

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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December 2009 Issue

November 20, 2009

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The last \$10,000 Raffle for 2009 is history, and by the looks of the attendance at the November raffle and some of the conversation that was going on, I don't think the public can wait till May 2010 for the next one. I and I'm sure the rest of the Roma Lodge members, want to thank Zuddy DeRose for chairing all 3 very successful raffles. The voting for the facility plan was done at the November members meeting. We now have to wait for Art Rozzoni and his staff to tally the vote. Santa told me that Rick Crivello and Jim McDougal are planning another great Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party on December 13th. I hear Joe Mandala and his elf's Dennis & Lisa Gehrke, Jason & Sandy Evitts and Frank & Sandy Bisotti are planning a spectacular Roma Lodge "Winter Wonderland" members Christmas Party on December 12th. At this time I would like to wish everyone Buon Natale & Felice Anno Nuovo. May Jesus be in your heart and your family close to you this time of the year. It's your club, so let's take care of it. It needs all our help, SO remember, if it's good for the Roma Lodge members, it's good for Roma Lodge.

Fraternally,

Buddy D Alfano

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 1, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm
Friday, December 4, 2009	Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm
Thursday, December 10, 2009	Senior Luncheon - 12 noon
Saturday, December 12, 2009	Members Christmas Party - 5:30 pm - 6:30 Dinner
Sunday, December 13, 2009	Children's Christmas Party -11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Monday, December 21, 2009	First Day of Winter
Friday, December 25, 2009	Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31, 2009	New Year's Eve Party (RIWA)
Thursday, December 31, 2009	New Year's Eve Dinner - Members Dining Room
Friday, January 1, 2010	New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 5, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm



Attention Snow Birds and Others Who Have A Change of Address and/or Phone number

Whether you have a temporary or permanent change of address and/or phone number, please remember to notify Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, 554-7316 dggoebel@yahoo.com of these changes of address. This will help insure an up-to-date membership list so that you will continue to receive Lodge mailings.



Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the December 4, 2009 Membership Meeting

Charles A. Funk, age 60 of Pleasant Prairie - Proponent: Charles Lombardi
James LaBelle, age 54 of Racine - Proponent: Jim Mascari



Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership

Leonard Carini - Proponent: Joe Porcaro
Mark Schneider - Proponent: Kevin Elrod



Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the November Membership Meeting:

Anthony D'Alie, age 55 was born in Bergen, New Jersey, and now resides in Rochester, Wisconsin. He is a self-employed brick mason, owning his own firm, D'Alie Masonry Company. Anthony is married to wife Karen, and they have six children, including Rae Lin D'Alie who was a recipient of the Roma Lodge Outstanding Italian-American Young Athlete Award in August 2009. Zuddy DeRose is Anthony's proponent.

Jack Martini, age 76 was born and currently resides in Racine. He is retired from Chrysler Corporation In Kenosha. Jack is married to wife Terry and they have three children. Zuddy DeRose is his proponent.

Robert Piccolo, age 34 was born in Chicago and now lives with his wife Kelly and one daughter in Genoa City. After several years working in the hospitality industry as a chef, Robert made a career switch and now is employed by Inlanta Mortgage Company as a finance manager. His proponent is Don Cicero.

Joseph W. Pillizzi, age 56 in a self-employed owner of Able Vending Company. Born in Kenosha, Joseph currently resides in Pleasant Prairie with his wife Christine and their two daughters. Joseph's proponent is Rick Perrine.

Dino R. Sturino, age 57 was born in Kenosha and now resides in Elm Grove. He is a single father of one daughter and two sons, one of whom died while serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq. Dino is president of Bella Landscaping Company, and his brother, Darryl Sturino, is his proponent.



Roma Lodge Dues for 2010

You will be receiving in the mail your statement of dues for 2010. Dues continue to be \$120 per calendar year. Payment must be received by Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, by Sunday, January 31, 2010 in order to remain a member in good standing. If you are unable to meet this deadline, contact Doug immediately at 262-554-7316 or email dggoebel@yahoo.com.



New U.W. Parkside Chancellor Visits Roma Lodge

Dr. Deborah Ford, the recently installed chancellor at the University of Wisconsin - Parkside, was a guest of President Buddy Alfano at the Wednesday Night Pizza Buffet. Ford toured the Lodge during which she heard a brief history of the organization and its mission and purpose. Ford will also be in attendance at the April 24, 2010 Celebrazione Italiana, which will be held at Roma Lodge. This formal dinner affair raises funds for the UW-Parkside Italian student exchange program. It will be the first time the event will be held off-campus.



Member's Dining Room Holiday Hours November - January 2, 2010

The Member's Dining Room will be **CLOSED** Wednesday, November 25. **CLOSED** dates in December are Friday, December 4, Saturday, December 12, Friday, December 25 and Wednesday, December 30. It will be open December 2, 5, 9, 11, 16, 18, 19, 23, and 31. In January 2010, the Dining Room will be **CLOSED** Saturday, January 1 and Friday, January 7.



Senior's Luncheon will be held Thursday, December 10 at 12 noon. Please make a special effort to call Russ Missureli at 633-6582 by Monday November 5 if you are planning to attend. Cost is \$6.00 per person.



Bingo Captain for December 2009

Joe Porcaro is the bingo captain for December. Telephone him at 639-2623 to volunteer for Thursday night sessions.

Funeral Service Calling Tree Service Schedule December 2009

The Calling Tree Committee has released the schedule for funeral visitations. 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 also be a special Roma Lodge sign in book at the service for members who attend to sign in, verifying that they are fulfilling their obligation. The Calling Tree schedule for December is for those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between:

Missureli, Russ - Perrine, Rick

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Three proposed by-law changes will be voted upon at the December 4 meeting. The vote will be by secret ballot prior to the meeting in the Hall of History. If you have comments or questions, please email Michael Kroes, Parliamentarian at mpkroes@hotmail.com.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP REGULATIONS

SECTION 6 (H)

DELETE :

~~H. In recognition of faithful service to the Lodge, members who have attained the age of 65 years and have at least 25 years of continuous service and paid membership shall be obligated to pay only one-half of the regular dues.~~

ADD: H. The Lodge will recognize faithful service by its members in the following ways:

- i) **Members who have attained the age of 65 years and have at least 25 years of continuous service and paid membership shall be obligated to pay only one-half of the regular dues.**
- ii) **Members who have attained the age of 80 years and have at least 50 years of continuous service and paid membership shall not be obligated to pay regular dues.**

Note: The Roma Lodge Board of Directors endorses this proposal.

ARTICLE VI: ORGANIZATION

Section 8 E:

The President is the highest-ranking officer of the lodge. As the leader of the Lodge, his duties are to:

- A. Call to order and preside over all meetings of the Board of Directors and the General Membership.
- B. See that the laws of the Lodge are observed and the deliberations of the Board and the General Membership are carried out.
- C. Control the affairs of the Lodge and supervise the performance of the duties of the other officers of the Lodge.
- D. Sign all orders of payment, checks, correspondence, and all documents which invest the responsibility of the Lodge.

~~E. Subject to majority approval of the Board, appoint the Chairmen of all committees of the Lodge (Unless the laws of the Lodge provide otherwise). He shall be an ex-officio member of all such Committees, except the Nominations and Elections Committee.~~

ADD:

E. Subject to majority approval of the Board appoint members of the Board as chairmen of the Lodge Standing Committees:

- Social**
- Membership**
- Scholarship**
- Cares**
- Bingo**
- Planning and By-laws**
- Bar/Beverage**
- Food Services**
- Building and Grounds**

As well as chairmen of all other committees as deemed necessary to fulfill the purposes of the Lodge. He shall be an ex-officio member of all such committees, except the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Note: The Roma Lodge Board of Directors endorses this by-law revision.

ARTICLE VI: ORGANIZATION

Section 15:

Directors-at-Large, as members of the Board of Directors, supervise the affairs of the lodge. Their duties are:

- A. To sit as members of the Board of Directors and attend any meetings thereof.
- B. To receive and review financial reports from the Treasurer, and any managers, accountants and auditors of the Lodge.

DELETE

~~C. Consistent with the broad functions of the Lodge, the President may assign specific duties to the Directors-at-Large; such as the chairmanships of standing committees. Examples of such may be, but are not limited to, the following:~~

- ~~1) Social Chairman~~
- ~~2) Membership chairman~~
- ~~3) Scholarship Chairman~~
- ~~4) Cares Chairman~~
- ~~5) Bingo Chairman~~
- ~~6) Planning & By-laws Chairman~~
- ~~7) Bar/Beverage Chairman~~
- ~~8) Food Services Chairman~~
- ~~9) Building & Grounds Chairman~~

RENUMBER D to

C. With approval of the President, [ADD] Board Member chairmen of standing committees may appoint, from the general membership, such other committee members as may be deemed necessary to carry out the functions of the Lodge.

NOTE: The Roma Lodge Board of Directors endorses this by-law revision.

The proposed amendment to ARTICLE VII - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS - Section 1 E: that appeared in the November Newsletter was withdrawn by its proponent.



Roma Lodge 85th Anniversary Celebration

A plan and budget for the celebration of Roma Lodge's 85th anniversary were outlined to the membership at the November meeting. Since no celebration was held to mark the Lodge's 75th anniversary, this event will provide a means of showcasing Roma Lodge's history and outstanding role in the community. Dave Chiapete chairs the 15 member committee which has developed a plan and proposed budget for the event. Anticipating as many as 500+ guests, the event will feature formal invitations, outdoor cocktails and hors d'Oeuvres, sit down dinner, keepsake gifts, fireworks, entertainment and other items and activities that would make this a most memorable event deserving of Roma Lodge and its members. Cost of the event would be paid by tickets sales, a contribution from Vittoria Colonna Lodge, and a subsidy by Roma Lodge. The membership will have an opportunity to vote on the plan at the December Membership meeting. If you have any questions, contact Dave Chiapete at 939-5914 or email davidchiapete@hotmail.com.

More on the 85th Celebration from the 85th Anniversary Planning Committee

The following are minutes from a special meeting on July 6, 1925:

Brother Girolamo Litrenta made a motion that the Roma Lodge, Order of Sons of Italy, should break away from the Roma Hall immediately. The motion was seconded and followed by a lengthy discussion of pros and cons. A vote was taken and the result was 39-26 in favor of the motion. A heated argument ensued following the vote, resulting in the resignation of Past Venerable Tony Wells and Secretary/Treasurer Rosario DeMark.

Roma Lodge Brothers,

On July 6, 1925 Roma Lodge became its own entity. We are proposing a celebration of Roma Lodge's 85th anniversary on August 28, 2010. The Roma Lodge Board of Directors has approved this function, but the final word rests with you, the members. Many clubs/organizations have dissolved over the years, but Roma Lodge has not only survived---it has flourished. There are endless stories of people working together at the old lodge contributing to Roma Lodge's success and this vitality continues today! Time is passing very quickly. It seems warranted to celebrate this 85th anniversary with a memorable evening---a gala event to be enjoyed by all members!

At the November 6, 2009 membership meeting, ideas and initial plans for the 85th celebration were first presented. At the December 4th membership meeting, the committee will present a program for August 28, 2010, to be followed by a vote. Please plan to attend this December meeting.

In planning this function for member presentation, budget is a priority. Cost must be reasonable in encouraging all members to attend. The proposed cost is \$30.00 per person, or \$60.00 per couple. With emphasis on our Italian heritage, the following items would be included:

- 1) All halls and grounds open and to be used for the event
- 2) Cocktail hour
- 3) Five - six course sit-down dinner
- 4) Entertainment in both halls, possibly Frank Sinatra type to Italian wedding music with dancing
- 5) Other items under consideration include -
 - a) Tent installation with lighting, dance floor, portable bar, tables, chairs, etc
 - b) Fireworks display

Roma Lodge will be asked for a subsidy not-to-exceed \$22,000.00 with an attendance expectation of 500+. Bear in mind that the 2008 member's Christmas party was subsidized by Roma Lodge at a \$10,000.00 cost attended by 300 people. In anticipating an attendance of 500+ people, please realize that this number is only half of our membership. We would expect that the final count could be greatly exceeded.

85 years is quite an accomplishment in which we are all contributors. We all work hard for Roma Lodge success. It is time to take a night-out for all of us to come together & celebrate a common achievement!

David Chiapete,

Chairman

Committee members,

Buddy Alfano, John Anzalone, Gene Bilotti, Frank Bisotti Jr., Rick Bonanno, Joe Buscemi, Frank Caruso, Zuddy DeRose, Tom Garbo, Joe Mandala, Gene Perrelle, Joe Pulice, Tony Rossi



Trip to Tuscany, Italy Planned

"Florence and the Enchanting Hill Towns of Tuscany" is the focus for a 2010 tour sponsored by Vito's Italy Tours.

The nine day trip runs from September 17 through September 25, 2010. The price is \$3995 per person, which includes air fare, hotels, and land transportation during tour, all breakfasts and other included meals (see itinerary), entrance fees to museums and guided tours. The complete itinerary can be viewed on the web at

http://www.vitositaly.com/our_tours_florence_pisa_riviera.html.

Roma Lodge Member's Christmas Party



Saturday, December 12, 2009 - Cocktails, 5:30 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM

\$15.00 / Person (Note: This is a Member's Only Function)

Buffet Menu will feature many traditional Italian dishes

Pre-Dinner Music provided by Ann Salerno Group; Dance music by DJ.

Tickets available from: Joe Mandala, Jason Evitts, Frank Bisotti, Dennis Gehrke, Zuddy DeRose

Please use the form below when buying your tickets:

Seating will be assigned based on 10 / table

2009 Christmas Party Table Reservation Form

Reservation Deadline in Friday, December 4, 2009

Payment Does NOT have to accompany the Reservation Form -

Payment is due on Friday, December 4, 2009

Reservations can be made for groups of less than 10

Reservation Forms and Payment can be mailed to Joe Mandala, c/o Roma Lodge, 7130 Spring St, Racine WI 53406

Contact Joe Mandala at 681-0492 or email jmandala@wi.rr.com if you have any questions

Names (One name per space)

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Roma Lodge Holiday Food Drive

Roma lodge will be collecting non-perishable food items during the Holidays for the various food pantries in the area. Please bring your food items to the Roma Lodge member's entrance starting in November. We will be collecting the items through the 12th of December. Contact Frank Bisotti at 652-9779 or Dennis Gehrke at 880-6427 if you have any questions.

Help Needed for Children's Christmas Party

Volunteers are needed to help prepare Christmas stockings for the Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party. Work will begin on Saturday, December 11 at 10:00 am at the Lodge. Filling the stockings should take about two hours. Help is also needed at the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 12. To volunteer, contact Rick Crivello at 456-4007 or mail rcrivello@wi.rr.com.



Celebrate New Years Eve in the Roma Lodge Member's Dining Room.

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Menu includes Lobster, Prime Rib, Prime Rib and Lobster, Orange Roughy, and Lasagna, all of which includes the great Salad Bar. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Reservations for members and their guests can be made by calling 886-8850.

Special Feature - New Year's Eve Couples Bocce Tournament

Begins at 8:00 pm.

There is room for 10 teams of 6 players each. Registration is required. Forms are Available from Zuddy DeRose.

Sign up as a Team, or Request to be Assigned to Any Open Slots - Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place

ROMA LODGE PRESENTS THE 2009 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR ROMA LODGE MEMBERS' CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2008 - DOORS OPEN AT 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL FEATURE - LUNCH WITH SANTA AT 12 NOON - MENU: PIZZA, ICE CREAM, COOKIES, & SODA

CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER ARE FREE - ADULTS ARE \$7.50 EACH

RESPONSES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY DECEMBER 7 TO MAKE SURE SANTA DOESN'T FORGET A PRESENT FOR YOUR CHILD

----- Return
this reservation form BY DEC. 7 to: Rick Crivello, Roma Lodge Children's Christmas Party, 7130 Spring St,
Racine, WI 53406

Make checks payable to Roma Lodge:

Member's Name _____		Number of Adults at \$7.50 each
Child's Name _____		Boy or Girl Age
_____	B	G _____
_____	B	G _____
_____	B	G _____
_____	B	G _____



ROMA LODGE
NEW YEAR'S EVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2009

SIT DOWN DINNER PACKAGE

Includes: 6:30 pm Limited open bar, 7:30 pm Dinner - Choice of Prime Roast, Chicken Wellington, Prosciutto-Wrapped Salmon, all served with Pasta w/ Vodka Sauce, Green Beans Foster, Salad, and Roll, Sweets Table, Hor d'Oeuvres at 10:30 pm Champagne at 12 midnight, Party Favors

Music by Group Therapy

Tickets are \$130.00 / couple; \$70.00 per person

Open to the Public

Private tables are available for groups of six or more. If you are celebrating with one or more other couples, please mention this at the time of booking. No guaranteed seating.

