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

## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

Memorial Day honors those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Many of us also remember all who served in the armed forces. I thank them for their service, including my father who served in the South Pacific during WWII, my Grandpa Olson who served in France during WWI, and my Nonno Morelli, who served in the US in WWI as a young Italian immigrant.

Our Festival is just around the corner. Be sure to read the article titled ***"46<sup>th</sup> Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival"*** for important details.

Pat Diem and the festival committee have been working hard to make sure everything runs smoothly. There are many captains of the various booths that are in need of help. 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.

As we prepare for the upcoming festival, it is crucial to remember the importance of community spirit and collective effort. The success of our festival depends on the active involvement of everyone. Selling raffle tickets, volunteering at booths, or lending a hand in organizing—every small act makes a significant difference.

Let us continue to honor the traditions and values that Roma Lodge stands for and make this year's festival a memorable celebration for all.

In addition to the festival, I urge you to take advantage of the various amenities and activities our lodge offers.

Remember, the members 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 (a social meeting) is scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. See the article titled ***"46<sup>th</sup> Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival"*** for details. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting and if you want to speak you can request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

*Jon Morelli*

President



## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



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.iam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.iam@gmail.com)  
Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto: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.

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 June

June 1	Troy Graceffa Brian Lopiccolo John Pisanello Ronald Zicarelli	June 12 June 14 June 16	Mario Ruffolo Tim Mason Robert Domanik Thomas Wood	June 27 June 29	Anthony Ruffalo John Barranco Albert Quadraccia Anthony Toterò Keith Stannis
June 2	Douglas Goebel	June 18	Gregory Dapra	June 30	
June 5	Daniel Zanella	June 19	Dean D'Amato		
June 6	John Martini		John Suprak		
June 9	Giuseppe Cortese Dennis Zwaga	June 20 June 24	James Betker Philip Marry, Jr.		

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



### **Funeral Service Representation – April through June**

Lodge members whose names are within the range **DeCheck, Gavin – Krause, Gary** 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](mailto:srawlinko@wi.rr.com) or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

## **ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE**

<b>June 2025</b>			
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
6th	Steve Rawlinko	7th	Steve Rawlinko
13th	Dave Silvani	14th	Dave Silvani
20th	Keith Stannis	21st	Keith Stannis
27th	Frank Bisotti	28th	Frank Bisotti



### **Bocce Schedules**

To view bocce schedules please click on the following link:

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

### **June 2025 EVENTS**

Saturday, June 7

**Saturday, June 14**

**Tuesday, June 10**

**Friday, June 13**

Sunday, June 15

Thursday, June 19

Belmont Stakes

**"Coffee & Cars" – 8:00AM**

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

**Members (Social) Meeting - 7:00 PM**

Father's Day

Juneteenth

### **July 2025 EVENTS**

**Tuesday, July 8**

**Friday, July 11**

**Friday, July 25**

**Saturday, July 26**

**Sunday, July 27**

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

**Members Meeting - 7:00 PM**

**Roma Lodge Festival – 4:00 PM**

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### **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

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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

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The following gentleman has been approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors on April 8<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be voted on at the June 13, 2025, Membership Meeting.

**Alex Gara**

**Chicago, IL**

**Age 39, Italian link through his wife (Mieli)**

**No Children**

**Owner of American Bocce Company**

**Proponent: Dave Silvani**

# 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Racine Pancake Day!!!



On April 26, 2025, Roma Lodge hosted the 69<sup>th</sup> annual Racine Pancake Day. On behalf of the Pancake Day Committee I wish to thank and congratulate both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna members that helped to ensure a successful event. We served over 2,400 breakfasts as we showcased our facility and helped to continue this long and storied event. We are grateful for the assistance provided by a number of youth groups and sport teams whom volunteered their time while learning a bit about civic service. We also thank our musical entertainers for volunteering their time and skills throughout the day. The success of this event is measured by the cooperation of our membership and the smiles from the families that came out to enjoy what we had to offer.

In 2019 the Kiwanis were looking for an organization to take over Pancake Day as it became too big of a job for their small club since their numbers had dwindled in recent years. That year, Roma Lodge President Dave Chiapete solicited this event from the Kiwanis making this 69 year tradition the responsibility of the Lodge. I served on the 2019 Pancake Day Committee after it was brought over and then as Committee Chair when asked to serve by then president Frank Bisotti. This project was a labor of love as I remember this event, as a child, at Memorial Hall and wanted to ensure another generation of kids could enjoy that day.

**Roma Lodge will be in search of a new champion for this event as I'll be stepping down as Committee Chair.** If there is anyone out there interested please contact me or the Roma Lodge Board.

Thank you all again.

Bill Pucci Jr.



# Pancake Day 2025 Photos



Panoramic View Of Grilling Area



Check Presentation to "Koos For Kids"  
By Bill Pucci, Jr. and Luigi



High-Production Grilling!



Luigi Poses with some happy customers

# **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival**

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>**

Festival Raffle Tickets are available, in the Hall of History, for pickup by members of the Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna. Remember, by selling raffle tickets you give our festival a hedge against inclement weather. Please pick up your books and ***sell them***.

The Friday June 13<sup>th</sup> lodge meeting is a *social* meeting. Each Roma Lodge member can bring a guest. The bar opens at 5:30 PM. You can turn in all sold raffle books at the meeting. Receive tickets for a chance to win a prize.

The social meeting will feature a short Roma Lodge membership meeting at 7:00 PM with dinner directly after. Following dinner, a Festival presentation and Early Bird drawing will take place. Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262) 504-9950 or [rtringali252@gmail.com](mailto:rtringali252@gmail.com).

Planning for the festival continues... Pepper cutting will take place on Monday July 21<sup>st</sup> - 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**Music • Food • Fun • Drinks • Vendor/Craft Fair**

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**Café Roma • Raffle • Bands • Kids Games**

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## **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!**

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# **SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOW!!**

**The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA)** is having another SPORTS SHOW at ROMA LODGE on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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 (it's either that or your kids might sell them for a DOLLAR at their Rummage Sale)!!**

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 by 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 of 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.

**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" – at the door – that Paul Costanzo is paying your DOLLAR admission).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.

Paul Costanzo  
414-425-2525  
pcostanzo@wi.rr.com

SATURDAY MORNING

# COFFEE & CARS

RENDEZVOUS



2025

*Every*

**Second Saturday of the Month**

June 14

July 12

August 9 (Safety Awareness Day)

September 13



7130 Spring Street (HWY C) – Mt. Pleasant



# *Vittoria Colonna Lodge*

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

*Save the Date*

*Saturday - September 13, 2025*

*More details to follow.*

## 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 - [aprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:aprlservices@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 July 2025 Newsletter is June 25, 2025.**

Comments, suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com](mailto:roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com).