

April

Roma Lodge Newsletter

2025

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Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

This is my first letter as president of Roma Lodge, and I am humbled to be able to serve as your next president. I know this is an important task as we look to continue into our second century. Times are challenging but I am confident that when we all pull together, we can overcome the challenges.

I am fortunate to have a talented group of men as officers and directors. In the March election Dennis Porcaro was voted in as Vice President and Matt Montemurro earned a director position. Guy Schetter decided to give up his director position in order to move into the Parliamentarian role.

Leaving the board were President Frank Bisotti and Parliamentarian Jeff DeMatthew. I thank both gentlemen for their faithful service to the club for so many years.

Mike Garbo has agreed to step into the role of Recording Secretary and will have Michael Kroes serve as the editor of the newsletter. I know Michael will do an excellent job with the newsletter and I thank him for being my newsletter proofreader for the last five years.

With Mike Garbo moving into the Recording Secretary role, I needed to fill the remaining year of his term as director. I approached John Ponio, and he has agreed to fill that position. I am confident that John will bring innovative ideas to the role that will appeal to the younger members of the club.

The appointment of Mike Garbo and John Ponio will be presented to the board at the April Board Meeting for confirmation.

This week we lost a faithful member of Roma Lodge, Joe Porcaro. Joe was a dedicated member, president, vice president, director and volunteer for 70 years. It was an honor to speak at Joe's visitation and to see so many members attend the Roma Lodge Service. This was a wonderful tribute to a faithful member.

I was happy to see so many people use the Members Restaurant this past weekend. As the Board Member on Duty my wife and I went to dinner both Friday and Saturday nights. We enjoyed our dinners and the company of so many members and guests. Please consider patronizing our restaurant.

Remember, the restaurant is open on Wednesday evening for the buffet and Friday and Saturday nights with a full menu and new specials each weekend. We ask that groups of 6 or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

Reservations are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is 262-886-8850.

Pricing for the buffet is \$14.00, \$13.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$8.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me

or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

Bingo participation continues to be excellent! Bingo has always been an important function here at Roma Lodge and requires many volunteers. If you have the time to volunteer, please contact Dennis Porcaro or Mike Peratt.

I am carrying over the following message from Frank's letters as it is important for our longevity. "If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or helping organize and work on some of our many social events throughout the year."

If you want to help with social events, please contact Dave or Bri Silvani. In cooperation with the Vittoria Colonna, we are forming a joint social committee pending approval of both boards.

You can contact me or any of our board members if you have an area of interest. Our membership involvement and participation will always be the key to our success.

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend the board meeting and if you want to speak you can request permission ahead of time by contacting me.

Jon Morelli
President

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 11th at 7pm.



DOORS OPEN – 4:00 PM
 FOOD SERVICE – 4:45 PM
 BINGO! START – 6:00 PM



If you would like to volunteer your time, please contact one of the following
 Jon Morelli: 262-994-2861 – roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com
 Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – apprlservices@netscape.net

At the right is a table of BINGO! Captains for 2025. We need people interested in being captains to volunteer. The empty months in the table need captains.

Each captain is required to secure volunteers to sell cards on the floor.

In addition to captains, we need volunteers to step up to learn the role of selling game cards (this job requires you to be at Bingo! from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at a minimum). We can also use others to learn the other jobs of BINGO!.

Please consider giving your time on a Thursday afternoon and/or evening. BINGO! is an important source of income for Roma Lodge.

BINGO CAPTAINS	
JANUARY	Ed Morelli
FEBRUARY	Ken Scolaro
MARCH	Don Vena
APRIL	Jason Evitts
MAY	
JUNE	Rich Nygro
JULY	
AUGUST	
SEPTEMBER	Jon Morelli
OCTOBER	
NOVEMBER	Frank Bisotti
DECEMBER	Jon Morelli

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in April

April 1	John LeRose III	April 15	Stephen Gow	April 21	Dominic Galati Jr.
April 2	David Pagliaroni	April 16	Brian Hart	April 22	Adam Britten
April 5	Victor Pettavino	April 17	Tom Garbo	April 23	James Silvani
April 9	Jeffrey Ciaramita		Ronald Ruffalo	April 24	Patrick Degrace
	Ronald Lucas	April 18	Giacomino Ruffolo		Thomas Wood
April 10	Frank Caruso	April 19	John Anzalone Jr.	April 26	Darel Suokko
April 14	Keith Bouterse		David Purdy	April 28	Ed Staconis
	Eric Peterson	April 20	Jeffrey Collova	April 30	Donald Pfaffl

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, teamtierney@sbcglobal.net if corrections are needed.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – April through June

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

DeCheck, Gavin – Krause, Gary

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled three-month period, you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. You are not required to attend every funeral; however, you are encouraged to attend at least one during the quarter. 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.



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, is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Steve Rawlinko, srawlinko@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

April 2025			
Friday		Saturday	
4th	Guy Schetter	5th	Guy Schetter
11th	Mike Garbo	12th	Mike Garbo
18th	Pat Tierney	19th	Pat Tierney
25th	Pat Diem	26th	Pat Diem

Bocce Schedules



To view bocce schedules please click on the following link:

<https://www.romalodge.com/members/league-schedulesroster-sheetbocce-rules>

APRIL 2025 EVENTS

Tuesday, April 1	April Fool's Day
Tuesday, April 1	National Sourdough Bread Day
Tuesday, April 1	International Fun At Work Day
Wednesday, April 2	National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day
Wednesday, April 2	National Walking Day
Wednesday, April 2	Autism Awareness Day
Wednesday, April 2	International Children's Book Day
Wednesday, April 2	National DIY Day
Thursday, April 3	National Chocolate Mousse Day
Friday, April 4	International Carrot Day
Saturday, April 5	National Love Our Children Day
Saturday, April 5	National Deep Dish Pizza Day
Sunday, April 6	Kids Bocce – 12:00 PM
Sunday, April 6	National Caramel Popcorn Day
Monday, April 7	World Health Day
Monday, April 7	National Beer Day
Tuesday, April 8	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM
Friday, April 11	Members Meeting – 7:00 PM
Friday, April 11	National Pet Day
Saturday, April 12	Passover
Saturday, April 12	National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
Saturday, April 12	American Civil War
Sunday, April 13	Kids Bocce Banquet – 12:00 PM
Sunday, April 13	Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13	National Peach Cobbler Day
Monday, April 14	National Pecan Day
Tuesday, April 15	Assassination of Abraham Lincoln
Tuesday, April 15	Tax Day
Wednesday, April 16	Emancipation Day
Thursday, April 17	Holy Thursday
Friday, April 18	Good Friday
Saturday, April 19	Holy Saturday
Sunday, April 20	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 21	Patriots' Day
Tuesday, April 22	Earth Day
Thursday, April 24	Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day
Friday, April 25	Arbor Day
Saturday, April 26	National Pretzel Day
Monday, April 28	National Superhero Day
Tuesday, April 29	National Shrimp Scampi Day
Wednesday, April 30	International Guide Dog Day
Wednesday, April 30	International Jazz Day

THE TRADITION CONTINUES



69th Annual Racine Pancake Day

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH
7 AM TO 3 PM**



Tickets

ADVANCE SALE - \$10.00

AT THE DOOR - \$12.00

CHILDREN 5 & UNDER - FREE



FOR MORE INFORMATION,
SCAN THE QR CODE WITH
YOUR SMARTPHONE

**ROMA LODGE IS LOCATED AT
7130 SPRING ST, RACINE, WI 53406**

CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE OF THE ROMA LODGE, PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO FUND
CHARITABLE, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are making tickets available in the members lounge for \$8 apiece to members.

If you are able to volunteer for Pancake Day please contact Bill Pucci at wmpucci50@gmail.com or Vicki Christensen at betchr2000@gmail.com

OBITUARY

Joseph Ralph Porcaro

July 31, 1936 – March 16, 2025



With his loving family by his side, Joseph Ralph Porcaro, age 88, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2025. Joe was born in Racine, Wisconsin on July 31, 1936, to Herman and Irene (nee: Bencriscutto) Porcaro.

Joe will be dearly missed by his wife Judy; children, Paul (Cheryl) Porcaro, Peter Porcaro, Perry (Sue) Porcaro and Pamela (Brian Ebener) Porcaro; grandchildren, Nicholas (Elise) Galis, Vincent (Alyssa) Galis, and Paige Porcaro; great-grandson Henry Valenza-Galis; siblings David (Maryann) Porcaro, Nita (Tom) Bain, Dino (Sophia) Porcaro; brothers-in-law Frank Maritato and Donald Hermes; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Herman and Irene (Bencriscutto) Porcaro; his sister, Diane Maritato; sisters-in-law Joyce (Harris) Hermes and

Pauline (Paulus) Hermes; niece Lisa (Maritato) Peterson, and great-nephew Marcus Maritato.

The family would like to thank the nurses at Ascension SE Wisconsin-Franklin who went above and beyond with the care and comfort they provided in his final days, especially Emily, Megan, Dawn and Kristin. The Christmas lights in his room were an amazing touch that the family will always remember.

A visitation was held at Maresh-Meredith Funeral Home on Tuesday March 25, 2025, from 4:00-7:00 pm with a Roma Lodge Service at 6:30 pm. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating Joe's life was held at 11:00 am at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, 6400 Spring St. on Wednesday March 26, 2025, with Rev. Marco Valentini officiating. A visitation was held on Wednesday at 10am until time of Mass at the church. Entombment followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Roma Lodge

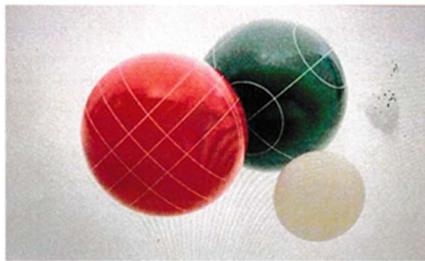
2025 Kids Bocce

Starts Sunday Feb 16

Banquet Sunday April 13th

Sundays from 12:00 until 2:00

Hot Dog concessions will be open each week



Come play the Italian traditional game of Bocce!!

Learn from our very own highly skilled players!

Ages 5 and up open to members

children, grandchildren and their friends!

2025 ROMA LODGE SOCIAL EVENTS

Saturday, April 26

Saturday, May 3

Monday, May 12

Friday, July 4

Friday, July 25

Saturday, July 26

Sunday, July 27

Sunday, August 17

Saturday, October 11

Sunday, December 7

Saturday, December 13

Pancake Day

Kentucky Derby Party

Roma Lodge Golf League Start Date

Parade and Float

Roma Lodge Italian Festival

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Roma Lodge Golf Outing – Ives Grove Golf Course

Columbus Day Celebration & Wine Tasting

Kids Christmas Party

Members Christmas Party

BUILDING AND GROUNDS ANNOUNCEMENT



The Buildings and Grounds committee has recommended the reroofing of the section of roof that currently covers the "Public" kitchen and the replacement of three (3) roof top units located on said roof. One (1) roof top unit was replaced last July as it had failed and was unrepairable. The three remaining units are of the same age and condition as the one replaced.

The roof will be taken off, any damage underneath will be repaired or replaced and the area (approx. 2,788 square feet) will be roofed with a new 90 mil EDPM product with a 30-year labor and materials warranty. This does not mean the roof will never leak, it means the product and the installation are warranted to be free of defect for 30 years.

The requested amount for this project is two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars. (\$225,000)

Per the by-laws of Roma Lodge, the project was discussed at the March Membership Meeting and will be voted upon at the April Membership meeting.

ARTICLE IX – MISCELLANEOUS

Section 4: The President shall have the authority to approve expenditures of up to \$1,000.00. Any expenditure of \$1,000.00 or more, but less than \$3,000.00, shall require the approval by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any expenditure of \$3,000.00 or more shall be submitted to the general membership for approval.

A. In case of an emergency, the President may approve whatever monies are required to repair and/or replace items required to remove the emergency.

May 2025 EVENTS

Saturday, May 3
Monday, May 5
Monday, May 5
Tuesday, May 6
Thursday, May 8
Friday, May 9
Sunday, May 11
Saturday, May 17
Saturday, May 17
Monday, May 26
Thursday, May 29

Kentucky Derby
Cinco de Mayo
Bocce Banquet - 5:30 PM
Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Victory in Europe Day
Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Mother's Day
Armed Forces Day
Preakness Stakes
Memorial Day HOLIDAY
Ascension Day

Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Become a permanent fixture at Roma Lodge!!

Consider the Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Some ideas are:

- Your name and when you joined.
- For deceased family members – when they were members.
- In memory of a loved one.
- All Family members names.
- Imagine a brick and add it to the patio.

If interested, please fill out the order form on the next page and return to Dennis Porcaro. You can also order by scanning the QR code below or going to <https://roma-lodge.square.site>

Orders taken will be completed and installed in the spring of 2025.



4" x 8" Brick
\$75.00



12" x 12" Brick
\$200.00



Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Bricks are available to members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna.

Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to a lasting memorial to family and friends for generations to come

BRICK OPTIONS

4" x 8" brick consisting of three lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$75.00.
 12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$200.00.

Check must accompany your order

To purchase a brick please contact:

Dennis Porcaro

Phone (262) 884-9121 Email - apprlservices@netscape.net

4" by 8" Brick

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

12" x 12" Brick

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15

BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY SPRING OF 2025

Buyer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from **The Lettering Machine**.

TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>

Feel free to call The Lettering Machine at (262) 652-4177 if you have any questions. Thank you for your business!



OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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The submission deadline for information to be published in the May 2025 Newsletter is April 24, 2025.

Comments, suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.newsletter.mpk@gmail.com.