

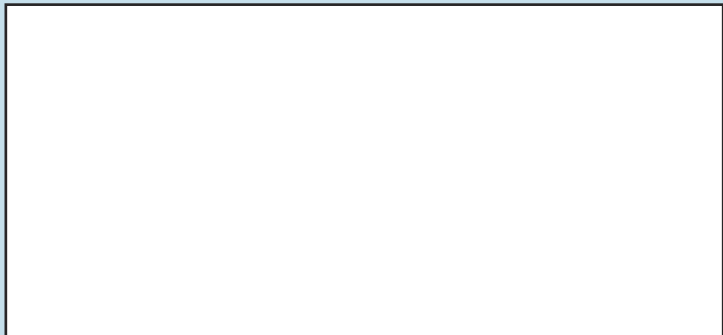


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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Supreme

Deborah Young - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer finally arrived after a long wet spring for most of us. The gardens are planted and are producing beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables. The swimming pool is most refreshing and it's time for picnics and barbecues. I hope everyone is taking the opportunity to '**Plant some Seeds for the Future**' of the Royal Arcanum with friends and family during your get-togethers.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship winners. You are very deserving of this award and I wish you continued success towards your chosen profession.

Annapolis, Maryland is the place for our 105th Supreme Council Session. Mark your calendars and plan to attend August 23 - 27, 2020.

Has your council participated in a project for the homeless? You'll have a chance to earn more funds for your activities and experience the "feel-good feelings" from helping others.

Kindness and compassion seem to be in short supply in today's world. People are occupied with other things: busy schedules, commitments, worries, you name it. Many seem stressed, angry, and quick to blame. I read a story online about a father and his three children who got on a bus. The father was lost in his own thoughts and the kids were loud and annoying to the other passengers. A lady said to the dad, "You really need to parent your children better. They are so rude." The father replied, "I'm so sorry. Their mother, my wife, just died and we are returning from her funeral. I think we are all a little overwhelmed. I apologize." We are often unaware of the pain another person carries inside. The world we live in could use a little more compassion, kindness and understanding.

A closing thought, "If speaking kindly to plants helps them grow, imagine what speaking kindly to humans can do."

Yours in V.M.C.,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Deborah Young".

Deborah Young
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

L'été est enfin arrivé après un long printemps pluvieux pour la plupart d'entre nous. Les jardins sont plantés et produisent des belles fleurs, des fruits et des légumes. La piscine est très rafraîchissante et c'est l'heure des pique-niques et des barbecues. J'espère que tout le monde profite de l'occasion pour « **planter des semences pour l'avenir** » de Royal Arcanum avec des amis et la famille lors de vos rencontres.

Félicitations aux boursiers de cette année. Vous méritez bien ce prix et je vous souhaite de continuer à réussir dans la profession de votre choix.

Annapolis, Maryland est le lieu de notre 105ème session du Conseil suprême. Marquez vos calendriers et prévoyez y assister du 23 au 27 août 2020.

Votre conseil a-t-il participé à un projet pour les sans- abri ? Vous aurez une chance de gagner plus d'argent pour vos activités et de ressentir le « sentiment de bien-être » d'aider les autres ».

La bonté et la compassion semblent faire défaut dans le monde d'aujourd'hui. Les gens sont occupés à autre chose, à des horaires chargés, à des engagements, à des soucis, nommez-le. Beaucoup semblent stressés, en colère et prêts à blâmer. J'ai lu en ligne un article sur un père et ses trois enfants qui sont montés dans un bus. Le père était perdu dans ses pensées et les enfants étaient bruyants et agaçants pour les autres passagers. Une dame a dit au père « Vous devez vraiment mieux parent vos enfants. Ils sont tellement grossiers ». Le père répond « Je suis vraiment désolé. Leur mère, ma femme, vient de mourir et nous revenons de ses obsèques. Je pense que nous sommes tous un peu dépassés. Je m'excuse ». Nous ne sommes souvent pas conscients de la douleur qu'une autre personne porte à l'intérieur. Le monde dans lequel nous vivons pourrait utiliser un peu plus de compassion, de gentillesse et de compréhension.

Une dernière pensée, « Si parler avec bonté aux plantes les aide à grandir, imaginez ce que bien vouloir faire aux hommes ».

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Deborah Young".

Deborah Young
Régente suprême

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BAYONNE COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROJECTS

In support of the Supreme Regent's '*Plant Seeds for the Future*' program, members of Bayonne Council #695 were joined by Versatility Council to organize several springtime charitable service projects for the active military, seniors, poor, homeless and humane societies.

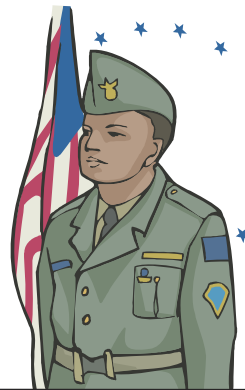
It was a superb team effort which greatly aided charitable organizations throughout the Garden State.



Bob Galdon, John Baranowski, Chris Piscitelli, Marie Baranowski and Gen Macon made several deliveries of pet food and supplies to community animal shelters and volunteer foster organizations in Hudson County.



Gen Macon and Chris Piscitelli with Dorothy Roszkowski (center) of the Companion Animal Rescue & Education Foundation in Bayonne. The Arcanians are always pleased to support CARE with gifts and donations to help pets in need find their 'fur-ever' homes.



One of the patriotic 'care kits from home' that members assembled for Operation Soldier Shoebox New Jersey



Bayonne members participated in a patriotic celebration in honor of Flag Day; cards and notes of gratitude were sent to senior veterans.

NEW JERSEY GRAND COUNCIL

As part of Grand Regent Richard J. Macon's "Get Involved - We Are One" campaign, members of New Jersey councils are actively engaged in providing support to homeless shelter programs. Arcanians pooled talents in crafting hats, mittens, mufflers, vests and blankets so that these items will be available for those who seek help at shelters during autumn and winter. Supplies such as flip flops, body wash, deodorant and shampoo were also contributed for 24/7 shower programs at the shelters.

The Grand Council recognized Past Grand Regent Stella Rakowski by presenting her with the RA 45-year Veteran's pin, along with well wishes for her move to Virginia Beach, VA.

David Magarban of Bayonne Council, a member of the Community Outreach Committee, was congratulated for his bowling achievement of rolling an 808 series and second perfect score of 300!

The Grand Council is always pleased to acknowledge the good works of our members and community organizations for advancing fraternalism and fellowship. We'll be out and about in the summer '**Planting Seeds for the Future**' and sharing good will.



David Magarban accepted a gift from Bayonne Council with appreciation for his volunteer service and sporting achievements; Past Regents John Baranowski and Evelyn Magarban added their congratulatory wishes.



Grand Council Representatives Chris Piscitelli and Gen Macon presented Stella Rakowski (center) with her veteran's pin and gifts of "Good Luck" for her move to Virginia.



Social Concerns Committee Members Evelyn Magarban, Elaine Zuber, Carol LaRocca and Marie Baranowski compiled an assortment of crocheted and knitted gifts for St. Jude's Oasis.



Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon and Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban delivered parcels of flip flops and shower essentials to St. Lucy's Shelter.

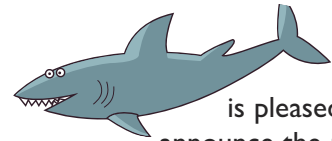
INTEGRITY COUNCIL



Integrity Council #586, Pennsylvania hosted a summer Junior Day at Adventure Aquarium on the Camden, New Jersey waterfront. Junior Committee Chairperson Lillie Mae Panichelli led 13 Juniors, their parents and several prospective members



on an awesome excursion. Everyone had a great time visiting the one-of-a-kind exhibits, exploring and learning about some of the more than 15,000 aquatic species that were featured during their visit, including the popular Little Blue penguins. Many look forward to returning to the aquarium again!



The council is pleased to announce the members who were installed into office for the 2019-2020 term. They are: Peter Ferrara, Regent; Loretta Wehbe, Vice Regent; Carmen Rodia, Orator; Patricia Smalga, Past Regent; Antoinette Malone, Secretary; Joseph Tedesco, Treasurer; Lillie Mae Panichelli, Chaplain; Ralph Ferrara, Guide; Anita Ferrara, Warden; Annette Ferrara, Sentry; Herb Snyder, Trustee.

CORONATION COUNCIL DANCE-A-THON



Dance-A-Thon was in full swing at this year's Up About Down event that took place this past May. Once again, our very own Debbie Young was on hand to present a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of Coronation Council #2224.

The Royal Arcanum has been a key funder for several years now and the organization is especially grateful for the ongoing support and generosity.

Up About Down is an organization of people committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. They strive to provide positive and accurate information through advocacy and education thereby raising Down syndrome awareness throughout the community.



Members joining Debbie are Jim Boufford, Megan Boufford and Debbie's grandson Logan.

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FRATERNAL CELEBRATIONS IN NEW YORK

The New York Grand Council members acknowledged mothers during their May 9th dinner meeting. Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo presented beautiful plants to the ladies in attendance and offered her gratitude for their dedication, example and loyalty to family, friends and fraternity.

On June 13th, forty-six members and guests attended the installation ceremonies at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle. Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto was the installing officer. Fred DiBartolo was elected the new Grand Regent of New York for the 2019-2021 term and presented his innovative program, "Superpower: Making a Difference."

Lillian De Palma was elected Regent of Claremont Council # 1655 and was installed with fellow officers by Grand Regent Maria B. DiBartolo.

Sisters Conforto and DiBartolo commended the retiring officers for their service and congratulated the newly elected officers with good wishes for a successful and memorable term.

Serving the Grand Council of New York are:

Grand Regent - Fred DiBartolo
 Grand Vice Regent - Gary De Leo
 Grand Orator - Joseph Conforto
 Sitting Past Grand Regent - Maria DiBartolo
 Grand Secretary-Treasurer - Diana Chiechi
 Grand Chaplain - Frances Magnotta
 Grand Guide - Augie Magnotta
 Grand Warden - Errica Conforto
 Grand Sentry - Lillian De Palma

Serving Claremont Council # 1655 are:

Regent - Lillian De Palma
 Vice Regent - Marianna Rodriquez
 Orator - Betty DiBartolo
 Sitting Past Regent - Gary De Leo
 Secretary-Treasurer - Diana Chiechi
 Chaplain - Teresa DiBartolo
 Guide - Martha Senturion
 Warden - Sal DiBartolo
 Sentry - Tommy Riley

Submitted by: Errica Conforto



Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo (kneeling, right) was happy to present flowering plants to the ladies in honor of Mother's Day.



New York Grand Council Officers

Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto presented the jewel of office and gavel to newly elected Grand Regent Fred DiBartolo.



Claremont Council Officers

ILLINOIS GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Regent
 Grand Vice Regent
 Grand Orator
 Sitting Past Grand Regent
 Grand Secretary
 Grand Treasurer
 Grand Auditor

Leigh Sportun
 Joanne Covelli
 Christine Krzystofczyk
 Greg Hahn
 Nicole Covelli
 David Covelli
 Donna Hahn

Grand Chaplain
 Grand Guide
 Grand Warden
 Grand Sentry
 Grand Trustee
 Grand Trustee
 Grand Trustee

Carl Krzystofczyk
 William Wire
 William Gronko
 Florence Wire
 Judy Pigoni
 Nell Stark
 Juanita Glassi

On June 8, 2019 the Grand Council of Illinois held their Grand Session at Wildfire Restaurant in Glenview, IL with thirty members in attendance. Grand Treasurer David Covelli read his report; the nomination and election of the new slate of officers followed.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli. Grand Regent Leigh Sportun was honored to be elected once again and encouraged all the attendees to promote the Society, expand programs and try to enroll new members. He looks forward to working with the members to attain these goals. Past Grand Regent Greg Hahn acknowledged the members for their participation and support in the

past term and wished the new Grand Regent much success and a productive term.

A food drive was also held that day. Members brought bags filled with non-perishable groceries to be donated to the food pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

With the business of the Grand Council completed, the meeting was adjourned. Everyone then enjoyed a luncheon and the opportunity to share fellowship as fraternalists and friends.

*Respectfully Submitted,
 Nicole M. Covelli - Grand Secretary*

Joshua and Matthew Crawford delivered food donations to the OLPH Food Pantry.



Greg Hahn, Leigh Sportun and David Covelli



Illinois Grand Council Officers

Right: Members enjoyed the program



FORT DEARBORN COUNCIL

Fort Dearborn Junior member, Matthew Crawford, is an Oshkosh, WI 9th grader. During his freshman year, he was selected to participate in the project-based Communities Program, which consists of Honors English, History and Leadership Development. The curriculum focuses on getting students contributing to the community where they live. Throughout the year, Matthew has volunteered at many events in the Oshkosh community. Here, Matthew spent part of a rainy Saturday afternoon bagging groceries at his local grocery store with Oshkosh Police officers. Their goal was to encourage patrons to purchase pre-bagged groceries to be given to those in need. In 3 hours, they filled 8 carts' worth of food.



SONS OF POLAND COUNCIL HONORS NIGHT

Joining with the Sons of Poland Benevolent Foundation, on April 11, 2019, the Sons of Poland Council #2016 awarded New Jersey Senator Raymond J. Lesniak with the Meritorious Service Award at a dinner-ceremony at the Royal Manor in Garfield, New Jersey. A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Senator Lesniak served in the State Assembly and Senate. He championed a wide range of legislative bills, one of which aided members to promote fraternal benefit societies to others to obtain life insurance. He sponsored environmental policies, worked to reform the criminal justice system and advanced bills designed to prevent animal cruelty and preserve nearly extinct animal species. He founded The Road to Justice and Peace, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting social justice causes, and NJ4Haiti, a nonprofit created to help Haiti recover from the 2010 earthquake.



Senator Raymond Lesniak accepted the Meritorious Service Award from Benevolent Foundation President Frank Knurowski.

Following retirement from public office, the Senator founded the Lesniak Institute for American Leadership, aimed at developing the next generation of American leaders by teaching principles of effective advocacy. The Sons of Poland Council has donated to "Imagine the Possibilities", the charity founded by the Senator which helps soup kitchens and pays visits to senior centers, nursing homes and veterans' homes.

Senator Lesniak has long been a member of the Sons of Poland, and the Council is proud to have honored him with the Meritorious Service Award, a program begun 12 years ago to recognize exceptional achievements by individuals and organizations dedicated to education and community service.

Submitted by: Dayle Vander Sande

MI GRAND COUNCIL/DETROIT COUNCIL 21A

Detroit Council members have been busy volunteers who are making a difference in their communities. On Easter Sunday, Mark, Cathy and Jennifer Hefner volunteered at The Senior Alliance of Wayne County for the "Holiday Meals" program to help provide nutritious meals to seniors over the age of 60 who are home bound or isolated. Program volunteers visit over 1,500 clients on three holidays: Easter Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. The Hefner Family spent three hours driving deliveries of 16 meals to twelve different homes in the Westland-Livonia-Redford area. They picked up the meals which were prepared in the kitchen of St. Mary's Mercy Hospital, Livonia. Through this program, each senior receives two meals: a cold meal (sandwich and side dish) and a hot meal containing a warm entrée, potato and vegetable. Mark, Cathy and Jennifer witnessed firsthand some seniors who are living at the bare minimum and how the meals program is urgently needed.

On June 8th, Dale and Leslie Schaefer, Keith Armbruster, Mark, Cathy and Jennifer Hefner volunteered at the Detroit "Capuchin Soup Kitchen". Instituted in 1929, the non-profit organization feeds the poor and homeless. The Soup Kitchen serves 1300 meals during the week and 600 meals on Saturdays. The Arcanians helped serving food and cleaning tables, sweeping and mopping the floors and washing dishes for the lunch program. The fraternalists discussed with each other how grateful they are for their blessings and for the opportunity to provide help to those in need by volunteering at the kitchen.

Bowling season ended on April 27th and we congratulate Team #1, "Leslie and the Guys" for taking first place.

Submitted by: Jan Brazas, Detroit Reporter



Detroit Council 21A Officers and Members volunteering at Detroit's Capuchin Soup Kitchen dressed in their stylish aprons and hairnets! Dale & Leslie Schaefer, Keith Armbruster, Mark, Cathy & Jennifer Hefner



Mark & Cathy Hefner volunteering at Senior Alliance Meal Delivery Program.

CORONATION COUNCIL : CANADA DAY



Just a few days before our American friends celebrated the 4th of July, members of Coronation Council #2224 in Windsor, Ontario, Canada celebrated

Canada Day on July 1st. The annual Council fundraiser celebrates Canada Day with all proceeds going to Miracle Park, a local community playground for disabled children.



Sharon Bayliss is pictured with her son, Derrick Bayliss. Elly McMillan and Carol Zavitz also attended the fundraiser.

MI GRAND COUNCIL/DETROIT COUNCIL 21A

On June 15th, the annual Detroit RA Picnic was held with 60 members and guests in attendance and no rain! Coronation Council members from Windsor, Ontario, Canada, including Supreme Regent Debbie Young, joined the fun. Everyone loved the egg toss and water balloon toss games, and became serious competitors for the three golf challenges. We had two divisions, one for ladies and one for men. We thank Mark and Cathy Hefner for coordinating the games and for providing a fantastic time!

Our Tiger Baseball Game Outing is scheduled for August 10th and RA Duffer's Golf Outing is set for September 7th.

The 2019/2020 Bowling Season begins on September 28th. The Detroit Council Officers are planning future events for everyone to enjoy fun, family and fraternalism!

Submitted by: Jan Brazas, Detroit Reporter



Mark Hefner and Dale Schaefer, winners of the Balloon Toss Game.



Winners of the Golf Balls in the Ring were Mark Hefner and Dale Schaefer. Janet Schlotta and Dale Schaefer won the Golf Ball Bucket Challenge.



“Sister Councils” Detroit and Windsor RA Officers and Members at Detroit’s Annual Picnic – Jim Boufford, Morgan & Debbie Young, Supreme Regent; Jan Brazas, Maureen McCracken, Meghan & Renee Boufford. In the front, Mark Hefner & Sharon Bayliss.



Using marshmallows instead of golf balls, the longest drive winners were George Schlotta, Polly Arndt and Dale Schaefer.



Detroit members and guests enjoyed the annual Egg Toss Challenge!



No cracked eggs here! Egg Toss winners were John Brazas and Paula Allen.

ROY AL'S ROAD TRIP

Roy Al Arcanum ventured on a two-week spring vacation with Renee and Jim Boufford. After traveling for 2 ½ days, they arrived in Saskatchewan, Canada to be welcomed by Junior member, Liana

Boufford and her parents, Stephanie Boufford and John Bay.

Roy Al always enjoys new adventures and making new friends!



NEW YORK SUPPORTS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

On June 10th, more than 30 bags of adult and children's clothes were donated from the members of New York to the Community Center of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in the Bronx. The Missionary Sisters of Catechism will distribute the items to those in need in the area. Additionally, Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo collected and donated 70 prom dresses, 18 pairs of shoes and men's suits for the junior prom at the Belmont Center. Sr. Edna Loquias, SMC, thanked the Royal Arcanum members for their continual support to the charitable programs conducted for the poor.

Submitted by: Errica Conforto



New York members were happy to provide new and gently used clothing items for those in need in time for the summer season.



Many young people were gifted with fashionable prom attire from donations made by the New York Arcanians; the fraternalists planted RA 'Seeds of Hope' in the Bronx community.

SAN JOSE COUNCIL DELIVERS BUNNY BUDDIES

San Jose Council #2384 delivered Bunny Buddies to Kaiser Permanente Pediatric Oncology Department. This is a yearly tradition to bring joy to those children who have to spend time in the hospital.

Submitted by: Joanie Francis



CORONATION COUNCIL

ARCHERS AGAINST CANCER

Coronation Council #2224 was on hand once again for the 9th Annual Archers Against Cancer Target Shoot. Kids and adults compete in 3D target shoots for fun and prizes.

A cheque for \$1,000 was donated along with two boxes of aluminum

pop can tabs for the charity's efforts in raising funds for the purchase of wheelchairs. Cancer patients that experience financial difficulties during their treatment are aided by the organization's support. Coronation Council was glad to contribute to this worthy cause.



Coronation Council members Morgan Young, Debbie Young, Renee Boufford and Jim Boufford presented the council's donation to Terry and Michelle French (center).

WINDSOR, ONTARIO, CANADA NEWS

Officers of the Ontario Grand Council were installed by Deputy Supreme Regent Jim Boufford and then gathered to admire the new Royal Arcanum Coronation Council #2224 wall in the Windsor Sportsmen's Club. The display showcases awards, acknowledgments and a memorial plaque. The members are grateful to have had the wall dedicated by the Sportsmen's Club in recognition of their council's commitment to community.



Pictured left to right: Renee Boufford, Scott Cameron, Derrick Bayliss, Sharon Bayliss, Margaret Cameron, Audrey Bayliss, Jim Boufford

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SILICON VALLEY

The California Grand Council and San Jose Council #2384 each made donations to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The funds support the organization's commitment to the youth community and their futures. A donation of \$1,000 representing combined gifts from the councils was accepted by Max Duganne, CEO and Mark Washbush, COO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley. This year the organization celebrates its 75th Anniversary.

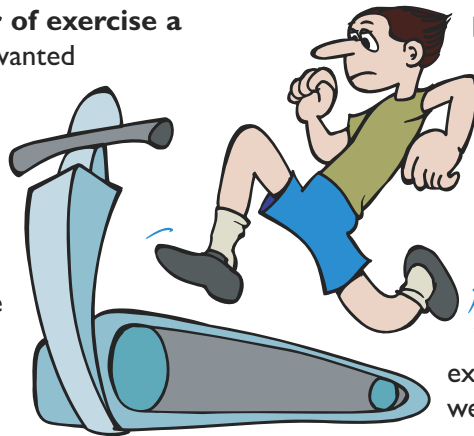
Submitted by: James O'Neill



THE POWER OF EXERCISE

Prevent disability with one hour of exercise a week. More evidence, in case you wanted it, that exercise is good for you: The CNN website reports that a study on knee osteoarthritis, which causes aching, pain, and/or stiffness in the lower extremities, has found that just one hour of moderate to vigorous exercise a week can reduce the chance of disability.

The study looked at patients 49–83 years of age who were considered disability-free despite some lower joint problems. The



patients' physical activity was monitored with accelerometers. Over four years, researchers found, participants who got at least 56 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise a week were 86% less likely to grow mobility-impaired than others who got less exercise.

The findings are important for people with early osteoarthritis, who can experience occasional pain, stiffness, or weakness in the joint as the cartilage that covers bones wears down with age.

ROYAL ARCANUM SPORTS AWARD

High school athletes in the Windsor, ON area know that winning the Royal Arcanum Sports Scholarship awards is a big deal. It's recognized as being one of the highest sports awards in the community. The award represents and acknowledges the city's best male and female athletes in academics and sports and has been given out to well deserving students for the past 69 years.

These honours are presented to local athletes who showed not only outstanding athletic accomplishments, but had high academic standings and made contributions to their school and community. The athletic award scholarship of \$1,500.00 goes to the top 2 male and 2 female athletes.

The Grant Zavitz Awards were also given out to two deserving student athletes who made a positive impact to

their school and community. Each was presented with \$200 and a plaque.

Coronation Council was involved with the process of reviewing candidates, along with the local school boards and coaches. Pete Cusumano, Organizer of the Royal Arcanum Awards, maintains a local website to promote the awards and welcomes any updates from previous winners at royalarcanumwindsor.com. Some have gone on to play professional international sports.

This year's winners were profiled in the local media with front page sports articles, local media and online announcements.



Royal Arcanum 2019 Scholarship winners Kim Orton, Spencer Campeau, Akot Aken, Alessandra Pontoni, Windsor Sportsmen's Club, June 21, 2019 (photo courtesy Jim Boufford)



Grant Zavitz Award winners Elias Tokola and Sophia Scott, Windsor Sportsmen's Club, June 21, 2019 (photo courtesy Jim Boufford)

2019 ROYAL ARCANUM



**JOSEPH E. HALLINAN
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
Angela Torricella
Claremont Council #1655

\$10,000



**LLOYD E. WILLIAMS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**
CeeJay Larino
Bayonne Council #695

\$10,000



Joseph Messina
Integrity Council #586

\$8,000

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Ethan Snyder
Integrity Council #586

\$8,000



Ewelina Guros
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$5,000



Jenna Stetina
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Zachary Blot
Claremont Council #1655

\$1,500



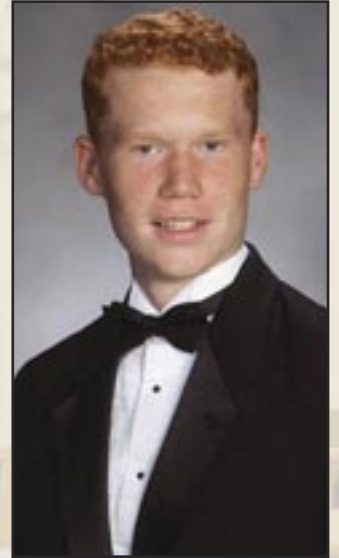
Morgan Pfeiffer
Integrity Council #586

\$1,500



Skyler Herman
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$1,500



William Winters
Merritt Council #1974

\$1,500

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Olivia Pierce
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$1,500



Nicole Misterek
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$1,500



Kaitlyn Mentzer
Harrisburg Council #499

\$1,500



Andre Amante
California Group #1999

\$1,500

2019 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jacob Lyles
Alpha Agassiz Council #1

\$1,500



Kaitlyn Lockaby
Pawtucket Council #537

\$1,500



Hayley Baranowski
Versatility Council #2501

\$750

2019 ROYAL ARCANUM GRANT RECIPIENTS



Nicholas Gauvin
Pawtucket Council #537

\$600

Peter Calano
Claremont Council #1655

\$600

Bradley Kozikowski
Fleur de Lys Council #62

\$750

Alexia Gallagher
Railroad Council #1956

\$750



Nicholas Gore
San Jose Council #2384

\$600

A LETTER OF THANKS

I am Nicholas Gore and I want to thank the Royal Arcanum for my \$600 Grant. This will help with the cost of my books and/or other expenses that I will have when I go to the University of Oregon in the fall. I am excited to go to college with all my future hopes and dreams to make a difference in the world. I will never forget feeding the homeless in the streets or helping the older folks in the homes that enjoyed my guitar playing and singing of Christmas songs.

Thank you,

Nicholas Robert Gore



RHODE ISLAND MEMBERS FIGHT CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk/Run was held this year on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Slater Memorial Park in Pawtucket, RI. This is the 8th year that Royal Arcanum members from Rhode Island have participated.

Cystic Fibrosis is a progressive, genetic disease that causes persistent lung infections and over time limits the ability to breathe. In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and medical treatments have enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF. Many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond.



Members of the Grand Council of Rhode Island walked/ran for two friends who have cystic fibrosis. Each friend sponsored a team to support this cause. Lauren Whatmough's team is "Laps for Lauren". Cael Schneider's team is "Cael's Crusaders". The Grand Council of Rhode Island

donated \$200 for this cause and members also made personal donations. Subway, Dunkin' Donuts and other eateries provided food for the participants after the walk/run. Music was played throughout the event and it was a fun day for all involved.

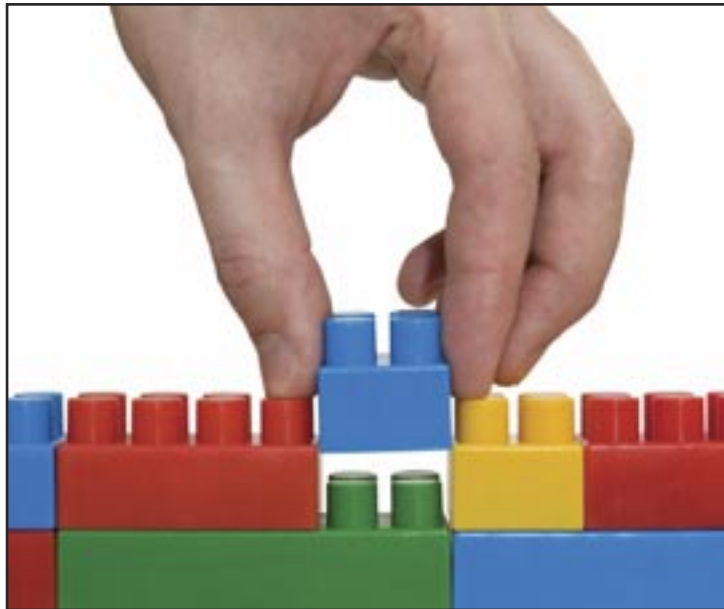
Submitted by: Ken Kolek

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

If you ever reminisced about games and activities that inspired you as a child to imagine, learn and create, you may be surprised at how many of those pastimes remain relevant for us as adults. I'm sure you're familiar with LEGO bricks – the colorful interlocking plastic bricks and other tiny parts that can be assembled into vehicles, buildings, landscapes and countless other objects. More than 600 billion LEGO parts have been produced since the company first introduced them in Denmark in 1949. LEGO pieces constitute a universal system with new additions being compatible and connecting in some way with older models. Those initial tiny blocks gradually grew into an empire that includes a production company, amusement parks, discovery centers, movies and more.

The popularity of LEGO is not merely for play and entertainment. A disabled turtle that was missing his hind legs was placed in the care of staff at Louisiana State University's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Doctors and students sought to help the turtle overcome his impediment. They discovered the remedy in a toy store. Imagine! It was LEGO! By using animal-safe glue, interns at the veterinary school created a prosthetic made from LEGO to greatly improve the turtle's mobility and have a greater quality of life. The unit can even be snapped off from the shell so the turtle can keep clean. The successful procedure and anticipated bright future for that lovable turtle result from the usefulness of LEGO and determined students. What an awesome connection!



A key focus of fraternalism is to 'connect' in a real way. The Royal Arcanum was built by connecting family, security and community. Our organization is continually growing and developing for seasoned and new members to best connect in current times. Solid life insurance products, fraternal-social activities and events, Junior programs, and volunteer-charitable service projects have engaged members throughout the United States and Canada for over 142 years. Just like the LEGO concept, fraternalism is universal!

Every member is an integral part of our organization's success and when energies and talents connect, realistic goals can be attained and amazing results achieved. Supreme Regent Deborah Young encourages everyone to '**Plant Seeds**' to have our fraternal benefit society thrive into the future. The time is

now to invite your family and friends to connect with us and considering enrolling as members of the Royal Arcanum.

The underpinning of our Society is charitable volunteerism. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize all councils for their exemplary efforts. We're striving for 100 percent jurisdictional participation in the International Fraternal Service Program this year. In this program a council may connect with a homeless shelter, food pantry, special needs school, service animal program, rescue squad, race for a medical



cure or other charitable cause and earn matching funds (up to \$1,000 annually) from the Supreme Council. Refer to the program brochure for instructions/ guidelines and contact the Home Office (1-888-ARCANUM) for IFS project eligibility.

A few weeks remain for councils to submit their '**Planting Seeds Together**' activities and be included in the September award drawing. We commend our fraternalists-in-action who are connecting with community organizations for helping the homeless and for inspiring

others to make a positive difference.

The Fraternal Department congratulates this year's graduates and recently installed officers with good wishes for success and happiness in their new endeavors.

Enjoy the summer season. When you see kids assembling their LEGO, take a minute to think about all the ways you can connect with others to make good things happen. Be creative. You'll marvel at the results!

In friendship,

Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director

CAITLIN'S SMILES CHARITY DONATION

Judie Marcus and Rick Rubin volunteer regularly at Cailin's Smiles. Caitlin's Smiles is dedicated to sharing smiles and laughter with children facing chronic or life threatening illnesses. Founded in 2004 in memory of Caitlin Hornung, the non-profit organization distributes arts and crafts kits to hospitals, giving kids an outlet for creativity and the means to heightened feelings of self-worth. Harrisburg Council #499 was happy to make a donation of \$200 to this worthwhile cause and happier yet to have Judie and Rick volunteer their time in this way. Thanks so much!

Sincerely,
Pauline P.Thomas - Secretary

Kim Mumper accepted Harrisburg Council's \$200 donation for Caitlin's Smiles from Judie Marcus.



WATCH FOR DEPRESSION IN TEENS

Being a teenager can be tough, and many teens suffer depression as a result. The symptoms aren't always obvious, though. The American Academy of Family Physicians advises adults to watch for these clues:

- **Trouble focusing**
- **Anxiety**
- **Anger and frequently losing temper**
- **Changes in appetite**
- **Reluctance to go to school or participate in social activities**
- **Complaints of feeling sick**
- **Lack of confidence, or the feeling that they can't do anything correctly**



MEMBERS ATTEND PAWSOX GAME



John Crisanti and Ken Kolek

Royal Arcanum members from Massachusetts and Rhode Island attended the Pawtucket Red Sox (PawSox) baseball game on Sunday, June 2, 2019. It was a bright, sunny day as members had special seats in a tent beyond the right field fence. All enjoyed a BBQ lunch of shredded pork, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings. The PawSox,

a Triple-A Boston Red Sox farm team, played the Syracuse Mets, a Triple-A team of the New York Mets.



The Pawtucket Red Sox won an exciting game with a final score of 7 to 5. It was an especially nice day as members from both states had a chance to fraternize again.

Submitted by: Ken Kolek

SAN JOSE HELPS THE HOMELESS

San Jose Council #2384 members donated and assembled packages of toiletry/hygiene items for the many homeless in Santa Clara County. There are so many homeless who have no facilities to help them get off the streets!

*Submitted by:
Jim O'Neill*



A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE

Check out our website for a wide range of life insurance products and annuities that can help protect you and your family.

Go to www.royalarcanum.com and select products from the drop down menu.

You can also contact the Home Office directly and talk to one of our experts.



CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

Summer is the perfect time to dedicate some time - no matter how busy we are - to be with friends and family. It's the season to spend some time outside and enjoy the weather because before you know it, the cold weather clothes will need to come out for many of us. It's so easy to get caught up with work commitments and activities, but it's important to find a way to dedicate some time to just be with family. It is also a great time to create an event with your council if you haven't done so recently or encourage others to join you at a council event.

As a member, we all have a responsibility to represent Royal Arcanum well and help those in need. If you see someone in need, take a moment to see if you can help them, as you never know how much it may mean to them.

This year the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$65,000 to the many college scholarship and grant winners. This is certainly a wonderful benefit our Society provides. I would compare our scholarship program to any fraternal scholarship program available; you should be proud as a member for helping Royal Arcanum be able to award these scholarships.

In June we sold the building in Carlstadt, New Jersey which we acquired as part of the merger with the Association of the Sons of Poland Fraternal. The building wasn't being utilized for fulfilling a fraternal or operational need and as a result we eliminated an operational expense and increased surplus from the proceeds of the sale.

The Royal Arcanum continues to have consistent life insurance production from the agent field force and had an increase of over 7% in renewal premium in an annual comparison of June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

We have implemented the new 2017 CSO Table in

each of our licensed states. This action was a requirement of the majority of the state insurance departments in which our Society is licensed to do business. The requirement goes into effect December 31st. However, being proactive we were able to implement the Table earlier.



The 2017 CSO Table affected premium rates whereby some insurance products saw decreases in overall premium, depending on the age of insured, while others went up slightly. Overall this change has been viewed in a very positive manner. If you would like a copy of the new rates, please feel free to contact the Home Office at 1-888-Arcanum (272-2686)

I'm pleased to announce Jenny MacLoud has been hired in the Boston Home Office. Jenny has a wealth of experience in the life insurance industry and will be a wonderful addition to the new business underwriting team.

"There are risks and costs to action. But they are far less than the long-range risks of comfortable inaction."

- John F. Kennedy

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas G. Benoit'.

Nicholas G. Benoit
Chief Operations Officer
nbenoit@royalarcanum.com

RHODODENDRON COUNCIL HONORS

On April 27th the members of Rhododendron Council #701 honored their Regent, Jane Merrill at a surprise dinner meeting at the Farmer's Daughter Restaurant in Chuckey, TN. Joe Merrill had the honor of extending the council's appreciation to Jane for her many years of service and presented her with a Royal Arcanum veteran's pin,



symbolic of 50 years of membership in our fraternal benefit society.

Rhododendron Council is very appreciative of Jane's fraternal efforts. The members were happy to offer their congratulations and gratitude at this special gathering.

Submitted by: Joe Merrill



WHY DAYDREAMING IS GOOD FOR YOU

Some people think daydreaming is a waste of time, but it can be a powerful tool for sharpening your creativity. The Entrepreneur magazine website spells out why:

- **Motivation.** Daydreaming about something you'd like to do can increase your motivation to go out and do it. It helps you visualize your goals and structure your thoughts.
- **Visualization.** Use your daydreams to go into detail about your goals so you can identify possibilities and options.



- **Problem solving.** You can't always attack a problem with logic and brute force. Spend some time letting your mind roam. Daydreaming relaxes you and reduces stress, so it might help you spot a solution you'd otherwise miss.
- **Productivity.** This may seem counterintuitive, but daydreams can help you focus. By daydreaming about a problem or opportunity, you give your brain a chance to concentrate on your goal without clutter or pressure.

VERSATILITY COUNCIL MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Members of Versatility Council #2501 coordinated activities in the Bayonne, New Jersey community in observance of Memorial Day. These included a memorial tribute at their May meeting for deceased Arcanian members who had served in the Armed Forces, decorating graves of members with flags and

flowers (some dating back to World War I) and hosting a breakfast for the Bayonne Veterans' Posts. This annual tradition is proudly upheld by the council with grateful remembrance for those who have served our country.



Community Service Committee members at Holy Name Cemetery in Jersey City, New Jersey



Past Regent Evelyn Magarban introduced Arcanian brothers who represented the American Polish Veterans: Joseph R. Macon, FICF; Richard Rutkowski and Edward Lubach.



Versatility Officers welcomed officers of Bayonne's nine Veterans' Posts to the council's annual appreciation breakfast.

SUMMER JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations to all of the 2019 scholarship recipients who are highlighted in this summer Bulletin. We wish them continued success in their future studies. Many councils and jurisdictions will be honoring our scholarship winners at special events with their families and presenting their scholarship awards at dinner meetings in the coming weeks.

We are fortunate to have such bright young members that understand that quality education is important for their future and are also involved in their communities to make it a better place for all. The Royal Arcanum is proud to be part of their education process and happy to help with the financial aspect.

This year our Society awarded over \$65,000 in scholarships and grants. Our scholarship winners are determined by an independent college admissions director not affiliated with the Royal Arcanum. All applicants are evaluated on their SAT/ACT scores, academics, extra curricular activities and written essay. Grant recipients are chosen by a random drawing.

We have valuable information on our website (www.royalarcanum.com) to assist our students. Programs such as CHOICES EXPLORER for junior high and high school students and CHOICES PLANNER for college bound high school students. These links furnish information about admission requirements, tuition, expenses, financial aid programs, campus life and much more. If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Donald Ferry Jr., Customer Service Specialist at the Home Office (1-888-ARCANUM).

Our new Junior writing program for young members who like to write short stories to be published in our Bulletin had our first winner receiving the Royal Arcanum Bulletin Short Story Award Trophy, certificate and a \$25 gift card. Eight-year-old Meredith Benoit submitted a story about global warming, keeping our planet clean and the importance of recycling. Congratulations to Meredith! We would love to receive material from more Juniors for publication in future Bulletins. Also, Juniors can receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by sending in the coloring page or puzzle.



**Junior Department
Director
Errica Conforto**

Wishing all the scholarship winners, their families, and all the members a very happy and fun summer.

Fraternally yours in V.M.C.,

Errica Conforto

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Errica Conforto". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Junior Director



JUNIOR WORD SEARCH

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AUGUST
 BACKPACKING
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 JULY
 JUNE
 PICNIC
 POPSICLE
 SANDCASTLE
 SEASHORE
 SUMMER
 SUNSCREEN
 SWIMMING



JUNIOR CONTEST RULES

Our rules provide that a Junior can win only one prize per issue of the Bulletin. Members from the same family can submit answers to same puzzles in order to win. Puzzle entrants are restricted to Juniors no older than 17 years 11 months. All entries must be received prior to distribution of the next Bulletin.

All Junior entrants can earn a \$10.00 gift certificate award from Amazon.com!



Junior Must Submit:

Name

Age

Council

Email Address

**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
 JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, ROYAL ARCANUM,
 61 BATTERYMARCH STREET, BOSTON, MA 02110-3208
 OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO
 INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**

JUNIOR SUMMER MAZE



JUNIOR SUMMER COLORING





**ROYAL ARCANUM 105th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2020**



<http://www.crowneplaza.com/annapolis/Crowne Plaza>

<u>Cost Per Person</u> <u>U.S. / Canadian</u>	<u>Occupancy</u>	<u>Points for Free Trip</u> <u>U.S. / Canadian</u>
\$499.00 / \$665.00	Double	710 / 950
\$419.00 / \$560.00	Triple	600 / 800
\$799.00 / \$1,065.00	Single	1,140 / 1,520

Please enter my reservation for the 105th Supreme Council Session at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD. 21401 (Phone: 1-410-266-3131)

My party will consist of the following persons: (type or print only)

M _____ Council No. _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

Spouse (please enter first name) _____

Children (enter names & ages) _____

Request Room Share with (Please enter guest's name) _____

Room Type (circle): (2) Double Beds (1) King Bed

Have you earned a prize trip? [] Yes [] No [] No. of trips _____

Package includes: Sunday Welcome Dinner, Tuesday Hospitality Party-Banquet, Wednesday Hospitality Hour-Dinner Buffet- Farewell Theme Party and Dance, Daily Breakfast Buffet (RA Group Queen Anne Dining Room). Guest rooms furnished with flat screen television, Internet access, mini refrigerator, coffeemaker, iron, ironing board, climate control, and full bath amenities. Facility is 100% non-smoking. Complimentary 24-hour fitness center. Indoor heated pool & whirlpool. Annapolis Bar & Grill Restaurant on site. Free parking.

Advance arrangements for members who wish to extend their hotel stay at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza (**if rooms are available**) can be made for an additional charge.

Arrival date _____ Departure Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT: Home address of individuals with different names must be supplied. Guest rooms will be available 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Check-out will be on Thursday morning, August 27, 2020 (by 11:00 a.m.)

Closest Airport: Baltimore (BWI) Closest AMTRAK Train Station: Baltimore BWI

A Deposit of \$100.00 per Adult and \$25.00 per Junior is required with each reservation.

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Phone: 1-888-272-2686



**RESERVATIONS WITH DEPOSITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 22, 2020.
All reservations MUST be made through the Royal Arcanum Home Office.**



A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

It looks like summer has officially arrived as we have ended our first heat wave at the end of June here on the East Coast. Spring was rainy and dismal for most parts of the country. Flash floods, tornadoes, thunderstorms, hail and high winds plagued large parts of the country. I'm sure our thoughts and prayers go out to all who have suffered loss of loved ones and property in these occurrences.



I congratulate all the scholarship winners that are listed in this Bulletin and to all of the Juniors who submitted applications. The Royal Arcanum scholarship program is a competitive process with an outside judge making the final decision on the winners. Since its inception, the program has awarded over 1 million dollars in scholarships. In 2019 we awarded over 65,000 dollars to eligible Juniors.

The Royal Arcanum will reimburse Junior members 18 and younger who take a SAT, ACT, PSAT or LSAT up to 50 dollars. Applicants should mail the receipt to the Home Office for payment.

In addition to our scholarship program, the Royal Arcanum offers many educational loan programs to offset the rising costs of a college education. Junior members who have an up-to-date permanent

policy may be eligible for up to \$10,000 in undergraduate loans. There are also graduate education loans up to \$4,000. If a Junior member has a 20-Pay or Life Paid-up at 65 Whole Life policy, they may qualify for the program, depending on the face amount and other factors. You can see the value that our organization and its members place on our Junior members; they are the future of the Royal Arcanum. Complete details of our scholarships, grants, loan programs,

policy and annuity information can be found on our web site, www.royalarcanum.com or by contacting the Home Office at 1-888-ARCANUM.

I take this opportunity to wish all our members in the US and Canada a happy, healthy and safe summer. I look forward to seeing many of our members at our 105th Session in Annapolis, MD in August of 2020. Reservation forms and details can be found in this and future Bulletins.

Yours in V. M. C.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D Ferrara".

Pete Ferrara
Supreme Secretary



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Providing for others

Financial protection and planning where “benefits” means so much more than money.

We're the Royal Arcanum, a provider of the financial protection products you'd expect, but with the difference of making a difference. That's because we reinvest profits into communities to help neighbors, friends and family. From scholarships to soup kitchens and more, our policies do more than help protect your family, they help provide for others, too.

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