

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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June 2017 Issue

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended the May membership meeting. We had well over 100 in attendance which, I think, is phenomenal! While we all have other commitments and priorities, I ask all members to attend as many meetings as possible. As I mentioned last month, it's so important for you to know what's going on at your club, and for everyone to hear your ideas and opinions. Our next meeting is Friday, June 9, at 7:00. This meeting is a social meeting and in my eyes, kicks off our 39<sup>th</sup> annual Roma Lodge Festival (Italian Fest), which will be here before we know it!

We have some new and exciting ideas for our members' dining room this summer. Starting Thursday, June 1, and continuing every Thursday all summer long, the dining room will be open and offering all you can eat pizza and salad for just \$6.00. During these same Thursdays, we will hold a weekly Bean Bag/Cornhole tournament. On Wednesday nights this summer, you can enjoy our buffet for only \$7.95! Look for other specials as well, including our new Martini Menu, the monthly Ice Cream Drink special, ½ price kiddie cocktails, and \$2.00 rail vodka and lemonades all summer long!

Please consider joining us and celebrate Father's Day weekend (June 16/17) in our dining room. Along with the monthly dining room specials, Zuddy's famous Black Angus fillet served with Portabella mushrooms will be offered for just \$18.95! After dinner, take a look at a special desert menu that will be available. Then on Saturday evening, All the Kings Men (Elvis and a 4 piece band) will perform on the members' patio (8:00pm-10:30pm). This will be a weekend that you won't want to miss!

Buona Festa del Papa` (Happy Father's Day)!

*Dave Chiapete*

*President*

### JUNE 2017 EVENTS

Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, June 9, 2017	Social Meeting and Early Bird Drawing
Saturday, June 10, 2017	Coffee and Cars
Wednesday, June 14, 2017	Flag Day
Sunday, June 18, 2017	Father's Day
Wednesday, June 21, 2017	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Wednesday, June 21, 2017	First Day of Summer
Sunday, June 25, 2017	Arlington Park Trip



**Condolences** are extended to the family of Roma Lodge Brother Emil Ruffalo, age 84, who passed away May 4<sup>th</sup>.



**Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule**

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

**Paar, Donald – Purdy, David**

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](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com),

The June Bingo Captain is Tom Vena 262-694-0880



**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 Jeff DeMatthew, [dematthew@ameritech.net](mailto:dematthew@ameritech.net) or by phone at (262)-880-7474.

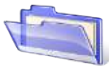


**Welcome! Welcome New Members**

**Voted into Membership at the May 2017 Membership Meeting:**

Adam Britten, age 31, was born in and now resides in Racine. He is employed by Sid’s Sealants, LLC. Adam is married to Eleanor DeMatthew who is of Italian descent. His proponent is his father-in-law, Jeff DeMatthew.

Edward G. Morelli, age 27, is the son of Jim Morelli who is his proponent. Edward was born in Racine. He and his wife Alyssa now reside in Milwaukee. He is employed by GE Healthcare as a sales representative.



**Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the June Membership Meeting**

Robert (Bob) Basil, age 70, Racine – Proponent: Jon 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 2018 Installation Dinner.

Frank Caira, Racine – Proponent: Vincent Caira

William Gullo, Racine – Proponent: Carey Tempesta

Eric Hillery, Racine – Proponent: Jim DeMatthew

# Roma Lodge Golf Outing

**The Roma Lodge Golf Outing is scheduled for August 20<sup>th</sup>.**

**Get your foursome together and save the date!**

**Details will be available in the next newsletter.**

**First Annual – Roma Lodge Italian Festival Vendor/Craft Fair – 2017.**

Sign up for a booth. July 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>. During the Roma Lodge Italian Festival in Festival Hall 12:00 PM – 8:00PM (Saturday) Set up begins at 10:00am. 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM (Sunday)

Location: Racine’s Festival Hall – 5 Fifth Street, Racine, WI 53403

Interested Parties Contact Danielle Hart. [Dmh8889@gmail.com](mailto:Dmh8889@gmail.com)

If you know anyone interested, give them this information.



**Roma Lodge Festival – Pick up Your Raffle Tickets – Be Eligible for the Early Bird Drawing**

The Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> lodge meeting is a social meeting. The bar opens at 5:30pm along with raffle ticket turn in. There will be a short meeting at 7:00pm with dinner directly after, followed by our Festival presentation and Early Bird drawing. Sell as many raffle books as you can and turn them in at this meeting. Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262)-504-9950 or [rtringali252@gmail.com](mailto:rtringali252@gmail.com).

**ROMA LODGE BUS TRIP  
ARLINGTON HORSE TRACK  
SUNDAY – JUNE 25TH, 2017  
BUS WILL LEAVE ROMA AT 9AM  
CONTACT: PAT JOHNSON 262.620.0366  
OR ZUDDY 262.886.8850**

**\$35 -TRIP INCLUDES BUS RIDE (BEER, SODA, & COFFEE ON THE BUS) –  
TRACK ENTRANCE FEE, AND A BUFFET AT ROMA UPON RETURN**

**Members Dining Room Special for June  
Zuddy’s Chop Sirloin Special**



Zuddy’s Chop Sirloin Special consists of perfectly grilled top sirloin covered with sautéed mushrooms and onions. The special includes the salad bar with baked potato or a very generous helping of pasta and bread and butter. The special also includes a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$10.50

# Celebrate Father's Day at Roma Lodge!

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

In addition to our normal menu, the dining room will also feature a Father's Day special of a Black Angus Fillet served with Portabella Mushrooms for \$18.95!



Also featuring a special Father's Day Dessert Menu!!



All The King's Men will play LIVE on our Patio Saturday Evening at 8PM!

*Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri*

*Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in June*

**FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!**

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

June 1	Troy Graceffa	June 16	Robert Domanik	June 26	Carl Catrine
June 1	John Pisanello	June 16	Jerry Bullock	June 27	Gary Suokko
June 1	Ronald Zicarelli	June 16	Stanley Postorino	June 27	Mario Aiello
June 1	Lorenzo Miceli	June 16	Tom Wood	June 28	James McDougal
June 1	James Finnigan	June 17	Michael Szymandera	June 29	Eric Dahlke
June 2	Doug Goebel	June 18	Joseph Mandala	June 29	Anthony Toterò
June 3	Anthony D'Alie	June 18	Gregory Dapra	June 29	Albert Quadraccia
June 4	Robert Starr Sr.	June 21	Peter Koleske	June 29	John Barranco
June 5	Woody Zanella	June 22	Gerald Schulz	June 30	Jason Cairà
June 6	Tris Ruffalo	June 22	Joe Cottone	June 30	Keith Stannis
June 9	Giuseppe Cortese	June 23	Keith Ogden		
June 11	David Pucci	June 24	Philip Marry Jr.		
June 12	Mario Ruffalo	June 24	Jon Ortiz		
June 15	Kurt Sinclair	June 25	Kristoffer McDermott		
June 15	Kelly Ruffolo	June 25	Michael Cuccia		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, [dggobel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggobel@yahoo.com) if corrections are needed.



# Summer Specials!!

June through August in the Members Dining Room

**Wednesday Night Buffet only \$7.95!**  
Regularly \$8.95



**Thursday Night all you can eat  
pizza and salad for \$6.00!**



**Monthly Ice Cream  
Drink Specials on  
Friday and Saturday  
Nights!**

**New Martini Menu!**



**½ price kiddie cocktails  
all summer long!**



**\$2 Rail Vodka  
and Lemonade**



# BAGS & PIZZA!!!

Roma Lodge weekly summer bean bag tournaments!  
Play one week, every week or just once a month!



**Thursday nights beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Cost: \$10.00/person\***

\* 100% paid out in prize money  
65% to 1<sup>st</sup> place,  
25% to 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
10% to 3<sup>rd</sup> place

**Enjoy dinner beforehand in our members dining room  
with an all you can eat pizza and salad buffet for only \$6.00  
dining room open at 5:00 pm**

- 1<sup>st</sup> , 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place winners each week
- All games to begin at 6:30 pm sharp
- 2 players per team, singles will be paired up.
- Round Robin format with single elimination after group play
- All games played to 21
- Member to guest ratio 1:11



Beginning Thursday night, June 1, at 6:30 pm - Roma Lodge will be holding a weekly Bean Bags/Cornhole tournament for our members and their guests. Cost is \$10 per person (Paid out 100% in prize money). It's perfect for families, friends, and singles of all ages. The benefit of having separate weekly tournaments is that you don't have to play every Thursday. Prize money will be paid out weekly to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Games will be played outside, just off the member's patio. Come early and enjoy the new Thursday night All-you-can-eat Pizza and Salad buffet for only \$6.00! If you have any questions, contact President Dave Chiapete 262-939-5914 [davidchiapete@hotmail.com](mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com)

# Roma Lodge Supports WisItalia



**The generosity of Roma Lodge and its membership was demonstrated again. On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, during the monthly WisItalia committee meeting, a donation was made in the amount of \$500. Roma Lodge has been supporting WisItalia for many years.**

**The mission of WisItalia is to promote and encourage the teaching of the Italian language and the culture of Italy, in Wisconsin's primary and secondary schools, as well as, in post secondary colleges and universities. WisItalia also strives to educate the general public about the Italian language and culture.**



**WisItalia President Al Rolandi is presented with the donation from Roma Lodge by Past President Rick Bonanno**

## **2017 Roma Lodge Scholarship Recipients**

Roma Lodge congratulates the recipients of the 2017 Roma Lodge Scholarships!

### **Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship** recipients:

Adriana Marie Green, \$500, daughter of Thomas Charles Wood

Michael Haase, \$500, son of James Haase

Danielle Poisl, \$500, daughter of Joseph A. Poisl

Garrett Wilkins, \$4000, son of Jeffrey Charles Wilkins

### **Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship** recipient:

Anthony Fumo, \$1000, son of Michael Fumo

### **John and Vlasta Kroes Merit Scholarship** recipient:

Michael W. Pucci, \$1000, son of Michael J. Pucci

**Anthony Fumo**, a graduate of Saint Catherine's High School in Racine, plans to attend UW-Madison and major in either Electrical or Mechanical Engineering. His goal is to work for a large company in an industry involved with cutting edge technology. Anthony achieved high honors or honors for each semester of his high school career and was inducted into the National Honor Society. He garnered Second Place and Best Design at the Rube Goldberg Competition in March. His high school activities included serving as a Guardian Angel to mentor freshmen, High and Middle School Teaching Assistant and yearbook staff member. Anthony lettered in Golf and received Academic All-State Golf and Golf Sportsmanship awards. Outside of school, Anthony volunteered many hours at the Roma Lodge Italian Festival and Racine Theatre Guild. He also volunteered his time for the Special Needs Prom and the Marquette University Engineering Leadership Academy.

**Adriana Marie Green**, a graduate of William Horlick High School in Racine, plans to attend UW-Whitewater and major in Psychology. Her dream job would be that of a Sports Psychologist. She achieved Honor Roll status every semester of her high school career and earned the Student-Athlete Lamp Of Wisdom Award. Her High School activities included Student Government, Orchestra, and athletics. Adriana played volleyball as well as being on the Varsity Track and Basketball teams. She was named captain of the basketball team. Outside of school, Adriana volunteered for many organizations including Special Olympics, Racine Kiwanis and Cops N' Kids.

**Michael Haase**, a graduate of William Horlick High School in Racine, plans to attend UW-Whitewater and major in Business Administration. Upon earning his undergraduate degree, he intends to pursue an MBA. Early in his high school career, Michael played on the baseball and basketball teams. He played on the football team all four years and was named Varsity Team Captain his senior year. He earned a Scholar Athlete award each year during high school as well as the Outstanding Rebel "Ace" Football award his senior year. Outside of school, Michael volunteered his time over the years at events including Empty Bowls, Horlick Youth Football Camp, the Rebel Golf Outing and the Racine Fourth Of July Parade.

**Danielle Poisl**, a graduate of Saint Catherine's High School in Racine, plans to attend UW-Milwaukee where she will major in Information Science and Technology. Upon earning her degree, she intends to proceed to graduate school. She achieved high honors or honors each semester of her high school career. Danielle's school activities included membership in the Art Club and Stage Crew. She also volunteered for the school's clothing drives. Outside of school, Danielle volunteered many hours at events sponsored by Saint Rita Parish. She also spent time serving the needs of Bethany Thrift Shop and Saint Monica's Senior Living Community.

**Michael W. Pucci**, a graduate of J.I. Case High School in Racine, plans to attend UW-Madison and pursue a degree in Information Systems. Each year of his high school career, Michael was awarded academic letters and medals as well as high honors. He was inducted into the National Honor Society. His keen interest in geography helped the Case Geography Team (which he captained) win the SE Wisconsin Geography Bowl at UW-Parkside the past two years. Outside of school, Michael serves as a board member and is co-chair of United Way's Youth As Resources education program. He has also volunteered at Kiwanis events and Empty Bowls.

**Garrett Wilkins**, a graduate of Walden III High School in Racine, plans to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering. He will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering. During his high school career, Garrett was inducted into the National Honor Society, served as a Model United Nations representative, was Chief of Mechanical Design for Walden III Robotics and was an organizer of the Walden Wheels Car Show. He played second violin in the Lakeshore Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. Outside of school, Garrett, as a member of the Boy Scouts, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was selected to join the Order Of The Arrow.



# Past President Bonanno Honored With Prestigious Award

Past President Rick Bonanno was one of twelve honored with the prestigious Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. The award was presented at The Order Sons of Italy in America's Grand Lodge of Illinois and Wisconsin in Niles, Illinois.

Below is the article from FraNoi.com, Chicagoland's Italian American Voice media outlet, outlining Rick's career.

Congratulations Mr. Past President on this prestigious award!



**Rick Bonanno**

*Community Leadership Award*

Rick Bonanno was born and raised in Racine, WI. His parents, Paul and Anita, and his siblings, Cindy, Lori and Dan, are also Racine natives. Rick's Italian heritage comes to him from Calabria, Sicily and Umbria via his great grandparents. His maternal great grandfathers were founding members of Roma Lodge in the early 1920's.

Rick has a Bachelor of Science degree from University of Wisconsin-Stout and a Master of Science degree from Iowa State University in Industrial Arts Education. He spent the majority of his career with Kohler Company's Engine

Division in various sales and service capacities.

He has been a member of Roma Lodge in Racine for 40 years, and recently completed his 2nd term as its 27th President. He is a member of the OSIA Lodge Filippo Mazzei #2763 and the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. Rick also is the Racine Representative for WisItalia, serves on the Italian Initiatives Committee at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, and is a member of the Italian Workmen's Club in Madison. He is a member of Moose Lodge #437 in Racine, a Charter Member and Treasurer of the Rebel Golf Outing, and a Graduate of Distinction of the William Horlick High School Hall of Fame.

Rick and his wife, Pam, a retired Racine schoolteacher, reside in Kenosha and have 2 daughters, Lauren and Paige.

Rick is truly honored to receive this prestigious award. Thanks are extended to President Marsalli and the Grand Lodge of IL & WI and to the brothers and sisters of OSIA Lodge Filippo Mazzei #2763.

# Ciao, Amici!

Summer kids camp for ages 6-12  
Join us July 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>  
from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Come explore your Italian heritage through fun and exciting games, crafts and cooking!

**Who is eligible?** Children and grandchildren (ages 6-12) of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge members.

**What is the cost?** \$30.00 for the 1st child, \$25.00 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> child and \$20.00 for each additional child.

For further information or to register for this event, please contact Lisa Chiapete (262) 930-7914, Sarah Povkovich (262) 880-9840 or Tina Gatzke (262) 989-1249.

\* Registration deadline is July 12, 2017. Due to limited space for this event applications will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.





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## Buy a Brick in the Patio Brick Program

Roma Lodge Sponsors the "Patio Brick Program" for members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge. By purchasing a brick, you and your family will not only benefit from maintaining the beautiful patio located on the west side of the building, but it will also provide for a lasting memorial to family and/or friends for years to come. Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to the Lodge, as well as serving to keep our Italian heritage alive.

A 4" x 8" brick consisting of two lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$50.00.

A 12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$250.00.

To purchase a brick please contact:

Pat Johnson, 2621 Wynfield Drive, Racine, WI 53406

Phone 262-620-0366 Email [pjohnson@cordeck.com](mailto:pjohnson@cordeck.com)

A 4" by 8" brick consisting of two lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$50.00 Check must accompany order.

**NOTE:** Spaces count as letters.

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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.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, July, 2017**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017**

**Tuesday, July 11, 2017**

**Friday, July 14, 2017**

**Tuesday, July 18, 2017**

**Wednesday, July 19, 2017**

**Friday, July 28, 2017**

**Saturday, July 29, 2017**

**Sunday, July 30, 2017**

**Independence Day**

**Coffee and Cars**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Membership Meeting**

**Roma Lodge Festival \$10,000 Raffle**

**Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet**

**Roma Lodge Italian Festival**

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Deadline for information for July 2017 Newsletter is June 20, 2017. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [tjpvkovich@gmail.com](mailto:tjpvkovich@gmail.com).

Tony Povkovich

Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary