

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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February 2017 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.**

HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL OF YOU. FELICE SAN VALENTINO A TUTTI VOI.

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 third objective is TO UNITE:

At the beginning of each membership meeting we read our Founding Principles, and we say in part; "The Order Intends to Unite, in One Organization..." I believe that this intention has been realized. We are UNITED as brothers and working for the benefit of ONE organization. Our founders would be proud of us for this achievement. Our beloved deceased brothers, who worked so hard, would also be proud of us. Additionally, all of us should be proud of this achievement and of our great Roma Lodge. It is now our responsibility to insure that this unification perpetuates. We do this by treating each other as talent and treasure, and by helping and participating in our events and functions. Our Columbus Day Celebration, our Veterans Event, our Christmas Party, our Festival, our Family Picnic, our Bocce Leagues and Tournaments, our Bingo Sessions, etc., all serve to unite us now, and in the future.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the families of recently deceased Roma Lodge brothers Joseph Tenuta and Anthony S. Porcaro.

Nominations for the offices of: President, Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and four Director positions will be accepted at our February 10th membership meeting. It is extremely important that all of our members engage in this process. You are encouraged to attend this meeting and participate. The next board of directors has a unique opportunity to build upon the foundation that has been laid over the last 4 years. There is still a great deal of work to be done to propel Roma Lodge into a stronger and brighter future. You can be part of this effort. Please make the effort to attend and participate in the nominations meeting on Friday, February 10th. Let your voice be heard!!!


On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to all of our members. We have accomplished a great deal together and I am very grateful for your help and contributions. We will publish a special edition of our newsletter in March that will convey a multitude of thanks and list significant events over the last 4 years.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

FEBRUARY 2017 EVENTS

Saturday, February 4, 2017	8 th Annual Winter Bocce Tournament
Sunday, February 5, 2017	Super Bowl LI Party
Tuesday, February 7, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 10, 2017	Membership Meeting – Nomination of Officers
Friday, February 10, 2017	Scholarship Applications Available
Saturday, February 11, 2017	Valentine's Day Dinner – Members Dining Room
Wednesday, February 15, 2017	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Sunday, February 19, 2017	Children's Bocce Begins
Monday, February 20, 2017	President's Day Federal Holiday
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	Wisconsin Spring Primary Election Day

 **Condolences** are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Joseph Tenuta, age 81, who passed away January 12th, and to the family of Roma Lodge brother Anthony Porcaro, age 99, who passed away January 24th.



Joe Tenuta Anthony Porcaro



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

DeRose, Alfred - Funk, Charles

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 February Bingo Captain is Frank D'acquisto 262-637-4212 or 262-945-1417



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.

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.

**8th ANNUAL ROMA LODGE WINTER BOCCE
24 TEAM TOURNAMENT
FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$1,000**

Come and join the day of fun planned for the Winter Bocce Tournament to be held

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

8:00 am – Check-in/Breakfast – 9:00 am - Play Begins

Entry Fee: \$150 per 5 Person Team; \$30 per person (including alternates)
Proceeds go towards the renovation of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts

Fee includes:	8:00 am	Breakfast
		Kringle, Donuts, Coffee, Juice,
	11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch
		Pizza, Fried Meatballs, Soup
	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Dinner
		Lasagna, Meatballs, Salad, Bread

Cash Bar

[Non-players may purchase a day's food ticket for \$20]

RULES AND REGULATIONS: Round Robin/Single Elimination Tournament

All Round Robin games will be 10 points. Single Elimination games will be played to 16 points.

Final Four will be Double Elimination

ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BALLS ONLY!

Championship Game will be played on Court #1

This tournament will be limited to 24 teams and filled on a first come – first serve basis. Entries should be made early to ensure a place.

Come and join the fun filled day of bocce, food, drinks, and camaraderie at Roma Lodge

Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914 Tony Povkovich (262) 880-5945

ROMA LODGE SUPER BOWL LI PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM – KICKOFF APROX. 5:30 PM

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60+ INCH HD TV, AND OTHER HUGE PRIZES... PLUS ALL THE GAMBLING YOU CAN THINK OF!**

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TICKETS ARE \$10.00

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**ALL YOU CAN EAT PIZZA, NACHOS BAR, CHILI, AND SAUSAGE BOMBERS AND MORE
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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ZUDDY DEROSE AND FRANK CARUSO;

FRANK CARUSO, [262-914-1026](tel:262-914-1026)

TABLE RESERVATIONS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!!



