

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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DECEMBER 2022 ISSUE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope everyone gets to celebrate with their entire family this year.

The Veterans Day Celebration was outstanding! I've heard nothing but wonderful comments. The food, the service, and the organization of the event was top notch. Congratulations to Rick Bonanno, Commander Richard Vallin and the entire committee for a job well done.

I want to take this opportunity to explain what many thought was a mistake at the Veterans Day celebration. I registered my father as Frank Bisotti, Jr. Many people asked if I was in the military, I wasn't. My dad was Frank Bisotti, Jr. I know everyone at Roma Lodge has called me junior for the last 43+ years but I thought it best to set the record straight before my picture goes up on the wall. I will have his name plate changed to Frank Bisotti, Jr. and mine will have Frank L. Bisotti or Frank Louis Bisotti. My father and grandfather didn't have middle names, so they named me after both my grandfathers instead of naming me Frank Bisotti, III.

Wednesday, November 30th will be the tree lighting this year and a special buffet will be offered that evening. I hope many of you will be able to attend.

This year's Adult Christmas Party is Saturday, December 17th. The Children's Christmas Party is Sunday, December 11th. Do not forget to set these dates aside. I would love to see a great turnout this year for both parties.

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. While we still have the limited menu, Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends.

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 has been 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 Jim Faraone or Mike Peratt.

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help 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, December 9th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 PM. We will continue to do everything we can to keep our meetings as safe as possible for our members.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

Frank L. Bisotti

President



DECEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM REQUIREMENT

Please remember it is important to have a quorum at all membership meetings. Without a quorum we cannot conduct an official meeting, meaning we cannot vote on new members or conduct any official business.

DECEMBER 2022 EVENTS

Thursday, December 1	National Christmas Lights Day
Sunday, December 4	National Cookie Day
Sunday, December 4	Members Lounge Packer Party – 12:00 PM
Tuesday, December 6	St. Nicholas Day
Tuesday, December 6	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Thursday, December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Friday, December 9	Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 11	Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party – 11:00 AM
Monday, December 12	Gingerbread House Day
Monday, December 12	National Poinsettia Day
Tuesday, December 13	National Guard Birthday
Friday, December 16	National Ugly Sweater Day
Saturday, December 17	Members Christmas Party – 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM
Sunday, December 18	National Twin Day
Sunday, December 18	Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM
Thursday, December 22	National Cookie Exchange Day
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve
Sunday, December 25	Christmas Day
Monday, December 26	Boxing Day (Canada)
Friday, December 30	National Bacon Day
Saturday, December 31	New Year's Eve



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:

Jim Faraone: 262-657-1244 – jfaraone@wi.rr.com

Mike Peratt: 262-942-1212 – mperatt22@yahoo.com

Jon Morelli (December Captain): 262-994-2861 – roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com

ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

December 2, 3	Frank Caruso
December 9, 10	Bill Pucci
December 16, 17	Dennis Porcaro
December 23, 24	Matt Montemurro
December 30, 31	Jon Morelli

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman is scheduled to be voted on at the **December 9, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

Matthew A. Pankow – Age 44

Lives in Mount Pleasant, WI

Born in Racine

Employed as a logistics planner by Schroeder Moving Systems, Inc.

Married (Connie Pankow) with four children

Grandmother is of Italian descent (Pulice)

Proponent: Jason Evitts

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

December 1	Frank D'Acquisto Richard Graceffa William Ruffalo Jr.	December 7	Niko Heiniger Joseph Poisl	December 16	Joseph C. Cuccio Jr.
December 2	Dennis Gehrke Jacob Heller Arthur Rozzoni	December 8	Fausto Fioravanti	December 19	Mark DeCheck Mark Porcaro
December 4	Pasquale Infusino	December 9	Steven Johnson Edward E. Morelli	December 20	Paul J. Nolden
December 6	Phill Davis Eric Hillery Jim Morelli Jon Morelli Gregory Pierangeli	December 10	Alfred DeRose James Oswald	December 22	Jerry Perona William J. Pucci Sr.
		December 12	John Catrine Ryan Sorenson	December 25	Patrick Johnson
		December 15	Chris Hansen	December 27	Alex Modesti Jr.
		December 16	Anthony Rossi Joseph Chiapete	December 29	Jeffrey DeMatthew
				December 31	Nick Romano

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Mike Peratt, mperatt22@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – January through March

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

Adamowicz, Randy – DaPra, Dominic

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 or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Dennis Porcaro, apprlservices@netscape.net or by phone at (262) 884-9121.

JANUARY 2023 EVENTS

Sunday, January 1
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Wednesday, January 4
Friday, January 6
Sunday, January 8
Monday, January 9
Tuesday, January 10
Wednesday, January 11
Friday, January 13
Sunday, January 15
Sunday, January 15
Monday, January 16
Thursday, January 19
Friday, January 20
Friday, January 20
Monday, January 23
Wednesday, January 25
Friday, January 27

New Year's Day
National Hangover Day
National Spaghetti Day
Epiphany
Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM
Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM
National Milk Day
Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM
National Hat Day
Martin Luther King's Birthday
Martin Luther King Day
National Popcorn Day
National VJ Day
National Cheese Lovers Day
National Pie Day
National Opposite Day
National Chocolate Cake Day

Couples Bocce League Dates:

December 3, January 7, January 21, February 4, February 18, March 4

COUPLES BOCCÉ LEAGUE
STARTS OCTOBER 15 – MARCH 4



Contact Dave Silvani 262-321-1604 or
Jason Evitts 262-994-1926

NOVEMBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS



\$10 Pool

First Place: Pete Altenbach
Second Place: Tammy Wroldewski
Third Place: Jim Faraone
Fourth Place: Pat Diem

\$5 Pool

First Place: Tammy Wroldewski
Second Place: Jim Faraone
Third Place: Pat Diem
Fourth Place: Jeff Chiapete

\$15 Pool

First Place: Tammy Wroldewski
Second Place: Pat Diem
Third Place – Jeff Chiapete



CRIBBAGE Is Back



Roma Lodge Tournaments

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES
AND THEIR GUESTS**

Cost \$10 per Person

Format: 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

CASH drawing at start of tournament!

NEXT TOURNAMENT IS

December 18th

SIGN UP AT 12:30PM

TOURNAMENTS START AT 1PM

OTHER SCHEDULED DATES:

January 8th. 2023 – February 5th, 2023

March 5th, 2023 - April 16th, 2023

Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.

Come have fun and enjoy the competition.



please join us for

ROMA & VITTORIA
COLONNA KIDS
Christmas party

Sunday December 11th
from 11 am til 2pm

Open to Children and Grandchildren of
Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Members.
We have some great new surprises in store for
the kiddos again this year!

Please purchase tickets in advance!

\$10 per adult in advance \$15 at the door
Children 12 and under are free but we will have
fun for all ages even teenagers :)

Contact Dave or Briana Silvani at
262-995-3340 to reserve your tickets



JOIN US FOR OUR

Roma Lodge
Christmas Party

17 | 5:30-9:00
DECEMBER

Tickets \$25

**Available at Roma Lodge or by contacting
Matt Montemurro @262-989-1477**

**Registration closes Mon Dec 12
Tickets will not be sold at the door**



Veterans Celebration

(Reported by Rick Bonanno)



Roma Lodge's Veterans Celebration was held on Sunday, November 13th. Similar to previous celebrations held in 2013, 2016 and 2019, this year's event accomplished its primary objectives of **CELEBRATING, HONORING and REMEMBERING** our deserving veterans. Over 325 people attended the event and 162 veterans, living and deceased, were recognized. **THANK YOU VETERANS and WELCOME HOME!!!**



CDR Richard Vallin USN (Ret), Co-chairman, commands the Vietnam Veterans VVA 767 to "present the colors."



Past President Rick Bonanno, Co-chairman, applauds the veterans, thanks them, and says, "welcome home."



Dick Vallin, Ray Starr, Rick Bonanno, Bob Starr, and Jim Faraone



WWII Veteran Frank Bogyos and wife Florence



Announcer Michael Kroes leads the opening ceremony and "arrival honors"

THANK YOU VETERANS WELCOME HOME



Veterans in line waiting for their name, rank, and service branch to be announced by Michael Kroes. Each veteran was presented with a "Challenge Coin" in recognition of their service.



Many thanks to our generous sponsors, participants, committee members and, most of all, our veterans. We are very proud of you for your service to our country. We are proud of your dedication, your hard work and your bravery. We are a free country because of you and your service. Through your service to our country, you have worked to ensure that we are safe and we are free. For that, we are eternally grateful.

Roma Lodge Patio Brick Program

Looking for a Christmas gift for that hard to shop for someone? Consider the 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 two 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

CHRISTMAS BRICKS WILL BE INSTALLED IN EARLY SPRING OF 2023

SPORTS MEMORABILIA SHOWS

The Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association (WSCA) is having another **SPORTS SHOW** on Sunday, December 18th from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM (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 9:45 AM until 11:30 AM 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.

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 am a proud member of Roma Lodge and I have volunteered with the Wisconsin Sports Collectors Association since the 1980s (nearly 35 years). 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.

Each month a Roma Lodge member has sold sausage and/or meatball bombers at the shows and we need one of you to volunteer for about 2 hours – from around 10:00 AM to noon – and sell sandwiches, chips, and soda and ALL that profit goes directly to Roma Lodge. **TONY P. promised to help at the December Show.** This also enhances the Roma Lodge connection to the shows. Please let me know if you can do this at the following 2 shows – February 19th or April 23rd and I will pay your DOLLAR admission and let you in "early" to find your hot deals from the eager dealers!

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

We would love to see you at our next show on Sunday, December 18th from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. A splendid time is guaranteed for all.

Thank you.
Paul
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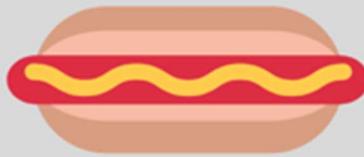
2023 Roma Lodge Kids Bocce

Feb 19th - Apr 2

Banquet April 2

Sundays from 12:00 - 2:00

Hot Dog concessions open each week



**Come play the Italian traditional game of
Bocce!!**

**Learn from our very own highly skilled players!
Ages 6 and up !!**

**Open to members families, grandchildren and
they can even bring a friend!!**

ROMA LODGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

1923 - 2023

Roma Lodge will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary with many events culminating with a Banquet on Saturday, September 30, 2023. Greg Pierangeli and his team are busy planning events throughout the year. Please watch the newsletter and e-mails for information.

As part of our celebration and to bring awareness to our storied history we will be running articles and stories throughout the year celebrating our history. We encourage members to present stories they would like to share. Send submissions to Jon Morelli at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Rick Bonanno was given a booklet on the Grand Opening of our clubhouse on Forest Street (Memorial Drive) by the UW-Parkside Historical Society. Our member, Robert Vallone helped by digitizing the booklet. In addition to the stories submitted by members we will include pages from this booklet.

I am happy to share a few pages from the booklet in this newsletter. I hope this will prompt our members to submit more stories.



DEDICATION

We, the Building Committee of 1950, wish to thank all of our Brothers, both living and dead — all of the friendly and generous people of Racine, who have given of their time, money and moral support, toward the completion of this building — a Memorial for those Brothers who have gone “beyond the great Divide” and a club house for we who are left behind.

*Roma Lodge O.F.D.I., No. 1196
Building Committee of 1950*

BEFORE THE BEGINNING

In the year 1907, the citizenry of Italian descent of Racine, Wisconsin formed and belonged to seven societies and clubs. They were:

- Societa Italiana di Mutuo Soccorso
- Clobo Cæsari Battista
- Unioni Fratelli Calabrese di Mutuo Soccorso
- Societa Fratelli Bantieri
- Societa di San Michele
- Societa di San Vincenzo
- Societa di Santa Lucia

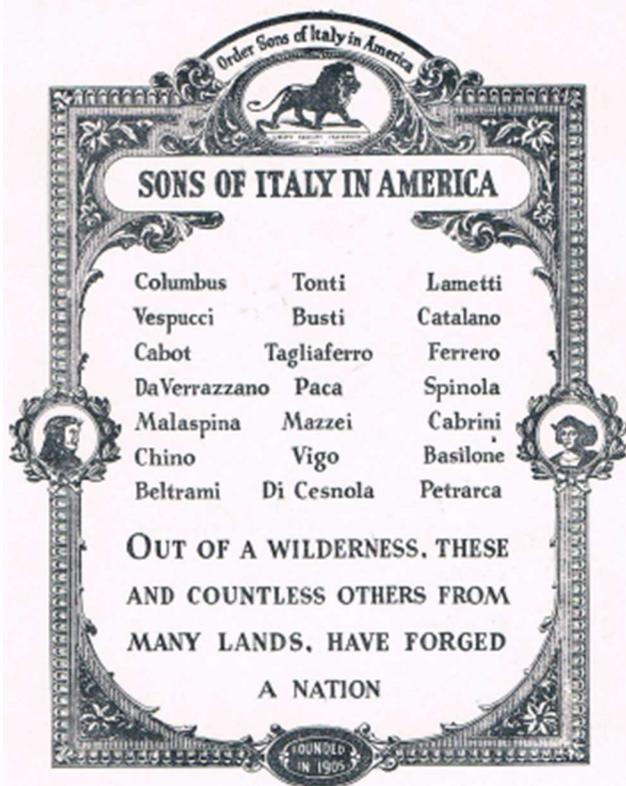
With all of these organizations, frequently some of these members belonged to as many as five societies at one time. There are three surviving today who were charter members. They are Brothers Nicola DeMark, Frank Litrenta and John Litrenta.

THE BEGINNING

On February 23, 1923, approximately 125 persons from the aforementioned clubs applied for a charter to the Order of Sons of Italy in America.

This Order, then under the leadership of Supreme Venerable Ralph Ruffoni, was founded in New York in 1905, as a national organization with subsidiaries throughout the United States and Canada

THIS WAS THE START



BUILDING COMMITTEE

1950



Frank Matagrano, *President*

Stanley Litrenta
Sam Romano
Rocco Litrenta
Guy Policicchio
Joseph Fazzari

Sam Arnone
Tony Litrenta
Jerry Litrenta
Nick DeMark
Domenick Postorino

Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

1. Please call to make a reservation. It will help with both food preparation and staffing.
2. If you have a party of ten or more, we ask that your reservation is set by 5:30 or after 6:30 to ensure quality service is provided to all. Please keep splitting of checks to a minimum. This takes considerable time and will delay service.

Our Chef, Mike, will continue to create specials each week to add a variety of food options for our members and guests. Along with the weekly specials we will continue to provide a quality reduced menu. We encourage everyone to stop out and enjoy Mike's creations.

The Members Restaurant is open for the Wednesday Buffet, and every Friday and Saturday for dining.

Thank you

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 January 2023 Newsletter is December 20, 2022. Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com.

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary