

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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## January 2021 Issue

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers and families,

On behalf of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors and myself, we wish everyone a Happy New Year! The January Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, January 8, 7:00 pm. It will be held in the Vittoria (North) Banquet Hall, so that everyone can be seated 6' apart. We ask that everyone wear a mask to protect your fellow Lodge brothers. A pasta buffet dinner will be served following the meeting.

We have been approached by a developer who is interested in purchasing our vacant land located immediately west of our Lodge. Roma Lodge has received a significant offer from the developer, and this will be included on the agenda of our January 8 meeting.

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

Included in this newsletter is a letter written by our treasurer, Pat Diem. It's an update on Roma Lodge's finances, and I encourage all of you to read it.

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 January include homemade ravioli and our famous breadsticks for just \$9.95. We will continue to offer a steak (Filet, NY Strip, Ribeye) special that will be available while supplies last.

The RIWA carryout/curbside continues Thurs-Sat throughout January and will also be offering a curbside Christmas Eve dinner. Call 262-886-3610 for details. More information on both of these are also in this newsletter.

Felice Anno Nuovo!  
(Happy New Year!)

David Chiapete  
President

## **JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**



The regularly scheduled January membership meeting is Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**



All officers' positions (President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer) and five (5) board of directors are up for election.

We are looking for members willing to help shape Roma's future. Your help and direction are needed and necessary. As we move out of this pandemic, your help and experience are needed more than ever.

Nominations for positions will be approved at the February Members meeting. It is crucial that we have a quorum at that meeting. We will then vote on the positions the day of the March Membership meeting. Please put the February meeting on your calendar.

Please contact DENNIS PORCARO at [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net) or call 262-884-9121 if you are interested in the future of Roma Lodge.

## **WEST PROPERTY DISCUSSION**

Roma Lodge has received an offer to purchase the extra parcel of land west of our facility. The Roma/RIWA Options Committee is currently working on submitting a counteroffer. We would like as many members as possible to attend the January membership meeting on January 8th to go over the details.

## **JANUARY 2021 EVENTS**

Friday, January 1, 2021  
Tuesday, January 5, 2021  
Friday, January 8, 2021  
Monday, January 18, 2021  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021

New Year's Day  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Membership Meeting  
Martin Luther King Federal Holiday  
Inauguration Day



## **Suspended Until Further Notice**

Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment  
by telephoning Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com)



### **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**

## **ROMA LODGE ECONOMIC SUPPORT SUMMARY**

Roma Lodge financial position has been greatly impacted due to lack of revenue from all operations from the Membership Lounge, Members Events, Festival, and most importantly Bingo. Ahead of us we have our first installment of real estate and property tax due this month which is about 58% of the total tax bill. We also have snow plowing and salting costs that come with the winter.

With all this, I have outlined below (under Roma Lodge Economic Support) the items that have contributed to Roma Lodge maintaining being current on paying bills and retaining our funds in the Bingo account that is used for major capital items.

RIWA's business has also been greatly impacted due to lack of revenue from operations due to cancelled or reduced event sizes. They have had minor profitable months from August through November through cost cutting measures and reduced staff size. To date they are also current on bills. I have also outlined below (under RIWA Economic Aid) the items that have helped support their operations.

### **Roma Lodge Economic Support**

Once again the membership has shown their strong support for Roma Lodge. Although the COVID-19 has had a huge impact on our lodge operations, your support has been huge in response.

\$31,000+ - Personal donations from members, and members of Vittoria Colonna for the Roma CARES program to help support our operating expenses.

\$42,000+ - "2020 No Festival Raffle Book Sales" from members and members of Vittoria Colonna allowing us to provide winnings of \$7,915 to raffle ticket winners and a \$3,000 donation to local Health Care. This funds an additional \$28,000 + for operating expenses.

>\$10,000 – Saved by volunteer support by members which reduced grounds keeping costs of lawn care, mulching, and cutting back and trimming all of the trees and large brush on the grounds. Also thanks for the volunteer support for painting, cleaning, and maintenance of the interior.

### **RIWA Economic Aid**

\$10,000 - EIDL (Economic Injury Disaster Loans) – RIWA received this grant under this SBA (Small Business Association) program to provide economic relief to businesses currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

\$91,500 - Payroll Protection Program Round 1 – RIWA received this relief under this federal program. We have filed for forgiveness of the full amount through Johnson Financial. The forgiveness application was reviewed and forwarded to the SBA (Small Business Association) and we should receive their response in 90 days.

\$20,000 - Wisconsin "We're All in For Restaurants" with revenues between \$1 million and less than \$7 million in revenue. RIWA received this grant that is funded by the federal CARES Act.

\$??,??? – Payroll Protection Program Round 2 – RIWA will apply for this 2nd round of relief under this federal program once the application process is available.

Sincerely,  
Patrick Diem - Treasurer

## Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

### *Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in January*

January 1	Randy Adamowicz	January 9	Joseph Cicero	January 22	Michael Peratt
	Joseph Bado	January 11	Frank Mazzie Jr.	January 23	Angelo Casciaro
	James De Matthew	January 12	Keith Redell	January 24	Bud Alfano
	Robert DiPasquale	January 14	Edward J. Goebel		James Carravetta
	Steve Fredriksson		Jerome Miller	January 25	Joseph Grauwels
	Eugene Presta	January 16	Mark Ruffolo	January 26	Michael DeRose
January 2	Richard K. Nygro	January 18	Matt Montemurro	January 27	Anthony LeRose
January 4	Gary Lipor	January 19	Carmelo Bruno	January 28	Roger DeRose
January 6	David Arvai		Timothy Vite		Patrick Diem
	Tim Monfeli	January 20	Bill Chiapete	January 29	Vincent Caira Sr
January 7	Emilio Infusino		Michael Fumo	January 30	Michael Bishop
January 8	Kenneth Hotchkiss		Donald Vena		Thomas P. Chiapete

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, [goebeldouglas@gmail.com](mailto: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!!!**

## NEWSLETTER STORIES



I would like to start including stories about members in our newsletters beginning in the February issue. It can be about someone's interesting hobby, work, travels, etc. This will be a forum for our members to get to know something interesting about their fellow members. If you have a submission or know of someone we can highlight, please let me know.

Also, if you have other ideas for the newsletter please send them to me.  
(Jon Morelli – [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com))

## OBITUARIES

### **Helen Pulice – 12/21/1930 - 12/6/2020**

Age 89, passed away Sunday, December 6, 2020, at Pleasant Point Senior Living. Helen was born in Franksville WI, on December 21, 1930.



Helen was the ninth of ten children of George and Catherine Schuppe (Nee: Fiebig). Helen was preceded in death by her father George, Mother Catherine, brothers and sisters George, Katie, Alex, Fritz, Jake, Hank, Marie and Margaret. Helen's younger brother Bob is the sole surviving member of the immediate Schuppe family. Helen was also preceded in death by her loving husband of 58 years, Joe Pulice and her son Brian. Helen is survived by her sons Mark (Peg) Pulice, Joey (Pat) Pulice, her four grandchildren, Cole and Sophia Pulice, Matthew (Becca) and Sarah Houghton and two great grandchildren Hailey and Daphne Houghton.

Helen was the biggest fan of her husband Joe, and his drumming. She was the accountant for band that Joe played in for 40 years – The John Bunic Big Band. You could find her in the audience every Tuesday night wherever the band was rehearsing. In her younger years, Helen was a member of a social sorority of friends from high school that continued meeting for many years. Helen was also an active member in the Vittoria Colonna club based out of the Roma Lodge Italian Club.

Our sincere condolences go out to Helen's family.

