July

Roma Lodge Newsletter

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Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

My wife and I attended the "BBQ, Bocce, Beer & Bourbon" party on Saturday, June 21st at the Lodge. Many thanks to Dave, Briana and Emma Silvani for the great job they did organizing the event. I also thank Mikey Bolton for preparing an excellent meal of brisket, pulled pork and all the fixings that went with it. We had a great time and everyone there seemed to enjoy the event. The blind draw bocce tournament had some serious, but fun, competition going on. If you didn't attend the event, you missed a great time.

The social committee headed by Bri and Dave Silvani are planning special events for the third Saturday of each month so mark your calendars to hold those dates. Due to the festival in July there will not be an event but keep a look out in your emails for the upcoming events

The festival is just a few weeks away (July 25th, 26th, & 27th). Please do your best to pick up and sell your raffle tickets as this is the best way to protect the festival against bad weather. This is our 46th Annual event and it is a wonderful opportunity to highlight our great Lodge within our community.

Booth captains are still looking for helpers. It is important for our members to give time helping in the booths. We all love attending the festival but without our members, family and friends helping we cannot properly present a successful event. Please consider volunteering your time. If you can help, please contact Pat Diem or me and we will put you in touch with a booth captain.

On Sunday, June 22nd, family and friends of our late brother Bino Ammendola gathered at Roma Lodge to celebrate his life. We conducted a Roma Lodge service at the gathering. Bino was a member of Roma Lodge for over 34 years. We recently lost another Lodge member, Emilio Infusino. Emil was a member for 52 years. My condolences to the families of both men.

Remember, the restaurant is open on Wednesday evening for the buffet and Friday and Saturday nights with a full menu and new specials each weekend. 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. Please open your e-mails weekly to view the Wednesday night buffet menu and the weekend specials menu.

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

Pricing for the buffet is \$14.00, \$13.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$8.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

BINGO participation continues to be excellent! Attendance has been up, and many new people have been coming to Roma Lodge BINGO. BINGO has always been an important function here at Roma Lodge and requires many volunteers. We need workers in all areas. If you have the time to volunteer, please contact Dennis Porcaro or Mike Peratt.

Over the years, our Lodge has become a cornerstone of the community, and it is heartening to see the enthusiasm and dedication of our members. Whether through volunteer work, participation in events, or simply sharing the camaraderie that defines Roma Lodge, each of you contributes to our ongoing legacy.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or helping organize and work on some of our many social events throughout the year.

If you want to help with social events, please contact Dave or Bri Silvani. In cooperation with the Vittoria Colonna, we have formed a joint social committee.

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.

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 11th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, July 8th at 6:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting. If you want to speak at the meeting you can request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

Jon Morelli President

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 11th at 7pm.



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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
Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – apprlservices@netscape.net

At the right is a 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 on a Thursday afternoon and/or evening. BINGO! is an important source of income for Roma Lodge.

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| JANUARY | Ed Morelli |
| FEBRUARY | Ken Scolaro |
| MARCH | Don Vena |
| APRIL | Jason Evitts |
| MAY | |
| JUNE | Rich Nygro |
| JULY | 25002 |
| 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 July

| July I | Michael Clementi | July 17 | Martin Defatte | July 29 | Gregory Pitts |
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| July 1 | William D. Pucci | July 20 | Robert Basil | July 27 | Mark Soine |
| July 2 | George Chardukian | July 20 | Don Cicero | | Joseph Tripodi |
| July 5 | James Sewell | | Joseph Lipari | July 30 | Tom Befera |
| July 6 | James Haase | July 21 | Alan Porcaro | • , | Anthony Morelli |
| | Joseph Povkovich | July 23 | Charles Funk | July 3 I | Matthew Pankow |
| July 10 | Chuck Domanico | July 24 | Michael Ansani | • , | |
| July 16 | Jon Hay | July 26 | Carey Tempesta | | |

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, <u>teamtierney@sbcglobal.net</u> if corrections are needed.



Funeral Service Representation – July through September

Lodge members whose names are within the range **Kroes, Michael – Piraino, Damiano** 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

| July 2025 | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|------|----------------|--|--|--|--|
| Friday Saturday | | | | | | | |
| 4th | CLOSED | 5th | Jon Morelli | | | | |
| 11th | Dennis Porcaro | 12th | Dennis Porcaro | | | | |
| 18th | Guy Schetter | 19th | Guy Schetter | | | | |
| 25th | FESTIVAL | 26th | FESTIVAL | | | | |



Bocce Schedules

To view bocce schedules please click on the following link:

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

July 2025 EVENTS

Friday, July 4
Tuesday, July 8
Friday, July 11
Friday, July 25
Saturday, July 26
Sunday, July 27

Independence Day
Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Roma Lodge Festival - 4:00 PM
Roma Lodge Festival - Noon
Roma Lodge Festival - Noon

August 2025 EVENTS

Tuesday, August 5 Friday, August 8 Sunday, August 10 Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM Members Meeting - 7:00 PM Summer Bocce Tournament - 8:00AM

2025 ROMA LODGE SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday, July 4
Friday, July 25
Saturday, July 26
Sunday, July 27
Sunday, August 17
Saturday, September 13
Saturday, October 11
Sunday, December 7
Saturday, December 13

Parade and Float
Roma Lodge Italian Festival
Roma Lodge Italian Festival
Roma Lodge Italian Festival
Roma Lodge Golf Outing – Ives Grove Golf Course
Vittoria Colonna 100 Year Anniversary Celebration
Columbus Day Celebration & Wine Tasting
Kids Christmas Party

Members Christmas Party

46th Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival

July 25th, 26th, and 27th

Thanks to the members of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna whom already picked up their Festival raffle tickets in the Hall of History. There are still several packets that remain to be picked up. Please, if you have not done so already, pick up your tickets and *purchase or sell them*. Remember, by selling raffle tickets you give our festival a hedge against inclement weather.

The Friday June 13th lodge meeting was a social meeting featuring a short Roma Lodge membership meeting at 7:00 PM with dinner directly after. Members of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna were eligible to turn in sold raffle books for a chance to win a prize. Following dinner, a Festival presentation and Early Bird drawing took place. Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262) 504-9950 or rtringali252@gmail.com.

Planning for the festival continues... Pepper cutting will take place on Monday July 21st - contact Don Cicero. If interested in selling 10K raffle tickets or pull tabs at the festival, - contact Bill Gullo. If interested in helping with takedown on Sunday July 27th evening and Monday - contact Ken Scolaro. Please contact any of the Festival Committee members listed on the Roma Lodge members website if you have any questions.

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



Italian Festival 2025

Music · Food · Fun · Drinks · Vendor/Craft Fair

Café Roma · Raffle · Bands · Kids Games

Event Location

Roma Lodge Grounds
7130 Spring St. - Racine, WI

Event Times

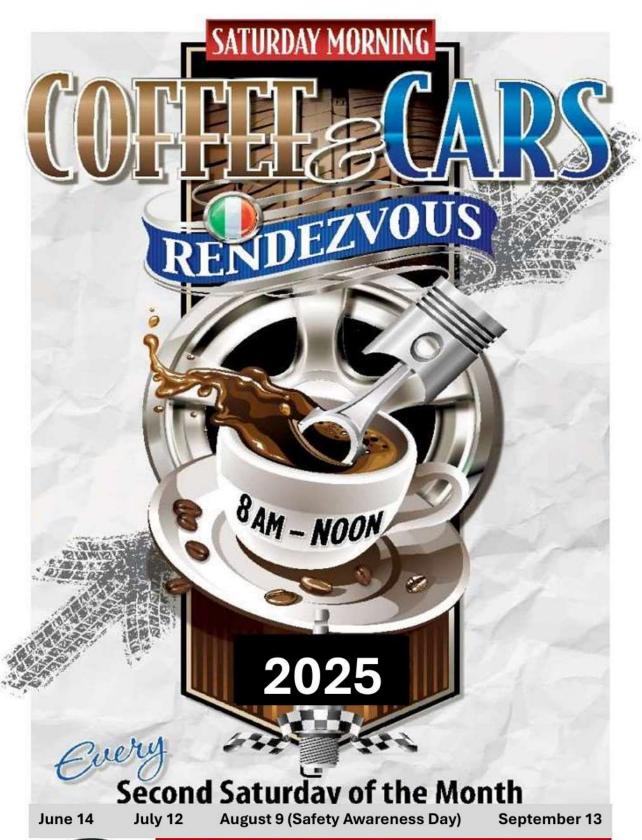
July 25th - 4:00pm - 12:00am July 26th - 12:00pm - 12:00am July 27th - 12:00pm - 5:30pm

Tickets & Entry

\$4 Pre-Order \$5 At The Gate Kids 12 & Under FREE Entry Sunday Free Entry To All



We Look Forward To Seeing You For Our 46th Year!



OMA LOUGH

7130 Spring Street (HWY C) - Mt. Pleasant

First "Coffee & Cars" of 2025, June 14th



Best in Show Winner - Danny Stong



Best In Show Winner - Danny Stong along with Rick Bonanno, John Morelli and Keith Stannis



Rick Bonanno's newest classic - Chevrolet Monte Carlo

Current Roma Lodge president and past presidents were on hand.

Obituary



Emilio "Emil" Gerardo Infusino, 88, the beloved patriarch of the Infusino Family, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday morning, June 7, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Emilio was born in Castiglione Scalo, Cosenza, Italy on January 7, 1937, to Pasquale and Carmela Infusino. He spent his younger years working alongside his family on their farm. Although Emilio was the youngest of four siblings, his wisdom and steady presence made him a natural leader—someone his family instinctively turned to for guidance and important decisions. He was an extremely intelligent young man with a forward sense of fashion. Little did Emilio know that the young girl he met in his childhood would one day become the love of his life. He married that once young girl, Ida Cairo, in Rende, Italy, on August 14, 1960. In March of 1961, they began their new life together in America, settling in Blue Island, Illinois.

Facing the challenges of a new language and culture, Emilio stepped in seamlessly as the head of his wife's family and raised and embraced them as his own. As he established himself in a new country, he started working at Miller's Potato Company and then at Great Lakes Screw Company, in which he guickly became foreman.

In June of 1973, Emilio and his family relocated to Racine to work at a family business, DeRango's on Washington Avenue. Emilio continued his vision of owning his own business with a new restaurant which bore his name, Infusino's, located on Rapids Drive, on May 14, 1980, with his nephews Pasquale and Egidio. Infusino's became a staple in the Racine community, and an iconic establishment among the restaurant culture. This business embodied Emilio, and everything that he stood for: family, unwavering strength, determination, perseverance, and sacrifice. Emilio continued to be the driving force of the business for over 50 years as well as a mentor to many in the industry.

Emilio was deeply devoted to his wife and family. Emilio and Ida exemplified an extraordinary bond, displaying love, patience, and mutual respect. Together, they instilled strong morals in their children—especially the values of hard work, integrity, and faith. Their home became a sanctuary for many. As a result of their commitment and selflessness, their children and family were afforded many opportunities to which they are forever indebted.

Emilio and Ida loved traveling together, creating cherished memories on trips to Las Vegas, California, the Wisconsin Dells, Canada, and especially Italy, where Emilio reunited with his beloved parents, dear sisters, and other relatives.

Emilio had many passions in life. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, tending to his garden, and playing Blackjack at the casino. He absolutely adored

playing Italian cards at the end of the night at the restaurant, where his longtime friends would gather. As a die-hard Cubs fan, Emilio supported his team through every season, whether watching them live, or on TV. He also had a deep appreciation for Italian soccer, enjoying matches whenever he could. He would delight in listening to Italian music, and he was a joy to watch on the dance floor—graceful, talented, and always wearing his million-dollar smile. Emilio was also a long-time member of Roma Lodge.

But above all, Emilio treasured time with his family. He enjoyed going to his grandchildren's events—football games, wrestling meets, basketball games, dance recitals—always showing up with pride and encouragement. Nothing brought him greater joy than being surrounded by the people he loved most.

Emilio will always and forever be remembered by his loving children: Carmela Infusino, who selflessly cared for him for over 10 years, Gerardo "Jerry" (Natalie) Infusino, and Lisa (Joseph) Chiapete. He was a proud and devoted grandfather "Nonno" to Mateo and Marco Infusino, and Gianna Chiapete, and a cherished great-grandfather "Big Nonno" to Viviana "Vivi" Infusino.

He is also survived by his beloved sister, Ida Aceto of Italy; and his dear sisters-in-law: Ida Infusino, Donna (Egidio) Infusino, and Nella (Pasquale) Infusino.

Emilio leaves behind many loving nieces and nephews: Rosaria (Jerry Floyd) DeRango, Francesco DeRango, Nancy DeRango, Anthony (Brenda) DeRango, Dr. Giovanni (Katie Garza) Infusino, Egidio (Kathy) Infusino, Giuseppe (Gina) Infusino, and Ida (Angelo Abernathy) Infusino—as well as numerous cousins, extended family members, and many dear friends who will forever hold him in their hearts.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of nearly 55 years, Ida; his parents, Pasquale and Carmela Infusino; his parents-in-law, Annunziato and Rosaria Cairo; his brother, Giovanni Infusino; his sister and brother-in-law, Marietta and Saverio Aceto; his brother-in-law, Enrico Aceto; his sister-in-law, Concetta Cairo; and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Giovanni and Filomena DeRango.

Emilio will always be remembered for his genuine love, his tireless devotion to family, generosity, and the invaluable leadership he provided throughout his life. His legacy lives on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Rita Catholic Church, 4339 Douglas Ave., on Tuesday June 24, 2025, 11:00 AM, with Rev. James Presta celebrating. There was a visitation at the church on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass. Entombment followed at Holy Cross Garden Mausoleum, Hwy 32. Relatives and friends also met with the family at the funeral home on Monday evening June 23, 2025, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt appreciation and love to Emilio's loyal and dedicated caregiver, Jaime Larson, who became part of the family. Jaime cared for and loved Emilio as her own, and her kindness, compassion, and devotion will never be forgotten.

The family would also like to thank Emilio's additional caregivers for their kindness and care over the years: Catherine, Sandy, Irene, Joy, Racheal, and Breanna.

Lastly, a special thank you to the Hospice Alliance team—especially Cindy Love and Jackie Biloff for their exceptional care, comfort, and empathy.



You And A Guest Are Cordially Invited To The

VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE

100TH Anniversary Celebration Saturday, September 13, 2025

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 5 PM with a complimentary glass of wine

Welcome at 5:45 PM

Dinner at 6 PM Choice of Chicken Florentine (C) or 6 oz. Filet (F)

Program at 7:15 PM

Cost is \$50 per person. **Reservations are required by August 15.**Check payable to Vittoria Colonna Lodge.

Starting at 8 PM, Aaron Caruso will entertain us with favorite Italian songs

| Members may pay at any meeting prior to August 15, or mail check and reservation f /icki Christensen, 5919 Marnie Ct. Racine WI 53403. For questions call 262-880-2174. | orm | ı to | |
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Vittoria Colonna Lodge

100TH Anniversary Celebration Saturday – September 13, 2025 Cent'Anni di Sorella Form "100 Years of Sisters"

June 15, 2025

Care Sorelle della Vittoria Colonna Lodge e Fratelli di Roma Lodge,

(Dear Sisters of the Vittoria Colonna Lodge and Brothers of Roma Lodge)

As part of our 100th Anniversary program booklet, we will include a special tribute section where you may honor a current member or remember one of our dearly departed sisters. **Each name tribute is \$25.00.**

If you would like to share in this centennial tribute, kindly provide the details below:

| In Honor of: (Current Members) | |
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| If you should have any questions, contact Denise Rossi at 262-909-9 | 004. |
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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.







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.

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SUMMER BOCCE Journamen

\$300

SUNDAY AUG 10TH

4 PERSON TEAM

*ADDITIONAL PLAYERS \$75 EACH

9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS

8:00 AM Roma Famous Fried Dough and Coffee

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

** Free Nacho bar for players at noon**

*\$15 voucher to each player good for food and/or bar**

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

HIGHWOOD (1) BOCCE CLUB

Save the Date

The Highwood

Bocce Club is
pleased to announce that it
will host the 2025 United States
Bocce Federation (USBF)
National Championships,
Tuesday, August 12Saturday, August 16, 2025



2025 USBF National Championships Schedule of Events

Tuesday, August 12: 4 Person Open B

Men and women, standard format, two-people per team, per side.

Wednesday, August 13: Women's Open Doubles

Open format. Evening outing to Highwood evening market for Garlic Fest 2025.

Thursday, August 14: 3 Person PRV, No Walk

Three players, doubles on one side, singles on the other.

Friday, Aug. 15 - Saturday, Aug. 16: 4 Person Open A

Men and women, 1 ball per player, all 4 players walk, cash prize.

Saturday, August 16: Awards Banquet

Registration materials will be available at highwoodbocce.com.
All events are \$80 per player.



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 2025 Newsletter, is July 25, 2025.

Comments, suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com.