

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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March 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 EASTER TO ALL OF YOU....BUONA PASQUA A TUTTI VOI

Unfortunately, our February membership meeting could not be opened because we lacked a quorum. All meetings are important, but this one was especially so, because we needed to nominate candidates to fill open director's positions. We thank the 72 members who made an effort to attend the meeting. Nevertheless, when we **FAILED** to achieve the quorum of 75 members, we then obviously **FAILED** to open the meeting. This led to a **FAILURE** to nominate candidates for open director's positions, resulting in the **TOTAL FAILURE** to conduct the critical business of Roma Lodge. This is an extremely frustrating situation. You elected this board of directors to work hard, make tough choices and stabilize our financial health to insure our future viability. This board has worked to achieve these objectives and we are very proud of our efforts. However, we cannot continue to be effective without your help and participation. The general lack of interest and overall apathy on the part of our membership is very concerning. We have tried to stimulate member interest in the club through various promotions, activities and events. However, the bottom line is that, **YOU** are the one who determines if **YOU** are interested in the club. **YOU** are the one who determines why **YOU** are a member of the club. **YOU** are the one who determines if **YOU** want to participate in the club's events and functions. And, **YOU** are the one who determines if **YOU** are willing to help the club succeed. Consequently, please realize the formula regarding Roma Lodge is very simple: With **YOU** the club **SUCCEEDS**. Without **YOU** the club **FAILS**. The choice is **YOURS**.

On behalf of Roma Lodge, I would like to convey special thanks to the following people:
To Frank Caruso and the Super Bowl Volunteers...thanks for a great Super Bowl Party. To the 72 members who attended our February membership meeting...thank you for your efforts, interest, dedication and love for Roma Lodge.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU.

Vi Saluto.... *Rick Bonanno*

MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION NEEDED!

The February Membership Meeting could not be held due to the lack of a quorum.

The nomination process of four directors will now be held at the March Membership Meeting, but we need membership participation at the meeting to ensure business can be conducted.

Please plan on attending our March Membership Meeting on Friday, March 11th at 7:00pm. Food will be served following the meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Brothers of Roma Lodge,

The February meeting had to be canceled due to the lack of a Quorum. Seventy-five Members are necessary to obtain a Quorum, but with over 450 members listed on the roster, 75 members could not be found.

Without a Quorum, the Business Portion of the Lodge cannot be completed. This Board has worked very hard to bring this Club back to profitability, and we need your help to continue.

Each and every one of you, when joining the lodge, expressed your pride, dedication, and willingness to help Roma Lodge. It is time to do your duty and obligation.

Please plan to attend our next meeting on FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH AT 7:00 PM.

Thank you... *Dennis Porcaro*

MARCH 2016 EVENTS

Tuesday, March 8, 2016	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2016	Membership Meeting – Nomination of Directors
Sunday, March 13, 2016	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Wednesday, March 16, 2016	Zuddy's Special Wednesday Night Buffet
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Children's Bocce Banquet
Sunday, March 20, 2016	Installation Dinner
Sunday, March 20, 2016	First Day of spring
Friday, March 25, 2016	Scholarship Application Deadline
Sunday, March 27, 2016	Easter

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:

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, Jim LaBelle 262-995-0152 or jlabelle71@yahoo.com,
The March Bingo Captain is Rich Nygro 262-632-2524 or cell 262-308-5758.

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, dgoebel@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.



2016 Board of Directors Election – DATE CHANGE

Due to the lack of a Quorum at the February Membership Meeting, nominations will now be made at the March 11, 2016 Membership Meeting for four director positions for the 2016 -2018 term.

The election will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016. To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2016
- 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 March 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 Jeff DeMatthew at 262-880-7474 or email dematthew@ameritech.net. Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Tony Povkovich, tjpovkovich@gmail.com, by **Monday, March 18, 2016** 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 April *Newsletter*.

Roma Lodge Scholarship Pasta Dinner

Sunday March 6th is the Roma Lodge Scholarship Pasta Dinner from 11:00 am to 3:00 PM.

Great Food, Tim Vite's DJ Music, and good friends will make this a great day to support our children. All proceeds go directly to the scholarship fund and its success is based solely on the support from our members. So please, bring your families, invite your neighbors and friends and help make this event successful.

Everyone should have received 2 tickets in the mail, which we hope you'll purchase. Additional tickets will be available at the door or contact John Pisanello (262) 939-5650 or Doug Goebel, (262) 554-7316,

Tickets are \$10 each and children 5 and under will be free. Please support our children, the future of Roma Lodge, and enjoy the day with friends and family. See you all on the 6th.

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 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 Jim Faraone, 262-657-1244 or email jfaraone@wi.rr.com.

Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special



Zuddy's Liver and Onions Special consists of sauteed 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

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. Also included is a complimentary glass of red wine. Price is \$10.50



SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016

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)



Roma Lodge Super Bowl Success!!!

Just under 300 guests!
\$3,000 in raffle prizes won!
~\$1,000 50/50 winner

Great free craft beer Lakefront, Miller, Coors
Great food from our Zuddy led kitchen staff

THANK YOU to all members and guests! It was a pleasure serving you and we look forward to next year!!!

Signed - Roma Lodge Super Bowl team.



Roma Lodge Super Bowl Success



Thank You To The Team: Jeff DeMatthew, Dave Chiapete, Zuddy, Dennis Porcaro, Pat Johnson, Don Cicero, Ashley, Frank Caruso, Joe Cicero, Kevin, Art Rozzoni, Jimmy LaBelle, Rick, John Baranco, Rick Bonanno, John Pisanello, Rob Piccolo



**Thank You
Guests!!!
All 285 of you**





Remembering Racine's Old Neighborhood Grocery Stores

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

6:00 – 9:00pm

Vittoria Hall

Roma Lodge

7130 Spring Street

Racine, WI 53406

This will be an encore event that was presented last September at the Racine Library. Do you remember Quadracci's on Albert? Matranga's on Prospect or Matranga's on Villa? Christiano's on Kearney? Porcaro's on Hamilton? There are many others!!! Memories from descendents of those who once owned stores will be shared. Your memories and memorabilia are also welcome. Carol Gianforte's reading of her story "The Store" and Jim Mercier's extensive collection of memorabilia will also be featured. Refreshments will be served and door prizes will be featured. Tickets are \$1.00 in advance or \$2.00 at the door.

For tickets or additional information please contact Joe Povkovich at 414-333-6723 or Rick Bonanno at 262-914-1509

“Thank You!” to Roma Lodge Brother Darryl Sturino

Roma Lodge extends a sincere “THANK YOU!” to Darryl Sturino for funding the Darryl and Jeana Sturino Lifelong Learning Scholarship from 2008-2015. Darryl’s generosity assisted many students as they embarked on their journey to higher education.

2016 SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED THROUGH ROMA LODGE

	ROMA LODGE MERIT	MISSURELI	KROES
AMOUNT	One \$4000 Award Three \$500 Awards Funded by Roma Lodge All awarded annually	One \$1000 Award Paid from funds donated by family & friends of Russell and Helen Missureli. Award annually	One \$1000 Award Paid from Funds donated by Michael Kroes in honor of his parents, John and Vlasta Kroes. Awarded annually
FOCUS	Academic Achievement	Community Service	Academic Performance
ELIGIBILITY	1) Child of Roma Lodge Member 2) Graduating High School Senior	1) Child or grandchild of a Roma Lodge Member 2) Graduating High School Senior	1) Child of a Roma Lodge Member 2) Graduating High School Senior
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) 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 12, 2016 (Membership Meeting) : Applications will be available in paper, via email, or on the web

March 25, 2016:

All applications must be received no later than this date

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

April 22, 2016:

Recipients will be selected

May 2016:

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 Roma Lodge members who are in good standing as of January 31 of that calendar year. 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 in 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 sons or daughters of Roma Lodge members in good standing as of January 31 of the calendar year are eligible to apply for the scholarship. It is necessary that the father of the recipient continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship. Applicants must be graduating high school seniors. 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 cannot 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 who is in good standing as of January 31 of that calendar year. The scholarship can be applied to any course of study leading to a recognized baccalaureate degree in 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 sons or daughters 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. The 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 cannot 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 the service they gave over many years to Roma Lodge, the church, and the community at large. The funds were donated by the family and friends of Russell and Helen Missureli on the occasion of Russell Missureli's ninetieth birthday. The scholarship awards \$1000 to a graduating high school senior who is the child or grandchild of a Roma Lodge member and who has been accepted as a full or part-time student in an associate degree or baccalaureate degree program in any accredited college or university in the United States. In addition to community service, scholastic achievement will also serve as the basis for selection of a recipient. The application, selection, and award process for the scholarship is administered by Roma Lodge.

Who is Eligible?: All graduating high school seniors who are the biological or adopted sons and daughters or grandchildren of Roma Lodge members in good standing as of January 31 of the calendar year are eligible to apply for the scholarship. It is necessary for the Roma Lodge member to continue to be a member for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Recipients of the Missureli Scholarship cannot 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

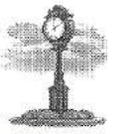
OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES FOR ITALIAN-AMERICANS

A free 48 page directory of college scholarships for Italian-American students is available through the Calandra Italian American Institute. The directory includes information about eligibility, amounts, and application deadlines. A copy can be viewed and downloaded at <http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/calandra/resources/scholarships/scholarships> . The Wislitalia website at <http://wislitalia.org/parent-student-information/scholarship-app/> also includes suggestions for scholarship information. And remember to contact the college or university which the student will be attending. They may offer scholarships based on grades, activities, or areas of study.

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