

November

Roma Lodge Newsletter

2023

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Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers,

It's hard to believe we are already entering the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving is just three weeks away and Christmas will be here before we know it.

Last year's wine tasting was such a success, and we are hosting the event again this year. The Wine Tasting will be held on Saturday, November 18th. Please consider coming to another great Roma Lodge event. See the announcement on page 10 of this newsletter. You can purchase tickets from the RIWA office or from Greg Pierangeli. You can also purchase tickets by going to the link below.

<https://roma-lodge.square.site>

I am working with Michael to serve my lasagna on Friday, November 17th. Please make reservations and dine at the lodge that night.

The monthly cribbage tournaments are in full swing. If you enjoy the game and like a little competition, stop by on the scheduled dates. Keep an eye out for posts at the club or see the announcement on page 8 of this newsletter.

I want to thank all the members that are

utilizing the members dining room on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We now have an expanded menu on the weekends and Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The buffet continues to offer a variety of items. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out. We ask that groups of 6 or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

Reservations are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is (262) 886-8850.

I am still challenging each member to utilize our members dining room at least once a month for the remainder of the year. I think I'm going to make my lasagna again sometime in October or early November. Keep an eye out for information and the dates!

Bingo participation continues to be excellent! Bingo has always been an

important function here at Roma Lodge and requires many volunteers. If you have the time to volunteer, please contact Jim Faraone, Mike Peratt, or Dennis Porcaro.

I know I put this in the newsletter each month, but it is important. If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help organize and work some of our many social events throughout the year. You can contact me or any of our board members if you have an area of interest. Our membership involvement and participation will always be the key to our success. A special thank you to all that contribute your time on a regular basis. Grazie!

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 10th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President

NOVEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The November Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 10th.



DOORS OPEN – 4:00 PM
FOOD SERVICE – 4:45 PM
BINGO START – 6:00 PM



If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact one of the following:

Jim Faraone: 262-657-1244 – jfaraone@wi.rr.com

Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – aprlservices@netscape.net

Frank Bisotti (November Captain): 262-456-1054 – fbisotti@ameritech.net

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in November

November 1	Greg Perona	November 8	Steven Ramig	November 18	Bill Greer
	David Perugini	November 10	Rick Bonanno	November 19	Mitchell Morelli
	Lester Perugini		Ralph Cefalu	November 20	David Boero
November 3	Gary Ricchio		Thomas Chambasian		Leonard Juliano
November 4	Joseph Covelli	November 11	John LeRose Jr.	November 21	Steve Fredriksson
	Tony Rottino		Rick Palmer		P.J. Litrenta
November 6	Michael J. Boero	November 12	Richard Tringali	November 22	Cesar J. Mattioli
November 7	Matthew Binetti	November 14	Jim Mascari	November 28	Thomas Devroy
	Zachary Mano		Patrick Tierney		
November 8	James A. Pitts				

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, teamtierney@sbcglobal.net or 262-960-2855 if corrections are needed.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

November 3,4	Keith Stannis
November 10,11	Steve Rawlinko
November 17,18	Jon Morelli
November 24,25	Dave Chiapete
December 1,2	Jack LeRose

November 2023 EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1

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Thursday, November 2

Friday, November 3

Sunday, November 5

Monday, November 6

Tuesday, November 7

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

Thursday, November 9

Friday, November 10

Friday, November 10

Saturday, November 11

Saturday, November 11

Saturday, November 11

Sunday, November 12

Sunday, November 12

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Sunday, November 18

Sunday, November 19

Thursday, November 23

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

Tuesday, November 28

Tuesday, November 28

Author's Day

Movember

Day of the Dead

National Calzone Day

All Saints' Day

National Men Make Dinner Day

National Sandwich Day

American Football Day

National Nachos Day

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

National Cappuccino Day

World Adoption Day

World Freedom Day

Marine Corps Birthday

Members Meeting – 7:00 PM

Veterans Day HOLIDAY

National Sundae Day

The Uncle Louie Variety Show

Roma Lodge Cribbage

National Happy Hour Day

America Recycles Day

Great American Smokeout

National Fast Food Day

National Homemade Bread Day

Roma Lodge Fall Wine Tasting

International Men's Day

Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY

National Adoption Day

Black Friday

National Play Day with Dad

National Cake Day

Cyber Monday

National French Toast Day

Giving Tuesday

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman is scheduled to be voted on at the **November 10, 2023**, Membership Meeting.

Davide Buhler - Age 67
Racine, WI
Retired
Single, with no children
Mother is of Italian Descent
Proponent: John Pisanello

Matthew Bremer - Age 40
Mt. Pleasant, WI
Employed by Rockwell Automation
Sales Planning and Process Manager
Married, with one child
Wife is of Italian descent (Zicarelli)
Proponent: Ronald Zicarelli

Giacomino Ruffolo - Age 45
Kenosha, WI
Employed by Palmen Motors – Vice President and General Manager
Married - Anna, with two children, father is of Italian descent (Ruffolo)
Proponent: Mario Ruffolo



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 Steve Rawlinko, srawlinko@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – October through December

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

Polzin, Bernard – Zicarelli, Ronald

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled three-month period, you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one during the quarter. 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.

December 2023 EVENTS

Friday, December 1

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Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 3

Sunday, December 3

Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 5

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Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, December 7

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Friday, December 8

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Friday, December 8

Saturday, December 9

Sunday, December 10

Sunday, December 10

Tuesday, December 12

Wednesday, December 13

Friday, December 15

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

Saturday, December 16

Monday, December 18

Thursday, December 21

Thursday, December 21

Friday, December 22

Saturday, December 23

Sunday, December 24

Monday, December 25

Tuesday, December 26

Tuesday, December 26

Thursday, December 28

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

National Christmas Lights Day

National Bartender Day

National Mutt Day

Roma Lodge Cribbage

First Sunday of Advent

National Cookie Day

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

International Volunteer Day

St. Nicholas Day

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Hanukkah

National Letter Writing Day

Members Meeting – 7:00 PM

National Brownie Day

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Christmas Card Day

Roma Lodge Childrens Christmas Party

International Animal Rights Day

Gingerbread House Day

National Guard Birthday

National Ugly Sweater Day

National Cupcake Day

Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party

National Chocolate Covered Anything Day

National Twin Day

Winter Solstice

National Crossword Puzzle Day

National Cookie Exchange Day

Festivus

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day HOLIDAY

Kwanzaa

Boxing Day HOLIDAY

Pledge of Allegiance Day

National Bacon Day

New Year's Eve

Uncle Louie Variety Show Update



The Uncle Louie Variety Show scheduled for Saturday, November 11th is rapidly approaching, and Dawn and I very excited to put this together for the Lodge. At the onset of our planning, our target attendance was one full charter bus (approximately 55 seats). We are pleased to report all the tickets have been sold. We anticipate a wonderful time and are looking forward to a very enjoyable event. To avoid confusion among the attendees, Dawn and I thought it would be a good idea to review the logistics for the event:

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM – Cocktails and Socialization – Members Lounge/Venetian Room

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM – Family-style dinner in the Venetian Room

6:15 PM – Load the bus by the member's entrance.

7:00 PM – Uncle Louie Variety Show – Oak Creek Performing Arts Center

9:30 PM – Load bus and return to Roma Lodge

If you have any questions in advance of the event, please call Pat at 262-960-2855 or email us at teamtierney@sbcglobal.net.

OBITUARIES

Filomena "Phyllis" DeRango

November 25, 1933 - October 5, 2023



Filomena "Phyllis" DeRango, 89, passed away peacefully with family by her side Thursday, October 5, 2023, at Ascension Living Lakeshore at Siena in Racine, WI.

Phyllis was born in Marano Principato, Italy, November 25, 1933, daughter of the late Annunziato and Rosaria (nee: Baratta) Cairo and came to the United States in 1950. On June 1, 1957, she was united in marriage to Giovanni "John" DeRango. They were married at St. Donatus Church in Blue Island, IL and then they had their wedding reception in Racine at Memorial Hall. They resided in Racine ever since.

Phyllis, before she married, worked in Chicago at Hart Schaffner and Marx as a seamstress wearing her 3-inch-high heels which were a part of her daily attire. She took the Rock Island train there every weekday with Zia Divina, who worked there as well. After marriage she became a homemaker and raised their four children, Rosaria, Francesco, Nancy, and Anthony. Throughout her lifetime, she thrived on family values. Once they were grown and married, Phyllis helped her husband, John, at the DeRango The Pizza King restaurants making Italian pastas. Also, she worked at Giovanni DeRango's Supper Club as a hostess, greeting people with her always warm smile, outpouring hospitality, and her high heels.

She was a member of St. Rita Catholic Church and the Vittoria Colonna Lodge. Phyllis loved attending meetings and parties with all her Lodge members. Phyllis was a devoted mother, sister, grandmother, great grandmother, and dear friend to many. She will be dearly missed.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her four children, Rose DeRango and husband, Jerry Floyd, Frank DeRango, Nancy DeRango and Tony (Brenda) DeRango; her grandchildren Frank Jr (Jessica) DeRango, Nicco DeRango, Ashley (Erik) Fisch, Chelsea Schelling, Abby DeRango, Katie (Kody) Azarian, and Giovanna DeRango. Great grandchildren Maddie Best, Luigi DeRango, Leonardo, Angelina, Isabella, and Josefina Fisch, Alessia Azarian and Nalana, Nicco Jr, and Mila; sisters Donna (Egidio) Infusino, Nella (Pasquale) Infusino; brother-in-law Emilio Infusino; sisters-in-law Rosetta DeRango and Mirella DeRango; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to her parents and in-laws she was preceded in death by her husband Giovanni "John" DeRango, sisters Concetta Cairo and Ida Infusino; brothers-in-law Domenico DeRango and Mariano DeRango; grandson, Giovanni DeRango.

The family would like to extend a very special thank you to the entire staff at Ascension Living Lakeshore at Siena and to Holistic Hospice for their loving and compassionate care.

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AND CREMATORY

Our condolences to Phyllis' family.



OCTOBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The October tournament was held on Sunday the 15th

\$10 Main Pool

1st Place - Linda Grauwels

2nd Place – Joe Bodi

3rd Place – Rocco Yutka

4th Place – Pete Loewen

\$5 Side Pool

1st Place - Linda Grauwels

2nd Place – Joe Bodi

3rd Place – Pete Loewen

\$15 Side Pool

1st Place – Joe Bodi

2nd Place – Pete Loewen

3rd Place – Kip Humburg

Sixteen (16) people played, and a great time was had by all. The next tournament is November 12th at noon.

There will be a Packer Party with food and drinks that day as well.



CRIBBAGE **NEW START TIME** **12 Noon**



Roma Lodge Tournaments **Cost \$10 per Person**

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

November 12th, 2023

OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND FRIENDS

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

December 3rd, January 14th,

February 4th, March 10th, April 7th

SIGN UP AT 11:30AM

TOURNAMENTS START AT 12 Noon

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.

COME EARLY AND EAT AT THE SUNDAY BRUNCH!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BRUNCH STARTS AT 9AM

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED!

Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Looking for a Christmas idea for that hard to shop for someone? Consider the Roma Lodge **"Patio Brick Program"**.

Bricks are available to members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna.

Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to a lasting memorial to family and friends for generations to come

BRICK OPTIONS

4" x 8" brick consisting of three lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$75.00.

12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$200.00.

Check must accompany your order

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Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - aprlservices@netscape.net

4" by 8" Brick

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

12" x 12" Brick

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15

CHRISTMAS BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY SPRING OF 2024

**SAT
NOV
18**



ROMA FALL WINE TASTING EVENT

**Members Lounge Saturday
November 18, 6-9PM,
Cost \$30/Person,
Food, Fine Wines and
Entertainment
Family/Friends/Guests
Tickets Available in the
Office or Greg Pierangeli**

Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

1. Please call to make a reservation. It will help with both food preparation and staffing.
2. If you have a party of ten or more, we ask that your reservation is set by 5:30 or after 6:30 to ensure quality service is provided to all. Please keep splitting of checks to a minimum. This takes considerable time and will delay service.

Our Chef, Mike, will continue to create specials each week to add a variety of food options for our members and guests. Along with the weekly specials we will continue to provide a quality reduced menu. We encourage everyone to stop out and enjoy Mike's creations.

The Member's Restaurant is open for the Wednesday Buffet, and every Friday and Saturday for dining.

Thank you.

Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from **The Lettering Machine**. If you have not viewed the site in a while, please visit to see the added items and the option for embroidering the 100th anniversary logo.



TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>

Feel free to call The Lettering Machine at (262) 652-4177 if you have any questions. Thank you for your business!

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Deadline for information for the December 2023 Newsletter is November 20, 2023. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary