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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 six 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 us 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!

I want to thank our outgoing board members, Membership Secretary Mike Peratt and Director Matt Montemurro for their time and dedication to the Lodge. I have enjoyed working with both of you and hope you will both consider running for the board in the future. I want to thank Pat Tierney for stepping

into the Membership Secretary role. I also want to thank all the officers and directors that I have worked with these last two years. You have all made my job much easier and I look forward to working with many of you again for the next two years. I want to wish good luck to the gentlemen that are running for the open director positions and look forward to working with whomever is elected.

For the members that have graduating high school seniors this year, don't forget to apply for the two scholarships that are offered by the club. Remember, the last date to turn in the scholarships for judging is Friday, March 24th.

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

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President

MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



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

Voting for the four (4) Board Members will take place in The Hall of History between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Results will be announced at the meeting. See the candidate statements in this newsletter.

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.

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

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 Lovers Day

National Meatball Day

Roma Elections (Hall of History)

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

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



DOORS OPEN – 4:00 PM

FOOD SERVICE – 4:45 PM

BINGO START – 6:00 PM

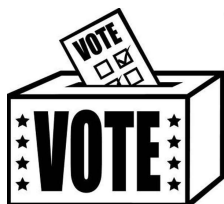
If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact one of the following:

Jim Faraone: 262-657-1244 – jfaraone@wi.rr.com

Mike Peratt: 262-942-1212 – mperatt22@yahoo.com

Don Vena (March Captain): 262-554-2375 – dvena@wi.rr.com





2023 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Nominations were made at the February 10, 2023, Membership Meeting.

Voting will take place to elect four (4) director positions for the 2023-2025 term. The candidate statements for the members running for director are included, in the order they will appear on the ballot (per random draw), on pages 5 thru 7.

The officers' positions that are expiring will be uncontested with the following gentlemen serving in the positions for the term of 2023-2025: President - Frank Bisotti, Vice President – John Pisanello, Parliamentarian – Jeff DeMatthew, Recording Secretary – Jon Morelli, Membership Secretary – Pat Tierney and Treasurer – Pat Diem. Please see officer and current board member biographies on pages 7 thru 9.

If you have questions concerning the election or would like to request an absentee ballot, please contact Bill Pucci at wmpucci50@gmail.com - 262-939-3452 or Greg Pierangeli at ldocgregtpier@yahoo.com - 870-882-1715.

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

March 1	James Heck	March 13	Edward Palladino	March 23	Louis Arnone
	Lawrence Presta	March 16	Egidio Infusino	March 24	Pete Ciaramita
	Jeffery Wilkins		David Porcaro	March 25	David Silvani
March 3	Brad Albee	March 18	Frank Angelini	March 27	Kyle George
	Joseph Matson		Michael Staeck	March 28	Gary Krause
March 5	Donald Paar	March 21	Nunzio Germanotta		Scott Solomon
March 9	Rich Simpson	March 22	Timothy Barsuli	March 31	James LaBelle
March 11	Eric Litrenta		Kurt Kluender		
	Ernie Rossi				

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

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, 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 (RIWA Manager) at (262) 886-3610 - brianaromaep@gmail.com.

There is a \$10.00 deposit for each fob.



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.



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.

APRIL 2023 EVENTS

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2

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Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, April 6

Friday, April 7

Friday, April 7

Sunday, April 9

Tuesday, April 11

Thursday, April 13

Friday, April 14

Friday, April 14

Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 17

Tuesday, April 18

Saturday, April 22

Saturday, April 22

Wednesday, April 26

Friday, April 28

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

Sunday, April 30

April Fool's Day

Kids Bocce & Banquet – 12:00 PM

Palm Sunday

National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day

Passover Begins

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday

National Beer Day

Easter Sunday

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

Last Day of Passover

Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM

International Moment of Laughter Day

Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM

Patriots' Day

Tax Day

Roma Lodge Winter Bocce Tournament

Earth Day

Pretzel Day

Arbor Day

Roma Lodge Pancake Day Set-up

Roma Lodge Pancake Day

International Jazz Day

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

DIRECTORS

Keith Stannis



My name is Keith Stannis, and I am running for a position on the Board of Directors for Roma Lodge.

I have been a Roma Lodge member in good standing since 2004. I was given an opportunity to join Roma Lodge by my proponent, Robert Morelli, who sadly passed away a few years later.

My wife, Lisa Morelli now Lisa Stannis since 2001, has encouraged and supported me to be a member of the Lodge, informing me that I should bond with her brothers creating a lifelong friendship, recognizing Italian heritage. So, since 2004, I have done just that.

My lifelong experiences as a Police Officer attaining the rank of Lieutenant of Detectives after (35) years of service, retiring in 2010, has taught me to review all of the facts of a case prior to making an informed and proper decision. I believe I have the skills to be fair and impartial with problem solving issues that arise while seated on the Board of Directors at Roma Lodge.

In 2011, I accepted the position of Deputy Medical Examiner, Racine County, however I recently retired from the Medical Examiner Office after (11) years of service conducting Forensic Investigator duties. I now have the time to move forward with community activities, utilizing the history of true-life experiences as my guide.

I am an avid Bingo volunteer on a weekly basis. I call-back bingo players alleged Bingo, validating the card on Thursday nights and paying the winners properly. I also coordinate weekly bingo Call-Back volunteer's schedule. I believe Bingo is absolutely essential to create funds for the good and welfare of Roma Lodge.

I am a member of Pancake Day Grill #1, currently undefeated in the production of fast food, and the notorious Pancake Flip demonstration, inviting all other Grills to compete against the Morelli gang.

I have worked at the Roma Lodge Festival site since I became a member under the direction of Jeff De Matthew in food and beverage sales. Last year, I also volunteered to place and direct placement of the signs at the Festival, just days prior to opening. Good weather followed that made our festival a success.

I co-chair, Coffee and Cars, with Jon Morelli in the summer months. We truly enjoy, relieving Rick Bonanno who was the previous Chairperson.

The continued success of Roma Lodge lies with its membership. The sons and grandsons of members must be coached and directed to the valuable lessons of Italian Heritage at Roma lodge.

Current board members and the extended membership must make good solid financial decisions keeping in mind what could happen if another mutant Novel Covid-19 Infectious disease would arise affecting the U.S. again. This is something that we had no control over which nearly ruined us in 2020.

I am proud to be a member of Roma Lodge. I would represent the membership of Roma Lodge with the highest degree of enthusiasm and professionalism on your Board of Directors.

Keith Stannis

Steve Rawlinko



For those who know me, there is not much to say. This is for those who don't:

I have been a member of the Roma Lodge for 23 years. I have worked at many of the lodge's events, and have participated in every event that I have been able to attend. Most recently I worked as a Sargeant of Arms at the Veterans Day Celebration. I also enjoyed working this past summer with Mano's outdoor landscape crew, and with the Silvani/Buscemi brush cutters. I have worked at Lakeview Pharmacy under Pete Ciaramita's leadership and consider myself to be a team player.

I have enjoyed learning about Italian customs and traditions from the lodge brothers who came before me, and I will work to keep these alive for future generations.

My dad taught me to do the best that I can with anything that I take on, and if elected, I promise to do my best for our lodge and its members.

Finally, I would be honored to have your support and will work to make Roma Lodge a place where everyone can come together and enjoy.

Guy Schetter



I have been asked to provide a candidate statement as to my commitment to the lodge and my experience that would make me a valuable member of the Board of Directors. I am not comfortable doing this because it feels like bragging to me. I will do so, but I would much rather just do the work and let my actions speak for my passion and dedication to our lodge.

Have been a member of Roma Lodge since March of 2018. Volunteer on a weekly basis to help out at Bingo and the Wednesday Night Members buffet. Have also pitched in for the festival, co-chaired the Roma golf outing, currently serve on the RIWA committee, assist on weekends in the Members Dining Room and Bar and for Packer Sundays. Will be there for Pancake Day and aided in the set-up for the Super Bowl Party. Will continue, for the foreseeable future, to keep up these and other activities.

Have co-founded, ran, grew and sold two businesses. Started two other businesses that were closed. Handled finance, staff, licensing, cash flow and making sure the businesses were profitable. Spent 30 years doing sales, marketing, purchasing, sourcing and inventory control, and management on the C-level for companies I was hired by and for my own businesses.

Because of my experience and willingness to work and build on what 100 years of members have done before us, I am asking for your vote to be a member of the Board of Directors..

Dave Silvani



I would like your support for the position of Director on the Roma Lodge Board. Since joining in 2009, I have served on the board for 6 years and volunteered for events including Italian Festival, Pancake Day, and Kids Christmas Party. I am currently the Bocce Chairman for Couples bocce, Kids Bocce, Kids Christmas Party and soon to be Summer Bocce league.

I am an active member of the lodge sitting on committees for RIWA, Pancake Day and Bocce. Outside Roma I continue to build great relationships with other clubs. I enjoy attending all the events hosted by Roma Lodge and have helped increase the attendance by promoting the events. I would like this opportunity to be a leader and a voice for Roma Lodge and its members. I look forward to the

opportunity to serve this great lodge and its members.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Carmelo Bruno



My name is Carmelo Bruno and I would to be considered and receive your vote for one of the open board position.

I have been a member of the Roma Lodge since 2014. I currently live in Kenosha and have lived there for about half my life. Prior to that, I lived in Italy. My family comes from Calabria, the Cosenza area and specifically Cerisano and Fiume Freddo Bruzio. I am currently with Inventus Power. We operate in the custom battery business. Customers I manage include Honeywell, Zebra Technologies. Prior to that, I was Director of sales for a Chinese company called BYD Electronics. The company is 10% owned by Warren Buffett. Prior to that, I was also a manager in various departments at a well-known company called Motorola...yes the phone king!!.

Although I graduated from Bradford High in Kenosha, I went to the Università degli Studi della Calabria in Italy. I have two degrees; one in Foreign Languages, and I speak and am fluent in many languages and another degree in International Business Administration (Scienze Economiche). I did work for the university from 1988 until 1992 as a researcher for the Linguistics department - Indo-European Languages and travelled all over Europe.

On a professional level, my resume includes a laundry list of well-known companies I have managed for a revenue forecast of over \$500 Million (USD). Companies include Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Johnson Controls, Tesla and Harley. The business I have been working in for the last 25 years is EMS - Electronics manufacturing.

I also own or have a major position in other companies including:

C. Bruno Enterprises – focused on sourcing/ wholesale of non Electronics products

Chenguei Technology LLC - focused on sourcing / wholesale of Electronics products

Vinovo Group LLC - focused on Medical products and financing of start ups

I have volunteered at the festival in the pizza booth, on Joe Jardina's team, and at Bingo when I can. You will usually see me at the membership meeting hanging out with Lennie or Art (you know, the louder guys) and sometimes

the quiet ones like Mario R. or Rick B. On a personal note, I am single and have a son Giovanni who is now 21. I am in possession of 3 citizenships and 2 active passports. My very personal goal is to someday be reunited with my son and welcome him into our Roma Lodge.

My hobbies are limited but they include collecting cars (I have several) as well as bike riding. I also have a YouTube channel that discusses how to buy collector cars and what mechanical issues to look out for. Lastly, I would like to travel again both for business and pleasure.

My area of expertise is revenue generation, negotiating and dealing with difficult people. Roma Lodge has provided me the opportunity to escape the demands that my 24/7 job has, and I would like to show my appreciation by serving on its board and help it to thrive in the coming years.

Thank you, I won't let you down,

Carmelo

MEET YOUR OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Frank Bisotti



Fellow Roma Lodge Brothers,

I am honored to serve another term as President of Roma Lodge. As a member for 44 years, I have served on the board for numerous terms and I am happy to serve the membership in this capacity once again.

I have been involved with our annual festival for many years, as a booth volunteer, booth captain and the Director of Beer/Soda. I have served on numerous committees including RIWA Advisory Committee as well as the Bar and Beverage, Social, Membership Screening, Scholarship, Future Growth, RIWA/Roma Lodge Options and Pancake Day committees.

I am extremely proud of my Italian heritage and am honored to have the opportunity to serve the membership of our club once again. I feel very strongly that the past boards have worked hard to continue to move Roma Lodge and the RIWA in the right direction. My hope is that all of you will contribute your ideas to those goals. I have seen many positive things come out of this organization over the years and all of them have been the result of what our membership can do when we pull together.

I look forward to continuing to find positive ways to impact all who prosper from our wonderful club. Thank you for your support.

VICE PRESIDENT

John Pisanello



Dear Brothers,

I have had the privilege of being your Vice President over the last 2 years.

Although we have moved in a very positive direction providing stability to our club there are many more steps needed to ensure its longevity

for our children. Ensuring we continue to work on the necessary actions that drive the betterment of the club for all members. Increasing membership, driving activities that provide value to our existing membership needs to remain at the forefront of our decisions.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to the upcoming years at our great Roma Lodge.

John Pisanello.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Jeff DeMatthew



I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1995. Many of you also know that for most of that time I have served as your Parliamentarian.

Probably most of you also know that in addition to the many years of experience I have as the Parliamentarian of Roma Lodge, I am also an attorney-at-law. Although being an attorney is not a prerequisite to being our Parliamentarian, I believe

the knowledge and experience I have gained during my 42 years years of practicing law has been, and will continue to be, a significant benefit to Roma Lodge.

I promise you that I will do all I can to see that our Lodge operates according to our rules and by-laws, and that all members are treated with equality and respect. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Jon Morelli



I want to thank the club for allowing me to continue in the position of Recording Secretary.

I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1997. I have enjoyed my time in the club and serving as an officer for the past three (3) years. I am happy to have been involved in bringing my late Uncle Bob, brothers Ed and Jim, brother-in-law Keith Stannis, two nephews Vince & Tony Morell, and friends Mark Soine and Bob Basil into the club. I was very happy this past year to have my son, Mitchell, become a member of the club.

I have been married to my wife Patti for 40 years and we have a daughter Danielle and a son Mitchell. We also have two grandchildren, Amari and Ariyah.

I retired in August and now work at Kortendick Ace Hardware.

As Recording Secretary, it is my job to accurately record the minutes of both the Board of Directors and Membership meetings, create the monthly newsletter, and serve on other committees as requested.

I currently serve on the Roma Lodge Festival Planning Committee and have done so the past five years. I have also worked as a "money/ticket runner" at the festival for the past 25 years. Along with my brother-in-law Keith Stannis, I co-chair Roma "Coffee and Cars". In addition, I am a caller, callback worker, ticket seller and captain for Roma Lodge bingo. I play (or at least try) bocce on the Palino Pals in the Wednesday night league with some great members (Ken Scolaro, Rich Nygro, Mark Soine, my brother Ed and nephew Vince. We may not be very good but we have a great time!!

It is my goal to make the newsletter more than a listing of events but, to also make it a place where we can highlight our members. I welcome stories from members and intend to put an article or two in each month's newsletter so we can get to know one another. We can add items about hobbies, travels, occupations, etc. I am open to ideas on how we can make the newsletter more interesting. Please feel free to submit stories for publication and ideas.

I also feel it is important for me and the Membership Secretary to work closely to maintain an accurate database on members. It is critical that the database is current so that the newsletter and other announcements are being

delivered effectively to our members.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Pat Tierney



I have been a member of Roma Lodge for 28 years. During that period, I have served the Lodge in the following areas:

- Director on the Roma Lodge Board of Directors
- Membership Screening Committee (10+ years)
- RIWA Future Growth Committee
- Investment Committee relating to budget preparation.
- Coordinator for the Men's Golf League
- Pancake Day Committee
- Planning and Bylaw Committee

In addition, I assist in the set-up and take down of the festival, attend monthly membership meetings, and play bocce.

It is my belief that the Roma Lodge is one of the best organizations in Racine. With this being our centennial year, it is important for the future growth of the Lodge that our membership be strong and prosper. We are at a critical point in its history where the membership needs to make important decisions on the direction of the lodge. We need to continue to seek younger members and provide activities that will encourage their participation. As Membership Secretary, I will utilize the resources we have available to us to reduce the time it takes to be a member. I will also use my experience working on several committees to reach a consensus among the membership on competing interests to sustain the long-term growth of the Lodge.

TREASURER

Pat Diem



It is my pleasure to serve again as Treasurer of Roma Lodge and support the brothers of the lodge. I want to thank everyone for the support they gave the lodge and the RIWA banquet business in 2021 – 22.

I serve on the RIWA (Racine Italian Welfare Association) and am proud of their financial performance coming out of COVID. In 2022 they were voted the "Best Banquet Hall in Racine County"! I am also on the Roma Lodge Festival Committee and would like to

thank all the members for their support of the festival.

We are starting to plan for another great festival this year. Please let me know of any ideas for 2023. Let us continue to grow as a lodge.

Thank you.

DIRECTOR

Jack LeRose



To the membership

Gents,

I have been a member since 1994 and have been proud to serve the membership both as Treasurer (7 years) and presently as a Director.

Many challenges are in front of us and all of them need to be met clear-eyed and with more than a sprinkling of reality.

I strive to stay on the narrow path and am available for any member who has concerns.

Stay involved if you already are or get involved! The Lodge needs all hands on deck.

Fraternally,

Jack

DIRECTOR

Greg Pierangeli



I have been involved with Roma Lodge my whole life. My Dad, Phil Pierangeli was a long time member and on the Aiello side our history goes back to the late 1920's and 30's.

I enjoy being a member of this and the goal of keeping the Italian heritage alive and well. Our focus

now should be to bring the younger generations back to the club to learn and carry forward our heritage.

Thank You.

DIRECTOR

Dennis Porcaro



I have been a member of Roma Lodge for the past 40 plus years.

During this period, I have been involved in most membership functions.

My present responsibility as a director is the chairperson of the Cares Committee (advising on charitable contributions for the Lodge), and also chairperson of the Sick and Shut-In Committee (making sure our members, during time of illness, or having passed away, are acknowledged).

I also serve on the Festival Committee and participate as the booth captain for Café Roma, during the festival.

On any Thursday night you will find me at Bingo.

DIRECTOR

Bill Pucci Jr.



I joined Roma Lodge in 2001 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2006. I have served on the board under four (4) presidents.

Since I joined Roma Lodge I have served as chairman of the social committee and have been responsible for planning many lodge events, including the Members Christmas Party, Family Picnic , Bella Ball, Super Bowl Party etc.

I have been married to my wife, Gale, for twenty-five (25) years and we have two children. I currently act as committee chair for Roma Lodge Pancake Day.



Roma Lodge Winter Bocce Tournament

Saturday April 22

8:00 AM check in 9:00 am play begins

**Entry fee \$140 per 4 person team
\$35 per person (alternates)**

Cash Prizes for top 4 teams

**Fee includes: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
(non players may purchase a day's food ticket for \$25)**

****Cash Bar****

**Rules and Regulations : Round Robin / Single Elimination
Tournament. All games to be played with Roma Lodge Balls
Championship Game to be played on Court #1**

Contact Dave Chiapete (262)939-5914 or Dave Silvani (262) 321-1604



“The Tradition Continues”

Roma Lodge will be hosting the 67th

Annual Pancake Day

Sat. April 29th 6am-3pm

We will be expecting thousands of people from our community that day.

We need member support to make this a success, please consider volunteering your time and talents. Help is needed for the setup on Friday prior to the event. Captains for the event are also needed.

Ticket Sales Capt. — Wranglers Capt. — Coffee Capt. — Table Service Capt. — Security Capt. — Shuttle Capt.

We are also looking for ticket vendors and company sponsorships.

Please contact Bill Pucci @ 262-939-3452

wmpucci50@gmail.com



Roma Lodge Scholarship Update

Application must be received no later than March 24, 2023

Recipients selected by April 30th, 2023

Recipients notified and awards presented May 2023

ROMA LODGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. The recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full-time program of study (12 credits or more) at a college or university in the United States. A recipient of a Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship will not be eligible to receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

RUSSELL AND HELEN MISSURELI SCHOLARSHIP

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. The recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a part-time or full-time program of study at a college or university in the United States. The recipient of the Missureli Scholarship will not be eligible to receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

2023 Scholarship Committee

Frank Bisotti - Chairman

Jerry Perona

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships>.



JANUARY CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Mike Bishop was first place in all pools.
Mark Mano was second place in all pools.
Joe Buscemi was third place in the \$10 pool.
Frank D'Acquisto was fourth place in the \$10 pool and third in the \$5 and \$15 pool.
Randy Chiapete was fourth place in the \$5 and \$15 pools.



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

March 5th, 2023

SIGN UP AT 12:30PM

TOURNAMENTS START AT 1PM

LAST SCHEDULED DATE:

April 16th, 2023

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.

Come have fun and enjoy the competition.



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. There were no submissions made for this month's newsletter. PLEASE SHARE YOUR FAMILY STORIES AS I KNOW THERE ARE MANY OF INTEREST TO OUR MEMBERS.



The Winter Bocce Tournament, held January 28th, was a tremendous success with seventeen (17) teams participating.

In the championship game, Highwood defeated Gem Bocce (Elmwood Park + Guy Schetter) 16-6. Lodge teams tied 3rd & 4th place - Any Given Saturday (Dave Chiapete (captain), Joe Cicero, Frank Chirico, Tom Garbo, Nunzio Germanotta) and The Great Pollinos (Bill Gullo (captain), Frank Bisotti, Joe Lipari, Bill Pucci Jr.).

Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

1. Please call to make a reservation. It will help with both food preparation and staffing.
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>

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