

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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September 2018 Issue MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members:

The next Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, September 14, 7:00 pm. I continue to ask all members to attend as many of our monthly meetings as you possibly can. Your participation is crucial to the success of Roma Lodge. Please continue to keep in mind that Bingo can use more help, so if you have a Thursday afternoon or evening available, please stop at the Lodge and volunteer some of your time. Bingo is a vital income source to our club. Thank you to all Bingo volunteers!

The MLB playoffs are around the corner, College, and NFL football is about to be in full swing, so keep in mind that the members' bar menu is now available Wednesday–Saturday evenings, 5:30-9:00. The Roma Lodge bar menu includes hamburgers, grilled chicken and spicy Italian sandwiches, wings, pizza, appetizers, and much more! Roma Lodge's famous pizza will continue to be featured special on Thursday nights through September - buy one/get one free for those who dine in.

Sept 5-9, we will be celebrating **Members Appreciation Weekend** here at Roma Lodge!!! Wednesday, Sept. 5, the Wednesday night buffet will be just \$6.95 for everyone. Then on Thursday, Sept. 6, we have the pizza special, buy one/get one free. Friday night, all rail-and-call mixers will be just \$2, and Saturday evening, Roma's famous Black Angus fillet with mushrooms will be \$20.95 and all rail-and-call mixers \$2. Also on Friday and Saturday nights, a complimentary hors d' oeuvres of bruschetta will be served to all diners. Saturday morning, there is a special offer for members who attend with a car at Coffee and Cars as well.

Then on Sunday, Sept 9, we will conclude the weekend with a huge tailgate party beginning at 3:00 pm in the members' parking lot as we prepare for the Packers first game of the season against the Bears which kicks off at 7:20 to be shown on our 13' screen! The tailgate party will include hamburgers, 2 different varieties of Italian sausage home made from Groppi's Food Market, hotdogs, potato salad, and tap beer. Event wrist bands are **free** to members and their immediate family (kids living at home). For member's guests, the cost of a wrist band is just \$7. There will be bags/cornhole, pickle ball, and a live band featuring Identity Crisis. There is plenty of room to toss the football around and/or bring your own comfortable lawn chairs, if you prefer. This is a party that you won't want to miss and remember, it's free!!!

As the leaves begin to change colors and football season is upon us, new Fall Specials are set to begin in September-November in our Members' Dining Room and Bar. Baked Cod will be just \$11.95 and the Italian Combo is \$9.95. Bloody Mary's, Apple Cranberry Moscow Mule, and a Wine Float are all on special as well.

Make sure you look for our new **Members' Dining Room Coupon** in this newsletter. The coupon is valid on Friday and Saturday evenings, and you may use a coupon each and every night you dine at Roma Lodge through November!

I am excited to announce a couple of changes that will be made regarding our members' restaurant. Beginning Wednesday night, Sept 12, the Wednesday night buffet will permanently be reduced to \$7.95 for seniors 55+ (\$8.95 regular). We will also begin serving warm bread on Friday and Saturday evenings with the opportunity to add olive oil if you so choose.

If the Packers are playing, the Members' Bar is open! Our full bar menu is always available. During the month of September during all Packers games, our famous pizza will be buy one/get one ½ off! Bar hours are the following: Sept. 9 is our tailgate bash, Sept. 16, 23, 30, and Oct. 7, we open at 11:15 am. Last year, so much fun was had by all those who attended, and I encourage everyone to keep Roma Lodge in mind for all Packer games. Strip cards are available, and all games are shown on our huge 13' screen!

Lastly, Trunk or Treats will be held on Sunday, October 21. More details will be in next month's newsletter. October 6 is our annual Columbus Day Celebration. This is always an elegant evening that I highly recommend. More details are in this newsletter.

Dave Chiapete
President

SEPTEMBER 2018 EVENTS

Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day
Saturday, September 8, 2018	Coffee and Cars
Tuesday, September 11, 2018	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 14, 2018	Membership Meeting
Saturday, September 22, 2018	First Day of Autumn



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 September Bingo Captain is Jon Morelli 262-488-1301



Condolences are extended to the family of Roma Lodge brother Charles "Charlies" Domanico who passed away August 24, 2018.



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.

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in September

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.

Sept 1	Brian Odders Mike Garbo Anthony Hirt	Sept 10	Robert Betchkal	Sept 26	Dom Lo Piccolo Dave Piggins
Sept 2	Steve Clementi Jack Kelley	Sept 12	William Pinnow	Sept 27	Joe Buscemi Damiano Piraino
Sept 3	Fred Metzger II Bill Bushell	Sept 13	Armando Covelli	Sept 28	Charles Hoeft Glenn Johnson
Sept 5	Patrick Juliana	Sept 14	Ralph Nicotera III Anthony Porcaro	Sept 29	Mark Mano Dave Schneider
Sept 8	Steve Maritch Eugene Modesti Ray Stevens	Sept 16	John Savaglio	Sept 30	Gavin DeCheck
Sept 9	Eric Andersen Adolfo Greco	Sept 17	Phil Mazzie Tobias Miceli-Gwiazdowski		
		Sept 18	Kevin Elrod		
		Sept 19	John Suprak		
		Sept 24	Mike Galovits Benny Ruffolo		
		Sept 25	Frank Schiro		
		Sept 26	Ron Brodsko		

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

Members' Dining Room Coupon

Valid Friday and Saturday Evening in the Members' Dining Room
Valid for both Food and Beverages

3% OFF orders \$49.99 or below

5% OFF orders \$50 to \$74.99

7% OFF orders \$75 to \$99.99

10% OFF orders \$100 or greater

BRING THIS COUPON TO REDEEM!



Expiration Date November 31st

Member Appreciation Weekend September 5th – 9th

Wednesday, Sept. 5

Wednesday night buffet \$6.95 for all adults.
Kids eat at normal reduced price.

Thursday, Sept. 6

Buy one pizza, get one free!

Friday, Sept. 7

All Rail and Call mixers only \$2.00!

Saturday, Sept. 8

Coffee and Cars (8AM to NOON)

FREE Value Bag to any Roma Lodge Member bringing a car to show

The value bag includes: 2 beverage tickets, 2 popcorn tickets

1 pastry ticket, a refrigerator magnet, and \$10 discount card to Café Venerdi

Any and all vehicles are welcome... ***"If your car is special to you, it is special to us"***

Black Angus Filet with mushrooms \$20.95

(While supplies last. Rib-eye substitute)

All Rail/call mixers \$2.00

Sunday, Sept. 9

Roma Lodge Packer game tailgate bash 3:00-7:00 in the Members Parking Lot!

The event will feature:

Free hamburgers, Italian Sausage, hot Dogs, potato salad and tap beer!

Live band featuring Identity Crisis 3:30-6:30.

Identity Crisis' repertoire includes songs by Red Hot Chili Peppers, Foo Fighters, Goo Goo Dolls, Sublime, Bob Marley, and much much more!

All members and their immediate families will receive a free wristband. Members' guests are welcome to join us at the member to guest ratio (11 guests per member) and will receive a wristband for just \$7! This is a PARTY that you won't want to miss!

Then enjoy the Packers first game of the season vs. the Chicago Bears at 7:20pm in the members bar and restaurant shown on our huge 13 foot screen!

Free special shot for each Packer touchdown! Strip cards will be available.

SAMPLE

BALLOT PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES – SEPT 14, 2018

MARK AN "X" BEFORE YOUR CHOICE

Vote

YES for ALL

NO for ALL

YES NO

By-Law Change 1 – (Recommended for approval by the Board of Directors)

Article V: Membership Regulations

Section 1: Any man may apply for adult membership in accordance with the established procedures of the organization if the following qualifications are met:

ADD F. He submits the results of genetic testing that show Italian ancestry

YES NO

By-Law Change 2 (Recommend for approval by the Board of Directors)

Article VI: Section 9: President

The President is the highest-ranking member of the lodge. As the leader of the lodge, his duties are to:

B. See that the laws of the Lodge are observed and that **ADD the By-laws** and the deliberations of the Board and the General Membership are carried out.

YES NO

Article VI: Section 11: Parliamentarian (Recommended for Approval by the Board of Directors)

The Parliamentarian gives opinions concerning the application and interpretation of the By-laws and rules of the Lodge **DELETE: and sees that they are observed and properly applied.**

ADD: He shall be responsible for compiling and maintaining the most current By-laws of Roma Lodge and the Rules of the Lodge. He will make them available to members upon request.

YES NO

Article VI Section 12

A. To take and record the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the General Membership.

i) *The minutes of the Board of Directors shall be read for approval and corrections at the next successive Board of Directors meeting.*

ii) *The minutes of the General Membership Meeting will be available to the Membership at the next successive Membership meeting and approved upon a motion requested by the President, but Minutes will read only upon a motion made by a member and passed by the membership in attendance.*

YES NO

By-Law Change 4

Article V: Membership Regulations (NOT recommended for approval by the Board of Directors)

Section 17: In the event an officer or director is absent from three (3) Board meetings **ADD or Membership Meetings** between March 1st and February 28th of the next calendar year, the Board must decide whether that officer or director should be removed from office.

YES NO

By-Law Change 5 (Recommended for approval by the Board of Directors)

Article VI: Organization

Section 9: Board Committees

The President is the highest-ranking officer of the lodge. As the leader of the Lodge, his duties are to:

E. Subject to majority approval of the Board, appoint the members of the Board as chairmen of the Lodge Standing Committees:

~~Bar / Beverage~~

Bingo

Building and Grounds

Cares

~~Food Services~~

Membership

~~Planning and~~ By-laws and Rules

Scholarship

Social

as well as chairmen of all committees of the Lodge (unless the laws of the Lodge provide otherwise). He shall be an *ex-officio* member of all such committees, except the Nominations and Elections Committee. (Amended December 4, 2009)

Note: This change will bring by-laws in line with current practices.

SAMPLE

THANK YOU!

Thank-yous are in order for the following Roma Lodge Brothers:

Brad Allbee, thank you for donating soda for both the bocce tournament and the Family Picnic.

Gary Suokko and Malicki's Piggly Wiggly, thank you for donating tomatoes for the tomato salad at the bocce tournament

Chuck Christiano, thank you for the countless hours spent preparing the outdoor bocce courts for the bocce tournament.

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 applicant for membership they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdì gift certificate for any additional new applicants for membership proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificate would be provided to the proponent once the new applicant was voted in as a probationary member.

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.

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.

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



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 passed away or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Jeff DeMatthew, dematthew@ameritech.net or by phone at (262)-880-7474.



Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership

Congratulations to these members who completed their probation period and are eligible to be initiated at the March 2019 Installation Dinner

Tim Barsuli – Proponent: Cristopher Aceto

Tom Housaman – Proponent: Christopher Aceto



Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the August Membership Meeting:

Eric Litrenta, age 39, Racine – Proponent: Ron Zicarelli



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at September 14 Meeting

Francesco (Frank) Angelini, age 53, Racine - Proponent: Dave Chiapete

Ryan J. Sorensen, age 36, Mount Pleasant - Proponent: Dave Ruffalo (uncle)

Members Dining Room & Bar

Fall Specials

September ---November

Hot Apple Cider\$1.50

(Seasonal)

Add a shot of Rail\$3.50

Add a shot of Call (Caramel Vodka, Captain, Fireball Etc)\$4.00

Blood Mary (Single)\$3.00

(Rail Only) (Double)\$5.00

**Apple Cranberry
Moscow Mule**\$4.00

Wine Float\$4.00

Italian Combo\$9.95

(Meat or Cheese Ravioli, Tortellini, and Gnocchi)

**Served over Roma's Famous Red Sauce

Baked Cod\$11.95

(2-6oz Filets Served over Rice and Vegetables)



Columbus Day Dinner



Saturday, October 6, 2018

This is a Members Only Function

WILL BE HELD IN THE MEMBERS DINING ROOM (TICKETS ARE LIMITED)

Tickets are \$25.00 per person

5:00 pm Cocktails – Members Prices – 6:30 pm – Dinner

Contact the RIWA Office for Tickets. Ask for Rob or Ashley 262-886-3610

Congratulations to the 36th Roma Lodge Invitational Bocce Tournament Champions!



Retail Fixtures

(l to r) Nunzio Germanotta, Woody Zanella, Chuck Christiano,
Tom Garbo and Jason Evitts

Saturday Night Social Bocce League to begin October 20th

The Saturday Night Social Bocce League will begin on October 20th, 2018. The league is open to all Roma Lodge members. Each team must consist of 3 men and 3 women and at least one Lodge member, who will serve as team captain. Other than the captain, team players may be members or non-members. Games will begin at 7:00 pm and will be held every other Saturday night through March, with the exception of holidays and evenings that club events are held. Cost is \$180 per team and will include a banquet the final league night. The league will be limited to the first eight teams to register with the possibility of adding a second league on alternate Saturday evenings, if participation warrants such. Please contact Co-chairs Jason Evitts (262) 994-1926 or Dave Silvani (262) 321-1604 to register or with any questions.

The upcoming 2018-2019 Men's Bocce League season is fast approaching!

The Men's Bocce League season starts September 17th.

The rules for the 2018-2019 season will be posted on the bulletin board in the bocce courts and will be given to each Captain at the start of the season.

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS: Your initial rosters are due the first week, and the finalized rosters with payment are due October 17th.

If you are looking to get a team together, or just looking to join an existing team, it is not too late to sign up for the upcoming season! If you are interested in joining the 2018-2019 Men's Bocce League please reach out to Jim Silvani 262-939-8139, Dave Chiapete 262-939-5914, or Tony Povkovich 262-880-5945

2018 Roma Lodge Family Picnic!



The third “Coffee and Cars” of the 2018 season roared off the starting line on August 11th. We were finally blessed with great weather!!! All participants and our great volunteers were enthusiastic and enjoyed a pleasant Saturday morning at Roma Lodge. Approximately 62 vehicles filled the parking lot. Roma Lodge’s next “Coffee and Cars” is on Saturday, September 8th. See you then!!!



Bill Pucci shows off his 1929 Model A Ford Roadster while Will Pucci shows off “his” 2012 F-150.



Ralph and Sue Malicki brought their 1985 Camaro IROC Z-28. Janet, Mari and Gary Suokko display their 2017 Corvette Stingray

Coffee and Cars Finale is Saturday, September 8th from 8am to Noon.

FREE Value Bag to any Roma Lodge Member bringing a car to show

The value bag includes: 2 beverage tickets, 2 popcorn tickets

1 pastry ticket, a refrigerator magnet, and \$10 discount card to Café Venerdi

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, October 6, 2018
 Monday, October 8, 2018
 Tuesday, October 9, 2018
 Friday, October 12, 2018
 Sunday, October 21, 2018

Columbus Day Banquet
 Columbus Day Federal Holiday
 Board of Directors Meeting
 Social Meeting and Festival Report
 Halloween "Trunk or Treat"

Free Estimates



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Games Start at 6:30 pm

Deadline for information for October 2018 Newsletter is September 20, 2018. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at tjpovkovich@gmail.com.

Tony Povkovich
 Tony Povkovich, Roma Lodge Secretary