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Also available on the Roma Lodge Members website

Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

Welcome to November! The leaves are falling, and we are now moving into the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner.

The social committee organized an excellent Columbus Day Wine Tasting Party. Special thanks to Dave and Bri Silvani for planning and running such a wonderful event, and to Michael for preparing fantastic dishes to pair with the wines.

Both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna lost members in October. Cesare Bosco passed away on October 22nd and former Vittoria Colonna president Joan Domanico passed away on October 9th. My condolences go to their families.

Mark your calendars for the following upcoming social events.

- Halloween Party – October 31st
- Pasta Making – November 15th
- Children's Christmas Party – December 7th
- Adult Christmas Party – December 13th

The members restaurant is open on Wednesday evenings for the buffet, and Friday and Saturday evenings with a full menu and new specials each weekend. Please check your emails weekly for the Wednesday

buffet menu and weekend specials.

Reservations are encouraged to help us plan staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is 262-886-8850.

Buffet pricing:

- \$14.00 for adults
- \$13.00 for seniors 55 and older
- \$8.00 for children

Bingo! attendance remains excellent, with many new participants joining Roma Lodge Bingo!. This important club function relies on numerous volunteers. If you can help, please contact Dennis Porcaro, Mike Peratt or me.

Over the past month, we finished a significant project at Roma Lodge, adding a new roof over the RIWA kitchen and installing four rooftop HVAC units. I would like to express my gratitude to Keith Stannis for his dedication in ensuring the project's success and keeping everything on schedule with minimal disruption. The funds for this project came directly from income earned by Roma Lodge Bingo!.

Thanks to my brother Jim for volunteering to maintain our property this summer. His efforts saved the club thousands of dollars and kept our landscaping looking excellent.

The Journal Times has released its 2025 "Best of Racine" list and once

again Roma Lodge was named the best banquet hall. Congratulations to Briana Graan, Jake Vanderhoef, Michael Bolton, and the entire staff for their contributions to this achievement!

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please consider joining one of our many committees or helping to organize and run social events throughout the year. For social events, reach out to Dave or Bri Silvani. In partnership with Vittoria Colonna, a joint social committee has also been formed. For any other area of interest, feel free to contact me or any board member. Member involvement and participation remain essential to our ongoing success.

- The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is on Friday, November 14th at 7:00 PM.
- The next Board of Directors meeting is on Tuesday, November 11th at 6:30 PM.

All members are welcome at the board meeting. If you wish to speak, please request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

Lastly, I would like to thank Eric Andersen for agreeing to fill the vacancy on the Roma Board as a director for the remainder of John Ponio's term.

Jon Morelli
President

2025 Roma Lodge Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to this year's Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship recipients!



**Cameron Betker
Allison Tripp
Gianna Cupertino**

**\$4000
\$500
\$500**



Recipients' bios will be published in a future newsletter

Note: There were no applications for the Misurelli scholarship

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri!

Happy Birthday!!! to our Roma Lodge brothers born in November

November 1	Greg Perona	November 10	Thomas Chambasian	November 21	P.J. Litrenta
	David Perugini	November 11	John LeRose Jr.	November 22	Cesar Mattioli
November 3	Gary Ricchio		Rick Palmer	November 28	Thomas Devroy
November 4	Joseph Covelli		Nicholas Villani		
	Antonio Rottino	November 12	Richard Tringali		
November 6	Michael Boero	November 14	James Mascari		
November 7	Matthew Binetti		Patrick Tierney		
November 8	James Pitts	November 16	George Rosch		
	Steven Ramig	November 18	William Greer		
November 10	Rick Bonanno	November 19	Daniel Pettit		
	Ralph Cefalu	November 20	Leonard Juliano		

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



FESTA FORCA

Rossi Family Returns to Forca



Vittoria Colonna Lodge

Celebrates 100 Years of Heritage & Sisterhood

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On Saturday, September 13, 2025, members and guests gathered at Roma Lodge Hall to honor an extraordinary milestone, the 100th Anniversary of the Vittoria Colonna Lodge, marking a century of Italian-American pride, service, and tradition in Racine.

The evening began with cocktails "In Loving Memory of Lynne Ciaramita," followed by a beautifully prepared dinner featuring Chicken Florentine, Filet, and Cassata Cake dedicated in memory of Isabelle and Sue Comande Campbell. Mistress of Ceremony, Lori Bonanno Haase, welcomed attendees as President Carol Rawlinko led the formal program with grace and warmth. The celebration also featured a historical presentation prepared by Lodge members, showcasing photos, milestones, and stories from the Lodge's earliest days in 1925 through today, honoring generations of women who have shaped the Lodge's identity through service, charity, and cultural leadership.

As the evening transitioned to entertainment, guests were treated to a captivating performance by Aaron Caruso, America's premier Italian tenor. Caruso's commanding voice and heartfelt storytelling filled the hall, bringing to life the spirit of Italian music and culture that has long been at the heart of Vittoria Colonna Lodge. His performance served as both a tribute and a celebration, a reminder of the passion, artistry, and fellowship that unite members of the Italian-American community.

The Centennial event theme reflected the spirit of Vittoria Colonna Lodge, honoring the past, celebrating the present, and embracing the future. With more than 160 members today, the Lodge continues to flourish, a testament to the strength of the women who founded it, the generations who sustained it, and the shared pride that keeps its legacy alive.

"From our first meeting in 1925 with the help of Roma Lodge, to our 100th Anniversary, Vittoria Colonna Lodge continues to thrive and we value our partnership with Roma Lodge as we begin the next 100 years. We want to thank everyone who contributed and attended this very special celebration." - Debbie Weyers.



Vittoria Colonna Lodge

Celebrates 100 Years of Heritage & Sisterhood

2025 Officers & Directors in attendance



Names from Left to Right:

Carol Rawlinko, Marisa Bergmann, Debbie Weyers, Cecelia Bagley, Lori Bonanno Haase, Melissa Dal Vecchio, Jane Ruffalo, Paula Weller, Vicki Christensen, Denise Rossi.

100th Anniversary Committee in attendance



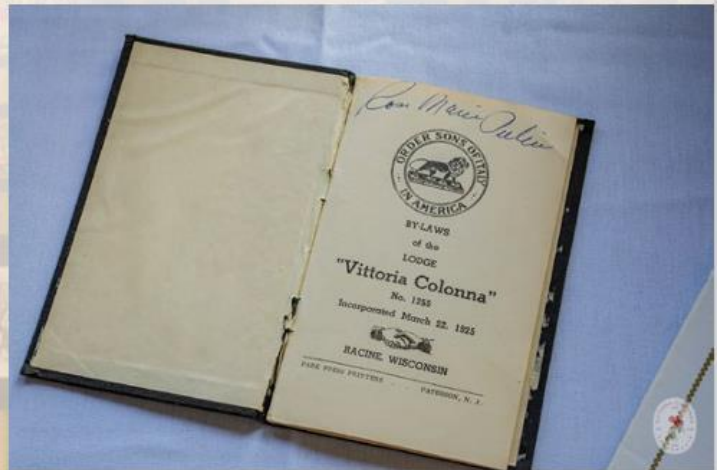
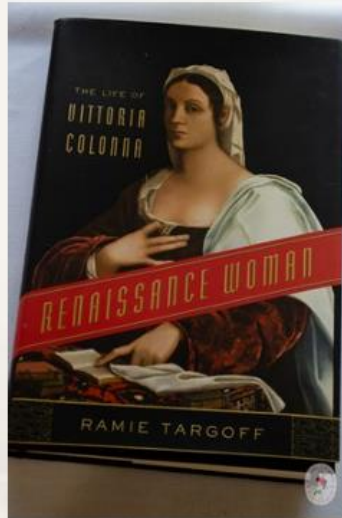
Names from Left to Right:

Claire Weyers, Emma Silvani, Debbie Weyers, Lori Bonanno Haase, Eleanor Britton, Carol Rawlinko, Vicki Christensen, Anita Bononno, Denise Rossi, Briana Silvani, Ann Jurasewicz.

Vittoria Colonna Lodge

Celebrates 100 Years of Heritage & Sisterhood

In addition to the evening's entertainment and amenities, Vittoria Colonna Lodge presented a collection of cherished relics and a beautifully arranged photo wall, offering guests a chance to reflect on 100 years of history and service within the community. Below are a few photos highlighting these special displays.



October Members Meeting

Festival Social Meeting

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Roma Lodge members, Vittoria Colonna members and guests came together October 10th to attend the Festival Social Meeting.

The evening began with a brief members' meeting led by President Jon Morelli, followed by dinner and an opportunity for everyone to relax, reconnect, and share in the fellowship that continues to define our Lodge. Several past presidents were in attendance, highlighting the continued involvement and support of longtime members who have each played a role in shaping our traditions.

The Festival Social Meeting also provided a chance to reflect on the success of this year's Italian Festival and to recognize the volunteers and committee members whose time and dedication made it possible. Laughter, stories, and plenty of good food filled the evening, a fitting way to celebrate another great year of community and teamwork.



Shown above is a photo of four (4) past presidents and our current president of Roma Lodge. Names from Left to Right:

Don Cicero (2005-2008), Rick Bonanno (2013-2016), Pete Ciaramita (1999-2000), Frank Bisotti (2021-2024), Jon Morelli (2025-Current).



Members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet-style meal prepared by the Lodge kitchen staff, offering a chance for everyone to relax and visit with friends old and new. The comfortable, informal setting gave attendees time to share stories, laugh together, and enjoy the hospitality that Roma Lodge is known for.

During the evening, members heard updates on current Lodge projects and upcoming events, along with a review of this year's Italian Festival. Leadership highlighted the strong turnout, community partnerships, and hard work of volunteers who helped make the event a success. The review offered both reflection and gratitude, recognizing the dedication it takes to keep traditions alive while continuing to improve each year.



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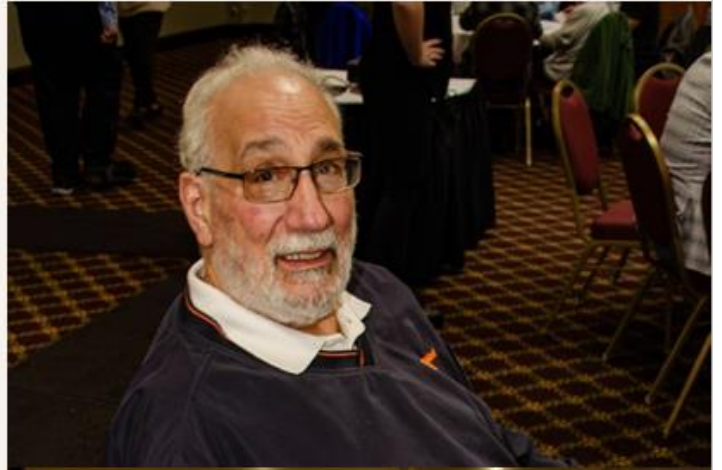
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Saint Catherine's High School Alumni Hall Of Fame

The Alumni Hall of Fame of Racine Saint Catherine's High School was created in 1996 to honor the outstanding career and life achievements of past Angels. On Friday, October 17th, in the John Foster Auditorium, Saint Cat's honored its **Alumni Hall Of Fame Class Of 2025** inductees. Roma Lodge member Ralph Malicki and Vittoria Colonna member Mary Jo Diem are two of this year's inductees. The induction ceremony's program listed extensive bios of each inductee. Ralph was cited for his work in southeastern Wisconsin's grocery industry as well as the Racine community. Mary Jo was cited for her many hours of volunteering, fund-raising and philanthropic gifts supporting many aspects of the Saint Catherine's experience.



Ralph Malicki '81

Nomination Category:

Business



Mary Jo (Curty) Diem '76

Nomination Categories:

*Volunteerism,
Community Service*



Obituaries



Joan Virginia Domanico

May 1, 1938 – Oct 9, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Joan Virginia Domanico, a vibrant and cherished daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, auntie and friend. Born on May 1, 1938, in Racine, Wisconsin, Joan graced this world until October 9, 2025, when she departed peacefully at the age of 87, surrounded by her loving family. She leaves behind a legacy of love and creativity.

Joan was the beloved wife of John G. Domanico, Sr., with whom she shared a beautiful union on February 18, 1967, at St. Edward Catholic Church in Racine. Together, they built a life filled with warmth and laughter until John preceded her in death on December 12, 2019. Joan took pride in her family, and her spirit lives on through her devoted children, as well as her cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren who brought her immense joy and love.

A member of the community known for her radiant smile and nurturing heart, Joan was not only a dedicated mother but also a talented beautician. After graduating from Washington Park High School, she furthered her passion for beauty by attending the Accredited Schools of Beauty Culture in Milwaukee. She honed her craft working at various beauty salons and later took on a teaching role at both the Accredited Schools of Beauty Culture and Gateway Technical College. After many years of teaching, she and her husband John owned and operated the Kenosha College of Cosmetology, several beauty salons and the Wigwam wig shop until her well-earned retirement.

Joan's spirit expanded beyond her professional life; she was actively involved in her community. As a past president of the Italian American Ladies Auxiliary and Vittoria Colonna Lodge, she cherished her family's Italian heritage. Her vibrant character shone through her role as Vice-Queen of Red Hat

Chapter #25959, and as a former 5th Street Yacht Club Queen. Joan's dedication to youth development was evident as she served as a Den Mother, Girl Scout Leader, Troop Coordinator, and PTA member at S.C. Johnson Elementary School.

Joan embraced life with artistic flair. Her hobbies included figure skating, drawing, painting, sewing, cooking, baking, and celebrating every holiday with beautiful decorations. She enjoyed hosting friends and family as her way of sharing love and creativity, turning every meal into a memorable celebration of good company and great taste. Joan's chocolate cake wasn't just a dessert, it was tradition, comfort and love on a plate.

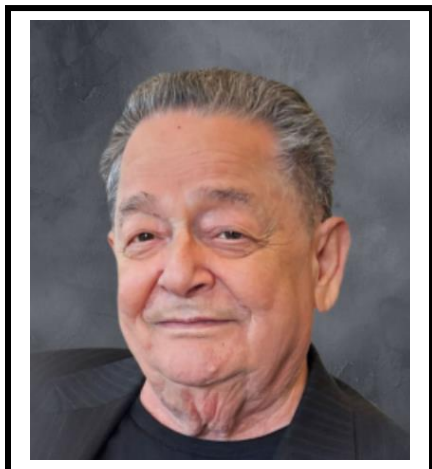
Joan leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Lisa M. Domanico, John G. (Ildiko) Domanico, Tina L. Gatzke; grandchildren, Luigina "Gina" M. Graceffa, Mario J. (Monica) Graceffa, Sarah Joan (Sam) Evreniadis, Margaret "Maggie" Joan Domanico, Giana L. Gatzke, Vincenzo "Vinny" M. Gatzke; great-grandchildren, Xavier G. Rodriguez, twins, Mason A. and Brandon E. Harper, twins, Emma L. and Elena E. Graceffa, Athena Joan Evreniadis and Alessia M. Evreniadis; brothers, James W. Harrison, John E. "Jack" (Charmaine) Harrison; sister-in-law, Rosemarie Domanico, God-child, Jillian Brown Burrow; nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends too numerous to mention.

In addition to her husband, Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Stella Harrison, Sr., brother, Samuel R. "Bob" Harrison, Jr., son-in-law, Eric M. Gatzke; nephews, John H. Harrison, Anthony J. Domanico; great-nephews, John Domanico, Joseph Domanico; in-laws, James and Rose Domanico; brothers-in-law, Adam Domanico, Charles Domanico; sisters-in-law, Judy Harrison, Janie Sue Harrison, and Mary Domanico.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 18, 2025, 11:00am, at St. Richard Catholic Church, 1509 Grand Avenue. The Vittoria Colonna Lodge service took place just prior to the start of Mass. Family and friends gathered at 10:00 am to celebrate Joan's remarkable life, rich with love and beauty. She was laid to rest at Holy Cross Cemetery in Caledonia following the Mass.

In Joan's memory, let us reflect on the warmth and kindness she so generously shared with everyone around her. Joan Virginia Domanico will forever remain in our hearts, an enduring tapestry of love, creativity, and strength that will inspire all who knew her.

Obituaries (Continued)



Cesare Bosco

August 18, 1937 – Oct 22, 2025

Cesare Bosco, 88 years old of Kenosha, WI passed away peacefully Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Cesare was born August 18, 1937, in Marano Principato, Province of Cosenza, Italy, the son of the late Salvatore and Rosina (Ruffolo) Bosco. He immigrated with his family to the United States in 1953 where they embarked on a new journey.

He met and married the love of his life and soul partner Emma Sorrentino on July 13, 1968, in Chicago, IL. Shortly after, they settled in Kenosha, WI, where they started their beautiful family.

Cesare and Emma opened and operated Bosco Bakery from 1969-1978 where they shared many laughs, recipes, community, and love. One of his favorite jobs was working on fire trucks at Peter Pirsch & Sons for many years before retirement. His next chapter was one he cherished most; seeing his children grow his family, and helping to raise his grandchildren. He also spent time becoming a bocce champion at Roma Lodge in Racine, WI, a skilled gardener, a master wine-maker, and a well-rounded handy man.

Cesare made everyone feel at home and had a heart of gold. He embraced his Italian heritage, spreading love and laughter any chance he could. He always knew how to make someone smile by offering a joke, with a cup of coffee or a glass of wine. He was a great friend to many and cherished his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His most treasured moments were the ones spent at Sunday dinners with everyone around the table enjoying Emma's delicious homemade meals. He was a steadfast shoulder to cry on, lesson-giver, and best friend. He will be immensely missed by his family and all who knew him.

Survivors include his wife, Emma; children, Cesare (Wendy) Bosco Jr, Giovanni (Veronica) Bosco, Linda (Dan) Ruffolo, Luisa (Besford Krasniqi) Bosco, and Francesco (Nicole) Bosco; grandchildren, Nina (Mousa) Abuhassan, Bianca Ruffolo, Dario Ruffolo, Mia Ruffolo, Emma Bosco, Sophia Bosco, Lili Russell, Bruno Bosco, Graziella Bosco, and Gaetano Bosco; great-grandchildren, Amira and Azina Abuhassan; sister, Concetta "Connie" DeBartolo; sister-in-law, Irma Bosco; and niece, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

In addition to his parents, Cesare was preceded in death by his sister Carmela Filippelli, brothers Gasparo and Silvio Bosco, sister-in-law Frances Bosco, brother-in-law Gino DeBartolo, niece Carolina Scozzaro, nephew Andrea Filippelli, and many friends and family.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2025, at Proko Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial will take place at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii Catholic Church at 12:00 noon on Thursday. Entombment will follow in All Saints Mausoleum, Pleasant Prairie, WI.

NOVEMBER, 2025 MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14th at 7pm.



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:

Jon Morelli: 262-994-2861 – roma.secretary.iam@gmail.com

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

At the right is a table of BINGO! Captains for 2025. We need people interested in being captains to volunteer. The empty months in the table need captains.

Each captain is required to secure volunteers to sell cards on the floor.

In addition to captains, we need volunteers to step up to learn the role of selling game cards (this job requires you to be at BINGO! from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at a minimum). We can also use volunteers to learn the other jobs of BINGO!.

Please consider giving your time on a Thursday afternoon and/or evening. BINGO! is an important source of income for Roma Lodge.

BINGO CAPTAINS	
JANUARY	Ed Morelli
FEBRUARY	Ken Scolaro
MARCH	Don Vena
APRIL	Jason Evitts
MAY	
JUNE	Rich Nygro
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	Jon Morelli
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	Frank Bisotti
DECEMBER	Jon Morelli



Funeral Service Representation – October through December

Lodge members whose names are within the range ***Pisanello, Anthony – Zwaga, Dennis*** are expected to attend deceased members' funeral services, to represent the Lodge, during the calendar quarter listed above.

You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one, if the occasion arises, during the quarter. All Roma Lodge members are encouraged to attend the funeral services of their deceased brothers. A special Roma Lodge sign-in book will be on hand at the service for members to log their attendance.



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, is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Steve Rawlinko, srawlinko@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

November 2025			
Friday		Saturday	
		1st	Dennis Porcaro
7th	Michael Clementi	8th	Michael Clementi
14th	Mike Garbo	15th	Mike Garbo
21st	Pat Tierney	22nd	Pat Tierney
28th	Pat Diem	29th	Pat Diem



Bocce Schedules

To view Bocce Schedules, click the following link:

<https://www.romalodge.org/members/league-schedulesroster-sheetbocce-rules>

November 2025 EVENTS

Sunday, November 2	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tuesday, November 11	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30pm
Friday, November 14	Members Meeting - 7:00pm
Saturday, November 15	Pasta Making
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving Day

December 2025 EVENTS

Sunday, December 7	Kids Christmas Party
Saturday, December 13	Members Christmas Party
Thursday, December 25	Christmas Day



Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Become a permanent fixture at Roma Lodge!!

Consider the Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Some ideas are:

- Your name and when you joined Roma Lodge.
- For deceased family members – when they were members.
- In memory of a loved one.
- All Family members' names.
- Imagine a brick and add it to the patio.

If interested, please fill out the order form on the next page and return to Dennis Porcaro. You can also order by scanning the QR code below or going to <https://roma-lodge.square.site>

Orders taken will be completed and installed as time and conditions permit.



4" x 8" Brick
\$75.00



12" x 12" Brick
\$200.00

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

To purchase a brick please contact:

Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - apprlservices@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

BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED AS TIME AND CONDITIONS PERMIT

Buyer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Roma Lodge Clothing Store



Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from **The Lettering Machine**.

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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The submission deadline for information, to be published in the December, 2025 Newsletter, is November 25, 2025 at 5pm.

Comments, suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome and will only be acknowledged and/or acted upon if submitted to roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com. Items submitted for publication must contain complete information.