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Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

I hope that each of you were able to spend quality time with your family and friends this Christmas. It's always my favorite time of year but this year I spent most of it sick in bed. Kind of a bummer. I love all the delicious meals and get-togethers with my family, but I had to miss out this year. Looking forward to next year. The New Year is upon us and for many it's a chance to make a new start. Whether it's a new relationship, a new job, starting a regular exercise routine, losing some weight, I wish you all success in all your endeavors and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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, January 10th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President

JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The January Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 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:

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

Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – appls@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 January

January 1	Russ Weyers	January 12	Keith Redell	January 24	Randy Adamowicz
January 2	Rich Nygro	January 17	Jay Villani		Buddy Alfano
January 4	Gary Lipor	January 18	Matt Montemurro		James Carravetta
January 6	David Arvai	January 19	Carmelo Bruno	January 25	Joseph Grauwels
	Tim Monfeli		Timothy Vite	January 28	Roger DeRose
January 7	Emilio Infusino	January 20	William D. Chiapete		Patrick Diem
January 8	Kenneth Hotchkiss		Michael Fumo	January 29	Gary Lisiecki
January 9	Joseph Cicero		Donald Vena	January 30	Michael Bishop
January 11	Frank Mazzie Jr.	January 22	Michael Peratt		Jeff Raffini

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



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 3, 4	Pat Tierney
January 10, 11	Greg Pierangeli
January 17, 18	Bill Pucci
January 24, 25	Carmelo Bruno
January 31, February 1	Guy Schetter



Bocce Schedules

To view bocce schedules please click on the following link:

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

JANUARY 2025 EVENTS

Wednesday, January 1	New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1	National Bloody Mary Day
Wednesday, January 1	Emancipation Proclamation Anniversary
Wednesday, January 1	Boston Tea Party Anniversary
Wednesday, January 1	National Hangover Day
Wednesday, January 1	International Public Domain Day
Wednesday, January 1	National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
Thursday, January 2	National Science Fiction Day
Thursday, January 2	National Buffet Day
Saturday, January 4	National Spaghetti Day
Saturday, January 4	National Trivia Day
Monday, January 6	Epiphany
Tuesday, January 7	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, January 7	National Bobblehead Day
Thursday, January 9	Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Friday, January 10	Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Saturday, January 11	Couples Bocce
Saturday, January 11	National Clean Off Your Desk Day
Sunday, January 12	National Pharmacist Day
Wednesday, January 15	National Hat Day
Wednesday, January 15	National Strawberry Ice Cream Day
Wednesday, January 15	Martin Luther King's Birthday
Saturday, January 18	Couples Bocce
Sunday, January 19	National Popcorn Day
Monday, January 20	Martin Luther King Day
Monday, January 20	National Cheese Lovers Day
Thursday, January 23	National Handwriting Day
Friday, January 24	National Peanut Butter Day
Friday, January 24	National Compliment Day
Saturday, January 25	Winter Bocce Tournament - 9:00 AM
Saturday, January 25	Opposite Day
Sunday, January 26	National Spouses Day
Sunday, January 26	International Customs Day
Sunday, January 26	National Peanut Brittle Day
Monday, January 27	National Chocolate Cake Day
Friday, January 31	National Backward Day
Friday, January 31	National Hot Chocolate Day



ROMA LODGE

7130 SPRING STREET RACINE, WI
www.romalodge.com

WINTER BOCCE *Tournament*

\$200 4 PERSON TEAM <small>*ADDITIONAL PLAYERS \$50 EACH</small>	REGISTRATION 8AM GAME PLAY BEGINS 9AM	JAN 25TH
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9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS

8:00 AM KRINGLE AND COFFEE

****CASH BAR** FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE MADE TO ORDER ALL DAY ****
CHECKS MADE OUT TO - ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT OR USE QR CODE ABOVE

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUND ROBIN / SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

CAN USE OWN BALLS IF 107 MM 920 GRAM BOCCE BALLS

ROMA LODGE HOUSE BALLS AVAILABLE FOR USE AS WELL

CONTACT EMAIL - ROMABOYZBOCCE@GMAIL.COM

Dave Silvani 262-321-1604, Derek Anzalone 262-308-7557 or Dave Chiapete 262-939-5914

Roma Lodge
 7130 Spring Street
 Racine, WI 53406
 262-886-3610
ROMA LODGE 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, January 27, 2024.

ENTRY BLANK

Please return entry blank by Saturday, January 20, 2024

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

Team Name: _____

Team Captain: _____

	Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
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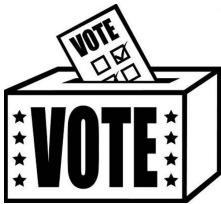
ENTRY FEE - \$50.00 PER PERSON INCLUDING ALTERNATE/ \$200.00 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

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!**



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 Rawlinko, 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

FEBRUARY 2025 EVENTS

Saturday, February 1

Sunday, February 2
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Monday, February 3
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Tuesday, February 4
Thursday, February 6
Friday, February 7
Saturday, February 8
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
Monday, February 17
Monday, February 17
Wednesday, February 19
Thursday, February 20
Friday, February 21
Saturday, February 22
Saturday, February 22
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
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
Presidents' Day
Random Acts of Kindness Day
National Chocolate Mint Day
National Love Your Pet Day
National Sticky Bun Day
George Washington's Birthday
National Walking the Dog Day
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

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

Roma Lodge would like to recognize the men listed below who have been members of the lodge for 40 years or longer.

Member	YRS in Club	Member	YRS in Club
Joseph Porcaro	69	William E. Greco	51
Damiano Piraino	69	Emilio Infusino	51
Frank Maritato	65	Joseph Povkovich	51
Don Cicero	64	Anthony Rossi	51
Joe DeRose	64	Frank Sullivan	51
John Lapetina	64	Peter Chambasian	49
Joe Romano	62	Richard DeFurio	49
Roger DeRose	61	Richard Heck	49
Buddy Alfano	58	Arthur Simmons	49
Frank Catrine	58	Ralph Lipari	48
Glen Johnson	58	Rick Bonanno	48
William J. (Sr.) Pucci	58	Ronald Ernst	48
Nick Romano	58	Douglas R. Goebel	48
Donald Pfaffl	56	Ceasar Mattioli	48
Jeffrey Collova	55	Egidio Infusino	47
Nunzio Germanotta	55	Thomas J. Lorenzini	47
Donald Paar	55	Albert F. Quadraccia	47
James Carravetta	55	David J. Ricchio	47
John Anzalone Jr.	55	William Ruffalo Jr.	47
Tom Garbo	54	Alan Tripp	47
Joe Jardina	54	Frank Bisotti Jr.	45
Aurelio Fardella	54	Howard Olson	45
Ralph Nicotera III	54	Mark Mano	45
Ralph F. Cefalu	53	Alan Porcaro	44
Randall Chiapete	53	Dennis Porcaro	44
Louis Arnone	52	Michael Fumo	43
P. J. Litrenta	52	Pete Ciaramita	42
Leonard Montalbano	52	Randal M. Marvin	40
Alfred DeRose	51	Bernard Polzin	40



DECEMBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The December tournament was held on Sunday the 1st

Winners were:

- First Place: Mark Mano
- Second Place: Kip Humburg
- Third Place: Gil Zemprich
- Fourth Place: Terry Kueker
- Fifth Place: Emma Silvani

We had 24 players; fun was had by all. More fun for some than others. December was the last Roma Lodge Bingo. Thank you, Mark & Pam Mano, for organizing and hosting this event.

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
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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
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Director	Carmelo Bruno	carmelo.bruno8888@gmail.com	847-533-8888
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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 February 2025 Newsletter is January 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