

ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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March 2010 Issue

ELECTION ISSUE

February 12, 2010

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March has arrived and so has the Kids Bocce League. I heard from some of the kid's parents that they are really looking forward to playing. The Super Bowl Party we have at Roma Lodge should win some kind of trophy for the best Super Bowl Party in town. The Valentine's Day Dinner in the Members Dining Room was GREAT! Don't forget the first annual Round Robin March Madness Bocce Tournament Saturday, March 6, 2010. Also, don't forget that March 17, 2010 RIWA is having a St. Patrick's Day party. This is for our Irish brothers who belong to Rome Lodge. (It will be open to the public) We heard RIWA Taste of Roma will be on March 21, 2010. I know for a fact last years Taste of Roma was really good. Our first Party on the Patio this year is coming up in May. I can't wait to see what the new TVs look like. 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, March 2, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm
Friday, March 5, 2010	Membership Meeting - Elections - 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 6, 2010	March Madness Bocce Tournament - 9:00 am
Thursday, March 11, 2010	Senior Luncheon - 12 noon
Sunday, March 14, 2010	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 14, 2010	Installation Dinner - 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 17, 2010	Winter Bocce Leagues End
Wednesday, March 17, 2010	Italian Language Study Group - 7:00 pm Board Room
Wednesday, March 17, 2010	RIWA St Patrick's Day Party (Open to the Public)
Saturday, March 20, 2010	First Day of Spring
Sunday, March 21, 2010	Children's Bocce League Final and Party
Sunday, March 21, 2010	RIWA Taste of Roma - 5:00 pm
Monday, March 22, 2010	Men's Winter Bocce League Tournament Begins
Friday, March 26, 2010	Roma Lodge Scholarships Application Deadline
Tuesday, March 30, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting - 6:30 pm



Welcome! Welcome New Members - Voted into membership at the February meeting

Greg DaPra, age 50 was born in Wakefield, Minnesota and now resides in Racine, where he is employed at Modine. Greg and his wife Monica have three sons and one daughter. Both of his parents are of Italian descent. His proponent is Pat Diem.
Harry (Ted) Perroni, age 57 resides in Pleasant Prairie. He is employed as a journeyman car man by the Canadian Pacific Railroad. He and his wife Kenda have two sons. Both of Ted's parents are of Italian descent. His proponent is Paul Ferraro, Jr.

John D. Tylo, age 56 is a Racine native. He is currently employed by Bendable Metal and he and his wife Janet Nicotera Tylo have five children. His proponent is his father-in-law, Ralph Nicotera, Jr.



Applications for Membership Eligible for a vote at the March 5 Membership Meeting

Keith Bouterse, age 65 - Kenosha Proponent: Sam Pillizzi
David Vento, age 49 - Oak Creek Proponent: Lenny Carini



Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership

Benny Ruffolo - Proponent: Frank Caruso



Condolences are extended to the family of Tony Clemente, a long time, active Roma Lodge brother who died in February.



Roma Lodge Election of Directors

The 2010 Election for Board of Directors will be held Friday, March 5, 2010. 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 4, 2010 and have paid your membership dues prior to February 1, 2010.

Absentee ballots can be requested from John Anzalone (262)637-2520 or email john.anzalone@att.net. It is the member's responsibility to request and return the absentee ballot in time to be counted on March 5. 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 2010

Note: Order of names was determined by random drawing

ROMA LODGE BALLOT	
DIRECTORS	SAMPLE
(Mark X for no more than FOUR)	
_____	Frank Bisotti, Jr
_____	Jack LeRose
_____	Jeffrey DeMatthew
_____	William D. Pucci, Jr
_____	John Pisanello
_____	Darryl Sturino
_____	Jason Evitts
_____	Robert Di Pasquale

Statements of Candidacy

All candidates for Roma Lodge Director positions 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:

Frank Bisotti, Jr.

I am very happy and excited to once again run for the Board of Roma Lodge. My international travel schedule has tapered off, allowing me to devote the time and dedication needed to serve on the Board. I have been a proud member of Roma Lodge for 31 years, previously serving on the Board for four years. I have been involved in the Festival for a number of years as a booth volunteer and captain and the Director of Beer/Soda. I am extremely proud of my Italian heritage and would be honored to have the opportunity to serve the membership of our club. Thank you for your consideration.

Jack LeRose

I have been a member of Roma Lodge since 1994 and have served the Lodge in many ways. I was Treasurer for over 7 years serving under Pete Ciaramita, Joe Porcaro two terms, Ralph Nicotera III and Don Cicero. I was the instrumental in getting the Lodge to prepare monthly financials; prior we only had annual reports. I have always been a proponent of full disclosure and promise to work closely with Pat Diem our present treasurer to continue to disclose our financial condition to the members. I feel my 7 years of Board experience and my 24 years as a Certified Public Accountant brings valuable skills to the Board as we all know 'times are tough' and the Lodge faces many business issues going forward. I believe as well our President Buddy Alfano that " what's good for the members is good for the Lodge" We have the greatest club in the state and we need to work together to insure it's future. I have never lost an election at Roma Lodge and welcome your support in winning another election to represent the great members of this great Lodge.

Jeffrey DeMatthew

I have been actively involved in, and concerned with, the welfare and business of Roma Lodge since I became a member in 1995. Until this past year, I served as your Parliamentarian for 12 years. I am honored to have represented you and proud of my work and accomplishments during that tenure. I am an attorney and a business owner by profession. I believe the fact that I am an attorney and a businessman, and the experience and knowledge I acquired during the many years I served as a member of the Board of Directors, makes me the most qualified candidate in this election. This past year, I have not been able to contribute my thoughts and ideas as timely and effectively as I could have, if I had been a member of the Board. I believe that each of you, and more importantly that the organization that is our Lodge, will be better served by the Board of Directors, if I am elected to be a member of that Board than it will be if I am not. I also believe that if you search your heart, you will believe so too. I ask you to vote for me, so that I can once again put my knowledge and experience to work for Roma Lodge. Thank you.

William D. Pucci, Jr.

I joined the Lodge in 2001 and was first elected to the Board of Directors in 2006. While on the Board, I have served as chairman of the Social Committee, responsible for planning the many Lodge events, from the Member's Christmas Party to the Roma Lodge Picnic. I have also volunteered for countless other events at the Roma Lodge including every year at the Festival plus the 15 years prior to becoming an actual member. I also serve on the Racine Sister City committee trying to secure an Italian Sister City for Racine and I am involved in discussions about trying to get the Italian language taught here in Racine schools. I and my wife Gale have one daughter and one son. I am a barber with my father, Bill Sr. who was my proponent for membership. I have always been proud of his Italian heritage, prior to my marriage I spent 6 months in Italy learning both the language and the culture. Some of my earliest memories as a child were times at the old Lodge. I agreed to serve on the Board because I feel I can continue to help advance the progress and growth of the Lodge while honoring the Lodge's past and the contributions of its members.

"I have enjoyed my time of service on your board and truly appreciate what both the fraternity and the facility have meant to me over these years. I wish to continue to be your voice on your board and to help insure our future during these times. I'd like to thank you for your vote"

John Pisanello

I am currently the Director of Operations at the Trane Company in Lacrosse WI and in the process of moving back to Racine full time. I have been a member of Roma Lodge for the past 10 years and was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2007. I have been a past Co-Chairperson for the Festival and continue to help wherever I can. I have also assisted with the many benefits held by Roma Lodge for its members and family. I am extremely proud of our facility and our commitment to the community and would like the opportunity to support our club and contribute to its continued success.

Darryl Sturino

To the members of Roma Lodge:

I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the elected position to the Roma Lodge Board of Directors.

I am the proud owner and operator of the Sturino Funeral Home in Racine, the only Italian owned funeral home in Racine and Kenosha Counties. I have been a licensed funeral director for over twenty years and am married with three sons.

I have been a long time active member of Roma Lodge, and am very interested in working with fellow members to enhance and benefit the future of the Lodge. I am interested in this position and feel I would be a valued asset to the board due to my business experience, ties to the community and the ability to make decisions, which are in the best interest of Roma Lodge.

I hope that my contributions as a board member will strengthen Roma Lodge's mission to enhance the tradition and belief of our Italian ancestors by working within the organization and community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jason Evitts

My name is Jason Evitts and I am asking for your support in running for a Director position at Roma Lodge. Being a part of Roma Lodge is one of my fondest memories. I still remember walking the gravel bocce courts on Memorial Drive and having my Dad, Randall Evitts, and my Uncle, Past President Frank Bisotti Sr., always impress upon me how important Roma Lodge is to our Italian heritage and how much work it took to make our Lodge what it is today. That is why as soon as I was old enough I started working at the Roma Lodge festivals. Working at the Festival became an even better tradition when I was asked to be one of the bar captains in 2003. This summer will mark the eighth straight year that I am the last person to tap a beer at the Festival. I became a member of Roma Lodge in 1997 as soon as I was old enough. Since that time I have donated my time in many different ways. Besides being a captain at the festival, I am Bingo captain for the month of April, have worked at the annual Bocce Tournament, several Super Bowl parties, and had the pleasure to co-chair this year's Members Christmas Party. This is in addition to the time I spend playing bocce and socializing with my fellow brothers. If elected, I would be the youngest Board member, which I feel gives me the opportunity to reach out to our younger members to become more involved and give them a taste and appreciation for what our Italian heritage has given us. I was taught a long time ago that Roma Lodge exists for and because of its members. My job being on the Board would be to make sure that your voice is heard and that we take the appropriate steps together to ensure that Roma Lodge is here to tell its story to the next generation. In closing someone asked me the other day why I wanted to run for the Board. My answer was that for as long as I can remember I have watched my Uncle and other great men donate not only their time and energy, but their lives to make Roma Lodge what it is today. I have always looked forward to the day that I could become a part of that great tradition.

Robert Di Pasquale

My name is Robert Di Pasquale. I was born and raised in Racine. I'm retired from J. I. Case Co. I've been married to Lorraine for 43 years.

I'm committed to family, and Roma. I've been on the Board of Mallard Shores Lake association for a number of years. The committee deals with fish license, lake treatment, etc. I feel I could be helpful to Roma by having the Lodge's best interest.



Men's Golf League Information Meeting Scheduled

Monday, April 12, 2010 is the date for the Men's Golf League informational meeting. The meeting will begin at 5:00 pm in the Members Dining Room. Golf dates, costs and fees, and other topics will be discussed. Those interested in playing this summer's League should plan to attend. For more information, contact Joe Mandala. 681-0492 or email jmandala@wi.rr.com.



Reminder - Deadline for Scholarship Applications is March 26, 2010

Completed applications for the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship, Darryl and Jeana Sturino Lifelong Learning Scholarship, and the Mary Jane and Tony Clementi Scholarship are due Friday March 26. The completed applications should be returned to Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee, Attn: Jerry Perona, 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, Dan Cupertino ncupe@yahoo.com, Jordan Gardina gardina@joimail.com, Jerry Perona gperona@wi.rr.com, and Mark Schneider schne235@uwm.edu
- 2) On the Roma Lodge web page, <http://members.romalodge.com/scholarships.html>
- 3) By email from Jerry Perona, gperona@wi.rr.com. **Please specify the scholarship application form(s) you require.**



Probationary Members to Be Initiated March 14, 2010

Congratulations to these members whose probationary membership period was January 2007 – December 2009 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:

Clarence Bianco	Chuck Domanico	Chris Hansen	Richard Mura
Joseph Caminiti	William Greer	Brian Hart	Gerald Nosotti
Leonard Carini	Edward Habel	David Hotchkiss	Benny Ruffolo
Richard Chiapete	William Hasley	Patrick Johnson	Mark Schneider



INSTALLATION DINNER
CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS
FOR ROMA LODGE AND VITTORIA COLONNA LODGE
AND
THE INITIATION OF NEW ROMA LODGE MEMBERS
SUNDAY, MARCH 14 2010
5:00 P.M. COCKTAILS (CASH BAR); 6:00 P.M. DINNER
TICKETS ARE \$10.00 PER PERSON (MEMBERS ONLY FUNCTION)
AVAILABLE FROM
Zuddy DeRose 681-3576, Art Rozzoni 637-6312, or Buddy Alfano 639-4733



The Roma Lodge 85th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 28 is going to be a spectacular event that you won't want to miss: Italian food and entertainment, fireworks, and much more! Invitations will be going out soon. Watch for more details in upcoming issues of the Newsletter. For more information on this event, contact Dave Chiapete at davidchiapete@hotmail.com or by phone at 939-5914.

Dan DeMatthew

Benefit Pasta Dinner & Bingo Session

A heartfelt thank you is extended to Pat Diem and Doug Goebel along with all the Roma Lodge members who worked so hard to make the DeMatthew benefit such a huge success. Thank you also to the many other community organizations who provided volunteers, raffle prizes, auction items and cash donations. And most of all, our sincerest appreciation goes to the hundreds of people who attended the event. The benefit event may be over, but Dan and his family will continue to be in our thoughts as he progresses to a full recovery.

The Roma Lodge Board of Directors

Dear Roma Lodge Board:

I would like to thank you for sponsoring the benefit in my honor on Sunday, January 24 at Roma Lodge. The event was totally amazing and could not have been as successful without your backing. The hard work and time by my fellow Lodge members was unbelievable. Everything from the initial planning, the setup, cooking, serving, cleanup, and the wrapping up of the event was wonderful.

Those who attended the event were in awe of Roma's beautiful facility, the food and how well the event was run. I hope the success of my benefit will lead to future events being held at Roma Lodge. Please extend my appreciation to all the members for their support. A special thank you to all the members who were able to volunteer or attend the benefit.

Sincerely - Dan DeMatthew

ROMA LODGE - A HELPING TRADITION

Along with providing aid to other groups and organizations, Roma Lodge has a long tradition of assisting its members who are in need, either through donations by the CARES Committee or through holding special benefit fund raisers. To guide the Lodge in its decision to sponsor such benefits, criteria were adopted and approved by the Board and Membership

Special fundraisers may be held to help needy members. A request for a fundraiser shall be made through a member of the Board of Directors. Costs of the fundraiser are to be recouped by the Lodge. Roma Lodge Members Rules 1.15 adopted March 12, 1991)

The following policy is intended to provide a consistent set of criteria and procedure for Lodge sponsored fund-raisers for regular Roma Lodge members who are in good standing, to assist them or their immediate family members in the event of severe financial hardship.

- 1) The member or another member on his behalf must submit a request to a member of the Board of Directors requesting a fund raiser and the reasons the event should be sponsored by the Lodge.
- 2) In the event that the Board approves the fundraiser, the President of the Lodge shall appoint a member of the Board to be chairman of the event and a committee will also be chosen to work with the chairman
- 3) The event shall be a spaghetti dinner, open to the public
- 4) The cost of the event shall be estimated and determined by the committee so that there is no money needed from the general treasury of the Lodge
- 5) Date of the event will be determined based on the availability of the facility
- 6) The members of Roma Lodge and their families will be expected to provide the majority of the labor for the event
- 7) The Lodge will use its best efforts to obtain consumable product and other items necessary through donations made by regular suppliers and members of the Lodge
- 8) Any deviation from the policy must be approved by the Board of Directors of Roma Lodge
(Roma Lodge Member Rules 1.16 adopted October 25, 2005)



ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE

Roma Lodge Cares about Its Community

Through the Roma Lodge CARES Committee donations to 13 area organizations and agencies were made in 2009. The Committee is again reviewing and recommending donations for 2010, 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



ROMA LODGE

FIRST ANNUAL ROUND ROBIN - MARCH MADNESS BOCCE TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

Men, Women, and Mixed Teams from Wisconsin and Illinois

First Prize - \$800; Second Prize - \$400; Third Prize - \$200

Doors Open at 8:00 am - Tournament Play begins at 9:00 am

For Information Contact Dave Chiapete, 262-939-5914 or Email davidchiapete@hotmail.com



CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!!



@ ROMA LODGE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

PUB IS OPEN from 6:00pm - 12:00am

ONE PINT OF FREE GREEN BEER PER TICKET PURCHASED

SIT-DOWN DINNER @ 6:30PM

Includes: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Rye Bread, Horseradish Sauce, Coffee

Dessert - Mint Chocolate Chip Ice Cream

ENTERTAINMENT IS PROVIDED BY:

"THE GREEN SIDE UP" IRISH BAND

&

THE CASHEL DENNEHY IRISH DANCERS of MILWAUKEE, WI

MEDITERRANEAN IRISH ARE ESPECIALLY WELCOME

TICKET PRICE - \$10.95/PERSON + tax

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ROMA LODGE OFFICE - OR YOU MAY PURCHASE THEM BY PHONE

Please contact Colleen or Linda - (262)-886-3610

NO ASSIGNED SEATING



Senior Luncheon

will be held Thursday, March 11 at 12 noon. Please make a special effort to call Russ Missureli at 633-6582 by Monday March 8 if you are planning to attend. Cost is \$6.00 per person.



Bingo Captain for March 2010

Mark your calendars, and plan to volunteer for a future Thursday night Bingo session. Rick Heck is the Captain for March. Contact him at 681-1279.



Zuddy's Special



Saturday night, March 20, the Members Dining Room will feature Corned Beef and Cabbage. Regular menu items will also be available. Please telephone 886-8850 for reservations.

TASTE OF ROMA

PRESENTED BY THE RACINE ITALIAN WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The Roma Lodge Members and the General Public are invited to Roma Lodge on

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2010 - Vittoria Hall

To Sample just some of the Many Delicious Menu Items for Parties, Banquets, Receptions, Luncheons, and Business Meetings at Roma Lodge

Racine's Most Prestigious Banquet Facility

Tickets are \$5.00 each, which is redeemable for \$5.00 worth of food tickets upon arrival

Additional food tickets can be purchased at \$.50 each.

Cash Bar - 5:00 pm Food Tasting - 6:00 pm



Sick and Shut-ins

For the period Jan - Dec 2009, the Sick and Shut-ins Committee sent 25 get well cards, 20 plants, and 7 funeral flower arrangements to members or families of Roma Lodge members. If you know of a Roma Lodge brother who died or is hospitalized or ill at home, contact Noah Guida, 705-8976, noahroma@yahoo.com or Jim Faraone, 657-1244, jfaraone@wi.rr.com.



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 Frank Caruso, Joe Cicero, Kurt Fallenbeck, Dave Chiapete, Jason Evitts 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!

Funeral Service Calling Tree Service Schedule March - April 2010

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 **March** is for those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between:

March 2010 Sarto, Pat - Tenuta, Anthony

April 2010

Tenuta, Carmelo - Zupfer, Charles

News From Our Members



Armando Covelli was recently featured in a Kenosha News series entitled "I Love My Ride". The series includes stories about any type of vehicle and the Kenosha County owners who are crazy about them. Armando's crazy about his 1960 Cadillac DeVille Series 6200 sedan, which he purchased while living in Aurora, Illinois second hand for \$2,800. The car, now with over 91,500 miles on it, has survived four children, eight grandchildren and nearly 50 years of use, but it's still a member of the Covelli household.

ITALIAN AMERICANS BORN IN MARCH



- Caray March 1, 1914 Harry Caray (Harry Carabina), radio and TV major league baseball announcer for the Chicago Cubs
- Mancini March 4, 1961 Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini (Mancino), world lightweight boxing champion in the 1980's
- Prentiss March 4, 1938 Paula Prentiss (Paula Ragusa), movie actress in such films as *Where the Boys Are* and *Stepford Wives*
- La Cava March 10, 1892 Gregory La Cava, 1930's film director for such films as *My Man Godfrey* and *Stage Door*
- Pagliarulo March 15, 1960 Mark Pagliarulo, third baseman for the New York Yankees during the 1980 - mid 1990s
- Tristano March 19, 1919 Leonard Joseph Tristano, jazz pianist and composer
- Conte March 24, 1910 Richard Conte, American film actor who appeared in *I'll Cry Tomorrow* and *The Godfather*
- Sciorra March 24, 1964 Annabella Sciorra, film, stage, and television actress
- Corso March 26, 1930 Gregory Nunzio Corso, American poet and youngest of the inner circle of Beat Generation writers
- Tarantino March 27, 1963 Quentin Jerome Tarantino, film director, actor, and Oscar winning screen writer

OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA



Marino Marini, Masterpieces by Tuscan Artist - March 4 - May 7, 2010 - Chicago

Italian Cultural Institute, 500 N. Michigan Avenue

The exhibit dedicated to the work of Marino Marini will feature "Venus" in bronze sculpture, the magnificently modeled "Knight", plus additional masterpieces and sketches, etchings, silkscreen prints, and lithographs. There is no charge. More information is available on the web at

http://www.iicchicago.esteri.it/IIC_Chicago/webform/SchedaEvento.aspx?id=333&citta=Chicago or telephone 312-822-9545.



St Joseph's Day Table Luncheon - Friday, March 19, 2010 - Milwaukee

Italian Community Center, 631 E Chicago St

This year's celebration in honor of St Joseph will feature the traditional St Joseph's Day Table and a meatless meal that includes pasta con sarde e finocchio, eggplant, artichokes, tossed salad, and a special dessert. Each guest will receive a blest bag containing oranges, apples, and bread to take home. The event begins at 12 noon. The cost is \$15 per person and reservations must be received by Tuesday, March 16. Checks are to be made payable to St. Joseph's Day Luncheon and mailed to the ICC, 631 E Chicago St, Milwaukee, 53202, Att'n: St Joseph's Day Luncheon.



Contemporary Italian Cinema - A Mini-course - Wednesday beginning March 24, 2010 - Kenosha

University of Wisconsin - Parkside

This six session course, scheduled for 7:00 - 9:00 pm, will explore Italian culture and contemporary life through film by viewing and discussing such film masterpieces as *La Vita e Bella*, *Cinema Paradiso*, and *Pane e Tulipani*. Materials will be furnished by the instructor, Ralph Annina. Course fee is \$25, with a limit of 25 participants. Registration and more information are available on the web at <http://www.uwp.edu> Keyword: *Tickets* or by phone at 262-595-2202.

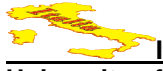


Raphael: The Woman with the Veil - March 26 - June 6, 2010 - Milwaukee

Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N Art Museum Drive

On loan from the Pitti Palace in Florence, *Woman with the Veil* (La Donna Velata) is considered an invaluable treasure among the paintings in the collection. The portrait, which Raphael painted in about 1516, had a profound influence on artists both of his day and since; not only is it beautifully painted, but a myth of intrigue envelops the work—it is rumored that the sitter was the artist's mistress. At one point, the portrait was considered the most famous painting in the world.

Museum hours are Tuesday - Sunday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Thursday until 8:00 pm. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students. Telephone 414-224-3200 or visit the web site at <http://www.mam.org/exhibitions/details/raphael.php>.



Italian I - a Mini-course - Thursdays beginning April 1, 2010 - Kenosha

University of Wisconsin - Parkside

Familiarizes students with the structure of the Italian language and gives one the ability to be comfortable with native Italian speakers. It will provide a helpful experience for those planning to travel to Italy. Instructor for the six session course is Ralph Annina and is scheduled for 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Fee is \$95 and limited to 20 participants. Registration and more information are available on the web at <http://www.uwp.edu> Keyword: *Tickets* or by phone at 262-595-2202.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Roma Lodge Funeral Service

Families wishing to have a Roma Lodge Service at the visitation need to call either Tony Clementi @ 632-4594, Jim Angelici @ 694-7172, or Russ Missureli @ 633-6582, and request the service. This must be done in a timely manner, so it gives the Calling Tree ample time. The family should also include the time of the Roma Lodge Visitation Service in the newspaper obituary section.



Rent Roma Lodge and Receive a Discount!!!

Members of Roma Lodge are eligible to receive a discount on functions they have with RIWA. The amount of the discount shall be 1% for each year of membership in the Lodge with a maximum discount of 10%. The discount may be used once each calendar year. The event must be for a primary reason associated with a member, his spouse or his children (weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, retirement, graduations, and baptisms). (Adopted March 2000 - *Roma Lodge Rules*). To reserve your event or for more information, telephone Roma Lodge/RIWA 886-3610 or on the web at <http://www.romalodge.com>.



Roma Lodge Reservations

For **Members Dining Room** reservations, the **telephone number 886-8850**. When making reservations for the Members 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 Members Dining Room is always closed on Membership 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 19, 2010. Comments and suggestions and articles of interest to our members are welcome at gperona@wi.rr.com.

Jerry Perona,
Jerry Perona, Secretary

Advertising Available in the Roma Lodge Newsletter

You can now purchase ads that will appear in the monthly Roma Lodge Newsletter and in color on the Roma Lodge Members' web page. Cost for ads is \$20 / month for a six month contract with an introductory offer of \$15 / month for six months.

These ads will provide a new and profitable outlet for our members who own or operate businesses as well as a source of services available to our members.

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Friday, April 2, 2010	Good Friday - Last RIWA Fish Fry
Sunday, April 4, 2010	Easter Sunday
Tuesday, April 6, 2010	Spring General Election
Thursday, April 8, 2010	Senior Luncheon
Friday, April 9, 2010	Membership Meeting
Monday, April 12, 2010	Men's Golf League Informational Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2010	Bocce Championship
Saturday, April 24, 2010	Celebrazione Italiana
Monday, April 26, 2010	Men's Bocce Banquet
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Board of Directors Meeting