

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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November 2020 Issue

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers and families,

As we approach the holidays, I hope that all members, families, and friends continue to be safe and healthy as I know that everyone is anxious to return to our “normal” lives as soon as it’s safe to do so.

The November membership meeting will be held in the Members’ dining room on Friday, November 13. Masks will be available, and all those that are able to wear one must do so in accordance with the state mandate. Chairs will be spaced 6’ apart, and we ask that everyone social distances. There will **NOT** be hors d’oeuvres prior to the meeting, and a light dinner of pasta, meatballs, salad, and bread will be served afterwards.

Since the October meeting did not have a quorum, two very important by-law changes were not discussed. The Board of Directors will discuss a new timeline for the proposed by-law changes at its November meeting. We will keep you updated via newsletter and email.

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 November include homemade ravioli and our famous breadsticks for just \$9.95. We will continue to offer a steak (Filet, NY Strip, Ribeye) special that will be available while supplies last.

The bar and kitchen (including all specials for the weekend), WILL continue to be open for Packer games that kickoff at noon or 3:25. We will NOT be open for any Packer night games.

As we continue to navigate through the Pandemic, the RIWA (banquet side), has done everything possible to control costs. As they have slowly reopened, the months of August and September were profitable.

Carryout/curbside is now available Thurs-Sat through the RIWA, and they will also be offering a carryout/curbside Thanksgiving dinner. Call 262-886-3610 for details. More information on both of these are also in this newsletter.

God Bless,  
David Chiapete  
President



### NOVEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The regularly scheduled November membership meeting is Friday, November 13th at 7:00 PM. Per the Governor Evers' order, all members must wear a mask. Facemasks will be provided if you need one. You are also encouraged to social distance.

### NOVEMBER 2020 EVENTS

Tuesday, November 10, 2020	Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 11, 2020	Veterans Day
Friday, November 13, 2020	Membership Meeting
Thursday, November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving

### Suspended Until Further Notice



Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning 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**

### SICK & SHUT-INS

We would like to extend prayers to Jim Faraone for a speedy recovery. Jim is currently at the VA Hospital as they run tests to figure out what's going on. Please keep Jim in your prayers.

## Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

### *Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in November*

November 1	Greg Perona	November 10	Rick Bonanno	November 14	Richard A. Chiapete
	Lester Perugini		Ralph F. Cefalu	November 15	Charles Lombardi
November 3	Gary Ricchio		Thomas Chambasian	November 16	Grant DeCheck
November 4	Antonio Rottino		Esteban Malacara	November 20	Leonard Juliano
November 5	Frank Aiello		Donald Trottier		William D. Chiapete
November 6	Michael J. Boero	November 11	John LeRose Jr.		David Boero
November 7	Matthew Binetti		Rick Palmer	November 21	P.J. Litrenta
	Javier Guativa	November 12	Richard Tringali	November 22	Cesar J. Mattioli
November 8	James A. Pitts	November 14	James L. Mascari	November 25	Vincent DeMarino Jr.
November 10	Eugene Bilotti		Patrick Tierney	November 28	Thomas Devroy

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

## Par for the Course

After a slow, unsure start of the golf season in May with the state imposed COVID restrictions on golf courses, the Roma Lodge Golf League concluded its 2020 golf season on October 5 with a 23-man scramble at Ives Grove Golf Course. The low score of 68 was turned in by the team consisting of George Chardukian, Greg Gottfredsen, Don Cicero and Joe Porcaro. The second-place team consisting of Paul Costanzo, Tony Catrine, Dan Marani and Ralph Lipari turned in score of 69. The scramble was followed by dinner in the members dining room prepared by Don Cicero, Ralph Lipari, Gary Lipor and Pat Tierney. Assorted libations for the crew were provided by Guy Schetter.

It was a very satisfying conclusion to an excellent year that resulted in an average of 20 members participating in 11 golf events from May until October. The golf league provided an excellent way for members to interact safely, renew acquaintances, and work on improving their golf game. One of the highlights of the league was an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Don Cicero. I would like to thank all the members that golfed this year and helped make this year a success. I am already looking forward to next year.

Pat Tierney



## Roma Lodge Face Masks Now Available

To show your support for the club while following the State of Wisconsin Health Mandate we now have stylish Roma Lodge Face Masks for sale.



**Price:**  
**\$12.00 each of 2 for \$20.00**



**THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!!**

**To get yours, contact Dennis Porcaro, stop by the member's bar, or the front office!!!**

## By-Law Amendment Proposal

We will NOT be discussing the proposals at the November meeting. The board will review and discuss at the November Directors meeting and come back with a suggestion on how to move forward.

### **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 these requirements.~~



## Thanksgiving Curbside Menu

Pick up 11/26/2020 from 10:00-1:00PM

Roma Lodge knows Thanksgiving is going to be a little different this year. You may not be gathering with extended family, and traditions may be changing. Safety is number 1, so stay at home & treat your family to a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner from Roma Lodge! Enjoy an appetizing meal from the comfort of your home. All you have to do is drive to Roma Lodge and we will bring it out to your car ready to serve.

### Meal Includes:

- ❖ Sliced Slow Roasted Turkey Breast
- ❖ Fresh Sweet Corn
- ❖ Garlic Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- ❖ Stuffing
- ❖ Whole Green Beans
- ❖ Dinner Rolls & Butter

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## OBITUARIES

### **John Ruffalo – 3/4/1968 – 10/9/2020**

Age 52, passed away Friday, October 9, 2020 at Froedtert Hospital following a valiant battle with Pancreatic Cancer for a decade.



John was born in Racine, WI, March 4, 1968, the youngest of four children to Emil and Julie Ruffalo.

John was a graduate of Case High School “Class of 1986.” For much of John’s career, he worked alongside his brother David Ruffalo, nephew Ryan Sorenson, and father, Emil Ruffalo, who owned and operated Advance Mechanical Contractors.

John was a proud member of the Roma Lodge for over 25 years, where he was an avid bocce player. John loved spending time with his family (especially Monday night pasta!) and excitedly anticipated the Roma Lodge Italian Fest each summer, where he proudly served as the Captain of the Sausage Booth alongside his family and friends.

John will be dearly missed by his children, Sabrina and Anthony; mother, Julie; his siblings, David (Bridget) Ruffalo and their children Steven and Corey, Ann Marie (Jill) Ruffalo, and Jane Ruffalo; former wife and loving friend, Leslie Ruffalo; his nephew, Ryan (Krystal) Sorenson and their children, Maebelle, Rocky, and Bo; other relatives and many dear friends.

Our sincere condolences go out to fellow lodge member Dave Ruffalo.

### **Randall Evitts – 8/14/1941 – 10/20/2020**

Age 79, passed away unexpectedly, yet peacefully, at Ascension All Saints Hospital.



Randy was born in Luzerne, KY on August 17, 1941.

He was a 1959 graduate of Muhlenberg County High School. On March 15, 1975, Randy was united in marriage with the love of his life, Sarah Catherine (nee: Bisotti). Exactly 5 years later, on March 15, 1980 Randy & Sarah renewed their wedding vows and had their marriage blessed at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Kenosha.

In the beginning of Randy’s career, he was employed as a security officer at Carthage College. Simultaneously, he worked as a machinist at Young Radiator for over 30 years, before moving over to Racine Unified School District for 10 years, from where he retired.

He was also a proud & dedicated member of Roma Lodge for nearly 45 years, currently serving on their board.

Surviving are his loving wife of 45 years, Sarah; sons, Steven (Patty) Evitts and Jason (Brooke Smith) Evitts; grandchildren, Emily and Parker; brothers, Omer (Candy) Klee and Kevin (Gean) Klee; sister, Susan Soderberg; sisters-in-law, Della Bisotti, Maxine Bisotti & Sue Bisotti; brothers-in-law, Deno Bisotti & Virgil (Nowanna) Bisotti; many cherished nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends – especially his extended family at Roma Lodge.

Our sincere condolences go out to fellow lodge member Jason Evitts and Randy’s wife Sarah.

### **UPCOMING 2020 EVENTS**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020**  
**Friday, December 11, 2020**  
**Friday, December 25, 2020**

**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Christmas Day**



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**Deadline for information for December 2020 Newsletter is November 20, 2020.** Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at [secretary@romalodge.com](mailto:secretary@romalodge.com).

*Jon Morelli*

Jon Morelli, Roma Lodge Secretary