com - 870-882-1715.

Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Jon Morelli at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com by Sunday, February 19, 2023, highlighting their history with the Lodge and why they wish to serve as a Roma Lodge Board member. These statements will be published in the March Newsletter

Kiwanis Holiday Lights Display

Those of us that grew up in Racine will remember the excitement as a kid driving through North Bay at Christmas time to see the Wheary Lights. They were displayed from 1962, by George and Jessie Mae Wheary at their home, until they were moved to Monument Square in 1982. They were then moved to the Racine Zoo in 1985 where they have been on display ever since. The display is made possible by many corporate sponsors and individual donors. I recently read a letter to the editor in the Journal Times where I noticed two Roma Lodge member corporate sponsors. I am sure many of our members are donors on an individual basis but, I wanted to recognize the sponsors mentioned in the letter - Marty DeFatte – Shorewest Realtors and Rossi Construction Company Inc. Thanks for your support keeping this tradition alive.





Superbowl Party

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with how many.**

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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 two 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.

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Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - applservices@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 2023



2023 Roma Lodge Kids Bocce

Feb 19th - Apr 2

Banquet April 2

Sundays from 12:00 - 2:00

Hot Dog concessions open each week



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Bocce!!**

**Learn from our very own highly skilled players!
Ages 6 and up !!**

**Open to members families, grandchildren and
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ROMA LODGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

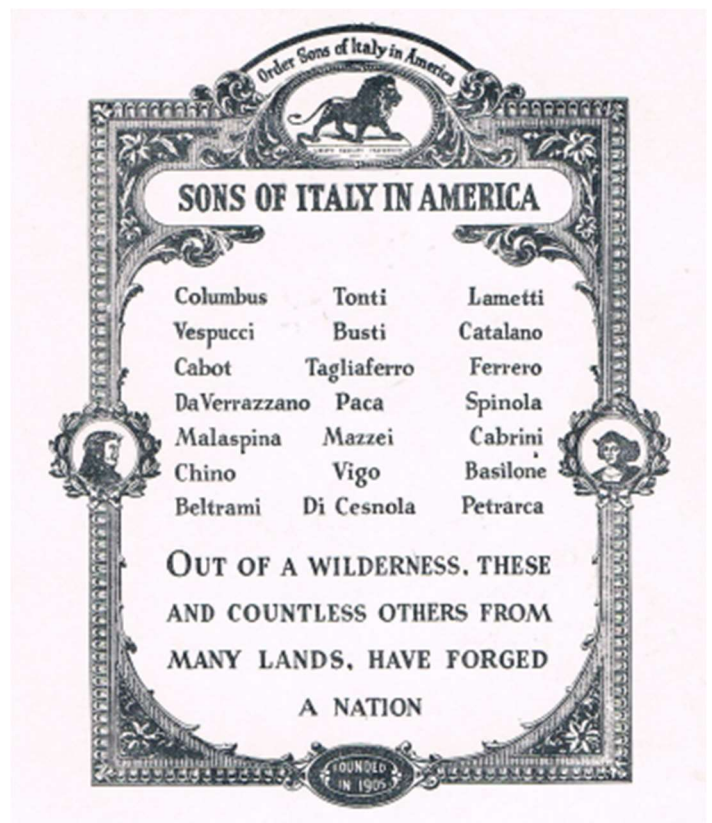
1923 - 2023

Roma Lodge will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary with many events culminating with a Banquet on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Greg Pierangeli and his team are busy planning events throughout the year. Please watch the newsletter and e-mails for information.

As part of our celebration and to bring awareness to our storied history we will be running articles and stories throughout the year celebrating our history. **We encourage members to present stories they would like to share. Please send submissions to Jon Morelli at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.**

Rick Bonanno was given a booklet on the Grand Opening of our clubhouse on Forest Street (Memorial Drive) by the UW-Parkside Historical Society. Our member, Robert Vallone helped by digitizing the booklet. In addition to the stories submitted by members we will include pages from this booklet.

I am happy to share additional pages from the booklet in this newsletter. I hope this will prompt our members to submit more stories.



Ever since Columbus discovered America, the Italians have shared in our history development and progress. They are an integral part of our country. The Italians in America have helped to create our national wealth, in fact, at one period of our history they were our economic salvation. The Italian immigrants, for the most part of the peasant class, who left their native land for the past sixty years in the hope of improving their economic condition have come to these shores with a great faith in their hearts for the land of promise. They have been treated with every indifference and only in a haphazard way have they been permitted to come in contact with the brightest side of American life. They have been excluded from American social and religious life as undesirable and given scant opportunities to learn English in casual night schools only after brain deadening days of toil. Is it any wonder that they are slow, with their Latin tongue, in learning a strange language, and in becoming Americanized as rapidly as immigrants of other nationalities, who may have the advantage of the English language to start with? Yet in spite of racial prejudice and discrimination, the Italian immigrants with their inborn fortitude, have risen superior to every obstacle.

No statistics whatever are available on the number of Italian-Americans in the service of the United States during the First World War, but quoting no less authority than the Chairman of the Committee on Public Information during the war, Mr. Geo. R. Creel, in Everybody's Magazine of March 1919: "The Italians in the United States are not more than 4% of the whole population, but the list of casualties show a full 10% of Italian names. More than 300,000 Italian-Americans figured in the Army lists, and in defense of the inner lines as well as on the firing lines they proved their patriotism to the country of their adoption." There was no ship yard, ammunition factory, airplane factory, steel mill, mine, lumber camp or dock in which the Italian did not play a large part, and often the most prominent part, working at all times with full and affectionate loyalty for the government of the United States. And, in the recent World War, the record of more than a million young Americans of Italian ancestry, speaks for itself. Typical of these young men, are Captain Gentile who distinguished himself in the Army Air Force, and Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone, a hero of Guadalcanal, and the first enlisted Marine to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in World War II.

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Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

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2. If you have a party of ten or more, we ask that your reservation is set by 5:30 or after 6:30 to ensure quality service is provided to all. Please keep splitting of checks to a minimum. This takes considerable time and will delay service.

Our Chef, Mike, will continue to create specials each week to add a variety of food options for our members and guests. Along with the weekly specials we will continue to provide a quality reduced menu. We encourage everyone to stop out and enjoy Mike's creations.

The Members Restaurant is open for the Wednesday Buffet, and every Friday and Saturday for dining.

Thank you

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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Deadline for information for the March 2023 Newsletter is February 20, 2023. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary