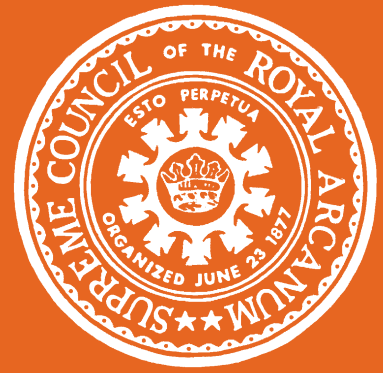


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A Message from the Acting Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême Par Intérim

Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Acting Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Royal Arcanum,

I am so excited to welcome the Spring season! There is something about the warmer weather and the longer days that bring us simple joy.

Many happy things come during springtime! The Juniors look forward to prom and graduation. RA Junior members are encouraged to participate in our scholarship programs and other opportunities that are available. Junior members can join us at sessions and stay for free!

The Supreme Council Session is this August in Annapolis, Maryland. We anticipate seeing our members and friends and celebrating the 145th anniversary of the Royal Arcanum! Information about the Session can be found in this Bulletin.

Springtime is also the time to reflect and refresh ourselves and all that's around us! It's time to turnover closets and lighten-up wardrobes! Consider donating the items you will no longer use next winter. We are fortunate to have so many options, and a donation of just one coat or other garment could mean the world to someone and help them get through a difficult time.

In the spirit of helping those in need, our Fraternal Field Director, Cindy Macon, on behalf of our Society, is organizing donations of funds and goods to help the refugees from Ukraine who are struggling to keep their families safe.

As always, please continue to pray for one another, and to pray for peace in the world.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Maria

Chers Frères et Sœurs de Royal Arcanum,

Je suis tellement excitée d'accueillir la saison du printemps! Il y a quelque chose dans le temps plus chaud et les journées plus longues qui nous apportent une joie simple.

Beaucoup de choses heureuses arrivent au printemps! Les juniors attendent avec impatience le bal et la remise des diplômes. Les membres RA Junior sont encouragés à participer à nos programmes de bourses et autres opportunités disponibles. Les membres juniors peuvent nous rejoindre aux sessions et rester gratuitement !

La session du Conseil suprême aura lieu en août à Annapolis, Maryland. Nous anticipons voir nos membres et amis et célébrer le 145e anniversaire de Royal Arcanum! Vous trouverez des informations sur la session dans ce bulletin.

Le printemps est aussi le moment de réfléchir et de se rafraîchir ainsi que tout ce qui nous entoure ! Il est temps de changer les placards et d'alléger les garde-robes ! Pensez à donner les objets que vous n'utiliserez plus l'hiver prochain. Nous avons la chance d'avoir autant d'options, et un don d'un seul manteau ou autre vêtement pourrait signifier le monde pour quelqu'un et l'aider à traverser une période difficile.

Dans l'esprit d'aider les personnes dans le besoin, notre directrice de terrain fraternel, Cindy Macon, au nom de notre société, organise des dons de fonds et de biens pour aider les réfugiés d'Ukraine qui luttent pour assurer la sécurité de leurs familles.

Comme toujours, continuez à prier les uns pour les autres et à prier pour la paix dans le monde.

Fraternellement,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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A Salute to Distinguished Service

This issue is dedicated to the many members of the Society who have given their service to help the Royal Arcanum grow and prosper. We feature here our Brothers and Sisters who have distinguished themselves by introducing new members to the Order over the past years.

The highest award is given to the members who have earned the Founders' Ring of Distinction Award. The second highest level of achievement is the '1105' Royal Purple Achievement Award, followed by the Legion of Honor. Other members who have earned between one and twenty diamonds are awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

The Royal Arcanum is pleased to recognize the distinguished service of all our award recipients.*

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FOUNDERS' RING OF DISTINCTION AWARD



August Magnotta
Claremont CI
New York
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-6)



Paul F. D'Emilio
Integrity CI
Pennsylvania
(Founders' Ring W/Diamond)
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-7)



Cynthia A. Macon
Versatility CI
New Jersey
(Founders' Ring W/Diamond)
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-10)

'1105' ROYAL PURPLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Joseph R. Macon
Bayonne CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-10)



Frances Magnotta
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-10)
(L. of H. Center Diamond)



Kenneth J. Kolek
Pawtucket CI
Rhode Island
(L. of H.-10)
(L. of H. Center Diamond)



Louise Reynolds
Treasure Coast CI
Florida
(L. of H.-10)

LEGION OF HONOR AWARD



Peter D. Young
Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-4)



Gary D. Dotson
Rhododendron CI
Carolinas
(L. of H.-2)



Donald Harman
Harrisburg CI
Pennsylvania
(L. of H.-9)
(deceased)



B. Joe Merrill
Rhododendron CI
Carolinas
(L. of H.-2)



Genevieve A. Macon
Versatility CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-1)



Marie Cavallo
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-2)



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Illinois
(L. of H.-6)



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Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-10)



Carl Krzystofczyk
Medora CI
Illinois
(L. of H.-5)



Ralph Ferrara
Integrity CI
Pennsylvania
(L. of H.-10)



David Hryniewich
Alpha-Agassiz CI
Massachusetts
(L. of H.-10)



Richard Slawinski
Woodside CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-10)



Maria DiBartolo
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-6)



Gregory Hahn
Medora CI
Illinois
(L. of H.-5)



A Salute to Distinguished Service

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



TWENTY DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Errica Conforto	Claremont	New York	Carmen Rodia	Integrity	Pennsylvania
John Crisanti	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts			

NINETEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Loretta Wehbe	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Joe Tedesco	Integrity	Pennsylvania

EIGHTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Lillie Mae Panichelli	Integrity	Pennsylvania

SIXTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Antal Basa, Jr.	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts

FOURTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Ellen Phillips	Railroad	Colorado	Perry Whisenant	Catawba	Carolinas (deceased)

TWELVE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Joyce A. Crawford	Germantown	Pennsylvania	Blanche Vicinanza	Sun Coast	Florida

ELEVEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Carol Zavitz	Coronation	Ontario	Ivan Snyder	Integrity	Pennsylvania

TEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Loretta DiGianivittorio	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Dotti Pagnani	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts

NINE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Herbert G. Chronister	Yorktowne	Pennsylvania	Ethel Reitsema	Merritt	New Jersey
Peter Ferrara	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Andrew Madonna	Williamsbridge	New York

EIGHT DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Charlotte Brill	Treasure Coast	Florida	Roger Gudenkauf	Denver	Colorado
Matthew D'Emilio	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Joseph Panzarella	Claremont	New York (deceased)

SEVEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Herbert J. Snyder	Integrity	Pennsylvania			

SIX DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Rosella Berger	Woodside	New Jersey	Raymond Raniszewski	Bayonne	New Jersey
David Covelli	Ft. Dearborn	Illinois	Carmen Toma	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

FIVE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Carmine Campo	Claremont	New York	Richard J. Macon	Bayonne	New Jersey

FOUR DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Helen Bartolet	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania	Jane Merrill	Rhododendron	Carolinas
Richard H. Blase	Dependable	Massachusetts	Gerard Pelletier	Maisonneuve	Québec
James Donati	Rhododendron	Carolinas	Arlayne Skridulis	Mattatuck	Connecticut

THREE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
James Boufford	Coronation	Ontario	Richard Phillips	Railroad	Colorado
Inge Huber	Claremont	New York	Michele N. Rhode	Ft. Dearborn	Illinois
Antonio Perillo	Claremont	New York	Robert W. Rowlands	Hoboken	New Jersey

TWO DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Ann Antuzzi	San Jose	California	Thomas H. McGruddy	Integrity	Pennsylvania
Sharon Bayliss	Coronation	Ontario	John B. Opitz III	Merritt	New Jersey
Janice Brazas	Detroit	Michigan	Kevin Power	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts
Elizabeth Delgado	Claremont	New York	Helen Spinelli	Claremont	New York
Gloria Donaldson	Coronation	Ontario	Patrecia Tindell	Railroad	Colorado
Kathleen Doyle	Mattatuck	Connecticut	Marjorie Trout	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Grace Gavin	Versatility	New Jersey	Harry Uberroth Jr.	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Randolph P. Kriz	Coronation	Ontario			

ONE DIAMOND

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
George Arseneault	Dependable	Massachusetts	John Parris	Rhododendron	Carolinas
Arlene Baker	Regina	Ontario	Carl Petlik	Bayonne	New Jersey
Nicholas Benoit	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts	Stella Pettinelli	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania
Heidi L. Bonness	Lakewood	Ohio	Babette Quinn	Horsetooth	Colorado
Margaret Cameron	Coronation	Ontario	Judith Relovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
Glenda Cole	Catawba	Carolinas	Ann Rescigno	Claremont	New York
J.A. Dehainout	Medora	Illinois	Rosalie Rinaldi	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Madeline Dumouchelle	Coronation	Ontario	Joseph Riolo	San Jose	California
Mary Ann Emrick	Detroit	Michigan	Leonard Rowlands	Metuchen	New Jersey
Alan S. Foote	Merritt	New Jersey	F.B. Seeley	Royal York	Ontario
Robert Galdon, Jr.	Bayonne	New Jersey	Robert Shea	BH Web	Connecticut
Robert Koval	Bayonne	New Jersey	Lucille Stewart	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Jeannette Murray	Milette	New Hampshire	Pauline Thomas	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Robert Musso	Bayonne	New Jersey	Nancy L. Tucker	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Carl Nelson	Woodside	New Jersey	Johnsie Waddel	Rhododendron	Carolinas
Chris O'Neil	Coronation	Ontario	Alan White	Coronation	Ontario
James E. O'Neill	San Jose	California	Eleanore Yelenovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
Walter J. Pagurek	Bayonne	New Jersey			

SUPREME COUNCIL PROJECT FOR UKRAINE



Gen Macon sorts packages of new undergarments that were contributed for the project.

The Royal Arcanum has upheld the mission of charitable service and support through volunteerism and other good works since it was founded nearly 145 years ago. In times of disaster, fraternal benefit societies have answered the call to provide relief to victims of global tragedies through funding efforts, goods, supportive services and prayers. Today, the people of Ukraine are living through the darkest days in Europe since World War II.

The benevolence of Royal Arcanum councils, members, colleagues, and friends of the organization and the willingness to provide measures of support, exemplify genuine fraternal spirit and compassionate, charitable hearts.

The Fraternal Department's national project for the Ukrainian people was launched on February 27th and everyone's support from all points of Arcanian jurisdictions is greatly appreciated. Monetary donations and all new items for the Ukrainian people are sent each week to the Fraternal Director's contacts in several Polish towns that are swelling with refugees and for those in neighboring countries. Some forms of assistance are delivered via Polish transport (when safe to do so) to people who remain in Ukraine and in extreme need of basic essentials.

One hundred percent of the donations made to the Royal Arcanum project for the Ukrainian cause are directly helping the people. The funds and goods are gratefully acknowledged as they are received in Poland and are immediately "put to work" for Ukraine. The fraternal efforts will continue in the months ahead. Those wishing to learn more about ways to participate in the charitable project for Ukraine or to offer a donation, are welcome to contact Fraternal Director Cindy Macon, by emailing info@royalarcanum.com.



Fraternal Director Cindy Macon catalogues boxes filled with donations for Ukraine.



A sample of wrapped new items for the Ukrainian people



Sweatshirts are packed by sizes for men, women and children.

INTEGRITY COUNCIL RECONVENES AFTER PANDEMIC HIATUS



It was a different night of the month and a different place, but the smiles, chatting, and sharing were the same. Integrity Council #586 was back in session after a two-year hiatus! The new location was Popi's Restaurant in South Philadelphia, a place familiar to the council from previous events. The night was Wednesday, March 16, 2022.

After a three-course dinner that included shared antipasto trays, Italian favorites, and delicious desserts, Regent Peter Ferrara called the session to order for some business. Financial reports, committee work and activities, and preparations for the upcoming Supreme Session in Annapolis were discussed and approved through consensus.

A letter was read from Mia Messina, member of Integrity Council and RA 2021 scholarship winner. She thanked the council for the donation to Relay for Life. She will participate at the St. Joseph's University event for the American Cancer Society.

Because everyone had a good time, business was conducted easily around the table, and it's such a great location, the Council decided that future meetings will be held at Popi's. Dates and times will be announced via email and telephone calls.



NOTABLE QUOTABLES

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. And the only way to do great work is to love what you do.

—Steve Jobs

Just don't give up trying to do what you really want to do. Where there is love and inspiration, I don't think you can go wrong.

—Ella Fitzgerald

VERSATILITY'S HEARTS DAY PROJECT

Members of Versatility Council #2501 in New Jersey celebrated Valentine's Day by assembling 'Bushels of Love' baskets that were later delivered to local animal shelters and volunteer pet fostering organizations in Hudson and Bergen counties, New Jersey and in Staten Island, New York. In addition to a 'hearty' assortment of towels, blankets, laundry

aids, and paper products on the Pet Wish Lists, many cartons of food, milk supplement, treats and toys were contributed by council members as kitten season approached. It was another well-received project conducted by the Community Service Committee.



Chris Piscitelli and Gen Macon tote supplies for the council's Hearts for Pets project.



Elaine Zuber has her tote ready for the shelter pets.



Evelyn Magarban adds a basket for shelter puppies and kittens in New Jersey.

U.S. CONSUMERS WANT 500 MILES FOR THEIR ELECTRIC CARS

Electric cars may be getting more popular, but not all Americans are in a rush to buy one. One factor: Driving range. Deloitte's 2022 Global Automotive Consumer Study, which surveyed 26,000 people of driving age worldwide (1,031 of them American), found that Americans, on average, won't be comfortable with an electric vehicle unless it has a range of 518 miles between charges.

So far, only one car on the market, the Lucid Air, can satisfy that demand, with an EPA-certified range of 520 miles for its Dream Edition—which sells for \$169,000.

Drivers in other countries aren't quite as demanding. German drivers surveyed said they'd be satisfied with an average of 383 miles, and Chinese drivers would be OK with just 258 miles.



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BRING KIDS INTO THE KITCHEN

Getting your young children involved in preparing your family's meals can teach them lots of valuable skills, and can also improve the bond between you and your kids. The Market Screener website advises teaching them these useful kitchen habits:

- **Following directions.** Learning to follow step-by-step instructions and seeing the results teaches kids patience, the value of doing things in order, and sticking to a program.
- **Creativity.** Let your kids experiment with the food around your kitchen to see what they can create without restrictions. You may be surprised by the results, and children will learn from their successes and mistakes.
- **Motor skills.** Measuring, pouring, mixing, and other tasks help your children learn control and steadiness. Older children can take on more advanced roles like kneading, rolling, and other skills.
- **Menu planning.** Sit down with your kids to plan the week's menu. They can help you decide on what to buy, when to go shopping, what to eat on what day, and who should help cook the family's meals.
- **Healthy eating.** Use the opportunity to point out what foods are good for children's growing bodies. Giving them some choice in what fruits and vegetables to buy is a good way to encourage them to eat a healthy diet.



MONEY MATTERS: FOLLOW THESE BASIC FINANCE RULES

Personal finance doesn't have to be scary and complicated. Apply these tips from the Next Advisor website for getting your financial house in order:

- **Try zero-based budgeting.** Assign every dollar that comes in to a specific expense, like rent, food, car payments, etc. You can put whatever's left into an emergency fund, investments, or whatever you like. Similarly, learn to think of your credit cards as debit cards so you don't overspend.
- **Focus on income more than expenses.** You can only cut expenses so far. To achieve financial stability, look for ways to increase your income. Find a side gig, start your own small business, or just look for a better-paying job so you have more money coming in.



- **Negotiate.**

Sometimes this is as simple as asking for a better deal. Discuss options when buying something—the seller may be willing to make a deal or point you to something less expensive but still suitable to your needs. In salary negotiations, try asking,

“What have people in my position done to earn a raise in pay?” The answer can start a conversation that leads to more money.

- **Be patient.** Think of life as a marathon, not a sprint. Each small step, like setting aside a few dollars to invest every payday, can lead to a big payoff in the long run. Start small, be consistent, and make adjustments along the way. In time, you can end up where you want to be moneywise.

THE DUCK AND THE BARTENDER

A duck walks into a bar and asks, "Do you have any grapes?"

The bartender says, "No, I'm sorry. We have cherries and olives, but no grapes."

"Oh," says the duck, and leaves.

Ten minutes later the same duck returns and asks the same bartender, "Do you have any grapes?"

"Like I said before, we have cherries and olives, but we don't have grapes," says the bartender.

"Oh," says the duck, and leaves.

Ten minutes later the duck returns and again asks, "Do you have any grapes?"



"Listen, beak lips!" yells the bartender.

"We have no grapes! We will never have grapes! And if you ask me again, I am going to nail your little webbed feet to the floor!"

"Oh," says the duck, and leaves.

Ten minutes later, the door swings open and the duck returns again. The bartender is furious. He slams a bottle of beer down on the bar, stares menacingly at the duck and screams, "What?"

"Uh ... uh ... do you have any, uh, nails?" the duck asks.

"Nails? Nails? No, we don't have nails," answers the bartender.

"Oh," says the duck. "So, do you have any grapes?"

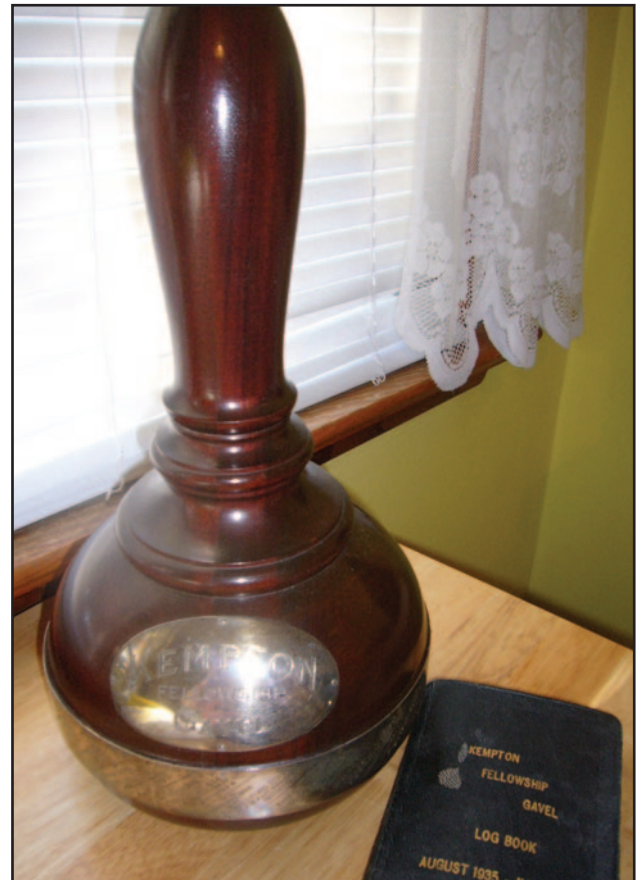
TREASURES FROM OUR PAST

The Royal Arcanum takes great pride in maintaining the artifacts and memorabilia of the Society's 145-year fraternal history. Pictured is the Friendship Gavel of Kempton Council #1545, New Jersey and its accompanying book of visitations; two historic pieces that spanned years of fraternal association with members of many councils.

The initial entry in the book was made by Milton I. Ayers, Regent, in the year 1935. In addition to its travels to subordinate councils, the gavel and book went to Supreme and Grand Council Sessions, as its tour extended throughout the jurisdictions which comprised "The Order".

The intent of the gavel's home members was for the Fellowship Gavel to create a happy bond of loyalty and friendship between Kempton Council and its neighboring councils. At each "visit", a welcoming ceremony included the council's regent recording his signature in the log book to be preserved; both the gavel and book became permanent mementos of a vibrant subordinate council in the Garden State.

The keepsakes were recently presented by the family of Nelson and Margaret Rummel of Kempton Council and are now part of the museum collection in the Royal Arcanum Home Office, Boston.



FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

“Say It with Flowers” is a sentiment shared by people, worldwide. Flowers are the refreshing living gift from the earth and are sent on many occasions to convey messages of love, appreciation, support, warm thoughts and more.

The Helianthus Annuus plant dates back to 1000 BC. In recent times, it became more commonly known as the sunflower. The plant may have received its name from the amazing shape of the flower head when in bloom and perhaps as well, since it grows with the flower to face towards sunshine.

Interestingly, the sunflower is considered more resilient than many other flowers. Its durability is revealed in its willingness to stick out during periods of difficulty, such as when it stands in full bloom for months on end during the hottest days of summer. In addition to being good for the environment and beautiful to look at, the sunflower has become a symbol of peace and hope for the future of humankind.

Most countries have chosen a flower or tree as one of the symbols considered important to their national identity. In the United States, it's the rose and in Canada, it's the maple leaf. For Ukraine, the national flower is the sunflower. Today, this symbol is probably the most emblematic of the nation and its people. Besieged by a cruel, unwarranted invasion and war, the people of Ukraine, under devastation, destruction, and death, are using every means possible to protect and save their land, liberty, and freedom. Those who had the capability to flee for protection had an arduous journey into neighboring countries and departed with only a small tote of their belongings, unknowing where they will end up, fearing that they will never see their loved ones again, and anxious if they will ever return to their homeland. The people, though confronted with a horrific crisis that is difficult for us to comprehend, will endure and the sunflowers will rise again from the rubble, giving hope to the people and peace to the nation.



When we turn on the television, check the computer, or open a newspaper, we see the graphic devastation and human toll of the unjust war in Ukraine. The pain, suffering, death and heartbreak afflicted upon the people cannot be overstated. The Royal Arcanum fraternalists, as volunteers, are called to be a source of light and messengers of hope and peace. A very special “Thank You” is extended to the RA councils,



members, and friends for their generous response to the Fraternal Department's national project to help the Ukrainian people. The mercy and charity demonstrated by our extended family is most appreciated; 100 percent of the funds and gifts donated are directly helping the Ukrainian people.

In a few weeks, our fraternal benefit society will begin its 145th year of service to members and communities. Always evolving to provide the best as a fraternal insurer for families, the Royal Arcanum's financial products of permanent

life insurance plans and annuity options, member benefits, charitable support, and volunteer service initiatives indicate that the organization has stood the test of time. The founding objectives of Virtue, Mercy and Charity always inspire our endeavors and guide our work in providing fellowship and goodwill, locally and for the community at-large.

As sunflowers soon begin to blossom here, we will be reminded of their resilience. At the same time, we can continue being beacons of hope and pray that a bright, healthy and peaceful future will be a reality for everyone.

In friendship,

Cynthia A. Macon

Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director

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JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Youth of the Year Award Program



The Royal Arcanum announces a new program for 2022 to recognize the volunteerism of our Junior members in their council and community as they continue the Society's fraternal mission of service. Members are encouraged to nominate a Royal Arcanum Junior member for the award.

A recipient may receive the award **once** when eligible in each category.

The award will be made to one recipient in each of the (2) categories---

Category #1: Ages 12 - 14 Category #2: Ages 15 - 17

Nominee for the award may be made by any Royal Arcanum member in good standing; a member may nominate one Junior per category per year.

Nominee must be a Royal Arcanum Junior member for at least (2) years.

Volunteer work, service projects, community activity, etc. performed during the calendar year of 2022 **ONLY** will be evaluated.

A photo of the nominee should be included with the nomination. Age category is based at the time application is received at the Royal Arcanum Office.

Completed nominations must be postmarked no later than November 30, 2022.

An independent panel of judges will determine the winners. Decisions are final.

Winners will receive a \$300 award check and will be featured in the Royal Arcanum BULLETIN.



2022 Youth of the Year Award Application

Please print or type

Royal Arcanum Junior's Name: _____ Council: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address:

City/State-Province/Zip:

Civic (non-school) Activities*:

Royal Arcanum/Council Activities*: _____

***Information can be submitted on a separate sheet of paper. Please type or print.**

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**THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY ROYAL ARCANUM MEMBER
MAKING JUNIOR NOMINATION**

Royal Arcanum Member Signature

Royal Arcanum Member Name (please print)

Phone #: _____

Council: _____

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+Send completed application/information and photo to:

**Royal Arcanum
Errica Conforto, Junior Director
61 Batterymarch St.
Boston, MA 02110**

+ Must be postmarked by November 30, 2022

COUNCIL OF SOCIAL CONCERN

The Royal Arcanum is proud to recognize our very own Bulletin Editor, Patrick Fitzgerald, for his work with the Council of Social Concern in Woburn, MA.



Patrick has been a member of their Board of Directors for three years and has worked hard toward being an effective and productive part of their organization.

The Social Concern Council was founded in 1969 by a group of concerned citizens who wanted to promote a sense of "neighborliness" in the community and address the absence of quality, affordable childcare and housing issues.

During the summer months, he partnered with a local grower to provide close to 700 pounds of fresh produce for their food pantry.

Today, the Council of Social Concern assists over 2,700 individuals per year, with the support of approximately 270 volunteers. They provide a range of services to address community needs:

Last year he donated 200 hours of his time modernizing their website, which is one of the focal points for their fundraising.

- Safe, affordable, quality child care through the Children's Center and Family Childcare System
- Parenting and wellness education and supervised visitation services through the Family Skill Building Program
- Food assistance and community resource education through the Food Pantry
- Information and referral

For those interested in volunteering or donating at the Council of Social Concern, you can do so on their website: <https://www.socialconcern.org>.



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SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD



Donald Ferry, Jr.

The Supreme Council Fraternal Department is pleased to announce that Claremont Council #1655 in New York, is the 2021 recipient of the Donald E. Ferry, Jr. Spirit of Service Award.

The award program, in tribute to Brother 'Don', was developed to carry forth his legacy of loyal service to our fraternal benefit society and in remembrance of his inspiring example of volunteerism.

Donald's willingness to create fraternal projects and lead by example was witnessed in the Royal Arcanum for over a quarter of a century.

The program's purpose is to "See a Need and Take the Lead" in support of a children's charity or charitable program for the benefit of children.



Joe and Errica Conforto preparing some of the project gifts.

The members of Claremont Council have followed in Donald's footsteps with their ongoing support of children's causes. Community Service Committee member, Lillian DePalma, introduced the Arcanians to Children of Promise, NYC; an organization that operates facilities in the Bronx and Brooklyn communities. Children of Promise reimagines a just society that values the purpose of every child impacted by mass incarceration and removes barriers to create opportunities for children to thrive and achieve their human potential.

The organization provides children with a safe place where they can learn, play and develop the tools they need to be bright young leaders. On-site help is available 5 days a week by a team of psychiatrists, social workers, creative arts therapists and volunteers. One-to-one mentoring is also part of the programs for the youth.

In addition to monetary donations, the Arcanians supported the children and teens at Children of Promise

with clothing articles, shoes and boots, school supplies, healthcare items, and an assortment of toys, games, and puzzles. Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto was instrumental in obtaining donations from members and friends to help bring a smile to the children and to let them know that friends they never have met truly care about them. Errica and Joe stored, sorted and delivered cartons of donations for the cause. Acting Supreme Regent Maria DiBartolo used her talents as a seamstress to provide formal apparel for the teens in time for their homecoming dances and proms. The members agree that the project was a wonderful experience; they fondly recalled Don's dedication to youth and were able to take the lead and volunteer together for Children of Promise, NYC. Great teamwork!



Maria DiBartolo sewing dresses for the project.

As the recipient of the Spirit of Service Award, Claremont Council received a \$500 check from the Supreme Council to further fraternal and charitable service on behalf of the Royal Arcanum.



Art Room at Children of Promise, NYC



Claremont Council members always share fraternal spirit!

BAKER'S BOX: ANGINETTI

Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto shares this recipe for “Anginetti” or Italian Wedding Cookies; they are often prepared for the holidays and are traditionally served at Italian family weddings. The cookies are typically made with anise, almond, lemon or vanilla flavored extract. After frosting, you can decorate the tops with colored sprinkles. The following version is made with lemon extract.

Cookies:

3 extra large eggs at room temperature
½ cup sugar
½ cup vegetable oil
½ teaspoon lemon extract
2 ½ teaspoons baking powder
pinch salt
2 ½ to 3 cups flour

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a bowl, combine dry ingredients (flour, baking powder and salt) and set aside. Using an electric mixer or stand mixer, combine eggs, sugar and lemon extract and mix at medium speed. Add oil and mix for 3 additional minutes, until dough is light and fluffy.

Slowly add dry ingredients and incorporate well. Dough may be a bit sticky; you can wet or spray oil on your hand to help facilitate rolling the cookies.

Place the cookies 2 inches apart on a parchment-lined baking sheet and bake for 13 to 15 minutes or until lightly brown on the bottom. Remove tray from oven and cool completely.

Frosting:

2 cups confectioners'- powdered sugar
5 to 6 Tablespoons water or milk
2 teaspoons lemon extract

Combine the ingredients and frost the COOLED cookies. Allow to completely dry before storing them or sharing with family and friends.



CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS RELIEF EFFORTS

I FELT LIKE THIS CAN'T BE REAL. THE VIDEOS AND IMAGES OF CHILDREN, BABIES, WOMEN, MEN, THE ELDERLY, AND ANIMALS BEING WOUNDED AND KILLED IN UKRAINE ARE HEART WRENCHING!

Hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing from their homes and trying to find refuge from the bombs and bullets spraying through the air. Their homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses are being blown up and their lives will "never" be the same.

Children crying! This Crisis is real! The Cruelty is real and we see in real time how an invasion on another country without provocation causes massive destruction and heartbreak. What can we do? God, please, God what can we do now?

My Prayers were answered! I am thankful for Sister Cindy Macon for sending her letter on February 27th, "A Request for Help." This letter was just in time to encourage me to move forward with contacting our



members in California. After reading Cindy's plea for help, I immediately called all of our members and they agreed 100% to send money for the Royal Arcanum's project to Sister Cindy, since she had a way through Poland to send funds, food, clothing, bedding and healthcare items for the Ukrainian refugees. Thank God we have a way to help! The California Grand Council immediately agreed to donate \$1,000 and the San Jose Council #2384 agreed to

donate \$1,000 to help, too! Our members are so giving and helpful. They realize that such a crisis could one day happen here in United States. We have outstanding support from both our councils. Thank you, Members of "California" for stepping up to the plate to help others in Ukraine.

Sincerely,
Joanie Francis
Grand Regent of California

FRATERNALISM COAST TO COAST

Plans are underway for the program of social activities that will take place during "free time" at the Supreme Council Session in Annapolis, Maryland this August. Members of the Fraternal Events Committee have selected the charitable gifting project for the event. It will be a Friendship Baby and Toddler Shower for Ukrainian refugees. It is estimated that between 3,500 and 4,000 Ukrainian babies will be born from now through August, outside of their homeland; many mothers-to-be and new mothers are choosing to stay in Poland (geographically close to the Ukrainian border) in the hope that they will be safely reunited with their loved ones in the near future. At the onset of the crisis in Ukraine, Sisters

opened their convent doors in Poland to provide a safe haven and compassionate care for expectant mothers and young women and their infants and children. What should be a joy-filled time for families is now being shadowed by an unjustified war.

Everyone's support to maintaining our time-honored tradition of the Supreme Council Session gifting project will be welcomed and greatly appreciated. You need not be present at the Session to participate. A special word of thanks is extended to our Grand Regents and committee members for volunteering to organize and promote this program in their jurisdictions.



Grand Regent Joanie Francis welcomes fraternal support from the California members in their mailed greetings.



Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC receives responses with pledges of support to the Fraternal Committee's endeavor from New Jersey members.

ANNAPOLIS AWAITS

The Royal Arcanum will host the 105th Supreme Council Session at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland from Sunday, August 21 through Thursday, August 25, 2022. We hope that Arcanians throughout the Supreme Council jurisdiction will participate. The business of the Order will be conducted during meeting time. The event will also provide the opportunity to enjoy fellowship with our fraternal family in one of America's charming cities on the east coast.

Maryland's capital city and world-renowned America's Sailing Capital, Annapolis greets visitors with open arms and a host of possibilities to explore. Known as a 'Museum without Walls', Annapolis is a lively, upbeat contemporary city where four centuries of architecture embrace 21st-century living. Located 25 miles south of Baltimore and 30 miles east of Washington, D.C., Annapolis is the closest state capital to the national capital.

Founded as Anne Arundel Town in 1649, Annapolis became the capital of Maryland in 1695

and the nation's first peacetime capital in 1783. Today, it boasts the oldest State House in continuous legislative use in the nation. It was here that George Washington resigned his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army in 1783 and the Continental Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris, officially ending the Revolutionary War.

During World War II, workers in Annapolis shipyards built PT Boats, and military vessels such as minesweepers and patrol boats were constructed there during the Korean and Vietnam wars.

In the summer of 1984, the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis hosted soccer games as part of the XXIII Olympiad.

The city is filled with historic and interesting places to drop in on throughout the year. You can visit the U.S. Naval Academy to get a glimpse of the day-to-day life of the 4,400-strong Brigade of Midshipmen who become professional officers in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. More than one million tourists visit the institution from around the world each year. From there, many venture to the Naval Academy Museum and its Gallery of Ships for more to explore.

Visitors can learn about life in colonial Annapolis by touring the home and reconstructed 18th-century pleasure garden of Declaration of Independence signer William Paca. They can stop by the Hammond-Harwood

House (A National Historic Landmark) to admire the 'Most Beautiful Doorway in America' or take time to tour the Annapolis Maritime Museum to discover the area's rich maritime heritage and ecology of the Chesapeake Bay.

The City Dock is the heart and soul

of Annapolis; adjacent streets are filled with boutiques and specialty shops so it's easy to take home a memory of the visit. Downtown Annapolis offers a wide selection of eateries— from fresh-from-the-Bay seafood to ethnic creations that span the globe. Dining choices abound! For fans of steamed crabs, some of the best can be enjoyed at a waterfront patio. And there's more to do, too!

We look forward to welcoming the Royal Arcanum family and celebrating fraternalism together in Annapolis this August. Till then...

Take care and be safe.

-The Supreme Council Executive Committee



CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

I hope everyone is well now that the spring season is in full swing and we can reflect on a winter season which brought below “normal” snow accumulation in most areas. I’m certainly pleased to see baseball season in full swing! There’s an optimistic outlook for teams that’s brought on with a new season. I look towards the future for our Society and have a positive approach. The year of 2021 was the first year in quite some time when we increased our membership and policies in-force, outside of a merger acquisition, and we anticipate 2022 as being a year of growth. We share a refreshed optimism for the planned Supreme Council Session scheduled August 21st to the 25th in Annapolis, MD!

Over the past two years, I’ve learned to consistently be prepared to pivot operational plans and develop initiatives to enable our Society to continue moving forward. These efforts can’t be accomplished “solo”; it takes a team working together to accomplish big things!

On the fraternal side, I’m proud of the efforts led by Fraternal-Communications Director Cindy Macon for driving our Ukrainian relief effort. This initiative has enabled Royal Arcanum to donate (as of this writing) over \$15,000; these funds are directly aiding the Ukrainian people who have fled to Poland and neighboring countries, as well as those who remain in their homeland of Ukraine as it is being ravaged by an unprovoked war. Such efforts, supported by councils, members and friends truly drive the reason why we exist as a fraternal society.

I’m pleased to advise that the Royal Arcanum solvency ratio increased to 12.13%, meaning our assets to liability stands at \$112.13 of assets for every \$100.00 of liability. The average solvency ratio for the leading 25 insurance companies is \$106.66; indicating our society to be firmly in front of most insurers in the market. Our surplus stands at 11.67 million dollars which puts us in a strong position for the future. As previously mentioned, we are challenged by the continued low interest rate environment, causing reduced investment revenue for our operations. We strive to develop initiatives to face this challenge and to continue our overall growth as a Society by implementing new programs such as the

Medicare product, which has started to make an impact in increasing membership.

In 2022, we are focused to transform Royal Arcanum with several new initiatives in the works. Our objective is to sustain and grow as a fraternal benefit society. On April 1st, we launched a new initiative to create efficiencies within the underwriting process. For the majority of applications, our underwriters will be able to make an application decision on the same day the



application is received. The team has additional medical information at their fingertips during the application review process to reduce medical research effort. This leads to a reduction in APS (Attending Physician Statement) requests which are costly and not very timely in most situations.

It's clear to say our Royal Perks member benefit program has been utilized by

many members. Members saved nearly \$50,000 in 2021 for purchases of cell phone plans, car and hotel rentals, computer software and more. Information for this program can be found at <https://www.royalarcanum.com/benefits-perkspots.html>

The home office continues to operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m -5:00 p.m. EDT. Should you have any questions or concerns, we ask you to call the office (888)-272-2686 or e-mail: info@royalarcanum.com .

Stay Safe and Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas G. Benoit', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

TAKE CARE OF YOUR BABY'S COUGH

A baby's cough can be worrying for parents, especially in these days of COVID-19, but it's not necessarily a cause for panic. Coughing is common among very young children. Follow this advice from U.S. News & World Report for taking care of a coughing child:

- **Keep nasal passages as clear as possible.** Congestion and postnasal drip can make coughing worse, especially during naps. Use a bulb aspirator for children who can't blow their own noses yet.
- **Use a humidifier.** A cool-mist humidifier can help keep your child's airways moist and reduce coughing.
- **Give lots of liquids.** Keep children well hydrated with water or juice. Warm decaffeinated tea can also eliminate the tickle that causes coughing. If your child turns down liquid, offer him or her a popsicle.
- **Try honey before bed.** For older children, a spoonful of honey coats the throat and relieves soreness. However, don't give honey to children under two—in some cases it can cause botulism.
- **Keep fever down.** Children's acetaminophen or ibuprofen can ease a fever in young children, but don't give them any adult cough or cold medicines.
- **Watch for these concerns.** Consult your doctor if the coughing doesn't get better, or in these situations:
 - A cough within the first few weeks of life.
 - Coughing with a fever lasting more than five days.
 - A cough lasting for eight weeks.
 - A cough getting worse by the third week.
 - Difficulty breathing, or labored breathing.
 - Night sweats.
 - Weight loss.
 - Coughing up blood.
 - A hacking cough without wheezing or fast breathing
 - A cough and stuffy nose for more than 10 days without improvement.

If your child is having difficulty breathing, is unresponsive, or unable to eat or drink, seek medical attention right away.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

The weather is getting warmer, flowers are starting to bloom, trees are turning green, and before you know it, another school year will be over.

We will announce the names of the winners of this year's Royal Arcanum scholarships and grants at the end of May and hope that all who applied receive the financial assistance they need to attain a great college education. This year, in order to give the scholarship program a bit more recognition, we will be reaching out to the top winners to encourage them to write an article for the Bulletin about the personal impact and opportunities that winning the scholarship will have on their college journey. It will also be nice to hear from the college graduates of the class of 2022 that received scholarships from the Royal Arcanum in the past; our Society truly supports and elevates the education of our young members.

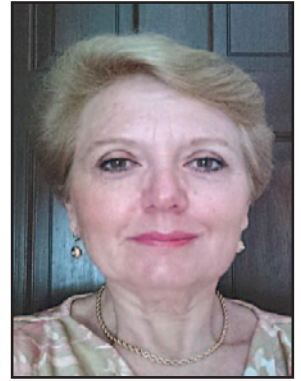
As a team, we are always working on providing wonderful programs and benefits for our Juniors of all ages. We have coloring pages and puzzles in the Bulletin for our youngest members who receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by submitting the completed pages.

In 2019, we launched a program for Juniors who love to write poems or stories. The program awards each Junior contributor a trophy, a certificate, and a \$25 Amazon gift card.

We have SAT reimbursements up to \$50, as well as care packages for our college students. Birthday cards, Valentine's Day cards, and postal cards to promote our scholarship program to future college students are sent out regularly.

Now the Junior Department introduces the YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD PROGRAM to recognize our Junior members that distinguish themselves with leadership and volunteerism in their councils and communities.

Nominees eligible for the award must be in good standing and be a Royal Arcanum member for at least two years. The award program will be divided in two age groups with a \$300 prize for each winner. There will be one award for members between 12 and 14 years old and another for members between 15 and 17 years old. You will find the program information, guidelines and nomination form in the Bulletin.



**Junior Department
Director
Errica Conforto**



As Memorial Day approaches, I ask our Juniors to honor all the men and women who serve and fight to protect our country and to participate in a charitable event or project. Send us photos of these projects so that they can be published in the Bulletin.

Join us at our 105th Supreme Council Session in August in Annapolis, Maryland with your family as we get ready to celebrate the 145th anniversary of the Royal Arcanum. We are planning many fun activities for our Juniors and will have a great time after two years of the pandemic preventing such events.

I wish all of our members a wonderful Mother's Day and a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day.

Sincerely yours in VMC,

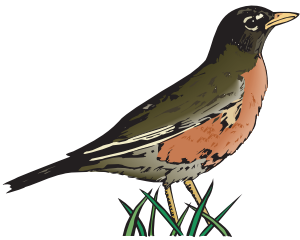
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Errica Conforto".

Errica Conforto
Junior Director

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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

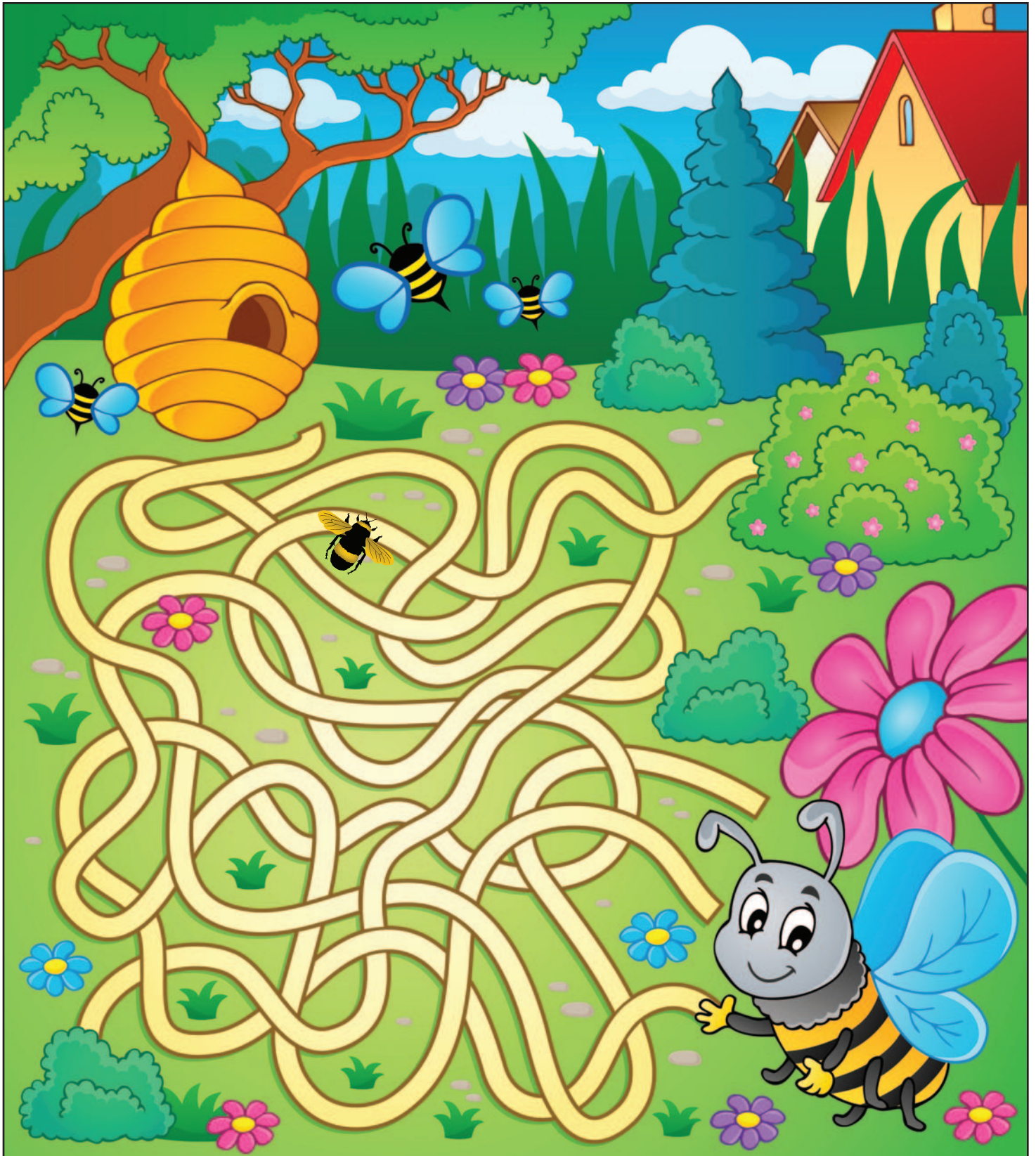
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**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
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Please enter my reservation for the 105th Supreme Council Session at the Annapolis Crowne Plaza Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD. 21401 (Phone: 1-410-266-3131)

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

M _____ Council No. _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail: _____

Spouse (please enter first name) _____

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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 21, 2022. Check-out will be on Thursday morning, August 25, 2022 (by 11:00 a.m.).

Closest Airport: Baltimore (BWI) Closest AMTRAK Train Station: Baltimore BWI
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A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

I am happy to report, for the first time in a very long time, we now may have some positive news to share with our members. Things are looking up in our efforts to control the spread of the Covid-19 pandemic. New cases, hospitalizations and deaths are declining in all areas of the country. Mask mandates, with a few exceptions, have been lifted. We are now free to enjoy our favorite restaurants, attend a movie or a concert without having to show proof of vaccinations. Most of our children are back in school, with in-person instruction. Life as we used to know it, prior to the pandemic, is slowly returning to normal. It may be a new normal as many individuals are still working from home; public transportation (planes, trains, buses etc.) are still subject to some restrictions. Along with the advent of spring, things seem to be moving in the right direction.

The lessening of pandemic restrictions is also very good news for the Royal Arcanum. We are moving ahead with plans for our Supreme Session. We were able to move our Session to August of 2022 (8/21/22 – 8/25/22). Kudos to our Fraternal Director Cindy Macon and members of the Executive Committee, Legal Counsel and the Home Office who were able to renegotiate our contract with no change in cost to our members. I am personally looking forward to seeing old friends and new members. It will be nice to have face to face interactions after several years of teleconferences.



While looking at some past articles that I had written for the Bulletin, I came across one dealing with daylight savings time. As we know, we spring forward with the coming of springtime. I mention this because there is legislation pending in Congress to make daylight savings time permanent. The Sunshine Protection Act would make daylight savings time permanent – so the clocks would

stay the same time as they are now. The US Senate has unanimously passed the Act and it is now in the House of Representatives. We tried this approach

before in the 1970's and it didn't stick. Come winter, the sun didn't rise until well after 8 a.m., meaning that many children were waiting for the school bus in the dark. There are many pros and cons on this issue and it should be interesting to see what the outcome will be.

My personal congratulations to all of

the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipients listed in this Bulletin and to all of our voluntary producers.

My best wishes to all of our members in the US and Canada, hopefully for a happy and healthy Easter and Passover season.

Yours in V. M. C.

Pete Ferrara
Supreme Secretary

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