

August

Roma Lodge Newsletter

2024

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Live Music • Food • Fun • Cafe Roma • Raffle • Vendor Fair • Kids Games

FRIDAY: 4:00-MIDNIGHT • SATURDAY: NOON-MIDNIGHT • SUNDAY: 10:30AM-5:00PM

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\$5 AT THE GATE FRI & SAT • SUN FREE ADMISSION

7130 Spring St, Mt. Pleasant
romalodge.com

Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy and that each of you is making the most of the summer with your families and friends. I love our summers here in Wisconsin, but they are too short.

The August Membership meeting is an important one. Discussion about the proposed by-law changes will take place. I'm sure there will be mixed feelings on the topic so I'm asking everyone to show courtesy to one another by raising their hands prior to speaking and keeping your comments short so that others may speak.

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. Michael continues to offer delicious weekly specials along with the regular menu. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends. We ask that groups of six (6) or more on Fridays and Saturdays no longer request separate checks and those groups will have a 19% gratuity added to their bill.

The Wednesday night buffet continues

to offer a variety of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help on the buffet, even once a month, please contact me. Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids.

Reservations for the members' dining room are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is (262) 886-8850.

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 Jon Morelli, Mike Peratt, or Dennis Porcaro.

As I am writing this letter, the 2024 Roma Lodge Festival is just around the corner. Tents and equipment are being delivered and set up. I am looking forward to another very successful festival.

The 2024 Roma Lodge Festival will take place here on our grounds the weekend of July 26-28. Last year's festival was once again a tremendous success. A big thank you to Pat Diem and the entire

festival committee. The festival is a big undertaking every year and can only be a success with everyone's help and participation. I am looking forward to another very successful festival.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or consider helping to organize and work some of our many social events throughout the year. 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. A special thank you to all that contribute your time on a regular basis. Grazie!

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, August 6th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President



AUGUST MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The August Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 9th.



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 – aprlservices@netscape.net

We are always looking for people to help in all areas of Bingo.

Inserted to the right is the table of Bingo Captains. We are in need of captains to cover July, August, and October at a minimum

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. 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	Jon Morelli
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 July

August 1	Cesare Bosco	August 12	Nicholas Rossi	August 19	Jack Ruffolo
	Mark Osmundsen	August 14	Barry Fries	August 20	Vince Morelli
August 2	David Buhler	August 15	Jeffrey Drettwan	August 21	Anthony J. Porcaro
	Bill Greco	August 16	Bino Ammendola	August 22	Ryan Burch
	Dale Landree		Thomas J. Lorenzini	August 23	Daniel Marani
	Dennis Porcaro	August 17	Louis Ferraro	August 24	Daniel DeMatthew
August 4	Derek Anzalone		Josh Kosmala	August 25	Nick Bilello
August 5	Troy Ruffalo		Steve Rawlinko	August 26	Frank Bisotti Jr.
August 8	Jeffrey Chiapete	August 18	Anthony Ferraro	August 31	John Gehring

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Pat Tierney, teamtierney@sbcglobal.net or 262-960-2855 if corrections are needed.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman has been approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors and is scheduled to be voted on at the **August 9, 2024**, Membership Meeting.

Gary G. Lisiecki
Greenfield, WI
Age: 80; Married – Bernadette Fazzari, Three children
Retired, previously employed as a labor mediator and production control
Italian link through mother (Bertoneini)
Proponent: Rick Bonanno



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – July through September

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

Landree, Dale – Povkovich, Anthony

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.

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

August 2,3	Dave Chiapete
August 9,10	Michael Garbo
August 16,17	Pat Diem
August 23,24	Frank Bisotti
August 30,31	John Pisanello



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 Steve Rawlinko, srawlinko@wi.rr.com or by phone at (262) 308-7997.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

At the July general membership meeting it was announced that the board of directors of Roma Lodge has proposed an amendment to the Roma Lodge By-laws.

It was also announced at the July general membership meeting that the proposed amendment would be published in the August Newsletter, discussed at the August general membership meeting and voted on at the September general membership meeting.

The proposed amendment, if passed, would allow men, who are currently ineligible to join Roma Lodge due to their lack of an Italian lineage, to join the Lodge in a limited fashion.

In essence, the amendment would create a sub-category of membership. Members of the proposed sub-category of membership shall be called Italophilian members and would have the same benefits available to general members of Roma Lodge except the following:

1. They shall not be able to vote in elections to determine the Officers and Directors of the lodge.
2. They shall not be able to propose amendments to the By-laws of Roma Lodge, or to vote on proposed amendments to the By-laws of Roma Lodge.
3. The Board of Directors of Roma Lodge shall have the power to make all rules pertaining to the duties of such members in respect to dues and duties of Italophilian members.
4. The application for membership as an Italophilian member of Roma Lodge shall require the applicant to take an oath wherein the applicant must: affirm an affinity to and interest in Italian culture and swear to abide by the By-laws and rules of the Roma Lodge and a commitment to become an active member of the Roma Lodge.
5. They would need to be proposed to become a member by a current general member, and they will not have the ability to sponsor or propose new members of the Lodge.

This proposed amendment will be discussed at our upcoming August general membership meeting, and the membership present at the September general membership meeting will vote on whether

the proposed amendment should be adopted into the By-laws of the Lodge.

****Remember that to be passed, amendments to our By-laws must be passed by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the general membership that meets the requirement of a quorum.**

AUGUST 2024 EVENTS

Friday August 2

Friday, August 2

Sunday August 4

Sunday August 4

Sunday, August 4

Tuesday August 6

Tuesday, August 6

Wednesday August 7

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

Monday, August 12

Monday, August 12

Tuesday, August 13

Wednesday, August 14

Thursday, August 15

Thursday, August 15

Friday, August 16

Friday, August 16

Sunday, August 18

Sunday, August 18

Monday, August 19

Wednesday, August 21

Wednesday, August 21

Saturday, August 24

Sunday, August 25

Sunday, August 25

Sunday, August 25

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

Friday, August 30

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Saturday, August 31

International Beer Day

National Ice Cream Sandwich Day

Coast Guard Birthday

National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day

U.S. Coast Guard Day

Hiroshima Day

Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM

Purple Heart Day

Members Meeting - 7:00 PM

Coffee & Cars - 8:00 PM

Lazy Day

Summer Bocce Tournament

Victory Day

National Vinyl Record Day

National Filet Mignon Day

V-J Day

Assumption of Mary

National Relaxation Day

National Bratwurst Day

Tell a Joke Day

Roma Lodge Golf Outing

National Couple's Day

National Potato Day

Senior Citizens Day

National Spumoni Day

National Waffle Day

Sports Show – 9:00 AM - Noon

National Park Service Founders Day

National Banana Split Day

National Dog Day

National Just Because Day

National Beach Day

College Colors Day

Eat Outside Day

International Bacon Day

SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE & CARS

The second "Coffee and Cars" of the 2024 season was held on Saturday, July 13th. Over 70 cars showed up as well as many spectators. Remember our motto - "If your car is special to you, it's special to us." Hope to see you on Saturday, August 10th at the next "Coffee and Cars"!!! This will be our Safety Awareness event with representatives from the South Shore Fire Department, Caledonia Fire Department and the Mt. Pleasant Police Department. Bring you friends and family.



Mike & Margaret Kemen were chosen as Best of Show by the Roma judges. They showed their 1966 Dodge Polara. It was their first time attending Coffee & Cars.



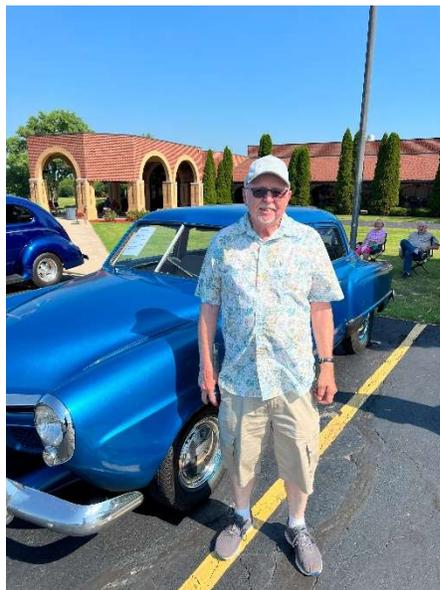
Dana & Maria Birkland brought their 1965 Buick Gran Sport



Claire Nemec works the coffee and donut table – Thank You Claire!!!



#1 Fan – Jesiah Acevedo gave his approval. Jesiah has been coming to Coffee & Cars for the past three years and has a tremendous recall of the various car makes & models.



Al Svoboda brought his 1950 Studebaker Champion



Corvette Row.



SATURDAY MORNING
COFFEE & CARS
RENDEZVOUS
2024
Every
Second Saturday of the Month
 June 8 July 13 August 10 September 14
ROMA LODGE
 7130 Spring Street (HWY C) – Mt. Pleasant

Join us as we present Coffee & Cars on August 10th, and September 14th

ROMA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Isabella Gehrke **Roma Lodge \$4,000 Merit Scholarship**



Throughout my four years at Union Grove High School, I have made my academics and involvement in extracurricular and community activities a priority. I've taken AP classes, college level courses, and earned high honors each semester. I have been inducted into the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. As a member of the National Honor Society, I completed over 25 hours of community service each year.

In addition to my community service, I've held leadership roles in the class advisory committee on student council, served as a tennis representative for SALT, was a member of DECA, and one of the student section leaders.

I have been on the tennis team all four years, receiving All-Conference and All-County awards, and qualifying for the State Tournament my senior year.

This fall, I will be attending UW-La Crosse to study Business Management. I chose this major because of the many job opportunities it will provide. I feel this is the best career for me to apply my work ethic, leadership, and organizational skills and fulfill my passion to one day open my own boutique.

Lillian Nolden **Roma Lodge \$500 Merit Scholarship**



Good Afternoon, my name is Lillian Nolden and I got accepted for the 500 dollar Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship.

I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Madison. While attending university I will be studying

Animal and Veterinary Biosciences. Along with that I wanted to greatly thank you for granting me this

scholarship as the money will be used for great things.

Matthew Hoefft **Missureli \$1,000 Scholarship**

SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA) is having another SPORTS SHOW here at ROMA LODGE on Sunday, August 25th from 9am to 2pm (it's MOST exciting in the first 3 hours). Founded back in 1975, the shows have grown from dozens to nearly 400 people at each of these events. Our shows feature generations of our families actively participating. Each show consists of over 60 dealers' tables with vendors from numerous states. Memorabilia includes sports cards, autographs, bobble heads, Nascar, other non-sports fun and so much more. We feature an entertaining auction running simultaneously around 9:45am until 11:30am with a large variety of items. Every show brings different surprises! There may be "signing" guests at some of our shows as well. Please pass along the word to friends and family. And if YOU have a few items (up to 8 "lots") come early and ask me or MIKE if you could submit them into the auction (15% commission to charity) – and walk away with money. Honestly. What are they doing stuffed away in boxes? Bring them – sell them – make a collector happy!!

WSCA has fostered a great niche in the sports collecting business by combining our shows with charitable giving. As a "nonprofit organization" our profits go to various charities including, but not limited to the MDA, Lighthouse Youth Center of Milwaukee, Children's Hospital, Special Olympics, Autism Society, Juvenile Diabetes, Veterans Charities and many others. We have led local assistance events for families with providing Thanksgiving dinners, back to school supplies and Christmas presents.

I have volunteered with the Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association since the 1980s (nearly 35 years) and I'm thrilled to bring the WSCA to Roma Lodge every other month. My specialty has been procuring the items for the auction as well as running the auction at each event. Another Roma Lodge Member, John Gehring, has also been a part of WSCA for many years – both as a dealer and a guest.

This is a "FAMILY" Event, and we encourage all the Roma Lodge members to bring their families - their children and/or their grandchildren - as they build their own sports collectibles hobby in this healthy event.

Hope to see you at our future shows on Sundays, October 20th and December 15th when we will try to get Pat Diem to play "Santa" (haven't asked him yet – HoHoHo).

And ANYONE coming to the Roma Lodge SUNDAY BRUNCH that day will get FREE ADMISSION to the Sports Show before or after your brunch (just tell "AMBER" that Paul Costanzo is paying your DOLLAR admission).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.

Paul Costanzo
414-425-2525
pcostanzo@wi.rr.com



SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS

Sunday, September 1	American Chess Day
Monday, September 2	Labor Day
Monday, September 2	V-J Day
Tuesday, September 3	Signing of the Treaty of Paris
Thursday, September 5	International Day of Charity
Thursday, September 5	National Cheese Pizza Day
Saturday, September 7	National Salami Day
Sunday, September 8	National Hug Your Hound Day
Sunday, September 8	Worldwide Cystic Fibrosis Day
Sunday, September 8	International Literacy Day
Sunday, September 8	Grandparents' Day
Sunday, September 8	National Suicide Prevention Week
Monday, September 9	National Teddy Bear Day
Tuesday, September 10	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM
Tuesday, September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day
Wednesday, September 11	Patriot Day
Thursday, September 12	National Chocolate Milkshake Day
Friday, September 13	Members Meeting - 7:00 PM
Friday, September 13	National Bald is Beautiful Day
Friday, September 13	International Chocolate Day
Friday, September 13	National Peanut Day
Saturday, September 14	Coffee & Cars - 8:00 PM
Saturday, September 14	National Pet Memorial Day
Sunday, September 15	Wife Appreciation Day (National Wife Day)
Tuesday, September 17	Constitution Day
Wednesday, September 18	Air Force Day
Wednesday, September 18	National Cheeseburger Day
Thursday, September 19	Batman Day
Friday, September 20	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Friday, September 20	National Pepperoni Pizza Day
Saturday, September 21	Oktoberfest
Saturday, September 21	International Day of Peace
Sunday, September 22	National White Chocolate Day
Sunday, September 22	Autumnal Equinox (Start of Fall)
Monday, September 23	National Family Day
Wednesday, September 25	National One-Hit Wonder Day
Sunday, September 29	National Coffee Day
Sunday, September 29	Gold Star Mother's Day
Sunday, September 29	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day
Monday, September 30	World Maritime Day



ROMA LODGE

7130 SPRING STREET RACINE, WI
www.romalodge.com

SUMMER BOCCE

Tournament

\$200 4 MAN TEAM <small>*ADDITIONAL PLAYERS \$50 EACH</small>	REGISTRATION 8AM GAME PLAY BEGINS 9AM	AUGUST 11TH
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**FOOD PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS 9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS
(NON PLAYERS MAY PURCHASE FOOD TICKETS)**

****CASH BAR****

CHECKS MADE OUT TO - ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

**ROUND ROBIN / SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT
CAN USE OWN BALLS IF 107 MM 920 GRAM BOCCE BALLS
ROMA LODGE HOUSE BALLS AVAILABLE FOR USE AS WELL**

CONTACT

**DAVE SILVANI (262) 321-1604
or DEREK ANZALONE (262)308-7557**

Roma Lodge
 7130 Spring Street
 Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406
 262-886-3610
41st ANNUAL ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT
ROUND ROBIN FORMAT

It is understood that we, the undersigned, release Roma Lodge and the Roma Lodge Bocce Committee members from any loss due to theft, damage, or physical injury during the Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament held on Sunday August 11, 2024.

ENTRY BLANK

Please return entry blank by Saturday August 3, 2024

Please fill in all names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Team Name: _____

Team Captain:

Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
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Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
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ALT

Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
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ALT

Name	Address/Zip	Area/Phone	email address
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ENTRY FEE - \$50.00 PER PERSON INCLUDING ALTERNATE/ \$200.00 PER 4 PERSON TEAM

Please make checks payable to **"Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament"** and mail to:

Roma Lodge Bocce Committee
 7130 Spring Street (Hwy C)
 Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

VERY IMPORTANT: Full payment of team entry fees and guest fees must accompany your entry blank

Games start at 9:00 A.M. **SHARP!**

OPEN TO ALL ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Roma Lodge
GOLF OUTING

Ives Grove Golf Course
August 18th 2024
12:30 Shotgun Start

GOLF & DINNER
\$110.00 per person

A FOURSOME MAY CONSIST OF MEN, WOMEN OR ANY COMBINATION

*18 Holes with Shared Cart • Beef Tenderloin Dinner
at Roma Lodge Immediately Following •
Hole Prizes • 50/50 Raffle*

DINNER ONLY \$60.00 per person



SIGN-UP & PAYMENT
DUE BY AUGUST 9th
\$125 After August 9th

*PAYMENT CAN BE MADE AT ROMA LODGE
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
ROMA LODGE/GOLF OUTING*

*LEAVE YOUR PAYMENT IN OFFICE WITH
GOLF OUTING/Guy Schetter
WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE*

QUESTIONS:
GUY SCHETTER(773) 986-0374
Email:gjs44@hotmail.com

WWW.ROMALODGE.COM

OPEN TO ALL ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Roma Lodge **GOLF OUTING**

Ives Grove Golf Course

August 18th 2024

SPONSOR A HOLE \$50



Support Roma Lodge. Promote your company. See your name on a golf hole. Don't miss the opportunity to market your products or services to the Roma Lodge members and their guests.



Sponsor/Company Name/Logo will be printed on the sign.
(for logos please provide an electronic version)



RESERVE YOUR GOLF HOLE TODAY

Fill out and return this form to:

Roma Lodge
7130 Spring St.
Racine, WI 53406
Attn: Guy Schetter

Please make checks payable to Roma Lodge/Golf Outing

QUESTIONS: Guy Schetter (773) 986-0374
Email: gjs44@hotmail.com

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

SPONSOR/COMPANY NAME/LOGO: _____

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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 2024

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!



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Deadline for information for the September 2024 Newsletter is August 20, 2024. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary