

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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## SEPTEMBER 2022 ISSUE

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Roma Lodge Brothers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and healthy.

Wow! What another fantastic festival weekend! Festival Chairman Pat Diem and the Festival Committee did an incredible job once again of planning and executing our festival here on our Roma Lodge grounds. I received so many positive comments throughout the weekend. The weather could not have been better. I think the festival was a huge success and I look forward to the October festival wrap-up meeting to see how we did. I want to thank all the Roma Lodge members and Vittoria Colonna members who worked so hard all weekend to provide the kind of festival that Racine and surrounding communities have come to expect from us. Congratulations on a job well done!

I want to thank all the members that are utilizing the members dining room on Fridays and Saturdays. While we still have the limited menu, Michael will continue to offer a weekly special. The food has been delicious. Please consider our dining room when making plans to dine out on the weekends. Reservations are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. **The reservation line is 262-886-8850.**

The Wednesday night buffet continues to offer a variety of items. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help on the buffet, even once a month, please contact me. Reservations are always recommended as this helps us plan for staffing and food preparation. The reservation line is **262-886-8850**. Pricing for the buffet is \$13.00, \$12.00 for seniors, fifty-five and older, and \$7.00 for kids.

Bingo participation has been 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 or Mike Peratt.

The annual Summer Bocce Tournament was held on Sunday,

August 14th. This year we had twenty-nine open division teams and five ladies division teams for a total of 34 teams. We received many compliments on the tournament as a whole and on the much-improved condition of the outside courts. A big thanks to all those involved in getting the update to the courts expedited in such a timely manner and under budget! I hesitate to mention specific names since I didn't have all the names associated with all the texts that were exchanged and I don't want to leave anyone out. Thank you gentlemen! Another example of what we can accomplish at this club when we work together!

The Roma Lodge golf outing was held Sunday August 21st. It was a fun day, and the meal was outstanding! Thanks to Guy Schetter, Mike Peratt, and their team for planning another great outing. I liked the meal so much, that I told Michael he could keep his job for another week! LOL

If you have some time to give to the club, please consider being a part of the many committees we have or help to 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, September 9th at 7:00 PM. The next Roma Lodge Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th 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



## SEPTEMBER MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The regularly scheduled September membership meeting is Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING QUORUM REQUIREMENT

Please remember it is important to have a quorum at all membership meetings. Without a quorum we cannot conduct an official meeting, meaning we cannot vote on new members or conduct any official business.

We have new members to be voted on by members in September and October. Without a quorum they cannot be brought into the lodge.

## SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS

Friday, September 2	V-J Day
Saturday, September 3	Signing of the Treaty of Paris
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, September 5	National Cheese Pizza Day
Tuesday, September 6	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM
Friday, September 9	Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM
Saturday, September 10	Roma Lodge Coffee and Cars – 8:00 AM - Noon
Sunday, September 11	Grandparents Day
Sunday, September 11	Patriot Day
Tuesday, September 13	International Chocolate Day
Friday, September 16	National POW/MIA Recognition Day
Sunday, September 18	Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM
Thursday, September 22	Autumnal Equinox (Start of Fall)
Thursday, September 29	VFW Day
Thursday, September 29	National Coffee Day



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)

Mike Peratt: 262-942-1212 – [mperatt22@yahoo.com](mailto:mperatt22@yahoo.com)

Jon Morelli (September Captain): 262-994-2861 – [roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com](mailto:roma.secretary.jam@gmail.com)

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following gentlemen are scheduled to be voted on at the **September 9, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

**Eugene Modesti – Age 60**

Lives in Racine, WI  
Born in Racine, WI  
Employed by Modesti Realty  
Retired from Racine Unified School District  
Married (Kelly) – two children  
Both Parents are of Italian descent  
Proponent: Francesco Angelini

**Dean D'Amato - Age 41**

Lives in Racine, WI  
Born in Illinois  
Employed as a teacher by Racine Unified

Married (Amber) - two children  
Both Parents are of Italian descent  
Proponent: Joe DeMatthew

**John Ponio – Age 29**

Lives in Kenosha, WI  
Born in McHenry, IL  
Employed as a software engineer by  
Charles Schwab  
Married (Emma) – no children  
Father is of Italian descent (Calabrese)  
Proponent: Bill Pucci, Jr.

The following gentlemen were recommended by the Roma Lodge Screening Committee and approved by The Board for membership. They are scheduled to be voted on at the **October 14, 2022**, Membership Meeting.

**John D. Bonaretti – Age 67**

Lives in Pleasant Prairie, WI  
Retired electrician

Married (Janet) – five children  
Father is of Italian descent  
Proponent: Brian Hart

**Anthony R. Porcaro – Age 32**

Lives in Burlington, WI  
Employed as a home care physical therapist  
by Aurora Health Care  
Married (Kelsey) – Two Children  
Father is of Italian descent  
Proponent: Anthony J. Porcaro

**Kevin A. Tripp – Age 45**

Lives in Pewaukee, WI

Employed as principal director of  
business intelligence by Harsman Group  
Married (Sarah) – two children  
Grandmother is of Italian descent (Delorenzo)  
Proponent: Alan Tripp

**Joseph E. Tripodi – Age 56**

Lives in Kenosha, WI  
Born in South Chicago Heights, IL  
Employed as a forklift operator by Randstad

Married (Barbara) - two children  
Father is of Italian descent  
Proponent: Mike Peratt

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

September 1	Michael Garbo Anthony Hirt	September 9	Adolfo Greco	September 27	Joseph W. Buscemi
September 2	Jack R. Kelley	September 14	Ralph Nicotera III	September 28	Damiano Piraino
September 3	William Bushell	September 15	Michael MIsna	September 28	Charles Hoeft
September 5	Ralph Malicki	September 17	Philip Mazzie	September 29	Glen Johnson
	Robert Matson	September 18	Kevin Elrod	September 29	Mark Mano
September 9	Eric Andersen	September 26	Ronald J. Brodsko	September 30	David Schneider
	Jeff Fidler		James Germinaro		Gavin DeCheck
			Dominic LoPiccolo		

List compiled from the Roma Lodge Membership Files. Contact Mike Peratt, [mperatt22@yahoo.com](mailto:mperatt22@yahoo.com) if corrections are needed.

**ROMA LODGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WEEKEND DUTY SCHEDULE**

September 2, 3	Dennis Porcaro
September 9, 10	Matt Montemurro
September 16, 17	Jon Morelli
September 23, 24	Dave Chiapete
September 30	Jack LeRose

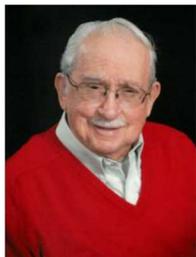
**OCTOBER 2022 EVENTS**

<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	<b>National Homemade Cookies Day</b>
<b>Saturday, October 1</b>	<b>International Coffee Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 4</b>	<b>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi</b>
<b>Saturday, October 8</b>	<b>Columbus Day / Wine Tasting – 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM</b>
<b>Sunday, October 9</b>	<b>Roma Lodge Cribbage Tournament – 12:30 PM</b>
<b>Monday, October 10</b>	<b>Columbus Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Thursday, October 13</b>	<b>Navy Birthday</b>
<b>Friday, October 14</b>	<b>Membership Meeting – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday, October 14</b>	<b>National Dessert Day</b>
<b>Saturday, October 15</b>	<b>Sweetest Day</b>
<b>Monday, October 17</b>	<b>National Pasta Day</b>
<b>Friday, October 21</b>	<b>Back to the Future Day</b>
<b>Friday, October 28</b>	<b>National Chocolate Day</b>
<b>Monday, October 31</b>	<b>Halloween</b>

## OBITUARIES

### **Jerome F. Miller Sr. “Jerry”**

**January 14, 1931 – August 10, 2022**



Jerome F. Miller Sr., “Jerry”, age 91, passed away Wednesday, August 10, 2022, at Ascension All Saints Hospital. He was born in Racine, January 14, 1931, son of the late Felix and Stella (Nee: Butkus) Miller.

Jerry graduated from Horlick High School “Class of 1950”. It was at the Racine Teachers College that he met Ruth L. Collova and on October 15, 1955, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church they were united in marriage. Jerry was employed by Racine Hydraulics for 30 years retiring from Rexnord/Bosch in 1993 and went on to work for Gateway Technical College. He was a member of Sacred Heart Church, the Roma Lodge and Bosch 20 Year Club. Jerry was a talented artist and could draw just about anything his favorite being caricatures. He could capture a person’s essence with a stroke of his pen. Jerry loved making music by playing his guitar, banjo and mandolin either solo or with friends. He was an avid flower gardener looking forward to each spring. Jerry was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and dog-dad who will be dearly missed.

Surviving is his wife of 66 years, Ruth; sons, Jerome F. Miller Jr., Edward R. Miller; grandson Andrew J. Miller and his fiancé, Monica Yee; nieces, nephews, his beloved dog, Agnes, and other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Peter; siblings, Julie (John) Schwartz, Edward (Margaret) Miller; in-laws, Francis (Catherine) Collova, August Collova, Charlotte (Rodney) Bybee, Ursula (James) Christopherson, and Emma Nepper.

Memorials to the Wisconsin Humane Society or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital have been suggested.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Robert Gullberg for his care.

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Our sincere condolences go out to Jerry’s wife Ruth and the rest of Jerry’s family.



### **Funeral Service Calling Tree Schedule – July through September**

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

***Juliano, Leonard – Pitts, Gregory***

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.



### **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 Dennis Porcaro, [apprlservices@netscape.net](mailto:apprlservices@netscape.net) or by phone at (262) 884-9121.

### ***Columbus Day / Wine Tasting event on Saturday October 8th.***

*This will be a member/guest event. Please watch your e-mail and the October Newsletter for more details.*





## **Festival Grounds Volunteerism Thank You**

(By Pat Tierney)

It is said: “many hands make light work”. Well, that proverb was certainly evident for the grounds setup and take down for the 2022 Festival. Before time got away from me, I wanted to give a “shout-out” to Ken Scolaro, Dennis Porcaro, Tom Garbo, Guy Schetter, Joe Buscemi, Joe Nemec, Mark Soine, Keith Stannis, Ed Morelli, and Brian Hart for their help in getting the grounds ready for the large crowds. A special thanks goes out to my wife Dawn and my son Michael for helping with the clean-up and Tim Nelson who assisted me in repairing wind-blown fencing, Chuck Mano and his fence crew who installed and removed all the posts for the parking area, and Coach Dan Miller and the St. Catherine’s football team who performed all the heavy lifting of materials that were transported to and from the storage units to Roma.

Volunteerism makes a challenging task easier and an impossible task possible. This is certainly true with our festival because it is held during the time of the summer when time is in such demand and weather conditions can be less than favorable. We have also seen the impact volunteerism has had on other successful events Roma has sponsored this year such as, Pancake Day, Bingo, Coffee and Cars, etc. To me, there is nothing more welcome when looking at a difficult task, than to have someone come up to you asking, “what can I do?” or “how can I help?”. We have a great club with very dedicated members, and tremendous staff, which is evident every day at the Lodge.

A big thank you to all who were able to volunteer during the festival, and your assistance in making the festival the success it continues to be.



# **CRIBBAGE Is Back**



## **Roma Lodge Tournaments**

**OPEN TO MEMBERS, SPOUSES  
AND THEIR GUESTS**

**Cost \$10 per Person**

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

**CASH drawing at start of tournament!**

**NEXT TOURNAMENT IS**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**SIGN UP AT 12:30PM**

**TOURNAMENTS START AT 1PM**

**OTHER SCHEDULED DATES:**

**October 9<sup>th</sup>      November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**December 18<sup>th</sup>      January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Contact Mark Mano 813 523-7052 with questions.**

**Come have fun and enjoy the competition.**

## Roma Lodge Members Restaurant

We continue to struggle to get employees to work in the Members Lounge. There are a few things that would help us tremendously.

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

## 39th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The 39<sup>th</sup> Roma Lodge Bocce Tournament took place on Sunday, August 14. The event was an enormous success and another fun filled bocce tournament.

Congratulations to Wild Guys (Captain Bill Gullo, Frank Bisotti, Chip Mazurek, and Mike Rausch) who defeated Any Given Sunday (both Roma Lodge teams) by a score of 16-10 to capture the open championship. We also want to congratulate New Kids on the Bocce (Captain Gianna Chiapete, Natalie Dallmann, Reagan Hoey, and Lauren Johnson), who won the ladies championship by defeating Belles of the Ball (Captain Lisa Chiapete, Mindy Gordon, Heidi Hoey, and Katie Johnson) by a score of 16-12!

Thirty-four teams participated this year. Wisconsin was represented by teams from Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee, and Madison. Illinois teams came from Chicago, Elmwood Park, Highwood, and Rockford. A team from Detroit Michigan joined us as well.

The Roma Lodge Bocce tournament has a tremendous reputation, and it is because of all the volunteers that contribute their time to make it successful year after year. As Gordon, a captain of team Highwood 1.5, wrote the following day, *"You guys did an awesome job. All the 'Roma Lodge' folks were awesome and very welcoming. Says a lot about your members."*

The Bocce Committee would like to thank everyone who helped: Vittoria Colonna members for making Pane Fritta (fried bread dough) led by Lisa Domanico, Joan Domanico, Rose Marie Domanico, Anita Bonanno, and Penny Grant, as well as Lodge brothers/family members Rick Bonanno, Don Cicero, Chuck Christiano, Evan and Leah Fallenbeck, John Gehring, Joe Jardina, Mark & Pam Mano, Dr. Frank Maritato, Anthony Porcaro, Joe Porcaro, Guy Schetter, and Briana & Emma Silvani.

Also, thank you to brother Ralph Malicki & Malicki's Piggly Wiggly for helping with corn and peppers and to Forza Groceries for donating the sausage.

Dave Chiapete, Tony Povkovich and Dave Silvani  
Bocce Committee

**39th ROMA LODGE BOCCE TOURNAMENT**



**MENS CHAMPIONS - WILD GUYS**

L-R: Chip Mazurek, Frank Bisotti, Bill Gullo, Mike Rauch



**LADIES CHAMPIONS – NEW KIDS ON THE BOCCE**

L-R: Reagan Hoey, Gianna Chiapete, Natalie Dallmann, Lauren Johnson



**MENS RUNNERS UP – ANY GIVEN SUNDAY**

L-R: Pat Johnson, Derek Anzalone, Joe Cicero, Dave Chiapete



**LADIES CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS UP – BELLES OF THE BALL**

L-R: Front Row - Katie Johnson, Mindy Gordon, Heidi Hoey, and Lisa Chiapete  
Top Row – Lauren Johnson, Reagan Hoey, Gianna Chiapete, and Natalie Dallmann



**AMIGOS**

L-R: Carter Anzalone, Drew Possing, Eli Beifuss, Leo Anzalone

# SATURDAY MORNING COFFEE & CARS

The third “Coffee and Cars” of the 2022 season was held on Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The weather was overcast with a chance of rain. We were also competing against the Union Grove Auto Show. This kept our numbers down, but we still had thirty-five (35) cars show up. Remember our motto - “If your car is special to you, it’s special to us”.

Hope to see you on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM – Noon at the last “Coffee and Cars” of the season.



Best of Show  
1962 Chevrolet Corvette owned by Connie Krueger



Gary Buckman displays his 1940 Ford Deluxe



Scott Piper with his 1931 Ford  
Model A Pickup



Keith Stannis and John Gehring man the admissions

## Roma Lodge Clothing Store

Members interested in ordering Roma Lodge clothing can now do so by directly ordering from The Lettering Machine.

**Please see the instructions listed below.**

The link in the instruction is a live link - just click on it to go The Lettering Store website.

TO ORDER FROM THE WEBSTORE:

1. Visit <https://theletteringmachine.com/RomaLodge/shop/home>
2. Click on the item you want to purchase. Select the color and size from the dropdown menu (leave quantity at "1" if you only want one of that specific color) and hit "Add to Cart." Then, either hit "View Cart" to check out right away or "Continue Shopping" to add more items to your cart.
3. Double-check that the items, sizes, & quantities are as you desire and then hit "Proceed to Checkout."
4. Follow the required steps in the order they are prompted to you (entering your name & number, selecting delivery or pick-up, and then hit "Continue" for payment). **PLEASE NOTE:** You do **NOT** need to have a PayPal account to check out - you can check out as a guest and enter your credit card number.
5. Double-check that all information is correct and hit "Pay" or "Pay with PayPal," depending on what the final bottom button indicates, you should then receive a confirmation email that your order was received.



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**Deadline for information for the October 2022 Newsletter is September 20, 2022.** 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 Secretary