### **Tristram S. Ruffalo – 6/6/1932 - 12/6/2020**

Age 88, of The Villages, Florida, passed away peacefully in the early hours on Sunday, December 6th with his wife and daughter by his side. Tris was born in Racine, Wisconsin on June 6, 1932, son of the late George and Susan (nee Ricchio) Ruffalo.



Tris attended Lakeside School and graduated from St. Catherine's High School in 1950. He was a proud member of the US Navy serving in the Pacific on the aircraft carrier USS WASP during the Korean War. He was united in marriage to Barbara Larson at the Naval Chapel in Alameda, California on November 22, 1955, and they just celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Tris retired in 1991 after 35 years of employment with AT&T. He was an avid member of the Roma Lodge and belonged to St. Paul the Apostle prior to moving to Florida. He played basketball and baseball for many years and thoroughly enjoyed golfing his entire adult life.

Tris will be deeply missed by his loving wife Barbara and his three children, son Mark Ruffalo of Sarasota, Florida, daughter Lyn Ruffalo Nicholson of Walnut Creek, California, son Tris Ruffalo (Pam) of Plymouth, Wisconsin. Two granddaughters, Brianna Nicholson of Concord, California and Kendra Ruffalo of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Tris is the older brother of Ronald Ruffalo (Mary) of Racine, Wisconsin, Gregory Ruffalo (Marge) of Alta Loma, California, and his cherished sister Maureen Ruffalo of Racine, Wisconsin, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Ronald and Delores (Loli) Larson of The Villages, Florida.

Our sincere condolences go out to Barbara and the rest of Tris' Family.

**Angie Vallin – 1/5/1937 - 12/2/2020**

Age 83, passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at St Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee. She was born on January 5, 1937 in Racine to the late Peter and Serafina (Palazzo) Fazzari.



She attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from St Catherine's High School in 1956.

After graduation, Angie took classes at Marquette University to become a Dental Assistant. She was employed by Dr Richard Ludwig as well as Dr Donald Lenz.

On October 14, 1961, she married Richard (Dick) Vallin at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. They raised two daughters, Anne and Meri. She spent the next 24 years moving across the country, being a supportive wife and a wonderful mother while her husband served in the U.S. Navy. She and her family were able to move back to Racine in the early 1980's.

Angie was a member of St. Mary by the Lake Catholic Church and Vittoria Colonna Lodge.

The true loves of her life were her grandchildren, Dan, Greg, MeriKate, Katey and Jack.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Vallin, daughters, Anne (Gene) Bock and Meri (George) Kenessey, grandchildren, Daniel, Gregory and MeriKatherine Bock, Katherine and Jack Kenessey, Sister, Theresa (Leonard) Montalbano, special nephews, James (Patricia) Montalbano and Joseph (Catherine) Montalbano, brothers-in-law, James Weill and Robert (Jane) Vallin, lifelong special friend, Angie Sullivan, and other relatives and numerous friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Louis A Fazzari, sister-in-law, Signe Weill, and her mother and father-in-law, Roy and Dorothy Vallin.

Our sincere condolences go out to fellow lodge members Richard Vallin, Leonard Montalbano and the rest of Angie's Family.

**Lucille Ciaramita – 2/1/1926 - 12/7/2020**

Age 94, passed away peacefully at her son's home, on Monday December 7, 2020. She was born in South Beloit, IL on February 1, 1926, the daughter of the late Peter and Dora (nee: Passalacqua) Sciacca.



On June 1, 1946 at St. Peter Catholic Church, South Beloit, IL she was united in marriage to Joseph Ciaramita. They were married for 57 years, and he preceded her in death in July of 2003. She was employed by the Freeman Shoe Company for over 37 years. Mrs. Ciaramita was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church.

Surviving are her son, Peter Ciaramita, of Racine; three grandchildren, Amy (Geoff) Schiveley, Jeff (Brittany) Ciaramita, and Christi (Chuck) Toman; 9 great-grandchildren, Connor and Aydan Schiveley, Josie, Stella, and Milo Ciaramita, and Alexandra, Sidney, Jessica and Chuckie Toman. In addition to her husband and parents, Lucille was preceded in death by her daughter-in-law, Lynne Ciaramita, as well as her sister and brother-in-law, Rose and Harold Quackenbush.

Lucille was a devoted wife, mother, and friend to all. She enjoyed trips to the casino, playing cards, and having coffee with friends. She will be dearly missed.

Our sincere condolences go out to fellow lodge members Pete and Jeff Ciaramita and the rest of Lucille's family.

**Pietta Marino – 5/24/1931 - 12/20/2020**

Age 89, passed away Sunday, December 20, 2020 at Froedtert South-Kenosha Medical Center. Pietta was born May 24th 1931. She was the oldest daughter of the late Samuel and Mary (nee Quadracci) Presta.



She was a graduate of the Horlick high school of 1949. On June 9, 1951 she was united in marriage to Donald Frank Marino. Pietta worked at her grandfather's store as a teenager and the Sentry store most of her adult life. She was a member of the Vittoria Colonna Organization for Italian American women. She loved to dance and socialize and loved attending dances and parties at the Roma Lodge. In the summers she planted her favorite flowers, geraniums and spent the colder season painting ceramics. Her greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Surviving her are her husband of 69 years, Don; children, Karen Marino, Samuel (Shelley) Marino; grandchildren, Martin, Samantha (Josh) Netzing and Christina; great-grandchildren; Bailey, Bentley and Melanie; sister, Marlene Arndt, twin brothers Lawrence (JoAnn) Presta, Virgil Presta; nieces, nephews and other relatives and dear friends.

Our sincere condolences go out to Pietta's Family.

**UPCOMING 2021 EVENTS**

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021**  
**Friday, February 12, 2021**  
**Monday, February 15, 2021**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Presidents Day**



## Roma Lodge Menu

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
Chicken Tenders -----	\$4.95
Buffalo Chicken Wings -----	10/\$8.50
	20/\$16.00
Hamburger w/Fries -----	\$6.75
(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle)	
Cheeseburger w/Fries -----	\$7.25
(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle)	
Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Fries -----	\$7.25
(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle)	
Filet Medallion Bomber -----	\$9.95
(Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers mixed with Cheddar Cheese)	
Large Pizza -----	\$11.95
Additional Toppings -----	\$2.00
(Sausage, Pepperoni, Onion, Mushroom, Peppers, Tomato, Black Olives, Giardiniera, etc)	
Angel Hair w/Red Sauce or Garlic & Oil -----	\$7.50
(Served w/ 2 Meatballs & 2 Breadsticks)	

### Thurs. & Sat.

**Lasagna --- \$9.95**  
Served w/ 2 Breadsticks

### Friday Night Fish Fry

All You Can Eat &  
Served w/ Coleslaw  
& Fries  
**\$9.95**

### Fri. & Sat.

**Pork Chops -- \$11.95**  
(Served w/ Peppers,  
Onions, & Side of  
Applesauce)

Whether dining 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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**Roma Lodge**  
**Dine-in Menu**

**Friday's from 4pm-8pm**

**For reservations please call 262-886-3610**

**SPECIALS**

**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

**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

**PASTA**

Mostaccioli & Meatballs Plate - \$8.95

Served w/ Bread

House Lasagna - \$12.95

Served w/Salad & Bread Sticks

**DESSERT**

2 Mini Cannoli - \$3.00

Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3.00

Spumoni (Pint) - \$3.00

**EXTRAS**

Large Salad - \$3.95

Mozzarella Sticks (4) - \$4.95

Fried Meatballs (8) - \$7.50

Bread Sticks (12) - \$7.95



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## **Roma Lodge**

### **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

### **FISH**

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/1 lb) - \$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 giardiniera

+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





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**Deadline for information for February 2021 Newsletter is January 20, 2021.** Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com).

*Jon Morelli*

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary