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Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

I hope everyone is enjoying our summer so year. I think the weather has been great. A bit more rainfall than normal but I don't remember the last time my grass was this green in August!

July's Roma Lodge Italian Festival was, once again, a great success. We were blessed with beautiful weather and great attendance. It was once again a successful festival. A big thank you to Pat Diem, the Festival Committee and all volunteers for another job well done!

August has been a busy month with the annual summer bocce tournament that drew over 20 teams from around the area and some that traveled much farther! The first-place team was Roma Lodge's "Any Given Sunday" comprised of Dave Chiapete, Troy Graceffa, Woody Zanella, and Chuck Christiano. Congratulations gentlemen! A big thank you to Dave Chiapete and Dave Silvani once again for chairing the tournament and all the members that helped throughout the day, especially Guy Schetter for his unique way of keeping the tournament going. I heard nothing but positive comments about our facility and the tournament. All those teams love coming here.

Our annual golf outing was held in August. We had 11 foursomes this year and had a 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 top-notch event for the club!

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. Michael continues to offer delicious weekly specials along with the regular menu. The food has been delicious. 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.

Buffet pricing is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

Reservations 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.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or consider helping 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, September 13th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, September 10th 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

President

SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The September Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 13th.



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

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

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 September*

September 1	Michael Garbo Anthony Hirt	September 10	Matthew Bremer	September 27	Joseph W. Buscemi
September 2	Jack R. Kelley	September 14	Ralph Nicotera III	September 28	Damiano Piraino
September 3	William Bushell	September 15	Michael Mlsna	September 28	Charles Hoeft
September 4	Reid Pellizzari	September 16	Kevin Tripp		Glen Johnson
September 5	Ralph Malicki	September 17	Philip Mazzie	September 29	John Bonaretti
	Robert Matson	September 26	Ronald J. Brodsko	September 29	Mark Mano
September 9	Eric Andersen		James Germinaro	September 30	David Schneider
	Jeff Fidler		Dominic LoPiccolo		Gavin DeCheck

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

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

September 6,7	Jeff DeMatthew
September 13,14	Dave Silvani
September 20,21	Pat Tierney
September 27,28	Greg Pierangeli



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – July through September

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

Landree, Dale – Povkovich, Anthony

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 Rawlino, srawlino@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The proposed amendment was presented to the membership and discussed at the August General Membership Meeting. The by-law change will be voted on at the September General Membership Meeting.

The proposed amendment, if passed, would allow men, who are currently ineligible to join Roma Lodge due to their lack of an Italian lineage, to join the Lodge in a limited fashion.

The amendment would create a sub-category of membership. Members of the proposed sub-category of membership shall be called Italophilian members and would have the same benefits available to general members of Roma Lodge except the following:

1. They shall not be able to vote in elections to determine the Officers and Directors of the lodge.
2. They shall not be able to propose amendments to the By-laws of Roma Lodge, or to vote on proposed amendments to the By-laws of Roma Lodge.
3. The Board of Directors of Roma Lodge shall have the power to make all rules pertaining to the duties of such members in respect to dues and duties of Italophilian members.
4. The application for membership as an Italophilian member of Roma Lodge shall require the applicant to take an oath wherein the applicant must: affirm an affinity to and interest in Italian culture and swear to abide by the By-laws and rules of the Roma Lodge and a commitment to become an active member of the Roma Lodge.
5. They would need to be proposed to become a member by a current general member, and they will not have the ability to sponsor or propose new members of the Lodge.

To be implemented, amendments to our By-laws must be passed by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the general membership.

SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Sunday, September 1	American Chess Day
Monday, September 2	Labor Day
Monday, September 2	V-J Day
Tuesday, September 3	Signing of the Treaty of Paris
Thursday, September 5	International Day of Charity
Thursday, September 5	National Cheese Pizza Day
Saturday, September 7	National Salami Day
Sunday, September 8	Roma Lodge Cribbage – 12:00 PM
Sunday, September 8	National Hug Your Hound Day
Sunday, September 8	Worldwide Cystic Fibrosis Day
Sunday, September 8	International Literacy Day
Sunday, September 8	Grandparents' Day
Sunday, September 8	National Suicide Prevention Week
Monday, September 9	National Teddy Bear Day
Tuesday, September 10	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day
Wednesday, September 11	Patriot Day
Thursday, September 12	National Chocolate Milkshake Day
Friday, September 13	Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Friday, September 13	National Bald is Beautiful Day
Friday, September 13	International Chocolate Day
Friday, September 13	National Peanut Day
Saturday, September 14	Coffee & Cars - 8:00 AM
Saturday, September 14	National Pet Memorial Day
Sunday, September 15	Wife Appreciation Day (National Wife Day)
Tuesday, September 17	Constitution Day
Wednesday, September 18	Air Force Day
Wednesday, September 18	National Cheeseburger Day
Thursday, September 19	Batman Day
Friday, September 20	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Friday, September 20	National Pepperoni Pizza Day
Saturday, September 21	Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 21	International Day of Peace
Sunday, September 22	National White Chocolate Day
Sunday, September 22	Autumnal Equinox (Start of Fall)
Monday, September 23	National Family Day
Wednesday, September 25	National One-Hit Wonder Day
Sunday, September 29	National Coffee Day
Sunday, September 29	Gold Star Mother's Day
Sunday, September 29	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day
Monday, September 30	World Maritime Day

SATURDAY MORNING **COFFEE & CARS**

The third “Coffee and Cars” of the 2024 season was held on Saturday, August 10th. Over 60 cars showed up as well as many spectators. This was also our Safety Awareness Day with representatives from the Caledonia Fire Department and the Mt. Pleasant Police Department. Hope to see you at our last event of the year on Saturday, September 14th. Remember our motto - “If your car is special to you, it’s special to us.”



Dan Sorenson’s 1967 Chevrolet Biscayne was chosen as Best of Show by the Roma judges.



Pat Juliano prepares his 1951 Ford Custom for the show.



Not all our visitors were people!



Caledonia Fire Department Firefighters – Lt. Beck Leininger, Pete Feese & Jonah Stalker displayed the 100’ ladder truck to the enjoyment of the young and old.



Mt. Pleasant Police Department Officers
– Pat Albers, Dan Neumann,
and Usiel Ramos

Officers Zach Giovannoni and
K9 Officer Aspen



ROMA LODGE BOCCE CAPTAINS & PLAYER MEETING

The Captains and Players meeting for the 2024-2025 bocce season will be held in the members' bar on Monday, September 9 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.



We would like to thank the following for their help this summer keeping the Roma Lodge looking good.

Carol Rawlinko and Jane Ruffalo for keeping the flowers watered. Cyndi Wilkinson for helping Jane and Pam plant the pots.

Jim Morelli for all the grass trimming and bush trimming. Spreading mulch too!

Thanks to our newest volunteer Tina Martinez. She will help with the many cleanup projects outside.

Mark and Pam Mano



41st ROMA LODGE SUMMER BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The 41st annual Roma Lodge Summer Bocce Tournament took place on Sunday, August 11.

Congratulations to club team Any Given Sunday - David Chiapete, Chuck Christiano, Troy Graceffa, and Daniel "Woody" Zanella who defeated Macaroni Rascals (ABC team) by a score of 16-15 to capture the Tournament Championship!

ABC and Friends (ABC team) and Quattro Scamorze (Highwood, IL) tied and split 3rd place.

Twenty-six teams participated this year. Wisconsin was represented by teams from Racine, Kenosha, and Milwaukee. Illinois teams came from Chicago, Highwood, and Rockford. A team from Detroit Michigan joined us once again and Big E came from Texas as well.

As always, thank you to everyone who participated and volunteered - including Guy Schetter who took on the most important job of the day - recording scores as games concluded, and always keeping the courts full!

1st Place

Any Given Sunday - Roma Lodge

Troy Graceffa
Daniel "Woody" Zanella
Chuck Christiano
Dave Chiapete

2nd Place

Macaroni Rascals (ABC)



3rd Tie/Split

ABC and Friends (ABC Team)

Quattro Scamorze (Highwood, IL)

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna participated in the Racine 4th Fest Parade on July 4th.

Special thanks go out to many: Keith Stannis for his trailer and all the work he did to get in ready for the parade, Porcaro Ford for the truck, Rick Bonanno, Carmelo Bruno and Lennie Juliano for their fantastic cars and driving, Presidents Frank Bisotti and Carol Rawlinko, Past Presidents Rick Bonanno and Don Cicero, Robert Valone for the sound, Bob Starr, Ryan Massman and Dave Silvani for portraying the theme (American Heroes) the Graan and Silvani families for all their contributions and assistance.

The parade was a success, the crowd loved the music! Especially "That's Amore!"



OCTOBER 2024 EVENTS

Tuesday, October 1	National Homemade Cookies Day
Tuesday, October 1	International Coffee Day
Tuesday, October 1	International Day of Older Persons
Friday, October 4	National Taco Day
Friday, October 4	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Friday, October 4	World Animal Day
Friday, October 4	National Cinnamon Roll Day
Friday, October 4	National Golf Lovers Day
Saturday, October 5	National Do Something Nice Day
Saturday, October 5	World Teachers Day
Sunday, October 6	Roma Lodge Cribbage – 12:00 PM
Sunday, October 6	National Coaches Day
Sunday, October 6	National Noodle Day
Tuesday, October 8	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Friday, October 11	Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 12	Wine Tasting / Columbus Day Event
Saturday, October 12	World Arthritis Day
Sunday, October 13	Navy Birthday
Monday, October 14	Columbus Day
Monday, October 14	National Dessert Day
Tuesday, October 15	National Grouch Day
Thursday, October 17	National Pasta Day
Friday, October 18	Alaska Day
Saturday, October 19	Sweetest Day
Monday, October 21	National Apple Day
Monday, October 21	Back to the Future Day
Thursday, October 24	United Nations Day
Friday, October 25	National Art Day
Friday, October 25	National Breadstick Day
Friday, October 25	World Pasta Day
Saturday, October 26	National Make a Difference Day
Sunday, October 27	National American Beer Day
Monday, October 28	National Chocolate Day
Monday, October 28	National Immigrants Day
Monday, October 28	National First Responders Day
Tuesday, October 29	National Oatmeal Day
Wednesday, October 30	National Candy Corn Day
Thursday, October 31	Halloween
Thursday, October 31	National Caramel Apple Day
Thursday, October 31	World Savings Day



CRIBBAGE

2024/2025

SIGN IN 11:30 AM



Roma Lodge Tournaments

Cost \$10 per Person

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

First Tournament of the Season!

September 8TH, 2024

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES
AND FRIENDS**

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

October 6th, November 10th, December 1st

January 12th, February 16th, March 9th, April 6th

TOURNAMENTS START AT 12 Noon

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.

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 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 October 2024 Newsletter is September 20, 2024. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary