

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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March 2021 Issue

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers and families,

The March Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, March 12, 7:00 pm. The meeting will once again be in the North (Vittoria Hall), all chairs will be spaced 6' apart, and we ask that everyone wear a mask to protect your fellow Lodge brothers. A pasta buffet dinner will be served following the meeting.

The March membership meeting is an extremely important meeting –voting for our elections will be held on Friday, March 12, in the Hall of History from 10:00 am – 7:00 pm. The results will be announced at the meeting. All the candidates and their statements are in this newsletter.

Also, at the March meeting, two extremely important by-law changes will be voted upon. The Future Growth Committee (comprised of 9 members) met for nearly a year and reviewed different options to increase membership and recommended these changes to our current by-laws. The proposed by-law changes are endorsed by the Roma Lodge Board of Directors. The proposed changes are in this newsletter.

The Members' Dining Room and Bar continues to be open Friday/Saturday evenings beginning at 5:00. The menu is in this newsletter, and additional weekly specials will also be offered. Due to COVID-19, for the time being, our normal menu and some bar selections will not be available. All tables are spaced 6' apart, no bar stools, all orders will be placed at the bar and brought out to your table, and many other precautions are also being taken. Please be respectful of your fellow members and guests by social distancing while at the same time enjoying your club.

Specials during the month of March are Gnocchi served with breadsticks for \$8.95 and a Shrimp Basket for \$9.95. The RIWA carryout/curbside continues Thurs-Sat throughout March. Call 262-886-3610 to order. The menu is in this newsletter.

It has truly been an honor to have served as the 28th President of Roma Lodge. I want to personally thank all the officers and directors that have served our club with me over the past 4 years. Thank you to the Past Presidents who were always there for me when I asked for advice. Of course, I can't thank you enough, the incredible members of Roma Lodge for all of your support over the past 4 years. As I write this and reflect back, just about every member has in one way or another made a contribution to our Lodge during my presidency, and you all are the reason our club remains so strong today.

Four years ago, one of the most common phrases that I would hear from members was that if you

don't eat in the Members' Dining Room or play bocce, that there is not much to do for members. One of my highest priorities, which the Board of Directors always supported, were new events. Some of those added have been:

- Kids Summer Camp
- Kids Winter Camp
- Elvis playing on Mother's Day & Father's Day weekend
- Quarterly drink and food specials
- Bags tournaments
- March Madness @ Roma Lodge
- Roma Lodge Bar Menu
- Roma Lodge Members' Facebook
- Holiday Tree Lighting special buffet, including kid's movie night
- Saturday night couples bocce
- Outdoor movie night featuring the classic ROCKY
- Kentucky Derby Party
- Pancake Day
- Members' Appreciation Weekend

I may have missed a few, and unfortunately with COVID-19, we missed most events over the past year, but I know that everyone is looking forward to seeing a vibrant Roma Lodge with members enjoying themselves.

The RIWA continues to be an important and contributing part of Roma Lodge and is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances with COVID, and our manager, Briana and her staff have done a fantastic job.

I would like to conclude by congratulating incoming President Frank Bisotti, Vice President John Pisanello, and all the newly elected officers and directors of the club. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my family, my parents Randy and Pat, my brother Joe, his wife Lisa and daughter, Gianna, and my sister Tina, her husband Matt, and sons Sam & Ben for all their support over the past 4 years.

It's been the honor of a lifetime serving as your President, and I once again thank all of you for all your support and fun times we have shared and will continue to share with each other.

Ciao and please stay safe!

David Chiapete  
President

## MARCH MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



Governor Evers' order, all members must wear a mask. Facemasks will be provided if you need one. You are also encouraged to social distance. Please try to make the meeting so we can be assured a quorum.

Voting for the six director positions will take place in the Hall of History between 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM. See the candidate statements in this newsletter.

Voting on the proposed By-law changes will take place during the members meeting.

## MARCH 2021 EVENTS

Tuesday, March 9, 2021  
Friday, March 12, 2021  
Sunday, March 14, 2021  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Board of Directors Meeting  
Membership Meeting  
Daylight Saving (Start)  
St. Patrick's Day

## ELECTION

Nominations were made at the February 12, 2021 Membership Meeting.

The offices of President, Vice President, Parliamentarian, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer had one nomination. Consequently, those positions will be filled without election.



Your new officers effective after the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting are:

Frank Bisotti – President  
John Pisanello – Vice President  
Jeff DeMatthew – Parliamentarian  
Jon Morelli – Recording Secretary  
Mike Peratt – Membership Secretary  
Pat Diem – Treasurer

The following election will be contested – six (6) director positions. The top four (4) will serve a two (2) year term with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> place serving a one (1) term. The candidate statements included in the order they will appear on the ballot (per random draw) can be found on pages 4 thru 7.

The bios for the uncontested candidates appear on pages 7 thru 9.

If you have question concerning the election, please contact DENNIS PORCARO at [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net) or call 262-884-9121.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## **DIRECTORS**

### **Greg Pierangeli**



My name is Gregory Pierangeli. The Roma Lodge has been a part of my life since I was a child.

I am a Veteran of the US Army, therefore, I spent many years away from Wisconsin. My Father, Philip Pierangeli was a lifelong Member till he passed in 2006.

Upon my return to Wisconsin and prior to his passing he was my Proponent in 2005. That was a proud time for both of us. I have been an active member since. Even at times when my career carried me away from Racine, I returned for the large events to volunteer my time.

While I respect and appreciate all the preceding Board of Director's for their hard work and dedication, the Lodge is now facing unique challenges which require a different outlook. I believe we can face these new challenges while maintaining our respect for the past. My unique qualifications of having run businesses, trained, and supervised many personnel qualify me to be a part of this Board.

Please give me the opportunity to help the Lodge grow.

Sincerely,

Greg Pierangeli

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### **Dave Silvani**



To my fellow Italian Brothers, I would like to ask for your support for the position of Director on the Roma Lodge Board.

Since joining the Roma Lodge in 2009 as a third-generation member, I have served and volunteered for a number of events included but not limited to

Italian Festival, Bingo, Bocce, Kids Christmas Party and Pancake Day. I have also co-chaired or captained the Kids Bocce and Couples Bocce league. I will be Chairman the Kids Christmas Party this coming year and looking forward to working with all the great volunteers.

I have been playing Bocce on 2-3 Bocce Teams since 2009 and look forward to attending all of the tournaments and representing The Roma Lodge at other Italian Lodges. Some other events I would like to bring to the table this year are: Bourbon/cigar tastings, Casino night, family outdoor movie night and Summer outdoor Bocce Season. My wife and I attend many events hosted by The Roma Lodge and have helped increase the attendance by promoting the events.

My daughters have also grown to be active in the lodge and enjoy learning about their Italian heritage. I have enjoyed serving on The Roma Lodge Board for the last 4 years and look forward to the opportunity to continue to be a leader and voice for this great Italian Lodge and its members. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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### **Jack LeRose**



Dear Brothers,

I have been a member for 27 years and during those years served as Treasurer for 7 under 4 Presidents. Under my watch the club went from shoe' box accounting to monthly closed' GAAP books. I tried and was unsuccessful in convincing the

board to control inventory and put in liquor controls and cash flow. I am more than likely the ONLY officer of the Lodge to be removed by the board and NOT the voting members.

Since that time I, more than likely, have lost more elections than anyone. My platform for the president's post in 2019 came close to a win using the agenda of better food quality, financial management and forecasting cash flows. I also pushed hard to reinstate Zuddy DeRose and involve our biggest asset', the women of Vittoria Colona.

I have been a NJ, WI and CA licensed CPA since 1986. I followed the advice of Pasquale LeRose Roccabernarda Calabria who told me years ago' you do a like a your father, that CPA is a good job! I don't have all the answers, but I do have the love of club and heritage to fight on.

Jack

## Mike Clementi



Heritage, Tradition, & Brotherhood, words that define Roma Lodge. Heritage; My grandparents came to America in 1922, extremely proud of their Italian heritage. They passed that Italian pride on to their children and grandchildren. My grandfather Vincent Clementi was part of

the Southside charter Lodge, he hosted club card parties in his home and made huge pots of sauce for events.

Tradition; The Roma Lodge has always held a special place in my family's life. We have had countless events and celebrations over the years here at the lodge.

Brotherhood; The undeniable Italian brotherhood that bonds us as members.

Getting involved and working towards a positive change is something that my father has instilled in his family. If elected I will be honored to help move our board and lodge forward with my years of business experience. I have managed and run my own business as well as worked on many committees and organizations in the Racine community.

The Lodge has many challenges ahead and will need a combination of innovated thinking and respect for the heritage, tradition, & brotherhood that has gotten us here.

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## Pat Tierney



I have been a member of Roma Lodge for 26 years. During that period, I have served the Lodge in the following areas:

- Currently serving on the Membership Screening Committee (10+ years)
- Currently serving on the RIWA Future Growth Committee

- Currently function as coordinator for the Men's Golf League
- Previously served on the Pancake Day Committee
- Previously served on the Planning and Bylaw Committee
- Previously served on the Kitchen/Hall of History Improvement Committee

In addition, I assist in the setup and take down of the festival, attend monthly membership meetings, and play bocce.

It is my belief that the Roma Lodge is one of the best organizations in Racine. It is entering a critical point in its history where the membership needs to make important decisions on the direction of the lodge. With my experience on several committees, and my desire to reach a consensus among the membership on competing interests, I believe I can contribute to the development of alternatives that will lead to appropriate decisions on our future. I would appreciate your support when voting for the Board of Directors in March.

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## Chuck Funk



I am interested in running for a Director position on the Roma Board.

Since 2009 I have been a member of Roma Lodge. I have served on the RIWA Committee under Rick Bonanno's presidency, worked on the Festival since becoming a member, have

been co-chair for the annual golf outing, as well as produced several creative projects for Roma and RIWA.

I believe that my Business, Marketing and Creative background and 50 years of experience can be helpful in these trying times.

Sincerely,

Chuck Funk

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## **Carmelo Bruno**



My name is Carmelo Bruno I would to be considered and receive your vote for one of the open board position.

I have been a member of the Roma Lodge since 2014. I currently live in Kenosha and have lived there for about half my life. Prior to that, I lived in Italy. My family comes from Calabria, the Cosenza area

and specifically Cerisano and Fiume-Freddo Bruzio.

I am currently Director of sales for a Chinese company called BYD Electronics. The company is 10% owned by Warren Buffett. Prior to that, I was also a manager in various departments at a well-known company called Motorola.....yes the phone king!!.

Although I graduated from Bradford High in Kenosha, I went to the Universita degli Studi Della Calabria in Italy. I have two degrees; one in Foreign Languages, yes I speak and am fluent in many languages and another degree in International Business Administration (Scienze Economiche). I did work for the university from 1988 until 1992 as a researcher for the Linguistics department - IndoEuropean Languages and travelled all over Europe.

On a professional level, my resume includes a laundry list of well-known companies I have managed for a revenue forecast of over \$500 Million (USD). Companies include Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Johnson Controls and Caterpillar. The business I have been working in for the last 20 years is EMS - Electronics manufacturing.

On a personal note, I have a son Giovanni who is currently 19 and am divorced. I am in possession of 3 citizenships and 2 active passports. My very personal goal is to someday be reunited with my son and welcome him into our Roma Lodge.

My hobbies are limited as I also have my own company CBruno Enterprises, but they include collector cars (I have several) as well as bike riding. I also have a YouTube channel that discusses how to buy collector cars and what mechanical issues to look out for .Lastly, I would like to travel again both for business and pleasure.

My area of expertise is revenue generation, negotiating and dealing with difficult people. Roma Lodge has provided me the opportunity to escape the demands that my 24/7 job has, and I would like to show my appreciation by serving on its board and

help it to thrive in the coming years.

Thank you, I won't let you down,

Carmelo

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## **Frank Caruso**



Dear Roma Lodge brothers, it is my honor and privilege to run for a Roma Lodge board of director position. I have been a very active and responsible member for over 17 years and have cherished my many Roma Lodge memories with family, brothers and friends.

I have been active in the festival working every weekend for almost 20 years in the beef booth. I was a member of the RIWA committee for 4 years and worked hard during a very difficult time for the lodge and for the country as a whole. I have also been the chairman of the always successful Super Bowl Party that has been well received by the members, the community, and their respective families.

I believe my experience in successfully running committees profitably and knowing the RIWA business side makes me uniquely qualified and I will be humbled should you choose to vote for me.

Milli Grazie,

your Roma Lodge Brother Frank Caruso.

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## **Matt Montemurro**



My name is Matt Montemurro and I am running for a Director position on the board.

I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 2013. Currently I serve as the President of the Racine Area Manufactures and Commerce (RAMAC) and have done so for the last 4 years.

Prior to that I worked for 37 years in the banking industry spending the last 20 as a Commercial Banker with Johnson Bank.

I have had the opportunity to work with many

businesses both large and small. I understand not only what it takes to work for private industry but also to lead one of Racine's most successful nonprofit organizations.

I feel my business background will be an asset to Roma Lodge and I ask for your vote in the upcoming election.

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### **Bill Pucci Jr.**



I am William D. Pucci I joined the Lodge in 2001 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2006.

I served under the Presidency of Don Cicero, Buddy Alfano and most recent as Sergeant at Arms under Rick Bonnano's two terms.

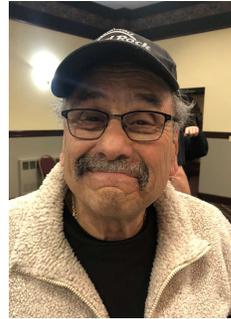
Early in my service I served as Chairman of the Social Committee responsible for the planning of many Lodge events, these included Members Christmas Party, Family Picnic , Columbus Day, Super bowl Party etc.

I have volunteered to work our festival for more than 35 years, most recently been enjoying Bocce and Roma Golf league. My wife Gale and I now married over 20 years have two children Annelise and Will. I am a barber working with my father Bill Sr. a 50+ year member of the lodge and also my proponent for membership.

I have always been proud of my Italian heritage. I've been very fortunate to have traveled to Italy 5 times studying the language, learning about the culture and my ancestry. I also feel my 6 years of international experience (on 3 separate continents) of 5-star hotel and hospitality industry makes me uniquely qualified to serve in the capacity that our lodge is currently in dire need of.

I'm asking for your support so I can help advance the progress and growth of the Lodge while honoring the Lodge's past and the past contributions of its members. With wise leadership I want to ensure that my son will have the Roma Lodge there to nourish his love of being Italian and what that all means.

### **Lenny Juliano**



My name is Lennie Juliano I have been a Roma Lodge member for 20 yrs. Worked Bingo for many years. Helped with setting up Italian Fest, did some maintenance installed the grease trap in the members kitchen. have some good ideas to get Roma Lodge back on the right track. I would appreciate your vote.

LET'S MAKE ROMA LODGE GREAT AGAIN.

### **MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS**

#### **Frank Bisotti Jr. - President**



Fellow Roma Lodge Brothers,

I am honored to be the next President of Roma Lodge. As a member for 42 years, I have served on the board for numerous terms and I am happy to serve the membership in this capacity.

I have been involved with the Festival for many years, as a booth volunteer, booth captain and the Director of Beer/Soda. I have served on numerous committees including RIWA Advisory Committee as well as the Bar and Beverage, Social, Membership Screening, Scholarship, Future Growth, RIWA/Roma Lodge Options and Pancake Day committees.

I am extremely proud of my Italian heritage and am honored to have the opportunity to serve the membership of our club once again. I feel very strongly that the past boards have worked hard to continue to move Roma Lodge and the RIWA in the right direction. My hope is that all of you will contribute your ideas to those goals. I have seen many positive things come out of this organization over the years and all of them have been the result of what our membership can do when we pull together. I look forward to continuing to find positive ways to impact all who prosper from our wonderful club.

Thank you for your support.

## **John Pisanello – Vice President**



Just want to thank all members for your confidence and support. WE have a number of challenges ahead as we evolve away from the COVID19 pandemic. Getting the RIWA back on track will require imagination, cost controls and a new direction if we are going to generate the revenue needed to support our club.

I look forward to driving our new direction.

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## **Jeff DeMatthew - Parliamentarian**



I was told I needed to write a little biography about myself to put in the Newsletter to let the membership know a little something about me. So here goes:

I am married to a beautiful, loving and all-around wonderful woman. Most of you have met her and seen us together at numerous Roma Lodge events, and I am blessed that she not only allows me to spend the time it takes to be an officer of the Lodge, she has also supported both my time on the Board of Directors and our lodge in many ways. Thank you, Leneya.

I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1995. Many of you also know that I have served most of that time as your Parliamentarian.

And all of that time, I have also been a father. Leneya and I have three beautiful and lovely children, Kathryn, Eleanor and Rebecca. I am very proud of all of them. They have all spent much time at Roma events, and have enjoyed coming to the Lodge while growing up. They have also participated in and worked at various Roma functions over the years (especially at the festivals helping out at the gates and selling food and beverage tickets). I am also very proud to have a son-in-law Adam Britten who has joined the lodge and become a pretty active member and team-mate for bocce.

Probably most of you know that in addition to years of experience as your Parliamentarian, I have been an attorney-at-law. Although being an attorney is not a requirement to being our Parliamentarian, I believe the knowledge and experience I have had in my legal career has been a significant benefit to the lodge.

On a more personal note, many of you know that I have been what I call a “runner” for quite a while. In fact, I have considered myself a runner since August of 1969, when at 14 years of age I decided to go out for cross country my freshman year of High School.

A longtime friend asked me recently how many miles I had run during all of those years. I said I didn’t know for certain, because I’d never tried to add them up. He challenged me to get him a number. Well, there were about 6 years early on for which I hadn’t kept any diaries or logs. But I had for most of the rest of the 45 years. And those logs showed a total of 54,800 miles. I was surprised at that number, but I enjoyed all of them. So, I guess you also now know that I love to run.

I promise you that I will do all I can to see that our Lodge operates according to our rules and by-laws, and that all members are treated with equality and respect. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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## **Jon Morelli – Recording Secretary**



I want to thank to club for allowing me to continue in the position of Recording Secretary. I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1997. I feel fortunate to have made some great friendships with members over the years. I am happy to have brought my late Uncle Bob, brothers Ed and Jim, brother-in-law Keith Stannis, two nephews Vince & Tony Morell, and friends Mark Soine and Bob Basil into the club.

I have been married to my wife Patti for 38 years and we have a daughter Danielle and a son Mitchell. We also have two grandchildren, Amari and Ariyah.

I work as a Business Development Manager for IEA LLC in Kenosha, WI.

As recording secretary, it is my job to accurately record the minutes of both the Board of Directors and Membership meetings, create the monthly newsletter, and serve on other committees as requested.

I currently serve on the Roma Lodge Festival Planning Committee and have done so the past three years. I have also worked as a “money/ticket runner” at the festival for the past 20 years.

It is my goal to make the newsletter more than a listing of events but, to also make it a place where we can highlight our members. I welcome stories from

members and intend to put an article or two in each month's newsletter so we can get to know one another. We can add items about hobbies, travels, occupations, etc. I am open to ideas on how we can make the newsletter more interesting. Please feel free to submit stories for publication and ideas.

I also feel it is important for me and the membership secretary to work closely to maintain as accurate a database on members as possible. It is critical that the database is current so that the newsletter and other announcements are being delivered effectively to our members.

**Mike Peratt – Membership Secretary**

**Pat Diem – Treasurer**

It is my pleasure to serve again as Treasurer of Roma Lodge and support the brothers.



**BINGO NOTICE**

Jim and his team are looking at the logistics needed to begin bingo in March. We need volunteers to work and would like members that are interesting and willing to work to contact Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com) .



**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**

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

March 1	James Heck	March 13	Edward Palladino	March 23	Louis Arnone
	Lawrence Presta	March 16	Egidio Infusino	March 24	Pete Ciaramita
	Jeffery Wilkins		David Porcaro	March 25	David Silvani
March 3	Brad Allbee	March 18	Francesco Angelini	March 28	Gary Krause
	Joseph Matson		Michael Staeck		Scott Solomon
March 5	Donald Paar	March 21	Nunzio Germanotta	March 30	Bruno Rizzo
March 11	Eric Litrenta	March 22	Timothy Barsuli	March 31	James LaBelle
	Ernie Rossi		Kurt Kluender		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, [goebeldouglas@gmail.com](mailto:goebeldouglas@gmail.com) if corrections are needed.

**Roma Lodge Face Masks Now Available**

Support the club while wearing a stylish Roma Lodge Face Masks for sale.



**Price:  
\$10.00 each**



To get yours stop by the member's bar or the front office!!!

## By-Law Amendment Voting

The amendment proposals will be voted on at the March Members Meeting.

Each amendment will be voted on separately.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Proposed Amendment – Changes to Article V & Article VII (The text in **red** is the proposed change to the by-laws)

#### ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

##### Section 1:

Any man may apply for adult membership in accordance with the established procedures of the organization, if the following qualifications are met:

- A. He has reached the age of twenty-one (21) years, and
- B. He is born of an Italian parent, or a parent of Italian lineage, or
- C. He was adopted by an Italian parent, or a parent of Italian lineage, or
- D. He is the spouse of a person who is Italian, or of Italian lineage, or
- E. He is the spouse of a person adopted by a person of Italian lineage, or
- F. He submits the results of genetic testing that shows Italian ancestry. (Amended September 14, 2018)
- G. He is sponsored from a member who joined via the above B-F qualifications**

##### Section 2

Candidates for membership must also strictly abide by the following:

- A. All applicants must be sponsored by a ~~regular member~~ **member who joined with qualifications B-F in Article V Section 1**, who has been a member in good standing for the previous two years (Amended February 7, 2003)

#### ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

##### Section 1:

To be a nominee for an elective office of the Lodge, a potential candidate must:

- A. Be a member in good standing. (See Membership Requirements
- B. Have been a member of the Lodge for at least two (2) years.
- C. To be a candidate for the office of President, he must have served a full two- (2) year term on the Lodge Board of Directors, and not have joined via qualifications G in Article V Section 1.**
- D. To be a candidate for the office of Vice President, he must not have joined via qualifications G in Article V Section 1.**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposed By-Law Amendment (Complete Removal of Section 8 of Article V)

##### Section 8:

~~\_\_\_\_\_ A member that has qualified for membership pursuant to Section 1 of this Article on the basis of marriage shall not be eligible to remain a member following a divorce or a remarriage after the death of their spouse unless the new marriage would also satisfy the requirements of Section 1 of this Article. (The death of the spouse shall not itself be a disqualifying factor.)~~

- ~~A. \_\_\_\_\_ In the event of remarriage, where the remarriage must satisfy the requirements of Section 1 (see above), and the member must contact the Membership Committee and convince the committee that the new marriage satisfies those requirements.~~



## HISTORY OF ROMA LODGE

In the early 1900s, Italians in Racine established two distinct communities, North Side and Lakeside. The North Side Italians lived near the foundries where most of the men worked. The area was bounded on the north by High Street and south by Prospect Street, and on the east by Milwaukee Street and on the west by Carlisle Avenue. The Lakeside neighborhood was located between the south city limits (21st Street) and Case South Works, Lake Michigan on the east side and the Northwestern railroad tracks on the west. These Italian neighborhoods became communities within the city of Racine. They were almost self-contained units, where a family could find nearly all the necessities and amenities of life. These first Italian immigrants, although unskilled, uneducated, and struggling in the New World, prospered largely by the sweat of their brows. Other Italians became small business owners of barbershops, restaurants, and grocery stores.

In 1907, North Side Italians formed a mutual aid society, which later became affiliated with the national organization, the Order Sons of Italy in America. In 1923, a permanent Roma Lodge building was opened at 1300 North Memorial Drive. In 1917, the Lakeside Italians established Roma Hall.

Both the Roma Lodge and Roma Hall, as mutual aid societies, helped Italian immigrants find jobs and housing, paid sick and death benefits, provided instruction in English language and civics. They also helped preserve Italian customs, language, literature, and culture. As populations in Racine shifted and relocated, membership in Roma Hall declined. However, the Roma Lodge continued to grow and expand.

In 1979, the Roma Lodge began holding an annual Italian Festival to showcase Italian customs, food, and heritage within the Racine community. The Festival also served as a prime fundraiser for the Lodge, and its plan for future growth and expansion. The festivals proved to be great successes. The Racine community recognized the Italian Festival as an event that offered good food and entertainment for the entire family at reasonable prices.

With the growth in membership, functions and activities, the Lodge was outgrowing the site on Memorial Drive. Plans for a new Lodge building at a new location were developed. In the late summer of 1987, the Roma Lodge moved to its present facility at 7130 Spring Street. Continued growth in the Lodge led to several additions to the original building, including a new Members Lounge and Dining Room, Hall of History, expanded and remodeled in-door bocce courts, additional storage facilities, and the remodeling of what is now the Vittoria Colonna Hall.

Today, Roma Lodge is one of the most successful fraternal organizations in Southeast Wisconsin. Members reside throughout Racine County and neighboring communities in Kenosha and Milwaukee counties. The Lodge continues to provide a center for Italian-Americans to gather and foster Italian-American culture through social, cultural, and entertainment events, scholarships, and gifts to local charities. But most importantly, the Lodge membership continues to take pride in its Italian heritage and the Italian immigrants who strived so hard to find a place for themselves and their children in the United States.

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Please submit your stories for future article spotlight members. The purpose of this feature is to highlight members hobbies, jobs, travels, etc. and allow us to get to know our fellow members. Articles for future newsletters will be selected from member submissions.

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

(Jon Morelli – [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com))

## April 2021 EVENTS

Thursday, April 1, 2021  
Friday, April 2, 2021  
Sunday, April 4, 2021  
Tuesday, April 6, 2021  
Friday, April 9, 2021  
Thursday, April 22, 2021

April Fool's Day  
Good Friday  
Easter  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Membership Meeting  
Earth Day



### Roma Lodge Scholarship Update

Application now available

Application must be received no later than March 26, 2021  
Recipients selected by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Recipients notified and awards presented May 2021

### ROMA LODGE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. The recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a full-time program of study (12 credits or more) at a college or university in the United States. A recipient of a Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship will not be eligible to receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

### RUSSELL AND HELEN MISSURELI SCHOLARSHIP

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All graduating high school seniors, who are biological or adopted children of Roma Lodge members, are eligible to apply for the scholarship. An applicant's father must be a member in good standing as of January 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year that application for the scholarship is made. The recipient's father must continue to be a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship academic year. Applicants must be planning to pursue a part-time or full-time program of study at a college or university in the United States. The recipient of the Missureli Scholarship will not be eligible to receive any other scholarships offered through Roma Lodge.

More information and applications can be found at:

<https://www.romalodge.com/members/scholarships>.

## Roma Lodge 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, &amp; Pickle)</small>	
*Cheeseburger w/Fries -----	\$7.25
<small>(Served w/ American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, &amp; Pickle)</small>	
Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/Fries -----	\$7.25
<small>(Served w/ Lettuce, Tomato &amp; Pickle)</small>	
*Filet Medallion Bomber -----	\$9.95
<small>(Mushrooms, Onions &amp; 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 &amp; 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

For reservations, please call 262-886-3610

**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.

**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

**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

**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

**DESSERT**

2 Mini Cannoli - \$3.00

Vanilla Ice Cream (Pint) - \$3.00

Spumoni (Pint) - \$3.00



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## **Roma Lodge**

### **Carryout & Curbside Menu**

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**Thursday's – Saturday's 4pm – 8pm**

**Grilled Chicken Sandwich w/ Fries - \$8.95**

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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