Tickets can be ordered from the Roma Lodge RIWA Office from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm Mon - Fri 262-886-3610

Order deadline is December 29, 2009



Benefit Pasta Dinner to be Held for Dan DeMatthew

On Sunday, January 24, 2010, Roma Lodge will host a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for Roma Lodge brother Dan DeMatthew. Dan was seriously injured last August in a biking accident. Dan requires extensive therapy to regain his ability to walk and perform other functions. Roma Lodge will be assisted in this benefit dinner by St. Catherine's High School Alumni Association and the Racine firefighters group. The event will run from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 -10, and free for children under 4 years of age. Tickets can be purchased from Doug Goebel, 554-7316, Pat Diem, 414-5302988, Jim DeMatthew, 262-498-2988, or at the door.

NOTE: If you wish to volunteer to work at this event, contact Pat Diem at 414-530-2988 or Jim DeMatthew at 262-498-5901. If you wish to make a donation please contact Barb DeMatthew at 262-930-4485 or email bdematth@yahoo.com.



Christmas Gift Ideas



Roma Lodge Shirts

Wear the Roma Lodge Logo proudly on a wide variety of shirts. Choose from heavy winter fleece, light weight water resistance pullovers, and short sleeve shirts, bocce T-shirts, even hats. All come in a variety of colors and sizes. Many are on display in the Hall of History. For more information and to place an order, contact Joe Povkovich at 637-3784 or email jpovkovich@AmorimSolutions.com.



Buy a Brick for a Gift that Lasts!

Roma Lodge sponsors the "Patio Brick Program" for members of both Roma Lodge and Vittoria Colonna Lodge. By purchasing a brick, you and your family will not only benefit from maintaining the beautiful patio located on the west side of the building, but you will also provide for a lasting memorial to family and/or friends for years to come. Each brick serves as a testimony of your support and commitment to the Lodge as well as serving to keep our Italian heritage alive. To purchase a brick, please complete the form below. **Use one form per brick.** Return the completed form along with a check payable to Roma Lodge to:

Gary Krause, 5542 Sandhill Road, Racine, WI 53402, 262-639-9321, gary.krause@wfhc.org

A 4" by 8" brick consisting of two lines of type, 12 characters per line is \$50.00 Check must accompany order.

NOTE: Spaces count as letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

A 12" x 12" brick consisting of six lines of type, 15 characters per line is \$250.00

NOTE: Spaces count as letters. A Check payable to Roma Lodge must accompany order.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15



All of this and Titmice Too: A Pocket Guide to Bird Feeding / by Steve Betchkal.

Eau Claire, WI, the Author, 2009 Price: \$5.95

The author, son of Roma Lodge member Bob Betchkal, wrote this 11 page heavy-duty laminated booklet which is loaded with facts and photos, flavored with humor. It's great for keeping beside a favorite window-upon-a-feeder, or stuffing a holiday stocking. Steve writes, "Since 'discovering' my first wild bird in 1969 (American Robin, what else), I've blown across North America like a Selasphorus hummer before the prevailing westerlies. 42 states, 60 national wildlife refuges, and some 7 or 8 binoculars along, I'm at 600 different species seen – more if you count Mexico – and still learning to love and appreciate the diversity that birds embody. Order from Bob or Sherry Betchkal at 639-1112 or on line at <http://manymorebirds.webs.com/>. See advertisement section of this Newsletter.



Green, White, and Red: The Italian-American Success Story, by Dominic Pulera

L'Italo-Americano: 1st edition 2009. Price \$29.95

Dominic has been a frequent visitor to Roma Lodge. In his book he looks at how Italian immigrants overcame poverty and discrimination to achieve success over the last one hundred years. Pulera credits Italian Americans for embracing their country and working very hard to make it in America--and celebrating the United States for giving them the opportunities to do so. Pulera interviewed hundreds of people around the globe to learn about their perspectives on Italian-American culture. He went to every state to research this book. The book includes references to Italians in Kenosha and Racine, including interviews with Roma Lodge members. After all, our story and the stories of other Italian-Americans is a quintessentially American narrative of faith, family, and work.

Italian Americans Born in December



Delvecchio	Muniz	Prima	Mussina	La Guardia	Farrell	Paz	Arcieri	Cimoli	Sepe
Dec 4, 1941	Dec 5, 1985	Dec 7, 1910	Dec 8, 1968	Dec 11, 1882	Dec 18, 1937	Dec 16, 1962	Dec 18, 1973	Dec 18, 1929	Dec 28, 1973
Alexander Delvecchio, hockey Hall of Fame	Frank Muniz, actor and race car driver	Louis Prima, singer, actor, trumpeter	Mike Mussina, former Yankee pitcher	Fiorello LaGuardia, NYC mayor	Joe Farrell, jazz saxophonist and flutist	Vinny Paz, former middleweight champ	Leila Arcieri, actress and model	Gino Cimoli, outfielder for Brooklyn Dodgers	Frank Sepe, bodybuilder and model

Notable Italians Born in December



Versace	Rota	Bernini	Mascagni	Ghandi	Tomba	Puccini	Marinetti	Lampedusa	Mussolini	Villaggio
Dec. 2, 1946	Dec. 3, 1911	Dec. 7, 1598	Dec. 7, 1863	Dec. 9, 1946	Dec. 19, 1966	Dec. 22, 1858	Dec. 22, 1876	Dec. 23, 1896	Dec. 30, 1963	Dec. 31, 1932
Gianni Versace, fashion designer, born in Reggio Calabria	Nino Rota, composer of film scores, including music for the film <i>The Godfather</i>	Gian Lorenzo Bernini, sculptor and architect of St. Peter's Plaza in Roma, born in Florence	Pietro Mascagni, opera composer of such works as <i>Cavalleria Rusticana</i> , born in Livorno	Sonia Ghandi, born Sonia Paino near Turin, Indian politician and wife of Rajiv Ghandi..	Alberto Tomba, professional alpine skier and Olympic athlete, born in Castel de Britti	Giacomo Puccini, opera composer and musician, born in Lucca.	Filippo Emilio Marinetti, poet, and founder of the Futurist movement born in Belaggio	Giuseppe Tomasi Di Lampedusa, Duke of Parma and writer of <i>Il Gattopardo</i> , born in Sicily	Alessandra Mussolini, actress and politician, born in Naples	Paolo Villaggio, actor, writer, director, and comedian, born in Genova



A Bit of History - From the Files of Roma Lodge

From the Minutes of December 1, 1972 Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by Venerable John Lapetina.

Membership applications for were approved for Gary Mazzie, Ralph Venturini, Ronald Woods, Leonard Montalbano, and Daniel Eckert.

Jerry Wells reported that the Casino Night was very successful. A profit of \$727.00 was realized. Special thanks to Orla Litrenta, Mrs. Francis Pulice, and Al Smiley.

Phil Litrenta reported that the Adult Christmas Party would be held Saturday, December 23. Widows of deceased members are invited as guests.

Larry Presta reminded the members that the Children's Christmas Party would be held December 18 at 1:00 pm.

Venerable Lapetina informed the members that initiation ceremonies would be held at our January meeting. All new members who have not been initiated should plan to attend this meeting.

Considerable discussion occurred on the question of whether or not the acceptance of new membership applications should be limited to the period of January through April 30 of each year. A vote of the members present showed 1/3 for, 1/3 against, and 1/3 undecided. The officers will study the question further and submit a proposal to the membership.

Treasurer's report showed a total balance for Roma Lodge of \$6650.37.

Al Smiley, Secretary



Roma Lodge Reservations

For **Members Dining Room** reservations, the **member's telephone number 886-8850**. When making reservations for the Member's Dining Room, please telephone the Member's number only. Leave your name, day and date you want the reservation, your phone number, number of people in your party, and estimated time of arrival. You will only receive a call back if there is a problem or a question about your reservation. **NOTE:** *The Member's Dining Room is always closed on Member's Meeting nights which is usually the first Friday of the month and Wednesday and weekend nights when events for members or members and guests are scheduled.* To reserve the Venetian Room and for Roma-to-Go, telephone the RIWA Office at 886-3610. For the Members Card Room telephone 886-2557.

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Friday, January 1, 2010	New Year's Day
Tuesday, January 5, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, January 8, 2010	Membership Meeting
Thursday, January 14, 2010	Senior Luncheon
Monday, January 18, 2010	Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday
Sunday, January 24, 2010	Dan DeMatthew Benefit Dinner