

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



7130 Spring Street- Racine, Wisconsin 53406 – (262) 886-3610 – Fax (262-886-6286
Also Available in Full Color on the Web at <http://members.romalodge.com/newsletter.html>

November 2014 Issue

October 27, 2014

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cari Fratelli,

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

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. BUON GIORNO del RINGRAZIAMENTO.

We celebrated our 91st annual Columbus Day on Saturday, October 11th. Our members were treated to an entertaining evening provided by our guest speaker, Eric Dregni, and the music of The Tom Anthony Band. It is always a pleasure to see our members interacting with each other and enjoying themselves. Our \$10,000 Raffle will be held on Tuesday, November 4th. This is an important revenue generating event for our club. Please do what you can to support this raffle. Zuddy's Wednesday night special buffet is on November 19th. We will light up the Roma Lodge grounds for the holiday season on Wednesday, November 26th. Bring the kids to see Santa and to also enjoy the Wednesday night buffet. The couple's bocce "Turkey Shoot" will be on Friday, November 28th. Each team is comprised of 3 couples. This is a single elimination format with games starting at 7:00pm. Register your team with Zuddy. The Packers vs Vikings Scholarship Fund Raiser is on Sunday, November 23rd. Our first scholarship fund raiser was successful and this second one promises to be even better. Please see John Pisanello or Zuddy for tickets. Please continue to monitor our calendar in the newsletter, our website www.romalodge.com and the timeline in the hallway leading into the member's dining room, for all of our events.

Veterans Day is Tuesday, November 11th. Please take the time to remember and thank the brave men and women for their service to our country.

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

To Russ Missureli, Dennis Porcaro, Zuddy DeRose and Mario Ruffolo...thanks for your efforts in making our 91st annual Columbus Day a great success. To Joyce Salerno...thanks for your donation of the 2 statues for the Hall of History. To Armando Covelli...thanks for your very generous donation of \$1,000 to Roma Lodge. To Judy Chiappetta...thanks for your donation of the replacement trees for our driveway. To Fred Metzger...thanks for your donation of tree trimming and tree planting services. To Jim Pitts...thanks for your donation of HDTV for our member's lounge. To Rose Beltrano Sesso...thanks for your donation of the gold plate for our Hall of History. To Vicki Christensen, Jeff DeMatthew, Dennis Porcaro and Mario Ruffolo...thanks for your help in hosting the students from the University of Calabria. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU. a fun day. To Zuddy DeRose and Chip

Vi Saluto...*Rick Bonanno*

NOVEMBER 2014 EVENTS

Saturday, November 1, 2014	Wine Tasting and Bocce at Roma Lodge – 11:30 am
Sunday, November 2, 2014	Daylight Savings Time Ends
Tuesday, November 4, 2014	Wisconsin Fall General Election
Tuesday, November 4, 2014	\$10,000 Raffle and Dinner - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 11, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, November 11, 2014	Veterans Day
Friday, November 14, 2014	Membership Meeting – 7:00pm
Sunday, November 16, 2014	Packers vs Philadelphia (Gold Package) – noon (tentative)
Wednesday, November 19, 2014	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet – 5:30 pm
Sunday, November 23, 2014	Lunch and a Packer Game – Scholarship Fund Raiser – 11:00 am
Wednesday November 26, 2014	Roma Lodge Holiday Lighting and Pizza – 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 27, 2014	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 28, 2014	Couples Bocce "Turkey Shoot" – 7:00 pm

MEMBERSHIP MEETING BIG SCREEN HDTV RAFFLE!

One Free Entry for Every Membership Meeting You Attend

It started in August and will continue through the December Membership Meeting. During each of those months, each member who attends the meeting receives one free raffle entry for the December drawing of a 50 Inch HDTV. The tickets will accumulate until the December drawing so save your tickets because the more meetings you attend, the greater your chances to win. And – you must be present at the December meeting to claim your prize.



Welcome New Members - Voted into Membership at the October 2014 Membership Meeting:

Carmelo Bruno, age 49 was born in Uruguay. He and his wife Louise now reside in Kenosha. They have three children. Carmelo is employed as a salesman for Foxlink International in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. His proponent is Ralph Annina.

Thomas Devroy, age 57, was born in Racine but currently lives in Kenosha. Tom is employed as a salesman for IFS, a software development company. He and his wife Nicolina, who is of Italian descent (Cortese), have two sons and a daughter. His proponent in John Passarelli.

Esteban Malacara, age 35, is an assistant principal at Mitchell Middle School in Racine. Esteban was born and resides in Racine with his wife Nicola (nee Sarto) along with their one son. His proponent is his father-in-law, Pat Sarto.

Frank Molinaro, age 61, was born in Milwaukee and now resides in Racine. He is single and retired. He has two children. His proponent is Victor Patrizzi.



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the November 14 Membership Meeting

Robert Matson, age 65 of Racine – Proponent: Joe Matson (son)

Ronald K Redel, age 82 of Racine – Proponent: Don Cicero

Angelo Sarto, age 36, of Franksville – Proponent: Pat Sarto (father)

Proposed by-Law Changes

At the November Membership Meeting two proposed By-law Amendments will be discussed.

Article IX, Section 4

The Board is recommending amending By-law Article IX, Section 4 to increase expenditure from \$3000 to \$10,000.

By-law would read:

The President should have the authority to approve expenditures of up to \$1,000. Any expenditure of \$1,000 or more, but less than ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 shall require the approval by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any expenditure of ~~\$3,000~~ \$10,000 or more shall be submitted to the general membership for approval.

The Board is recommending the change because the Roma Lodge facilities, furnishings, and equipment are showing their age, and a number of facility repairs or modifications are expected in the coming months. The Board recommends the change to give the Board of Directors greater flexibility and speed in addressing these needs.

Article IX, Section 10.

The proposal is to change the Columbus Day Dinner to a members and guests function instead of members only by changing section 10 as follows:

Section 10:

The Roma Lodge ~~Columbus Day Dinner and~~ Christmas Party shall be a “members only functions”. The Members Christmas Party must be held on a Saturday night.

The Board recommended the change to:

1. Place a renewed emphasis on the importance of Christopher Columbus in American and world history and enhance his image which some groups and historians have tried to tarnish in recent years
2. Provide another opportunity to highlight the importance of Roma Lodge and the Italian-American Community in Racine
3. Be able to extend invitations to community leaders and to organizations to which Roma Lodge has donated funds and talents to familiarize them with Italian-American history and culture
4. Expose non-members to the banquet services that Roma Lodge provides
5. Yield higher revenues from this event

A vote on the change will be held at the December Membership Meeting.



Special Assessments

SPECIAL DUES ASSESSMENT PROPOSED

The Board of Directors is recommending a one-time dues assessment for 2015. This will allow Roma Lodge to enter 2015 on a stronger financial footing as well as avoid a change in dues structure or festival raffle ticket sales requirements. The one-time assessment for 2015 would be \$30 for those members paying full dues and \$15 for members paying half dues. This proposal will be discussed at the November meeting and voted on at the December Membership meeting



Your Help is Needed – BINGO!

One of the major sources of income is weekly Roma Lodge Bingo. Volunteers are always needed. Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning Jim Faraone at (262) 657-1244, jfaraone@wi.rr.com, Jim LaBelle 262-995-0152 jlabelle71@yahoo.com, or Rick

Heck, 262-681-1279, Rheck@Voyager.Net. Len Juliano is the captain for October.



**CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU TO THE 2014 FESTIVAL RAFFLE SALES
TOP GUN AWARD WINNERS**

ROMA LODGE

Russell Missureli	286 Books	Louis Arnone	21 Books
Joe Porcaro	106 Books	Jason Evitts	21 Books
Tom Vena	58 Books	Randy Evitts	21 Books
Mario Aiello	45 Books	Art Rozzoni	20 Books
Frank Bisotti	35 Books	Pat Diem	18 Books
Jeff DeMatthew	22 Books	Michael Plantamura	16 Books
Gary Lipor	22 Books	Steve Rawlinko	16 Books

VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE

Ruth Miller	24 Books	Pat I. Chiapete	10 Books
Laurel Celeste	11 Books	Diane Maritato	10 Books
Cindy Pisanello	11 Books	Carol Rawlinko	10 Books
Rose Bagdasarian	10 Books		



Thank You from Wheaton Franciscan – All Saints Foundation

Dear Roma Lodge

Thank you! We are extremely grateful to you for your recent gift of \$10,000 to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints Foundation, designated for our Cardiovascular Institute. Your gift will truly make a difference in the lives of our patients and families what we care for each day.

All Saints Foundation joins Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare in its mission as we work to advance health care in our communities. We are committed to providing the highest quality care for those in

our community, regardless of their ability to pay. Growing support from friends like you enables us to continue this very important mission in an ever-changing health care environment.

Our Foundation friends are a blessing and instrumental to the success of our mission. It is through your support that we can continue our commitment to excellence. Thank you again for your thoughtful gift.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Krizek, Executive Director, Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – All Saints Foundation.



THANK YOU, ARMANDO!

Roma Lodge brother Armando Covelli presented President Rick Bonanno with a donation of \$1,000 to Roma Lodge. Armando made his donation at the October Membership Meeting.

The Board of Directors along with the Membership express their sincere appreciation for this generous gift.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule November 2014

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

Macarra, Roland – Muzenski, Ed

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. 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.

University of Calabria Students Visit Roma Lodge



On Wednesday, October 1 students from the University of Calabria who are involved with the University of Wisconsin – Parkside / University of Calabria Exchange Program visited Roma Lodge.

Pictured left to right: Rick Bonanno, Vicki Christensen, Elvira Armentano, Francesca Aura, Luisa Pecora, Jeff DeMatthew and Mario Ruffolo. Not pictured Dennis Porcaro.

The students toured our facilities, enjoyed our Wednesday night buffet, watched bocce league games and were hosted by Vicki Christensen at her home. Thanks to Vicki Christensen, Jeff DeMatthew, Mario Ruffolo and Dennis Porcaro for their help.

COLUMBUS DAY – A NOTE FROM THE GUEST SPEAKER



From: Eric Dregni <dregni@cord.edu>

To: Rick Bonanno <ricokeno@yahoo.com>

Subject: RE: Columbus Day at Roma Lodge October 11, 2014

Ciao Rick,
thanks so much for the outstanding hospitality last Saturday. What fun.

I felt bad that I ran out of "Never Trust a Thin Cook." Several members asked where they could find the book, so perhaps you could pass on that it's available on amazon.com at

http://www.amazon.com/Never-Lessons-Italy%C2%92s-Culinary-Capital/dp/0816667454/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1414013180&sr=1-1&keywords=never+trust+a+thin+cook

I also spoke with a few members who were interested in Lago del Bosco. Here's the website if they'd like more information:

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/>

And thank you to Dennis Porcaro, Zuddy DeRose, Rick Bonanno and all those other volunteers that helped make this year's Columbus Day one of the best in many years. And a special thanks to all the members who attended and made it the success it was.

ROMA LODGE HALL OF HISTORY GETS NEW STATUES



Joyce Salerno of Racine donated 2 statues for display in the Roma Lodge Hall of History. On the left is a Roman woman pouring water from a vase; on the right is the statute of an Italian Carabinieri, the national police force of Italy

\$10,000 RAFFLE AND DINNER – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014



PRIZES INCLUDE:

**ONE \$4,000 CASH PRIZE, ONE \$1,500 PRIZE, THREE \$500 PRIZES, FIVE \$200 PRIZES
AND TWENTY \$100.00 PRIZES**

50/50, TURKEY AND APPLIANCE RAFFLES WILL ALSO BE FEATURED

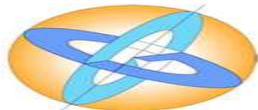
TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH, WHICH INCLUDES TWO DINNER TICKETS

CASH BAR BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M. WITH DINNER SERVED BETWEEN 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM Zuddy DeRose - 681-3576

NOTE: Tickets are sold on a first come-first serve basis

Istituto Tecnico Industriale
Statale
Galileo GALILEI



ITALIAN TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS TO VISIT ROMA LODGE

On Wednesday, November 19, exchange students from the Istituto Tecnico Industriale Galileo Galilei in Arezzo in Tuscany who will be attending Gateway Technical College- Kenosha Campus will also be visiting the Lodge for a tour and buffet. This two week exchange program is the first time Gateway has exchanged students with a technical institute in Italy. The students will participate in a variety of classes including computer science, manufacturing, energy systems, engineering, power plant systems, and industrial processing. They will be joined by Dr. Bryan Albrecht, President of Gateway Technical College along with other staff members including mentor Ralph Annina.



ROMA LODGE LUNCH AND A PACKER GAME – SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAISER

Sunday, November 23, 2014 – 11:00 am

Watch the Packers beat the Minnesota Vikings –

While enjoying a great pasta lunch, along with snacks and drinks and raffles

Cost is \$10 - Game time is 12 noon

Bring your family and friends and help raise money for the Roma Lodge Scholarship Fund

Contact John Pisanello for reservations and information at 262-939-5650

Or email jpisanello@yahoo.com

Buon Compleanno e' Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in November

Nov 1 William Chiapete

Roland Macarra

Emil Passarelli

Greg Perona

Lester Perugini

Nov 3 Gary Ricchio

Nov 4 Antonio Rottino

Nov 5 Frank Aiello

Darryl Sturino

Nov 6 Michael Boero

Nov 7 Jerry Sackman

Nov 8 James Pitts

Nov 10 Gene Bilotti

Rick Bonanno

Nov 10 Ralph Cefalu

Tom Chambasian

Esteban Malacara

Nov 11 John LeRose Jr

Rick Palmer

Nov 12 Richard Tringali

Nov 13 Sam Graceffa Jr

Russ Missureli

Nov 14 Richard Chiapete

Jim Mascari

Pat Tierney

Nov 15 Charles Lombardi

Nov 16 Grant DeCheck

Nov 18 Elmer DeLabio

Ron Woods

Nov 19 Zuddy DeRose

Nov 20 David Boero

Leonard Juliano

Nov 21 Louis DeFurio

P.J. Litrenta

Nov 22 Caesar Mattioli

Nov 26 Eginio Angelini

Nov 28 Frank Andreoli

Thomas Devroy

Nov 29 Clarence Bianco

William Binetti

Nov 30 Salvatore Filpi

John Tyllo

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, dggobel@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Attention Snow Birds and Others Who Have a Change of Address and/or Phone number

Whether you have a temporary or permanent change of address and/or phone number, please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 dggoebel@yahoo.com of these changes of address. This will help insure an up-to-date membership list so that you will continue to receive Lodge mailings.



How to Receive Your Roma Lodge Newsletter

By Email – For your free subscription delivered right to your email box in full color, send your email address to Jerry Perona at gperona@wi.rr.com.

On the Roma Lodge Members web page – Also free for reading and printing, the current monthly newsletter and back issues can be accessed at <http://www.romalodge.com/members/roma-lodge-newsletter>

By subscription via U.S. Mail – For paper copies mailed to your home, send a check for \$25 per year subscription to Doug Goebel, c/o Roma Lodge and request your name be added to the mailing list.

At Roma Lodge – a limited number of paper copies are available in the Hall of History on a first come-first serve basis

ROMA LODGE OUTDOOR HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND PIZZA BUFFET



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2014

Fun begins at 6:00 pm with Hot Punch and Hot Chocolate with a visit from that Jolly Old Elf himself

Then Watch as the Roma Lodge Grounds Turn into a Lighted Holiday Wonderland

Then Join Us for our Regular Pizza Buffet in the Members Dining Room

Reservations for the Buffet are Suggested - 886-8850

**ROMA LODGE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR ROMA LODGE MEMBERS' CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2014 - DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL FEATURE - LUNCH AND PICTURES WITH SANTA AT 12 NOON

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE - ADULTS ARE \$10.00 EACH

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY DECEMBER 8 TO MAKE SURE SANTA DOESN'T FORGET A PRESENT FOR YOUR CHILD

Return this reservation form BY DEC. 8 to: Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party, 7130 Spring St, Racine, WI 53406

Make Checks Payable to ROMA LODGE

Member's Name _____

Number of Adults at \$10.00 each _____

Child's Name

Boy or Girl

Age

Relationship

B

G

B

G

B

G

B

G

December 6, 2014 Roma Lodge Members Christmas Party



Table Reservation Form

Reservation Deadline is Monday, December 1, 2014

This is a Member's Only Function (One member with one guest)

Ticket price is \$20 each. Payment Does NOT have to accompany the Reservation Form –

Payment is due on Friday, December 5, 2014

Reservations can be made for groups of less than 10

*Reservation Forms and Payment can be mailed to Zuddy DeRose, c/o Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St,
Racine, WI 53406*

Names (One name per space)

Names (One Name per space)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA



Of Heaven and Earth: 500 Years of Italian Painting from Glasgow Museums – October 2014 – January 4, 2015 – Milwaukee

Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N. Art Museum Drive

Bellini, Botticelli, Titian – great master of European art feature prominently in this exhibition. Experience the full breadth of Italy's rich painting tradition. See paintings of the late Middle Ages and Renaissance, and Neoclassical and genre paintings of the nineteenth century, in a rare viewing of this extraordinary collection, at its only Midwest venue. Admission is \$14 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 6, 2014	Members Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 9, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 12, 2014	Membership Meeting
Sunday, December 14, 2014	Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 17, 2014	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Sunday, December 21, 2014	First Day of Winter
Thursday, December 25, 2014	Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31, 2014	RIWA New Year's Eve Party

To All Our Members and Their Families



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 guests 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 jfaraone@wi.rr.com for more information.

PORCARO Ford
A Whole New Experience In Car Buying
driveracine.com

BLUE OVAL CERTIFIED
6001 Washington Ave. • Racine, WI 53406
(262) 886-5200 • Fax: (262) 886-5623

STURINO FUNERAL HOME
Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Ave
Racine, WI 53404
262-632-4479

Darryl M. Sturino

dsturino@sturinofuneralhome.com
Continuing a Racine Tradition Since 1897 • www.sturinofuneralhome.com

MICHAEL F CUCCIA, CPA
TAX ACCOUNTING PAYROLL SERVICES
INDIVIDUALS & BUSINESS & PROBATE
RETIREMENT & ESTATE PLANNING

262-886-1352 www.MFC-CPA.com

Mario's Italian Sports Bar

JAMES A. PITTS GREGORY A. PITTS
Attorneys at Law – Roma Lodge members

Civil Trials / Personal Injury / Business Disputes /
Insurance Claims / Workers Compensation / Disability

Schoone, Leuck, Kelley, Pitts & Pitts, S.C.
6800 Washington Avenue, Racine, WI 53408-5600
www.pittslaw.com (262) 886-8240

Free Estimates

Cicchini Asphalt, LLC
For Paved That You Can See

Attilio J. Cicchini
Vice President

4700 - 52nd Avenue
Kenosha, WI 53144

Phone (262) 654-1929
Fax (262) 654-8002
e-mail: jimcicchini@wi.rr.com

Mario Passarelli
Mario's Italian Sports Bar
2322 Lathrop Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53405
(262) 554-0880
www.mariositaliansportsbar.com

RACINE'S #1 BINGO – Every Thursday Night
\$2000 Paper Sheet & New Games for \$200
Prizes! Come for Dinner- Doors Open at 4:00
Games Start at 6:30 pm –SMOKE FREE

C.J.W. Inc. 2437 Chicory Rd. Racine, WI

The Public is Welcome to
ROMA LODGE
CAFÉ VENERDI
Open Fridays 4:00-8:00 pm

ROMA LODGE
Racine's Most Prestigious Banquet Facility
Receptions, Meetings, Parties
262-886-6286

Southwest Dental Group
Dr. Richard L. DeFurio
Dr. David L DeFurio
Dr. Stephen N. Norwich
2601 Taylor Ave 262-632-3156
www.sw-dental.com

ERICKSON MOBILITY
A Division of Erickson Auto Trim, Inc.

2210 Lathrop Avenue
Phone 262-554-1202
www.ericksonmobility.com

Roma To Go
886 3610

DM D'ACQUISTO MOTORS
FRANK D'ACQUISTO

1202 Lathrop Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53405
Office: 262-635-9999

The deadline for information for the December 2014 Newsletter is Tuesday, November 18, 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