

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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December 2016 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.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! BUON NATALE e FELICE ANNO NUOVO!!!

The monthly president's messages began in April 2013 by reviewing each of our founding principles and outlining our organizational objectives. I would like to conclude my series of president's messages by conveying each of them again.

Our first objective is TO SERVE:

Please remember that our great Roma Lodge originated as a mutual aid society. Our founders banded together to help and serve each other. Today this spirit of service continues and permeates throughout our entire organization. We can see it everywhere...our bingo volunteers, our festival committee and festival workers, our board of directors, our members kitchen volunteers, and all of our members who serve on countless committees. All of us understand that we can achieve amazing results when we work together and remember to serve each other and not ourselves.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to Roma Lodge brother Chip Mazurek on the passing of his father, John M. Mazurek.


On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people: To our 3rd annual "San Martino" wine tasting committee and chairman Dave Chiapete...thanks for your efforts in making this another great event and an enjoyable evening. To our Veterans Event Committee, Participants and Sponsors...thanks for your significant contributions to honor and celebrate our very deserving veterans. To Jimmy LaBelle...thanks for making sure that Santa Claus made it to our Holiday Lighting. To Mike Miceli...thanks for playing Santa's trusted elf. We are looking forward to seeing both of you at the Children's Christmas Party!!!

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

DECEMBER 2016 EVENTS

Tuesday, December 6, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, December 9, 2016	Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 10, 2016	Members Christmas Party
Sunday, December 18, 2016	Children's Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 21, 2016	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Wednesday, December 21, 2016	First Day of Winter
Sunday, December 25, 2016	Christmas Day
Saturday, December 31, 2016	New Year's Eve Party

 **Condolences** are extended to Roma Lodge brother Charles “Chip” Mazurek, whose father, John Mazurek passed away in November.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Aceto, Christopher - Bushell, William

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.



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,

The December Bingo Captain is Joe Porcaro 262-639-2623

New Membership Incentive for Current Members

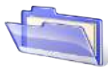
Any current Roma Lodge member who recruits a new member will be provided a \$30 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for the first new member they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for any additional new members proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificates would be provided upon the new member’s successful election as a probationary status.

Application for Membership form along with the *Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents* is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, dggoebel@yahoo.com and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html.



Sick and Shut-ins –

On behalf of the members of Roma Lodge, the Sick and Shut-ins Committee sends a memorial gift chosen by the family of deceased members (or flowers if no preference is expressed), 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 jfaraone@wi.rr.com.



Applications for Membership – Eligible to be to be voted on at the December Membership

Meeting:

Chris Kosterman, age 35, Racine – Proponent: Al Kosterman

Scott Lippold, age 35, Racine – Proponent: Al Kosterman

Mark Ruffolo, age 25, Kenosha – Proponent: Art Rozzoni



Probationary Members approved for Full Membership:

Carmelo Bruno – Proponent: Ralph Anina

Paul J. Costanzo – Proponent: Paul S. Costanzo

Frank Molinaro – Proponent: Victor Patrizzi

Jeff Wilkins – Proponent: Clarence Bianco

Gift Certificate Special!

Members can purchase five \$20 Gift Certificates for the Members Dining Room or Café Venerdi and receive a sixth \$20 Gift Certificate for free!

Gift certificates are available to Roma Lodge members from the RIWA office 262-886-3610, Dennis Porcaro 262-884-9121 or Frank Bisotti 262-914-1880.

Café Venerdi will be closed for the entire month of December.

The Members Lounge will be closed the following days in December:

**Friday, December 9th for the Membership Meeting
Saturday, December 10th for the Members Christmas Party
Saturday, December 24th for Christmas Eve
Friday, December 30th**



Volunteers Needed for the Children's Christmas Party

Please donate your time to help with the Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party on December 18th. Help is needed that day with party activities, food preparation, and food service. On December 17, Santa's helpers will be stuffing Christmas stockings for Santa to give to the children at the party.

Contact Tony Povkovich at 262-880-5945 or email tjpovkovich@gmail.com to volunteer.

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2016 - 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 5 TO MAKE SURE SANTA DOESN'T FORGET A PRESENT FOR YOUR CHILD

Return this reservation form BY DEC. 5 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 _____

Members Lounge Open for Packer Games in December

A volunteer bartender will be on duty for the Packer games December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Pizza and bombers will be available. Please join us for food, fun, and Packers!!

On December 4th and 18th the Packers game starts at noon and the bartender will be on duty starting at 11am.

On December 11th the Packers game starts at 3:30pm and bartender on duty start time is still to be determined. If you have any suggestions on when the volunteer bartender should be on duty please email Jeff DeMatthew at demathew@ameritech.net

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in December

FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!

Members Bar will provide one free drink during a member's birthday month on Friday or Saturday night when the kitchen is open. See the bartender for details.

Dec 1 Frank D'Acquisto Richard Graceffa Jim Morelli Bill Ruffalo Jr	Dec 10 Al DeRose Jim Oswald	Dec 22 Ralph DeRose Jerry Perona Bill Pucci, Sr
Dominick Tirabassi Russ Weyers	Dec 12 John (Jack) Bianchi John Catrine	Dec 23 Peter Caruso Dec 24 Ted Ricchio Dec 25 Pat Johnson Dec 27 Alex Modesti, Jr
Dec 2 Dennis Gehrke Art Rozzoni	Dec 15 Chris Hansen Anthony Rossi	Dec 29 Jeff DeMatthew Dec 30 Glenn Madrigrano Dec 31 Sam Graceffa Nick Romano
Dec 4 Pasquale Infusino	Dec 16 Joseph Chiapete Joe Cuccio Jr Alessandro Savaglio	
Dec 6 Eric Hillery Jon Morelli Greg Pierangeli	Dec 18 Robert Jordan Dec 19 Mark De Check Mark Porcaro	
Dec 7 Joe Poisl Charles Presta		

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

Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel

The Racine County Food Bank Donation Barrel has been placed in the bocce court area again this year. The donation barrel will be picked up prior to Christmas. Please consider donating nonperishable food items to this great cause.

Zuddy's Italian Combo Special



The Italian Combo Special consists of meat or cheese ravioli, tortellini, gnocchi and zucchini over Zuddy's famous red sauce. The special also includes the soup and salad bar, bread and butter and a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$9.95

Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special



Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special consists of sauteed onions over perfectly seasoned and cooked liver. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or generous helping of pasta and bread and butter. Also included is a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$9.95



Roma Lodge Celebrates Veterans Day

Roma Lodge held a dinner and ceremony to celebrate Veterans Day on Saturday, November 12th. This was an encore of a similar event first held in 2013 from an idea originated by Santo “Zuddy” DeRose. Commander Richard Vallin USN (Ret) led this special evening. VADM Dirk Debbink USN (Ret) served as guest speaker. Wisconsin State Representatives Peter Barca and Thomas Weatherston were attending dignitaries. The Vittoria Colonna Lodge was represented by President Lisa Graceffa. Significant contributions were made by committee members Richard Vallin, Dennis Porcaro, Zuddy DeRose, Jim Faraone, Rick Bonanno, and Robert Starr. Special thanks go to MeriKate Bock, Josh Sherman and the Horlick High School Band, 1Sgt. David Litrenta, VVA767 and Sue Konieczko, BM1 Jerome Mommaerts, Michael Kroes, Deacon Russell Missureli, Bill Pucci, Jr., Ken Scolaro, Jamie Haase and Paul Costanzo.



VADM Dirk Debbink USN (Ret)



CMR Richard Vallin USN (Ret)



Santo “Zuddy” DeRose

This extraordinary evening featured: **ARRIVAL HONORS**, the Navy tradition “Piping Aboard” of dignitaries. **PRESENTATION OF COLORS** by VVA767; **NATIONAL ANTHEM** sung by MeriKate Bock and accompanied by Josh Sherman and the Horlick High School Band; **INVOCATION** by Deacon Russell Missureli; **POW/MIA TABLE CEREMONY** by VVA767 and Sue Konieczko; **PROCLAMATION** by State Representative Peter Barca; **WISCONSIN FLAG PRESENTATION** by State Representative Thomas Weatherston; A reading of **“OLD GLORY”** by MCPO Robert Starr; **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** and **SERVICE THEMES**; **COIN PRESENTATIONS** to veterans and the families of deceased veterans; **BATTLE FIELD CROSS CEREMONY**, remembering those who have died in action, by VVA767 and Sue Konieczko; **BENEDICTION** by MCPO Robert Starr. The evening concluded with the singing of **GOD BLESS AMERICA** led by MeriKate Bock and **AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL** by the Horlick High School Band.





VADM Debbink is "Piped Aboard"



Singer MeriKate Bock



Dennis Porcaro, Jim Faraone, Zuddy, Russ Missureli



Veterans Jerry Draeger, Lou Amone, David Linden and Tom Linden



Michael Kroes announces arrival VADM Debbink and CMR Vallin



President Bonanno presents the Challenge Coin to Robert Starr



President Bonanno thanks WWII Vet Paul Renzoni



PFC Louis Falaschi WWII Veteran



Vietnam Vet Joe Ingrasci and Judy Chiappetta



MCPO Bob Starr and President Bonanno congratulate WWII Vet William Ruffalo

Roma Lodge is pleased to conduct this encore event to celebrate and honor our veterans. During the course of the past year, while we were working on this evening, two words kept coming to mind. The first word is **PRIDE**. We are very proud of you, as well as our deceased veterans, for your service to our country. We are proud of your dedication, your hard work and your bravery. The second word is **FREEDOM**. We are a free country because of you and your service. You know that our Roma Lodge is based upon the principles of **LIBERTY, EQUALITY** and **FRATERNITY**. The first of these principles is **LIBERTY**. 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 insure that we are safe and we are free. For that we are eternally grateful. *Rick P. Bonanno, President*

***Celebrate New Year's Eve in the Roma Lodge Members Dining Room
Saturday, December 31, 2016***

***Menu includes Prime Rib, Lobster Tail, Orange Roughy, Prime Rib and Lobster, and Lasagna, along
with the great Salad Bar. Doors Open at 5:30 pm.***

Reservations for members and guests recommended at 262-886-8850.

New Year's Eve Couples Bocce Tournament Begins at 8:00 pm

Six Teams will be entered. Sign up as a team or request to be assigned to any open slot.

Forms are available from Zuddy DeRose

**SANTA AND HIS TRUSTED ELF GREET CHILDREN AT
THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND PIZZA BUFFET**



Thanks to Mike Miceli, Jimmy LaBelle, Mike Plantamura, Brenda LaBelle, Dennis Porcaro, Tom Catrine, Rich Day and Tony Povkovich for arranging a wonderful evening on Wednesday, November 23rd. The holiday lights were turned on throughout the Roma Lodge grounds. The pizza buffet, hot chocolate and a visit by Santa and his elf was enjoyed by all.



Children Izzy Silvani (l) and Teagan Poppert (r) pose with Santa and his elf!

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Deadline for information for January 2017 Newsletter is December 20, 2016. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich
 Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary



ROMA LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 7th Annual Winter Bocce Tournament
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 Membership Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Federal Holiday
- 18 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet

February

- 5 Super Bowl LI Party
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 Membership Meeting – Nomination of Officers
- 10 Scholarship Applications Available
- 11 Valentine's Day Dinner – Members Dining Room
- 12 Children's Bocce Begins
- 15 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 20 President's Day Federal Holiday
- 21 Wisconsin Spring Primary Election Day

March

- 1 Ash Wednesday
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 Membership Meeting – Election of Officers
- 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 15 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 19 Installation Dinner
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 24 Scholarship Application Deadline
- 26 Children's Bocce Banquet

April

- 4 Wisconsin Spring General Election
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting
- 14 Membership Meeting
- 16 Easter Sunday
- 29 Singles Bocce Tournament
- 30 Singles Bocce Tournament

May

- 2 \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner
- 7 Singles Bocce Tournament Finals
- 9 Board of Directors Meeting
- 12 Membership Meeting
- 12 Scholarship Recipients Announced
- 14 Mother's Day Brunch (RIWA)
- 15 Men's Golf League Begins
- 16 Roma Lodge President's Dinner
- 24 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 29 Memorial Day

June

- 6 Board of Directors Meeting
- 9 Social Meeting and Early Bird Drawing
- 10 Coffee and Cars
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 21 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 21 First Day of Summer
- 25 Arlington Park Trip

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 8 Coffee and Cars
- 11 Board of Directors Meeting
- 14 Membership Meeting
- 18 Roma Lodge Festival \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner
- 19 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 28 Roma Lodge Italian Festival
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- 30 Roma Lodge Italian Festival

August

- 8 Board of Directors Meeting
- 11 Membership Meeting
- 12 Coffee and Cars
- 13 Roma Lodge Invitational Bocce Tournament
- 14 Fall Men's Bocce Organizational Meeting
- 16 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 20 Roma Lodge Golf Outing
- 27 Roma Lodge Family Picnic
- TBA Packers –{ Gold Package

September

- 4 Labor Day
- 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- 8 Membership Meeting
- 9 Coffee and Cars
- 20 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 22 First Day of Autumn

October

- TBA Packers (Gold Package)
- 7 Columbus Day Banquet
- 9 Columbus Day Federal Holiday
- 10 Board of Directors Meeting
- 13 Social Meeting and Festival Report
- 18 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 22 Halloween "Trunk or Treat"

November

- 5 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 7 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10 Membership Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day/ 4th Annual Wine Tasting at Roma Lodge
- 14 \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner
- 15 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 22 Holiday Lighting and Pizza Buffet)
- 23 Thanksgiving Day
- TBA Packers (Gold Package)

December

- 5 Board of Directors Meeting
- 8 Membership Meeting
- 10 Children's Christmas Party
- 16 Members Christmas Party
- 20 Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve Party