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## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy and that each of you had a fun Memorial Day weekend with your families and friends. The weather this year was a bit crazy, but I still love that weekend as it's always the unofficial start of summer!

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. Michael continues to offer delicious weekly specials. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends. We ask that groups of six (6) or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

I would love to see more members utilizing our dining room on the weekends. If there is something we could do differently or better that would make you want to come out with your family and friends, please email your suggestions to [fbisotti@ameritech.net](mailto:fbisotti@ameritech.net). I would love to hear from you.

The Wednesday night buffet continues to offer a variety of items. If anyone is

interested in volunteering to help on the buffet, even once a month, please contact me. Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids.

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

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.

The 2024 Roma Lodge Festival will take place here on our grounds the weekend of July 26-28. Last year's festival was once again a huge success. A big thank you to Pat Diem and the entire festival committee. The festival is a big undertaking every year and can only be a success with everyone's help and participation. I am looking forward to another very successful festival.

Our scholarship winners have been selected and notified. Their names,

pictures and bios will be published in our July newsletter.

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 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, June 14th at 7:00 PM and will be our normal social meeting to kick off the festival. We will be having the early bird drawing so sell as many festival raffle tickets as you can by then to have the best chance of winning. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, June 11th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

*Frank L. Bisotti*

President



### JUNE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The June Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.



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](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com)
- Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)
- Rich Nygro (June Captain): 262-302-5758 - [rnygro1@wi.rr.com](mailto:rnygro1@wi.rr.com)

We are always looking for people to help in all areas of Bingo.

Inserted to the right is the table of Bingo Captains. We are in need of captains to cover July, August, and October at a minimum. I recently took over Jim Faraone’s role overseeing Bingo. I am still captain for three months as well. I was hoping someone could step up for one or two of these months too.

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	Jon Morelli
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 June

Missed May Birthday – May 12 Eric Weaseman

June 1	Troy Graceffa	June 9	Giuseppe Cortese	June 22	Gerald Schulz
	Brian LoPiccolo	June 12	Mario Ruffolo	June 24	Philip Marry Jr.
	John Pisanello	June 14	Tim Mason	June 27	Anthony Ruffalo
	Ron Zicarelli	June 16	Robert Domanik		Gary Suokko
June 2	Doug Goebel		Stan Postorino	June 29	John Barranco
June 3	Anthony D’Alie		Thomas C. Wood		Eric Dahlke
June 4	Robert Starr Sr.	June 18	Greg DaPra		Albert F. Quadraccia
June 5	Dan Zanella	June 19	Dean D’Amato		Anthony Totero
June 6	Nick Chiappetta		John Suprak	June 30	Keith Stannis
	John Martini	June 20	James Betker		

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

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman has been approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors and is scheduled to be voted on at the **June 14, 2024**, Membership Meeting.

Rob Spatz  
Racine, WI  
Age: 53; Married – Kathy, No children  
Employed as a National Sales Manager for Carbon Day EV Charging  
Italian link through mother (LaVelle)  
Proponent: Rick Bonanno



### **Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – April through June**

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

***D'Alie, Anthony – LaBelle, Jim***

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.

# Italian Festival 2024

July 26th, 27th and 28th

Scan for  
details →



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7130 Spring St  
Mt. Pleasant, WI

**Music, Food,  
Fun, Cafe Roma, Raffle,  
Vendor/Craft Fair & Kids Games**

## ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

May 3, June 1  
June 7,8  
June 14,15  
June 21,22  
June 28,29

Dave Silvani  
Pat Tierney  
Greg Pierangeli  
Bill Pucci  
Carmelo Bruno

## JUNE 2024 EVENTS

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National Pen Pal Day  
National Say Something Nice Day  
Belmont Stakes  
Global Day of Parents  
National Red Rose Day  
National Dairy Month  
National Cheese Day  
D-Day  
National Drive-In Movie Day  
National Chocolate Ice-Cream Day  
National Donut Day  
**Coffee & Cars - 8:00 AM**  
National Donald Duck Day  
National Iced Tea Day  
**Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM**  
National Corn on The Cob Day  
**Members Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
Flag Day  
World Blood Donor Day  
Army Birthday  
Father's Day  
National Fudge Day  
Bunker Hill Day  
National Daylight Appreciation Day  
Summer Solstice  
International Yoga Day  
Take a Road Trip Day  
Take Your Dog to Work Day  
World Rainforest Day  
**WSCA Sports Show - 9:00 AM**  
National Typewriter Day  
National Let It Go Day  
National Pink Day  
Please Take My Children to Work Day  
Bourdain Day  
Global Beatles Day  
National Chocolate Pudding Day  
National Bingo Day  
Helen Keller Day  
International Pineapple Day



# 2024 Racine Pancake Day



On April 27<sup>th</sup> Roma Lodge hosted the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Racine Pancake Day. On behalf of the Pancake Day Committee, we want to thank and congratulate both Vittoria Colonna and Roma Lodge members that helped to ensure a successful event. We served over 3,200 breakfasts, showcased our facility, and helped to continue this long and storied event. We highlighted several youth groups, sport teams and beauty pageant contestants all volunteering their time learning a bit about civic service.

We also want to thank our musical entertainers throughout the day for volunteering their time and skills. The success of this event is measured by the cooperation of our membership and the smiles from the families that came out to enjoy it.



Thank you all again.  
Pancake Day Committee

Two attendees showed their special-colored pancakes



Luigi presented a donation check to Julia Witherspoon and Cops 'n Kids Reading Center

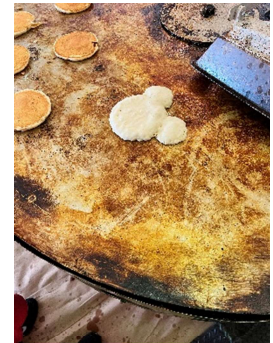


The Morelli Family had their picture taken with "Elvis" – aka Mike Bishop, their favorite performer.

Pictured (L to R): Front row – Santino  
Second row – Luca, Bentley, Leo, Anne, Louie (back to camera), Charlotte (gazing at Elvis), Tony  
Back row – Eddie, Elvis



Cassidy Morelli and her favorite music artist



The Micky Mouse pancake was a favorite with the kids.



Ron Zicarelli demonstrates his flipping skills as Glen Johnson looks on.



Art Rozzoni, Frank Bisotti, and Gary Krause greet guests.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

# COFFEE & CARS

**RENDEZVOUS**

**2024**

*Every*  
**Second Saturday of the Month**  
 June 8 July 13 August 10 September 14

**ROMA LODGE** **7130 Spring Street (HWY C) – Mt. Pleasant**



### **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](mailto:srawlinko@wi.rr.com) or by phone at (262) 308-7997.



## **45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ROMA LODGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL**

### **July 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Festival Raffle Tickets are available, in the Hall of History, for pickup by members of the Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna. Remember, by selling raffle tickets you give our festival a hedge against inclement weather. Please pick up your books and sell them.

The Friday June 14th lodge meeting is a social meeting. Each Roma Lodge member can bring a guest. The bar opens at 5:30 PM. You can turn in all sold raffle books at the meeting. Receive raffle tickets for a chance to win a raffle prize.

There will be a short meeting at 7:00 PM with dinner directly after, followed by our Festival presentation and Early Bird drawing.

Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262) 504-9950 or [rtringali252@gmail.com](mailto:rtringali252@gmail.com).

Planning for the festival continues. We need helpers for setup starting on Monday July 22nd thru Thursday July 25th (contact Pat Diem), Pepper cutting is on Monday July 22nd (contact Joe Porcaro or Don Cicero), Food and Beverage ticket sales (contact Jeff DeMatthew), 10k raffle ticket sales at the festival or pull tabs (contact Bill Gullo), take down on Sunday July 28th evening and Monday (contact Pat Diem or Ken Scolaro).

Please contact any of the Festival Committee members listed on the Roma Lodge members website for any questions.



## SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA) is having **another SPORTS SHOW** here at ROMA LODGE on Sunday, June 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!!

WSCA 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 WSCA 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 WSCA for many years – both as a dealer and a guest.

This is a "FAMILY" Event, and we encourage all of the 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.

Hope to see you at our future shows on Sundays, August 25th, October 20th, and December 15th when we will try to get Pat Diem to play "Santa" (haven't asked him yet – Ho Ho Ho).

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" that Paul Costanzo is paying your DOLLAR).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.

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





## JULY 2024 EVENTS

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Canada Day  
International Joke Day  
Battle of Gettysburg  
I Forgot Day  
Independence Day  
National Bikini Day  
National Workaholics Day  
National Fried Chicken Day  
World Chocolate Day  
**Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM**  
**Members Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
**Coffee & Cars - 8:00 PM**  
National French Fry Day  
Bastille Day  
National Mac and Cheese Day  
Moon Landing Anniversary  
National Cherry Day  
National Lottery Day  
National Hot Dog Day  
National Moon Day  
National Junk Food Day  
National Ice Cream Day  
Christmas In July  
**Roma Lodge Festival - 1:30 PM**  
Uncle and Aunt Day  
**Roma Lodge Festival - Noon**  
National Scotch Day  
**Roma Lodge Festival - Noon**  
Parents' Day  
World War I  
National Milk Chocolate Day  
National Chicken Wing Day  
National Lasagna Day  
NASA is Founded  
National Cheesecake Day  
International Friendship Day  
National Father-in-Law Day



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# SUMMER BOCCE

## Tournament

<b>\$200</b> 4 MAN TEAM <small>*ADDITIONAL PLAYERS \$50 EACH</small>	REGISTRATION <b>8AM</b> GAME PLAY BEGINS <b>9AM</b>	<b>AUGUST 11TH</b>
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**FOOD PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS 9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS  
(NON PLAYERS MAY PURCHASE FOOD TICKETS)**

**\*\*CASH BAR\*\***

**CHECKS MADE OUT TO - ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

### 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

**DAVE SILVANI (262) 321-1604  
or DEREK ANZALONE (262)308-7557**

## 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](mailto: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.

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BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY SPRING OF 2024

## 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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**Deadline for information for the July 2024 Newsletter is June 20, 2024.** Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com).

*Jon Morelli*, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary