

THE ROMA COUNTRY CLUB

A LEGACY OF FAMILY AND TRADITION

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BACHELORS CLUB
presents a Gala
HALLOWEEN BALL
Tonight 9 'Til ?
Music by the
AUBURN KNIGHTS
Favors for All—
—Costume Prizes
PICKWICK CLUB

Happy Halloween

Hurray, it's Halloween. Even the adults can ride high at the party Saturday night (9 p.m. 'til 1 a.m.) at the Roma Country Club. The club is getting the party off the ground with the music of the Bama Cardinals, prizes for the best costumes, and a late but lively breakfast buffet.

A few more facts: guests are welcome (\$7.50 each) but reservations are

Roma Club sets Hawaiian party

The Roma Country Club will be the scene of a Hawaiian party tonight for its members and dates.

A tropical atmosphere will be created with fishnet drapes embossed with brilliant colored sea creatures. There will be tropical greenery throughout the club. Soft Hawaiian music will be played in the background.

The serving table will be decorated with orchids and gardenias.

Club Entertains At Costume Ball

The Bachelors Club was host last night at a Halloween costume party at the Pickwick Club. Proceeds from the party will go into the building fund for the new Roma Country Club.

Bachelors Club officers are Anthony Cicio, president; Morris Corona, vice president; Paul Pocopani, corresponding secretary; Pat Baldone, recording secretary; Anthony Romeo, treasurer, and Sam

Roma Country Club Sets Womanless Wedding

Members of the Roma Country Club will present, "The Wedding of the Year," a womanless wedding, at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Municipal Auditorium.

The bride will be Sam DeGeorge and the groom, Morris Ross. Bridesmaids are: Manuel Valakes Vincent Scalici, Joe Amoro Frank Baldone and Joe Giattina. The best man will be Frank Troncale. Tickets can be bought from Club members.

'Las Vegas' Party Set By Roma Club

Members of Roma Country Club will be entertained at a "Las Vegas" party tomorrow night.

Chairmen of the party committee are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovoy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Caiola, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Madonia.

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From Chapter 1

Beginnings: The Bachelor's Club

The Roma Club did not begin as a grand institution. It began simply, with young men looking for a place to belong.

In the years following World War II, a group of second-generation Italian-American men returned to Birmingham carrying shared experiences that had shaped them deeply. They had served their country, worked hard, and come home ready to resume ordinary lives—careers, families, and social routines. What they found, however, was that many of the social spaces available to others in Birmingham were closed to them.

Excerpt from *The Roma Club* — Jerry Ferlisi

From Chapter 6

Change, Continuity, and Legacy

A Generational Return

By the 1970s, a new generation had begun to return to the Roma Country Club. The children of the founders were now adults, and many chose to celebrate their own milestones in the same ballroom where they had once attended events as children.

Wedding receptions became a defining feature of this era. With the capacity to host large formal gatherings, Roma remained one of the region's most suitable venues for weddings, showers, anniversary celebrations, and family reunions. For many families the decision was simple: the space was familiar, the staff was trusted, and the setting carried meaning.

Sunday lunches remained part of the club's rhythm, especially around Easter, Mother's Day, and other holidays. Families arrived dressed for the occasion, preserving a tradition that linked presentation with respect—less about formality for its own sake, and more about honoring what the gathering represented.

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Fig. 4.4 – The ballroom during the Roma Club's Golden Years.

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From: Voices of Roma - Oral History and Personal Reflections

“I have many stories from the Roma Country Club, but one of my favorites happened on my wedding day. After a long celebration in the ballroom, it was time to change out of my tuxedo and into my going-away suit. I went to the manager’s office, opened the garment bag—and realized I had forgotten to pack my shirt and tie.

I panicked. I cracked the door open and saw a few of the guys gathered in the entryway and began quietly sizing them up. My cousin Lee Lovoy had a tie that worked perfectly, but his shirt was a bit too small. Then Jerry Pocopanni walked up—exactly the right person at the right moment—and without hesitation, he gave me the shirt off his back.

The best part of the story came later. When we looked through the wedding photos, there was Jerry seeing us off—wearing a white waiter’s jacket.

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