

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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JUNE 2021 ISSUE

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy. There has been good news recently regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. As more people have become vaccinated, the numbers of infected people have decreased, and the CDC has relaxed many of its recommendations. This is great news for everyone and moves us one step closer to returning to our “normal” lives.

RIWA will move forward cautiously as we continue to keep everyone’s health and safety our priority. The Roma Lodge Members lounge and dining room continue to be open on Friday and Saturday nights with limited menus. We will be working during this next month on plans to fully reopen the Members lounge including the Wednesday night buffet. There are many things to consider such as staffing, inventory and of course keeping everyone safe. We will keep you updated on our progress.

Our carryout/curbside service will continue to be available to the public on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays as well as Café Roma on Friday nights. Please remind your friends that these are available to them.

The Bingo committee continues to work toward reopening Bingo at Roma Lodge. The plan is to start Bingo again the first week of June and advertisements have already been in the paper. 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.

The 2021 Roma Lodge Festival will proceed as planned and will take place here on our grounds the weekend of July 23-25. A big thank-you to Pat Diem and the entire festival committee. The festival is a big undertaking

every year but working out the logistics of moving it to a new location has added to the workload. They are doing a great job and I am looking forward to a very successful festival.

We are also working on having a beer garden here at Roma Lodge over the summer. We are still working out some details and will keep you updated on our progress.

The next Roma Lodge Membership meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 11th at 7:00 PM and will be our normal social meeting to kick off the festival. We will be having the early bird drawing so sell as many festival raffle tickets as you can by then to have the best chance of winning. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th 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 all!)

Frank L. Bisotti, President

JUNE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

June 11, 2021 – 7:00 PM

June meeting is the social meeting. Members may bring a guest. The men will have a short meeting where we will vote on three new members and conduct a short agenda of business. This will be followed by a presentation on the Festival and the Early Bird drawing.

JUNE 2021 EVENTS

Thursday, June 3
Friday, June 4
Sunday, June 6
Tuesday, June 8
Friday, June 11
Monday, June 14
Sunday, June 20

Roma Bingo Restart
National Doughnut Day
D-Day, WWII
Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting (Social)
Flag Day
Father's Day



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

Suspended Until Further Notice

Bingo will be resuming on June 3, 2021



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

MASKS REQUIRED

If you would like to help please contact:

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

Mike Peratt: 262-942-1212 - mperatt2@yahoo.com

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



SUMMER BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The Annual Summer Bocce Tournament is back and will be held on Sunday, August 1.

Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Games to start promptly at 9:00 AM

Fee: \$40 per person - \$200 per 5 man/person team for the Open Division or Ladies Division

Price includes breakfast, lunch and dinner.

More details will be in next month's newsletter, emailed, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Dave Silvani – (262) 321-1604, dsilvani@live.com

**GET
WELL
SOON**

Our best wishes to our brother Tom Lorenzini.

OBITUARIES

Rose Ann "Rosie" Ruffalo

April 12, 1929 –April 26, 2021



Christine Brusha.

Rose A. Ruffalo, age 92, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 26, 2021 at her residence. The bright light of the pink super moon guided her grand entrance to heaven. Rose was born in Racine on April 12, 1929, the youngest of nine children of the late Oscar and

Christine Brusha. She was raised and spent her entire life in Racine. On April 29, 1950 she was married to William Ruffalo and they enjoyed 67 years together until his passing on September 26, 2017.

Rose was a fantastic cook and spent many years doing the cooking at Brusha's Club, which was owned by her brothers Christie and Oscar. Family and friends enjoyed her talents on Mondays with spaghetti dinner at her home. Everyone who came cherished not only the food but the great sense of family and inclusion she exhibited. She truly was happiest with her family around her.

Rose was a longstanding member of Roma Lodge Vittoria Colonna. In her younger years, Rose spent many evenings square dancing with the Circle 8 Club. She wintered for quite a few years in Apache Junction, Arizona, and never met a casino she did not like. A visit to Potawatomi was a 'therapy' session, win or lose. She enjoyed playing cards, and especially liked to remind you when she was winning. Her sense of humor was contagious. Through trying times, she very quietly proved her strength and resiliency without complaint.

Rose is survived by her children: Gail Widmar, Robin (Fred) Schmidt, and William (Billy) Ruffalo, Jr. (Kathy Puma); her grandchildren, Kelly Crenshaw, Ben Crenshaw, both of Racine, Matt (Kate) Schmidt of Shorewood, WI, Mike (Katie) Schmidt of Elm Grove, WI, Brandon (Khara) Schmidt of Tampa, FL, and Lisa Wilkerson of Mt. Juliet, TN; her great grandchildren Aubree Cascio, Delainee Dominguez, Ella, Hans, Bennett, Lauren, Mason and Cole Schmidt, Anthony, Isaiah, Julia, Halle, and Kainoa Wilkerson; her great-great granddaughter Harper Trumpulis.

She is further survived by her sisters-in-law Rose Biagioni of Berkely, IL and Julie Ruffalo of Racine; many nieces, nephews, relatives, and good friends; dear friends Dave and Romie Gallo.

Rose was preceded in death by her brothers and sisters

Katie (John) Oronato, Frank (Francis) Brusha, Sam Brusha, Dorothy (Henry) Geisler, Christina Rice, Oscar (Lucille) Brusha, Ann Brusha, and Christie (Phyllis) Brusha; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Carmella Ruffalo, Charles (Mary) Ruffalo, James (Rose) Ruffalo, George (Susie) Ruffalo, Sammy (Virginia) Ruffalo, Carmella (John) Liddi, Susie (Elliot) Bloomquist, Louie (Bernice) Ruffalo, Irene Ruffalo, Mary (Nello) Copen, Frank (Betty) Ruffalo, Irene (Frank) Kreplan, Josephine (Oliver) Twist, Mamie (Ector) DeLuca, and Emil Ruffalo.

Our sincere condolences go out to Rosie's family.

Frank A. "Coach" Matrise Sr.

August 8, 1937 - April 27, 2021



Frank A. Matrise, Sr., 83, of Kenosha, passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at Aurora Medical Center.

Born in Kenosha, on August 8, 1937, he was the son of the late Joseph and Domenica "Minnie" (Meo) Matrise. He graduated from Kenosha St. Mary's High School in 1955. Frank continued his education along with playing football at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, graduating in 1959.

On November 21, 1964, he married Sandra "Sandy" (Silk) Matrise at St. Mary Catholic Church in Kenosha, WI. She preceded him in death on November 10, 2020.

After graduating college Frank was hired by St. Joseph High School, where he taught History and Physical Education. He began his coaching career as an Assistant Football Coach and years later became Head Coach. Frank was a very successful Head Wrestling Coach winning 6 consecutive WICAA State Championships from 1961 to 1966 compiling a record of 128-23-3. He also coached Varsity Golf and Track. In 1966, Frank earned his master's degree in Guidance, Counseling and Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He served numerous years as one of the school's Guidance Counselors. Frank became the Athletic Director at St. Joseph High School in 1964, where he held the position for 42 of his 47 years, retiring on June 30, 2006.

Frank was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wisconsin Football Coaches Association, National Council of Secondary Schools Athletic Directors, American Education and Recreation, Wisconsin Independent Schools Athletic Director Association, Wisconsin Association for Counseling and Development, Wisconsin Career Guidance Association,

Chairman of Lakeshore Conference, National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association, National Federation of State High School Association, Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association, American Football Coaches Association, Milwaukee Catholic Coaches Association, Holy Rosary Sports Night Selection Committee, St. Joseph Catholic Academy Hall of Fame Committee, St. Joseph High School Athletic Association, Roma Lodge, and Pi Delta Kappa. He was the founder and director of Big Blue Camps (football, basketball and volleyball) in Kenosha for numerous years.

In 1996, Frank was selected as WISAA "Man of the Year"; Outstanding Football Coach by Mt Carmel Men's Club; 2004 Holy Rosary Holy Name recognition for student and athlete dedication; 2010 inducted Wisconsin Football Coaches Association; 2014 Retired Athletic Director Award of Merit; 2016 Wisconsin Athletic Directors Hall of Fame; 2019 26th Avenue/Ameche Stadium Road named Frank Matrise Way; 2009 Chuck Jaskwisch Lifetime Coaches Achievement Award; 2010 Wisconsin Football Hall of Fame; Go Sports America Lifetime Achievement Award; 2006 Kenosha Civic Parade Honoree; 1988-1989 Athletic Director of the Year; 2003 The Italian Business Professional Association Recognition Award; St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame as both Coach and Athletic Director.

Frank loved football, which made Fall his favorite season. He was a huge Notre Dame and Wisconsin fan. He enjoyed watching the Cubs, Bucks, and Packers too. SJCA athletics and Tremper football always held a place in his heart. Frank loved his family, especially spending time with his grandchildren and attending as many of their activities as he could. Frank enjoyed traveling. A couple of his favorites were to Europe and Hawaii.

Survivors include his three daughters: Julie (David) Rivera of Kenosha, Gina (Adam) Wnuck of Westerville, OH, and Kathy (Tim) Figlewski of Kenosha; daughter-in-law, Wendy Matrise of Kenosha; eight grandchildren: Erica, Nicole, Amanda, Mackenzie, Ryan, Katelyn, Kyle, and Logan; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Joseph L. Matrise of Flint, MI; three sisters-in-law: Patricia (James) Stahl of Woodstock, IL, Jean Thomas of Genoa City, and Mavis Silk of San Pedro, CA; and one brother-in-law, Fred (Shirley) Silk of Wheatland. He is further survived by loving nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two children: Marie Matrise and Frank A. Matrise, Jr. and sister, Louise Rocca.

Our sincere condolences go out to Frank's family.

Thomas Catrine

August 21, 1932 - May 12, 2021



Thomas Catrine, age 88, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at his home. He was born in Milwaukee, August 21, 1932 son of the late Carl and Angeline (Nee: Collova) Catrine Sr.

Tom was a graduate of Wm. Horlick High School, "Class of 1950" Upon graduation he proudly served his country in the US Navy as Torpedoman's Mate 2nd Class. He was employed by Case IH for many years. After retiring, he enjoyed working at the Toter's family restaurant. He was a long-time member of Roma Lodge, and was always willing to lend a helping hand with bingo, fish fry's and Italian Fest. He was loved dearly and will be sadly missed.

Surviving are his siblings: Connie (Bob) Majerko, Carl Jr. (Claire) Catrine, Frank (Nancy) Catrine, Rosemary Klimowicz, Janice (Bill) Williams, James (Judy) Catrine; sister-in-law, Mary Catrine; brother-in-law, Ted Drettwan; and special friend, Nancy Auman; nieces, nephews other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to his parent's, he was preceded in death by his brother Tony Catrine, sister Josephine Drettwan and brother-in-law, Ron Klimowicz.

Private services and interment with Full Military Honors will be held at Southern Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Town of Dover. Memorials to one's favorite charity have been suggested or in Tom's honor, do a kind deed for someone by paying it forward.

Our sincere condolences go out to fellow members Frank, Carl, John and the rest of Tom's family.

Joseph W. Bado

January 12, 1939 – May 16, 2021



Joseph W. Bado, 89, passed away at Parkview Gardens on Sunday, May 16, 2021. He was born in Racine on January 12, 1932 the son of the late Sylvester and Agnes (nee: Smolko) Bado.

Joe attended Steven Bull Elementary School, Franklin Junior High School, and St. Catherine's High School. He received a basketball scholarship to Marquette University. Joe also attended the University of Wisconsin and received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Joe coached CYO basketball, Pee-Wee softball, and grade school baseball. Joe earned his varsity letters in basketball,

baseball and football while at St. Catherine's and was a member of the Monogram Club. He was inducted into the St. Catherine's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. He competed in regional and national competitions in gymnastics, basketball, and track.

On February 14, 1960, in Holy Trinity Catholic Church, he was united in marriage to Barbara Kwiecinski, who preceded him in death on December 11, 1996. On July 24, 1999, in St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, he was united in marriage to Marian D'Acquisto Kopp. Joe served his country with the U. S. Army and was assigned as an MP while stationed in Frankfurt Germany. Joe was awarded the Korean War Medal, The German Occupational Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, the Sales and Marketing Club, the Lions Club, where he served as vice-president, the American Legion Post #310, the Power Equipment Institute, Roma Lodge, Charter Member and Past- President of the St. Catherine's Alumni Association, and the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association-Kenosha Chapter. For over 40 years, Joe

served in managerial positions at Western Publishing Jacobsen/Textron, Culligan, and Charmglow.

Surviving is his wife Marian, her children, Karen (Joel) Horwich, of Buffalo Grove, IL, and David Kopp, of White Bear Lake, MN, their children, Sarah Horwich, Emily Horwich, Abigail Kopp, and Jillian Kopp, brother, Syl (Marvie) Bado, of Racine, sisters-in-law, Sue Bado, also of Racine, and Mary Ann Kwiecinski, in Texas. His nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive him. In addition to his parents and late wife Barbara, Joe was preceded in death by his son, William, and his sister and brother-in-law, Irene and Harry Mielcarek, and brother, Frank Bado, brothers-in-law, Warren Kwiecinski, Joseph D'Acquisto, sister-in-law, Antoinette Toter, and nephews, Tom Mielcarek, Harry Mielcarek, and Michael Bado.

Our sincere condolences go out to Joseph's family.



HELEN PULICE MEMORIAL

On Saturday, June 19th, at the Johnson Park Pavilion, there will be a visitation from 1PM to 2 PM in memory of Helen Pulice. The Vittoria Colona will be having their service at 2:15PM and a cookout is scheduled for 2:30PM.

All Roma Lodge members are invited to attend.



PRESIDENTS OF ROMA LODGE

Frank Bisotti was elected the 29th President of Roma Lodge on March 12, 2021. Frank continues a long line of men who have dedicated their time and talents for the good of the lodge. Recently, this newsletter has been highlighting our living past presidents

The April issue highlighted our 17th, 19th and 21st Presidents (John Lapetina, Eugene Presta and Ralph Nicotera III). The May issue included our 23rd, 24th and 25th Presidents (Peter Ciaramita, Joseph Porcaro, and Don Cicero). This issue highlights our 26th, 27th and 28th Presidents (Buddy Alfano, Rick Bonanno and David Chiapete). I want to thank Buddy, Rick and Dave for submitting stories. Their stories are told in their own voices which you will find interesting, informative, and entertaining.

Beginning with the July Newsletter we would like to add stories about other members. Please submit your stories for future articles. The purpose of this feature is to highlight members hobbies, jobs, travels, etc. and allow us to get to know our fellow members.

If you would like to submit a story for a future newsletter, please send it to me.

(Jon Morelli – roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com)

BUDDY ALFANO – 26th President (Served 2 terms – 2009-2010, 2011-2012)



I joined the Roma Lodge in February of 1966 and have been a continuous member ever since. My proponent was Richard Fazzari. My parents were Frank and Felicia (Mascaretti) Alfano. I'm married to Donna and we have two daughters, Anna and Lisa. We are blessed with four grandchildren, Hannah, Hayden, Domenic and Isabella. Also, sons-in-law Dennis Gehrke and the late Jim McDougal. I served on the RIWA, the Board of Directors, was vice president and president of the Roma Lodge.

I also served on the first festival committee with Herman Porcaro, who was chairman of the festival, Lefty Falcone, Adam Rossi, Zuddy DeRose, Russ Missureli, and Jim Fornary, who was the attorney for the club at that time.

I was the first caller for BINGO and signed the our original license application to the state along with Mike Corona and Russ Missureli. I helped Mario with the booze and meat raffles at the festival. I also served. I also served as co-captain for the beer bars and was co-captain for the money count room at the festival for Benny Yenzito, who was chairman of the festival at that time.

I was very honored to be the president of the club when we paid off the mortgage for our current building. I was instrumental in starting the Santa Claus surprise visit for kids the day after Thanksgiving at the club. I cannot think of a committee that I have not served on, but I'm sure there is one.

My nana, Mary Alfano, was a very active member of the Vittoria Colonna. I also had my wedding reception at the old Roma Lodge.

In my professional career I was an independent insurance agent for forty years and part owner of Miller Brothers Insurance in Racine.

I am very proud of my Italian heritage and I would strongly tell new members to take pride in the Roma Lodge. I think it's one of the best fraternal clubs in the state of Wisconsin.

RICK P. BONANNO – 27th President (Served 2 terms – 2013-2014, 2015-2016)



Roma Lodge has been a large part of my life, and my family's life, for almost 100 years. My great-grandfathers, Pericle Giacinti and Cherubino Tempesta immigrated from Amelia (Perugia) Italy in the early 1900s. They were members of the mutual aid society, "Societa Italo Americano-Caesari Battista", which was one of seven mutual aid societies in the area. Then, in 1923, the mutual aid societies evolved into Roma Lodge. I am very proud that my great grandfathers were founding members. Additionally, my grandfather, Remo Giacinti, and father, Paul, were long-time members.

In my early years, we lived at 1616 Woodrow Avenue. Woodrow is a half street surrounded by Forest Street (North Memorial Drive), Prospect Street, Hamilton Street and Blake Avenue. It seemed everyone in this neighborhood was related to me or, at least, was Italian. My grandparents lived across the street, as did my great grandmother, uncle, aunt and cousins. Other relatives like the Matrangas and Parises lived nearby. Additionally, there were the Romano, Modesti, Galati, Cacciotti and Balistreri families. Porcaro's Market was located on the corner of Forest and Hamilton and my great uncle Pete Matranga's store was on the corner of Forest and Prospect. What a great neighborhood!!!

This neighborhood was special and unique. From this neighborhood, it was possible to walk to work, school, church, shopping and to "The Club". "The Club" was the great Order Sons of Italy, Roma Lodge #1196. It was prominently located at 1300 Forest Street, just one block north of our house. To me, Roma Lodge was a wonderful place and couldn't be better.

I first became aware of Roma Lodge at 4 or 5 years old. My dad and I walked there for the annual Children's Christmas Party. The hall seemed huge to me. I remember receiving a red mesh Christmas stocking filled with a popcorn ball and various candy. I also had a chance to sit on Santa's lap who, to me, looked just like Sam Romano, our next door neighbor.

When I was a bit older, Sam's identity as Santa was confirmed when I saw his Santa suit airing out on their backyard clothes line. I kept this a secret from my younger brother and sisters. I didn't have the heart to tell them that Santa Claus was really Sam Romano.

RICK P. BONANNO – 27th President (continued)

I joined Roma Lodge in 1976 and my proponent was my dad, Paul. Initially, I was mostly interested in the social events and playing on the Lodge's championship softball team. In fact, I still have my Roma Lodge #10 white jersey and jacket. I also cherish my 1978 Most Valuable Player trophy. Our team photo is still in the trophy case. Additionally, I have kept all of my membership cards.

I soon learned that Roma Lodge was more than social events and softball games. It was a club with origins of a mutual aid society. There were no public social programs available to our ancestors when they arrived. They had to band together to help each other assimilate and survive in their new country. I then learned the mutual aid society became a filial lodge under the national organization, Order Sons of Italy in America (OSIA). Roma Lodge #1196 adopted the principles of Liberty, Equality and Fraternity, which we still recite during our membership meetings today. I also learned the importance and function of a strong Racine Italian Welfare Association (RIWA) and the significance of the financial contributions, generated by our annual festival and weekly bingo sessions, to Roma Lodge. Above all, I learned that our members are the keys to Roma Lodge's success.

In remembering our past, and with an eye to the future, I have the following hopes regarding our great lodge:

- I hope we never forget our origins of a MUTUAL AID SOCIETY.
- I hope we always keep in mind our principles of LIBERTY, EQUALITY and FRATERNITY.
- I hope we always strive to achieve our objectives of SERVING, STRENGTHENING and UNITING.
- I hope we always view our members as TALENT and TREASURE.
- I hope we always remain an ITALIAN ORGANIZATION.

Vi Saluto...Rick P. Bonanno

DAVID CHIAPETE – 28th President (Served 2 terms – 2017-2018, 2019-2020)



My involvement and memories of Roma Lodge started as a boy. In 1979, our 1st Roma Lodge Festival was held on South Memorial Drive. I have so many wonderful memories of each festival since then. It was the best weekend of the year and to this day, it remains that way – a weekend to celebrate our Italian heritage with family and friends.

My parents, Randy & Pat, were captains of the ice cream/popcorn booth where my brother, Joe, sister, Tina, and myself would help during the day before being sent home for the night. Needless to say, we were extremely happy when we were old enough to stay through the end of the night.

My grandparents, Ernie & Mary Rossi, together with friends Russ & Helen Missureli, Red & Lena Ciotti, Orla & Hazel Litrenta, and Chuck & Edith Daceno sold food tickets all weekend. My Uncle Adam Rossi was co-chair of the 1st Festival, and my Aunt Eva was always helping wherever needed.

Some other memories are helping Lefty Falcone get ice from the little closet where the ice maker was, of all the people dancing in front of the stage with live Italian music, and of Mario Aiello running the booze raffles.

Since becoming a member in 1999, I have been very involved with bocce. My love of the game started at the old lodge seeing people lined up 4 or 5 deep watching tournament games. I was drawn to the fun and excitement and still remember getting to throw a few balls on the gravel courts between games with some of "the guys".

Shortly after becoming a member, the Roma Lodge Summer Bocce Tournament was cancelled because only 7 teams had signed up. I was extremely disappointed so I approached President Pete Ciaramita and asked if I could run the Summer Bocce tournament. He asked me come to a Board of Directors meeting to make a presentation which was approved. Included in my proposal was to bring back Pane Fritta (fried bread dough) - Rose Marie Domanico, her husband Charlie, Joan, John, and Lisa Domanico, and Vittoria Colonna ladies agreed to make for the tournament. That summer 54 teams participated - so much fun!

I could go on and on about so many memories that I have from the picnics at Johnson Park, the kids Christmas Parties, Bingo with my grandparents, but it all keeps coming back to the same thing for me when it comes to Roma Lodge that holds true to this day – a place of family, friends, fun, and memories.

BOCCE LEAGUES

Bocce leagues are set to resume in September. We will have a captains/player meeting in July or August. More details to come soon.

If you have questions, please contact:

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Jim Silvani – (262) 939-8139, silvanijames@gmail.com

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

June 1	Troy Graceffa Brian LoPiccolo John Pisanello Ronald L. Zicarelli	June 12 June 14 June 15 June 16	Mario Ruffolo Tim Mason Kelly Ruffolo Jerry Bullock Robert Domanik Stanley Postorino Thomas C. Wood	June 19 June 20 June 22 June 24 June 26 June 27 June 29	John Suprak James Betker Gerald Schulz Philip Marry Jr Carl Catrine Gary Suokko John Barranco Eric Dahlke Albert F. Quadraccia Anthony Toterò Keith Stannis
June 2	Douglas R. Goebel	June 17	Michael Szymandera	June 30	
June 3	Anthony D'Alie	June 18	Gregory DaPra		
June 4	Robert Starr Sr.		Joseph Mandala		
June 5	Daniel Zanella		William Smith		
June 6	John Martini				
June 9	Giuseppe Cortese				
June 11	David W. Pucci				

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

JULY 2021 EVENTS

Sunday, July 4
Tuesday, July 6
Friday, July 9
Friday, July 23
Thursday, July 29

Independence Day
Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting
2020 Summer Olympics opening ceremony
National Lasagna Day



2021 Roma Lodge Golf Outing

The Roma Lodge Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, 8/15/21 with a 12 PM shotgun start at Ives Grove. Watch the newsletter for additional details.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen were screened and recommended by the Membership Committee for vote at the **July 9, 2021** Membership Meeting. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation at the May 11, 2021 Board Meeting.

Paul J. Nolden - Age 49
Lives in Racine, WI
Born in Racine
General Manager at Rockwell Automation
Married (Carrie Pucci Nolden) with two children
Wife is of Italian descent
Proponent: William J. Pucci

Anthony J. Ruffalo - Age 21
Lives in Racine, WI
Born in Racine
Plumber with Lee Plumbing
Single
Parents are of Italian descent
Proponent: David Ruffalo

The following gentlemen were published in the May Newsletter and read at the May Membership Meeting. The membership with vote on acceptance at the **June 11, 2021** Membership Meeting.

Ralph D. Malicki - Age 56
Lives in Franksville, WI
Born in Racine
Owner of Malicki Piggly Wiggly
Married (Susan) with two children
Qualified through DNA test
Proponent: Gary Suokko

Charles J. Mano - Age 52
Lives in Mount Pleasant, WI
Born in Racine
President of Mano Fencing
Married (Kimberly) with three children
Adopted by family of Italian descent
Previously a member 2004
Proponent: Mark Mano

Zachary Mano - Age 21
Lives in Mount Pleasant, WI
Born in Milwaukee
Fence installer for Mano Fencing
Single
Grandfather of Italian descent
Proponent: Mark Mano

Roma Garden

Public Very Welcomed
Friday & Sunday Only
3 - Sunset



Roma Lodge will be launching its very own summer Beer Garden. We will have the best food & the best prices in Wisconsin.

We will also have a specialty bar with great Bourbon, Old Fashioneds, Wine and refreshing Vodka drinks. We will even have craft root beer on tap as well as water and soda for the kiddos.

We will have a tent for shade, plenty of lawn games like bocce and bags which means plenty of family fun to be had by all. More details coming! Stay tuned.



Members Social Meeting – Festival Early Bird

Raffle Books are available for pickup at the Lodge! The Friday June 11th Lodge Meeting is the Festival Early Bird Social! Bring a guest and your sold raffle books to the social meeting on June 11th. The bar opens at 5:30pm along with ticket turn in. There will be a short meeting at 7:00pm with dinner directly after, followed by our Festival presentation and Early Bird drawing. Sell as many raffle books as you can and turn them in at or before this meeting. For each \$20 book of stubs and payment turned in that evening you get a chance to win one of multiple \$50 prizes in a drawing. Additional raffle tickets can be obtained from Rick Tringali (262)-504-9950 or rtringali252@gmail.com.

Planning for the festival continues. There will be a picture of the festival layout at Roma Lodge at the meeting. We are in need of a captain to manage the helpers for parking. We are in need of helpers for food booths, ticket booths, the beer bar, setup, and tear down. Please contact any of the Festival Committee members listed on the Roma Lodge members website.

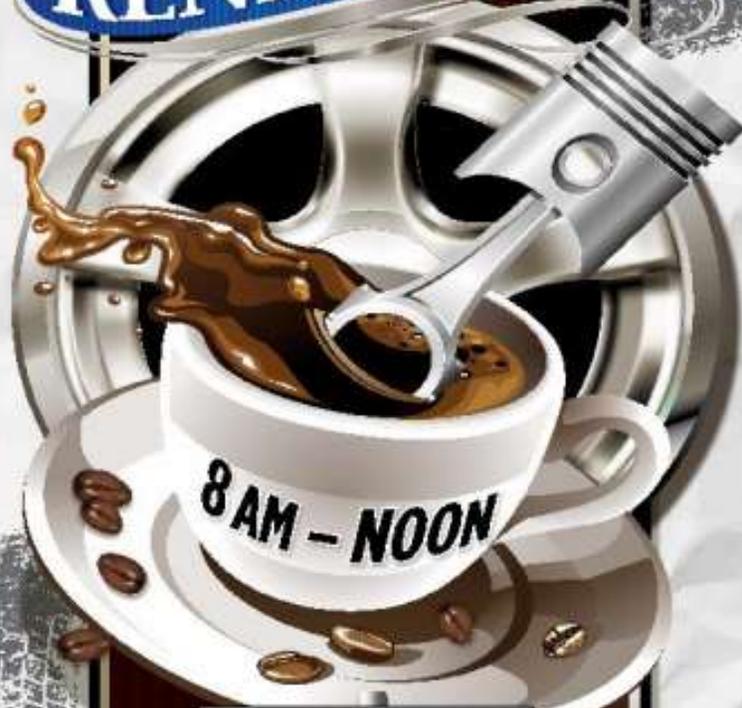
If you are out of town or cannot pick up your tickets, you can mail a check to the festival with directions on what name(s) to fill in the raffle tickets with and we will fill them out and return the claim tickets to you.

Mail your request to:
Roma Lodge Festival
Attn: Patrick Diem
7130 Spring St.
Mt. Pleasant, WI 53406

SATURDAY MORNING

COFFEE & CARS

 **RENDEZVOUS**



2021

Every

Second Saturday of the Month

June 12 July 10 August 14 September 11



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Roma Lodge Members Lounge & Bar Menu

Basket of Fries -----	\$2.50
Basket of Cheese Fries -----	\$4.75
Fried Meatballs -----	\$6.95
Fried Ravioli -----	\$5.50
Fried Ravioli/Meatball Combo -----	\$6.50
Mozzarella Sticks -----	\$5.00
Appetizer Combo -----	\$6.00
Chicken Tenders -----	\$4.95
Buffalo Chicken Wings -----	10/\$8.50 20/\$16.00
*Hamburger w/Fries -----	\$6.75
<small>(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle)</small>	
*Cheeseburger w/Fries -----	\$7.25
<small>(Served w/ American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, & Pickle)</small>	
Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Fries -----	\$7.25
<small>(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Pickle)</small>	
*Filet Medallion Bomber -----	\$9.95
<small>(Mushrooms, Onions & Peppers mixed with Cheddar Cheese)</small>	
Large Pizza -----	\$11.95
Additional Toppings -----	\$2.00
<small>(Sausage, Pepperoni, Onion, Mushroom, Peppers, Tomato, Black Olives, Giardiniera, etc.)</small>	
Angel Hair w/Red Sauce or Garlic & Oil -----	\$7.50
<small>(Served w/ 2 Meatballs & 2 Breadsticks)</small>	

Friday

Pork Chops -- \$11.95
(Served w/ Peppers,
Onions, & Side of
Applesauce)

Friday Night Fish Fry

All You Can Eat &
Served w/ Coleslaw
& Fries
\$9.95

Saturday

Pork Chops -- \$11.95
(Served w/ Peppers,
Onions, & Side of
Applesauce)
Lasagna --- \$9.95
(Served w/ 2 Breadsticks)

*Whether dining in or preparing food at home, consuming raw or under-cooked meats, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness



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Roma Lodge
Dine-in Menu

Friday's from 4pm-8pm

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SPECIALS

Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries - \$8.95

Topped w/ lettuce, tomato & garlic aioli

Pizza Burger w/ Fries - \$8.95

Chicken Caprese Sandwich w/ Fries - \$10.95

Grilled Chicken Breast topped with tomato, basil, mozzarella, and drizzled with Balsamic Glaze.

PIZZA

16" Cheese - \$12.95

Additional Toppings - \$2.00

Toppings Include: sausage, pepperoni,
green peppers, giardiniera, mushrooms,
onions, tomatoes, & black olives.

FISH

Fried Cod (4pc) - \$12.95

Fried Cod (All you can eat) - \$14.95

Fried Perch (5pc) - \$13.95

Fried Perch (All you can eat) - \$15.95

*ALL include: Choice of Potato,
Coleslaw, Tartar Sauce, & Bread

DESSERT

2 Mini Cannoli - \$3.00

Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3.00

Spumoni (Pint) - \$3.00

CHICKEN

4pc Chicken Plate - \$10.95

Served w/ potato, coleslaw, & bread.

SANDWICHES

Meatball Bomber w/ Fries - \$6.95

Served w/hot/mild giardiniera

+ Mozzarella Cheese - \$1.00

PASTA

Mostaccioli & Meatballs Plate - \$8.95

Served w/ Bread

House Lasagna - \$12.95

Served w/Salad & Bread Sticks

EXTRAS

Large Salad - \$3.95

Mozzarella Sticks (4) - \$4.95

Fried Meatballs (8) - \$7.50

Bread Sticks (12) - \$7.95



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Topped w/ lettuce, tomato & garlic aioli

Chicken Caprese Sandwich w/ Fries - \$10.95

Grilled Chicken Breast topped with tomato, basil, mozzarella, and drizzled with Balsamic Glaze.

Pizza Burger w/ Fries - \$8.95

PIZZA

16" Cheese - \$12.95

Additional Toppings - \$2.00

Toppings Include: sausage, pepperoni,
Green peppers, giardiniera, mushrooms,
Onions, tomatoes, & black olives.

Family Pizza Dinner - \$39.95

2-16" 1-Topping Pizzas, ½ Pan of Salad

and 12 Bread Sticks

FISH

Fried Cod Plate (4pc) - \$12.95

Fried Lake Perch Plate (5pc) - \$13.95

Fried Cod Family Dinner (10pc) - \$29.95

Fried Perch Family Dinner (12pc/1 lb) - \$31.95

***Pasta served w/bread

*** ALL include: Choice of potato,
Coleslaw, tartar sauce, & bread.

DESSERT

2 Mini Cannoli \$3

Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3

Spumoni (Pint) - \$3

CHICKEN

4pc Plate w/Potato, coleslaw, & bread. - \$10.95

8pc Bucket - \$13.95/ Family Dinner - \$19.95

12pc Bucket - \$17.95/ Family Dinner - \$23.95

16pc Bucket - \$22.95/ Family Dinner - \$28.95

*** Dinners include: Choice of potato,
Coleslaw, tartar sauce & bread.

SANDWICHES

Meatball Bomber w/ Fries - \$6.95

Served w/hot/mild giardiniera

+Mozzarella Cheese for \$1

PASTA

Mostaccioli & Meatballs

Plate - \$8.95 / Family - \$19.95

served w/Bread

House Lasagna - \$12.95

w/ Salad & Bread Sticks

EXTRAS

Bread Sticks (12) - \$7.95

Large Salad - \$3.95

Mozzarella Sticks (4) - \$4.95

Fried Meatballs (8) - \$7.50

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Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary