ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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February 2021 Issue

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers and families,

The February Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, February 12, 7:00 pm. All chairs will be spaced 6' apart and we ask that everyone wear a mask to protect your fellow Lodge brothers. A pasta buffet dinner will be served following the meeting.

I am happy to be able to inform you that for the first time since February of 2020, we had a quorum, and the January 2021 membership meeting was held. As mentioned last month, we have been approached by a developer who is interested in purchasing our vacant land located immediately west of our Lodge. The members approved a counteroffer at the January meeting. We are currently waiting to hear back from the developer.

The February/March membership meetings are extremely important meetings as well - nominations/elections are scheduled to be held. If you are comfortable in attending and able, please do so.

Also, at the February meeting, some extremely important by-law changes will be discussed, and they will then be voted on at the March meeting. The proposed by-law changes are in this newsletter.

The Members' Dining Room and Bar continues to be open Friday/Saturday evenings beginning at 5:00. The menu is in this newsletter, and additional weekly specials will also be offered. Due to COVID-19, for the time being, our normal menu and some bar selections will not be available. All tables are spaced 6' apart, no bar stools, all orders will be placed at the bar and brought out to your table, and many other precautions are also being taken. Please be respectful of your fellow members and guests by social distancing while at the same time enjoying your club.

Specials during the month of February are Veal Parmesan served with breadsticks for \$13.95 and Build Your Own Alfredo Pasta (price varies on toppings selected). The RIWA carryout/curbside continues Thurs-Sat throughout February and will also be offering curbside special for Valentine's Day dinner. Call 262-886-3610 for details.

Ciao and please stay safe!

David Chiapete President

FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The regularly scheduled February membership meeting is Friday, February 12th at 7:00 PM. Per the Governor Evers' order, all members must wear a mask. Facemasks will be provided if you need one. You are also encouraged to social distance. Please try to make the meeting so we can be assured a quorum.

If you have not paid your Roma Lodge dues by 1-31-21 as stated in our By-Laws, please contact Doug Goebel at 262-554-7316.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS



Nominations will be made at the February 12, 2021 Membership Meeting for all the officers' positions (President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, and Treasurer) and five (5) Board of Directors for the 2021-2023 term. The positions whose regular terms expire in March 2021 will be open, are officers: Dave Chiapete – President, Frank Bisotti – Vice President, Tony Povkovich – Parliamentarian, Jon Morelli – Recording Secretary, Doug Goebel – Membership Secretary, Pat Diem – Treasurer and officers – Brian Hart, John Pisanello, Dave Silvani, Dan (Woody) Zanella and Randy Evitts. The election will be held on Friday, March 12, 2020. To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2021.
- Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two years and completed his probationary period.
- Accept the nomination at the time it is presented at the February meeting. If he is unable to be
 present, he must have a representative deliver his written acceptance of the nomination at the
 meeting.
- Not be a purveyor to the Lodge.
- Not work in a paid position for the Lodge or receive a salary or hourly wage from the Lodge, except for those paid positions on the Board that are salaried.

Those interested in being candidates for these positions should contact DENNIS PORCARO at <u>apprlservices@netscape.net</u> or call 262-884-9121. Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Jon Morelli, <u>roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com</u>, by February 20, 2021 highlighting their history with the Lodge and why they wish to serve as a Roma Lodge Officer or Board member. These statements will be published in the March Newsletter.

Absentee ballots for the March Election will be available after nominations at the February meeting. They must be **requested personally** by the member wanting the ballot.



Absentee ballots must be returned and received by election day (March 12th) to be counted.

Those wishing to receive an absentee ballot must contact DENNIS PORCARO at <u>apprlservices@netscape.net</u> or call 262-884-9121.

Please allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed to you and time for you to return it no later than March 12th!!!!

FEBRUARY 2021 EVENTS

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 Tuesday, February 9, 2021 Friday, February 12, 2021 Sunday, February 14, 2021 Monday, February 15, 2021

Groundhogs Day Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting – Nomination of Officers & Directors Valentine's Day President's Day Federal Holiday

Welcome New Members						
Voted into Membership at the January Membership Meeting						
	Morando Berretini					
HELLO!	Age 76					
necco.	Resides in Highland Park, IL					
HELLO! New Members!	Occupation – Retired real estate developer					
	Proponent: Michael Ansani					
	Martin DeFatte					
	Age 78					
	Resides in Racine, WI					
	Occupation – Real Estate at Shorewest Realty					
	Proponent: Mark Mano					
	Michael DeRose					
	Age 36					
	Resides in Racine, WI					
	Occupation – Clinical Therapist at Ascension Hospital					
	Proponent: Matthew Russell					



BINGO NOTICE

Jim and his team are looking at the logistics needed to begin bingo in March. We need volunteers to work and would like members that are interesting and willing to work to contact Jim Faraone at 262-657-1244 or <u>jfaraone@wi.rr.com</u>.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in February

February 1	Jordan Gardina	February 5	John Grycowski	February 20	Jerome Draeger
	John Passarelli	February 6	Gary Anzalone		Charles Zupfer
February 2	Frank Caira		Jeff D'Acquisto	February 21	Benjamin Cupertino
	Arthur Chiappetta	February 7	Joe DeMatthew	February 22	Gerald Nosotti
February 3	Peter Flex		Jason Evitts	February 24	Arthur Simmons
	Alan Tripp	February 8	Ronald Guarascio	February 26	Frank Cucunato
February 4	Vincent Caira Jr	February 19	Michael Kroes	February 28	David Chiapete
	William Gullo		David J. Ricchio	February 29	Frank Sullivan

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

Roma Lodge Face Masks Now Available

To show your support for the club while following the State of Wisconsin Health Mandate we now have stylish Roma Lodge Face Masks for sale.



Price: \$10.00 each



To get yours stop by the member's bar or the front office!!!

By-Law Amendment Proposal

We will be discussing the proposals at the February meeting. The amendment proposal will then be voted on at the March Members Meeting.

1st Proposed Amendment – Changes to Article V & Article VII (The text in <u>red</u> is the proposed change to the by-laws)

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

Section 1:

Any man may apply for adult membership in accordance with the established procedures of the organization, if the following qualifications are met:

- A. He has reached the age of twenty-one (21) years, and
- B. He is born of an Italian parent, or a parent of Italian lineage, or
- C. He was adopted by an Italian parent, or a parent of Italian lineage, or
- D. He is the spouse of a person who is Italian, or of Italian lineage, or
- E. He is the spouse of a person adopted by a person of Italian lineage, or
- F. He submits the results of genetic testing that shows Italian ancestry. (Amended September 14, 2018)
- G. He is sponsored from a member who joined via the above B-F qualifications

Section 2

Candidates for membership must also strictly abide by the following:

A. All applicants must be sponsored by a regular member member who joined with qualifications B-F in Article V Section 1, who has been a member in good standing for the previous two years (Amended February 7, 2003)

ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1:

- To be a nominee for an elective office of the Lodge, a potential candidate must:
- A. Be a member in good standing. (See Membership Requirements
- B. Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two (2) years.
- C. To be a candidate for the office of President, he must have served a full two- (2) year term on the Lodge Board of Directors, and not have joined via qualifications G in Article V Section 1.
- D. To be a candidate for the office of Vice President, he must not have joined via qualifications G in Article V Section 1.

2nd Proposed By-Law Amendment (<u>Complete Removal</u> of Section 8 of Article V)

Section 8:

A member that has qualified for membership pursuant to Section 1 of this Article on the basis of marriage shall not be eligible to remain a member following a divorce or a remarriage after the death of their spouse unless the new marriage would also satisfy the requirements of Section 1 of this Article. (The death of the spouse shall not itself be a disqualifying factor.)
 A. In the event of remarriage, where the remarriage must satisfy the requirements of Section 1 (see above), and the member must contact the Membership Committee and convince the committee that the new marriage satisfies those requirements.



This is the first, of what I hope will be many stories highlighting our members. The purpose of this feature is to highlight members hobbies, jobs, travels, etc. and allow us to get to know our fellow members. Articles for future newsletters will be selected from member submissions.

Dick Graceffa has been a Roma Lodge member for 28 years. He is very proud of his full-Italian heritage; his father's family is from Calabria and his mother's family (Valente) is from Sicily.

Many of his Lodge brothers know that he has been "the voice of Racine/Racine County high school sports" for the past 17 years. It's a fun and exciting way to support our community and student athletes, and is a logical progression after his time as an athlete, coach and official. He's been a basketball and football broadcaster for Racine's WRJN and Kenosha's WGTD, and is currently streaming games on DG Sports. He's been proud to call numerous football and basketball state tournament games for St. Catherine's, Catholic Central, Racine Lutheran and Horlick high schools.

Dick invites Roma Lodge members, families and friends to listen to games most Tuesdays and Fridays during Basketball season, and on Fridays during Football season. The live stream can be easily accessed anywhere in the world on any mobile device at https://mixlr.com/dgsports or on the Mixlr app, available free for iOS or Android devices. No subscription required! Games are also archived under Showreel on the App, or at https://mixlr.com/dgsports/showreel

If you would like to submit a story a future newsletter please send it to me. (Jon Morelli – roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com)



Dick interviewing St. Catherine's Jameer Barker, recent recipient of Dick's Player of the Game award.



Roma Lodge Scholarship Update

Application available February 12, 2021 Application must be received no later than March 26, 2021 Recipients selected by April 30th, 2021 Recipients notified and awards presented May 2021

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

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More information and applications can be found at: <u>https://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships</u>.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Bilotti – 11/10/1933 - 12/23/2020

Age 87, died December 23 surrounded by his loving family after a courageous long battle with Cancer and other health issues for several years. Eugene was born November 10, 1933, the only child of Eugenio & Maria (Iorio) Bilotti.



Gene graduated from St. George grade school in Kenosha in 1948 & then attended St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, WI. In 1953 he attended UW-LaCrosse. Gene transferred to St. Norbert College in DePere, WI in 1955 where he graduated with a B.A. Degree in English and Philosophy in 1957.

On June 8, 1957 he married Arlene Pitts at Holy Rosary Catholic Church. They were blessed with a son, James(Gina) and two grandchildren, Ava & Gino.

Gene began his professional career in education at Wilmot High School from 1957 to 1968. From 1968 to 1999, Gene was a Professor at Gateway Technical College where he was Chairman of the English Department until his retirement in 1999. Further, he was an Instructor of Spanish Literature at Carthage College, and also taught at Dominican College in Racine, WI.

Memberships include the Kenosha Italian American Society, the Racine Roma Lodge, the Gateway Retiree Association, and the State of Wisconsin Retired Educators Association. He is a member of St. Therese Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Arlene, his son, James, daughter-in-law, Gina, and grandchildren Ava & Gino. He is further survived by his sister-in-law Eleanor Hogan, and his brother-in-law Robert W. Pitts, plus his extended in-law Pitts, Ruffalo, Troha family of numerous nephews and nieces and their families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Eugenio and Maria (Iorio) Bilotti, his father & mother in-laws Francis & Mary (Ruffalo) Pitts, his brothers/sisters-in-laws John & Joyce (Ramsdel) Pitts, Frank & Sylvia (Kinsey) Pitts, John Hogan, Margaret Pitts & Edward Runge, Albert & Evelyn (Hermann) Pitts, Mary Jean Trotalli Pitts and Harry James Pitts.

Our sincere condolences go out to Arlene and the rest of Eugene's family.

Robert P. Aceto - 4/17/1933 - 1/1/2021

Age 87, a resident of Kenosha, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021.

Robert was born in Racine, WI on April 17, 1933 to Anthony and Leona (Lucareli) Aceto. He attended schools in Racine and was a graduate of Horlick High School in 1951.



Robert received his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin in 1959 and went on to receive his master's degree in Special Education from Whitewater Cardinal Stritch University in 1969.

From 1953 until 1955, Robert proudly served his country in the U.S. Army at Camp Gordon, GA and Anchorage, AK.

Robert was employed as a special education teacher and a work study coordinator with the Unified School District for 36 years.

On June 22, 1957, Robert was united in marriage to Nina Martino.

Robert was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Kenosha and Roma Lodge in Racine. He enjoyed reading, walking many miles, fishing on the pier in Naples, Florida, golfing with his longtime friends, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his loving wife, Nina Aceto; his children, Christopher (Colleen) Aceto, Lynda (Bob) Yule, and Carolyn (Thomas) Ogle; 8 grandchildren; and 6 greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Brookside Care Center for all their care and support. In addition, the family would also like to thank the staff at Aurora Medical Center-Kenosha for their compassionate, kind, and loving care they provided Robert.

Our sincere condolences go out to Nina and the rest of Robert's Family.

Anthony LeRose - 1/27/1931 - 1/2/2021

Age 89, passed away at home on January 2, 2021, with his loving wife of 66 years by his side.



Tony was born on January 27, 1931 in Kenosha, WI. After high school, Tony

joined the Air Force in 1951. While stationed in Germany, he met his future wife, Laura, marrying in 1955. After 8 years in the Air Force, he worked in the automotive industry, settling in Racine. Always athletic, Tony was an avid runner, and enjoyed running with the same group of friends for over 40 years. Tony also enjoyed fishing, playing cards and golfing - winning a golf tournament in 2019 at Jupiter Dunes Golf Course.

Tony's greatest joy was his family- a kind-hearted and gentle man who delighted in spending time with them. His hearty, warm laugh will be missed by us all.

Tony is survived by his wife Laura, his daughter Mary Ann (Malcolm) Teschan of Kansas City, MO and Pamela (Timothy) LeRose of Silver Lake, OH and four grandchildren, Danielle (Justin) Mousseau of Tequesta, FL, Anthony Mousseau of Myrtle Beach, SC, Vincent Mousseau of Jupiter, FL and Samuel Hartman of Cleveland, OH and his sisters Ruth Marshall of Boston, MA and Mary Malko of Kenosha, WI.

He was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Sue Ellen Mousseau, his parents Pasquale and Divina, his brothers John LeRose and Leonard LeRose, and his sister Christine Anderson.

Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Laura and the rest of John's Family.

Ann J. Eckert - 7/26/1939 - 1/14/2021

Age 81, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, January 14, 2021, at Ascension All Saints Hospital. She was born in Racine, July 26, 1939, daughter of the late Frank and Anna (Nee: Litrenta) Porcaro.



Ann graduated from St. Catherine's High School "Class of 1957". On December 9, 1972, she was united in marriage to the love of her life, Daniel A. Eckert who passed away January 27, 2005. Ann was employed by Jacobsen Textron for 15 years before starting a partnership business called Roan Products, where she worked for another 20 years as the Vice President (VEEP) before retiring. Ann was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. She was proud of her Italian Heritage and was a longtime active member of Vittoria Colonna. Ann was an active sports enthusiast. She loved watching the Packers and going to games with Danny. Ann was an avid tennis player. She loved playing in the city league, with many of her friends winning the city league championship at the age of 50 and continued playing until the age of 74. Above all she treasured time spent with her family especially her grandchildren. Ann was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be dearly missed.

Surviving are her children, Gary (MaryJo) Tabor of Flower Mound, TX, Gina (Steve) Brink of Westfield, IN, Lisa (Peter) Koleske of Racine; 8 grandchildren, Jennifer (Eric) Torgerson, Sara Tabor, Brandon Tabor, Lindsey (Riley) Wunnenberg, Garrett (Brittany) Brink, Mackenzi (Sergey) Kotelnikov, Matthew Koleske and Holly Koleske; great grandchildren, Grayden and Elsie Torgerson; other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by her sisters, Dee Dee Platt, Patricia Anderson, Step Mother Gladys N. Porcaro and infant son Brian.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Ascension Hospice and Nurse Rose form Ascension All Saints Hospital for their loving and compassionate care.

In addition to Ann's involvement with Vittoria Colonna her husband, Dan, was a long time board member and very active with Roma Lodge.

Our sincere condolences go out to Ann's family.

UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 Friday, March 12, 2021 Wednesday, March 17, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting St. Patrick's Day

Roma Lodge Menu



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Basket of Fries	\$2.50
Basket of Cheese Fries	\$4.75
Fried Meatballs	\$6.95
Fried Ravioli	\$5.50
Fried Ravioli/Meatball Combo	\$6.50
Mozzarella Sticks	\$5.00
Appetizer Combo	\$6.00
	\$4.95 10/\$8.50
Hamburger w/Fries (Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle)	20/\$16.00 \$6.75
Cheeseburger w/Fries [Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle]	\$7.25
Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Fries - (Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle)	\$7.25
Filet Medallion Bomber (Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers mixed with	Cheddar Cheese)
Large Pizza	\$11.95
(Sausage, Pepperoni, Onion, Mushroom, Pep	ppers, Tomato, Black Olives, Giardiniera, etc) & Oil \$7.50
Thurs. & Sat. Sagna \$9.95 srved w/ 2 Breadsticks All You Ca Served w/ & Fri \$9.9	Pork Chops \$11.95 (Served w/ Peppers, Onions, & Side of Colesiaw Applesauce) ies

Whether dinning in or preparing food at home, consuming raw or under-cooked meats, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness



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<u>Roma Lodge</u> Dine-in Menu

Friday's from 4pm-8pm For reservations please call 262-886-3610 <u>SPECIALS</u>

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries - \$8.95 Topped w/ lettuce, tomato & garlic aioli

Pizza Burger w/ Fries - \$8.95

Chicken Caprese Sandwich w/ Fries - \$10.95

Grilled Chicken Breast topped with tomato, basil, mozzarella, and drizzled with Balsamic Glaze.

PIZZA

16" Cheese - \$12.95 Additional Toppings - \$2.00 Toppings Include: sausage, pepperoni, green peppers, giardiniera, mushrooms, onions, tomatoes, & black olives.

CHICKEN

4pc Chicken Plate - \$10.95 Served w/ potato, coleslaw, & bread.

SANDWICHES

Meatball Bomber w/ Fries - \$6.95 Served w/hot/mild giardiniera + Mozzarella Cheese - \$1.00

PASTA

Mostaccioli & Meatballs Plate - \$8.95 Served w/ Bread House Lasagna - \$12.95 Served w/Salad & Bread Sticks

EXTRAS

Large Salad - \$3.95 Mozzarella Sticks (4) -\$4.95 Fried Meatballs (8) - \$7.50 Bread Sticks (12) - \$7.95

FISH

Fried Cod (4pc) - \$12.95

Fried Cod (All you can eat) - \$14.95 Fried Perch (5pc) - \$13.95 Fried Perch (All you can eat) - \$15.95 *ALL include: Choice of Potato, Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, & Bread

DESSERT

2 Mini Cannoli - \$3.00 Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3.00 Spumoni (Pint) - \$3.00



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<u>Roma Lodge</u> Carryout & Curbside Menu

To order please call 262-886-3610 Thursday's - Saturday's 4pm - 8pm Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries - \$8.95

Topped w/ lettuce, tomato & garlic aioli

Chicken Caprese Sandwich w/ Fries - \$10.95

Grilled Chicken Breast topped with tomato, basil, mozzarella, and drizzled with Balsamic Glaze. Pizza Burger w/ Fries - \$8.95

PIZZA

16" Cheese · \$12.95 Additional Toppings - \$2.00 Toppings Include: sausage, pepperoni, Green peppers, giardiniera, mushrooms, Onions, tomatoes, & black olives. Family Pizza Dinner - \$39.95 2-16" 1-Topping Pizzas, ½ Pan of Salad

and 12 Bread Sticks

<u>FISH</u>

Fried Cod Plate (4pc) - \$12.95 Fried Lake Perch Plate (5pc) - \$13.95 Fried Cod Family Dinner (10pc) - \$29.95 Fried Perch Family Dinner (12pc/11b) - \$31.95 ***Pasta served w/bread *** ALL include: Choice of potato, Coleslaw, tartar sauce, & bread.

DESSERT

2 Mini Cannoli \$3 Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3 Spumoni (Pint) - \$3

CHICKEN

4pc Plate w/Potato, coleslaw, & bread - \$10.95 8pc Bucket -\$13.95/ Family Dinner - \$19.95 12pc Bucket-\$17.95/ Family Dinner - \$23.95 16pc Bucket-\$22.95/ Family Dinner - \$28.95 *** Dinners include: Choice of potato, Coleslaw, tartar sauce & bread.

SANDWICHES

Meatball Bomber w/ Fries - \$6.95 Served w/hot/mild giardinicra +Mozzarella Cheese for \$1

PASTA

Mostaccioli & Meatballs Plate - \$8.95 / Family - \$19.95 served w/Bread House Lasagna - \$12.95 w/ Salad & Bread Sticks

EXTRAS

Bread Sticks (12) - \$7.95 Large Salad - \$3.95 Mozzarella Sticks (4) -\$4.95 Fried Meatballs (8) - \$7.50



Deadline for information for March 2021 *Newsletter* **is February 20, 2021.** Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary