

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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December 2019 Issue MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members:

The next Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, December 13, 7:00 pm. If you have attended at least 6 meetings this year, and you haven't yet done so, make sure to turn your tickets in sometime before the meeting to be entered into the drawing where someone is going to win free dues next year! The winner will be drawn at the meeting and you do not need to be present to win.

Please continue to keep in mind that Bingo can use more help, so if you have a Thursday afternoon or evening available, please stop at the Lodge and volunteer some of your time. Bingo is a vital income source to our club and on behalf of all members I want to express our appreciation and thank you to all of our dedicated Bingo workers!

Continuing through December, our **rib eye steak will only be \$19.95** and Roma's famous **tender Black Angus filet served with mushrooms for just \$21.95!!!** The **salad bar will be included** during the each weekend of December as we celebrate the Christmas season. Open to members and their guests. Reservations recommended, but not necessary. 262-886-8850

For a limited time, members may purchase a \$100 gift card and receive a \$20 card for free. The gift cards can be used in the members' dining room, the members' bar, at RIWA's Friday night Café, or even at the New Year's Eve Party. This offer is valid through December 31, and there is no limit on the amount purchased!

Santa's mailbox is back at Roma Lodge for kids and grandkids to write letters to Santa. Please make sure your kids name and return address are on the envelope so Santa can answer each and every letter! Also, have the kids keep their eye out for Luigi, Roma's Elf, sent by Santa. He recently made the trip back from the North Pole and announced his arrival this past Saturday: "I am so happy to be back! Make sure to look for me each time you visit Roma Lodge! Love, Luigi!"

The kid's Christmas Party is set for Sunday, December 8. I encourage all members to bring their children and grandchildren. I speak from experience when I say that the memories from events like this one will be instrumental in their future participation and love for our club. More information is in this newsletter.

THEN, on Saturday evening, December 14, is an event that **NO** member will want to miss. The Roma Lodge Members' Christmas Party has long had the reputation of being one of the best and most popular events of the year, but this year, we are stepping it up a notch. The traditional Christmas buffet will remain the same, but we will be entertained by **The Vito Zatto Show!** A Vegas Style Show which includes singing, comedic impersonations, audience participation, and dancing. This

promises to be a magical night, and I encourage all to attend. This is a member's only event (member and one guest). Ticket information is in this newsletter.

As was the case last year, due to all the positive feedback we received about our Holiday Buffet this past weekend, we are going to have a repeat on Saturday evening, December 28. In place of the normal menu will be a pasta station, kid's station, a chef carving station, dessert station, and much more! Reservations are recommended, 262-886-8850.

As hard as it is to believe, New Year's Eve is around the corner and Roma Lodge has a spectacular New Year's Eve Party being planned featuring the Doo Wop Daddies, an elegant dinner, champagne toast, a balloon drop, late night pizza, and much more! All this for just \$40 for members (2 tickets per member - \$55 per ticket non-member). **One big party, one amazing place, only at Roma Lodge!** Contact the RIWA Office for tickets to the New Year's Eve Party (262) 886-3610.

New winter drink and menu specials have begun in the Members' Dining Room & Bar and continue through the end of February. Eggplant parmesan will be just \$8.95 and 10oz. New York Strip served with a choice of mushrooms or onion rings for only \$19.95. All meals come with soup, salad, and choice of potato or pasta.

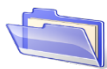
Lastly, our first cribbage tournament in 2020 is scheduled for Sunday, January 5, at 1:00. A great time is always had by all who attend, and the cost is just \$10 including a drink at the bar. The bar menu is available as well. Registration begins at 12:15 and is open to members and their guests.

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!
(Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!)

David Chiapete
President

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Schedule for a vote at the December 13, 2019 Membership Meeting: Patrik J. DeGrace, age 68

Born in Hibbing, MN, Retired director of customer care at Abbott Labs Married (Pamela) with two children
Both parents are of Italian descent (DeGrazia)
Proponent: John Passarelli



Volunteers are always needed.
Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning
Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or jfaraone@wi.rr.com
The December Bingo Captain is Ken Scolaro



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Quadraccia, Albert – Russell, Matthew

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. 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.

Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel

The Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel is currently placed outside the bocce court area again this year. The donation barrel will be picked up prior to Christmas. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to this great cause.

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in December

FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!

Members Bar will provide one free drink to a member during his birthday month on Friday or Saturday night when the kitchen is open. See the bartender for details.

Dec 1 Frank D'Acquisto	Dec 9 Ed Morelli	Dec 22 Jerry Perona
Richard Graceffa	Dec 10 Al DeRose	Bill Pucci, Sr
Bill Ruffalo Jr.	Jim Oswald	
Dominick Tirabassi	Dec 12 John (Jack) Bianchi	Dec 23 Peter Caruso
Russ Weyers	John Catrine	
Dec 2 Dennis Gehrke		Dec 25 Pat Johnson
Art Rozzoni	Dec 15 Chris Hansen	Dec 27 Alex Modesti, Jr
Dec 4 Pasquale Infusino	Anthony Rossi	Dec 29 Jeff DeMatthew
Dec 6 Eric Hillery	Dec 16 Joseph Chiapete	Dec 30 Glenn Madrigano
Jim Morelli	Joe Cuccio Jr	Dec 31 Sam Graceffa
Jon Morelli	Alessandro Savaglio	Nick Romano
Greg Pierangeli	Dec 18 Robert Jorden	
Dec 7 Joe Poisl	Dec 19 Mark De Check	
Charles Presta	Mark Porcaro	

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, dggoebel@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.



Condolences To Roma Lodge member Dan Marani and his family on the death of his wife, Ellen Marani who passed away on November 16.



Condolences To the family of Roma Lodge member Jack Martini who passed away on November 24



Condolences To the family of Roma Lodge member Jim McDougal who passed away on November 27. Jim was the son/brother-in-law of members Buddy Alfano & Dennis Gehrke.

New Membership Incentive for Current Members

Any current Roma Lodge member who recruits a new member will be provided a \$30 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for the first new applicant for membership they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for any additional new applicants for membership proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificate would be provided to the proponent once the new applicant was voted in as a probationary member.

Application for Membership form along with the *Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents* is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, dggobel@yahoo.com and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html.

ROMA LODGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR ROMA LODGE MEMBERS' CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019 – DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL FEATURE – LUNCH AND PICTURES WITH SANTA AT 12 NOON

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE – ADULTS ARE \$10.00 EACH

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1 TO MAKE SURE SANTA DOESN'T FORGET A GOODIE BAG FOR YOUR CHILD

Return this reservation form BY DEC. 1 to:

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party, 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406

Make Checks Payable to ROMA LODGE

Member's Name _____ Number of Adults at \$10.00 each _____

Child's Name	Boy or Girl	Age	Relationship
_____	B G	_____	_____
_____	B G	_____	_____
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_____	B G	_____	_____

Volunteers Needed for the Children's Christmas Party

Please donate your time to help with the Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party on December 8th. Help is needed that day with party activities, food preparation, and food service. On December 7th, Santa's helpers will be stuffing Christmas stockings for Santa to give to the children at the party. Contact Tony Povkovich at 262-880-5945 or email tjpovkovich@gmail.com to volunteer.



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Christmas Dinner Dance

Saturday December 14th, 2019

FEATURING



5:30 Cocktails

6:30 Traditional Christmas Dinner

Contacts for this Event:

Jason E. Dave C.
Frank B.
or
RIWA 262-886-3610



December 14, 2019 Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party



Cocktails at 5:30pm

Dinner at 6:30pm

Table Reservation Form

This is a Members Only Function (One member with one guest)

Ticket price is \$25 each. Payment Does NOT have to accompany the Reservation Form –

Payment is due on Friday, December 13, 2019

Reservations can be made for groups of less than 10

Reservation Forms and Payment can be mailed to :

Jason Evitts, c/o Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406

Names (One name per space)

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You can also contact Jason Evitts 262- 994-1926, Pat Johnson 262-620-0366, or the RIWA Office 262-886-3610 for tickets

Celebrate New Year's at Roma Lodge

Entertainment provided by

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**happy
NEW
Year!**



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- ~Appetizers
- ~ Sit-down Dinner
- ~ Desserts
- ~ Late-Night Snack

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
6PM - 1AM**

ONLY \$ 55 per person

\$110 per couple

Please call 886-3610 for tickets
(Limited tickets available)



Celebrate New Year's

At The Roma Lodge

Featuring

The Doo-Wop Daddies

Cost - \$55 Per Person

Members Cost - \$40

Includes

Hors d'oeuvres

Sit Dow Dinner

Dessert

Late Night Pizza

Champaign Toast & Balloon Drop

Doors Open at 6:00 PM



Roma Lodge Celebrates Veterans' Day

Roma Lodge held a dinner and ceremony to celebrate Veterans' Day on Sunday, November 10th. Similar events were held in 2013 and 2016. Commander Richard Vallin USN (Ret) led this special evening. Major General Michael M. Berzowski US ARMY (Ret) served as guest speaker. U.S. Congressman Bryan Steil, Former Wisconsin State Representative Thomas Weatherston, Racine Superintendent of Schools Dr. Eric Gallien, Racine County Veterans Service Officer Zachary Zdroik and Roma Lodge President David Chiapete were attending dignitaries. Significant contributions were made by committee members; Richard Vallin, Dennis Porcaro, Jim Faraone, Rick Bonanno, and Bob Starr. Special thanks go to; Director Josh Sherman, Conductor Chris Adamisin and the Horlick High School Band, 1Sgt. David Litrenta and the VVA767, BM2 Michael J. Peterson, Tony Povkovich, Bill Pucci, Jr., Will Pucci, John Pisanello, Jamie and Lori Haase, Pat and Mary Jo Diem, Anita Bonanno, Pam Bonanno and Eric Hillery.



Maj. Gen. Michael M. Berzowski



Congressman Bryan Steil



Commander Richard Vallin

This extraordinary evening featured **ARRIVAL HONORS**, the Navy tradition "Piping Aboard" of dignitaries. **PRESENTATION OF COLORS** by VVA767 and the **NATIONAL ANTHEM** played by the Horlick Band. **INVOCATION** by MCPO Robert Starr. **POW/MIA TABLE CEREMONY** by VVA767. **PRESENTATION OF THE VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD** to Richard Vallin by U.S. Congressman Bryan Steil. A review of local **MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS**, a reading of "**OLD GLORY**" by MCPO Robert Starr, the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** and the **SERVICE THEMES** were followed by **CHALLENGE COIN PRESENTATIONS**. The evening concluded with the **BENEDICTION**, **TAPS**, **GOD BLESS AMERICA** and a great rendition of **STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER** by the Horlick High School Band.



U.S. Congressman Bryan Steil and CDR Richard Vallin



Dr. Eric Gallien cuts the US Marine Corps Birthday Cake



Vietnam Veterans VVA767 prepares to present the colors



Rose DiMichele proudly displays her brother's photo and info

Roma Lodge is pleased to conduct this encore event to **CELEBRATE, HONOR** and **REMEMBER** our veterans. Similar to our previous events held in 2013 and 2016, while we were working on this event, two words kept coming to mind. The first word is **PRIDE**. We are very proud of you, as well as our deceased veterans, for your service to our country. We are proud of your dedication, we are proud of your hard work and we are proud of your bravery. The second word is **FREEDOM**. We are a free country because of you and your service. Our Roma Lodge is based upon the principles of **LIBERTY, EQUALITY** and **FRATERNITY**. The first of these principles is **LIBERTY**. We believe that liberty is the most essential and precious prerogative of man; that if we give it up in order to obtain temporary safety, we will have neither liberty nor safety. Through your service to our country, you have worked to insure that we are safe and we are free. For that, we are eternally grateful. Thanks to all of our veterans.
Rick P. Bonanno, Past President



**WELCOME THE
NEW YEAR WITH
CRIBBAGE FUN!**



**Roma Lodge Tournament
SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH
START TIME IS 1PM**

Registration 30 minutes prior to start

Cost \$10 per Person

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Cost: \$10 per person.

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

Entry fee entitles you to a drink up to \$3.00

The remaining paid out to the high score cards. In addition
there will be two optional side pools \$5 and \$15

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

**Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 or Dave
Chiapete 262 939-5914 with any questions. See
Newsletter for complete details.**

Come have fun and enjoy the competition.

In November we had 2 Cribbage Tournaments, Congratulation to our Winners!

November 3rd Winners

First Place - Randy Chiapete

Second Place - Mark Mano

Third Place - Angelo Sarto

Also in the money in the side pools:

Bob Hueffner and Dave Chiapete

November 24th Winners

1st place Mark Mano

2nd place Terry Kueker

3rd place Dave Chiapete

Children's Bocce League Begins February 9th

The start date for the Children's Bocce league is Sunday, February 9th. The league will meet Sundays from Noon to 2:00PM through March 15th. This is an informal league open to members' Children, grandchildren & their friends ages six and older. The league will teach bocce fundamentals for all

skill levels. The banquet will be held Sunday, March 22th.



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 Jeff DeMatthew, dematthew@ameritech.net or by phone at (262)-880-7474.

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Games Start at 6:30 pm

Deadline for information for January 2018 Newsletter is December 20, 2019. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at eric.hillery@yahoo.com.

Eric Hillery

Eric Hillery, Roma Lodge Secretary