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## Message from the President

Roma Lodge Brothers,

Summer is over and the fall holiday season will soon be here. I hope you are all doing well and are making plans for the holidays with your loved ones.

Our centennial celebration dinner is just around the corner on September 30th. We have a lot to be proud of and I hope you all will come out to celebrate together.

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.

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 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. I think I'm going to make my lasagna again sometime in October or early November. Keep an eye out for information and the dates!

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. Let's continue to wish Jim a speedy recovery.

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, October 13th at 7:00 PM. Don't forget that this is our second social meeting of the year and our festival wrap up meeting. Bring a guest and let's celebrate another successful festival. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at 6:30 PM.

Che Dio vi benedica! (God bless you!)

*Frank L. Bisotti*

President

## OCTOBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT



The October Social Meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Members, please join us and enjoy a fine buffet. Bar opens at 5:30 pm, a brief members meeting will be held at 7:00 pm followed by dinner and a report summarizing this year's festival. We will be meeting in the Vittoria Colonna Hall.



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 – [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net)

There is no captain for October and sellers are needed. If you can help, please call, or text Jon Morelli at 262-994-2861 or e-mail at [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com). It is ideal to have three (3) seller per night.

## ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE

October 6,7

October 13,14

October 20,21

October 27,28

Greg Pierangeli

Bill Pucci

Dennis Porcaro

Guy Schetter

*Centennial*



*Celebration*

**JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS**

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH**

**ROMA LODGE NORTH HALL**

**3PM BRICK DEDICATION**  
**4-6PM HAPPY HOUR AND ENTERTAINMENT**  
**WITH MIKE HOBBS & ERIC "DIAMOND"**  
**EBERT, SINATRA & NEIL DIAMOND**  
**TRIBUTE**  
**6PM WELCOME AND GUEST SPEAKER**  
**6:30-8PM DINNER**  
**8-10 PM ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCING**  
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## OCTOBER 2023 EVENTS

Sunday, October 1	International Coffee Day
Sunday, October 1	National Homemade Cookies Day
Sunday, October 1	International Day of Older Persons
Wednesday, October 4	National Golf Lovers Day
Wednesday, October 4	National Taco Day
Wednesday, October 4	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
Thursday, October 5	National Do Something Nice Day
Friday, October 6	National Noodle Day
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day HOLIDAY
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM</b>
Friday, October 13	Navy Birthday
<b>Friday, October 13</b>	<b>Membership Meeting (Festival Wrap-up Social Meeting – 7:00 PM)</b>
Saturday, October 14	National Dessert Day
Sunday, October 15	National Grouch Day
<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	<b>Roma Lodge Cribbage</b>
Monday, October 16	National Sports Day
Tuesday, October 17	National Pasta Day
Saturday, October 21	Back to the Future Day
Saturday, October 28	National Make a Difference Day
Saturday, October 28	National Immigrants Day
Saturday, October 28	National Chocolate Day
Monday, October 30	National Breadstick Day
Tuesday, October 31	Halloween
Tuesday, October 31	National Caramel Apple Day

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

October 1	Joel Beck	October 9	Dominic DaPra	October 24	Dominic Anzalone
October 2	Paul J. Costanzo	October 12	Thomas Linden		Joseph Nemeč
	Frank Perugini		John Ponio	October 25	Frank Maritato
October 3	Ronald Ernst	October 13	Tom Blise	October 26	John Perugini
October 4	Albert Kosterman		Bernard Polzin	October 27	Randall Chiapete
	Howard Olson	October 14	Andrew Paar		Jason Johnson
October 5	Joe Jardina		Brandon Silvani	October 29	Alessandro Dal Vecchio
October 6	Anthony r. Porcaro	October 15	Andrew Buechler	October 30	Charles Christiano
October 7	Thomas Janikian	October 20	Guy Schetter	October 31	John DeFazio
	Matthew Russell	October 21	Randal M. Marvin		Joe DeRose
October 8	Frank Catrine	October 23	Jim Covelli		
	David Hotchkiss		Angelo Sarto		

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.

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentleman is scheduled to be voted on at the **October 13, 2023**, Membership Meeting.

Matthew Bremer - Age 40  
Mt. Pleasant, WI  
Employed by Rockwell Automation  
Sales Planning and Process Manager  
Married, with one child  
Wife is of Italian descent (Zicarelli)  
Proponent: Ronald Zicarelli

Dominic Galati Jr. - Age 69  
Mt. Pleasant, WI  
Born in New Orleans, LA  
Married (Pamela Galati) with three children  
Retired  
Italian lineage is via Father  
Proponent: Rick Bonanno

Luke Mason – Age 30  
Mt. Pleasant, WI  
Employed by City of Racine, Firefighter  
Married, Myanna with no children  
Father is of Italian descent (Mason)  
Proponent: Tim Mason

Jeff Raffini – Age 61  
Racine, WI  
Self Employed  
Married, Joanne, with three children  
Mother is of Italian descent (Wells/Guido)  
Proponent: Rick Bonanno

### 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:

***Polzin, Bernard – Zicarelli, Ronald***

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.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS - RESULTS

These proposed amendments were voted on at the September Members Meeting. The first proposed by-law change, to move the members' meeting night to the first Friday of the month, did not pass. The second by-law change to shorten the time to membership did pass.

Newly enacted by-law change to Par E. and F.:

- E. Following: 1) the Membership Committee's review of the application and any additional materials pertinent to the application; 2) completion of its interview of the applicant, and; 3) delivery of its recommendation to the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors will make a determination as to whether the applicant should be deemed acceptable to become a member of the Lodge. If the Board of Directors determines that the applicant is acceptable for membership, the name of the applicant and his sponsor must appear on the Roma Lodge website under the Membership Section and be published in the monthly newsletter so that the general membership will have notice of the proposed new member. This will also give the membership an opportunity to advise the Membership Chairman if there is reason for disapproval of the applicant prior to a vote on admission

of the applicant as a member at the next members' meeting.

- F. If either a member of the Board or the General Membership has questions or concerns regarding the applicant that cannot be resolved in a timely manner, the applicant and his proponent must meet with the Membership Committee to address any issues of concern. In this case, a final decision on the applicant will be postponed until the Board of Directors has determined that any concerns have been resolved to its satisfaction."

(This amendment will shorten the amount of time between when the Board of Directors makes a determination that an applicant should be deemed acceptable to become a member of the Lodge, and when the general membership may take a vote on whether the applicant should become a probational member of the lodge.)

These proposed amendments were discussed at our August General Membership Meeting, and the membership present at the September general members' meeting will vote on whether either, both or none of the proposed amendments will be adopted into the By-laws of the Lodge.

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OUT?

COME SPEND THE NIGHT LAUGHING  
AT ITALIAN HUMOR

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(Dinner , Transportation, Show  
Tickets and Gratuities)

THE EVENING WILL BEGIN WITH A FAMILY-STYLE DINNER AT  
5:00 pm AT ROMA LODGE, FOLLOWED BY CHARTER BUS AT  
6:00 pm TO THE VENUE AND THE SHOW AT 7:00 pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME, SO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
TO JOIN YOU

FOR RESERVATIONS, CONTACT DAWN TIERNEY AT

262-960-2840

## November 2023 EVENTS

Wednesday, November 1

Thursday, November 2

Friday, November 3

Sunday, November 5

Monday, November 6

**Tuesday, November 7**

Wednesday, November 8

Thursday, November 9

Thursday, November 9

Friday, November 10

**Friday, November 10**

Saturday, November 11

Saturday, November 11

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**Sunday, November 12**

Sunday, November 12

Wednesday, November 15

Thursday, November 16

Thursday, November 16

Friday, November 17

Sunday, November 19

Thursday, November 23

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25

Sunday, November 26

Monday, November 27

Tuesday, November 28

Tuesday, November 28

Author's Day

November

Day of the Dead

National Calzone Day

All Saints' Day

National Men Make Dinner Day

National Sandwich Day

American Football Day

National Nachos Day

**Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM**

National Cappuccino Day

World Adoption Day

World Freedom Day

Marine Corps Birthday

**Members Meeting – 7:00 PM**

Veterans Day HOLIDAY

National Sundae Day

**The Uncle Louie Variety Show**

**Roma Lodge Cribbage**

National Happy Hour Day

America Recycles Day

Great American Smokeout

National Fast Food Day

National Homemade Bread Day

International Men's Day

Thanksgiving Day HOLIDAY

National Adoption Day

Black Friday

National Play Day with Dad

National Cake Day

Cyber Monday

National French Toast Day

Giving Tuesday

## OBITUARIES

### Verino Peter "Pete" Flex

**February 13, 1929 – September 16, 2023**



RACINE - Verino Peter "Pete" Flex, age 94, passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023, at his residence. Pete was born in Smithfield, Pennsylvania on Feb. 13, 1929, son of the late Frank and Natalina Flex, both born in Italy circa 1890.

Pete graduated from Mary D. Bradford High School "Class of 1946". On August 5, 1950, Pete was united in marriage to Roberta Alma Henry. Early in their marriage, Pete and Roberta were employed as dance instructors by Arthur Murray Dance Studios. Pete later worked for 15 years as an insurance

salesman for Prudential Life Insurance Company. He founded and operated Flex Home Repair for thirty years in Racine. For 59 years, Pete was a member in good standing of Roma Lodge in Racine, WI. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather to his son Steven and his grandchildren Alexander and Natalie Mae Flex.

Pete will be dearly missed by his surviving family and his many friends. Surviving is his daughter-in-law, Carol Ann Seater; and his granddaughter, Natalie Mae Flex; and other relatives and dear friends. Pete was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta; his son, Steven Flex; his grandson, Alexander Flex; and his three siblings: Theodore, Rendo and Rena.

Private funeral services were held.

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AND CREMATORY

Our condolences to Pete's family.



The final "Coffee and Cars" of the 2023 season was held on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. In conjunction with Coffee and Cars we held a safety awareness day. Members of the South Shore Fire Department, Caledonia Fire Department and the Mt. Pleasant Police Department participated with several vehicles and personnel. It was a perfect day and 61 cars showed up as well as many spectators. Thanks to all the people that helped make this year's events a success (Jon Morelli, Keith Stannis, Ed Morelli, Ken Scolaro, John Gehring, Jeff DeMatthew, Jim & Brenda LaBelle, Rick Bonanno, Dennis Porcaro, Joe Porcaro, Guy Schetter, and Lenny Juliano). Remember our motto - "If your car is special to you, it's special to us". Hope to see you all in 2024.



BEST IN SHOW – 1929 Franklin owned by Gary Becker



Gary Becker, Jeff & Dan DeMatthew



Ray and Bob Starr show their 1945 Jeep



Dr. Tom Wood and his 1967 AMC Ambassador



1968 AMX owned by Jarrett Wood



The Batmobile, owned by Paul Dygon made an appearance



1985 Chevrolet Camaro IROC-Z owned by Ben Malicki



Ralph Malicki shows his 1951 Plymouth



Caledonia Fire Department Firefighters / Paramedics (L – R: Matthew Wargolet, LT. Rebecca Leininger and Tiffany Lepak)



South Shore Fire Department Firefighters / Paramedics (L – R: Collin Burke, Lt. Alex Szewczyk and Tim Pie)



Mt. Pleasant Police Department Officer Dan Neumann



## SEPTEMBER CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The September tournament was held on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>

First Place (Main, \$5 & \$15 Pool) – Pete Loewen  
Second Place (Main & \$5 Pool) – Jeff Wilkins  
Second Place (\$15 Pool) – Dan DeMatthew  
Third Place (\$15 Pool) – Kris Reed

The crowd was light, but everyone had a great time. Next tournament is October 15. That is a bye week for the Packer so come out and play cribbage.



# CRIBBAGE

**NEW START TIME**  
**12 Noon**



## Roma Lodge Tournaments

### Cost \$10 per Person

**CASH** drawing at start of tournament!

# October 15th, 2023

## OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES AND FRIENDS

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

Proposed schedule of games, subject to change if necessary.

November 12th, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, January 14th,

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!**

## 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!

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Deadline for information for the November 2023 Newsletter is October 20, 2023. 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