**ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER** 



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March 2020 Issue MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members:

The next Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, March 13, 7:00 pm. We, the members of the Lodge, have some extremely important decisions to make in the coming months and your participation is crucial to ensure that the Lodge remains secure for generations to come! I urge all of you to attend the March & April membership meetings.

Please keep Roma Lodge (banquet side) in mind on Sundays as we are open for an all-you-can-eat Brunch Buffet from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The menu offers delicious food items including a pasta bar, made-to-order omelets, waffles, and much more: \$14.95 adults, \$7.95 kids 9-14, and 8 & under are FREE! This is open to the public. Reservations recommended, but not necessary: 262-886-3610. More information is in this newsletter.

I ask all of you to 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. On behalf of all Roma Lodge members, thank you to all Bingo volunteers!

It's hard to believe, but I am happy to say that it will soon be March, and with it, spring arrives! As the birds begin to chirp and flowers bloom, Roma Lodge will be buzzing with activity. There are all sorts of new spring specials set to begin in March. Spring specials that will run March-May include a Seafood Combo (pick any two – Shrimp, Perch, or Pollock) for just \$12.95, Veal Parmesan only \$14.95. Also during March, due to its popularity, our pizza of the month will again be our fabulous chicken alfredo pizza for just \$13.95!

Spring drink specials include Bloody Marys \$3.00 or \$5.00 for a double, a Pomegranate Mule \$4.00, and ½ off Kiddie Cocktails for all the kids to enjoy! New to the Members' Bar is a featured quarterly ice cream drink. Try a delicious Strawberry Mudslide next time you dine at the club!

March Mania NCAA Basketball Madness will be sweeping its way into Roma Lodge beginning Thursday morning, March 19, at 11:00, and will continue throughout the college basketball tournament including the championship game, Monday evening, April 6. The Members' Bar will be open during all tournament games, there will be a FREE nachos bar and North 40 (The official brandy of the Milwaukee Brewers) Old Fashions for merely \$3.00. There will be plenty of fish specials available at the bar on both Fridays, March 20 & 27.

The third annual Roma Lodge NCAA Tournament Pool will commence at 11:15, Thursday, March 19. For \$10, you can try your luck at filling out a bracket pool. You may enter as many times as you would like! 100% of money taken in will be paid out in prize money - the only exception being \$2 per bracket that will go towards gift cards which can be won on the DELT app (ask a bartender for details) by those watching the games in the Roma Lodge Members' Bar. Pools will be made available at the Lodge beginning Selection Sunday, March 15, at approx. 6:00 pm. Pools must be paid for and received before the start of the first tournament game. More information on the pool and where to turn it in are in this newsletter.

Children's bocce continues each Sunday through March 15. It's open to members' children and grandchildren and is always a fun time for everyone. Hot dogs, soda, etc are available to purchase at a minimal cost. Come one week or come each week, it doesn't matter. The only thing we care about is seeing all the kids having fun at Roma Lodge! More information is in this newsletter.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Roma Lodge winter bocce tournament will be held Saturday, March 7. It's not too late to enter, and it is always great fun. It's a time of pride for many of our bocce players in that we get to share our wonderful club with so many clubs from Kenosha, Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, and Rockford, IL. Whether you're playing or have time to just stop by and watch a few games, it's a perfect opportunity to introduce your kids or grandkids to Roma Lodge and the fun of "tournament" bocce.

This year's Roma Lodge/Vittoria Colonna Installation Dinner will be held the evening of Sunday, March 15. The initiation of new Roma Lodge members will take place as well. Cocktail hour starts at 5:00 and dinner begins at 6:00. If you haven't attended before, I urge you to consider doing so. It's always a very enjoyable night highlighted by a fantastic dinner! Tickets are just \$10. More details are in this newsletter.

Come celebrate Brewers "Opening Day" at the Lodge on Thursday, March 26 - first pitch is set for 1:10 p.m. The bar opens at 12:30 with the bar menu available. Whether you choose to tailgate before the game or come and enjoy what promises to be an electric atmosphere, just come on out to the lodge with your family and friends and let's have some fun!

We will once again offer a free "Roma Shot" for each Brewers home run all season long when the Members' Bar is open.

Remember to mark Saturday, May 2, on your calendars. Start your day off by volunteering or attending Roma Lodge's 2<sup>nd</sup> Pancake Day (66<sup>th</sup> overall), and then it's Kentucky Derby Day at Roma Lodge! It's not too early for women to start looking for your Kentucky Derby hats, and plan to come watch "The Greatest Two Minutes in Sports" at the Lodge! More details will follow.

Our cribbage tournaments in March are scheduled for Sundays, March 8 & 29, both begin at 2:00. A great time is always had by all who attend (men & woman), and the cost is just \$10 including a drink at the bar. The bar menu is available as well. Registration begins at 1:15 and is open to members and their guests.

Ciao! David Chiapete President

#### **March Events**

Sunday, March 1, 2020 Saturday, March 7, 2020 Sunday, March 8, 2020 Sunday, March 8, 2020 Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Friday, March 13, 2020 Sunday, March 15, 2020 Sunday, March 15, 2020 Thursday, March 19, 2020 Sunday, March 22, 2020 Sunday, March 28, 2020 Sunday, March 29, 2020 Sunday, March 29, 2020 Sunday Brunch Winter Invitational Bocce Tournament Daylight Savings Time Begins Cribbage Tournament Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting Sunday Brunch Installation Dinner First Day of Spring Sunday Brunch Children's Bocce Banquet Scholarship Application Deadline Sunday Brunch Cribbage Tournament



Volunteers are always needed. Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning 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:

#### Aceto, Christopher - Bushell, William

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. <u>There will be a special Roma Lodge sign in book at the service for</u> <u>members who attend to verify that they are fulfilling their obligation</u>

#### Buon Compleanno e Tantí Augurí

### Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in March

#### 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.

March 1	Robert Cribari	March 13	Edward Palladino	March 23	Louis Arnone
	Jeffery Wilkins	March 16	Egidio Infusino	March 24	Pete Ciaramita
	Lawrence Presta		David Porcaro	March 25	David Silvani
	James Heck	March 18	Michael Staeck	March 28	Scott Solomon
March 3	Brad Allbee		Francesio Angelini		Gary Krause
	Joseph Matson	March 21	Nunzio Germanotta	March 30	Bruno Rizzo
March 4	John Ruffalo	March 22	Timothy Barsuli	March 31	Jim LaBelle
March 5	Donald Paar		Kurt Kluender		
March 11	Ernie Rossi				
	Eric Litrenta				

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

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, <u>dematthew@ameritech.net</u> or by phone at (262)-880-7474

#### **By-Law Amendment Proposal**

At the March Membership Meeting we will discuss the below <u>two</u> proposed by-law amendments. During the April Membership Meeting we will vote on the proposed amendments. The measures require 2/3rds approval from the voting members at the April Membership Meeting.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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, 2108)
- G. He is sponsored from a member who joined via the above B-F qualifications

#### Section 2

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Candidates for membership must also strictly abide by the following:

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.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed By-Law Amendment (Complete Removal 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 bylaw change will be posted in the glass case above the information table.

#### 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 <u>Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents</u> is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, dggoebel@yahoo.com and on-line at

http://members.romalodge.com/membership\_information.html.

# SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2020 INSTALLATION DINNER

CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR

ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE

And The INITIATION of NEW ROMA LODGE MEMBERS

5:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (Cash bar) 6:00 P.M. DINNER

Tickets are \$10.00 per person (Members only function)

For tickets contact Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914, Frank Bisotti (262) 914-1880, or the RIWA office

#### Probationary Members Eligible for Installation

Between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018, ten probationary members joined the Lodge and successfully completed their probationary requirements. Each of these members, along with one guest of their choice, are invited to attend the Roma Lodge / Vittoria Colonna Lodge Installation Dinner on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Those planning to attend should contact Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 262-554-7316.

## Roma Lodge Elections – Friday, March 13, 2020

Due to exactly 4 nominees running for the 4 open Director positions on the Board of Directors, the **March Election has been cancelled**. Congratulations to the new Directors taking office starting at the April Board of Directors Meeting.

# **ROMA LODGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2020**

#### WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, Roma Lodge makes scholarships available to children of Roma Lodge members. The top-rated applicant will be awarded a \$4000 Scholarship, payable in \$1000 increments at the beginning of each of four academic years. A maximum of three one-time \$500 scholarships will be awarded to the second, third, and fourth place rated scholarship applicants. The scholarships can be applied to any course of study leading to a recognized baccalaureate degree at any accredited United States college or university of the recipient's choice.

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 2020**

**WHAT IS THE SCHOLARSHIP**: The Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship was created in 2010 to recognize the service they gave over many years to Roma Lodge, the church, and the community at large. The funds were donated by the family and friends of Russell and Helen Missureli on the occasion of Russell's ninetieth birthday. In addition to community service, scholastic achievement will also serve as the basis for selection of a recipient. The scholarship awards a one-time payment of \$1000 to a graduating high school senior who is the child of a Roma Lodge member. The scholarship can be applied to any course of study leading to a recognized associate or baccalaureate degree at any accredited United States college or university of the recipient's choice. The application, selection, and award process for the scholarship is administered by Roma Lodge.

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

Forms for each scholarship are available on Roma Lodge's webpage, <u>https://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships</u> or by contacting Frank Bisotti at <u>fbisotti@ameritech.net</u>

Applications along with all supporting documentation must be received by Friday, March 28, 2020. Mail or deliver the applications to: Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee Attn: Frank Bisotti, Chair 7130 Spring St Racine, WI 53406

# Roma Lodge Pancake Day – Volunteers Needed

Roma Lodge has been given the opportunity to continue a Racine tradition by taking over the Kiwanis Pancake Day. This is an exciting opportunity for Roma Lodge and gives us another way to make a positive impact on our local community. We are looking for volunteers to help on that day. Listed are various duties where we need some volunteers. Don't worry if it's something you haven't done before; the Kiwanis folks want to continue to be involved and are willing to work most of these areas right along with us. We just need some people from Roma Lodge to "shadow" them so that we can learn how to do these jobs ourselves. If interested please contact Frank Bisotti, (262) 914-1880 or fbisotti@ameritech.net.

Set up (Friday, early Saturday)

**Dining Room Supervision** 

Green Room / Volunteer Check in

Volunteers Supervisor

Crowd Control

Line Control – Expeditor

Ticket Booth

**Ticket Takers** 

Merchandise Sales – Table

Security

Sausage

Sausage Line

Seconds Line – Cash Box, Pancake Machine

Garbage Detail

Clean up (Saturday after 3 PM)



# Sunday Brunch Buffet

9 am - 2pm

Adults-\$14.95 - Kids(9-14yrs.)-\$7.95 - Kids(8 yrs. & under) -FREE



**Buffet Includes:** 

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, Italian Brown Potatoes, Henny Penny Chicken, Fresh Fruit, Assorted Desserts

Made to Order: Omelets, Waffles and Pasta!

Reservations recommended, but not necessary: 262.886.3610



7130 Spring Street Racine, WI 53406

# 11th ANNUAL ROMA LODGE WINTER BOCCE 24 TEAM TOURNAMENT

FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$1,000

Come and join the day of fun planned for the Winter Bocce Tournament to be held

## SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020

8:00 am - Check-in/Breakfast - 9:00 am - Play Begins

Entry Fee: \$175 per 5 Person Team; \$35 per person (including alternates) Proceeds go towards the renovation of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts

Fee includes: 8:00 am

8:00 am 11:00 am – 1:00 pm 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm Breakfast Kringle, Donuts, Coffee, Juice, Lunch Pizza, Fried Meatballs, Soup Dinner Fettuccine, Meatballs, Italian Sausage, Salad, and Bread

Cash Bar [Non-players may purchase a day's food ticket for \$25]

Projected Cash Prizes						
(Based on 24 teams)						
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$1000					
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$500					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$250					

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Round Robin/Single Elimination Tournament

All Round Robin games will be 10-12 points. Single Elimination games will be played to 16 points. ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BALLS ONLY! Championship Game will be played on Court #1

This tournament will be limited to 24 teams and filled on a first come – first serve basis. Entries should be made early to ensure a place.

Come and join the fun filled day of bocce, food, drinks, and camaraderie at Roma Lodge

#### Roma Lodge 7130 Spring Street Racine, WI 53406 262-886-3610 11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROMA LODGE WINTER BOCCE TOURNAMENT ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

It is understood that we, the undersigned, release Roma Lodge and the Roma Lodge Bocce Committee members from any loss due to theft, damage, or physical injury during the Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament held on Saturday March 7, 2020.

#### ENTRY BLANK

Please return entry blank by Sunday March 1, 2019

Please fill in all names, addresses and phone numbers...

Team Name

Team Captain:

Area/Phone	Address/Zip	Name	
Area/Phone	Address/Zip	Name	
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#### ENTRY FEE - \$35.00 PER PERSON INCLUDING ALTERNATE/ \$175.00 PER 5 PERSON TEAM

Please make checks payable to "Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament" and mail to:

Roma Lodge Bocce Committee Attention: Dave Chiapete 7130 Spring Street (Hwy C) Racine, Wisconsin 53406

VERY IMPORTANT: Full payment of team entry fees and guest fees must accompany your entry blank

Games start at 9:00 A.M. SHARP!







# Roma Lodge Tournament SUNDAY MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup>

# START TIME IS **2PM**

**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 ARE 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.

Cribbage winners from the February 23rd Tournament

Nancy Litrenta 1st Place Ray Stibeck 2nd Place Jeff Chiapete 3rd Place Mike Bishop 4th Place

Also Connie Stoven placed in the money in the side pools.

#### 2020 Roma Lodge NCAA Basketball Tourney Brackets Pool Rules:

\$10.00 per bracket entry - no limit on the number of entries per person.

Each bracket filled out will receive a token worth \$3. Redeemable for a drink at the bar, and is valid only during the NCAA tournament, and expires after the championship game, April 6, 2020.

\$2 per entry will go towards Roma gift cards. People can win a gift card(s) using the DELT app during the opening weekend, March 19-22. It's free to play and you can play as many times as you want. Ask bartenders for details. The Roma Lodge Members' Bar will be open for the entire NCAA Tournment to members and their guests. A free Nachos Bar will be available during games!

Brackets and money are due on or before March 19<sup>th</sup> up to tip-off of first game of first round on Thursday.

Drop-off your brackets with a bar-tender on duty at the Roma Lodge members bar on or before March 19<sup>th</sup>, drop them in the slot in the door to the Board of Directors' Room, or give to Adam Britten, Joe DeMatthew, or Dave Chiapete.

Prize money amounts will be awarded based on total entries. For example: 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive 50% of purse. 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive 25%. 3<sup>rd</sup> place will receive 12.5%, and remaining places will receive awards in amounts of one-half of the remaining fractional share until minimum awarded prize would be less than \$50.00 with any remaining balance at that time to go to Roma Lodge.

Entries must include: full name, phone number and email address.

Scoring:

1<sup>st</sup> round games are 1 point

2<sup>nd</sup> round games are 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup> round games (Sweet 16) are 4 points

4<sup>th</sup> round games (Elite 8) are 8 points

5<sup>th</sup> round games (Final Four) are 16 points

Championship game winner is 32 points

Tie-breaker will be closest to total score for championship game without going over.

Any questions see or call Adam Britten (262)-994-8055, Joe DeMatthew (262) 989-1682 or Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914.

#### **KENOSHA NEWS**



#### DONATION AIDS ITALIAN PROGRAM

In January, local Italian-American leaders presented a check for \$2,200 to St. Joseph Catholic Academy, to be used to purchase books and materials for students enrolled in the school's Italian language program. The money came from WisItalia, on behalf of the Consulate General of Italy. From left are Joe Cardinali, president of Amicizia Italian Lodge of Kenosha and Racine; St. Joseph President Bob Freund; St. Joseph Italian Instructor Monica Niespodziany; and Rick Bonanno of Roma Lodge.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 4, 2020 Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Tuesday, April 7, 2020 Friday, April 10, 2020 Sunday, April 12, 2020 Sunday April 19, 2020 Sunday April 20, 2020 Sunday Brunch Wisconsin Spring General Election Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting Easter Sunday Sunday Brunch Sunday Brunch



**Deadline for information for April 2020** *Newsletter* is March 20, 2020. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at eric.hillary@yahoo.com.

#### **Eric Hillery**

Eric Hillery, Roma Lodge Secretary