

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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 YOU....BUONA PASQUA A TUTTI VOI

It has truly been an honor to serve as Roma Lodge's president during the last 2 years. I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to work with this outstanding board of directors and all of our members. We now begin our second term with as much enthusiasm, dedication, confidence and love for Roma Lodge as ever before. Our Roma Lodge membership is pulling together and we have made tremendous strides during the last 2 years. We are building a very strong and solid foundation for the future. Our progress can be seen everywhere. It is up to all of us to keep working together so that our momentum constantly strengthens and continues to move in a positive direction. Thanks to all of you for contributing your time and talents to Roma Lodge's current and future success.

I would like to congratulate and thank Roma Lodge's newly elected officers: Vice President Dennis Porcaro, Parliamentarian Jeff DeMatthew, Recording Secretary Tony Povkovich, Membership Secretary Doug Goebel and Treasurer Pat Diem. Also, Roma Lodge's newly elected directors: Frank Bisotti, Don Cicero, Kevin Elrod, Jim Faraone, Michael Kroes and John Pisanello. And, Roma Lodge's current directors: Chip Mazurek and Jim LaBelle. I am very proud to serve with each of you.

We, again, would like to thank Jerry Perona, Recording Secretary, and Joe DeMatthew, Treasurer, for their outstanding service on our board of directors.

Our best wishes go to Roma Lodge brother Lawrence Presta on his 90th birthday. Buon compleanno e tanti auguri.

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

To Jason Caira...thanks for your time and expertise in conducting our CPR training. To Jeff and Lisa Gemignani...thanks for your great work regarding kids bocce. To Gary and Vicki Christiansen...thanks for organizing our couples bocce league. To Joe DeMatthew...thank you for donating the lights for our new bridal suite. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

APRIL 2015 EVENTS

Sunday, April 5, 2015	Easter Sunday
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm
Tuesday, April 7, 2015	Wisconsin Spring General Election
Friday, April 10, 2015	Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 14, 2015	Bocce Club Championship Game
Monday, April 20, 2015	Bocce League Banquet – 5:30 pm
Friday, April 24, 2015	UW-Parkside Celebrazione Italiana
Saturday, April 25, 2015	Singles Bocce Tournament – Pool Play
Sunday, April 26, 2015	Singles Bocce Tournament – Pool Play
Tuesday, April 28, 2015	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm



Donald Tempesta Gordy Bedrosian



Condolences are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Donald J. Tempesta, age 74, who passed away on March 24, 2015, and Honorary Roma Lodge brother Gordy Bedrosian who passed away on March 25, 2015.



Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the March Membership Meeting:

Caira, Frank R, age 36, was born in Kenosha and now resides in Racine. He is employed as security staff by JBM Patrol and Protection. Frank and his wife Melissa have three children. His proponent is his father, Vincent Caira Sr.

Starr, Robert G, Sr., age 67, was born in Pittsburgh, PA but now resides in Racine. He is a retired U.S. Navy Master-in-chief, ordained in 2003 as a Roman Catholic deacon, and serves at St. Mary's by the Lake Church in Caledonia. Robert and his wife Linda have two sons. His proponent is Leonard Montalbano.



Applications for Membership – eligible for a vote at the April 10, 2015 Membership Meeting

Hillery, Eric, age 31, of Racine – Proponent: James DeMatthew



Thank you to our volunteers!!!

We would like to give a special thank you to all of our Roma Lodge members (and their wives who support them) and the women who give up their time to work bingo. We would not have such an excellent resource of bingo supporting our lodge without everyone who works to help make bingo what it is. Please tell your family and friends to come and try our bingo; and if you can come work with us; you will find it is a great group of people. Again, thanks to all of you.

From: The Roma Bingo Committee, Jim Faraone Chairman

Your Help is Needed

Volunteers are always needed. Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or jfaraone@wi.rr.com, Jim LaBelle 262-995-0152 or jlabelle71@yahoo.com, Rick Heck 262-681-1279 or Rheck@Voyager.Net.

The April Bingo Captain is Jason Evitts 262-994-1926.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Caira, Jason – DeMatthew, Joe

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.



Members Dining Room – Dates Closed in April

With Easter fast approaching, please note that the members dining room will be CLOSED on Good Friday, April 3rd and Saturday April 4th. The dining room will also be CLOSED on Friday, April 10th for our April Membership Meeting. Buona Pasqua.

ICC Visits Roma Lodge



On Wednesday, March 11th representatives from the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee visited Roma Lodge. The group toured the facilities and enjoyed Zuddy's Wednesday night buffet. They also enjoyed watching our Wednesday night bocce league in action.



**Pictured (L to R)
Joe Jannazzo, Dean Cannestra-Vice President ICC, Dennis Porcaro-Vice President Roma Lodge,
Rick Bonanno-President Roma Lodge, Joe Vella-President ICC.**



Men's Golf League – Meeting April 13th @ 5:00pm

Members interested in participating in the Men's Golf League should attend the April 13th meeting. The meeting will be held at 5:00pm in the dining room and will discuss the season's dates, rules, and fees. League veterans and first-timers alike are encouraged to attend. The league is a two-man team format, however, if you do not have a partner we can help place you on a team. Any questions please contact Dennis Porcaro at [262-884-9121](tel:262-884-9121).

Spring Fever Music Series – April 7 – May 28, 2015 – Milwaukee

Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St.

The ICC series includes performances by jazz or blues groups on Tuesday nights and rock and roll bands on Thursday nights. All shows begin at 6:30 pm in the Festa Ballroom. Admission is free. Food and drink orders will be taken by the Café La Scala beginning at 5:00 pm in both the restaurant and ballroom. More information is available in [*The Italian Times*](#), http://0101.nccdn.net/1_5/2a7/388/08f/Feb.-2015-online.pdf.

CPR Training at Roma

On Saturday morning, March 7th Jason Caira of the South Shore Fire Department, and a member of Roma Lodge, conducted a CPR training class in Vittoria Hall. Using instructional videos, mannequins and automated external defibrillator (AED) simulators, Jason provided excellent instruction regarding exactly what to do in an emergency. Participants practiced proper CPR techniques and how to use Roma's in-house AED. These potentially life saving techniques are essential to know in the event of an emergency.

Participating in the training session were the following:

RIWA Staff members: Rob Piccolo, Jeanne Simmons, Jessica Schrader, Tiffany Klemp, and Tyler Kirkorian,

Vittoria Colonna members: Vicki Christensen and JoDell Faraone

Roma Lodge member Charlie Zupfer

Roma Lodge board members: Dennis Porcaro, Frank Bisotti, Rick Bonanno, Jeff DeMatthew and Jim Faraone

Thanks to all of the participants and to Jason Caira for a job well done!





2nd ANNUAL (SINGLES) BOCCE TOURNEY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 (Pool Play-Elimination Rounds-24 Players)
Games Start 9:00am – 4:00pm (Breakfast, Pizza or Wings and Meatballs)

OR

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 (Pool Play-Elimination Rounds-24 Players)
Games Start 9:00am – 4:00pm (Breakfast, Pizza or Wings and Meatballs)

SUNDAY, MAY 3 (Finals-16 Player Field)
Games Start 1:00pm – 6:00pm (Bombers to be available, same as league nights)

Limited to 48 Roma Lodge Members Only

Player Entry Fee \$25.00 (Includes Food)

Food Ticket \$10.00 (Non-Players)

Projected Cash Prizes

(Based on 48 Players)

1 st	Place	\$ 400	(Trophy and Jacket)
2 nd	Place	\$ 200	(Trophy)
3 rd	Place	\$ 100	(Trophy)
4 th	Place	\$ 50	(Trophy)

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Randomly selected pool play elimination rounds. 8 pools with 6 players per pool. Each player will play 5 games minimum (based on 48 players) and will throw 4 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

Dave Chiapete -Tournament Director (262) 939-5914

RIWA 1st Annual Easter Buffet and Easter Egg Hunt

RIWA will be hosting an Easter Buffet and egg hunt on Saturday, April 4th from 8:30am to 10:00am. The event will be open to the public and The Easter Bunny will be in attendance. The buffet will include chef carved ham, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hashbrowns, pancakes, and assorted juices. Adult buffet is \$9.95, children 12 and under is \$5.95, and children 4 and under are free. Reservations can be made by calling 262-886-3610.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<p>Sunday, May 3, 2015</p> <p>Tuesday, May 5, 2015</p> <p>Friday, May 8, 2015</p> <p>Sunday, May 10, 2015</p> <p>Monday, May 11, 2015</p> <p>Tuesday, May 12, 2015</p> <p>Wednesday, May 20, 2015</p> <p>Monday, May 25, 2015</p>	<p>Singles Bocce Tournament Finals</p> <p>\$10,000 Raffle and Dinner</p> <p>Membership Meeting</p> <p>Mother's Day Brunch (RIWA)</p> <p>Men's Golf League Begins</p> <p>Roma Lodge President's Dinner</p> <p>Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>
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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 which are usually the second Friday of the month. 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.



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 died or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Jim Faraone, 657-1244 or email jfaraone@wi.rr.com.

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<p>Barbara Stepp Plantamura R.E. (262) 884-0911</p> <p>Free Consultation State Licensed</p> <p><i>Electrolysis For You</i> Professional Permanent Hair Removal</p> <p>6216 Washington Ave. Hwy. 20</p> <p>Western Village Racine, WI 53406</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>Miller Lite PERONI NASTRO AZZURRO</p> <p>C.J.W. Inc. 2437 Chicory Rd. Racine, WI</p>
<p>ERICKSON MOBILITY</p> <p>2210 Lathrop Avenue Phone 262-554-1202 www.ericksonmobility.com</p>	<p>Roma To Go 886 3610</p>	<p>DM D'ACQUISTO MOTORS</p> <p>FRANK D'ACQUISTO</p> <p>1202 Lathrop Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin 53405 Office: 262-635-9999</p>

Deadline for information for May 2015 Newsletter is Monday, May 20, 2015. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich
Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary