

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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June 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.**

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY...BUONA FESTA DEL PAPA'

We will conduct our monthly membership meeting on Friday, June 10th starting at 7:00pm. This abbreviated "social meeting" will be immediately followed by a buffet, a festival update and an early bird drawing. This will be our 38th annual festival. The members of our festival committee, led by Pat Diem and Tom Garbo, have been working very hard to produce another great event. Please make every effort to attend our meeting and hear our festival plans for 2016. You may even win an early bird prize.

Roma Lodge's 4th season of "Coffee and Cars" starts up on Saturday, June 11th from 8:00am – NOON. Chairman Charlie Presta has been working very hard to ensure another great rendezvous for all car enthusiasts. "Coffee and Cars" is open to the public. Participant's cars will be charged a \$5.00 entry fee and includes tickets for various refreshments. Spectators are welcome at no-charge.

Roma Lodge will, again, have a team in the Lighthouse Run on Saturday, June 18th. Chairman Jeff DeMatthew believes that our Roma Lodge team is strong and will be very competitive.

Your participation in Roma Lodge's events and functions is appreciated and helps strengthen our club. Also, your promotion and support of the RIWA banquet business (which includes the member's dining room) is also appreciated and is critical for the long term success of our great Roma Lodge.

Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers go to Roma Lodge brother Jerry Perona on the passing of his wife Judy.

Our congratulations go to Past President Russ Missureli who is celebrating 35 years as a Deacon. Congratulations to our Men's Single Bocce Champion Tony Povkovich. We also congratulate our scholarship winners: Sarah Drettwan, Sabrina Ruffalo, Kyle Sinclair, Mari Suoko, Ian Eickhoff and Louisa Fredriksson.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people:
To Michael Kroes...thanks for your efforts in leading our scholarship committee. To Joe Porcaro and Tom Garbo...thanks for your help during the high school award banquets. To Zuddy DeRose and all of the May 3rd \$10,000 raffle volunteers...thanks for producing another great event. To our Past Presidents and Roma Lodge board members...thanks for participating in our annual President's Dinner on May 17th. Your ideas, suggestions, viewpoints and efforts help strengthen our club and greatly contributes to the "Good and Welfare" of Roma Lodge.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

JUNE 2016 EVENTS

Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Friday, June 10, 2016
Saturday, June 11, 2016
Wednesday, June 15, 2016
Sunday, June 19, 2016
Monday, June 20, 2016
Saturday, June 26, 2016

Board of Directors Meeting
Social Meeting and Early Bird Drawing
Coffee and Cars
Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Father's Day
First Day of Summer
Couple's Golf Outing

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.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

The Calling Tree schedule includes those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between:
Infusino, Egidio – Lucas, Ron

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, Jim LaBelle 262-995-0152 or jlabelle71@yahoo.com,
The June Bingo Captain is Tom Vena 262-694-0880.

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.



Change of Address, Phone Number, or Email Address

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

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.



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.

Thursday Nights at Roma Lodge this Summer

Starting May 19th our Members' Lounge will be open on Thursday evenings for members and guests to enjoy drinks, bombers and pizza.

Jeff DeMatthew (ph. (262)-880-7474 or email: dematthew@ameritech.net) will coordinate with Zuddy DeRose to provide the bombers and pizzas. Jeff will also be responsible for having a volunteer bartender on duty to serve you and your guests. If you are interested in being a volunteer bartender, contact Jeff. Otherwise, keep us in mind for Thursday evenings this summer.



ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE

In order to meet Roma Lodge's mission to carry on human relations activities on a charitable basis for the purpose of showing the community the positive force of Italian-American citizens, the CARES Committee, with the approval of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors, recently made a contribution of \$100 to the Racine County Opportunity Center for their "Golf for Kids" golf outing.

For more information on the CARES, contact Ed Habel, 262-945-0911 or edhabel@yahoo.com.

Due to a lack of a quorum at the May Membership Meeting we will not be voting on the proposed by-laws at the June Social Meeting. Updated timing of discussion and voting for these amendments will be announced in the July newsletter.

President Bonanno Represents Roma Lodge at Award Ceremony

President Rick Bonanno represented Roma Lodge at the 15th Annual Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence Gala held at White Eagle Banquets in Niles, Illinois on Sunday, May 1st. Over 300 people attended. This event was orchestrated by the Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA) Grand Lodge of Illinois and Wisconsin. A total of 16 people were honored as the best and brightest in the Italian American Community. The following were nominated by the Filippo Mazzei Lodge in Milwaukee and received awards; Rev. Domenic J. Roscioli, Anthony T. Machi, Vincent Carini and Joe Vella.



Pictured (l to r) President Joe Vella-Italian Community Center, President Joe Emanuele-OSIA Lodge Filippo Mazzei, President Rick Bonanno-Roma Lodge

Roma Lodge Honors Our Veterans

Saturday, November 12, 2016



Richard Vallin

U.S. Navy Commander 1960-1984
Viet Nam – 3 combat tours of Duty



Santo "Zuddy" DeRose

U.S. Army PFC
Korea

On Saturday, November 12, 2016 Roma Lodge will, again, pay tribute to our Veterans. This special banquet will honor Roma Lodge's military veterans, both living and deceased. Also participating in the event will be members of the Vittoria Colonna Lodge. Commander Richard Vallin, US Navy (Ret.) will lead this very special evening. Santo "Zuddy" DeRose originated the idea for a Veteran's Event which was first held in 2013. Our 2016 event will again feature various dignitaries including a guest speaker, a color guard, military music, "Challenge Coin" presentation, ceremonies to remember those missing in action and the "Battle Field Cross" remembering those who have died in action.

**YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER EARLY FOR THIS EVENT
CONTACT RICK BONANNO AT 262-914-1509 TO REGISTER**

Zuddy's New York Strip Special



The New York Strip Special consists of Zuddy's sauteed mushrooms over a perfectly seasoned and cooked New York Strip. 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 \$15.99

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 complementary glass of red wine. Price is \$9.95

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.

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

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

President of the Filippo Mazzei Lodge Visits Roma Lodge

On Wednesday evening, May 4th President Joseph Emanuele of The Filippo Mazzei Lodge, Order of Sons of Italy in America visited Roma Lodge. President Emanuele was provided with a historical perspective of Roma Lodge, taken on a tour of Roma Lodge's facilities and introduced to some of our members by President Rick Bonanno. President Emanuele and President Bonanno also discussed the future of our Italian Culture in Wisconsin.





2016-2017 CHAIRMEN APPOINTMENTS

The following chairmen were appointed by President Rick Bonanno and approved by the board of directors on May 10, 2016. The appointments are effective immediately and terminate in March 2017.

Jim Faraone	BINGO
Tony Povkovich	BOCCE (Men's Leagues, Tournaments, Children's Bocce, Couples League and Vittoria Colonna)
Jim Faraone	BUILDING and GROUNDS
Ed Habel	CARES (Funeral Service Calling Tree)
Pat Diem	FESTIVAL
Doug Goebel	MEMBERSHIP
Tony Povkovich	NEWSLETTER, PUBLIC RELATIONS and WEB PAGE
Dennis Porcaro	NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS
Jeff DeMatthew	PLANNING and BY-LAWS
Dennis Porcaro Rick Bonanno (Co-Chairmen)	RIWA (Bar, Beverage, Food Service, Sales and Marketing)
Michael Kroes	SCHOLARSHIP
Don Cicero	SENIORS
Jim Faraone	SICK and SHUT-INS
Rick Bonanno	SOCIAL (Special Events and Functions)

SATURDAY MORNING

COFFEE & CARS

RENDEZVOUS



2016

Every

Second Saturday of the Month

June 11 July 9 August 13 September 10



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34th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY - AUGUST 14th, 2016

Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St; Racine WI 53406

Arrive at 8:00 AM for Coffee and Pane Fritta.

Games Start at 9:00 AM Sharp!!!!

FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$2,000

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person (Including Alternates)

FEE INCLUDES:	8:00 AM	Coffee and Pane Fritta
	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Sausage/Meatball Bombers, Fried Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Tomato Salad, Soda and Beer from 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
	2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	BBQ Ribs, Italian & Henny Penny Chicken, Italian Potatoes, Tomato Salad, Green Beans, Pasta & Meatballs.
Any Non-Player wishing to join us for food and drinks, may do so at a cost of \$30.00		

PROJECTED CASH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

MEN'S DIVISION (Based on 39 Teams)			WOMEN'S DIVISION (Based on 16 Teams)		
1st Prize	\$2,000		1st Prize	\$800	
2nd Prize	\$1,000		2nd Prize	\$400	
3rd Prize	\$500		3rd Prize	\$250	
4th Prize	\$300		4th Prize	\$150	

This year we are projecting to have a filled to capacity tournament consisting of 64 teams in the Men's Division (men or mixed) and 16 teams in the Women's Division (Ladies Only).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUND ROBIN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.

All teams (5 players) guaranteed minimum of 3 games possibly 4.

All games will be between 9-12 points depending on number of entries.

The Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be played to 16 points.

NOTE: ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BOCCE BALLS ONLY!

Championship game will be played on indoor court #1.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts.

This tournament will be filled on a first come - first serve basis.

Get your entries in early since we are expecting a filled tournament this year.

Come and join in the fun, food, drinks and camaraderie for a fun-filled day at the Roma Lodge.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Chiapete (Tournament Director) 262-939-5914

Rick Bonanno 262-914-1509

Tony Povkovich 262-880-5945



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2016 Roma Lodge Scholarship Recipients

Roma Lodge congratulates the recipients of the 2016 Roma Lodge Scholarships!

Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship recipients:

Sarah Drettwan, \$500, daughter of Jeffrey Drettwan

Sabrina Ruffalo, \$500, daughter of John Ruffalo

Kyle Sinclair, \$500, son of Kurt Sinclair

Mari Suokko, \$4000, daughter of Gary Suokko

Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship recipient:

Ian Eickhoff, \$1000, grandson of Joseph Clementi

John and Vlasta Kroes Merit Scholarship recipient:

Louisa Fredriksson, \$1000, daughter of Steven Fredriksson

Sarah Drettwan, a graduate of Catholic Central High School (CCHS) in Burlington, plans to attend St. Norbert College and major in Biology. This will provide her with a strong foundation if she decides to pursue a Physician Assistant graduate program. Her ultimate goal is to work in the health care field providing patient care. Sarah maintained Honor Roll status for four years at CCHS and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Her school activities included volleyball, soccer, Key Club and Stage Crew. Outside of school, Sarah was active with a travelling volleyball team, provided summer child care at the Transitional Living Center and worked with the summer reading program at the Burlington Public Library.

Ian Eickhoff, a graduate of Manitowoc Lutheran High School (MLHS), plans to attend UW-Madison and major in Business Administration. He has been involved in many volunteer activities involving his church, National Honor Society, Hope House of Manitowoc County, Lutheran Boy Pioneers and Wisconsin Special Olympics. During his high school career Ian was inducted into the National Honor Society and served as a member of Student Council. He founded the MLHS chapter of Future Business Leaders of America. Ian was a member of the Track and Field, Basketball and Football teams earning varsity letters twice in each sport as well as captaining the varsity football team. Ian was active musically as a member of the Lancer Singers and as a piano accompanist.

Louisa Fredriksson, a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic Academy (SJCA) in Kenosha, plans to attend UW-Whitewater and major in Biology Education. Her high school activities included Student Council, National Honor Society, Band, Volleyball and Stage Crew. Louisa was awarded a letter and three bars for Academics as well as Performing Arts. Outside of high school, Louisa has been a teacher of her church's Kindergarten Faith Formation group for several years. She also volunteers with her church's Youth Group and Music Ministry.

Sabrina Ruffalo, a graduate of Union Grove High School (UGHS), plans to attend UW-La Crosse where she will pursue a double major in Communication and Marketing. Her goal, upon graduation, is to work as a Medical Device Sales Representative. Sabrina's high school activities included Track, Varsity Basketball and Varsity Swim teams. She was a four year swim team member and captained the team during her senior year. She was a member of the Bronco Media club and was editor of the UGHS school newspaper for two years. Outside of high school, Sabrina volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Racine and Kenosha, Elizabeth Gardens Assisted Living Apartments and Wheaton Franciscan.

Kyle Sinclair, a graduate of Mary D. Bradford High School in Kenosha, plans to attend Benedictine University in Illinois and pursue an Accounting degree. During his high school career, Kyle was on the Honor Roll every quarter. He was inducted into the National Honor Society, was a member of Student Government and was awarded an academic letter for his GPA. Kyle earned eight varsity letters through his participation on the Baseball, Basketball and Football teams. Outside of high school, he has volunteered and mentored students at McKinley Elementary School as well as tutored high school students in Algebra II.

Mari Suokko, a graduate of Union Grove High School (UGHS), plans to attend Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan where she will pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. She will also play on the school's Women's Golf Team. During her high school career, Mari was a member of the Key Club, was inducted into the National Honor Society and was named Valedictorian of the UGHS Class of 2016. As a senior, Mari tutored an underclassman. Mari was also a key member of the Girls Golf Team for four years during which she helped her team earn the Southern Lakes Conference (SLC) Championship. For four straight years Mari was named Team MVP, SLC Player of the Year, SLC All-Conference First Team member and Racine All-County First Team member. Outside of high school, Mari has been a summer volunteer at Wheaton Franciscan Hospital, a teacher's helper at Raymond School and has worked at many a Roma Lodge Italian Festival.

The 3rd Annual Men's Bocce Tournament was held over two days. April 24th was the pool play round and May 1st was the single elimination finalist tournament. Thank you to all the players and volunteers who helped make it such a great event!



Pictured (l to r) 2nd Place Frank Chirco, 3rd Place Brian Hart, Champion Tony Povkovich, 4th Place Joe Mandala





WE NEED YOU FOR THE 4th of JULY PARADE

Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna are forming a Color Guard for this year's 4th of July Parade. We are looking for 24 flag bearers between the ages of 10 - 16. The Color Guard will lead Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna's parade entry. For details and to sign up, please contact Rick Bonanno at 262-914-1509 (cell) or Liza Graceffa at 262-598-6399 (cell). Sign up is on a first come first served basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, July 4, 2016 Monday, July 4, 2016 Tuesday, July 5, 2016 Friday, July 8, 2016 Saturday, July 9, 2016 Tuesday, July 12, 2016 Wednesday, July 20, 2016 Friday, July 29, 2016 Saturday, July 30, 2016 Sunday, July 31, 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independence Day Roma Lodge & Vittoria Colonna 4th Float Board of Directors Meeting Membership Meeting Coffee and Cars Roma Lodge Festival \$10,000 Raffle and Dinner Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet Roma Lodge Italian Festival Roma Lodge Italian Festival Roma Lodge Italian Festival |
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Deadline for information for July 2016 Newsletter is June 20, 2016. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpvkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich
 Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary