

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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ELECTION ISSUE

February 13, 2009

This is my 48th message for the Newsletter. We have been together for four years now and soon it will be time to pass the gavel on. It has been a great honor for me to be your 25th president. Many of you have come to me to say thanks for serving. I would like to say thank you for your trust and allowing me to serve.

There are many things that have been accomplished over the last four years that I am very proud of, especially in the area of major expenditures. Because of your trust, most of these projects have been successfully completed. These projects were necessary to keep our club updated and competitive. We have never spent any money that we didn't have. I am proud of how we have expanded our local charities through our Cares Committee and how our Newsletter has been upgraded for all our members. I'm proud of how you have supported our social events and how you as members have volunteered some of your time to ensure success. To the members who work bingo on a weekly basis, I want to thank you. The attendance numbers keep going up. To our Festival Committee that keep setting records year after year despite a slowing economy, thank you for your time and talent. Our two \$10,000 Raffles produce a win-win situation because it's good for RIWA and Roma Lodge.

In the future, I feel we should sponsor more events on the RIWA side. This can be done in the way of sporting events, local entertainment events, or even Friday night fish fries. We have a great organization, our potential is endless and the sky is the limit.

Don Cicero

MARCH EVENTS

Tuesday, March 3, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm
Friday, March 6, 2009	Membership Meeting - Election of Officers - 7:00 pm
Sunday, March 8, 2009	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 8, 2009	Installation Dinner - 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 12, 2009	Senior Luncheon - 12 noon
Friday, March 27, 2009	Scholarship Application Deadline
Tuesday, March 31, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm



Condolences are extended to Roma Lodge brother Gene N. Sessa whose wife, Sandra, died in January.



Welcome! Welcome New Members

Voted into Membership at the February Membership Meeting

David L. Pagliaroni, age 59, was born and resides in Kenosha, where he worked at Chrysler Corporation. He is married (Mary) and has two sons. His proponent is Rick Crivello.

Michael S. Pagliaroni, age 30, joins his father, David, as another new member. Michael resides in Racine and currently works in Milwaukee as a personal trainer. He is single with one son. His proponent is also Rick Crivello

Michael W. Plantamura, age 64, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut and now lives in Yorkville. He is employed as a marketing sales manager at Rayne Corporation. He is married to wife Barbara and they have four children. His proponent is Tony Ferraro.

Proposed for a vote at the March Membership Meeting

Benjamin J Cupertino, age 26, of Racine - Proponent, Jerry Perona

David J. Silvani, age 34, of Racine - Proponent, Jim Silvani

Thanks for a SUPER Bowl Party

It was a great game, great food, great prizes, and a **Great Time** at this year's annual Super Bowl Party. A special thanks to Bill Pucci, Jr, Frank Caruso, Joe Cicero, Kurt Fallenbeck and all the volunteers, members, and guests who made it such a great success. Looking forward to watching the Packers at next year's party!



Senior Luncheon will be held Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 12 noon. Please make a special effort to call Russ Missureli at 633-6582 by Monday, March 9 if you are planning to attend. Cost is \$6.00 per person.



INSTALLATION DINNER

**CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
FOR ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE
AND
THE INITIATION OF NEW ROMA LODGE MEMBERS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009
5:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (CASH BAR); 6:00 P.M. DINNER
TICKETS ARE \$10.00 PER PERSON (MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION)
AVAILABLE FROM
ZUDDY DER OSE, TOM BRAUN, DON CICERO**



Roma Lodge Election of Officers

The 2009 Election of Officers and Directors will be held Friday, March 6, 2009. Members may vote in the Hall of History between 10:00 am and 7:00 pm. To be eligible to vote, you must have been a member prior to January 5, 2009 and have paid your membership dues prior to February 1, 2009.

Absentee ballots can be requested from Dennis Porcaro, apprlservices@netscape.net, Jim Oswald joswald5@wi.rr.com, or Tom Garbo thomas.garbo@garbomotors.com. It is the member's responsibility to request and return the absentee ballot in time to be counted on March 6. The ballots must be returned in an envelop with your name and address clearly printed on the front. Results of the election will be announced at the end of the Membership Meeting.

SAMPLE BALLOT MARCH 2009

Note: Order of names was determined by random drawing

ROMA LODGE BALLOT PRESIDENT <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Braun <input type="checkbox"/> Jeff DeMatthew <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Alfano	ROMA LODGE BALLOT DIRECTORS <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for no more than FOUR) <input type="checkbox"/> Art Rozzoni <input type="checkbox"/> John Anzalone <input type="checkbox"/> Rick Crivello <input type="checkbox"/> Alan James Faraone
VICE-PRESIDENT <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> William D. (Bill) Pucci <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Chiapete <input type="checkbox"/> Jim Angelici	TREASURER <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Pat Diem
RECORDING SECRETARY <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Perona	PARLIAMENTARIAN <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Michael Kroes
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY <i>SAMPLE</i> (Mark X for ONE) <input type="checkbox"/> Doug Goebel	

Statements of Candidacy

All candidates for Roma Lodge offices were asked to submit a statement outlining their history with the Lodge, and the reasons for their candidacy. These are the statements that were received:

For the Office of President

Tom Braun

My name is Tom Braun, and I am a candidate for the office of President of Roma Lodge. I have been a member since 1988 (20 years). During that time I have chaired, co-chaired, and worked on various committees and functions for our great Lodge. Included are the spring and fall \$10,000 raffles for 10 years and the Men's Golf Outing for the past 11 years. I have been involved in the summer Bocce Tournament for the past four years. I have served the Roma Lodge and RIWA as agent for the liquor license for the past 10 years, as well as working on the Bar and Beverage Committee and the RIWA Advisory Committee. I have also cooked for the Employees Christmas Party for the past 10 years. I have been on the Roma Lodge Board for 13 years, serving as Vice-president for the past four years. I feel I am an extremely qualified candidate for President and can further our great Italian heritage, both at the Lodge and in the eyes of the community. I will serve you with dignity and respect to all. It would be a great honor to serve each and every one of you and I would like your support in the up coming election. Thank you!

Jeff DeMatthew

I am an attorney, and a small businessman, and I have served as an officer and member of the Board of Directors for twelve years. That is longer than anyone else currently serving on the board. During that time I have observed and learned from direct, personal experience what it takes to be the President of Roma Lodge.

I also have my own personal views on what the president of our lodge should and can do to improve the quality of our club as a fraternal and accommodating place for our members.

I believe that I have the personal skills that are needed to be your representative in our many interactions with both the public and other organizations with which we have dealings.

I believe that there is significant inefficiency and waste in the operations of RIWA, and that we are not doing anywhere near all that we should in marketing that facility.

I believe that the next few years will likely be a very difficult time for the RIWA, and that our President should have not just business experience in general, but also experience with the recent history of the business of RIWA, and intimate knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the staff and facility. I believe that I have that experience and knowledge, and I also believe that I have the personal skills necessary to help lead that business through this period.

In short, I believe that I am, of all the candidates running, uniquely qualified to be the President of Roma Lodge, and I ask that you vote for me. Thank you.

Buddy D Alfano

I have been a member of the Roma Lodge since 1966. My reasons for joining were because I have always been extremely proud of my Italian heritage and enjoy the camaraderie and friendship of the other Roma Lodge members.

I have served on the Board of Directors and have also served as vice-president. I have served, chaired, or co-chaired on almost every committee and function of Roma Lodge during the last 43 years. I was one of the first to sign for our state bingo license as well as one of the first bingo callers.

I have served or worked on the Roma Lodge Festival since its inception. I have been co-director of the Count Room (money and ticket count), as well as the Liquor Raffle and the Meat Raffle. I currently serve as co-director / captain of the Beer Bar.

I have helped with the Bocce Tournament and the Children's Christmas Party. I am currently serving on the Membership Screening Committee for new members.

The reason I am running for President of Roma Lodge is to listen to and serve the membership and to keep the Lodge moving forward in a positive manner.

Now that I am retired, I feel that I can devote the time that is necessary to be president of Roma Lodge. It would be a great honor to be your next president. Fraternally yours

For the Office of Vice-President

William D. (Bill) Pucci

I joined the Lodge in 2001 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2006. I have served as Chairman of the Social Committee during my term and as such I have been responsible for the planning of many Lodge events, including the Members Christmas Party, Family Picnic, Bella Ball, and Super Bowl Party. Since I joined the lodge I cooked in the Cafe Roma every year at the festival and for 15 years prior to joining I volunteered for any and all tasks at the festival. I and my wife of 10 years have two children. I am a barber along with my father, Bill Sr. a 40 year member who was my proponent for membership. I have always been proud of my Italian heritage. For six months, prior to my marriage, I traveled and lived throughout Italy. I studied the language, learned about the culture and my ancestry. I feel that my five years of international experience in a 5 star hotel and hospitality industry makes me uniquely qualified to serve in the capacity as Vice President. I am asking for your support of my candidacy as Vice President so that I can help advance the progress and growth of the Lodge while honoring the Lodge's past and the past contributions of its members. With wise leadership I want to insure that when my son grows up, the Lodge will there to nourish his love of being Italian and what that means.

For the Office of Vice-President (Continued)

Dave Chiapete

Ciao! I am David Chiapete. I am very proud to be completing my eighth year as a Board member and very thankful to the membership for all its past support. I chaired the annual Bocce Tournament in 2000, 2001, and 2002, ran the winter bocce leagues in 2002 and 2005 - present, served on the Social Committee (Christmas Party, Members Picnic, Columbus Day, and others), volunteered for the \$10,000 Raffle, bingo, Super Bowl Party, and of course our great festival. I believe that my eight years of experience and my love of Roma Lodge will be an asset if I were elected vice president at this time. Anyone who knows me will attest that my only concern is for the good and welfare of Roma Lodge and its members, and that I will stand up for what I believe to be in their best interest. My involvement and memories of Roma Lodge started as a boy. I remember helping my father and grandfather at the festivals on South Memorial Drive, the old gravel bocce courts, the picnics at Johnson Park, as well as many of the older, long-time members and how much fun they always seemed to have.

Roma Lodge is unique, and it is truly amazing to see where it started and where it is today. I take tremendous pride and feel privileged to be able to say I am a member of the Lodge. I am the youngest member of the Board, but I am also one of the most experienced current members, about to complete my fourth term. I feel I am able to represent the younger members, but at the same time, I want to continue many of the great traditions of Roma Lodge that were started by previous generations. Roma Lodge, "the building", is great, but I have always said the members are what it is really about. The amount of time, work, and effort so many people put forth is incredible. I am looking forward to blending new ideas and events with the many we already have. I love being Italian-American and being a member of the Roma Lodge. Thank you for allowing me to represent you as a Director in the past, and I ask for your vote to become the next vice president of our great club! It truly would be an honor.

Jim Angelici

I have been a loyal member since 1998. I have served on the Roma Lodge Board previously; serving on many committees including the Bylaws Committee and the Working Committee on Membership and on the Calling Tree for Funeral Visitation. I have worked for the Roma Lodge Festival since I have been a member and the Children's Christmas party. I am also a regular worker at the Roma Lodge Bingo sessions and work at the Super bowl Party. I have served on many boards both private and public including The Gateway Technical College Board of Trustees and as chairman of the Gateway Technical College Foundation Board. I served as President of the Kiwanis club of western Kenosha. I hope with my experience, background and knowledge I can continue to contribute to the success of Roma Lodge and to the perpetuation of our Italian heritage. I look forward in working with all the members to advance the progress and growth of our Lodge.

For the Office of Recording Secretary

Jerry Perona (unopposed)

Of the dozen "purposes" of Roma Lodge listed in the by-laws, two are of particular interest to me: enrolling men of Italian birth, descent or lineage in Roma Lodge and to foster a pride in and awareness of Italian culture and the contributions which Italian-Americans have made to this county. During my years of service on the Board as both a director and as Recording Secretary I have initiated or been involved in programs that I hope have enhanced those purposes: the Membership Screening Committee, the Roma Lodge scholarship program, the Roma Lodge *Newsletter*, the member's web page, and involvement in the U.W. - Parkside *Celebrazione Italiana* planning committee, and the Hall of History committee. As we welcome more third and fourth generation Italian-Americans as well as the many members who are "Italian" by marriage, it is important that we continue to promote our heritage and visibility in the community. I will continue to do this as Secretary of Roma Lodge.

For the Office of Membership Secretary

Doug Goebel (unopposed)

I am a candidate for the office of Membership Secretary. I have been a member of Roma Lodge for 33 years. I have served on the Roma Lodge Board for 12 years, serving the members for the past 6 years as the Membership Secretary, as Parliamentarian for 2 years and as a Board member for 4 years. I also served on the Old Italian Welfare Board for 4 years. I was a member of the Building Committee for our present Lodge. For the past 21 years I have been a member of the Roma Lodge Festival Executive Committee, and during that time chaired the \$25,000 Festival Raffle for 19 years. It would be my pleasure to continue serving the members of Roma Lodge as the Membership Secretary.

For the Office of Treasurer

Patrick Diem (unopposed)

I am a candidate for the office of Treasurer. I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 2001. I have served on the Roma Lodge Board in the past term as Treasurer. During that term, my goal has been to clearly communicate the financial standing of the Lodge to the membership so they are informed. It would be my honor to serve the members of Roma Lodge as the Treasurer for this next term

For the Office of Parliamentarian

Mike Kroes (Unopposed)

I was accepted into the Roma Lodge membership early in 2005 with Jeff DeMatthew as my proponent. Since then, I have assisted at several lodge functions including the children's Christmas Party, the family picnic and the Italian Festival. I am a regular bingo caller. For the past 3 years I have served on the Scholarship Committee.

I am proud to be a member of the Roma Lodge. I look forward to being part of the leadership team of this great organization. I promise to serve Roma Lodge's members with dignity and honesty.

For the Office of Director Four candidates unopposed)

Rick Bonanno (Withdraw)

Dear Roma Lodge Brothers,

I am respectfully withdrawing my nomination for a Director's seat in our upcoming election of officers. I am honored by the nomination. I apologize to the officers, directors, nominating committee and every member of the Roma Lodge for any inconvenience that my decision may have caused. Thank you all for your trust, confidence and understanding.

Art Rozzoni

I joined the Lodge in 1985, with Joe Toterio as my proponent. Since then, I have worked the meat raffle and have been captain of the beer concessions at the Festival. I have also acted as Santa Claus at the Children's Christmas Party. I am married to my wife Trudy for 42 ½ years and have two sons and four grandchildren. I retired in December 2009 and I am looking forward to being more active in the Lodge.

John Anzalone

I am currently serving on the Roma Lodge Board chairing the CARES and the Calling Tree Committees. I have been an active member of the Roma Lodge since 1970 and would like to continue serving the membership as a Board Member.

Rick Crivello

First, let me introduce myself for those who do not know me. My name is Rick Crivello, I am 56 years old, married, three sons, retired from Delphi Automotive 30+ years, and I presently work part time at Dental Associates in Kenosha as the Inventory Coordinator. I am very proud of my Italian heritage and I am a very active member of the Lodge. Before I even became a member of the Lodge I worked every week at bingo for four months. I have been working Bingo every week since becoming a member. I work at our Festival every year all three days from open to close, and this past year I took over the Beer Tent. I am also one of the Co-chairpersons for the Children's Christmas Party for the past three years. I have also volunteered at numerous other events at the Lodge. I am running for one of the director positions because I feel I can represent my fellow brothers by keeping them informed and working together to further our Italian heritage and prosper as a fraternal organization that we all can be proud of. I am well versed in Roberts Rules of Order, along with a vast experience while working at Delphi. I bargained four local and national contracts, served 22 yrs. as secretary - treasurer of the Milwaukee Area CAP Council, and served as recording secretary for a national GM Sub-council. Throughout my life I have worked through many adversities, including losing my oldest son in a fire three weeks before his twenty-first birthday. In closing, let me thank you in advance for your time and consideration, and I would truly appreciate your VOTE and be honored to represent ALL MY FELLOW ROMA LODGE BROTHERS !!!

Alan James Faraone

Although some people know me as Alan, I answer to Jim. At age 66, I am a lifelong resident of Kenosha, graduate of Mary D. Bradford, and served in both the United States Navy from 1960 to 1965 and the United States Navy Seabees Reserves from 1965 to 1967. With a lifelong experience as a carpenter, (25 of those in his own business), I am now retired. I have been married 35 years to JoDell, who works at SC Johnson and we have a married daughter, Helen.

I joined the Lodge in 2000 and have completed projects at the Lodge including building the shelving in the storage room, painted the halls leading to the members dining room, made and installed the frames for the pictures of the past presidents and Victoria Colonna, and installed flush valves in the bathrooms.

I also work bingo every week and have filled most roles including making up the games and setting up the hall until recently as well being the reporting Board Member between Bingo and the board for the last two years. I work selling tickets in the food and beverage booths at the Festival since 2000. Committee memberships includes Planning and By-laws, Building and Grounds, Newsletter advertising and Bingo.

I appreciate being a member of the Lodge and feel "it is our Lodge, not mine or yours", and we should work together to keep it that way. I would like to be part of helping to keep it that way. Thank you.



Members Approve Main Entrance Foyer Renovation Project

At its February meeting the membership voted to approved the Board proposed foyer renovation project. The design will focus on Roma Lodge's Italian heritage as well as update and modernize the facility. The Spolar Studio design firm of Milwaukee is the general contractor the project. Thanks to Bill Pucci and other members of his committee who have worked on this proposal for many months.



Probationary Members to Be Initiated March 8, 2009

Congratulations to these members whose probationary membership period was January 2006 – December 2008 upon having successfully completed the terms of probationary membership. They, along with a guest, have been invited to attend the Installation Dinner as guests of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors and at that time will be initiated into full membership:

Michael Ansani	Barry Fentz	Thomas Janikian	David Piggins
James E. Buss	Paul Ferraro, Jr	David Manka	Michael Pucci
Michael Capodarco	Scott Goodsell	Anthony Perrine	Jack Ruffolo
Peter Caruso	Allan Hall	Gary Peterson	Leo Ruffolo
Rick Crivello	Brian Haas	Gregory Pierangeli	Thomas C. Wood



Reminder - Deadline for Scholarship Applications is March 27, 2009

Completed applications for the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship and the Darryl and Jeana Sturino Lifelong Learning Scholarship are due Friday March 27. The completed applications should be returned to Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee, Attn: Joe Mandala, 7130 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406.

Applications are available:

1) From a member of the Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee: Mike Kroes , chair mpkroes@hotmail.com; Michael Ansani, ansani32@yahoo.com, Richard A. Chiapete, rchiapete@johnsonbank.com, Jordan Gardina gardina@joimail.com, , Joe Mandala , jmandala@wi.rr.com, Jerry Perona gperona@wi.rr.com, and Mark Schneider schne235@uwm.edu

2) On the Roma Lodge web page, <http://www.romalodge.org>

3) By email from Jerry Perona, gperona@wi.rr.com

Please specify the scholarship application form(s) you require.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SOURCES



Order Sons of Italy Filippo Mazzei Lodge #2763 - Provides two \$1,500 scholarships each year in honor of Michael and Chris Manno. Candidates are selected from college-bound high school seniors who are of Italian descent and who come from the greater Milwaukee area (counties: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha).

Address: Scholarship Director of OSIA, Filippo Mazzei Lodge #2763, PO Box 510500, Milwaukee, WI 53202

Contact Person: Jane Machi jmachi@mcw.edu

Application Materials: **OSIA Cover Letter to Schools** (pdf) <http://www.wisitalia.org/pdfs/OSIAcover2009> pdf and **OSIA 2009 Scholarship Application Form** (Word) <http://www.wisitalia.org/pdfs/OSIAScholarshipApp2009.doc>

Application Deadline: March 31, 2009



Milwaukee Ladies of UNICO - Provides scholarships to college-bound female high school seniors of Italian descent who come from the following counties in the greater Milwaukee area: Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha. This year, 2009, the organization will provide six \$1,000 scholarships. Applications are available in the guidance department of the high schools in Milwaukee County and in the cities of Kenosha, Racine and Waukesha. For students from the remaining counties, contact the UNICO Scholarship Chairperson for application materials.

Address: Scholarship Chairperson, 9831 W. Keefe Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53222

Contact Person: Prudence Camuy, rcamuy@wi.rr.com

Application Materials: Contact your guidance counselor or Prudence Camuy

Application Deadline: April 2, 2009



For information on this and other scholarships for Italian - American students visit the WisItalia web site Student Scholarship section at <http://www.wisitalia.org/pages/scholarships.html>.



Italian Language Lessons at Roma Lodge

An Italian language class will be offered at Roma Lodge. The class will be offered at Roma Lodge beginning Saturday, March 21, 2009 and consists of 5 weekly sessions of two hours each. Ralph Annina, Italian language teacher at Bradford High School in Kenosha, will be the instructor. The cost of the sessions is \$150.00, which includes all learning materials. If you are interested, contact Don Cicero at cheech@wi.net or Ralph Annina at rannina@wi.rr.com.

CARES Committee announces first Donations of 2009

The CARES Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, has selected its first two recipients of Roma Lodge donations for 2009. In support of youth sports, donations were made to Racine Erickson's U10 Baseball Club in return for an ad in the clubs team program books, and to Raymond Youth Baseball and Softball to support improvements in the team's ballpark.



ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE

CARING ABOUT the RACINE area's EDUCATION & SOCIAL SERVICES

In a report to the Membership, John Anzalone highlighted the list of organizations and functions supported during 2008 through donations by Roma Lodge through its CARES Committee:

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| Safe Haven of Racine | Serra Club of Racine |
| Genesis House of South Eastern Wisconsin | Marquette University |
| First Step Services of Kenosha | Women's Resource Center - Racine |
| Racine Literacy Council Empty Bowl Program | HALO (Homeless Assistance) - Racine |
| Mike Bencriscutto Junior Masters Golf Tournament | Ronald McDonald House of Eastern Wisconsin |
| Cystic Fibrosis Foundation - Joshua Lichtenwalner Memorial | Racine County Foster Care Program - Foster |
| Wisconsin Special Olympics - Southeast | Family Christmas Party |
| Ophelia Project of Southeastern Wisconsin | University of Wisconsin Parkside - Foundation |

Roma Lodge Cares about Its Community

Through the Roma Lodge Cares Committee, over \$5000 was donated in 2008 to various organizations and agencies in the Racine and Kenosha area. The Committee is again reviewing and recommending donations for 2009, based on its **MISSION STATEMENT**: To consider, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding requests made to Roma Lodge for contributions to support Charitable, Literary, Cultural, Educational, and Fraternal purposes. Final decisions as to the recommendations of the committee shall be made by the Board of Directors of Roma Lodge.

Criteria considered by the committee include the following:

- **Non-Profit Organizations**
In order to satisfy requirements imposed on Roma Lodge as a non-profit organization, it is required that entities requesting contributions be recognized as a non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service.
- **Preferred Non-United Way Supported**
Roma Lodge believes its membership is already supportive of the local United Way for the communities in which they reside, and because the United Way is a source of funding that has already considered the merits of the organizations which it funds and made a determination of the importance of funding those organizations, Roma Lodge prefers not to make additional contributions on the behalf of organizations that are United Way funded.
- **Preferred Southeastern Wisconsin Area**
In determining preference for contributions, Roma Lodge prefers that the requesting organization have significant impact on the community which includes the Southeastern Wisconsin area where its members primarily reside.
- **Preferred Non-Religious Organizations**
Because Roma Lodge respects the rights of its members to practice a faith of their choice without a preference for any one set of beliefs, the Lodge prefers not to make significant contributions for the benefit of any particular religious organizations.
- **Non-Political Organizations**
Because Roma Lodge has a deep respect for the political opinions of its members and respects the individual rights of its members to hold those opinions, Roma Lodge does not make donations to organizations having political goals or campaigning as their primary purpose.
- **Preferred Organizations in which members of Roma Lodge are actively engaged**
To qualify as a preferred organization, requestors must prove that they have the attitude, past behavior and good decision making processes to provide assurances that our donations will have a positive impact within our community.

Approved by the Roma Lodge Board of Directors, January 2007

Wheaton Franciscan - All Saints Honors Roma Lodge

Roma Lodge has been recognized by Wheaton Franciscan - All Saints Hospital for its financial contributions to the hospital over the years. The Lodge is now recognized as a "Circle of Excellence" donor, and the name of Roma Lodge is prominently displayed on the wall in the north main hospital reception All Saints Healthcare Friends of the Foundation area. The Lodge is one of only six donors in this category, which also includes such donors as the Johnson Family Foundation, the All Saints Medical Executive Committee, and the J. Vernon & Elmyra K. Stienli Foundation. To be eligible for this recognition, a donor must have contributed between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

NOTABLE ITALIANS BORN IN MARCH



Canonica	Battisti	Guicciardini	Da Ponte	Tasso	Salerno	Bregola	Gigli	Battiato	Grimaldi
March 1, 1869	March 5, 1943	March 6, 1483	March 10, 1749	March 11, 1544	March 18, 1917	March 15, 1968	March 20, 1890	March 23, 1945	March 28, 1925
Pietro Canonica, sculptor, painter, opera composer, professor of art, born in Moncalieri	Lucio Battisti, singer-songwriter, between 1969 and 1994, released some 22 albums, born in Rieti	Francesco Guicciardini, historian, statesman, and consider the father of Modern History, born in Florence	Lorenzo Da Ponte, librettist for three Mozart operas and poet, born in Vittorio Veneto	Torquato Tasso, poet, best know for La Gerusalemme liberate (Jerusalem Delivered), born in Sorrento	Riccardo Bregola, one of the finest Italian violinists of the 20th Century, born in Rome	Sabrina Salerno, singer, record producer, actress and 2005 Critics Choice Award winner, born in Genoa	Beniamino Gigli, singer and consider one of the great operatic tenors of his time, born in Recanati	Franco Battiato, singer-songwriter, composer, filmmaker, and painter, born in Catania, Sicily	Alberto Grimaldi, movie producer for <i>Last Tango in Paris</i> , and <i>Gangs of New York</i> , born in Naples

ITALIAN AMERICANS BORN IN MARCH



Orrico	Franzoni	Costello	Dolenz	Furillo	Fiorentino	Badalamenti	Ferlinghetti	Cappelletti	Imperioli
March 3, 1986	March 4, 1947	March 6, 1906	March 8, 1945	March 8, 1922	March 9, 1958	March 22, 1937	March 24, 1919	March 26, 1934	March 26, 1966
Stacie Joy Orrico, Grammy nominated and Dove Award winning singer, songwriter and actress	David Harold Franzoni, screenwriter of such films as <i>King Arthur</i> , <i>Gladiator</i> , and <i>Amistad</i>	Lou Costello, actor and comedian	George Michael (Mickey) Dolenz, Jr, actor, musician, and former member of the group, <i>The Monkees</i>	Carl Anthony Furillo, right fielder with the Brooklyn, then Los Angeles Dodgers	Linda Fiorentino, actress in such moves <i>as Dogma</i> , <i>Vision Quest</i> , and <i>Men in Black</i>	Angelo Badalamenti, Golden Globe and Emmy Award nominated soundtrack composer	Lawrence Ferlinghetti, poet and painter and co-founder of <i>City of Lights Booksellers and Publishers</i>	Gino Cappelletti, former college and professional Boston Patriots football player and 1964 AFL - MVP	James Michael Imperioli, Emmy and Golden Globe winning actor



Callback HELP Needed At Bingo

A person to do Bingo call back of numbers is needed. Contact Jim Faraone at 657-1244. Len Juliano is the Bingo Captain for March. Telephone him at 886-5579 to volunteer for a Thursday night session.

Funeral Service Calling Tree Service Schedule March 2009 - April 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. The Calling Tree schedule is as follows:

March 2009	Ruffalo, William - Stolfi, Thomas	April 2009	Stowers, Gary - Zupfer, Charles
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Italians Ready to Celebrate "Italian" St Patrick's Day!!



Apparently few Italians and No Irish are aware of **St. Patrick being of Italian (Roman) Heritage**

The Irish may be unaware that St Patrick was born Maewyn Succat in Scotland, son of Calphurnius and Conchessa Succat, Maewyn's father was a ROMAN Citizen, and Highly placed Roman Administrator, when Britain was part of the Roman Empire. Maewyn was kidnapped and taken to Ireland where he was a slave shepherd. After 6 years of thought and prayer he escaped, and briefly returned to his family, and then went to study for the ministry at Tours, in southern France, where his mother was well connected. He also studied at Lerins in Savoy, He was then promoted to the priesthood, and between time in Turin and Rome, he did missionary work in Britain, but felt his mission was in Ireland.

Pope Celestine I on the recommendation of St. Germain, Patrick's patron, that Patrick was given his wish of the Mission to convert Ireland, after the failure of Palladius.

Patrick never chased any snakes out of Ireland, because there were none there to start with. It was used as a metaphor for paganism.

The Irish and Italian Flags are very similar. Both are Tricolore. "Italians Ready to Celebrate 'Italian' St. Patrick's Day." Annotica Report: A commentary on current news of interest of those of Italian descent.. March 12, 2008. 30 Jan 2009 <<http://www.annoticoreport.com/2008/03/italians-ready-to-celebrate-italian-st.html>>.



Zuddy's St. Patrick's Day March Special

The featured special in Member's Dining Room, on Saturday night, March 14, 2009 will be that old Italian favorite - Corned beef and Cabbage. Telephone 886-8850 for reservations.

March 19 - Feast of St Joseph - The Tradition of St. Joseph's Table

While the Irish are celebrating St. Patrick's Day, many Italians and Italian Americans celebrate St. Joseph's Day.

Sicily's most important saint is Giuseppe (Joseph), Father of Jesus, whose day is celebrated on March 19. Many activities are scheduled, including the very unique one called the St. Joseph's Table. This ancient tradition goes back to the Middle Ages. At that time there was an exceptionally severe drought in Sicily. No rain fell for an extended period of time, no crops would grow, and countless people died of famine. The peasants prayed to God for rain, and they also prayed to St. Joseph to intercede with God on their behalf. They promised that if God caused it to rain, they would have a special feast honoring God and St. Joseph.



St. Joseph



By a miracle, the rains came and the crops were planted. With the harvest, the people prepared a feast of foods from their crops. This has become known as the Tavola di San Giuseppe. Through the centuries, people who have prayed for a favor and been granted the favor use this festivity to show their thanks. The "favor" requested must not be for personal gain or benefit.



St Joseph's Day Tables

Source: "The Saint Joseph's Table." In Italy Online 1993-2009. Words and Pictures 4 Feb 2009 <<http://www.initaly.com/regions/sicily/joetabl.htm>>

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA



St. Joseph's Day Luncheon - Tuesday, March 17, 2009 - Milwaukee

Italian Community Center, 613 E. Chicago Street

Reservations are being accepted to the 17th Annual St. Joseph's Day Luncheon which begins at 12 noon. The traditionally meatless meal will include pasta can sarde e finocchio, eggplant, artichokes, tossed salad, bread and lemon ice dessert. At the conclusion of the luncheon, attendees will be given token home gifts of an apple, an orange and a small round loaf of blessed bread. Tickets are \$15.00 each payable by check to St. Joseph's Luncheon and mailed to: Italian Community Center, Att'n: Mary Hoffman, 631 E. Chicago, Milwaukee, WI 53202-5916. Deadline for ordering tickets is Tuesday, March 10, 2009. For more, information telephone 414-223-2180.



Celebrazione Italiana - Sunday, April 19, 2009 - Kenosha

University of Wisconsin - Parkside, Main Place

The fifth annual Celebrazione will present the 2009 Lifetime Recognition Award to Michael Falbo. Falbo is a member of the University Of Wisconsin Board Of Regents as well as the chairman of Associated Community Development, LLC. He earned his bachelor's of science degree from UW-Parkside. For the first time, an Excellence in Leadership Award will be presented. The 2009 recipient is John Antaramian, former mayor of Kenosha, honored for his work in fostering the Kenosha-Cosenza sister city partnership and the UW-Parkside / University of Calabria student exchange programs.

For more details and ticket information contact Dr. Carmel Ruffolo at 262-595-2174 or by email to carmel.ruffolo@uap.edu.

Roma Lodge's PARTY PLATTERS TO GO



Shrimp Patter with Cocktail Sauce

50 pieces serves up to 10 people - 100 pieces serves up to 20 people



Antipasto Platter

Prosciutto, capicola, Supersata, Genoa salami, and Asiago cheese
Small tray serves 25 people - large tray serves 50



Assorted Canapés

Savory filled puffs, developed eggs, salami coronets - 100 piece or 50 piece trays



Cheese Platter - Cubes cheddar, Swiss, Pepper Jack

Small serves 20 people - large serves 35 people



Fresh Vegetables with Dill Dip

Small tray for 20 people - large for 35 people



Deli Platter - sliced assorted meats and cheese - Serves up to 24 people



Fresh Fruit Tray

Small for 20 people - large for 35 people



Deviled eggs

Serves up to 50 people



Sourdough Bread & Spinach Dip

Sour dough bread bowl, dip, and Italian bread cubes



Tomato Bruschetta - 50 piece platter



Italian Marinated Tomato & Fresh Mozzarella Skewers - 25 or 50 pieces

Credit or Debit Cards are required to place an order - Orders must be placed 24 hours in advance. For more information and a complete menu, telephone the RIWA Office at 886-3310 or visit the Roma Lodge / RIWA Web Page at <http://www.romalodge.org/christmastogo.html>



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

Deadline for information for April Newsletter is Friday, March 20, 2009. Comments and suggestions are welcome at gperona@wi.rr.com.

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COMING EVENTS

April 1, 2009	Winter Men's Bocce Ends
April 3, 2009	Membership Meeting
April 6, 2009	Men's Spring Bocce Tournament Begins
April 9, 2009	Senior Luncheon
April 12, 2009	Easter Sunday
April 19, 2009	Celebrazione Italiana (U.W. - Parkside)
April 28, 2009	Bocce Championship
April 28, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting
TBA	Men's Golf League Begins