

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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JULY 2022 ISSUE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy and that each of you had a fun Memorial Day weekend with your families and friends. I love that weekend as it's always the unofficial start of summer!

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

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. **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 \$11.50, \$10.50 for seniors 55 and older and \$6.50 for kids.

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 or Mike Peratt.

The 2022 Roma Lodge Festival will take place here on our grounds the weekend of July 29-31. Last year's festival was the first on our Roma Lodge grounds and was a huge success. A big "thank you" to Pat Diem and the entire Festival Committee. The festival is a big undertaking every year and can only be a success with everyone's help and participation. We should all be excited about this as the festival is crucial to the financial

well-being of the club. I am looking forward to another very successful festival.

Our 2022 scholarship recipients are:

\$4000 Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship

Madeline Cicero

\$500 Roma Lodge Merit Scholarships

Isabella Gardina

Clara Crivello

Stella Ruffalo

Congratulations to all and on behalf of Roma Lodge, I wish you all continued success in your future endeavors!

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 some of our many social events throughout the year. 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, July 8th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, July 5th at 6:30 PM. We will continue to do everything we can to keep our meetings as safe as possible for our members.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God Bless you all!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President



JULY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The regularly scheduled July membership meeting is Friday, July 8th at 7:00 PM.

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.

We have new members slated to be voted on by members in July and August. Without a quorum they cannot be brought into the lodge.

JULY 2022 EVENTS

Friday, July 1	International Joke Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Tuesday, July 5	Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 7	World Chocolate Day
Friday, July 8	Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 9	Roma Lodge Coffee and Cars
Sunday, July 17	National Ice Cream Day
Wednesday, July 20	National Moon Day
Thursday, July 21	National Junk Food Day
Sunday, July 24	Parents' Day
Friday, July 29	National Lasagna Day
Saturday, July 30	National Father-in-Law Day
Saturday, July 30	National Cheesecake Day
Friday, July 29 – Sunday, July 31	Roma Lodge Festival

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

July 1, 2	Frank Bisotti
July 8, 9	John Pisanello
July 15, 16	Jeff DeMatthew
July 22, 23	Dave Silvani
July 29, 30	FESTIVAL

THANK YOU



We would like to thank these Vittoria Colonna members for keeping all our flowers and roses watered this summer. Please give them your thanks as well when you see them.

Carol Rawlinko
Jane Ruffalo
Maria Hotchkiss
Marlene Miller

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman is scheduled to be voted on at the **July 8, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

Kyle T. George - Age 36

Lives in Mt. Pleasant, WI

Born in Detroit, MI

Employed as a demand manager and financial planner for Ultra Beauty Corp.

Married (Shauna Stefka)

Mother is of Italian descent

Proponent: Jason Evitts

The following gentlemen were recommended by the Roma Lodge Screening Committee and approved by The Board for membership. They are scheduled to be voted on at the **August 12, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

Ryan Massman - Age 37

Lives in Sturtevant, WI

Born in West Allis, WI

Employed as an elevator apprentice by Otis Elevator

Single - two children

Father is of Italian descent (Vento)

Proponent: Dave Silvani

Eugene Modesti – Age 60

Lives in Racine, WI

Born in Racine, WI

Employed by Modesti Realty.

Retired from Racine Unified School District

Married (Kelly) – two children

Both Parents are of Italian descent

Proponent: Francesco Angelini

AUGUST 2022 EVENTS

Thursday, August 4

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Friday, August 5

Sunday, August 7

Tuesday, August 9

Friday, August 12

Saturday, August 13

Sunday, August 21

Saturday, August 27

Coast Guard Birthday

National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

International Beer Day

Purple Heart Day

Board of Directors Meeting

Membership Meeting

Roma Lodge Coffee and Cars

Senior Citizens Day

National Just Because Day



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, apprlservices@netscape.net or by phone at (262) 884-9121.

OBITUARIES

Joseph Conti

October 3, 1929 – May 17, 2022



RACINE - Joseph "Joe" Conti, age 93, passed away at 3:00 a.m. on May 17, 2022. He was born in Kenosha on October 3, 1929, the son of Natali and Maria (nee: Pezzolo) Conti. Joe was united in marriage to Marie T. Porcaro on April 21, 1951, at St. John's Nepomuk Catholic Church in Racine. He was a painter by trade for 25 years and owned and operated Conti Decorating. Joe also worked for Postorino Decorating, St. Luke's Hospital, and retired from Franciscan Villa in 1993. He was a longtime member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church and an active and proud member of Roma Lodge.

Joe is survived by four sons: Joseph (Jackie) Conti of Denver, CO, David Conti of Kenosha, Louis Conti of Phoenix, AZ, and Mark (Vina) Conti of Clear Lake, IN. He is further survived by eight grandchildren: Betsy, Dante, Anthony, Christina, Natale, Reina, Morgan, and Joseph; and two great-grandchildren: Maya and Dena. Joe is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends in Racine and Kenosha.

Joe was preceded in death by his wife, Marie on February 7, 2011; two brothers: Dante, Reno (Gilda), two sisters: Yolanda (George) Paul, Nancy (William) Lawrence; brothers-in-law: Domanic (Jenny) Postorino, Nicholas (Antoinette) DeMark, and Ralph Porcaro.

STURINO FUNERAL HOME

Our sincere condolences go out to Joe's family..



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – July through September

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

Juliano, Leonard – Pitts, Gregory

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.

39th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY - AUGUST 14, 2022

Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St; Racine WI 53406

Arrive at 8:00 AM for Coffee and Pane Fritta.

Games Start at 9:00 AM Sharp!!!!

FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$2,000

Entry Fee: \$45.00 per person (Including Alternates)

FEE INCLUDES:	8:00 AM	Coffee and Pane Fritta
	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Sausage/Meatball Bombers, Fried Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Tomato Salad, Soda from 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
	2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Roma's Famous Buffet Featuring Lasagna w/Meatballs, Tomato Salad Green Beans, Baked Italian/Henny Penny Chicken & Dessert.
Any Non-Player wishing to join us for food and drinks, may do so at a cost of \$35.00		

PROJECTED CASH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

MEN'S DIVISION (Based on 39 Teams)			WOMEN'S DIV (Based on 16 Teams/Min of 5 Teams)		
	1st Prize	\$2,000		1st Prize	\$800
	2nd Prize	\$1,000		2nd Prize	\$400
	3rd Prize	\$500		3rd Prize	\$250
	4th Prize	\$300		4th Prize	\$150

This year we are projecting to have a filled to capacity tournament consisting of 64 teams in the Men's Division (men or mixed) and 16 teams in the Women's Division (Ladies Only).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUND ROBIN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.

All teams (4 PLAYERS) guaranteed minimum of 3 games possibly 4.

All games will be between 9-12 points depending on number of entries.

The Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be played to 16 points.

NOTE: ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BOCCE BALLS ONLY!

Championship game will be played on indoor court #1.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts.

This tournament will be filled on a first come - first serve basis.

Get your entries in early since we are expecting a filled tournament this year. Come and join in the fun, food, drinks and camaraderie for a fun-filled day at the Roma Lodge.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Chiapete 262-939-5914

Tony Povkovich 262-880-5945/Dave Silvani 262-321-1604

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Thirty Ninth Annual Bocce Invitational Tournament

Sunday, August 14, 2022

Bocce Rules

1. Each team will consist of four (4) players plus an alternate if so desired in both the open/men's tournament as well as the women's tournament:

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 5 TEAMS REGISTERED PRIOR TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 OR IT WILL BE CANCELLED. TEAMS WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION TO REGISTER FOR THE OPEN TOURNAMENT.

2. If the pallino goes out of bounds, it will be placed on the nail. If the large ball goes out of bounds, it is considered a dead ball. All bocce balls including the pallino must cross the center line to be in play.
3. A team must have four (4) players to start a game (2 players on one end and 2 on the other end throw 2 balls each). A team has 10 minutes from the time the ref calls for the game to begin to have an eligible team. Once a player begins a game and is substituted for, he/she may not re-enter the same game. Once a player begins a game on a certain side, he/she must remain on that side the entire game, unless substituted for.
4. Referee will handle all games. The Bocce Committee will decide major disputes

On behalf of the Roma Lodge and its members, we would like to invite you to this year's Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament. We hope that you will be able to participate in this exciting event which not only allows everyone to play the wonderful game of bocce, but also presents a festival atmosphere with all the great people who join us.

Again, this year's tournament will be Round Robin Style. This means that all teams will be playing a minimum of 3 (possibly 4) games. All games will be played up to between 9 and 12 points, depending on the number of entries. Once group play is completed, those teams advancing will play in a single elimination tournament. The quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals will all be played up to 16 points.

This year, we will once again have Roma Lodge's famous food, including pane frita (fried bread dough) made by Lisa Domanico, Joan Domanico, Rosemarie Domanico and their entire crew of amazing women from the Vittoria Colonna Lodge! Kringle, bombers, tomato salad, corn on the cob, and Roma Lodge's famous buffet dinner featuring Lasagna and our popular Italian baked chicken will be available for your enjoyment! Tap beer and soda will be included from 10:30-3:30. A minimum of \$5,400.00 in cash prizes is expected to be awarded between the open, and the women's tournament based on 39 men's teams and 16 women's teams.

For those of you who come from Illinois and the Milwaukee, Kenosha, and Madison area, we once again look forward to sharing our club with all of you. The great thing about our tournament is that we have been fortunate to have good teams come play, but we also have many teams who just love to play bocce...enjoying the food and camaraderie equally as much. Please remember to get your team entry in as early as possible to ensure your team's spot. We hope to make this not only another exciting day as bocce players, but a day that brings Italians together from all over! Hope to see you once again August 14!

Ciao!

David Chiapete	Dave Silvani	Tony Povkovich
262-939-5914	262-321-1604	262-880-5945

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39th ANNUAL ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT
ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

It is understood that we, the undersigned, release Roma Lodge and the Roma Lodge Bocce Committee members from any loss due to theft, damage, or physical injury during the Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament held on Sunday August 14, 2022.

ENTRY BLANK

Please return entry blank by Saturday August 6, 2022

Please fill in all names, addresses and phone numbers

Team Name: _____

Team Captain:	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
	_____	_____	_____	_____
	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
	_____	_____	_____	_____
ALT	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
	_____	_____	_____	_____
ALT	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
	_____	_____	_____	_____

ENTRY FEE - \$45.00 PER PERSON INCLUDING ALTERNATE/ \$180.00 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

Please make checks payable to **"Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament"** and mail to:

Roma Lodge Bocce Committee
Attention: Dave Chiapete
7130 Spring Street (Hwy C)
Racine, Wisconsin 53406

VERY IMPORTANT: Full payment of team entry fees and guest fees must accompany your entry blank

Games start at 9:00 A.M. **SHARP!**

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

July 1	Joe Clementi	July 16	John Lapetina	July 26	Chip Mazurek
	Michael Clementi		Michael Miceli		Carey Tempesta
	Bill Pucci Jr.	July 17	Martin Defatte	July 29	Francesco Chirico
	Mark Soine	July 20	Robert Basil		Gregory Pitts
July 2	George Chardukian		Don Cicero	July 30	Tom Befera
July 6	James Haase		Joseph Lipari		Anthony Morelli
	Joseph Povkovich	July 21	Alan Porcaro	July 31	Dan Cupertino
July 10	Chuck Domanico	July 23	Charles Funk		Joseph Porcaro
July 11	Brian Pulda	July 24	Mike Ansani		Jose Torano
July 16	Jon Hay	July 25	Jim Faraone		

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



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

Jim LaBelle (July Captain): 262-939-3470 – jlabelle1@gmail.com

Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

We continue to struggle to get employees to work in the Members Lounge. There are a few things that would help us tremendously.

1. Please call to make a reservation. It will help with both food preparation and staffing.
2. If you have a party of 10 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 significant 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 Member's Restaurant is open for the Wednesday Buffet, and every Friday and Saturday for dining.

Thank you

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE & CARS

The first "Coffee and Cars" of the 2022 season was held on Saturday, June 11th. It was an overcast day but that didn't keep 62 cars and many spectators away. Thanks to all the people that helped make the kickoff successful (Jon Morelli, Keith Stannis, Ken Scolaro, John Gehring, Vince Morelli, Jeff DeMatthew, Jim & Brenda LaBelle, Rick Bonanno, Dennis Porcaro, Don Cicero and Lenny Juliano). Remember our motto - "If your car is special to you, it's special to us". Hope to see you on Saturday, July 9th at the next "Coffee and Cars"!!!



Rick Bonanno brought out his 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air for the first time.



The panel of Judges selected the 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle owned by Shelly Townsend as "Best of Show".



1956 Chevrolet Bel Air owned by Darryl Dahl.



1940 Ford Deluxe owned by Wayne Myers.

Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from The Lettering Machine.

Please see the instructions listed below.

The link in the instruction is a live link - just click on it to go The Lettering Store website.

TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

1. Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>
2. Click on the item you want to purchase. Select the color and size from the dropdown menu (leave quantity at "1" if you only want one of that specific color) and hit "Add to Cart." Then, either hit "View Cart" to check out right away or "Continue Shopping" to add more items to your cart.
3. Double-check that the items, sizes, & quantities are as you desire and then hit "Proceed to Checkout."
4. Follow the required steps in the order they are prompted to you (entering your name & number, selecting delivery or pick-up, and then hit "Continue" for payment). **PLEASE NOTE:** You do **NOT** need to have a PayPal account to check out - you can check out as a guest and enter your credit card number.
5. Double-check that all information is correct and hit "Pay" or "Pay with PayPal," depending on what the final bottom button indicates, you should then receive a confirmation email that your order was received.

Feel free to call The Lettering Machine at (262) 652-4177 if you have any questions. Thank you for your business!



43rd ANNUAL ROMA LODGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

July 29th, 30th, 31st 2022

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.

Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262) 504-9950 or rtringali252@gmail.com.

Planning for the festival continues. We need helpers for parking, food booths, ticket booths, the beer bar, setup, and tear down. Please contact any of the Festival Committee members listed on the Roma Lodge members website.

OPEN TO ALL ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Roma Lodge **GOLF OUTING**

Ives Grove Golf Course
August 21st 2022
12:30 Shotgun Start

GOLF & DINNER
\$90.00 per person

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DINNER ONLY \$40.00 per person



**SIGN-UP & PAYMENT
DUE BY AUGUST 8th**

*PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT ROMA LODGE
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ROMA LODGE/GOLF OUTING*

*LEAVE YOUR PAYMENT IN OFFICE WITH
GOLF OUTING/GUY SCHETTER
WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE*

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Deadline for information for the August 2022 Newsletter is July 20, 2022. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary