

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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July 2020 Issue

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers and families,

First and foremost, I hope that all members, families, and friends continue to be safe and healthy as I know that everyone is anxious to return to our “normal” lives as soon as it’s safe to do so.

The Roma Lodge Board of Directors voted, and the July membership meeting WILL be held on Friday, July 10, 7:00. The proposed by-law changes will NOT be discussed due to prior months cancelled meetings, and the membership will be notified once there is a new schedule for the proposed changes.

The meeting will be held in Vittoria Hall (North Hall). Masks will be available and all those attending are encouraged to wear one. Chairs will be spaced 6’ apart, and we ask that everyone social distances. There will NOT be hors d’oeuvres prior to the meeting, and a light dinner of pasta, meatballs, salad, and bread will be served afterwards.

All previously scheduled events including Bingo continue to be suspended until further notice. The Members’ Dining Room and Bar remain closed, but we hope to partially reopen towards the end of July following CDC recommendations and with a limited menu/staff. Once a reopen date has been determined, members will be sent an email, an announcement will be on the members’ Facebook page, and spread by word of mouth.

Last month, I wrote “Roma Lodge members are special people.” Over this past month, the number of members who have made a donation of their hard earned money to our Lodge is nothing short of amazing to me. Over 115 members & their families, widows of members, and members of Vittoria Colonna as well as their Lodge have made a donation. On behalf of the Board of Directors and all members, I want to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to each and every one of you! If you’re interested in donating, it’s not too late to return the donation card, or please contact myself or any board member.

The amount of time members spend volunteering year in and year out for our Lodge is a testament to the dedication and commitment our membership and families share. With so many members donating a great deal of time, I normally avoid naming anyone personally, however Brother Mark Mano has volunteered countless hours into our Lodge over the past few months. On behalf of all members, I thank Mark Mano for cutting the grass of our campus each week as well as organizing other members, families, and friends to trim trees and weeds.

As we continue to look for new ways to generate revenue for our club, the Board of Directors approved a “No Festival Raffle.” Your support is critical to the success of this raffle, so please be sure to return your raffle books. More details are in this newsletter.

Lastly, I know that everyone is anxious to return to normal life as soon as possible, but that seems to be a ways away. As things continue to open up including here at the Lodge, please do all that you can to protect yourself and others as we continue to navigate through COVID-19. As your President, I cannot express deeply enough my genuine concern for the health and safety of all our members, families, and employees. Again, if you choose to attend the July membership meeting, please wear a mask and social distance.

God Bless,

David Chiapete,  
President



### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Roma Lodge Board of Directors voted to hold the regularly scheduled July membership meeting on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the North banquet hall. Facemasks will be provided and **if you attend you** are encouraged to wear them and to social distance.

### JULY 2020 EVENTS

Saturday, July 4, 2020  
Tuesday, July 7, 2020  
Friday, July 10, 2020

Independence Day  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Membership Meeting



### 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

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.



### 2020 Roma Lodge Annual Golf Outing

Due to COVID19 this year's outing will not take place

## OBITUARIES

### **Joseph R. Graceffa – 2/2/1935 – 6/17/2020**

Age 85, son of the late Joseph and Anna  
(nee: Gaziano) Graceffa.



Joseph will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Dorothy; sons John (Tina) of Gardner, KS, Jim of Menomonee Falls, Mike of Racine, Bob (Shannon) of Appleton, Dave (Amy) of Oak Creek, Tom of Grafton, daughter Annamarie (Jay) Kucera of Burlington and daughter-in-law Kira of Mequon; Grandchildren Angela, Joey, Vinny, Carly, Matt, Amy, Brianna(Jake), Anthony, Gabby, Faith, Olivia, Maddie, Max, Dominic, Alexis, Isabelle, Nathan, Leah, Paxton, and Braeden. Great-grandchildren Lilliana, Ethan, and Owen. Also surviving is his brother Sam (Yolanda), sister Angie, brother-in-law Rich, and sister-in-law Grace; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Our sincere condolences go out to his wife and family.

We would also like to give our fellow Roma brother our deepest sympathies.

Sam Graceffa (brother)

## *Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri*

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

July 1	Joe Clementi	July 11	Matthew DeCheck	July 24	Michael Ansani
July 1	Mark Soine	July 12	Nicholas Rossi	July 25	Alan Faraone
July 1	Dan Litrenta	July 16	John Lapetina	July 26	Charles Mazurek
July 1	Michael Clementi	July 16	Michael Miceli	July 26	Carey Tempesta
July 1	William D. Pucci	July 16	Jon Hay	July 29	Francesco Chirico
July 2	George Chardukian	July 20	Charles Daceno	July 29	Gregory Pitts
July 6	Joseph Povkovich	July 20	Don Cicero	July 30	Tom Befera
July 6	James Haase	July 20	Robert Basil	July 30	Anthony Morelli
July 6	Chris Kosterman	July 20	Joseph Lipari	July 31	Joseph Porcaro
July 10	Chuck Domanico	July 21	Alan Porcaro	July 31	Dan Cupertino
July 11	Brian Pulda	July 23	Charles Funk	July 31	Jose Tarano

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, [dggoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com)  
if corrections are needed.

# Roma Lodge Golf League

(Reported by Rick Bonanno)

The Roma Lodge Golf League continued its 2020 season on Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> with their first scramble of the year. A great time was had by all. Chairman Pat Tierney stated, "the weather was beautiful and we had the most participants in the last 2 years with 25 golfers." After the 5 team "scramble" golf format at Ives Grove, participants enjoyed sub sandwiches, pizza and drinks at Roma Lodge.

## THE CHAMPS



Winning the golf scramble with a 7 under par score were, (left to right):  
Chuck Funk, Don Vena, Darel Suokko and Mike Peratt





Joe Mandala, Bino Ammendola, John Passerelli,  
Gary Lipor, Pat Diem



Ralph Lipari, Howie Olson, Pat Tierney, Guy Schetter



Paul Costanzo, Charlie Zupfer (Dave Pagliaroni, Steve Johnson)



Don Cicero, Ron Brodsko (Joe Romano, Joe Porcaro)



Rick Bonanno, Tony Catrine, Dennis Porcaro, Dan Marani

## REMAINING DATES

July 6th  
July 20th  
August 3rd  
August 24th  
September 14th  
September 28th  
October 5th



## **2020 Roma Lodge Italian “No Festival” Raffle**

The festival committee is pleased to announce we are having a “No Festival” raffle. The total prize money will be 20% of the Net Proceeds.

The date of the drawing will be Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm. This is Labor Day weekend. We will plan some activities that day.

Members ticket packets will be available at the lodge for pickup as usual. They should be ready in early July. Pickup, selling price will be the same. Drop off of sold tickets will be at the lodge. This year’s donation (not to exceed 10%) will be determined once the raffle has concluded based on how well the raffle does.

We will be waving the mandatory sales requirement but hope that everyone does their best to participate selling tickets.

The importance of having a successful Roma Lodge “No Festival” Raffle cannot be overstated. The Festival in the past has contributed over 30% of the Lodge’s annual operating revenue. We are looking for this raffle to provide a large part of that 30%.

(sample raffle ticket)

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**“Help Roma Lodge Support Local Health Care!”**

**2020 Roma Lodge Italian “No Festival” Raffle**

Sunday, September 6th, 2020  
Roma Lodge – Racine, WI  
7130 Spring Street • Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

**- Total Payout -**  
**20% of Net Proceeds**

1st PRIZE	10%	7th thru 10th PRIZE	.5% ea.
2nd PRIZE	3%	11th thru 15th PRIZE	.2% ea.
3rd & 6th PRIZE	1% ea.	*Payout example on Back	

Tickets: \$2.00 / 3 for \$5.00      Raffle Drawing: Sunday September 6th, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at Roma Lodge  
LIC. #R0000851A-23217      Need Not be Present to Win  
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**Deadline for information for August 2020 Newsletter is July 20, 2020.** Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [secretary@romalodge.com](mailto:secretary@romalodge.com).

*Jon Morelli*

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary