#### **ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER**



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#### August 2015 Issue

#### **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.* 

The Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade float has WON again!!! In 2014 we were awarded the Bernard Magruder Award. This year we captured the Edna Christensen Award in the float division. This was made possible by the extraordinary contributions of time and talent by many individuals and the generosity of our great suppliers. Entering Racine's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is a prime example of an activity that helps us achieve our 3 objectives stated above. We now look forward to 2016 and entering the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with another spectacular float by the Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna.

Our 37<sup>th</sup> annual festival will probably be remembered as one of the greatest. All indicators point to very favorable results. The outstanding efforts of our festival committee, the hard work and dedication of volunteers from the Roma and Vittoria Colonna Lodges and the blessings of marvelous weather, all contributed to our success. A full festival report will be provided during our October 9<sup>th</sup> social meeting. Participating in our festival is another prime example of an activity that helps us achieve our 3 objectives.

August is another busy month for us. Details regarding, Coffee and Cars, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bocce Tournament, Monthly Membership Meeting (Sports Night), Family Picnic, Men's Bocce Organizational Meeting and Men's Golf Outing, are included in this newsletter. Again, these are all prime examples of activities that help us achieve our 3 objectives. Please continue to monitor our calendar in the newsletter, website <u>www.romalodge.com</u> and the timeline in the hallway leading into our member's dining room, for all of our events.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to Kelly Kudrna and his family on the passing of his mother Dorothy.

Our congratulations go to Frank and Dorothy Fumo on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We also congratulate Jerry and Ruth Miller celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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

To Jim and JoDell Faraone and Dennis Porcaro...thanks for fabricating and installing the supplemental framework for the Vittoria Colonna president's photos. To all of the volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade entry...thanks for your participation, hard work and dedication in creating another award winning float. To our 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival Committee and the many volunteers from Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna...thanks for contributing to the success of this year's festival.

#### THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

### Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

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Saturday, August 8, 2015
Sunday, August 9, 2015
Tuesday, August 11, 2015
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Friday, August 14, 2015
Sunday, August 16, 2015
Monday, August 17, 2015
Wednesday, August 19, 2015
Sunday, August 23, 2015
Saturday, August 29, 2015

#### AUGUST 2015 EVENTS

Coffee and Cars Roma Lodge Invitational Bocce Tournament Board of Directors Meeting Wisconsin Fall Primary Election Day Membership Meeting Roma Lodge Family Picnic Men's Captains' Bocce Organizational Meeting Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet Men's Golf Outing Packers vs. Eagles (Gold Package Game)



#### Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

The Calling Tree schedule includes those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between: **Macara, Roland – Oswald, James** 

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. <u>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.</u>



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,

#### Buon Compleanno e Tantí Augurí Happy Bírthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in August

Aug 1	Cesare Bosco	Aug 13	Stan Jurasewucz	Aug 23	Daníel Maramí
	Attílío Cícchíní	Aug 15	Jeff Drettwan		Robert Pítts
	Mark Osmundsen	Aug 16	Rosalbíno Ammedola	Aug 25	Nícholas Bílílllo
	Ríchard Valín	-	Tom Lorenzíní	Aug 26	Frank Bísottí Jr
Aug 2	William Greco	Aug 17	Randy Evítts	Aug 27	Robert Píccolo
-	Dale Landree		Dennís Jalensky	Aug 28	Ralph Porcaro
	Dennís Porcaro	Aug 18	Anthony Ferraro	Aug 30	Warren Bradley
Aug 4	Derek Anzalone		Harry Perroní	Aug 30	William Celeste
Aug 5	Troy Ruffalo		William Ruffalo	Aug 31	John Gehríng
Aug 7	Leonard Caríní	Aug 19	Jack Ruffolo	Ŭ	- v
Aug 8	Jeff Chiapete	Aug 20	Tom Catrine		
•	Anthony Líparí	Aug 21	Anthony Porcaro		
	Frank Matríse, Sr	•	Bill Rivers		
Aug 11	Steve Rawlínko				

This List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership List. Contact Doug Goebel <u>dggoebel@yahoo.com</u> if corrections are needed.



#### ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE

In order to meet Roma Lodge's mission to carry on human relations activities on a charitable basis for the purpose of showing the community the positive force of Italian-American citizens, the CARES Committee, with the approval of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors, recently made a donation of \$100 for the Junior Masters Golf Tournament and \$100 for the Kenosha Shalom Center.

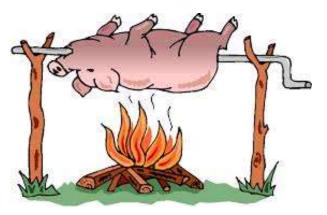
For more information on the CARES Committee, contact Jim LaBelle, 262-939-3470, jlabelle71@yahoo.com.





# **Family Picnic & Pig Roast**

# **Music Featuring "The Bugs"**





# **ROMA LODGE FAMILY PICNIC - SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2015**

Roma Lodge members and members of their immediate families are invited to this year's Roma Lodge Family Picnic. Immediate family includes spouses, adult children, grandchildren, parents, and brothers and sisters. Also invited are members of Vittoria Colonna Lodge and spouses.

# PICNIC BUFFET AND PIG ROAST FROM NOON to 5:00 pm AFTERNOON CHILDREN'S and ADULT GAMES AND ACTIVITES

Tickets purchased in advance for the entire day's events are \$12.00 for each adult; Children 16 and under are free.

Contact: Zuddy DeRose (262) 886-8850 or Bill Pucci, Jr (262) 939-3452

# Zuddy's Pork Back Rib Special



Zuddy's Pork Back Rib Special consists of top quality ribs covered with Zuddy's tasty barbecue sauce. The special includes the salad bar with cheese rigatoni or a very generous helping of pasta, bread and butter and a complimentary glass of red wine.

Price is \$12.99

# Zuddy's Italian Chicken Special



The Italian Chicken Special consists of Zuddy's perfectly seasoned chicken with cheese rigatoni or a very generous helping of pasta. The special includes the salad bar, bread and butter and a complimentary glass of red wine.

Price is \$11.99

### **Rick Bonanno Named a Graduate of Distinction**

Four Horlick High School alumni were named Graduates of Distinction, one of which is our very own President. Rick Bonanno. Below is an excerpt from the Journal Times article with Rick's bio. The article highlights Roma Lodge's many chartable contributions to our city. Congratulations Rick for this great honor! For the full article please visit:

http://journaltimes.com/news/local/education/horlick-high-alumni-named-graduates-of-distinction/article 46b29c8c-

6f1a-5761-8c33-ca4fa3a38fcc.html.

Rick Bonanno -Class of 1972

Bonanno participated in sports and lettered three times: once for football and twice for baseball. He was also a member of the Letterman's Club. His graduating class has organized class reunions every five years since graduation, and Bonanno served on the reunion committees over the years.

Bonanno received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in 1976 and a master of science degree from Iowa State University in 1978, majoring in industrial arts education. Upon graduation, he was employed by the Racine Unified School District as an industrial arts instructor at Gilmore Middle School. He spent the majority of his career with Kohler Company's Engine Division in various service and sales capacities.

Bonanno serves on the Rebel Golf Outing Committee. He is a charter member and treasurer of the organization. The Rebel Golf Outing Committee contributes to various facility and equipment upgrades and provides funds for maintenance items. The organization supports Horlick High School's boys and girls sports, cheerleading, theater, choir, band, and the "Rebel Way" school store. Additionally, the Rebel Golf Outing awards two annual scholarships and the Bob Evans Leadership Award to deserving seniors. The Rebel Golf Outing has contributed approximately \$150,000 to Horlick High School since 2000.

Bonanno has been a member of Roma Lodge for almost 40 years, having worked on virtually every committee, and currently serves as Roma Lodge's 27th president. Roma Lodge was founded in 1923 as a mutual aid society. The founders banded together to help each other assimilate and survive in their new country. At that time there were no social programs to help these immigrants. Consequently, Roma Lodge paid unemployment, sick and death benefits to its members and their families. The spirit of this mutual aid society lives today through many charitable contributions, fund raisers and scholarships. For many years, and through the hard work and dedication of members, Roma Lodge donates a portion of the annual festival proceeds to the local community. Donations have been made to Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-All Saints Foundation, Racine Healthcare Network and Aurora Healthcare Foundation. Roma Lodge also has a standing CARES Committee. Through this committee, donations have been made to Foster Kids Christmas Party, Bowl for the Cure, Saint Monica's Assisted Living, Racine County Opportunity Center (RCOC) Golf for Kids and many others. Additionally, Roma Lodge awards seven annual scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

Bonanno is married to Pam (Park High School class of 1976) and has two daughters, Lauren and Paige. They have lived in Kenosha since 1988.



**Rules** A change to the membership dues structure to be voted on at the August membership meeting

In accordance with article V Section 6 of our By-Laws, dues will be set by the Board of Directors with approval of the General Membership.

The Board of Directors is recommending a new dues structure of \$150 for members paying full dues and \$75 for members paying half dues. This measure is to help Roma Lodge have a better financial footing for the future.

The vote on this change will take place at the August Membership Meeting.

	33rd ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT
191 N. 191	Come and join the day of fun we have planned for the annual Bocce Tournament!
	SUNDAY - AUGUST 9th, 2015 at Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St; Racine WI 53406
	Arrive at 8:00 AM for Coffee and Pane Fritta.
	Games Start at 9:00 AM Sharp!!!!
	FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$2,500
	Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person (Including Alternates)
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#### BACK-TO-BACK AWARD WINNING FLOATS!! ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA WINNERS AT THE $4^{TH}$ CELEBRATION

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna teamed up for a second consecutive year and entered Racine's 4th of July Parade. The 2014 parade entry won the Bernard McGruder Award and this year's entry captured the Edna Christensen Award in the Float Division. The parade entry consisted of 6 vehicles. An F-250 provided by Porcaro Ford pulled the award winning float with 3 Corvettes, a Mustang and a T-Bird following. The vehicles carried Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna officers, scholarship winners, athletes and a junior bride and groom.



The Award Winning Float!



President Rick Bonanno and Vice President Dennis Porcaro



VC President Joan Domanico, Vice President Lisa Graceffa, and Scholarship Winner Molly Heck



Judy and Jerry Perona and athletes Mari Suokko and Rae Lin D'Alie



Greg Perona and the Junior Groom and Bride



Janet Suokko, Zuddy, and Art Rozzoni



Scholarship Winner Mallory Mazurek with her parents Chip and Kelly



Dennis Porcaro, Tom Hort and Michael Kroes put on the finishing touches before float judging.



John Domanico, Chief Engineer



Lisa Graceffa, Tina Gatzke and Joan Domanico use their many talents in float design. They are pictured assembling the military emblems.





The Construction Crew Left to right: Rick Bonanno, John Ruffalo, John Domanico, Tina Gatzke, Lisa Graceffa, Joan Domanico, Michael Kroes Not pictured: Bill Greer, Dennis Porcaro, John Gehring, Gina Graceffa, Sarah Graceffa, Charlie Domanico, Adam Lucarelli, John Domanico, Jr.

#### 2015 Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna - 4th of July Float Participants

DAY OF PARAD	E
Maggie Domanic	o- Bann
Aliza Kammien	- Banne
Frank Caira	- Banne
Andrew Caira	- Banne
Art Rozzoni	- Drive
Zuddy DeRose	- Rider
Janet Suokko	- Rider
Gina Graceffa	- Rider
Tom Hort	- Float
Sondra Hort	- Float
Julia Pike	- Float
Joan Domanico	- Rider
Lisa Graceffa	- Rider
Molly Heck	- Rider
Joe Porcaro	- Drive
Michael Kroes	- Rider
Rick Bonanno	- Rider
Dennis Porcaro	- Rider

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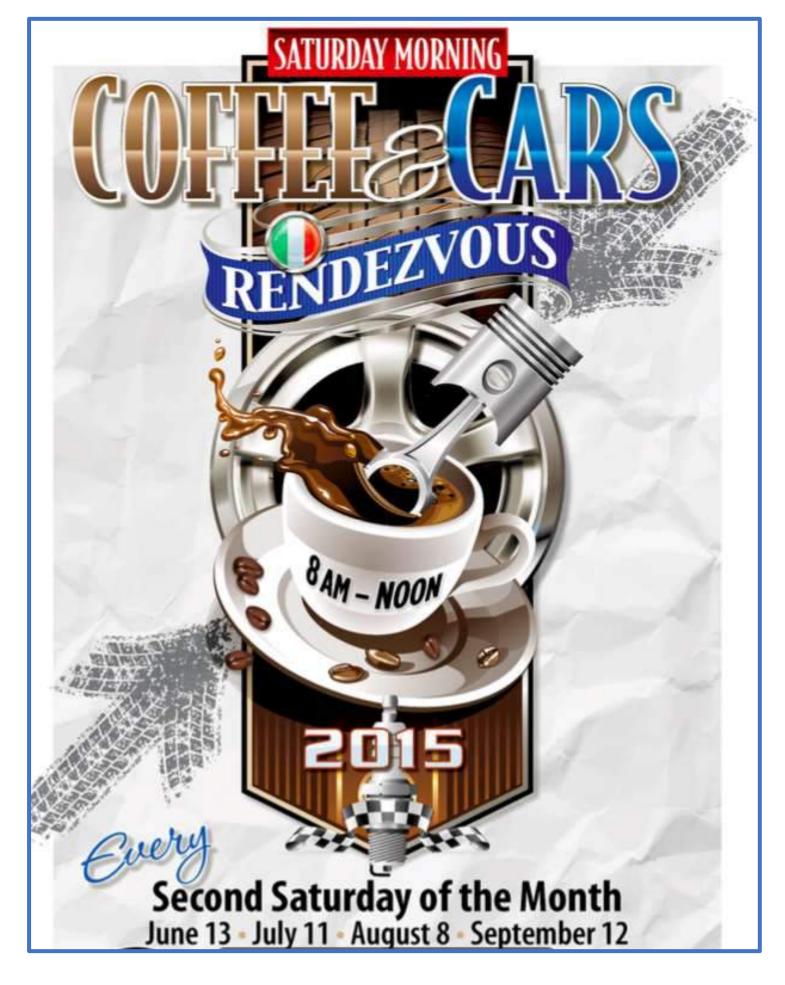
Chip Mazurek	- Driver
Kelly Mazurek	- Trailer
Mallory Mazurek	- Rider/Scholarship
Jerry Perona	- Driver
Judy Perona	- Rider
Rae Lin D'Alie	- Rider/Athlete
Mari Suokko	- Rider/Athlete
Greg Perona	- Driver
Kelly Piccolo	- Rider
Mia Piccolo	- Junior Bride
Marco Perona	- Junior Groom
SUPPLIERS	
Tony D'Alie	- Trailer
Mark Porcaro	- F-250/Mustang/T-Bird
Marcus Porcaro	- F-250/Mustang/T-Bird
Jason Opahle	- F-250/Mustang/T-Bird
Gary Suokko	- Corvette
John Domanico,	Jr Corvette
Rick Bonanno	- Corvette

Scholarship Groom Mustang/T-Bird

- Connie Poffenberger Kelly Kudnra Rob Piccolo Steve Prochaska Joe DeMatthew Frank Caruso Jerry Perona Bill Greer Pat Diem Tom Garbo Achille Cortese Barb Schneider
- Images-Gown/Tux
- Erickson Auto Trim
- RIWA-Signs
- Michael's Signs - Sound System
- Photos
- Photos/Signs
- Photography
- Festival Signs
- Festival Signs
- Buona Vita-Disks
- Photography

CONSTRUCTION CREW Listed under the above picture

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#### The upcoming 2015-2016 Men's Bocce Season is fast approaching!

On the bulletin board in the bocce courts captains can find signup sheets for each night. <u>Teams must sign up for the night you</u> <u>wish to play</u>. <u>Even if your team was signed up last season you must sign up for the 2015-2016 season</u>. Although last season's teams will be given priority, new teams may be forming. Per our league rules only 9 teams are eligible to play each night so make sure you secure your team's spot!

<u>The bocce captains' meeting is Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup></u>. Only teams signed up for the 2015-2016 season prior to the meeting will be eligible to vote on any rule changes and additions, so please make sure to sign up your team before Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Also posted on the bulletin board is a sign up sheet for any players who would like to play but do not have a team. If you are new to the league please sign up, it is a great way to meet members and have a fun time playing a great game! If you have any questions please call Jim Silvani at (262) 886-2065, cell (262) 939-0139 or email Silvani.jim@twindisc.com.

#### The upcoming 2015-2016 Couples Bocce Season is also right around the corner!

On the bulletin board in the bocce courts captains can find a signup sheet for the couples league. Captains can sign your team up there or by contacting Dave or Brianna Silvani. *Couples Bocce is looking for more teams!* The season starts in early October through sometime in March. The number of teams signed up determines the season's length. Each team is comprised of 3 couples (3 men/3 women), and the three men must be members of the lodge. This is our first year and we can use all the help from the captains by signing up early and giving us enough time to set up the schedule.

Any questions call us: Dave's cell: (262) 321-1604 or email dsilvani@ringdu.com or Brianna's cell (262) 939-5554 or email Nervetech@yahoo.com.

#### Remembering Racine's Old Neighborhood Grocery Stores Location: Racine Public Library Date: September 22, 2015

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Join Carol Gianforte, author of "My Heart Leads Me Home – A Daughter's Memoir" and Jim Mercier a local historian as they remember Racine's grocery store history.

Many Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna members and their families owned or worked at these stores. The Italian community had many family owned stores; Matranga's, Porcaro's, Christiano's, Quadracci's, and Gianforte's to name a few.

Please join the fun in remembering by gone days. Sit back and listen to the reminiscing or share a story or two of your own. Bring any pictures or memorabilia that you may have to help bring these days back to life.

#### The Roma Lodge Board of Directors Cordially invites you to the next Roma Lodge Membership Meeting Friday August 14 - 7:00 pm Followed by Sports Night A light Buffet Meal will be Served RSVP to Rick Bonanno

Your attendance at membership meetings is important for the success of the Lodge and helps to ensure that:  $\succ$ . A quorum is present so that business can be transacted

>..You can voice your opinion and vote on Lodge issues and business

>..You will be informed of activities and opportunities to volunteer

>..You will maintain contact with your Roma Lodge brothers so that our spirit of Fraternity that has made the Roma Lodge great will continue

Roma L	odge MEN'S GOLF OUTING
	August 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2015 12:30 Shotgun Start
MA LOO	\$80.00 PER PERSON ALL TEAMS MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE ROMA LODGE MEMBER
	18 Holes with Shared Cart • Sandwich & Drink 11:00-12:30 Dinner at Roma Lodge Immediately Following • Hole Prizes Automatic Entry into Raffle • 50/50 Raffle
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- and a second of	SIGN-UP & PAYMENT DUE BY AUGUST 16th
QUESTIONS: TOM VENA MIKE PERATT (262) 914-1949 (262) 206-9930	Payment can be made at Roma Lodge. Make checks payable to Roma Lodge/Golf Outing. Leave your payment in office with Golf Outing/Tom Vena or Mike Peratt written on the envelope.
	WWW.ROMALODGE.COM

#### Vittoria Colonna Presidential Picture Frame

Over the past several years, Jim Faraone has handcrafted many beautiful and functional additions to our great Roma Lodge. One project in particular Jim worked on is the picture frames housing the Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Presidents. Jim recently added a new row to the Vittoria Colonna Presidential frame, thereby ensuring the space needed for 100 years worth of Presidents! Thank you Jim for your hard work and dedication to our Lodge!

#### VITTORIA COLONNA PRESIDENTS AND JIM FARAONE



Left to Right: Ann Eckert, Rosemary Cicero, Vicki Christensen, Rosemarie Domanico, Joan Domanico, and Jim Faraone (chief engineer)

### Roma Lodge Member Paul S. Costanzo honored on Stars & Stripes Honor Flight

Roma Lodge Member Paul S. Costanzo was selected to be on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight to Washington DC as a Korean War Veteran on Saturday, June 6th. His son Jim Costanzo served as his "Guardian" on the flight. This has been a 2-year process as his application was submitted in June 2013. He served in Post War France as part of the US European Area Command from 1951-1953 as a Corporal 1st Class Military Police Officer (MP) during the Korean War conflict.

While aboard the flight, Paul was read a letter written by President Rick Bonanno on behalf of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors and Membership thanking him for his service to our great Nation.

The Honor Flight is a program to get our WWII and Korean War veterans to Washington DC for the day to visit the many Memorials at no cost to the veteran. It was a full day trip leaving Milwaukee early in the morning spending the day in DC touring and returning in the evening to a crowd of thousands of well wishers, military personnel, bands and other surprises. It was an experience of a lifetime as over 140 WWII and Korean War Veterans participated with as many Guardians as each veteran had one Guardian assigned. Two private chartered flights went to DC where 8 chartered motor coaches took the group with a special police escort to the Memorials.

Congratulations to Paul and the many other veterans who unselfishly served their country for our Freedom!







#### Dear Paul,

On behalf of the entire Roma Lodge membership and the Board of Directors, we would like to thank you for your service to our country. When we think of veterans like you, two words always come to mind. The first word is <u>PRIDE</u>. We are very proud of you for your service, dedication, hard work and bravery. The second word is <u>FREEDOM</u>. We are a free country because of you and your service. Additionally, our Roma Lodge is based upon the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. The first of these principles is <u>LIBERTY</u>. We believe that liberty is the most essential and precious prerogative of man; that if we give it up in order to obtain temporary safety, we will have neither liberty nor safety. Through your service to our country, you have worked to ensure that we are safe and we are free. For that we are eternally grateful.

Sincerely

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 7, 2015 Tuesday, September 8, 2015 Friday, September 11, 2015 Saturday, September 12, 2015 Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Wednesday, September 23, 2015 Labor Day Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting Coffee and Cars Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet First Day of autumn

#### 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 <u>Members Dining Room number only</u>. 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. <u>NOTE:</u> 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, 262-657-1244 or email <u>ifaraone@wi.rr.com</u>.



Deadline for information for September 2015 Newsletter is August 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