2017 Board of Directors Election

Nominations will be made at the February 10, 2017 Membership Meeting for all officers and four director positions for the 2017-2019 term. The Offices of President, Vice-president, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian will be open along with Directors whose regular terms expire in March 2017. The election will be held on Friday, March 10, 2017. To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2017
- Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two years and completed his probationary period
- Accept the nomination at the time it is presented at the February meeting. If he is unable to be present, he must have a representative deliver his written acceptance of the nomination at the meeting.
- Not be a purveyor to the Lodge
- Not work in a paid position for the Lodge or receive a salary or hourly wage from the Lodge, except for those positions on the Board that are salaried.

Those interested in being candidates for these positions should contact Dennis Porcaro at 262-884-9121 or email aprlservices@netscape.net. Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Tony Povkovich, tjpovkovich@gmail.com, by **Monday, February 20, 2017** highlighting their history with the Lodge and why they wish to serve as a Roma Lodge Board member. These statements will be published in the March Newsletter.

Valentine's Day Dinner

Join us in our Members Dining Room on Saturday, February 11th for our Valentine's Day Dinner. Bring your sweetheart and enjoy the Prime Rib Special or Lobster Special. Our regular menu will also be available.

**For reservations contact
Zuddy DeRose at 262-886-8850**

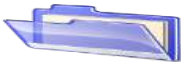


Welcome! Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the January Membership Meeting:

Morelli, Edward E., age 58, was born and resides in Racine, retired City of Racine police officer, married (Lynn Pellizzari Morelli) with four sons. His father is of Italian descent.

Proponent: Jon Morelli



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the February Membership Meeting:

Anthony (Tony) Morelli, age 28, from Milwaukee (carried over from the January meeting) - Proponent: Jim Morelli

Morelli, Vince E., age 32, of Wauwatosa - Proponent - Jon Morelli

Zuddy's famous sauce is now on sale in the members dining room. Enjoy the great taste of Zuddy's sauce anytime you desire in the convenience of your own home. See Zuddy to purchase or ask your waitress during your next visit to the members dining room. Zuddy's sauce comes frozen and packaged in a very generous 32 oz container.

\$4.00 each or 3 containers for \$10.00

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.

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in February

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.

Feb 1 John Passarelli Michael Gabbey Jordon Gardina	Feb 7 Peter Phillips Frank Molinaro Jason Evitts Joe DeMatthew	Feb 24 Arthur Simmons
Feb 2 Arthur Chiapetta Frank Caira	Feb 8 Ronald Guarascio	Feb 26 Frank Cucunato
Feb 3 Peter Flex Alan Tripp	Feb 14 Martin Sturino	Feb 28 David Chiapete
Feb 4 Bill Gullo Clint Wisialowski Vincent Caira, Jr	Feb 19 Emil Ruffalo David Ricchio Michael Kroes	Feb 29 Frank Sullivan
Feb 5 John Grycowski	Feb 20 Jerome Draeger Charles Zupfer	
Feb 6 Richard Mura Gary Anzalone Jeff D'Acquisto	Feb 21 Benjamin Cupertino Feb 22 Gerald Nosotti	

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

Children's Bocce League Begins February 19th

The start date for the Children's Bocce league has been changed to Sunday, February 19th. The league will meet Sundays through April 9th. This is an informal league open to members' children and grandchildren ages six and older. The league will teach bocce fundamentals for all skill levels.

The banquet will be held Sunday, April 9th.



Softball Players Wanted!

Roma is looking to get a men's softball team together for the upcoming season. Anyone interesting in participating is encouraged to contact Dave Chiapete at 262-9395914.



Bradford High School Italian Club presents
Festa di Carnevale Masquerade Party!

When: February 25th, 2017
Where: Roma Lodge, Racine, WI
Time: 7pm

Tickets: \$30 each and will not be sold at the door
*Ticket includes, pasta station, appetizers and entry into free drawing. Cash Bar.
Silent Auction includes golfing, dinner, jewelry, gift cards and more coming!

Bradford High School Italian Club students are working endlessly to make this a great success for your enjoyment!
Come and show your support!!

Must be 21 years of age to attend.

Please contact swood@kUSD.edu or bweil@kUSD.edu for more information & to purchase your tickets!



The following By-law Amendment to be discussed at the February 2017 Membership Meeting, and will be voted on at the at the March 2017 Membership Meeting

Article VI – Organization, Section 9H

Current By-Law:

(The President shall) appoint and serve as Chair of the Roma Lodge/RIWA Advisory Committee which monitors and makes recommendations on RIWA operations to the Board of Directors.

Proposed Amendment:

(The President shall) appoint and serve as Chair of an advisory committee to the Board of Directors concerning the Roma Lodge business known as the Racine Italian Welfare Association. (The committee will be known as the “RIWA Advisory Committee” and the business will be referred to herein as the “RIWA”.) The RIWA is responsible for operation of the Roma Lodge banquet halls which are open to the public and the Roma Lodge Members’ Lounge (both bar and restaurant). The RIWA Advisory Committee shall monitor and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding general operations and procedures of the RIWA.

1. The RIWA Advisory Committee shall:
 - a. Consist of the President, the General Manager of the RIWA and at least 3, but not more than 5, other members. Committee members are appointed by the president with approval of the Board of Directors,
 - b. Monitor the financial and overall operational aspects of the RIWA business and make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning RIWA operations,

(By-law amendment continued from page 6)

- c. Ensure that the RIWA organization has a clear mission, that the mission is carried out, and that the mission is promoted widely throughout Roma Lodge and the community
- d. Conduct mandatory quarterly meetings, or more often as conditions dictate,
- e. Make recommendations to the Board, as necessary, to assure that a General Manager for the RIWA is in place to autonomously manage the day to day operations of the banquet halls and Members' Lounge,
- f. By November 1st of each year, submit for approval by the Board of Directors an annual operating budget for the RIWA to be prepared by the General Manager in consultation with, and advice from, the RIWA Committee

2017 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH ROMA LODGE

	ROMA LODGE MERIT	MISSURELI	KROES
AMOUNT	One \$4000 Award - paid \$1000 per year over four years Three one-time \$500 Awards Funded by Roma Lodge	One \$1000 Award Paid from funds donated by family & friends of Russell and Helen Missureli.	One \$1000 Award Paid from funds donated by Michael Kroes in honor of his parents, John and Vlasta Kroes.
FOCUS	Academic Achievement	Community Service	Academic Performance
ELIGIBILITY	1) Child of a Roma Lodge Member	1) Child of a Roma Lodge Member	1) Child of a Roma Lodge Member
REQUIREMENTS	1) Graduating High School Senior 2) Accepted in a 4 year college or university program 3) Demonstrates high academic achievement 4) Full-time student	1) Graduating High School Senior 2) Accepted in a 2 year associate degree or 4 year baccalaureate degree program 2) Demonstrates high degree of service to the community, school or church 3) Full or part-time student	1) Graduating High School Senior 2) Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher 3) Accepted into 4 year college or university program 4) Full-time student

***Note:** For details - see separate scholarship information and application forms available on the web <http://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships>.

ROMA LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS – GENERAL POLICIES

1. An individual may apply for as many of the scholarships for which he/she meets the eligibility requirements.
2. An individual applying for more than one of the three scholarships must use the appropriate scholarship application form for each of the scholarships.
3. An individual cannot be the recipient of more than one of the three scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

TIMELINE:

February 10, 2017 (Membership Meeting): Applications will be available in paper, via email, or on the web

March 24, 2017: **All applications must be received no later than this date**

Submit to Scholarship Committee; Attn: Michael Kroes, 7130 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406

Recipients will be selected by this date.

April 30, 2017:

May 2017:

Recipients will be named and awards presented

Applications are available:

- 1) From a member of the Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee
- 2) On the Roma Lodge web page <http://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships>
- 3) By email from **Michael Kroes**, mpkroes@hotmail.com (Please specify the scholarship forms needed.)

ROMA LODGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

What is the Scholarship?

Each year Roma Lodge makes scholarships available to children of its members. There is a \$4,000 scholarship, payable in \$1000 increments at the beginning of each of four academic years. In addition, the Lodge awards a maximum of three one-time \$500 scholarships to the second, third, and fourth place rated scholarship applicants. The scholarships can be applied to any full time course of study leading to a recognized baccalaureate degree at any accredited United States college or university of the recipient's choice.

Who is Eligible?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. A scholarship recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship. Candidates must be planning to pursue a full-time program of study (12 credits or more) in a college or university in the United States. Recipients of the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarships will not receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

Application Requirements

The applicants must:

- Complete a high school college preparatory course of study
- Demonstrate a commendable academic record which will qualify for admission to the college or university of their choice.
- Demonstrate positive citizenship and leadership qualities through participation in school and community activities.
- Show potential for higher academic success by achieving ACT or SAT scores acceptable to the college or university of their choice.
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit an ACT or SAT scores report form
- Submit two letters of recommendation

Financial need will not be considered during the selection process.



THE JOHN AND VLASTA KROES MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

What is the Scholarship?

The John and Vlasta Kroes Merit Scholarship was created in 2015 and is funded by Michael Kroes, a member of Roma Lodge, in memory of his parents. The scholarship awards \$1000 to a child of a Roma Lodge member. The scholarship can be applied to any course of study leading to a recognized baccalaureate degree at any accredited United States college or university of the recipient's choice.

Who is Eligible?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. A scholarship recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full-time program of study (12 credits or more) in a college or university in the United States. Recipients of the Kroes Scholarship will not receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

Application Requirements

An applicant must:

- Have maintained, at least, a cumulative 3.0 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) during his/her high school career and through the first semester of his/her high school senior year.
- Complete a high school college preparatory course of study
- Demonstrate a commendable academic record which will qualify for admission to the college or university of their choice
- Demonstrate positive citizenship and leadership qualities through participation in school and community activities.
- Show potential for higher academic success by achieving ACT or SAT scores acceptable to the college or university of their choice.
- Submit an official high school transcript
- Submit an ACT or SAT scores report form
- Submit two letters of recommendation

Financial need will not be considered during the selection process.



THE RUSSELL AND HELEN MISSURELI SCHOLARSHIP

What is the Scholarship: The Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship was created to recognize their service, over many years, to Roma Lodge, the church, and the community at large. Scholarship funds were donated by the family and friends of the Missurelis on the occasion of Russell 's ninetieth birthday. The scholarship awards \$1000 to a child of a Roma Lodge member.

Who is Eligible?: All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31st of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. A scholarship recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full or part-time program in an associate degree or baccalaureate degree program at any accredited college or university in the United States. Recipients of the Missureli Scholarship will not receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

Application Requirements: Applicants must demonstrate:

- Acceptance as a student in an associate degree or baccalaureate degree program.
- An exemplary record of community service as evidenced by a list of community, school, or church related activities.
- Academic achievement as evidenced by a full transcript of grades.
- Good character as evidenced by two letters of recommendation

Financial need will not be considered during the selection process.



OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES FOR ITALIAN-AMERICANS

The Calandra Italian American Institute offers a free 48-page directory of college scholarships for Italian-American students. The directory includes information regarding eligibility, amounts, and application deadlines. The directory can be viewed and downloaded at <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/calandra/resources/scholarships/scholarships> . The WisItalia website at <http://wisitalia.org/parent-student-information/scholarship-app/> includes suggestions for scholarship information. Students should also contact the school they plan to attend. The college or university may offer scholarships based on grades, activities, or areas of study.

Zuddy's Rib-eye Steak with Mushrooms Special



The Rib-eye Steak with Mushrooms Special consists of Zuddy's sautéed mushrooms over a perfectly seasoned and cooked rib-eye steak. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or generous helping of pasta and bread and butter. It also includes a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$15.95

Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special



Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special consists of sautéed 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

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Deadline for information for March 2017 Newsletter is February 20, 2017. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpvkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich
 Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary