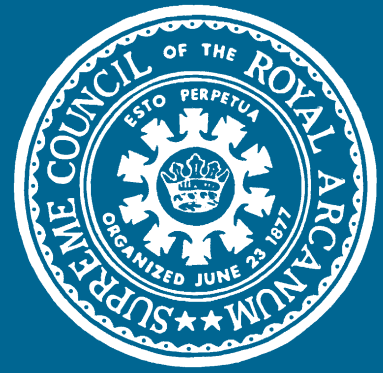
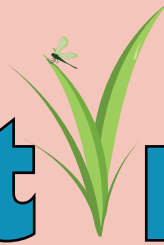


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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is here! The season of new beginnings is the perfect time to get together, plan activities, and become involved in charitable work.

It will be my absolute pleasure to visit your jurisdiction, participate in your council projects, and share my program with members, friends, and family. As part of my Supreme Regent's **Into the Future** campaign, I invite all of you to support an easy yet impactful charitable project. We are collecting boxes of cereal and donating them to schools, shelters, or pantries to help those in need. Members in New York and New Jersey have joined this effort; I am humbled and beyond appreciative for their many contributions.

The Royal Arcanum has much to offer! For over 145 years, the Society has helped families **Into the Future**. Again, this is the season of new beginnings and it's also a great time to enroll new members. Share the RA Bulletin with potential members so that they can learn more about our products and good works. RA life insurance plans fit several needs and lifestyles. New annuities can be opened with an initial \$500 deposit. We're always happy for new members to participate in our councils.

I wish to thank our Home Office associates; they do a phenomenal job and are always professional in servicing our officers, members, and applicants.

I look forward to connecting with you and learning about your council projects. Together we'll continue taking our organization **Into the Future!**

Sincerely yours in V.M.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo".

Maria Bettina DiBartolo
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

Le printemps est là! La saison des nouveaux départs est le moment idéal pour se réunir, planifier des activités et s'impliquer dans des œuvres caritatives.

Ce sera pour moi un plaisir absolu de visiter votre juridiction, de participer aux projets de votre conseil et de partager mon programme avec les membres, les amis et la famille. Dans le cadre de ma campagne Supreme Regent's dans le futur, je vous invite tous à soutenir un projet caritatif simple mais percutant. Nous collectons des boîtes de céréales et les donnons à des écoles, des refuges ou des garde-manger pour aider ceux qui en ont besoin. Des membres de New York et du New Jersey se sont joints à cet effort; Je suis honoré et au-delà reconnaissant pour leurs nombreuses contributions.

Royal Arcanum a beaucoup à offrir ! Depuis plus de 145 ans, la Société aide les familles vers l'avenir. Encore une fois, c'est la saison des nouveaux départs et c'est aussi le moment idéal pour inscrire de nouveaux membres. Partagez le Bulletin RA avec des membres potentiels afin qu'ils puissent en savoir plus sur nos produits et nos bonnes œuvres. Les régimes d'assurance-vie RA répondent à plusieurs besoins et modes de vie. De nouvelles rentes peuvent être ouvertes avec un dépôt initial de 500 \$. Nous sommes toujours heureux que de nouveaux membres participent à nos conseils.

Je tiens à remercier nos associés du Home Office; ils font un travail phénoménal et sont toujours professionnels au service de nos dirigeants, membres et candidats.

J'ai hâte de communiquer avec vous et d'en apprendre davantage sur les projets de votre conseil. Ensemble, nous continuerons à emmener notre organisation vers le futur!

Cordialement à V.M.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo".

Maria Bettina DiBartolo
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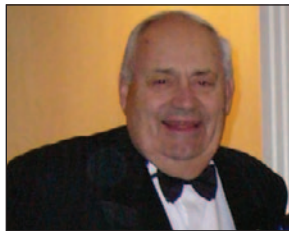
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A Salute to Distinguished Service

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) Bar-I

'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)

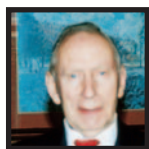


Kenneth J. Kolek
Pawtucket CI
Rhode Island
(L. of H.-10)
(L. of H. Center Diamond)



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)
(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)



William J. Wire
Medora CI
Illinois
(L. of H.-6)
(deceased)



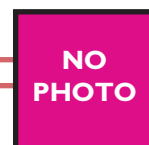
Deborah L. Young
Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-10)



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



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



David Hryniwich
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.-7)



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
Joe Tedesco	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Loretta Wehbe	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
Ellen Phillips	Railroad	Colorado

TWELVE DIAMONDS

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

ELEVEN DIAMONDS

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

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 (deceased)	Andrew Madonna	Williamsbridge	New York
Peter Ferrara	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Ethel Reitsema	Merritt	New Jersey

EIGHT DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Charlotte Brill	Treasure Coast	Florida	Roger Gudenkauf	Denver	Colorado
Matthew D'Emilio	Integrity	Pennsylvania			

SEVEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Herbert J. Snyder	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Carmen Toma	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts

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			



A Salute to Distinguished Service



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

FIVE DIAMONDS

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

FOUR DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Helen Bartolet	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania (deceased)	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 (deceased)
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. Dehainaut	Medora	Illinois (deceased)	Rosalie Rinaldi	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Madeline Dumouchelle	Coronation	Ontario	Joseph Riolo	San Jose	California.(deceased)
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 (deceased)
Jeannette Murray	Milette	New Hampshire	Pauline Thomas	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Robert Musso	Bayonne	New Jersey	Johnsie Waddel	Rhododendron	Carolinas (deceased)
Carl Nelson	Woodside	New Jersey (deceased)	Alan White	Coronation	Ontario
Chris O'Neil	Coronation	Ontario	Eleanore Yelenovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
James E. O'Neill	San Jose	California			
Walter J. Pagurek	Bayonne	New Jersey			

INTEGRITY COUNCIL CONTINUES TO HELP THE HOMELESS

Lillie Mae Panichelli and Rev. Herb Snyder delivered several bags and boxes of clothing on behalf of Integrity Council #586 of Philadelphia to the Arch Street United Methodist Church to be used in the ministry to the homeless. The Center at the Church provides opportunities for eighteen persons in the homeless community to come by, shower, launder their clothing, and have a cup of tea each weekday. They must make a reservation and not just drop in!

Of course, clean clothing is always needed! Integrity Council, a longtime supporter of Arch Street Church's work with the homeless, has provided and served meals at the Church's "Grace Café" and has made substantial contributions to help their homeless neighbors.

Lillie Mae Panichelli and Herb Snyder deliver packages to help the homeless.



BAYONNE'S COMMUNITY HELPERS

The Lenten Season in Bayonne, New Jersey began with the councils organizing a home goods and clothing drive for the benefit of The Salvation Army. The Community Outreach Committee members welcomed contributions from families and friends that were sorted and packaged for delivery to the charity on Ash Wednesday.

The Salvation Army is actively serving in 133 countries to offer hope to those in need. Its social service programs provide food, shelter and clothing to the homeless and poor. The organization also offers services for youth, seniors, veterans, and the imprisoned.

Many useful items were donated for the council project and the fraternalists anticipate continuing its charitable support with additional contributions in time for summer.

Packing bundles of donations



HELPING HANDS FOR UKRAINE: UPDATE

The Supreme Council gratefully acknowledges all of the councils, members, and friends for their generous response to supporting our Society's efforts for the Ukrainian people as their homeland remains impacted by war. During the past twelve months, the Royal Arcanum provided over \$45,000 to help the Ukrainian people – those who fled to Poland and to neighboring countries and those who stayed in Ukraine, facing an uncertain future.

As an extended family, the Royal Arcanum continues to offer funds, all-new clothing, bedding and other goods, food, medicine and medical supplies, supportive services and prayers for the Ukrainian people through our contacts in Poland. Some forms of assistance are also delivered via Polish transport (when possible) to the people in Ukraine. The winter was extremely brutal in Ukraine as so many went without heat, clean water, food, and other everyday essentials. The needs have been great and our fraternal team responded with a spirit of compassion, healing, and hope.

One hundred percent of the donations made to the Royal Arcanum projects for the Ukrainian cause have been put to work, directly helping the people. Our contacts in Poland in the regions of Przemysl, Warsaw, Halinow, Krakow and Lomza, are working 'round the clock to aid their Ukrainian "guests", many of whom are residing in convents until they finalize plans for their next steps, whether returning home when safe to do so, connecting with family in other parts of the globe, making a

temporary home in another country, or something else. The men stayed in Ukraine to serve in the military and many of their families who left for safety wished to remain in Polish towns so that they could be reunited quickly when possible. During the past few months, the sisters learned of many tragic stories of seriously wounded soldiers enduring frostbite, amputation of limbs, and death. The sisters never tired and tripled their efforts by collecting warm clothing, blankets, and footwear to support the military units, plus medicines and other supplies that were greatly needed.

The sick and elderly in Ukraine were too frail to travel, so families are separated and their days remain filled with fear of the unknown. The youngsters are adjusting to attending school while learning in a foreign language and adapting to new surroundings. Some youngsters are easily frightened at the sound of a siren or loud noise (thinking it's a signal of bombing like they heard in Ukraine).

The road ahead will not be an easy one, although the convents, parishes, universities, and host families continue to open their doors and welcome Ukrainian guests and provide them with a safe haven.

On behalf of the Fraternal Events Committee, a heartfelt "Thank you" is extended to everyone for participating in this charitable effort and for sharing a ray of sunshine across the miles. Our RA programs will continue for the Ukrainian cause, as do the prayers and hope that international peace will soon be a reality for all.



A box filled with new summer clothes for children



Parcels of donations for Ukraine will be tagged for shipment.

VERSATILITY SHARES SPRINGTIME JOY

Members of Versatility Council #2501 conducted an “Easter on Its Way” springtime project for the Felician ministries. Gift packages were assembled and arranged for delivery or shipment to charitable causes in New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and South Carolina. The Felicians, formally known as the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Felix of Cantalice, sponsor hospices, schools, food pantries, nursing homes, missions and more. Much of their work is dedicated to serving the marginalized, those living in poverty, those with disabilities, the elderly, the imprisoned and at-risk youth.

Arcanians in New Jersey have an extended family in the Felician Sisters. The fraternalists are always ready

to support their efforts so good works will continue to thrive locally and across the global community. The members “hopped to it” by shopping, sorting, wrapping and packing an array of practical gifts for all ages.

The sisters were very thankful for all of the assembled items that would be gifted to those in their care. The Fraternal Events Committee is grateful to the members and friends for their generous support to the council’s springtime project and all look forward to planning their activities for the summer season.



Delivering gifts for the Felician children’s programs



Fraternal Events Committee members for the Easter project

CHARITY SPORTING EVENT IN MASSACHUSETTS



Teddy Benoit, a Junior member of Alpha-Agassiz Council #1 and his friends took part in an elementary dodgeball tournament to benefit the local community food bank in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Twelve teams competed with the championship being won by Teddy’s team. The spirited event brought families and friends together in support of a great cause.



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SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD



The Supreme Council Fraternal Department is pleased to announce that Claremont Council #1655 in New York is the recipient of the Donald E. Ferry, Jr. Spirit of Service Award for 2022.

The award program, in tribute to Brother “Don”, was developed to carry forth his legacy of dedicated service to our fraternal benefit society. Its 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.

The members of Claremont Council have followed in Donald’s footsteps with their support of children’s causes. Once again, they were fraternalists-in-action for the benefit of Children of Promise, NYC; an organization that operates facilities in the Bronx and Brooklyn communities. Founded in 2009, it is the first and only after-school program and summer day camp specifically designed to meet the needs, interests and concerns of children left behind by a parent serving time in prison. The organization strives to have the children succeed and achieve their human potential. On-site help is available 5 days a week from a team of psychiatrists, social workers, creative arts therapists and volunteers. One-to-one mentoring is also part of the programs for the youth.

The Arcanians supported the children and teens at Children of Promise with an assortment of wonderful gifts. They were instrumental in securing prom gowns,

and suits, plus shoes and accessories for the high schoolers. These gifts would enable the students to feel special and proud to attend their junior and senior formal events being hosted in the spring.

The fraternalists delivered over 200 boxes of cereal for the children so that they would have nutritious snacks to enjoy at home. Many of the youth may only have one substantial meal per day and the any-time-of-day food staple would help them fight being hungry.

School supplies, healthcare items, and a variety of toys also added to the gifting project. The Grand Council of New York joined the members of Claremont by making a \$500 donation through the Royal Arcanum’s International Fraternal Service Fund to Children of Promise, NYC.

Special thanks is extended to Past Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto and Supreme Regent Maria and Freddy DiBartolo for organizing the project in memory of Brother Don Ferry, Jr. and for encouraging members, families, and friends to participate and share their blessings with the children. Their generosity will hopefully help the youngsters to have a brighter start **“Into the Future.”**



Alexandra Orr assists with cereal box donations.



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.

Claremont Council members with gifts for Children of Promise

PUPPY LOVE VALENTINES

For years, New Jersey members have demonstrated their animal-friendly spirit by continuing to plan fraternal activities that include visits to pet shelters and humane societies. Sadly, many shelter pets are awaiting their fur-ever families and for some, a second chance at a better life.

The Arcanians continue to support organizations with a mission to rescue, shelter, rehabilitate, render medical care and find adoptive homes for pets brought to their doors. Basic supplies are always needed and donations are much appreciated by staff who care for the animals - from the tiniest newborn kitten to the largest senior dog.

The grand and subordinate council members organized a Valentine's project - 'Puppy Love' - to help their canine friends. Donations of pet food, bedding, towels, toys, doggie coats, collars, harnesses, leashes and other treats filled dozens of cartons and were delivered to several animal shelters in northern New Jersey.

It was another splendid job by the fraternalists! Everyone enjoyed volunteering together and hearing happy "tales" of pups being adopted at the shelters and welcomed by their adoptive families.



A stop at the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro, NJ



New Jersey members "paws" after sorting supplies for the pet shelters.

BAKER'S BOX: ST. JOSEPH'S ZEPPOLE

Enjoy this recipe shared by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto. Zeppole shells are made of classic choux pastry dough; the puffs

are filled with pastry cream. They can be deep-fried or made in the oven.

FOR THE DOUGH:

1 cup water
1 ½ sticks butter
2 cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
6-7 eggs
sour cherry or marmalade
confectioners sugar for dusting



FOR THE PASTRY CREAM:

1 quart milk
1 cup sugar
4 eggs
½ cup flour
lemon peel
1 tbsp. vanilla extract



SUPPLIES:

Heavy pastry bag with large star tip
Baking sheet lined with parchment paper



Preheat oven to 390 degrees. Baking time is 30-35 minutes, *plus* an additional 7-10 minutes with the oven door a few inches open. (I put a wooden spoon in between the door and the stove).

Cream can be made the day before.

CREAM: In a bowl, beat eggs with sugar; add flour and a bit less than ½ cup of milk. While mixing, heat (but don't boil) the remaining milk with the lemon peel on the stove-top. Reduce heat to low and slowly start pouring in the egg batter; whisk and turn to prevent lumps and cream from sticking to the bottom of the pot. Continue whisking until the cream starts to thicken and bubble for few minutes. Remove from heat ASAP and transfer to a large bowl. Remove the lemon peel, add 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract and mix. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate to cool.

Butter
DOUGH: In a medium pot, combine water, butter, and salt. Heat on stove-top and bring to boil. Reduce heat to low and add all the flour at once. Mix well with a wooden spoon until the dough comes together in a smooth ball. Transfer into a mixer bowl. Using the dough hook, beat for a few minutes for the dough to cool down a bit. (The dough should be warm, not hot when the eggs are added in the next step). Add eggs, one at a time. Add the next egg **AFTER** the previous one has been completely incorporated. At the end, the dough should reach the consistency of a thick cream, smooth and glossy, and when hanging from the spoon, should form a kind of V-shape on the spoon. Transfer the dough to a pastry bag with a large star-shaped tip and start piping the zeppole onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Fill pastry bag with cream, pipe cream in the middle of the zeppole and add another swirl of cream on the top. Dust with confectioners sugar; top with a cherry or marmalade.



Leave enough space between the pastries, as they'll double in size. Bake (as indicated above). Let them cool off before filling with cream.



St. Joseph's Zeppole: By the Numbers



FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As we happily welcome the warm weather and spend more time outdoors, it's not surprising that we look forward to strolling on a boardwalk or trekking to a carnival to have fun and enjoy the activities there. We'll hear barkers in the booths calling, "Come on over. Take a chance. Win a fabulous prize!" If there's something that catches our eye in the gallery of gifts, we'll probably take a chance and hope for a big win!

As I think about taking chances, I am reminded of my dear friend and mentor in the Royal Arcanum – Brother William "Bill" Wire who left his earthly home in January. Those of us who were lucky enough to have known Bill will remember that he often had a story to tell. A fond memory he shared was how he came to enroll as a member of the Royal Arcanum. It just so happened that Bill "took a chance" at an invitation to play cards. To join the game, he'd have to become an Arcanian since all of the card players were members of Illinois councils at the time. Lucky for us that Bill took that chance! I believe that all of us were winners from the time he enrolled. Bill was authentic and his positive approach is a quality to be embraced. He always wore a smile, had a good word for others, shared his vision for the organization to succeed, and was an advocate of volunteer fraternalism and the Society's objective of charitable service across the entire Supreme Council.

Let's follow Bill's example and take a chance in council endeavors. The Supreme, Grand, and Subordinate Councils are actively involved in promoting the Society in community with support to a host of charitable causes. Members are always welcome to join these efforts, share ideas, and see all the good that can be accomplished while serving together. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize the fraternal and charitable activity that is coordinated through the International Fraternal Service, LJD Legacy of Hope, DEF Spirit of Service, Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart, and Sharing

and Caring programs. In recent years, many charities struggled to keep their doors open with fewer donations and volunteers to aid their mission while the number of guests in need of help continued to rise. We thank all of the councils for taking a chance in sponsoring projects during challenging times. With team spirit, members brought hope and help by their generosity.

There's another chance to participate in our fraternal programs this year. *The Dime a Day Drive* runs through October 26th for *Honor Your Service to America* (deployed troops) and *The Cereal Box Campaign* (food staple for children). For additional information, e-mail: info@royalarcanum.com.

As we're led by Supreme Regent Maria "**Into the Future**," invite family and friends to take a chance, too, and learn more about the Royal Arcanum. With its portfolio of permanent life insurance plans and member benefits, the Royal Arcanum shines as an outstanding Society. Being an insurance provider for more than 145 years, the organization has stood the test of time and continues to grow with new enrollments of Junior and adult members.

If you have the opportunity, take a chance to connect with your council members and share good times together! As we soon observe Memorial Day, kindly thank a veteran and offer a prayer for our troops and for all those who died for the cause of freedom and liberty.

In friendship,

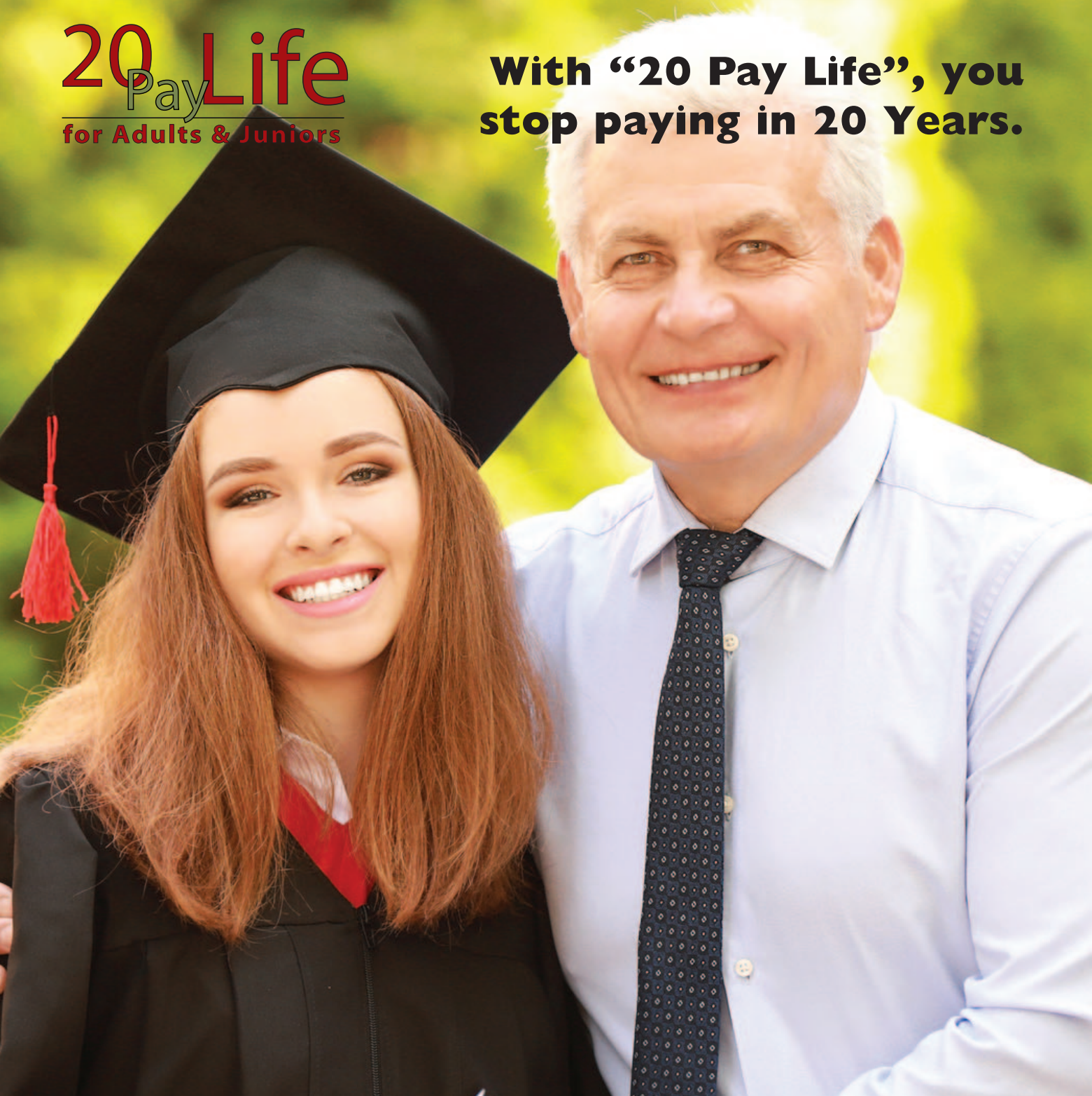


Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director



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NEW YORK COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Members of Claremont Council #1655 enjoyed welcoming the spring season and a St. Joseph's Day celebration with members of the San Fratello Society in the Bronx. Throughout the year, their community

partnership supports charitable causes and also sponsors activities to introduce neighbors and friends to the customs and traditions of Italy.



Sharing friendship and fellowship in the Bronx

SIMPLIFIED ISSUE PLAN

**Premiums never
increase and death
benefit never
decreases**

PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE

- * No increase of premium
- * No decrease of death benefit
- * No medical exam
- * Cash accumulation values

**CERTIFICATE LOANS
PAYMENT TO BENEFICIARY**



SIMPLIFIED APPLICATION

- * Full underwriting not required
- * Full face amount payable in first year
- * Subject to contestable period in first 2 years

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IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM J. WIRE



The Supreme Council is sad to announce that Brother William James "Bill" Wire passed from this life on January 26, 2023. Bill was born and raised in the Little Italy neighborhood of Chicago, Illinois. He was a veteran of the United States Army, having served as a Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division. He later

returned to Chicago to enter the workforce. His commitment to a strong work ethic was always demonstrated; he retired as Administrator of SEIU Local #4 Health and Welfare Fund. He was also an active officer and member of several community organizations in the Chicago area and enjoyed spending time with family and friends, whether at a council event, a Cubs baseball game, a stop at a casino, or for dinner at a quiet restaurant or even a lively diner.

"Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together." -Woodrow Wilson

Bill enrolled into Royal Arcanum's Medora Council #1648 in 1965. He held various offices, including Council Regent, Grand Regent of Illinois, and Supreme Representative. Brother Wire served as Supreme Warden, Supreme Committeeman on Appeals, Elective Member of the Executive Committee, Supreme Orator, and Supreme Vice Regent. He was honored to be elected as Supreme Regent for the 2008-2010 term. His motivational campaigns, '**On the Move**' and '**Keeping on the Move**' were enthusiastically received across the United States and Canada. Brother Bill became Past Supreme Regent in 2010 and that same year was elected as Chairman of the Executive Committee. In recognition of 30 years of uninterrupted service in the Supreme Council, Brother Wire was conferred the distinction of "Life Member" at the 104th Supreme Council Session in Orlando in 2018. Even after retiring from the Executive Board, Bill's passionate drive for the Royal Arcanum's future growth and productivity fervently continued. In a humble manner, he shared wisdom and experience, always availing himself to mentor, assist, and support

members with their responsibilities as officers. He was bestowed Honorary Membership in Bayonne Council #695, NJ and in the Grand Council of New Jersey.

For achievements as a voluntary recommender of new members into the organization, Brother Wire attained the prestigious Legion of Honor Award, becoming its 90th member.

The Royal Arcanum is thankful for Bill's untiring dedication to the attributes of Virtue, Mercy and Charity and for his selfless service to council and community. In all of his endeavors at work and for the Society, Florence, his beloved wife of over 60 years was at his side; partners whose love for each other and love for life were admired by many. Together they attended Sessions, mini vacations and other events across the Supreme Council jurisdiction. For years, they trekked from the North Pole to the delight of the Juniors in Illinois, delivering Christmas parcels from Santa's workshop. The Wires were avid volunteers of the Fraternal Events Committee to promote and support the charitable causes for each year's gifting project. Bill's good nature and sense of humor shined at Session activities, including 'Game Night', bowl-a-rama, DSA breakfasts and costume parties.

Many will recall his entry for the RA's 135th Anniversary Baby Photo Contest that won 1st prize!

Royal Arcanum members assuredly have wonderful memories of Brother Bill Wire.

A man of great integrity, he was a stellar leader, officer and colleague whose knowledge, vision, patience, and countless efforts contributed to the success of the Society and its councils. Bill greeted everyone with smile, shared a host of stories, and offered respect and understanding by always being a good listener.

Left to cherish Bill's memory is his devoted wife, Florence, their nieces, nephews and families, plus countless friends who are thankful to have known Bill and have been honored to call him "brother".

May he rest in eternal peace.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

Youth of the Year Award Program



The Royal Arcanum announces a great program for 2023 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

Nomination 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 2023 **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, 2023.

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.



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, 2023

MOAB - A SOUTHWESTERN VACATION PARADISE

As our Arcanian brothers and sisters start to plan their family vacations, one destination that should be at the top of their list is Moab, Utah.

Moab is a city located in the southeastern part of the state of Utah, in the United States. It is situated in the heart of the Colorado Plateau, near the confluence of the Colorado River and the Green River. Moab is known for its beautiful red rock landscapes, natural arches, canyons, and mesas. It is also a popular destination for outdoor recreation, including hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and river rafting. Moab is home to numerous state parks and recreation areas but is best known for its two national parks, Arches and Canyonlands.

Arches National Park is known for its unique rock formations, including over 2,000 natural sandstone arches, as well as various other geological features such as balanced rocks, fins, and pinnacles.

Arches National Park covers an area of over 76,000 acres. The area was once covered by a vast inland sea, and over millions of years, the sedimentary rocks were formed, eventually creating the arches, spires, and other unique rock formations that can be seen in the park today.

Visitors to Arches National Park can enjoy a variety of activities, including hiking, camping, rock climbing, and photography. The park has a number of trails, ranging from easy walks to more strenuous hikes, that take visitors through some of the most scenic areas of the park. The most famous arch in the park is Delicate Arch, which is a popular destination for hikers and photographers.

Moab, Utah is also known worldwide as a destination for four-wheeling enthusiasts, with numerous trails and off-road areas available for those who want to explore the area's rugged terrain. Moab is home to some of the most challenging and scenic four-wheel drive trails in the country, and it is a favorite destination for off-road fanatics from around the world.

The best part about taking the family to Moab is that the venture can be a very affordable vacation. Most of the places to go can be accessed either by the America the Beautiful Pass or the Utah State Parks Pass. But regardless of the cost, a trip to Moab is sure to create memories that will be priceless.



CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

As spring is in full swing, it's time to recognize that the Royal Arcanum celebrates its 146th anniversary this year. It's interesting to note how things have evolved in the fraternal world in so many ways.

One main premise is that Royal Arcanum and fraternal societies exist for the benefit of members. In 1877, life insurance was only available to those who were well off financially. A main reason why fraternal societies developed was to provide insurance protection against the unexpected to a broader range of families. Frequently, when a breadwinner passed away, the family tragically suffered without having any financial protection. Royal Arcanum continues to provide competitively priced insurance products to members, as well as a 5-year deferred annuity, currently paying a 4% growth rate. As a Society, we do this while continuing to provide many benefits to members and to our communities.

In 2022 we increased membership, while increasing our first year and renewal life insurance premium in the 30 states we are licensed. This trend has continued through the first quarter of 2023 and we expect to increase membership and premium revenue again in 2023. Our sales department has increased our independent agent sales force dramatically, along with implementing enhanced technology for a more efficient application process for the member/potential member and agent. We have finalized our scholarship applications for the 2023/2024 school year; these are being reviewed by an independent scholarship judge. The scholarship winners, including a \$10,000 scholarship, will be featured in our next Bulletin.

A new fraternal investment bill was filed within the Massachusetts legislation in January. H1100 requests an amendment restricting fraternal benefit societies to invest up to 25% of surplus in equities to 10% of assets. This would provide the ability to increase investment revenue along with the ability to adjust our current rate

of return, which we monitor closely, based on the ever-changing market.

As we're in the midst of the nicer spring weather, more opportunities will entice us to get out and support our communities. We have a wonderful International Fraternal Service program to support Subordinate and Grand Council donations, up to \$1,000 annually for approved projects. I challenge each and every one to do something positive each and every day, from saying



something kind to someone who appears to be down or making the extra effort to include someone in a group if you are at a function. You never know how much this can mean to someone, whether they're 5 years old or 100 years old.

The Home Office continues to operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. [EST]. Should

you have any questions or concerns, we ask you to call the office (888)-272-2686 or e-mail info@royalarcanum.com.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Benoit'.

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



CALIFORNIA'S PET-FRIENDLY PROJECT

Led by Grand Regent Joanie Francis, the members of California continue to organize gifting projects to help animals by supporting local humane societies, shelters, and other charitable causes that provide permanent homes for pets.

In recent months, pet shelters and adoption facilities have been overwhelmed with rescued and surrendered pets; many in need of

“TLC” – Tender Loving Care.

On behalf of the members, Past Supreme Regent Jim O’Neill shopped, packed, and delivered hundreds of pounds of pet food and treats for the animals in the shelters. In addition, the Arcanians brought a supply of dog food and bones to the German Shepherds that were adopted by the Sisters in the Carmelite Monastery.



Above: Maria at the San Jose Animal Center accepts the Arcanian donations of pet food and gifts from Jim O’Neill.



Right: Jim O’Neill being greeted by Sr. Mary and the pups at the Carmelite Monastery.

TREASURE FROM OUR PAST



Pictured is a souvenir charm for the Torch of Fraternalism campaign that was presented to jurisdictional representatives at the Supreme Council Session held in 1956. The Royal Arcanum

conducts its biennial session in a jurisdiction where the Society is licensed and welcomes members to the business meetings and social activities. The highlight of the event is the election of the Supreme Regent and the presentation of the fraternal membership campaign for the ensuing two years.

DOMREMEY COUNCIL 23

The members of Domremey Council #23 gathered in Westford, Massachusetts for a social that was sponsored in conjunction with the Richelieu Club of Lowell. The participants enjoyed interesting conversations and sharing suggestions for the advancement of their organizations. It was a fun-filled evening for everyone!

The fraternalists continue their charitable endeavors in Massachusetts. A recent project was organized to assist the elderly and homebound with shopping, cleaning, painting, and other chores for their neighbors to be ready to welcome the spring season.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

By the time you receive this spring edition of the Bulletin, we will know the names of this year's scholarship and grant winners. Our independent judge of the program, who is not affiliated with the Royal Arcanum, will notify us of the names of this year's winners by the end of May. I wish all the best to our high school seniors that applied for the scholarships and grants. With the costs of college education constantly rising, I hope that those in need of financial assistance are able to pursue their dreams and hopes.

I strongly encourage all of the jurisdictions throughout the USA and Canada to honor the winners in their own councils by planning a dinner or a special meeting if possible. Let these students know that the entire Royal Arcanum family is proud of them! Celebrating the successes of our Junior members is essential for the continuation and growth of our fraternity so remember to take pictures and share them with us. Being a family fraternal society, we strive to provide benefits to help our young generation. They have so much potential as they prepare to walk "*Into the Future*" and make decisions that literally will shape their lives, hopes, and dreams. To all of our Juniors, CONGRATULATIONS!

Care packages have recently been sent to all current Royal Arcanum college students who provided us with their names and mailing addresses. There are many things offered for the benefit of our Juniors, as well as

important information, deadlines, and rules regarding the programs. Remember: "You have to be in it to win it."

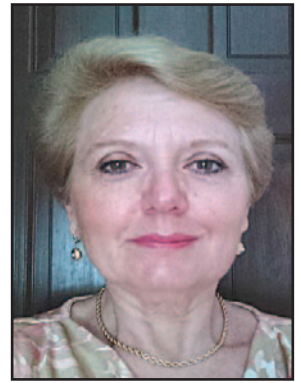
In the weeks ahead, we are going to celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, communions, graduations, and other special occasions and hope that everyone will enjoy a wonderful time with family and friends.

In closing, as Memorial Day approaches, I want to salute and honor all of the men and women who serve and fight to protect our country. It costs absolutely nothing to be kind. Treat every person you meet with respect and treat everyone as you would want to be treated.

Sincerely in V.M.C.



Errica Conforto
Junior Director



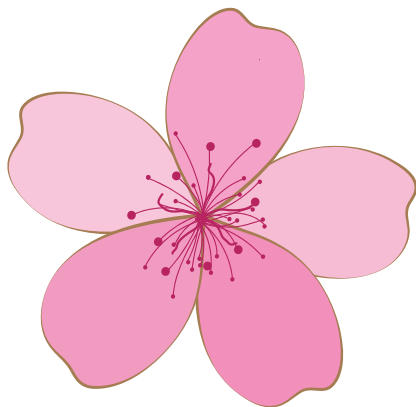
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SPRING WORD SEARCH

WORD LIST

BLOSSOM	APRIL
BUTTERFLY	TULIP
EASTER	BUNNY
THAW	ROBIN
NEST	GREEN
BREEZE	UMBRELLA
RAIN	GRASS
RAINBOW	BUD



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 _____

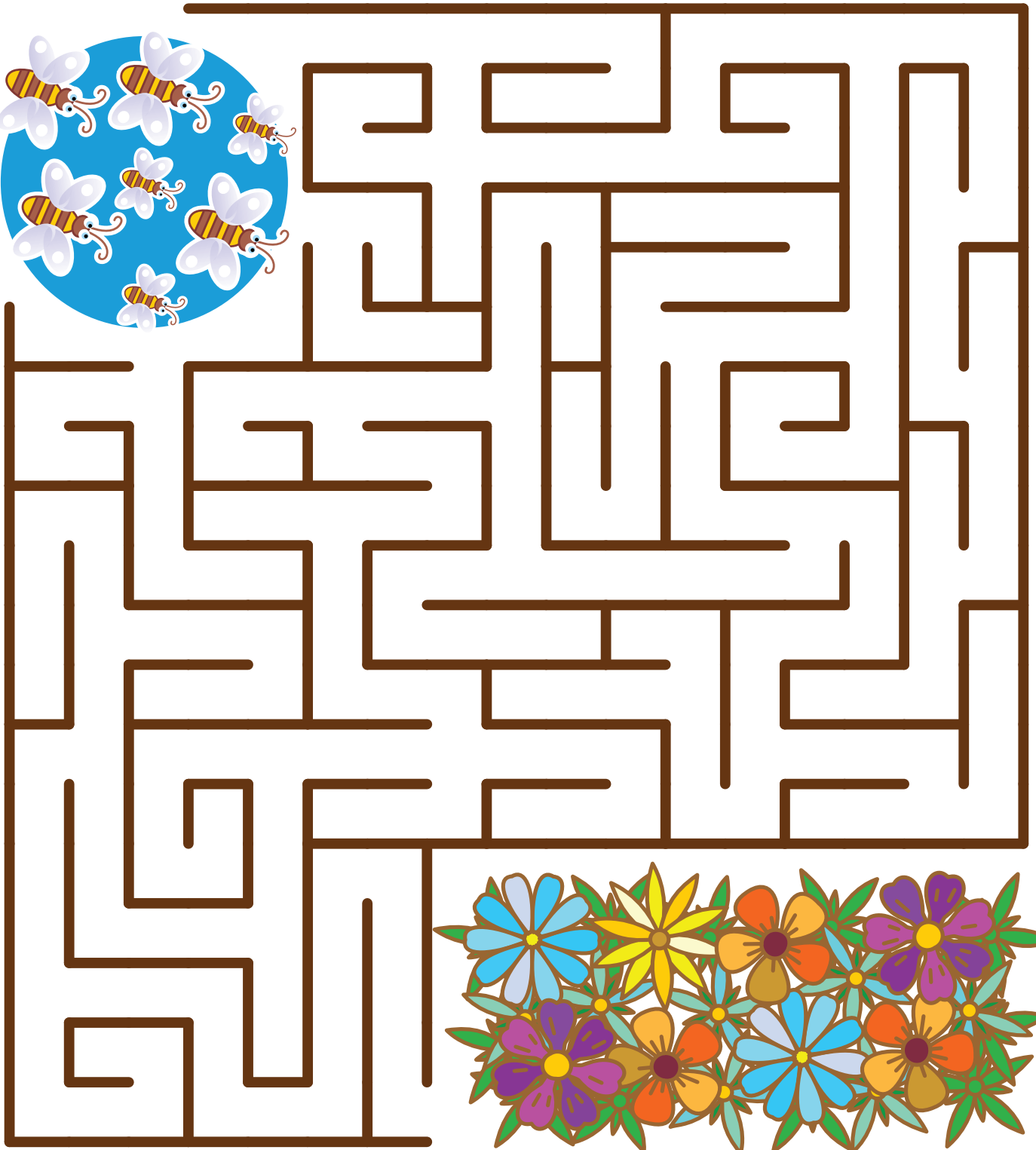
**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
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OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO
INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**



Nectar Hunters



Help the bees get to the meadow flowers.

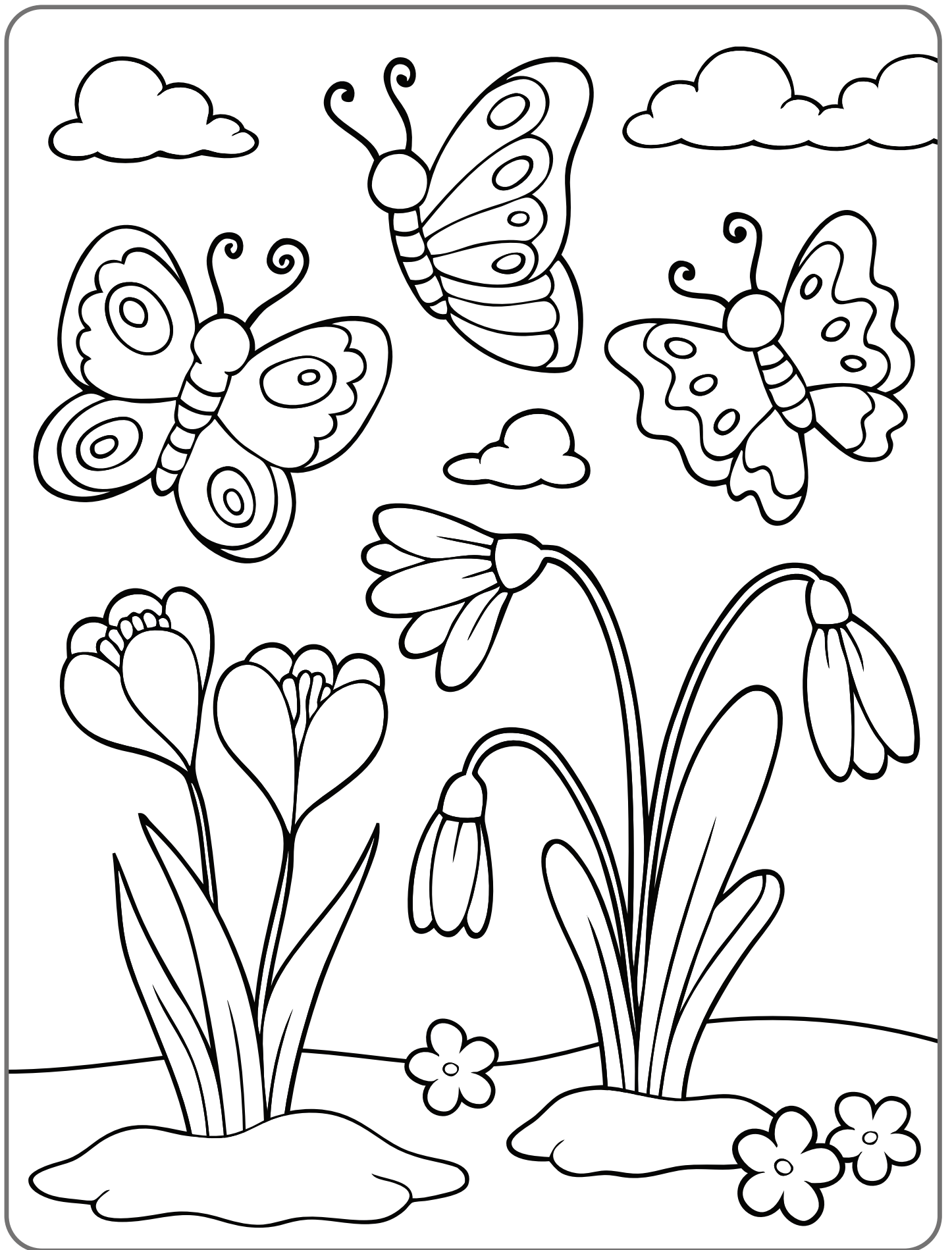


SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES

Find the 10 differences between the two pictures below.
I will be in udder amazement if you find them all!!



JUNIOR SPRING COLORING



COMPUTER SECURITY AT HOME

Internet safety at home is crucial to protect yourself and your family from online threats such as identity theft, cyberbullying, phishing scams, malware, and other cyber attacks.

Popular security software companies predict that a number of factors will lead to increased criminal activity for internet surfers. Phishing is expected to increase as scammers look to push more phony discount shopping deals or use romance scams to pry personal data and hard earned money from you. They also expect that the increased use of AI, or advanced intelligence services will help these criminals do a better job at deep faking people into giving up bank account or other financial information.

However, there are steps you can take to protect yourselves and your families. A few popular tips to enhance your home internet safety are:

- 1) Keep your software up to date:** Make sure that your operating system, antivirus, and other software are updated regularly to protect your device from vulnerabilities that hackers may exploit.
- 2) Use strong passwords:** Create unique and strong passwords for all your online accounts, including your Wi-Fi network. Avoid using personal information or easily guessable passwords.

3) Enable two-factor authentication: Two-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security to your online accounts. It requires you to provide an additional verification code or fingerprint to log in.

4) Secure your Wi-Fi network: Change the default password of your Wi-Fi network and use WPA2 or WPA3 encryption to secure your network. Avoid using open or public Wi-Fi networks for sensitive transactions.

5) Use a firewall: A firewall protects your computer from unauthorized access by monitoring and controlling the incoming and outgoing network traffic.

6) Be cautious while browsing: Avoid visiting suspicious websites, downloading unknown software or attachments, and clicking on links from unknown sources.

7) Educate your family: Teach your children and other family members about online safety, privacy, and security. Warn them about the dangers of oversharing personal information, engaging with strangers online, and cyberbullying.

8) Monitor children's online activity: Set parental controls on devices and monitor your children's online activity to ensure they are safe online.

By following these simple tips, you can enhance your home internet safety and protect yourself and your family from online threats.



A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Greetings! Brothers and Sisters,

As I sit here looking outside I think, **SPRING IS HERE!!!** I hope that our Brothers and Sisters in the California area are safe and well following all the snow that blanketed the west coast.

When spring comes, the world awakens and many things happen in our daily lives. Clocks spring forward. We replace batteries in smoke detectors. We get ready to plant flowers and watch the trees come to life again with new leaves. In a few short months school will be out! For my family we're starting school searches for Grace. Wow! Time flies! I remember carrying her around at the mini vacation in Tennessee when she was wearing her little cowgirl hat (pink of course), and now she's driving and will be entering her senior year in high school in September. I often wonder if my children are ready for the next part of their journey in life, as many parents do. I would have to say, "YES." Debra and I have instilled a solid foundation in our children and hopefully the future looks bright for them.

Their foundation is a simple one - Family, Religious Beliefs, Friends. Without family to fall back on and help through the difficult times, you can get lost. Without religious beliefs you may lose the faith that all will work out and without your friends you will travel into the future by yourself. Yes, you will have your family but sometimes you need friends to help with some decisions.

I believe that many people have some type of foundation in their life that was instilled by their parents. Sometimes individuals just have to rethink and refocus to regain their foundations in life. If you think about it, the Royal Arcanum provides a strong and stable foundation that has been passed down since 1877 when Dr. Darius Wilson and John A. Cummings organized our GREAT Society (going on 146 years in June). Virtue, Mercy, Charity. This is a solid foundation to have and pass along to our families and generations to come.



Virtue: Behavior showing high moral standards.

Mercy: Compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone.

Charity: The voluntary giving of help to those in need.

If everyone incorporated these three attributes into their foundations, then I believe that anything is possible now and **Into the Future**. Speaking about the future, the Royal Arcanum can help you in many ways, including building a

nest egg, college funds, surprises for the grandchildren or just to have some money saved for a rainy day. The Society's annuities and life insurance plans help you plan for the future. Contact the Home Office (1-888-ARCANUM) to learn more about the products.

Please don't keep the Royal Arcanum to yourself. Talk about its service to family members, friends, neighbors, and even parents you meet at day care, little league or dance classes. Word of mouth is the best way to spread the news of the great work of the Royal Arcanum now and **Into the Future**.

Remember that the Royal Arcanum and the Home Office are here to help you in many ways.



Stay well and safe.

Yours in V.M.C.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tony Basa".

Tony Basa

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10 Ways to Be a Savvy Saver in 2023

Whether your 2023 plans take you near or far, you'll find the best deals available, anywhere right in your Discount Portal. We've laid out 10 tips to save in unexpected ways this year.

- 1 Crush Your Wellness Goals**
With discounts on gyms, therapy, loans, and more, prioritize your physical, mental and financial wellness with ease.
- 2 Book That Big Trip for Less**
With discounts on hotels, rental cars, luggage, and more, saving has never been easier.
- 3 Experience Life on Your Terms**
Access steep savings on movie tickets, theme park thrills, spectacular sporting events, concerts and more.
- 4 Keep Your Car in Drive**
Save big with discounts on auto insurance, tires, parking, and even a new car.
- 5 Stay Local and Save Local**
Find nearby deals on the map or suggest your favorite local business and we'll do our best to secure a deal.
- 6 Step Out in Your Best Looks**
With unbeatable discounts on all things apparel, shoes, and workwear, take your style to the next level for less.
- 7 Save at Home Effortlessly**
Whether you're updating your kitchen, installing home security, or want to save on essentials for your kids and pets, we've got you covered.
- 8 Stay Connected at All Times**
Don't miss a beat while saving on cell phone plans, home internet, and devices like tablets and smartphones.
- 9 Earn Reward Points with Ease**
Stack up reward points on your purchases for even steeper savings.
- 10 Don't Miss Any Opportunity to Save**
Keep your eyes on your inbox for the best deals each week or download the PerkSpot mobile app to take your savings on the go.

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