

7130 Spring Street – Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin 53406 – (262) 886-8850 – RIWA (262) 886-3610

Also Available on the Web at <http://members.romalodge.com/newsletter.html>

Message from the President

I hope that each of you are having a great start to the new year. As the end of my term as your President approaches, I've taken some time to reflect on the past four years here at Roma Lodge. We have had a number of milestone events take place. We celebrated 100 years as an organization. That is truly something we should be proud of. Many ethnic organizations in our area are now gone but we are still here and God willing, we will be here for some time to come.

We moved two major events from Racine's Festival site to our grounds. Pancake Day and our annual Festival are doing great here and most of the feedback I have received indicates people like it here. Parking seems to be the only negative that some have expressed. We completed the sale of the undeveloped property to our west and the proceeds of that sale were used to establish investment accounts that will provide some much-needed financial support for the maintenance of our facility in the future.

I have so many people to thank for all they do for our great organization. I want to thank all the board members and committee chairs for all their hard work and commitment to Roma over the last four years. I want to thank all our members for their commitment to our club. Without you, Roma Lodge would follow the path of many other organizations. Grazie!

And now for the usual reminders.....

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.

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

When making reservations on a Saturday night, keep in mind that the weeks that the couples bocce league plays tend to be busier and most of the teams are trying to get their meals complete by 7pm. I suggest making reservations either early at 5pm or at 7pm or later for the best service.

Pricing for the buffet is \$14.00, \$13.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$8.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

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 Jon Morelli, 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 helping 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, February 14th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President



FEBRUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The February Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 14th.

Nominations for four (4) directors and all officers positions will take place at this meeting.



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.jam@gmail.com

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

Inserted to the right is the 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 others to learn the other jobs of Bingo.

Please consider giving your time. 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

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

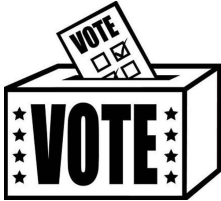
Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in February

February 1	Mitch Nyffeler	February 7	Joe DeMatthew	February 20	Rob Spatz
	John Passarelli		Jason Evitts	February 21	Benjamin Cupertino
February 2	Frank Caira		Ryan Massman	February 22	Eugene Modesti
February 3	Alan Tripp	February 9	Bendt Bendtsen III		Gerald Nosotti
February 4	William Gullo	February 10	Garrett Wilkins	February 24	Arthur Simmons
February 5	John Grycowski	February 19	Michael Kroes	February 26	Tim Nelson
February 6	Jeff D'Acquisto		David J. Ricchio	February 28	David Chiapete
	Chuck Mano		Robert Vallone	February 29	Frank Sullivan

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

If you have not already paid your dues, please remember they must be received by January 31st to maintain your membership. Please drop them off in the board room mailbox or mail them to Pat Tierney at Roma Lodge. Please send to Pat's attention.



2025 OFFICER AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Nominations will be made at the February 14, 2025, Membership Meeting for all officers and four (4) director positions for the 2025-2027 term. The officers whose terms that will expire in March 2025 are President Frank Bisotti, Vice President Dennis Porcaro, Parliamentarian Jeff DeMatthew, Recording Secretary Jon Morelli, Membership Secretary Pat Tierney, and Treasurer Pat Diem. The Directors whose regular terms expire are Steve Rawlanko, Guy Schetter, Dave Silvani, and Keith Stannis.

The election will be held on Friday, March 14, 2025.

To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2025
- Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two years and completed his probationary period.
- Accept the nomination at the time it is presented at the February meeting. If he is unable to be present, he must have a representative deliver his written acceptance of the nomination at the meeting.
- Not be a purveyor to the Lodge
- Not work in a paid position for the Lodge or receive a salary or hourly wage from the Lodge, except for those positions on the Board that are salaried.

Information on how to submit nominations prior to the February meeting will be discussed at the January meeting and will be communicated via future e-mails.

Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Jon Morelli at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com by Sunday, February 16, 2025, highlighting their history with the Lodge and why they wish to serve as a Roma Lodge Board member. These statements will be published in the March Newsletter.

Please consider serving your lodge on the board. Due to term limits President Frank Bisotti will not be running. The following board members have expressed their desires to the board, Recording Secretary Jon Morelli is not running for Recording Secretary in order to seek a different position, Parliamentarian Jeff DeMatthew will not be seeking re-election, Director Bill Pucci is not running for Director in order to seek a different position and Director Guy Schetter will not be running for Director in order to seek another position.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – January through March

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

Adamowicz, Randy – DaPra, Dominic

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.



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.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

January 31, February 1	Guy Schetter
February 7, 8	Keith Stannis
February 14, 15	Steve Rawlinko
February 21, 22	Jon Morelli
February 28, March 1	Dave Chiapete



Bocce Schedules

To view bocce schedules please click on the following link:

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

FEBRUARY 2025 EVENTS

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 2
Sunday, February 2
Monday, February 3
Monday, February 3
Monday, February 3
Tuesday, February 4
Thursday, February 6
Friday, February 7
Saturday, February 8

Sunday, February 9

Sunday, February 9
Sunday, February 9
Sunday, February 9

Tuesday, February 11

Tuesday, February 11
Wednesday, February 12

Friday, February 14

Friday, February 14
Friday, February 14
Friday, February 14

Saturday, February 15

Saturday, February 15
Saturday, February 15

Sunday, February 16

Monday, February 17
Monday, February 17
Wednesday, February 19
Thursday, February 20
Friday, February 21

Saturday, February 22

Saturday, February 22
Saturday, February 22

Sunday, February 23

Sunday, February 23

Sunday, February 23
Sunday, February 23
Tuesday, February 25
Tuesday, February 25
Wednesday, February 26
Wednesday, February 26
Thursday, February 27
Friday, February 28

Couples Bocce

National Tater Tot Day
Groundhog Day 2024
National Carrot Cake Day
Feed the Birds Day
National Golden Retriever Day
Thank Your Mailman Day
National Frozen Yogurt Day
National Fettuccine Alfredo Day
National Boy Scout Day

Roma Lodge Super Bowl Party

National Pizza Day
Super Bowl Sunday
Chocolate Day

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

Thomas Edison's Birthday
Lincoln's Birthday

Members Meeting – 7:00 PM

Valentine's Day
National Donor Day
National Cream Filled Chocolates Day

Couples Bocce

Susan B. Anthony's Birthday
International Childhood Cancer Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Presidents' Day
Random Acts of Kindness Day
National Chocolate Mint Day
National Love Your Pet Day
National Sticky Bun Day

Taste of Italy

George Washington's Birthday
National Walking the Dog Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Sport Memorabilia Show – 9:00 AM

National Banana Bread Day
Battle of the Alamo
National Clam Chowder Day
National Chocolate Covered Nut Day
National Pistachio Day
National Letter to an Elder Day
National Chili Day 2024
National Pancake Day 2024



Sunday February 9th

Doors open at 3:00 PM

Adults - \$15 Children under 12 - \$10

Children under 6 FREE

**Includes all Tap Beer, Soda,
Pizza, Sausage, Nachos, etc...**

Call or Text Frank Caruso to reserve your table

262-914-1026



SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WCSA) is having another SPORTS SHOW at ROMA LODGE on Sunday, February 23rd from 9am to 2pm (it's MOST exciting in the first 3 hours). Founded back in 1975, the shows have grown from dozens to nearly 400 people at each of these events. Our shows feature generations of our families actively participating. Each show consists of over 60 dealers' tables with vendors from numerous states. Memorabilia includes sports cards, autographs, bobble heads, Nascar, other non-sports fun and so much more. We feature an entertaining auction running simultaneously around 9:45am until 11:30am with a large variety of items. Every show brings different surprises! There may be "signing" guests at some of our shows as well. Please pass along the word to friends and family. **And if YOU have a few items (up to 8 "lots") come early and ask me or MIKE if you could submit them into the auction (15% commission to charity) – and walk away with money. Honestly. What are they doing stuffed away in boxes? Bring them – sell them – make a collector happy (it's either that or your kids might sell them for a DOLLAR at their Rummage Sale)!!**

WCSA has fostered a great niche in the sports collecting business by combining our shows with charitable giving. As a "nonprofit organization" our profits go to various charities including, but not limited to the MDA, Lighthouse Youth Center of Milwaukee, Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Autism Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Veterans Charities, and many others. We have led local assistance events for families with providing Thanksgiving dinners, back to school supplies and Christmas presents.

I have volunteered with the Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association since the 1980s (nearly 35 years) and I'm thrilled to bring the WCSA to Roma Lodge every other month. My specialty has been procuring the items for the auction as well as running the auction at each event. Another Roma Lodge Member, John Gehring, has also been a part of WCSA for many years – both as a dealer and a guest.

This is a "FAMILY" Event, and we encourage all Roma Lodge members to bring their families - their children and/or their grandchildren - as they build their own sports collectibles hobby in this healthy event.

(I want to also thank Santa's helper – PAT DEIM – for making an appearance at our December Show / our club – WCSA made a donation back to Roma Lodge in SANTA'S honor).

And ANYONE coming to the Roma Lodge SUNDAY BRUNCH that day will get FREE ADMISSION to the Sports Show before or after your brunch (just tell "AMBER" – at the door – that Paul Costanzo is paying your DOLLAR admission).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.
A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.
Paul
Paul Costanzo
414-425-2525
pcostanzo@wi.rr.com





ROMA LODGE
7150 SPRING STREET RACINE, WI
www.romalodge.com

WINTER BOCCE *Tournament*

RESULTS

1st Place – ABC 1

ABC 1 included the first female champion in Roma Lodge History – Lauren McDermont



2nd Place – Bocce Crew



3rd Place – Tie – Ayra's & DFRV

Roma Lodge

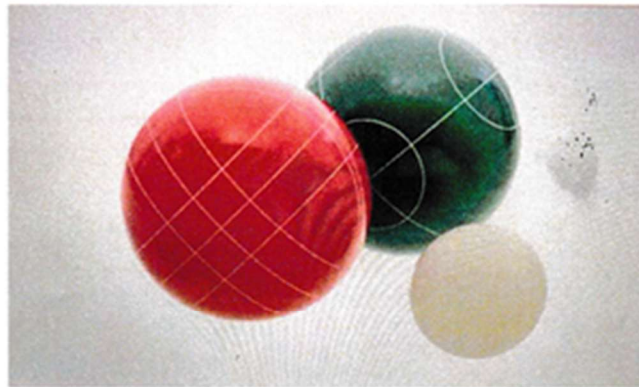
2025 Kids Bocce

Starts Sunday Feb 16

Banquet Sunday April 13th

Sundays from 12:00 until 2:00

Hot Dog concessions will be open each week



Come play the Italian traditional game of Bocce!!

Learn from our very own highly skilled players!

Ages 5 and up open to members

children, grandchildren and their friends!

MARCH 2025 EVENTS

Saturday, March 1

Saturday, March 1

Sunday, March 2

Sunday, March 2

Monday, March 3

Tuesday, March 4

Tuesday, March 4

Tuesday, March 4

Wednesday, March 5

Thursday, March 6

Friday, March 7

Friday, March 7

Sunday, March 9

Sunday, March 9

Sunday, March 9

Monday, March 10

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

Thursday, March 13

Thursday, March 13

Thursday, March 13

Friday, March 14

Friday, March 14

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

Saturday, March 15

Sunday, March 16

Monday, March 17

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, March 19

Thursday, March 20

Sunday, March 23

Sunday, March 23

Monday, March 24

Tuesday, March 25

Tuesday, March 25

Thursday, March 27

Saturday, March 29

Sunday, March 30

Couples Bocce

National Peanut Butter Lover's Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Read Across America

National Anthem Day

National Hug a G.I. Day

Mardi Gras

Paczki Day 2025 (Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday)

Ash Wednesday

National Oreo Cookie Day

National Cereal Day

Employee Appreciation Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

National Meatball Day

Daylight Saving Time Starts

National Hug Your Dog Day

National Mario Day

Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM

National Good Samaritan Day

National Popcorn Lover's Day

National K9 Veterans Day

Members Meeting – 7:00 PM

Pi Day

National Potato Chip Day

Couples Bocce

National Corn Dog Day

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

Saint Patrick's Day

National Chocolate Caramel Day

Certified Nurses Day

St. Joseph's Day

Spring Equinox (Start of Spring)

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

National Chip and Dip Day

National Cocktail Day

National Medal of Honor Day

National Physician's Week

International Whiskey Day

Earth Hour

Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM

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.
- 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 in the spring of 2025.



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 IN EARLY SPRING OF 2025

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!



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

President	Frank Bisotti	fbisotti@ameritech.net	262-914-1880
Vice President	Dennis Porcaro	apprlservices@netscape.net	262-994-3111
Parliamentarian	Jeff DeMatthew	dematthew@ameritech.net	262-880-7474
Recording Secretary	Jon Morelli	roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com	262-994-2861
Membership Secretary	Pat Tierney	teamtierney@sbcglobal.net	262-960-2855
Treasurer	Pat Diem	Pjdiem@outlook.com	414-530-2988
Director	Carmelo Bruno	carmelo.bruno8888@gmail.com	847-533-8888
Director	Mike Garbo	mgarbo02@yahoo.com	262-939-6291
Director	Greg Pierangeli	idocgregtpier@yahoo.com	870-882-1715
Director	Bill Pucci, Jr.	wmpucci50@gmail.com	262-939-3452
Director	Steve Rawlinko	srawlinko@wi.rr.com	262-308-7997
Director	Guy Schetter	gjs4420@yahoo.com	773-986-0374
Director	Dave Silvani	dsilvani@live.com	262-321-1604
Director	Keith Stannis	keithstannis@gmail.com	262-939-6008

Deadline for information for the March 2025 Newsletter is February 20, 2025. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary