

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Members,

The next Roma Lodge members' meeting is Friday, July 12, 7:00 pm. I ask all members to attend as many of our monthly meetings as you possibly can. Your participation is crucial to the success of Roma Lodge. Please continue to keep in mind that Bingo can use more help, so if you have a Thursday afternoon or evening available, please stop at the Lodge and volunteer some of your time. Bingo is a vital income source to our club. Thank you to all Bingo volunteers!

Summer specials that continue through August include The Italian Trio (lasagna, ravioli, and gnocchi) for just \$9.95, Veal Parmesan for only \$14.95, and The Seafood Combo (pick any two - Shrimp, Perch, or Pollock) for \$12.95. Due to our Roma Lodge Festival, the full salad bar will be featured a week early - Friday/Saturday, July 19/20.

Drink specials through August include Moscow Mule, Captain Mule, and Mojitos for just \$4, Vodka & Lemonade \$2, and we will offer a special non-alcoholic Strawberry Lemonade for \$1. I suggest that you try the recently added new ice cream drinks in the bar for just \$5! Also, all summer long, whenever the bar is open, we will offer ice cream novelties for \$1.

We are also featuring a new ice cream drinks this summer and they quite simply, are out of this world. All ice cream drinks including the Frozen Dark Chocolate Brandy Alexander and the Frozen Chocolate Mint Brandy Grasshopper are just \$5 and are available anytime a bartender is on duty!

With the golf and softball seasons now in full swing, please keep the Roma Lodge members' bar and restaurant in mind when you're stopping for a bite to eat or a drink. The bar menu is now available Wednesday-Saturday evenings from 5:30-9:00. The Roma Lodge Bar Menu includes hamburgers, grilled chicken, The Spicy Italian sandwiches, wings, pizza, appetizers, and much more! The Lodge's famous pizza will be a featured special on Thursday nights - buy one/get one free. If you're looking for something Keto friendly, I highly recommend you try our NEW hamburger or chicken wrapped in iceberg lettuce, and topped with lots of bacon, cheese, and served with your choice of fried meatballs or egg!!!

Our weekly bean bag/cornhole tournaments continue every Thursday night throughout summer. It's open to members and guests, and there is no weekly commitment. Each Thursday offers its own tournament, and prizes are paid out to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place weekly winners. On Thursday nights, the Lodge is an ideal place to stop after golf, softball, or just an enjoyable evening out all summer long!

The Roma Lodge summer bocce tournament will be held Sunday, August 11. This is such a fun day that includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner. If you haven't participated, I suggest you consider it. There are many teams that play just once a year that are just a group of friends or family that form a team for the day. I have always said, if you play once in our tournament, you will be back year after year. More information and entry forms are in the bocce courts.

The Roma Lodge Golf Outing is scheduled for Sunday, August 18, and is always greatly enjoyed by all and includes a fantastic Prime Rib Dinner back at the Lodge afterwards. More details on both are in this newsletter.

Just a reminder, to keep Roma Lodge's 1st annual Biggest Tomato Contest in mind as you begin to plant your gardens. Tomatoes will be weighed in at the family picnic, August 25. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Be sure to mark August 21-25 on your calendars! We will once again be celebrating Members' Appreciation Weekend here at Roma Lodge. There will be lots of daily specials leading up to the conclusion of the weekend, The Family Picnic, Sunday, August 25, and I can promise you that this is a Picnic/Party that your family and you will not want to miss!!! More details to come.

Unbelievably, The Roma Lodge Festival is less than a month away! I have always said that it's one of the best weekends of the year. It's a lot of work, but I for one, truly enjoy seeing so many Lodge brothers and Vittoria Colonna sisters coming together working as one. I have no question that this festival will be better than ever, and I look forward to seeing you all there!

Felice 4 Luglio (Happy 4th of July)!

David Chiapete
President

JULY 2018 EVENTS	
Thursday, July 4, 2019	Independence Day
Tuesday, July 9, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, July 12, 2019	Membership Meeting
Saturday, July 13, 2019	Coffee and Cars
Friday, July 26, 2019	Roma Lodge Italian Festival
Saturday, July 27, 2019	Roma Lodge Italian Festival
Sunday, July 28, 2019	Roma Lodge Italian Festival



Condolences are extended to the family of Paul Costanzo Sr, age 90, who passed away on Monday, June 17th.



volunteers are always needed.
Sign up for a date, time, and work assignment by telephoning Jim Faraone at 262- 657-1244 or jfaraone@wi.rr.com.
The July Bingo Captains are Rich Nygro for July 5th and July 12th, and Jim LaBelle for July 19th and July 26th.



Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule

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

DeRose, Alfred - Funk, Charles

If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. 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.

Buon Compleanno e Tanti Auguri

Happy Birthday to our Roma Lodge Brothers Born in July

FREE BIRTHDAY DRINK!

Members Bar will provide one free drink to a member during his birthday month on Friday or Saturday night when the kitchen is open. See the bartender for details.

July 1	Joe Clementi	July 11 Brian Pulda	July 24 Michael Ansani
	Michael Clementi	Matthew De Check	July 25 Jim Faraone
	Kelly Kudrna	July 12 Nick Rossi	
	Dan Litrenta	July 15 Carmine Caruso	July 26 Chip Mazurek
	Mark Soine	July 16 John Lapetina	Carey Tempesta
	Bill D Pucci	Michael Miceli	July 29 Francesco Chirico
July 2	George Chardukian	Mark Schneider	Greg Pitts
July 6	Chris Kosterman	July 20 Robert Basil	July 30 Tom Berefa
	James Haase	Don Cicero	Anthony Morelli
	Joe Povkovich	Chuck Daceno	
		Joe Lipari	July 31 Joe Porcaro
July 10 Chuck Domanico		July 21 Al Porcaro	Dan Cupertino
		July 23 Charles Funk	Jose Torano

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Doug Goebel, dggobel@yahoo.com if corrections are needed.

Welcome New Member

Voted into Membership at the June Membership Meeting:
Josh Kosmala, age 36, resides in Racine – Proponent: Bob Matson

Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the July 12th, 2019 Membership Meeting: Donald Trottier, age 63 of Racine, born in Escanaba, Michigan employed as a Realtor at Remax; married (Susan Trottier) 1 Son (James Trottier) age 24. Proponent Eric Hillery

New Membership Incentive for Current Members

Any current Roma Lodge member who recruits a new member will be provided a \$30 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for the first new applicant for membership they propose, and a \$20 Dining Room or Café Venerdi gift certificate for any additional new applicants for membership proposed in the same calendar year. The gift certificate would be provided to the proponent once the new applicant was voted in as a probationary member.

Application for Membership form along with the *Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents* is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 262-554-7316, dggoebel@yahoo.com and on-line at http://members.romalodge.com/membership_information.html.



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 Jeff DeMatthew, dematthew@ameritech.net or by phone at (262)-880-7474.

Roma Lodge Festival XLI - July 26, 27, 28 2019 - Racine Festival Park

Greetings from the Festival Executive Committee

Final plans and supporting programs for the 41st Annual Roma Lodge Italian Festival are progressing. Now, we must focus our attention on the following important issues that must be successfully completed before the festival gates open:

Festival Mass This year also marks the 41st year of the Festival Mass to be held Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the tent stage. Member Father Javier Guativa will celebrate the Festival Mass. Music will be provided by the Sacred Heart Choir, under the direction of George Baumgardt. Please, let's continue this Italian tradition and fill the tent for a beautiful Sunday mass as the sun rises. It's a wonderful opportunity to express our thanks.

Food and Beverage Tickets Sales

Volunteers are still needed to staff the Food and Beverage ticket sales booths, especially night shifts on Friday and Saturday nights. Contact Jeff DeMatthew, (262) 880-7474 to offer your services. You can't buy food and beverages without tickets!

Pepper Cutting

On Monday, July 22nd volunteers are needed in the Roma Lodge kitchen to help cut and prepare the peppers for bombers. The action begins at 8:00 am. Please bring your own sharp knife and a cutting board. A light lunch is provided. Contact Don Cicero

Set up and Tear Down

The set up for the Festival will take place on Wednesday July 24th and Thursday, July 25th. Contact Mike Kroes at 262-210-2947 for instructions to help. Tear down will begin immediately after the festival on Sunday night and equipment will be removed on Monday, July 29th starting at 9:00am.

Sausage Bomber, Chicken Sandwich, and Tomato Salad Booth

The Sausage Bomber booth could use a few helping hands! Contact John Ruffalo to volunteer for this booth. Any day surrounded by the smell of sausage is a good day! (262)-994-0368

Pizza Booth

Contact Joe Jardina at 262-989-6510 to volunteer. Pizza, Pizza, Pizza!

Café Roma

Kitchen Volunteers - Dennis Porcaro (262) 884-9121, Serving Volunteers - Mary Jo Diem (262)-332-7877

Fried Snacks

Contact Frank Bisotti at 262-914-1880. If it's not fried, it's not a Festival!

Beef and Meatball Bombers

Joe Cicero (414) 379-1620 for Beef, Joe Porcaro for Meatballs
Mmmmmmmmm!

Beer/Beverage Bars

Volunteers are needed to staff the three bars; the Promenade Bar between the colonnades, the Main Stage Bar, and the Tent Bar. Beer sales help food sales! Contact Art Rozzoni (262) 637-6312.

Raffle Ticket Sales

Vince Caira needs people to help work shifts selling \$20,000 Raffle Tickets during the festival. A decent amount of raffle tickets are sold during the festival, so please consider helping him out. He can be contacted at 262-764-1464.

“6-Pack” Member Admission Plan

All Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge members will be given the opportunity to purchase 6-packs of admission tickets - six tickets for \$6.00. There is a limit of one 6-pack per member. These tickets will be available for purchase at the July members meetings of both Lodges. No 6-pack tickets will be sold after July 16th. Call Art Rozzoni, (262) 637-6312.

Stage Sponsorship

Special Sponsorship seating, refreshments, and banner advertising for your business is a great way to support and enjoy the Festival. It also serves as a wonderful way to reward your employees and thank your clients. Contact Joe DeMatthew, (262) 989-1682, or email jddemattthew@yahoo.com.

Finally, the Festival can only be successful along with the \$20,000 Cash Raffle. Contact Rick Tringali (aka “The Ticket Guy”) if you need more tickets to sell: (262) 504-9950

A Special Note

Each and every member of Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge and spouses work very hard for the success of this and past years’ Festivals and it shows. Why else was the Roma Lodge Italian Festival named the number one Festival in Racine and Racine County?

SATURDAY MORNING

COFFEE & CARS

RENDEZVOUS



2019

Every

Second Saturday of the Month

June 8 July 13 August 10 September 14



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SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE & CARS

The 1st Coffee and Cars of the 2019 season roared from the starting line on Saturday, June 8th. A total of 64 vehicles participated and experienced a beautiful Saturday morning at Roma Lodge. Many thanks to all of our loyal volunteers and to the enthusiastic participants.



Ed Morelli, left, and Keith Stannis, right, enjoy working the entrance on a gorgeous Saturday morning.



A beautiful 2012 Ferrari cruised in and showed off for us.

37th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY - AUGUST 11th, 2019

Roma Lodge 7130 Spring St; Racine WI 53406
 Arrive at 8:00 AM for Coffee and Pane Fritta.

Games Start at 9:00 AM Sharp!!!!

FIRST PLACE PRIZE OF \$2,000

Entry Fee: \$40.00 per person (Including Alternates)

FEE INCLUDES:	8:00 AM	Coffee and Pane Fritta
	10:30 AM-12:30 PM	Sausage/Meatball Bombers, Fried Peppers, Corn on the Cob, Tomato Salad, Soda from 10:30 AM TO 3:30 PM
	2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Roma's Famous Buffet Featuring Pork Chops with Peppers & Onions Tomato Salad, Green Beans, Pasta & Meatballs & Chocolate Cake.
Any Non-Player wishing to join us for food and drinks, may do so at a cost of \$30.00		

PROJECTED CASH PRIZES AS FOLLOWS:

MEN'S DIVISION (Based on 39 Teams)		WOMEN'S DIVISION (Based on 16 Teams)	
1st Prize	\$2,000	1st Prize	\$800
2nd Prize	\$1,000	2nd Prize	\$400
3rd Prize	\$500	3rd Prize	\$250
4th Prize	\$300	4th Prize	\$150

This year we are projecting to have a filled to capacity tournament consisting of 64 teams in the Men's Division (men or mixed) and 16 teams in the Women's Division (Ladies Only).

RULES AND REGULATIONS

ROUND ROBIN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.

All teams (5 players) guaranteed minimum of 3 games possibly 4.

All games will be between 9-12 points depending on number of entries.

The Quarter Finals, Semi-Finals and Finals will be played to 16 points.

NOTE: ALL GAMES WILL BE PLAYED WITH ROMA LODGE BOCCE BALLS ONLY!

Championship game will be played on indoor court #1.

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep of the Roma Lodge Bocce Courts.

This tournament will be filled on a first come - first serve basis.

Get your entries in early since we are expecting a filled tournament this year. Come and join in the fun, food, drinks and camaraderie for a fun-filled day at the Roma Lodge.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dave Chiapete, President 262-939-5914

Tony Povkovich 262-880-5945

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Calling All Men's Bocce League Team Captains!

The Men's Bocce League Season is right around the corner!
 Please contact Jim Silvani (262) 939-8139, Dave Silvani (262) 321-1604, Dave Chiapete (262) 939-5914, or Tony Povkovich (262) 880-5945 to confirm your team will be back for the 2019-2020 season.

Two By-Law Amendments to Discuss at July Membership Meeting

The two by-law amendments listed below will be discussed during the July membership meeting. The by-law amendments will then be voted on at the August membership meeting. The amendments need to be approved by 2/3rds of the members at the August membership meeting to be ratified.

CURRENT VERSION: Article VII, Section 5, G. (When Elected Officers and Directors take position)

Duly elected officers and directors shall be announced to the membership as soon as possible after the results are known, and at the March meeting, if possible. However, the failure to make such an announcement shall not delay the effect of the election, and duly elected officers and directors shall assume the responsibilities and duties of their positions as soon as the results of the election are known. Results of the election shall also be made known to the membership by any available means including but not limited to: posting the results on the Roma Lodge website and other appropriate location(s) at the Lodge. [Adopted January 10, 2014]

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Article VII, Section 5, G. (When Elected Officers and Directors take position)

Duly elected officers and directors shall be announced to the membership as soon as possible after the results are known, and at the March meeting, if possible. However, the failure to make such an announcement shall not delay the effect of the election, and duly elected officers and directors shall assume the responsibilities and duties of their positions after the Installation Dinner ceremony. Results of the election shall also be made known to the membership by any available means including but not limited to: posting the results on the Roma Lodge website and other appropriate location(s) at the Lodge.

CURRENT VERSION: Absentee Ballots

Prior to the day of the March election meeting, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall:
Provide an absentee ballot to any member requesting one, and set procedures to assure the integrity of any absentee ballots so issued and their receipt after completion.
(Amended May 2, 2003)

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman according to the procedure to be established by the committee. (See Section 4, D. above.)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: Absentee Ballots

Prior to the day of the March election meeting, the Nominations and Elections Committee shall:
Provide an absentee ballot to any member requesting one, and follow the procedures to assure the integrity of any absentee ballots so issued and their receipt after completion.
(Amended May 2, 2003)

Absentee ballots must be returned to the Nominations and Elections Committee Chairman according to the procedure to be established by rule 5.1. (See Section 4, D. above.)



ROMA LODGE'S CHAMPIONS



Past President Rick Bonanno and Jeff DeMatthew proudly wear their medals won at the 2019 Lighthouse Run held on Saturday, June 15th. Jeff won the 10 mile (60-64 age group) with an official time of 01:21:57.77. Rick won the 4 mile (60-64 age group) with an official time of 33:46.43. Team member Georgine Kudrna also won the 10 mile (Female Masters and 55-59 age group). Thanks to all who ran on the Roma Lodge team. Special thanks to our participating Roma Lodge members; Jeff Drettwan, David Hotchkiss, Michael Kroes, Scott Lippold and Vince Morelli.

Roma Lodge Family Picnic

Sunday, August 25th

Featuring Live Music

Doors Open at NOON

\$12.00 Adults (Kids 16 and under are FREE)

Pat Johnson 262-620-0366

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Friday, August 9, 2019.
Saturday, August 10, 2019
Sunday, August 11, 2019
Monday, August 12, 2019
Sunday, August 18, 2019
Sunday, August 25, 2019

Board of Directors Meeting
Membership Meeting
Coffee and Cars
Roma Lodge Invitational Bocce Tournament
Fall Men's Bocce Organizational Meeting
Roma Lodge Golf Outing
Roma Lodge Family Picni

June Cribbage Tournament Results



Winners

Nancy Litrenta - First Place
Bob Hueffner - Second Place
Jim Faraone - Third Place
Laura Catrine - Fourth Place

Also in the money in the two side pools:
Larry Marsch and Terry Kueker

Next tournament will take place Sunday,
October 6th at 1pm. Packers play at 3:30p



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4:00
Games Start at 6:30 pm

Roma Lodge's
Annual Golf Outing

Come join us on Sunday August 18th 2019 at Ives Grove golf course for the Roma Lodge annual golf outing.

Golf and dinner is \$85 per person.

Foursomes can consist of Men, Women or any combination.

18 Holes with shared Cart- Prime Rib dinner at Roma Lodge immediately following- Hole Prizes - Automatic entry into Raffle - 50/50 Raffle

Dinner only \$35.per person



Members Restaurant and Bar will be closed Wednesday and Thursday July 3rd & 4th, it will be open Friday and Saturday July 5th & 6th.

We will also be closed for the festival starting Thursday July 25th - 27th



Deadline for information for August 2019 Newsletter is July 20, 2019. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at eric.hillery@yahoo.com.

Eric Hullery, Eric Hillery, Roma Lodge Secretary