

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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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 NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!!! BUON ANNO 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 second objective is TO STRENGTHEN:

Please realize that we are members of the greatest and strongest club in Southeastern Wisconsin. Our greatness also extends throughout our state and region. Additionally, we are working very hard to have our Roma Lodge recognized on a national level. We are in this position because of the foresight, dedication, hard work, and cooperation of our founders, of our beloved members who have passed away, and of our treasured current membership. It is now up to us to continue to strengthen our club for not only our benefit and enjoyment, but for the benefit and enjoyment of our future generations. We strengthen our club by always working together, and by trusting each other to do the right thing all of the time.

Our congratulations go to Roma Lodge's newest 40 year members: Gary Anzalone, Peter Chambasian, Richard DeFurio, Randy Evitts, Rick Heck and Art Simmons.

Additionally, congratulations go to our newest 50 year members: Alan DiBlasio, Aldo Fallico, Gene Modesti and Anthony Porcaro.

We would also like to recognize our 24th President Joe Porcaro as Roma Lodge's newest 60 year member. Congratulations Joe and thanks for your dedication, hard work and love for our great club.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the family of deceased Roma Lodge brother Gerald G. "Jerry" Sackman.

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

To Zuddy DeRose and Jeff DeMatthew...thanks for your efforts in making our Members Christmas Party a very enjoyable evening. To Tony Povkovich and all of the other volunteers...thanks for your excellent work regarding the Children's Christmas Party and providing a very special day for our kids.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

JANUARY 2017 EVENTS

Sunday, January 1, 2017
Saturday, January 7, 2017
Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Friday, January 13, 2017
Monday, January 16, 2017
Wednesday, January 18, 2017

New Year's Day
8th Annual Winter Bocce Tournament
Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting
Martin Luther King Federal Holiday
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet



Condolences are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Gerald "Jerry" Sackman, age 82, who passed away December 21st.



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

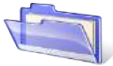
If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. Other members are also encouraged to attend. There will be a special Roma Lodge sign in book at the service for members who attend to verify that they are fulfilling their obligation.



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 January Bingo Captain is Rich Nygro 262-632-2524 or 262-308-5758



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the January 13, 2017 Membership Meeting:

Anthony (Tony) Morelli, age 28 from Milwaukee - born in Racine; employed by U.S. Bank Milwaukee as business banking officer, married (Stephanie Babits Morelli). His proponent is Jim Morelli.

Morelli, Edward E., age 58 of Racine, born in Racine; he is a retired City of Racine police officer, married (Lynn Pellizzari Morelli) with four sons. His proponent is Jim Morelli.



Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership

Congratulations to these members who completed their probation period and are eligible to be initiated at the March 2017 Installation Dinner

Vincent DeMarino, Jr. – Proponent: Benny Ruffolo

Robert Matson – Proponent: Joe Matson

Angelo Sarto – Proponent: Pat Sarto

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

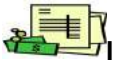
Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in January

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.

Jan 1 Randy Adamowicz Robert Willis Joseph Bado Eugene Presta William D Chiapete Robert DiPasquale Steve Fredriksson Jim DeMatthew Frank Matrise Jr Joe Cicero	Jan 6 David Arval Tim Mondeli Jan 7 Don Andreoli Emilio Infusino Jan 8 Jack Martini Ken Hotchkiss Jan 9 Larry McDermott Jan 11 Frank Mazzie Jr Jan 12 Keith Redell Jan 12 Jeff Rossi Jan 14 Jerome Miller Ed Goebel Jan 17 Ralph Nicotera Jr Antonio Rossi Jan 18 Bill Nurmi	Jan 18 Matt Montemurro Jan 19 Carmelo Bruno Tim Vite Jan 20 Donald Vena Michael Fumo Jan 22 Michael Peratt Jan 23 Angelo Casciaro Jan 24 Buddy Alfano James Carravetta Jan 27 Anthony LeRose Jan 28 Roger DeRose Pat Diem Jan 29 Vincent Caira Sr. Jan 30 Eugene Silvani
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List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, dgggoebel@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.



IMPORTANT NOTICE – Payment for Mailed Subscription to Roma Lodge Newsletter

Members who choose to have the Roma Lodge Newsletter mailed to their homes are assessed a \$25 per year subscription fee to cover cost of printing and mailing. The cost will be added to your 2017 dues statement. If you wish to have your name added to the list or have your subscription discontinued, contact Doug Goebel, (262) 554-7316, dgggoebel@yahoo.com



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 apprlservices@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*.



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.

Merry Christmas

Roma Lodge's Annual Christmas Party

Over 270 people attended Roma Lodge's Annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 10th. Zuddy DeRose and Jeff DeMatthew did an outstanding job in organizing and conducting this event. Michael Kroes did a great job as emcee. In addition to the delicious food and musical entertainment, Roma Lodge's newest class of 40-year members were recognized.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Jeff and Leneya DeMatthew



President Bonanno, Michael Kroes and Jeff DeMatthew, congratulate 40-year members Rick Heck & Randy Evitts



Heck Family



Evitts Family

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!

Also enjoying the evening, and wishing all members and their families Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, were Roma Lodge's Board of Directors, Past Presidents and Vittoria Colonna Presidents



Seated; Vicki Christensen, Rosemary Cicero, Ann Eckert
Standing; Lisa Graceffa, Joan Domancio



Seated; John Lapetina, Ralph Nicotera, Russ Missureli
Standing; Joe Porcaro, Rick Bonanno, Don Cicero



Seated; Jeff DeMatthew, Don Cicero, Doug Goebel, Pat Johnson, Jim Faraone
Standing; Dennis Porcaro, Michael Kroes, Kevin Elrod, Rick Bonanno, Michael Peratt, Tony Povkovich

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 Cod Oscar Special



The Cod Oscar Special consists of Zuddy's famous mixture of cod, crab meat and asparagus covered with béarnaise sauce. The side dish is a baked potato or a very generous helping of pasta. The special includes the salad bar, bread, butter and a complementary glass of red wine. Price is \$12.95

**ROMA LODGE SUPER BOWL LI PARTY
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017
DOORS OPEN AT 3:30 PM – KICKOFF APROX. 5:30 PM**

**PARTY INCLUDES RAFFLES WITH DOZENS OF DOOR PRIZES, SIGNED PACKER MEMORABILIA,
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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!!!**

Roma Lodge Calendar of Events – 2017



The 2017 Roma Lodge Calendar of Events is featured at the end of this newsletter. It includes dates identified thus far for Board of Director meetings, Membership meetings, events sponsored by Roma Lodge, RIWA events open to the public. The calendar will be updated throughout the year as other dates are identified. The Roma Lodge Calendar of Events will be available on the Roma Lodge Membership web page. <http://members.romalodge.com/calendar.html>.

**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, JANUARY 7, 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**

**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

Merry Christmas

Roma Lodge's Annual Children's Christmas Party

Over 160 adults and 140 children attended Roma Lodge's Annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 18th. The children watched a Magic Show, jumped in a bouncy castle, enjoyed having their face painted, got a temporary Christmas tattoo, built an ornament, wrote a letter to Santa, decorated a Christmas cookie, and got a picture taken with the Jolly Old Elf himself! This event would not be possible without all the wonderful volunteers who helped stuff the stockings the day prior, and run all the stations.



Bouncy Castle Fun!



Choose a festive balloon animal!



Tattoo and Face Painting fun!



Decorate a cookie for Santa!

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and Happy New Year!



Family photos with Santa with pictures to bring home



Jim and Jo Dell Faraone were Santa's gift helpers



A delicious kid-friendly buffet



Dick Sarto and his crew behind the bar!



D'Alie Family enjoying the festivities

On Sale Now



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 Venerdì gift certificate for the first new member they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdì 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.

Gift Certificate Special!

Members can purchase five \$20 Gift Certificates for the Members Dining Room or Café Venerdì 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.

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Deadline for information for February 2017 Newsletter is January 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



ROMA LODGE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 8th 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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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