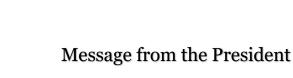
september Roma Lodge Newsletter

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Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope everyone is enjoying our summer this year. I think the weather has been great. I do not remember the last time my grass was this green in August!

Another festival has come and gone and other than a few hours of rain on Friday night, it was once again a successful festival. A big thank-you to Pat Diem and the entire festival committee for another job well done!

August has been a busy month with the annual summer bocce tournament that drew over 30 teams from around the area and even one from Detroit! Three of the top four teams were from Roma Lodge with the Wild Guys taking first place. Congratulations to Bill Gullo, Mike Rauch, Jamie Hasse, and some guy they carried most of the day! A big thank you to Dave Chiapete once again for chairing the tournament and all the members that helped throughout the day. I heard nothing but positive comments about our facility and the tournament. All those teams love coming here.

Also in August was our annual golf outing. We had 15 foursomes this year and had a hot, but fun day. Everyone enjoyed the golf, and the meal afterward was outstanding! Grazie Michael! A big thank you to Guy Schetter and his committee for pulling everything together and providing another topnotch event for the club!

Our centennial celebration dinner is just around the corner on September 30th. We have a lot to be proud of and I hope you all will come out to celebrate together.

The monthly cribbage tournaments will begin in September. Keep an eye out for postings at the club and online.

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

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. Maybe I will even make my lasagna again if I get enough requests! Bingo participation has been 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. Let us all wish Jim a speedy recovery.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help to organize and work on 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, September 8th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th at 6:30 PM.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend with their family and friends.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

Presiden

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The September Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 8th.

Please remember it is important to have a quorum at all membership meetings. Without a quorum we cannot conduct an official meeting, meaning we cannot vote on new members or conduct any official business.



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

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

Jon Morelli (September Captain): 262-994-2861 – roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com

Bingo needs your help for the months of September and October. We are in need of two people to work the food line.

Hours are from 4:15 PM until 6:15 PM on Thursdays.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

If you are available, please contact Dennis Porcaro @ 262-884-9121 or apprlservices@netscape.net

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

September 1,2
September 8,9
September 15, 16
September 22, 23
September 29, 30

John Pisanello
Jeff DeMatthew
Dave Silvani
Pat Tierney
Greg Pierangeli



Italian Workmen's Club (Madison) members brought their Flags of Italy to the Roma Lodge Italian Festival. Pictured are Rick Bonanno, Jim Trameri, John Caliva, Jim DiUlio, David Rizzo, Fred Underhill, Jack Parrino, Jack Theel, Paul Giansante, Russell Theel, Sandy Hunter, Sam Martino, Karen Ganddolph, plus spouses and guests.

A parade of flags around the festival grounds upon arrival and again on departure drew loud cheers, lots of applause and hundreds of smiles.

SEPTEMBER 2023 EVENTS

Friday, September I National Food Bank Day

Saturday, September 2 V-J Day Monday, September 4 Labor Day

Tuesday, September 5 Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 5 International Day of Charity
Tuesday, September 5 National Cheese Pizza Day
Wednesday, September 6 Fight Procrastination Day
Thursday, September 7 National Salami Day

Friday, September 8 Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM

Saturday, September 9 Coffee & Cars & Safety Awareness Day

8:00 AM - Noon
Sunday, September 10 Grandparents Day

Sunday, September 10 National Hug Your Hound Day

Monday, September 10 Patriot Day

Tuesday, September 11 Bocce Captain & Players Meeting - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 13 International Chocolate Day

Wednesday, September 13National Peanut DayMonday, September 18National Cheeseburger DayWednesday, September 20National Pepperoni Pizza Day

Sunday, September 24Roma Lodge CribbageMonday, September 25National One-Hit Wonder DayFriday, September 29Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day

Saturday, September 30 National Love People Day

Roma Lodge 100th Anniversary Celebration

(See page 10 for details)

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen are scheduled to be voted on at the September 8, 2023, Membership Meeting.

Steven Ramig - Age 71 Brandon Silvani - Age 44

Racine, WI Manitowoc, WI Born in Racine

Married (Janet Freres Ramig) with three children.

Single, with two children

Retired from Deloitte Consulting Co. Employed by Skana Corp. as an operations manager.

Eligible via genetics (2%)

Proponent: John Catrine

Father is of Italian descent.

Proponent: David Silvani

The following gentleman is scheduled to be voted on at the October 13, 2023, Membership Meeting.

Dominic Galati Jr. - Age 69

Mt. Pleasant, WI

Born in New Orleans, LA

Married (Pamela Galati) with three children.

Saturday, September 30

Retired

Italian lineage is via Father. Proponent: Rick Bonanno

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in September

September I	Michael Garbo Anthony Hirt		Adolfo Greco Ralph Nicotera III	September 27	Joseph W. Buscemi Damiano Piraino
September 2	Jack R. Kelley	September 15	Michael MIsna	September 28	Charles Hoeft
September 3	William Bushell	September 16	Kevin Tripp		Glen Johnson
September 4	Reid Pellizzari	September 17	Philip Mazzie	September 29	Mark Mano
September 5	Ralph Malicki	September 18	Kevin Elrod		David Schneider
•	Robert Matson	September 26	Ronald J. Brodsko	September 30	Gavin DeCheck
September 9	Eric Andersen	·	James Germinaro	·	
-	Jeff Fidler		Dominic LoPiccolo		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, <u>teamtierney@sbcglobal.net</u> or 262-960-2855 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 Steve Rawlinko, srawlinko@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – July through September

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

Kosmala, Josh - Poisl, Joseph

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.

ROMA LODGE BOCCE CAPTAINS & PLAYER MEETING

The Captains and Players meeting for the 2023-2024 bocce season will be held in the members' bar on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. All players and anyone interested in playing are welcome to attend.

It is the one time each year that any rule changes can be discussed and implemented.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS.

At the July membership' meeting two proposed amendments to the Roma Lodge By-laws were announced. These proposed amendments will be voted on at the September general members' meeting.

The proposed amendments are:

 an amendment to ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS, Section 1 which currently states:

"Section 1. The regular meeting of the General Membership of the Lodge will be held on the second Friday of the month; except when the second Friday falls on a legal holiday, in which case the meeting will then be held on the following Friday."

The proposed amendment would change Section 1 to the following:

"Section 1. The regular meeting of the General Membership of the Lodge will be held on the first Friday of the month; except when the first Friday falls on a legal holiday, in which case the meeting will then be held on the following Friday."

And

- 2. an amendment to Article V, Section 2, Paragraphs E and F. which currently states:
 - E. Following recommendation of the Membership Committee and approval by the Board of Directors, the name of the applicant and his sponsor must appear in the monthly newsletter, so that the general membership will have 30 days' notice of the proposed new member prior to a vote on admission, and an opportunity to advise the Membership Chairman if there is reason for disapproval of the applicant.
 - F. The applicant will be voted upon at the next regularly scheduled general membership meeting that the applicant attends so that the applicant is available to be introduced to the membership in attendance."

The proposed amendment would change Paragraphs E. and F. to:

- E. Following: 1) the Membership Committee's review of the application and any additional materials pertinent to the application; 2) completion of its interview of the applicant, and; 3) delivery of its recommendation to the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors will make a determination as to whether the applicant should be deemed acceptable to become a member of the Lodge. If the Board of Directors determines that the applicant is acceptable for membership, the name of the applicant and his sponsor must appear on the Roma Lodge website under the Membership Section and be published in the monthly newsletter so that the general membership will have notice of the proposed new member. This will also give the membership an opportunity to advise the Membership Chairman if there is reason for disapproval of the applicant prior to a vote on admission of the applicant as a member at the next members' meeting.
- F. If either a member of the Board or the General Membership has questions or concerns regarding the applicant that cannot be resolved in a timely manner, the applicant and his proponent must meet with the Membership Committee to address any issues of concern. In this case, a final decision on the applicant will be postponed until the Board of Directors has determined that any concerns have been resolved to its satisfaction."

(This amendment will shorten the amount of time between when the Board of Directors makes a determination that an applicant should be deemed acceptable to become a member of the Lodge, and when the general membership may take a vote on whether the applicant should become a probational member of the lodge.)

These proposed amendments were discussed at our August General Membership Meeting, and the membership present at the September general members' meeting will vote on whether either, both or none of the proposed amendments will be adopted into the By-laws of the Lodge.

40th ROMA LODGE SUMMER BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The 40th Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament took place on Sunday, August 13 and was live streamed by The Bocce Broadcast Network (BBN). The event was an enormous success and another fun-filled bocce tournament. Congratulations to Wild Guys - Captain Bill Gullo, Frank Bisotti, Jamie Haase, and Mike Rauch (Roma Lodge team) who defeated Sean Krone and the Palino Ticklers (ABC team) by a score of 16-10 to capture the open championship.

Thirty-Eight teams participated this year. Wisconsin was represented by teams from Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Madison. Illinois teams came from Chicago, Elmwood Park, Highwood, and Rockford. A team from Detroit Michigan joined us once again as well. The Roma Lodge Bocce tournament has a tremendous reputation, and it is because of all the volunteers that contribute their time to make it successful year after year.

The Bocce Committee would like to thank everyone who helped: Sisters of Vittoria Colonna members for making Pane Fritta (fried bread dough) led by Lisa Domanico, Joan Domanico, Rose Marie Domanico, Anita Bonanno, and Penny Grant, as well as Lodge brothers Joe Buscemi, Rick Bonanno, Don Cicero, Chuck Christiano, John Gehring, Joe Jardina, Mark & Pam Mano, Dr. Frank Maritato, Joe Porcaro, Guy Schetter, and Jim Silvani. Also, thank you to brother Ralph Malicki & Malicki's Piggly Wiggly for helping with corn and to Groppi's of Milwaukee for donating the sausage.

The Roma Lodge Bocce Committee: Dave Chiapete, Derek Anzalone and Dave Silvani

1st Place

2nd Place

The Wild Guys - Roma Lodge

Bill Gullo (Captain) Frank Bisotti Mike Rauch Jamie Haase Sean Krone & The Palino Ticklers
American Bocce Company (ABC)

Sean Krone (Captain)
Dave Krone
Milan T
Rob Schroeder



3rd/4th Tie/Split

3 and ½ men

Chuck Christiano (Captain)
Dan "Woody" Zanella
Jason Evitts
Victor Pettavino

Anzalone Bocce

Derek Anzalone (Captain)
John Anzalone
Adam Anzalone
Brian Pulda

40th ROMA LODGE SUMMER BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The bocce committee would like to thank the following sponsors for helping make this year's tournament a success.

A & W - Franksville Bourbon Chronicles Groppi's MyEyeDr Malicki's Piggly Wiggly Pitts Law Pro/of Ice Cream Roma Lodge













ROMA LODGE HOSTS THE RACINE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On Monday evening, August 21st, Roma Lodge opened its bocce doors to the Racine Special Olympics. The bocce team consisting of 20 players honed their skills on our indoor and outdoor courts. RSO bocce coaches Joe Macareno and Kristy Pulk were guided by Roma Lodge's Dave Silvani. Dave's daughters Izzy and Emma were also on hand assisting the players. Players, coaches, and parents in attendance all enjoyed the great Roma Lodge pizza and soda which was provided afterwards. Additionally, Roma Lodge donated a \$100 check.

A big thank-you is extended from the Racine Special Olympics to the Roma Lodge Board of Directors and the CARES Committee for providing a wonderful and memorable event. They are already looking forward to doing it again next year.





ROMA LODGE

COFFEE & CARS AND SAFETY AWARENESS DAY



8:00 AM - Noon 7130 Spring Street Mt. Pleasant, WI



Join us for the September Car Show and Safety Awareness Day. Bring your children, grandchildren, family, and friends to see awesome automobiles from the days of Cruising and Muscle Cars through today's destined car classics.

In conjunction with the last show of the year we will be holding a safety awareness day. Come out and meet representatives of the Mt. Pleasant Police Department, South Shore Fire Department and Caledonia Fire Department.











CRIBBAGE 2023/ 2024





Roma Lodge Tournaments Cost \$10 per Person

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

First Tournament of the Season!

September 24, 2023

OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND FRIENDS

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

October 15th, November 12th, 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.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BRUNCH STARTS AT 9AM

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED!



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH ROMA LODGE NORTH HALL

3PM BRICK DEDICATION

4-6PM HAPPY HOUR AND ENTERTAINMENT

WITH MIKE HOBBS & ERIC "DIAMOND"

EBERT, SINATRA & NEIL DIAMOND

TRIBUTE

6PM WELCOME AND GUEST SPEAKER

6:30-8PM DINNER

8-10 PM ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING

"CLASS OF 68"

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PIERANGELI, RICK BONNANO OR DAVE SILVANI

TO PURCHASE A BRICK PLEASE REACH OUT TO DENNIS PORCARO

7130 SPRING STREET, RACINE

OCTOBER 2023 EVENTS

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International Coffee Day

National Homemade Cookies Day International Day of Older Persons

National Golf Lovers Day

National Taco Day

Feast of St Francis of Assisi

National Do Something Nice Day

National Noodle Day Columbus Day HOLIDAY

Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM

Navy Birthday

Membership Meeting (Festival Wrap-up Social

Meeting - 7:00 PM

National Dessert Day National Grouch Day

Roma Lodge Cribbage

National Sports Day National Pasta Day Back to the Future Day

National Make a Difference Day

National Immigrants Day National Chocolate Day National Breadstick Day

Halloween

National Caramel Apple Day

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 ALL INCLUSIVE TICKETS ARE \$75

(Dinner, Transportation, Show Tickets and Gratuities)

THE EVENING WILL BEGIN WITH A FAMILY-STYLE DINNER AT 5:00 pm AT ROMA LODGE, FOLLOWED BY CHARTER BUS AT 6:00 pm TO THE VENUE AND THE SHOW AT 7:00 pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT DAWN TIERNEY AT

262-960-2840

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 October 2023 Newsletter is September 20, 2023. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Worelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary