# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER

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#### March 2014 Issue

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February 10, 2014

Please keep in mind our founding principles: LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY Please strive to achieve our objectives: "TO SERVE, TO STRENGTHEN and TO UNITE.

Our "Winter Festival" was held on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. This was a great first step for this new annual event. The food was superb, as usual. The kids enjoyed themselves in the jump houses and face painting. The ice cream treats and desserts, served by our sisters of the Vittoria Colonna, were delicious. The snow sculpture created by World Champion Jeff Shawhan was fabulous. The Bugs and the New Invaders kept us entertained with their music. The karaoke provided by Tim Vite was fantastic, especially when John Pisanello took the microphone and belted out Louis Armstrong's "It's a Wonderful World." The next day was Roma Lodge's annual Super Bowl Party. There were over 330 people in Vittoria Hall and OML to watch the Seahawks vs. the Broncos. The food, provided by Zuddy DeRose and his crew, was great. The 15 foot main screen, 2 - 10 foot side screens, 3 high definition projectors, 2 additional TVs and 4 large surround sound speakers, provided our guests with the sights and sounds of a fantastic Super Bowl. Additionally, the press coverage from The Racine Journal Times, Fox 6 News, WTMJ Channel 4, WTMJ Radio 620 AM, WSSP Radio 1250 AM, WRJN Radio 1400 AM and their programs, "It's All About Racine" and "The Voice of Italy", was unprecedented in the history of Roma Lodge. Congratulations to the Seahawks, and especially to one of Roma Lodge's favorite sons #42 Chris Maragos, on their victory.

Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to the families of our deceased brothers, Louis DeFurio and Edward Aiello.

Please continue to monitor our calendar in the Newsletter, website <u>http://www.romalodge.com/members</u> and the timeline in the hallway leading into our member's dining room, for upcoming events. Watch for information on our NEW "Men's Singles" Bocce Tournament scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> with the finals on May 4<sup>th</sup>. After many years, we have resurrected our "Memorial Service" on May 18<sup>th</sup> for deceased members of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna. Our "Coffee and Cars" will cruise in high gear for a 2<sup>nd</sup> season beginning on June 14<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, for the first time in decades, Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna will enter a float in Racine's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. These events and functions serve to strengthen and unite us. Your help and participation is welcomed, needed and greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people: To John Pisanello and everyone else involved in our "Winter Festival"...thanks for your efforts in organizing a great event. To Frank Caruso and his Super Bowl team ...thanks for your "Super" efforts in conducting Roma Lodge's largest and best Super Bowl Party ever. THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

vi Saluto.... Rick Bonanno

MARCH 2014 EVENTS			
Tuesday, March 4, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm		
Wednesday, March 5, 2014	Ash Wednesday		
Friday, March 7, 2014	Membership Meeting – Election of Directors – 7:00 pm		
Sunday, March 9, 2014	Daylight Savings Time Begins		
Sunday, March 9, 2014	Installation Dinner – 5:00 pm		
Wednesday, March 12, 2014	Men's Winter Bocce League Ends		
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Men's Winter Bocce Tournament Begins		
Wednesday, March 19, 2014	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet – 5:30 pm		
Friday, March 28, 2014	Scholarship Application Deadline		

## Bingo Captain for March 2014

Volunteer for Thursday night Bingo. Joe Caminiti is the Captain for February. Contact him at 262-902-8405.



#### Velcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the February 2014 Membership Meeting:

Louis (Lou) Ferraro, age 42 of Kenosha who is the son-in-law of his proponent, Charles Aiello. Louis was born in Kenosha and is employed as a pharmacist at a Walgreen's drug store. His wife is Julie Aiello Ferraro.



#### Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the March 7, 2014 Membership Meeting

Timothy J. Barsuli, age 50, Kenosha – Proponent: Chris Aceto Ralph Gentile, age 51, Racine – Proponent: Frank D'Acquisto Tom Housaman, age 53, Kenosha – Proponent: Chris Aceto



**Condolences** are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother, Dr. Louis DeFurio, who died February 3, 2014 and to Roma Lodge brother Edward Aiello who died at his home in The Villages, Florida.

Dr. DeFurio



#### Roma Lodge Election of Directors

Jeff DeMatthew, chairman of the Election Committee, announced that the 2014 Election for Board of Directors will be held Friday, March 7, 2014. Members may vote in the Hall of History between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. To be eligible to vote, you must have been a member prior to January 3, 2014 and have paid your membership dues prior to February 1, 2014.

SAMPLE BALLOT





**Absentee ballots** for the election can be requested from Jeff DeMatthew, 262-554-6804, email dematthew@ameritech.net. Absentee ballots are provided as a courtesy to our members. However, please keep the following in mind:

• Requests for an absentee ballot must be made in time for mailing to the requesting member, unless you are going to make special arrangements to personally pick up your ballot.

- Absentee ballots will not be given out or sent to anyone other than the requesting member.
- Members requesting an absentee ballot bear all risks in regard to timeliness. That is, we are not responsible for late delivery of the ballot to you, or its return to us.
- Absentee ballots must be returned in an envelope with your name and return address clearly readable on the front of the envelope. Return the envelope to Jeff DeMatthew, Roma Lodge Nominations Committee, 7130 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406

#### Patrick Diem

Fellow lodge members, I ask for your vote in the upcoming election for Board of Directors of the great Roma Lodge. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the lodge membership, President Rick Bonanno, Vice President Dennis Porcaro, and the Board of Directors. Roma offers a broad range of members the opportunity to socialize at a wonderful facility, with many social events, community based activities, and fraternal activities. The lodge bridges the gap of generations, bringing together all ages to keep the attachment to tradition, beliefs, and values. It would be my honor to continue to serve the lodge on the Board of Directors and work to continue the growth of the lodge.

#### James LaBelle

Hello; I am Jim LaBelle. I served this last year on the Board at Roma centralizing on the Cares Committee and the Funeral Calling Tree. In addition, I have worked all three days of our Festival for the last four years. The last four years I have been a part of the weekly bingo family; helping out almost every Thursday. I am captain of a bocce team on Tuesday evenings. I have assisted at the Bocce Tournaments, Family Picnics, and have been a part of the team at the Super Bowl parties. My family and I attend many of the lodge events throughout the year. I was Santa Claus for the Christmas Party for the last two years which was so rewarding watching the magic in the faces of all those youngsters!!! I have helped rototill the Famous Zuddy's garden the last two years. I was a car counter for Coffee and Cars this last year. The last two years my wife and I assisted at the Roma Bridal shows. We also helped out at the first Annual Winter Festival. I would appreciate you considering me for another term on the board. I look forward to serving you in the coming years. Thank you.

#### Anthony Povkovich

Thank you for electing me to represent you as a Director last year. During that year I chaired our Children's Christmas Party, and served on the Bocce Tournament and Rules and By-laws committees. I would be honored to represent you again for another term. I promise to serve our GREAT Roma Lodge well, and promote our motto of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Your Brother, Tony Povkovich

#### Chip Mazurek

I would like your support for the position of Director on the Roma Lodge Board of Directors. Since joining in 2009, I have participated and volunteered on a number of events including the Festival, Bingo, and The Scholarship Committee (2011-12). I would like to take more of a leadership role as we move the club forward and will do this with integrity, quality, and respect for the Roma Lodge and if elected will work towards that goal. My 20 + years of experience in sales and marketing for a fortune 500 company would bring a unique set of skills that would continue to incorporate the club's rich traditions while understanding the competitive market place with the ability grow our business and membership. I look forward to the opportunity to serve President Rick Bonanno, Vice President Dennis Porcaro, the Board of Directors and the members of Roma Lodge if elected.

#### Jon Morelli

My name is Jon Morelli and I am running for a position of Director with Roma Lodge. I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1997 and have been active in the Lodge, working the festival each year. I have also worked Bingo as a captain and worker for many years. I have always felt I should give back to the club but with a young family I was extremely busy with my children and involved in their activities serving as coach, manager of teams and on various committees at their schools. Because of these commitments I didn't feel I could give the appropriate time to serving Roma in an elected position.

Now that my children have grown with one moving out and beginning full time employment and the other starting college I feel now is the perfect time to start giving more back to the club.

I have had extensive experience volunteering in the community serving as the chairman and on the committee of the Modine United Way campaign since 2001. I also served four years as president of my church planning council and on other committees. I am an Account Manager with Modine Manufacturing and have been there for 26 years. I feel that my experience as an account manager, working with customers, buyers, and engineers gives me great experience that I could use as a director.

I feel that one of the most important issues confronting the club today is attracting and keeping good members. I would like to work with a committee to understand the issues and work on solutions. I know from experience that as a man goes through the various stages of his life he can give back in different ways. We need to understand and take advantage of the ability of our members to make this club strong.

I have enjoyed the club and the opportunity to get to know the members. I would be honored to be elected to serve this great club and ask for your support.

Thanks.

Jon





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#### SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014 - INSTALLATION DINNER CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE

AND

The INITIATION of NEW ROMA LODGE MEMBERS 5:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (Cash bar); 6:00 P.M. DINNER Tickets are \$10.00 per person (Members only function) Available from Zuddy DeRose 681-3576 (home)



#### Probationary Members to be Initiated at the March Installation Dinner

Tony Catrine – Proponent: Dan Marani Paolo Cortese – Proponent: John Passarelli Michael Borzynski - Proponent: Mike Boero Dennis Jalensky – Proponent: Mike Boero John LeRose III – Proponent: John LeRose, Jr. Mitch Ferraro – Proponent: Jeff Pascucci

Mario Passarelli - Proponent: John Passarelli Gavin DeCheck – Proponent: Grant DeCheck Dominic DaPra – Proponent: Pat Diem Philip Mazzie - Proponent: Frank Mazzie

#### Buon Compleanno e' Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in March

March 1 Lawrence Presta Robert Cribari Richard Perri Walter Havek James Heck March 2 Ralph Gentile March 3 Brad Albee Joe Matson March 4 John Ruffalo March 5 Donald Parr Geoffrey Schiveley

March 11 Ernie Rossi March 12 Gino DeBartolo March 16 David Porcaro Egidio Infusino March 17 James Angelici Gary Christensen March 18 Michael Staeck March 21 Nunzio Germanotta March 22 Richard Heck, Sr., Kurt Kluender

March 22 Louis Arnone March 24 Pete Ciaramita March 25 David Silvani March 28 Gary Krause Scott Solomon March 29 Christopher Aceto **Edward Habel** March 30 Bruno Rizzo March 31 James LaBelle

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



#### Reminder – Deadline for Scholarship Applications is March 28, 2014

Deadline for submitting applications for the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship, Darryl and Jeana Sturino Lifelong Learning Scholarship, and the Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship is March 28, 2014. The completed applications should be returned to Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee, Attn: John Pisanello, Scholarship Chairman, 7130 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406. Applications are available: 1) From a member of the Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee: John Pisanello jpisanello@yahoo.com, Dominic DaPra ddapra@generac.com Mitch Ferraro mitchellferraro@gmail.com, and Jerry Perona gperona@wi.rr.com

2) On the Roma Lodge web page, http://members.romalodge.com/scholarships.html

3) By email from John Pisanello ipisanello @yahoo.com. Please specify the scholarship application form(s) you require.

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**Notes from Scholarship Recipients** 

Dear Members of Roma Lodge,



One semester ago, I came to you to express my gratitude for your scholarship and your support, and to express my excitement to attend the college of my dreams, Wyoming Catholic College. I write to again thank you and share some of my experiences at the college.

After I arrived and prepared, I embarked upon a 21 day journey into the mountains. While the trip certainly had some low points and lacked certain luxuries of the modern day world, (like the lack of toilet paper, little contact with civilization, and food quality that would make any Italian chef weep), it was an experience that I will treasure for the rest of my life. The environment was both tough and stunning, and in this setting, my classmates and I formed bonds that most other people take years to forge. In just three weeks of hiking about a hundred miles over mountainous terrain with gear-filled backpacks, we worked, laughed, talked suffered and truly lived together. We became brothers.

town of 8,000, a "populated" area), we began our studies. Our mental capabilities were strained as we struggled to talk about

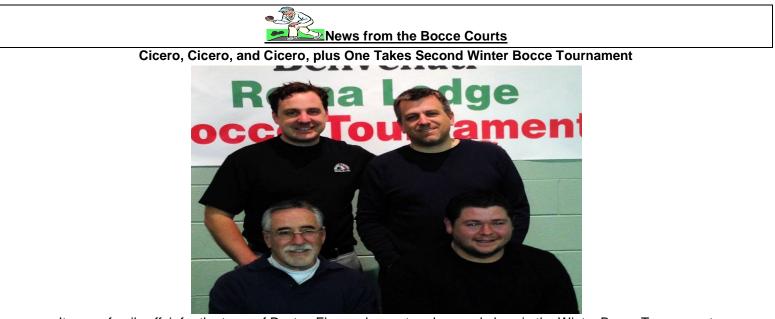
things often taken for granted like words, and where they came from. We learned logic through studying deductive reasoning. We learned about Greek culture through both the poet Homer and the philosopher Plato. Some who had little experience with horses before coming here can now communicate, care for, and ride horses. We've been taught the basics of the language that gave birth to Italian, (Latin). All of these integrated subjects laid the foundations within our minds for each of us to become intellectuals of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

While studies did take up much of our time we still made time for God. Daily Mass is offered, giving us ample opportunities to draw closer with our Lord. It made us better people and united us further as a community.

WCC's goal is to develop the whole person, body, mind, and spirit. Even after just one semester, I have become more of a man thanks to my God, professors, fellow students, family support, and my benefactors. I look forward to what the upcoming semester will accomplish in my life. Please know that each night when I hit my knees to thank God for my many blessings, you all will be in my prayers. Thank you again for your generosity, members of Roma Lodge.

God Bless, Joseph Fredriksson

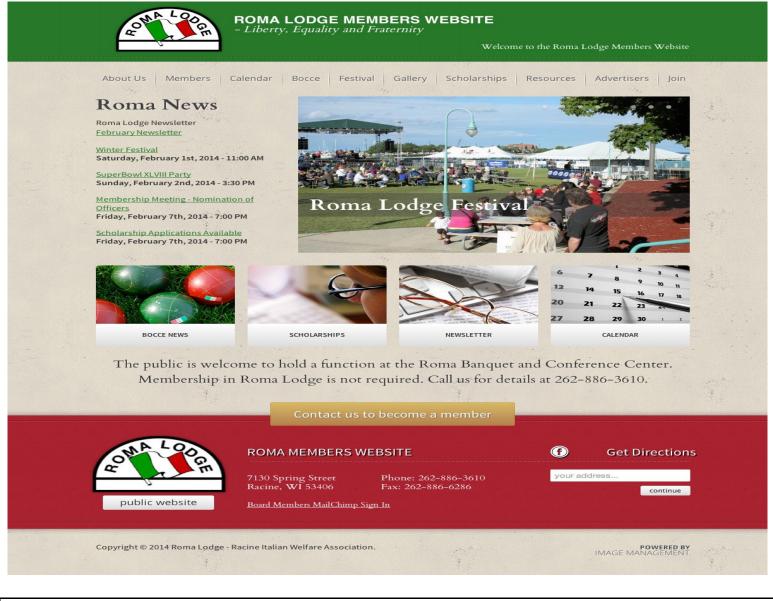
[Editor's Note: Joseph was the recipient of the 2013 Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship. He is the son of Steve Fredriksson]



It was a family affair for the team of Dayton Flyers who captured second place in the Winter Bocce Tournament Top row – left to right: Joe Cicero, his brother Tony Cicero – bottom row: Dad Don Cicero, and friend from Ohio, Jerad Withers



The weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 26-27, Finals Sunday, May 4, 2014 are the dates for the Roma Lodge's Bocce-Single Elimination Tourney. The tournament involves 8 pools of 6 players each on Saturday and Sunday for a total of 48 players. The Finals will be held Sunday, May 4. Entry fee \$25 per player with prizes 1<sup>st</sup> - \$400, 2<sup>nd</sup> -\$200, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100 and 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50. Trophies will be awarded to the top four finishers. Contact Dave Chiapete, 262-939-5914 or Rick Bonanno 262-914-1509 for entry forms and more information. <u>http://www.romalodge.com/members</u> is the site of the redesigned Roma Lodge Members website. Its enhanced graphics, greater clarity, and increased functionality should make it a welcome improvement to our users. Check out the Roma Banquet and Conference Center website <u>http://www.romalodge.com/</u> which also received an extensive redesign.





#### Coffee and Cars

Spring is on the horizon and it's time for Roma Lodge's "Coffee and Cars Rendezvous". This is a casual Saturday morning gathering of classic to modern sports cars, muscle cars, hot rods, and motorcycles, starting June 14 and then every second Saturday after until October 11, from 7:00 – 11:00 am. YES!!! 7:00 am – 11:00 am. It is open to our members and the general public. No fee is charged, just a small donation for

coffee and donuts.

Pass the word. We are looking to be bigger and better in our second season. A few volunteers are needed to place cars and direct spectator traffic. I want to thank the Roma Lodge Board of Directors and our membership for all their support. We all can make this a popular Saturday morning event in Racine. If you have questions, telephone me at 262-633-1462. Charlie Presta, Event chairman (a small collector)



#### Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule March 2014

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

#### Salerno, Lester – Suokko, Gary

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</u> attend to verify that they are fulfilling their obligation.



#### MEMBERSHIP LISTING UPDATES NEEDED - Change of Address and/or Phone number

Please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 <u>dggoebel@yahoo.com</u> of changes of address, phone number, and/or email address. This will help insure an up-to-date membership list so that you will continue to receive Lodge mailings and information.

### ROMA LODGE WINTER FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 1, 2014



### Roma Lodge SUPER Bowl Party

There was a lot to cheer about at this year's Roma Lodge Super Bowl Party – including the record attendance. Special thanks to Frank Caruso, Joe Cicero, and Dave Chiapete and all the volunteers for their work. If you missed the action you can catch it on these web sites:



Racine Journal Times <u>http://journaltimes.com/news/local/team-cheers-maragos-seahawks-to-victory-</u> more-than-turn-out/article\_749d51fc-8c97-11e3-8629-0019bb2963f4.html#.UvEjUG-RR-A.email



Fox 6 News http://fox6now.com/2014/01/30/racine-native-plays-for-seattle-seahawks-in-super-bowlxlviii/



WTMJ – TV Channel 4 - <u>http://www.jrn.com/tmj4/news/Racine-County-turns-to-Seahawks-country-for-</u> Super-Bowl-243270641.html?lc=Smart

# **ROMA LODGE SUPERBOWL PARTY**

















Last month's picture from the Roma Lodge archives - Thank you to all who gave us the names of the men in this photo.

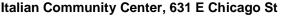


Bottom row: Louis Porcaro, John Lapetina, Gov. Lucey, Don Postorino

Top Row: Remo Giacinti, Larry Presta, Joe Romano, Herman Porcaro, Nick Romano, Jim Chiappetta, Joe Ingrasci, Ralph Mazzie

#### OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA

#### St Joseph's Day Table Luncheon – Wednesday, March 19, 2014 – Milwaukee



This year's celebration in honor of St Joseph will feature the traditional St Joseph's Day Table and a meatless meal that includes pasta con sarde e finocchio, eggplant, artichokes, tossed salad, and a special dessert. Each guest will receive a blest bag containing oranges, apples, and bread to take home. The event begins at 12 noon. The cost is \$25 per person (\$17 for ICC members) and reservations must be received by <u>Wednesday, March 12</u>. Checks are to be made payable to St. Joseph's Day Luncheon and mailed to the ICC, Att'n: St Joseph's Day Luncheon, 631 E Chicago St, Milwaukee, 53202. For more information, contact the Italian Community Center,

414-223-2180

#### Puccini's La Boheme: Metropolitan Opera Company Live in HD Series – April 5 and April 9, 2014

#### Marcus Theatre – Sturtevant, WI Cinemark Theatre – Kenosha, WI

Puccini's moving story of young love is the most performed opera in Metropolitan history. Anita Hartig stars as the frail Mimi in Franco Zeffirelli's classic production, with Vittorio Grigolo as her passionate lover, Rodolfo. April 5 showing begins at 1:55 pm; April 9 showing as 6:30 pm. See theater listing for ticket prices.

#### COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1. 2014	Wisconsin Spring General Election	
Sunday, April 6, 2014	Children's Bocce Banquet	
Sunday, April 6, 2014	Couples Bocce Banquet	
Tuesday, April 8, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting	
Friday, April 11, 2014	Membership Meeting	
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Men's Bocce League Championship Game	
Wednesday, April 16, 2014	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet	
Friday, April 18, 2014	Good Friday	
Sunday, April 20, 2014	Easter Sunday	
Monday, April 21, 2014	Men's Bocce Banquet	
Sunday, April 26-27, 2014	Men's Singles Bocce Tournament	
Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Board of Directors Meeting	

#### 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. 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.



#### Advertising Available in the Roma Lodge Newsletter

You can now purchase ads that will appear in the monthly Roma Lodge <u>Newsletter</u> and in color on the Roma Lodge Members' web page. Cost for ads is \$20 / month for a six month contract with an introductory offer of \$15 / month for six months. These ads will provide a new and profitable outlet for our members who own or operate businesses as well as a source of services available to our members. Contact Jim Faraone (262)657-1244 <u>jfaraone@wi.rr.com</u> for more information.

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The deadline for information for the April 2014 Newsletter is Friday, March 21, 2014. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at gperona@wi.rr.com.

Jerry Perona, Jerry Perona, Roma Lodge Secretary