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## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers:

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy and that each of you had a Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

This year's Adult Christmas party was a great success with some excellent food and entertainment. Thank you to Briana and her staff and to member Mike Bishop and his band, All the King's Men, for an entertaining evening. Thank you again to Greg Pierangeli for his work in planning the Christmas Party. The social chair position on our board is very important to our club in planning events for us all to enjoy. If anyone has any interest in helping Greg out this coming year, please let either Greg or I know. It's a big job for one person. I've been there and done that and I know he would love to have some help.

I know there is a lot of flu and colds out there along with a bit of a resurgence in COVID. Please take care of yourselves and let's all have a healthy and happy 2024!

The monthly cribbage tournaments are in full swing. If you enjoy the game and like a little competition, stop by on the scheduled dates. Keep an eye out for postings at the club and online for the monthly dates. Thank you to Mark and Pam Mano for continuing to organize

these tournaments.

And now for the usual reminders....

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We now have an expanded menu on the weekends and Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The buffet continues to offer a variety of items. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out. 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.

Pricing for the Wednesday buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors 55 and older and \$7.00 for kids. Volunteer help on Wednesdays is always appreciated. Please contact me or Guy Schetter if you are interested in volunteering.

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

I am still challenging each member to utilize our members dining room at least once a month for the remainder of the year.

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 Jim Faraone, Mike Peratt, or Dennis Porcaro.

I know I put this in the newsletter each month, but it is important. If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help 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, January 12th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

*Frank L. Bisotti*

President



## JANUARY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The January Membership Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.



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](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com)

Dennis Porcaro: 262-884-9121 – [applsrvcs@netscape.net](mailto:applsrvcs@netscape.net)

Ed Morelli (January Captain): 262-994-6296 – [edmorelli1209@gmail.com](mailto:edmorelli1209@gmail.com)

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

January 1	Russ Weyers	January 12	Michael Harscher	January 24	Randy Adamowicz
January 2	Rich Nygro		Keith Redell		Buddy Alfano
January 4	Gary Lipor	January 18	Matt Montemurro		James Carravetta
January 6	David Arvai	January 19	Carmelo Bruno	January 25	Joseph Grauwels
	Tim Monfeli		Timothy Vite	January 28	Roger DeRose
January 7	Emilio Infusino		Michael Fumo		Patrick Diem
January 8	Kenneth Hotchkiss		Donald Vena	January 29	Vincent Caira Sr
January 9	Joseph Cicero	January 22	Michael Peratt	January 30	Michael Bishop
January 11	Frank Mazzie Jr.	January 23	Angelo Casciaro		Jeff Rafini

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

## ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

January 5,6	Pat Tierney
January 12,13	Greg Pierangeli
January 19,20	Bill Pucci
January 26,27	Dennis Porcaro

## January 2024 EVENTS

Monday, January 1  
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 Thursday, January 4  
 Saturday, January 6  
 Monday, January 8  
**Tuesday, January 9**  
 Tuesday, January 9  
 Thursday, January 11  
**Friday, January 12**  
 Friday, January 12  
**Sunday, January 14**  
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 Wednesday, January 17  
 Friday, January 19  
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 Monday, January 22  
 Tuesday, January 23  
 Wednesday, January 24  
 Thursday, January 25  
 Friday, January 26  
 Friday, January 26  
 Saturday, January 27  
 Monday, January 29  
 Wednesday, January 31  
 Wednesday, January 31

New Year Holiday  
 Emancipation Proclamation  
 National Spaghetti Day  
 Epiphany  
 National Bubble Bath Day  
**Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM**  
 Law Enforcement Appreciation Day  
 National Milk Day  
**Members Meeting – 7:00 PM**  
 National Pharmacist Day  
**Roma Lodge Cribbage**  
 Martin Luther King Day HOLIDAY  
 Army Day  
 National Hat Day  
 Martin Luther King's Birthday  
 Prohibition Begins  
 National Popcorn Day  
 National DJ Day  
 National Cheese Lovers Day  
 National Blonde Brownie Day  
 National Pie Day  
 National Peanut Butter Day  
 Opposite Day  
 National Spouses Day  
 National Peanut Brittle Day  
 National Chocolate Cake Day  
 National Puzzle Day  
 National Backward Day  
 National Hot Chocolate Day

## NEW YEAR'S EVE SURF & TURF DINNER



**SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST**  
 5PM CASH BAR AVAILABLE  
 6PM DINNER SERVED ENDS @ 9PM  
 plus tax  
**\$75.00 PER PERSON TICKETS**  
 AVAILABLE AT FRONT OFFICE  
 OR CALL 262-886-3610

Dinner includes:  
 6oz Tenderloin with 6oz Lobster Tail  
 topped with herb butter. Served with  
 Malibu veggie blend and twice baked potato.

Slice of New York style cheesecake topped with  
 fresh strawberry glaze.

Complimentary glass of champagne





### **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](mailto:srawlinko@wi.rr.com) or by phone at (262) 308-7997.



### **Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – October through December**

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.

## **Roma Lodge Christmas Party**

The Roma Lodge Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The food and entertainment were excellent.



Roma Presidents (L-R): Rick Bonanno, Don Cicero, Joe Porcaro, Frank Bisotti, and Pete Ciaramita.



Roma and Vittoria Colonna Presidents (L-R): Rick Bonanno, Don Cicero, Joe Porcaro, Vicki Christensen, Frank Bisotti, Carol Rawlinko, and Pete Ciaramita.



**Roma Board Displaying the Proclamation from the State of Wisconsin recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roma Lodge**

Current Roma Board Members (L-R): Dennis Porcaro, Bill Pucci, Greg Pierangeli, Jon Morelli, Frank Bisotti, Pat Tierney, John Pisanello, Keith Stannis, Steve Rawlinko, Dave Silvani, and Pat Diem (not pictured – Jack LeRose and Guy Schetter)





# WINTER BOCCE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY  
**JANUARY 27**

**AT ROMA LODGE**

8:00 AM CHECK IN  
9:00 AM PLAY BEGINS

**REGISTRATION:**

**\$200**

**4 MAN TEAM**

**\*\$50  
ADDITIONAL  
PLAYER FEE**

FOOD PROVIDED FOR PLAYERS  
(NON PLAYERS MAY PURCHASE FOOD TICKETS)

**\*\*CASH BAR\*\***

CHECKS MADE OUT TO  
ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT

**RULES AND REGULATIONS :**  
ROUND ROBIN / SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.  
ALL GAMES TO BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BALLS  
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TO BE PLAYED ON COURT #1

CONTACT DAVE CHIAPETE (262) 939-5914 OR  
DAVE SILVANI (262) 321-1604



**CASH PRIZES FOR  
TOP 3 TEAMS**

**Roma Lodge**  
 7130 Spring Street  
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**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 Saturday, January 27, 2024.

**ENTRY BLANK**

Please return entry blank by Saturday, January 20, 2024

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

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain:				
	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  
 Attention: Dave Chiapete  
 7130 Spring Street (Hwy C)  
 Racine, Wisconsin 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!**

## February 2024 EVENTS

Thursday, February 1  
Friday, February 2  
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Saturday, February 3  
Saturday, February 3  
**Sunday, February 4**  
Sunday, February 4  
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Monday, February 5  
**Tuesday, February 6**  
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**Friday, February 9**  
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Friday, February 23  
Sunday, February 25  
Monday, February 26  
Wednesday, February 28

National Freedom Day  
Groundhog Day 2024  
National Hedgehog Day  
National Tater Tot Day  
Give Kids A Smile Day  
National Golden Retriever Day  
National Carrot Cake Day  
**Roma Lodge Cribbage**  
Rosa Parks Day  
Thank Your Mailman Day  
National Weatherperson's Day  
**Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 PM**  
National Frozen Yogurt Day  
National Send a Card to a Friend Day  
National Fettuccine Alfredo Day  
National Boy Scout Day  
National Kite-Flying Day  
**Members Meeting - 7:00 PM**  
National Pizza Day  
Lunar New Year  
Super Bowl Sunday  
National Inventors' Day  
Lincoln's Birthday  
Mardi Gras  
Valentine's Day  
Ash Wednesday  
National Donor Day  
International Book Giving Day  
Random Acts of Kindness Day  
Presidents' Day HOLIDAY  
National Love Your Pet Day  
National Sticky Bun Day  
National Walking the Dog Day  
National Chili Day 2024  
George Washington's Birthday  
National Banana Bread Day  
National Clam Chowder Day  
National Pistachio Day  
National Pancake Day 2024





## DECEMBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The December tournament was held on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Winners

1st Place (all pools) - Mark Porcaro with a Perfect card and two skunks!

2nd Place (all pools) – Felicia Henkel

3rd Place (all pools) – Ron Lucas

4th Place (all pools) – Mark Mano

Great day in the Roma Lodge Cribbage world. Twenty-two players and everyone had fun. Thanks for all who were able to attend. We invite all member, spouses, and friends to the next tournament on January 14th.



## CRIBBAGE NEW START TIME 12 Noon



## Roma Lodge Tournaments Cost \$10 per Person

**CASH** drawing at start of tournament!

## January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND FRIENDS

**Format:** 6 games against 6 different individual opponents

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

**February 4th, March 10th, April 7th**

**SIGN UP AT 11:30AM**

## TOURNAMENTS START AT 12 Noon

**Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.**

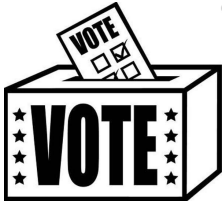
**COME EARLY AND EAT AT THE SUNDAY BRUNCH!**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BRUNCH STARTS AT 9AM**

**RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED!**



## 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS



Nominations will be made at the February 9, 2024, Membership Meeting for four (4) director positions for the 2024-2026 term. The Directors whose regular terms expire in March 2024 are Jack LeRose, Greg Pierangeli, Dennis Porcaro, and Bill Pucci.

The election will be held on Friday, March 9, 2024.

To be a nominee, a prospective candidate must:

- Be a member in good standing as of February 2024
- 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 February 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.

Information on how to submit nominations prior to the February meeting will be discussed at the January meeting and will be communicated via future e-mails.

Those who accept nominations must submit a candidate's statement to Jon Morelli at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 18, 2024, 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 March Newsletter

*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.



## 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](mailto: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 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 Member's 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**. If you have not viewed the site in a while, please visit to see the added items and the option for embroidering the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo.



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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**Deadline for information for the February 2024 Newsletter is January 20, 2024.** Comments, suggestions, and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com).

*Jon Morelli*, Roma Lodge Recording Secretary