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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cari Fratelli,

Please keep in mind our founding principles: LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY. Please strive to achieve our objectives: TO SERVE, TO STRENGTHEN and TO UNITE.

HAPPY EASTER TO ALL OF YOUBUONA PASQUA A TUTTI VOI

Finally, the worst of winter seems to be behind us and spring is in the air. We now turn our thoughts to our many great summer activities and events for our members. Please continue to monitor our calendar in the newsletter, website http://www.romalodge.com/members and the timeline in the hallway leading into our Members Dining Room. A new activity, for the Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna this summer, is entering a 4th of July float in Racine's great parade. We need your expertise in the design and building of this float. Please contact Joan Domanico or me, for more information. Also, Roma Lodge is entering a walk/run team in this year's Lighthouse Run on Saturday, June 21st. Please contact Jeff DeMatthew for details. Your help and participation is welcomed, needed and greatly appreciated in all of our activities and events.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the family of our deceased brother, Dino Dominici.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people:

To Don and Rosemary Cicero...thanks for repairing our United States, Wisconsin and Italian flags that fly in front of our magnificent building; to Jim Faraone and Kevin Elrod...thanks for troubleshooting and repairing, at no cost, our Henny Penny chicken fryer in the Members Kitchen; to Jeff and Lisa Gemignani, Joe and Rosemary Povkovich and all of the other "coaches" involved in Children's Bocce...thanks for your efforts in making this activity great for our kids and for the future of Roma Lodge; to Jim Silvani...thanks for your great work and organizational talents regarding our Men's Bocce Leagues; and to Frank Caruso and Chuck Funk...thank you for your help in designing and producing our Café Venerdi promotional postcard. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... Ríck Bonanno

APRIL 2014 EVENTS

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Tuesday, April 1. 2014	Wisconsin Spring General Election	
Sunday, April 6, 2014	Children's Bocce Banquet	
Sunday, April 6, 2014	Couples Bocce Banquet	
Tuesday, April 8, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm	
Friday, April 11, 2014	Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm	
Monday, April 14, 2014	Men's Golf League Organizational Meeting – 5:00 pm	
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Men's Bocce League Championship Game – 7:00 pm	
Wednesday, April 16, 2014	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet	
Friday, April 18, 2014	Good Friday	
Sunday, April 20, 2014	Easter Sunday	
Monday, April 21, 2014	Men's Bocce Banquet	
Friday, April 25, 2014	Celebrazione Italiana – University of Wisconsin - Parkside	
Saturday - Sunday, April 26-27, 2014	Men's Singles Bocce Tournament	
Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm	



Condolences are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Dino Dominici who died February 14, 2014

Dominici



Membership Meetings are now the Second Friday of the Month

That means the next Membership Meeting will be FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014.



Welcome!Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the March Membership Meeting:

Timothy Barsuli, age 51, of Kenosha is employed as a project manager by Camosy Construction Company. He and his wife Karen have one son and one daughter. Both of his parents are of Italian descent. His proponent is Chris Aceto.

Tom Housman, age 55, is a Kenosha native and retired painter. He is maried to Cathy Cricianelli Housman and they have a son and a daughter. His proponent is Chris Aceto.

Cafe Venerdi will be open on Good Friday from 4:00-8:00 pm. Enjoy a great fish fry along with other favorites. Reservations are strongly suggested. Call the RIWA Office at 262-886-3610.

Members Dining Hours for April

The Members Dining Room will be closed Good Friday, April 18, and Holy Saturday, April 19, 2014.



Bingo Captain for April 2014

Volunteer for Thursday night Bingo. Jason Evitts is the Captain for April. Contact him at 262-994-1926.

Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule April 2014

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

Suprak, John - Zupfer, Charles



Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet

Zuddy's Wednesday night special buffet for April 16 includes: Turkey Pot Pie, Baked Ziti, Jambalaya, Henny Penny Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Chicken Pastina Soup, Tacos, Salad, April Fool's Pizza and Dessert.



Four Elected to Roma Lodge Board of Directors

Congratulations to Pat Diem, Jim Labelle, Chip Mazurek, and Anthony Povkovich on their election to the Board of Directors at the March Membership Meeting. Their terms will end March 2016. A full listing of Officers and Directors and Board committee assignments will appear in the May Newsletter.

Sincere appreciation goes to outgoing Board member Dave Chiapete for his many years of service both as a director and vicepresident of Roma Lodge.

And thank you also to Jon Morelli for choosing to be a candidate this year.



Newly elected Directors (from left): Chip Mazurek, Anthony Povkovich, Jim LaBelle, and Patrick Diem

		ERS AND DIRECTORS - February 2015	
Officers 2013-2015		•	
President	Rick Bonanno	262-914-1509	ricokeno@yahoo.com
Vice-president	Dennis Porcaro	262-884-9121	appriservices@netscape.net
Parliamentarian	Jeff DeMatthew	262-880-7474	dematthew@ameritech.net
Treasurer	Joe DeMatthew	262-989-1682	jddematthew@yahoo.com
Recording Secretary	Jerry Perona	262-632-9152	gperona@wi.rr.com
Membership Secretary	Doug Goebel	262-554-7316	dggoebel@yahoo.com
<u>Directors</u> Term			
2013 – 2015	Don Cicero	262-884-8941	cheech@wi.rr.com
2014 – 2016	Pat Diem	262-514-4460	pdiem@wi.rr.com
2013 – 2015	Kevin Elrod	262-551-7565	pizzakevin@yahoo.com
2013 – 2015	Jim Faraone	262-657-1244	jfaraone@wi.rr.com
2014 – 2016	Jim LaBelle	262-995-0152	jlabelle71@yahoo.com
2014 – 2016	Chip Mazurek	847-274-1765	charles.mazurek@varian.com
2013 – 2015	John Pisanello	262-886-1660	jpisanello@yahoo.com
2014 – 2016	Anthony Povkovich	262-880-5945	tjpovkovich@wi.rr.com



Roma Lodge President Rick Bonanno with Vittoria Colonna past President Vickie Christensen (center) and newly installed Vittoria Colonna President Joan Domanico at the 2014 Installation Dinner. Vittoria Colonna Lodge was the host organization.



Gordy Bedrosian, former bar manager and interim RIWA manager was awarded with an Honorary Membership in Roma Lodge at the Installation Dinner. Honorary Membership is granted by the President and Board of Directors to any man who has demonstrated exemplary service to Roma Lodge or the Italian-American community.

ROMA LODGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL 2014

Each Roma Lodge member is assigned only 8 books of raffle tickets. All members are expected to sell or buy the minimum of 8 books to help support our great Roma Lodge. The tickets are now available for pickup in the Hall of History.

The Roma Lodge Festival Committee has met and reviewed areas of contributions for this year's festival. Below are the contributions to community healthcare to which the Roma Lodge Festival will pledge a

total of \$12,000:

1) \$7,000 to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints Foundation for the purchase of a Complete MaxiMove Patient Lift for Cardiac Patients.

Electronically-operated lifts take a great amount of risk and injury out of the patient lift process and transfers from bed to chair, chair to bath or commode, etc. The smooth, quiet transfer of a power lifter reduces patient anxiety and provides more focus on the patient being lifted. The easy use of a power lift reduces caregiver injury and provides more security of the patient during transfer. A battery powered patient lift operates by a hand control which is in turn powered by a rechargeable battery, allowing for maximum transportability

2) 3,000 to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints Foundation for the Racine Health Care Network.

The Racine Health Care Network, Inc. is a non-profit agency providing free or low cost health care to residents of Racine County who are medically uninsured and have a limited income. Services are provided at the Health Care Network office and throughout the County by health care professionals who volunteer their time, offices and skills.

Services: Free or low cost medical and dental visits

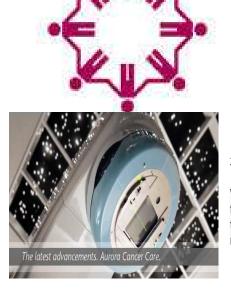
Free or low cost diagnostic tests Pharmaceutical assistance

Information and referral to specialists & community health agencies

Spanish language interpretation

3) \$2,000 to Aurora Healthcare Foundation – Aurora Cancer Care – Racine Clinic

With more than 20 convenient locations, Aurora Cancer Care's service experts put you first in the fight with a philosophy of patient-centered care. A multi-disciplinary, integrated team works with you from day one—treating you at cancer centers throughout our network of caregivers, so you remain close to home.



Roma Lodge can be proud of this year's support of our community healthcare. Sincerely

Patrick Diem – Festival Chair

ROMA LODGE \$10,000 RAFFLE AND DINNER TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



Prizes include: one \$4000 cash prize, one \$1500 prize, three \$500 prizes, five \$200 prizes, and twenty \$100 prizes

Wine, Appliance, and 50/50 Raffles also featured Cash Bar open at 5:00 pm; dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 pm Contact Zuddy DeRose, 262-681-3176, for tickets.



Board of Directors Approves Two By-Law Amendments

At its March 4, 2014 meeting, the Board of Directors approved submitting to the Members two proposed by-law changes. They will be presented and discussed at the April Membership Meeting and voted on at the May 2014 meeting.

Article V; Membership Regulations - Section 6 D. (Membership Dues Payment

DELETE Current Section D:

D. Members who have failed to meet their financial obligation to the Lodge by January 31st, and also failed to make special arrangements for payment of dues as provided in Paragraph C herein above, shall be dropped from membership. Members dropped for non-payment of dues shall be eligible to re-apply for membership upon payment of their past dues, the \$10.00 late payment penalty and a \$50.00 application fee. The decision to accept such member back into the Lodge will be made by the Board of directors after consideration of a recommendation from the Membership Screening Committee. In the event the Board of Directors accepts such member back into the Lodge, the membership status of such member shall then reflect continuous membership, as though there were no gap in their term of membership as a result of this incident. [Amended May 2008 and May 4, 2012]

ADD - New section D

- D. Members who have failed to meet their financial obligation to the Lodge by January 31, or made special arrangements for payment of dues as provided in Paragraph C herein above, shall be placed in an inactive status. During this period of inactive status, such members shall have all of their rights as members of Roma Lodge suspended. They shall be ineligible to participate in Lodge Functions, use the members' facilities, attend meetings of the members, or vote in any elections or referendum until they have paid their dues in full plus a late payment penalty to be determined by the Board. Any such member who has not paid his dues and the late payment penalty before the end of February will be dropped from the membership roster.
 - On or about February 1st, the Membership Secretary shall send a notice of "Final Reminder Statement" to those members that have not paid their dues by that date. The notice shall inform those members of the suspension of their rights and privileges as a member of Roma Lodge. They shall also be informed that failure to pay all dues and any other obligations then due to the Lodge together with the late payment penalty by the end of February will result in such member being dropped from membership.
 - ii) Members dropped for non-payment of dues shall be eligible to re- apply for membership upon payment of their dues, the late payment penalty and the current application fee. The decision to accept such member back into the Lodge will be made by the Board of Directors after consideration of a recommendation from the Membership Screening Committee. In the event the Board of Directors accepts such member back into the Lodge, the membership status of such member shall then reflect continuous membership in the Lodge, with no gap in their membership seniority as a result of this incident.

Article V – Membership Regulations – (Divorced members)

DELETE current Section 8:

A member that has qualified for membership pursuant to Section 1 of this Article on the basis of marriage shall not be eligible to remain a member following a divorce or a remarriage after the death of their spouse unless the new marriage would also satisfy the requirements of Section 1 of this Article. (The death of the spouse shall not itself be a disqualifying factor.)

a) In the event of remarriage, where the remarriage must satisfy the requirements of Section 1 (see above), and the member must contact the Membership Committee and convince the committee that the new marriage satisfies those requirements

ADD - New Section 8:

- A. A member that has qualified for membership pursuant to Section 1 of this Article on the basis of marriage shall be eligible to remain a member following a divorce or a remarriage after the death of their spouse unless, in the case of divorce, a member of the immediate family of the spouse (who is also a member of Roma Lodge) objects. For purposes of former members of Roma Lodge whose memberships were terminated under a previous by-law provision on the basis of a divorce or remarriage, such member may make an application for membership as a new member of Roma Lodge.
- B. In the case of a member who was dropped from membership as the result of a divorce, the Membership Committee shall notify the membership that any member of the immediate family of the divorced spouse who is also a member of the Lodge has the right to object to such application at any time prior to the membership vote on the application. Any such objection shall be a bar to membership by the applicant.

Buon Compleanno e' Tantí Augurí

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in April

April 1 William Chiappetta April

John LeRose III April
Rick Perrine
Edward Staconis April
April 2 David Pagliaroni

April 3 Thomas Vona

April 3 Thomas Vena April 4 Mario Passarelli April 5 Robert DeRose Aldo Fallico Victor Pettavino

April 6 Paul Ferraro George Georno April 8 Ron Gardina

April 9 Jeff Ciaramita Ron Lucas April 10 Frank Caruso

Nicholas Pitts April 11 Joe DeRose, Jr

Noah Guida
April 12 Lester Salerno
April 13 Noel Johnson

April 14 Keith Bouterse April 15 Michael Tenuta

April 16 Brian Hart April 17 Robert Aceto

Tom Garbo

April 19 Ron Ruffalo

Dave Purdy
April 20 Jeffrey Collova
April 21 Richard Sarto

April 21 Kichard Sar April 22 Jon Cuccio April 23 Jim Silvani

April 24 Louis Falaschi William Hasley Thomas Wood

April 26 Darrel Suokko

April 27 Matthew Ferraro April 30 Don Pfaffl



News from the Bocce Courts



Singles Bocce Tourney April 26-27; May 4, 2014



The weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, Finals Sunday, May 4, 2014 are the dates for the Roma Lodge's Singles Bocce Tourney. The tournament involves 8 pools of 6 players each on Saturday and Sunday for a total of 48 players. The Finals will be held Sunday, May 4. Entry fee \$25 per player with prizes 1st - \$400, 2nd -\$200, 3rd - \$100 and 4th - \$50. Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers.

Rules and regulations: Randomly selected pool play elimination rounds with 8 pools with 6 players per pool. Each player will play five games minimum (based on 48 players) and will throw four balls per frame. Pool games to 10 points. Top 2 players in each pool will be seeded and advance to the Single Elimination Tournament. 1st Round of Single Elimination games to 12 points. Quarter, semi and finals to 16 points. Championship game will be played on court 1.

Entry deadline is Thursday, April 24, 2014. Contact Dave Chiapete, 262-939-5914 or Rick Bonanno 262-914-1509 for entry forms and more information.

2013-2014 MEN'S BOCCE LEAGUE SEASON FINAL STANDINGS

Monday Night League
Racine Dental Group
United Nations
Dental Associates
De Rango's Kenosha
Wells Bros II
Avanti's

Bocce Bulls (Tie)
Wells Bros I (Tie)

Tuesday Night League

Racine Durand
Ball Busters
La Famiglia
Rossi Construction
All in the Family

KR Kids

Peroni Lite Azzurri Aquilae Wednesday Night League

Tenuta's Deli Perona's Paisans Lipari Barbers Celeste Cubs Cicchini Asphalt Palino Pals

Executive Barbers
Catrine Barbers
Lakeshore Bada-Bing

Men's Golf League Organizational Meeting

Monday, April 14, 2014 an organizational meeting for 2014 Men's Golf League season will be held at 5:00 pm in the Members Lounge. All those who are interested in participating should attend. For more information on the Roma Lodge Men's Golf League, contact Joe Mandala, 262-681-0492, jmandala@wi.rr.com or Dennis Porcaro, 262-884-9121, apprlservices@netscape.net.



Celebrazione Italiana – University of Wisconsin – Parkside Student Center Ballroom

Friday, April 25, 2014

The University of Wisconsin – Parkside Advisory Committee on Italian Initiatives has chosen John and Ida Alia of Kenosha, owners of Salute Restaurant in Racine, as the recipients of the 2014 Lifetime Recognition Award that is presented to Italian-Americans who have made substantial contributions to the community and to the University of Wisconsin – Parkside through advocating the prominence of Italian history, language and culture in America.

Named to receive the Excellence in Leadership Award is Betsy Brown of Kenosha who has demonstrated leadership that has led to the betterment of the community and the University of Wisconsin – Parkside and who has promoted the prominence of Italian history, language and culture in America.

The program will include the introduction of U.W.-Parkside students who spent a two-week educational experience that included tours of universities and industries in Calabria, Venice and Rome during the summer of 2013, and a presentation on Doing Business in Italy, a UW-Parkside initiative led by Professor Abey Kuruvilla.

This dinner event will begin with cocktails at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$65 each. Roma Lodge will subsidize two full tables which result in a cost of \$50 per ticket. To reserve a seat(s), contact Don Cicero, 884-8941, cheech@wi.rr.com,



HELP – Do you know who these members are? Please help us identify the men in this photo from our archives – date unknown. If you know their names and the approximate date of this photo, please send the information to Jerry Perona, gperona@wi.rr.com.





Please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 dggoebel@yahoo.com of changes of address and/or phone numbers. This will help insure an up-to-date membership list so that you will continue to receive Lodge mailings.







We are still interested in photos of Roma Lodge members with their young sons or grandsons (ages 18 and under). As we mentioned in previous Newsletters – the future of Roma Lodge lies in our children and grandchildren. We would like to feature these potential future members in the Newsletter. Several have already appeared in previous issues of the Newsletter and you can view these on the Newsletter section of the Roma Lodge Members webpage. As we gather more photos, we hope to post them in the Members Dining Room hallway.

Please consider emailing a .jpg photo, in color or black and white, to Jerry Perona, gperona@wi.rr.com. Include your name, the name(s) and age(s) of the child, your relationship (father or grandfather), and the year the child will turn 21 and be eligible for Roma Lodge membership. Or place the photo and information in an envelope addressed to Jerry Perona and place it in the Boardroom door mail slot.

And thank you to those who have already submitted photos. Your help is deeply appreciated.







Memorial Service (REGISTRATION FORM)

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna will conduct a Memorial Service for all deceased members on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 2:00pm. The service will be held in Vittoria Hall and will be followed by coffee and desserts. You may list any number of Roma Lodge or Vittoria Colonna members. DUE DATE: MAY 12

Please provide the following information.

Your Name:	Your Phone #:
Deceased Name:	

Contact: Russ Missureli for details

Return form to: Joan Domanico or Rick Bonanno

EASTER IN ITALY







The air is sweet and the weather temperate, all the fruit trees blossom, wild fields and hillsides are covered in poppies, the first locally grown vegetables hit the market and every town from hamlet to metropolis dust off ancient traditions to celebrate the holidays. It's magic.

.Easter celebrations follow a set pattern. On **Palm Sunday** there are the first religious processions and pageants and in Puglia people have olive branches blessed in church before they give them to friends and family who stick them on their houses as a good omen.

Shrove Thursday evening all people in town go from one church to the other. They dip their fingers in holy water, cross themselves, kiss their forefinger and circulate up to the altar to admire Easter decorations and effigies showing the sufferings of Christ. Along the way you meet and greet all the neighbors, shopkeepers and friends of friends and exchange a few words. The atmosphere is solemn and relaxed.

Good Friday is not a public holiday, but in the evening there are some really spectacular processions drawing everybody from newborn babies to young punks and centenarians out of doors. Traditions and themes change radically from town to town, and they can be inventive and challenging and offer moments of great beauty.

Pasqua or **Easter Sunday** means eating with the family and the size of these Italian meals keep the locals quiet and out of sight for most of the day. From noon to teatime the streets are deserted.

The quietness of Easter Sunday is replaced by endless traffic jams on **Easter Monday**, when everyone goes to the seaside, the countryside, the mountains or some family attraction. *Pasquetta* is the great picnic day when you go out wearing party make-up and your best clothes, of course, hang around with friends and generally enjoy yourself. It is what the Italians call a *casino*, but great fun unless you have to travel from one part of the country to the other. Being stuck on a motorway with 20-40 million Italians on the move can be a trying experience, and I always do my best to avoid it.

Still I wouldn't miss huge chocolate Easter eggs or the dove shaped *colomba* cake that is always ready to fly into the mouth of people who come to call around Easter. In Italy there are Easter traditions for all tastes.

Source: "Easter in Italy." Italian Notes. N.p., 28 Mar 2012. Web. 14 Mar 2014. http://italiannotes.com/easter-in-italy/.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA

Metropolitan Opera: Live in HD - Puccini's La Boheme - Saturday, April 5, 2014 – 1:55 pm

Racine – Marcus Renaissance Cinema; Kenosha – Cinemark Tinseltown

Puccini's moving story of young love is the most performed opera in Met history—and with good reason. Anita Hartig stars as the frail Mimì in Franco Zeffirelli's classic production, with Vittorio Grigolo as her passionate lover, Rodolfo. Encore presentation on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 6:30 pm. See local theater websites for more information.

Taste of Italy - Sunday, April 6, 2014 - Milwaukee

Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street

Sample great Italian food for only \$1.50 per ticket from 11:30 am – 3:30 pm at the ICC. Free admission and parking, live entertainment, and a giant raffle are included. Tickets are \$1.50 each or seven for \$10.00. More information is available on the web at http://www.iccmilwaukee.com/taste-of-italy-2014.html.

COMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 4, 2014 Monday, May 5, 2014 Tuesday, May 6, 2014 Friday, May 9, 2014 Friday, May 9, 2014 Sunday, May 11, 2014 Monday, May 12, 2014 Tuesday, May 13, 2014 Sunday,, May 18, 2014 Wednesday, May 21, 2014 Monday, May 26, 2014 Singles Bocce Tourney Finals
Summer Monday Night Bocce Begins,
\$10,000 Raffle and Dinner
Membership Meeting
Scholarship Recipients Announced
Mother's Day Brunch (RIWA)
Men's Golf League Begins
Roma Lodge Presidents' Dinner
Roma Lodge Presidents' Dinner
Roma Lodge Memorial Service
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)

Roma Lodge Reservations

For Members Dining Room reservations, the telephone number is 262-886-8850. When making reservations for the Members Dining Room, please telephone the Members Dining Room number only. Leave your name, day and date you want the reservation, your phone number, number of people in your party, and estimated time of arrival. You will only receive a call back if there is a problem or a question about your reservation. NOTE: The Members Dining Room is always closed on Membership Meeting nights. It is also closed on Wednesday and weekend nights when events for members or members and quests are scheduled. To reserve the Venetian Room and for Roma-to-Go, telephone the RIWA Office at 262-886-3610. For the Members Card Room telephone is 262-886-2557.



Advertising Available in the Roma Lodge Newsletter

You can now purchase ads that will appear in the monthly Roma Lodge Newsletter and in color on the Roma Lodge Members' web page. Cost for ads is \$20 / month for a six month contract with an introductory offer of \$15 / month for six months. These ads will provide a new and profitable outlet for our members who own or operate businesses as well as a source of services available to our members. Contact Jim Faraone (262)657-1244 ifaraone@wi.rr.com for more information.





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The deadline for information for the May 2014 Newsletter is Monday, April 21, 2014. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at gperona@wi.rr.com.

Jerry Perona,

Jerry Perona, Roma Lodge Secretary