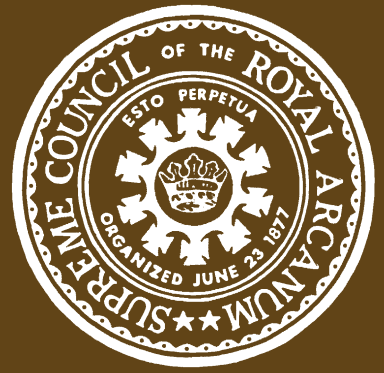


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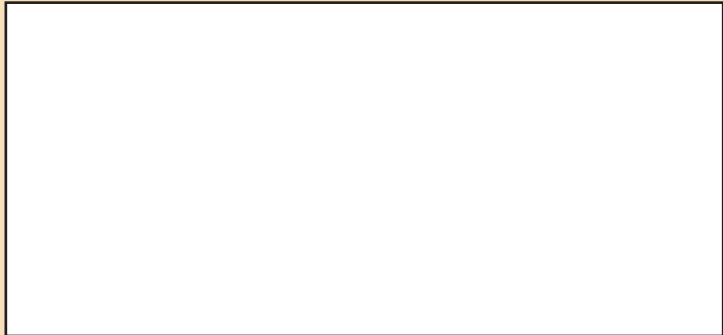


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## A Message from the Acting Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême Par Intérim

Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Acting Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to start off by wishing you a happy summer! It has been a rollercoaster of a year; some of you may be officially heading back to work and picking up life as you left it; some may have never stopped and are continuing on; and some may be finally catching a break. At whatever point you are at, I hope you find time for yourself, to reflect on the good things in life, unwind and enjoy the warm weather.

I am excited to see that some councils are resuming with their meetings and activities. This is the time to bring us back together again and share new ideas for charities to help. We, the Royal Arcanum, are all ears for any new and exciting ways to help those in need, so please do not be afraid to share!

We are also looking forward to our Supreme Council Session in Annapolis, Maryland on March 27–31, 2022. We hope you consider attending and consider running for Supreme Council office. Join us in helping guide our Society into the post-pandemic times.

To conclude, I thank all of you for the constant enthusiasm and support. We are looking to the future and it's looking bright!

Have a great summer!

Yours in VMC,

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

Maria Bettina DiBartolo

Chers frères et sœurs,

Je veux commencer par vous souhaiter un bel été ! Cela a été une montagne russe d'un an; certains d'entre vous retournent peut-être officiellement au travail et reprennent leur vie comme ils l'avaient quittée; certains ne se sont peut-être jamais arrêtés et continuent; et certains pourraient enfin faire une pause. Quel que soit le moment où vous en êtes, j'espère que vous trouverez du temps pour vous-même, que vous réfléchirez aux bonnes choses de la vie, que vous vous détendrez et que vous profiterez du temps chaud.

Je suis ravi de voir que certains conseils reprennent leurs réunions et leurs activités. C'est le moment de nous réunir à nouveau et de partager de nouvelles idées pour aider les organismes de bienfaisance. Nous, Royal Arcanum, sommes à l'écoute de toutes les nouvelles façons passionnantes d'aider les personnes dans le besoin, alors n'ayez pas peur de partager !

Nous attendons également avec impatience notre session du Conseil suprême à Annapolis, Maryland, du 27 au 31 mars 2022. Nous espérons que vous envisagerez d'y assister et de vous porter candidat au poste du Conseil suprême. Rejoignez-nous pour aider à guider notre Société dans les temps post pandémiques.

Pour conclure, je vous remercie tous pour votre enthousiasme et votre soutien constants. Nous regardons vers l'avenir et il s'annonce radieux !

Passes un bon été!

Bien à vous en VMC,

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

Maria Bettina DiBartolo

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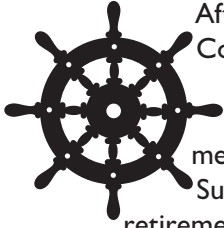
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# RA/LDS DETROIT DOINGS



After three rescheduled dates due to Covid, we finally were able to go on an Infinity Yacht Cruise down the Detroit River on Sunday, June 27th. Forty-two members and friends enjoyed a beautiful Sunday afternoon to celebrate the retirement of LDS National Bowling Tournament Committee. We reminisced about the great times we had over the past 40 years of tournaments that were held in Detroit, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Wisconsin. During the cruise we had a delicious lunch of mushroom ravioli, Blanc chicken, braised beef, salad, Sanders hot fudge

sundaes and cocktails. Door prizes were won by Janet Schlotta and John Sowa. It was great to have Pittsburgh members Tom Slimak, and Paul and Kathy Bell make the trip to join us. They hosted our Pittsburgh Tournaments. Thanks to our Detroit, Pittsburgh and Chicago Tournament Committees. Without these folks, we would not have had all of those great May Madness Weekends! The memories will be us forever!

*Submitted by: Jan Brazas*

*Detroit Bowling Tournament Chair*



**Paul Bell, Tom Slimak, Jan Brazas and Kathy Bell enjoying cocktails.**



**John Geralt, Mal Wilson and John Brazas**



**Mike Novak, Marilyn Beisiegel and Margaret & Jerry Novak**



**Front - Tom Rusnik, Maureen & Jamie McCracken, Back - Sue Rusnik & Gordy Arndt**



**Polly Arndt, Kathy & John Sowa and Dave & Barb Payne**



**Scott & Bridget Kavanaugh, Eric & Barb Kimmel, Pam & Mike Hayes and Mary Ann Smigulec**



**All 42 attendees enjoying the afternoon!**

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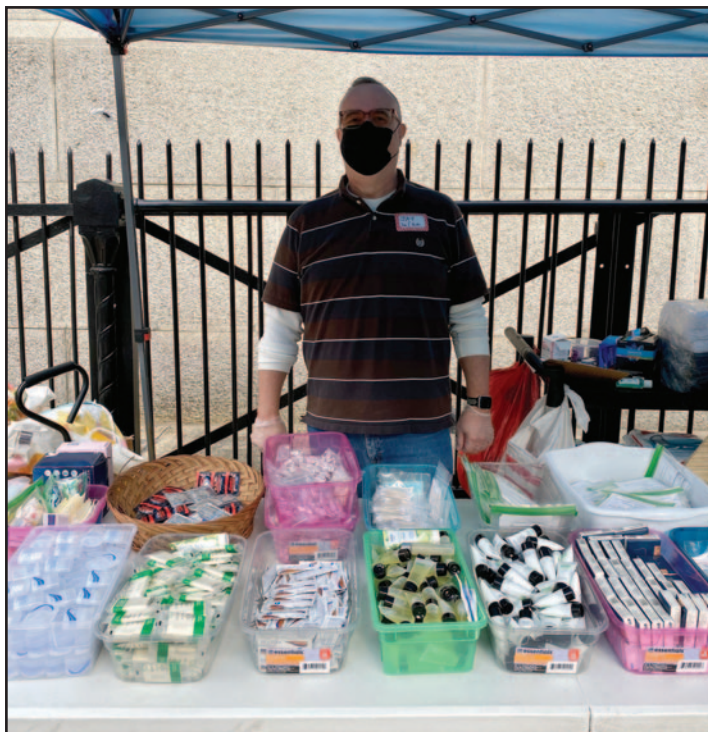
## Helping Neighbors in Need during the Pandemic

On any given Sunday evening you will find as many as 175 people lined up on the sidewalk in front of the Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia to receive a hot meal, to get personal items, and/or to visit with a nurse. These are the ways that the church's Grace Cafe ministry to homeless persons has evolved as a result of the pandemic.

Grace Cafe has been a recipient of hands-on volunteerism and charitable donations from Integrity Council #586, a grant from the Lorraine J. D'Emilio Foundation, and an award from the Supreme Council's Hands-on Fraternalism program. The program has been in operation for more than ten years, and Integrity Council has actively volunteered almost every year of its existence.

Prior to the pandemic, guests would arrive on a Sunday evening and sit around tables in the church's fellowship hall to enjoy a hot meal prepared by a group of volunteers. Integrity Council is known for its meals of baked ziti, salad, bread & butter, and cookies. Volunteers would also serve the food, providing a restaurant-like experience. For the past three years, a group of nurses have also volunteered to provide a Wellness Clinic in a room adjacent to the fellowship hall.

In mid-March 2020 everything changed — and quickly. When the City of Philadelphia declared that indoor dining was no longer allowed due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Arch Street UMC Ministry Team had to make quick decisions about how they would continue to provide food



**Brother Jay Newlin helping to distribute health and wellness supplies at the Grace Cafe Wellness Center.**

for neighbors who were still in as much need as before the pandemic. They contacted a pool of volunteers and quickly reoriented to distributing a hot meal every Sunday night from the church's front door. No matter what the weather, the program has continued almost every Sunday evening.

In Fall 2020 the nurses decided that they should restart the Wellness Center. They solicited the Grace Cafe Team's input and help coordinating, and they decided that the nurses could provide

consultations, blood-pressure and blood-glucose checks, and even flu vaccines in a small, outdoor tent. Since a pressing need of many homeless people is basic health supplies (soap, shampoo, toothbrush/toothpaste, etc.) and personal items (socks, hand warmers in the winter, hand sanitizer, masks, etc.), they also coordinated volunteers to distribute such items.

Jay R. Newlin, Past Grand Regent of Pennsylvania and Past Regent of Integrity Council, has been a regular volunteer with Grace Cafe throughout the pandemic. Some weeks he helps to distribute the hot meals. Other weeks he volunteers with the nurses, distributing health supplies and personal items. The picture is of him volunteering on Sunday evening, April 25, 2021.

*For more information about Grace Cafe and how you might help, visit their website at <http://archstreetumc.org/what-we-do/ministry/grace-cafe/> or follow them on Facebook @GraceCafePhilly.*

## A SPECIAL DAY

The Royal Arcanum extends congratulations and best wishes to Benedetta DiBartolo and Tommy Riley who were married on May 14, 2021 at St. Theresa's Church, Bronx, New York. Benedetta is the daughter of Acting Supreme Regent Maria and

New York Grand Regent Freddy DiBartolo and is part of a 100% Royal Arcanum family; all part of Claremont Council #1655. We wish the Rileys a wonderful future and lifetime of joy.



Mr. & Mrs. Riley



The DiBartolo Family congratulates the newlyweds!

## WHAT EMPLOYEES NEED IN TIMES OF CRISIS

The COVID-19 pandemic may be receding, but the next crisis is just around the corner. You need your workforce in your corner to survive and thrive, whatever problem you're up against. The MIT Sloan Management Review spells out what employees are looking for from their leaders in tumultuous times:

- **Provide current information.** Employees want to know what's going on, and they want to hear it from their own managers, not news sites and social media. Keep your workforce updated with good news and bad news alike, from top leaders to line managers closest to employees. This will build trust and confidence in your leadership.



- **Pay attention to workers.** Employees want to feel seen and heard. Managers shouldn't hide in their offices—they should be out with their employees, answering questions and listening to their concerns. Give them credit for good work, and help them when they need assistance.

- **Keep people focused.** Tell employees what your priorities are so they can concentrate on the work that will keep your organization healthy and on track. This includes news of what's happening in your industry as a whole, not just your own organization. Let them know it's normal to be nervous, and make sure they feel empowered to do whatever they can to keep things running smoothly.

# DONALD E. FERRY SPIRIT OF SERVICE AWARD

This program of tribute is to memorialize Donald E. Ferry, Jr. - Home Office Customer Service Specialist with 29 years of service and member of the Supreme Council Junior Committee for 22 years. Donald passed away in November 2020 but his legacy of service to our Society will be carried forth in the fraternal work and fellowship shared by the Royal Arcanum Family.



With allegiance to our founding attribute of Charity and his dedicated efforts for the success of the Society's Junior Department and its programs, Donald's willingness to create fraternal projects and lead by example was witnessed in the Royal Arcanum for over a quarter century.

The Supreme Council instituted the Donald E. Ferry Jr. Spirit of Service Memorial Award in recognition and remembrance of the inspiring and selfless dedication Donald had for the Royal Arcanum.

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.

Through this Supreme Council initiative, Royal Arcanians can follow in Donald's footsteps of fraternal service by creating a project for youth.

Councils are encouraged to be as creative as they wish and to welcome the participation of Junior Arcanians and support of friends and prospective members to fulfill their project goal(s).

Subordinate councils (current in filing reports to Boston) are invited to participate.

The charity being supported is to be determined by members of the council.

Each year one project will be selected as the winner by a panel of independent judges and the sponsoring Royal Arcanum council will receive a \$500 award for its use.

## — GUIDELINES —

Subordinate Councils are invited to sponsor a volunteer project for a children's charity or charitable cause for the benefit of children during the period of:

June 1st  
[International Children's Day]  
through  
November 20th  
[Family Volunteer Day]

Councils will select the charity and tailor their project as they desire.

The project chosen by the Council should be one that best

exemplifies how members saw a need and took the lead as fraternalists volunteering together to leave a positive imprint on the lives of children.

Councils must be the organizing unit and sponsor of the activity/project.

Solely monetary donations made to a charity are not eligible for the award program.

The Council Secretary is to complete the Donald E. Ferry Spirit of Service Memorial Award Application (Form DEFsa-1) and compile all project-related materials (purpose of project, description, impact on children, signatures, photos, acknowledgments, etc.) that are to be included with the application submission.

All materials **MUST** be packaged together and forwarded to:

Royal Arcanum  
Fraternal Director  
61 Batterymarch Street  
Boston, MA 02110

Completed applications must be received on or before December 6th.

Each eligible Subordinate Council may submit one project annually.

## — SAMPLE PROJECT IDEAS —

- hosting a friendship baby shower
- organizing a walk-a-thon team for pediatric medical research/finding a cure
- filling holiday stockings
- assembling gift boxes for military children
- converting "A Dime a Day" to books for a library
- collecting pajamas for children in need
- putting together school supply backpacks
- making shower/hygiene kits for sheltered youth
- sponsoring a "New Shoe/Sneaker Drive"
- "Pitching In" with children's service/emotional support pet therapy programs



## GRINS AND GIGGLES: UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his nine-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?"

"Yes, coach," replied the little boy.

"Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?"

The little boy nodded.

"So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse the umpire, or call him a jerk. Do you understand all that?"

Again, the little boy nodded.

The coach continued, "And when I take you out of the game so that another boy gets a chance to play, it's not a stupid decision or that the coach is an idiot, is it?"

"No, coach."

"Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your father."

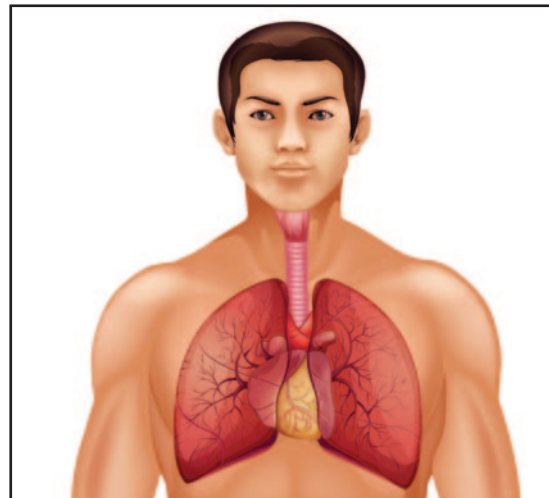


## TROUBLE BREATHING? THIS MAY BE THE CAUSE

Shortness of breath can be a terrifying condition, especially after a year of COVID-19. It has many possible causes, though. Don't panic, but do seek medical attention. The Medical News Today website points to these common causes of breathing difficulty:

- **Anxiety.** Anxiety can cause muscle tension, rapid heartbeat, agitation, and other symptoms which can lead to shortness of breath. This can be treated with therapy and/or medication, along with meditation and other mindfulness techniques.

- **Asthma.** Symptoms include wheezing, coughing, and mild chest pain. It can be triggered by tobacco, dust mites, pollen, exercise, and other factors. It doesn't always require medical treatment, but doctors can prescribe bronchodilators or anti-inflammatory medication in severe cases.



- **Obesity.** Carrying excess weight or body fat can have a negative impact on overall health, including breathing. Obesity can also be a factor in acne, excess body hair, skin tags, and dermatitis. People with obesity can work with a doctor to establish a healthy, balanced diet and lose weight safely.

- **Heart arrhythmia.** This is a condition where your heart has an irregular rhythm. You may not experience any symptoms, although some people suffer from a rapid heartbeat, low blood pressure, tightness in the chest, or a temporary loss of consciousness. Your doctor may prescribe medication or, in some cases, implant a pacemaker or a cardioverter-defibrillator.

# SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY SHELTERS

Members of New Jersey's Versatility Council #2501 conducted a springtime project for area shelters to aid in the mission of providing help and support to the hungry, hurting and poor. The fraternalists contributed an abundance of useful items that filled vans to their brims for deliveries to Newark and Jersey City.

The Mercy House, a program under the Archdiocese of Newark, seeks to provide a welcoming space for individuals and families in need as well as emotional support and healing. The effects of the pandemic had a profound impact on the community. Many places had to close, supplies were depleted and needs were great. Requests for food, clothing, household goods, kitchenware and children's items undoubtedly increased during the past year.

The Arcanians reached out to family and friends to participate in the fraternal effort and were busy during the month of April sorting and packing the tremendous amount of donations that were received.

Another stop was made at St. Lucy's Shelter in Jersey City. Operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark, St. Lucy's is a shelter for single men and women that offers emergency housing and food for those in need. Cartons of new and gently used clothing articles and shoes were delivered, along with an abundant supply of shower and personal hygiene products.

The donations were greatly appreciated by volunteers and staff at the shelters. They would provide comfort and confidence to the people who seek assistance during times of challenge and uncertainty.

The council's Charitable Service Committee plans to continue sponsoring similar projects in the hope that healthy and happy futures will be realized for those who are suffering and in need.



**Evelyn Magarban assists in transporting donations for the shelters.**



**Gen Macon and Tom, volunteer at The Mercy House off-load boxes of council donations.**

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# BAYONNE COUNCIL'S PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

Bayonne Council #695 teamed up with Versatility Council #2501 in sponsoring patriotic projects for the spring season. The Arcanians volunteered to visit the graves of deceased Royal Arcanum members who had served in the Armed Forces and place a flag and flower of remembrance as a tribute to them. This tradition was begun 15 years ago and continues to be carried forth by the Service Outreach Committee. Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC again organized the fraternal groups for the visitations which continue to grow each year.

In celebration of Flag Day, the councils assembled patriotic totes of useful items for service men and

women who are on active duty. Additionally, a donation was sent to *I Honor Your Service to America, Inc.*, a charitable organization of which Merritt Council #1974 member, Laurie Wise-Simms serves as Secretary. The group's volunteer mission is to bless as many service members as possible with care packages from the USA and provide them with support and encouragement from home.

The Arcanians were honored to participate in both service initiatives as they recognized the commitment of the military to upholding the promise of America.



Gen Macon and Christine Piscitelli display one of the totes for gifting.

Gen Macon and Richard Macon at the grave of Past Grand Regent, Supreme Council Officer and 1105 Purple Achievement Award Recipient, Pasquale P. Gamarello. Brother "Pat" served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II.

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# NEW JERSEY'S MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Members of the New Jersey Grand Council helped coordinate observances in honor of Memorial Day in the city of Bayonne. On May 29, 2021, members of the Fraternal Events Committee participated in a Sunday liturgy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, prepared decorative wreaths and offered floral bouquets at

memorials in tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Armed Forces. Patriotic activities in salute of the veterans were scaled back this year because of the pandemic. However a strong fraternal spirit of gratitude for their years of service and dedication prevailed throughout the gathering.



**Dayle Vander Sande of Sons of Poland Council was the organist and vocalist for the liturgy in Bayonne.**



**Wreaths of Remembrance**



**Supreme Auditor and Commander of the American Polish Veterans, Joseph R. Macon with officers of the Bayonne Veterans Posts who were represented at the commemorative service.**

# FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Summer is a favorite season for many of us. It's the time to delight in longer days, warm weather and lots of outdoor fun. However, with more than half of this year already a memory, it's not surprising that some "early birds" start thinking about Christmas. That's right! Visions of decorated trees, colorful ornaments, twinkling lights, and snowy walkways come to mind even if heat waves envelop most of the country in the month of August. Although some start planning their Christmas "To-Do Lists" much sooner than others, the December 25th holiday is anticipated with great expectation and joy!

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Every time you smile at your brothers and offer them your hand – It is Christmas!" By their dedicated efforts and participation in Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Council programs, Royal Arcanum fraternalists are a testament of that message. They provide the gift of hope to charitable causes, near and far, with contributions of funds, goods, service and time year-round; these endeavors make a positive imprint on many grateful recipients, most of whom the Arcanians will never meet. Additionally, small gestures of kindness and compassion can make every day be like Christmas. A simple smile or casual "Hello" can be a gift to someone who may be having a difficult time and will be a sign that someone does care.

For over 144 years the Royal Arcanum has provided exceptional service to our members and to our communities. Generations of Arcanians have been enthusiastic volunteers for advancing the fraternal mission throughout the United States and Canada.

A new program in honor of Donald E. Ferry Jr. was introduced by the Fraternal Department this year and invites subordinate councils to "**See a Need and Take the Lead**" in support of a children's charity or charitable program for the benefit of children. The Donald E. Ferry Jr. Spirit of Service Memorial Award program runs from June 1st – International Children's Day through November 20th – Family Volunteer Day. Please visit the Royal

Arcanum website for guidelines and application. This is a wonderful opportunity to have Don's legacy live on in our fraternal work and for us to bestow a bit of Christmas cheer for children.

Another way for councils to share Christmas spirit is to consider sponsoring an International Fraternal Service Project.

The Supreme Council is pleased to join the good works of our councils with matching funds for approved projects. We look forward to achieving 100% jurisdictional participation this year and this goal can be attained with the help of our councils.

Don't forget to invite family and friends to learn more about our Society and its solid portfolio of life insurance and annuity products. They may express an interest to enroll as a member and enjoy taking part in the various fraternal, charitable and social activities that are organized and celebrated by the Royal Arcanum family.

We wish the very best to all of the 2021 graduates and success to those students who are advancing to the next grade or starting a new school.

There is much for us to be thankful. As Mother Teresa encouraged others to bring Christmas joy to others each day, let's try to do that, too. Please keep in mind those who are ill, struggling, suffering and lonely. Remember them, friends who've lost a loved one and the active military and veterans with a prayer, phone call or thoughtful deed to help brighten their day. It can be Christmas year-round, indeed!

*Cynthia A. Macon*

Cindy Macon



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JOSEPH E. HALLINAN  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
**Mia Messina**  
Integrity Council #586  
St. Joseph's University

**\$10,000**



LLOYD E. WILLIAMS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
**Kamil Tomaszkowicz**  
Sons of Poland Council #2016  
Stevens Institute of Technology

**\$10,000**



**Morgan Whiteside**  
Catawba Council #2420  
University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

**\$8,000**

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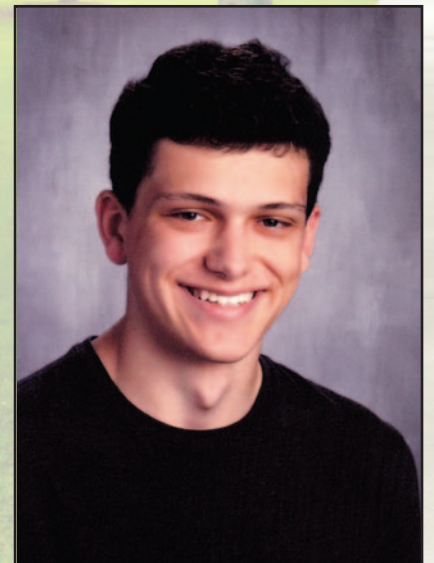
**Victoria Gauvin**  
Pawtucket Council #537  
American University

**\$8,000**



**Gianna Nader**  
Versatility Council #2501  
Lehigh University

**\$5,000**



**Alexander Holmes**  
Haut St. Jean Council #59  
University of Maine - Orono

**\$5,000**



# 2021 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Amanda Noah**  
Group Massachusetts #2000  
University of Massachusetts  
Amherst

**Anna N. Stawasz**  
Group New Hampshire  
#4800  
Rivier University

**Dominic Canton**  
Group Massachusetts #2000  
Southern New Hampshire  
University

**Elissa Berger**  
Woodside Council #1358  
Williams College

**\$1,500**

**\$1,500**

**\$1,500**

**\$1,500**

# 2021 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Isabelle Atha**  
Independence Council #1998  
Lewis and Clark College

**Jenalyn Marie Evangelista**  
Group California #1999  
Chapman University

**Julia Torricella**  
Claremont Council #1655  
University of Vermont

**Luke Whiteside**  
Catawba Council #2420  
University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill

**\$1,500**

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## 2021 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Riley McAvoy**  
Sons of Poland Council #2016  
James Madison University

**\$1,500**



**Victoria Snyder**  
Integrity Council #586  
University of Vermont

**\$1,500**

## 2021 ROYAL ARCANUM GRANT RECIPIENTS



**Roark McFadden**  
Bayonne Council #695  
New Jersey Institute of  
Technology

**\$750**



**Matthew Noah**  
Group Massachusetts  
#2000  
Penn State University

**\$750**

## 2021 ROYAL ARCANUM GRANT RECIPIENTS



**Jaesen Evangelista**  
Group California #1999  
The Catholic University of America

**\$750**



**Zarde Paddyfote**  
Claremont Council #1655  
Lehman College

**\$750**



**Lauren Paulo**  
Alpha-Agassiz Council #1  
Worcester State  
University

**\$600**



**Megan Winters**  
Merritt Council #1974  
Muhlenberg College

**\$600**

# FLAGS FOR VETERANS



San Jose Council # 2384 member Jim O'Neill delivered American Flags to the County of Santa Clara Veterans Services Office in Santa Clara, California.

This agency provides total support to all Veterans in the County of Santa Clara. Patriotism is Alive and Well!

Happy 4th of July to our Beautiful Country! We need to all help to keep our country free! Our children and grandchildren need us to make it stay that way for all the "ages." God Bless America!

*Submitted by: Jim O'Neill, Treasurer  
San Jose Council # 2384*



# CLAREMONT COUNCIL HELPS COMMUNITY

A donation of several large bags of new and gently used children's clothing, shoes, adult winter jackets and menswear was contributed to the Mt. Carmel Community Center in the Bronx and also to St. Mary's Church Program for the Poor in Brooklyn, New York.

Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto and Claremont Council #1655 Past Regent Joe Conforto were happy to make the deliveries and support the ministries of service for neighbors in need. At a time when charitable organizations had limited supplies and were

receiving fewer contributions because of the pandemic, the fraternal donations were very much welcomed and appreciated. The Royal Arcanians are always ready and willing to give their support to such worthy causes.



**Sr. Edna Loquias at Mt. Carmel Parish accepts donations from Joe and Errica Conforto.**



# BAKER'S NOOK

Similar to pound cake, this recipe is from my mom and it was the first thing I baked when I was just 12 years old in Italy. After many years, it's still something simple that I enjoy baking. Today, my children call it "Nonna's Panettone". I hope that you and your family will like it, too!

-Errica Conforto

## Panettone

Dry Ingredients, mixed together:

- 3 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1 large lemon, grated

Wet Ingredients:

- 3 extra-large eggs (or 4 medium)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon lemon extract

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*Preheat oven to 350 degrees.*

With a mixer, beat the eggs and sugar for two minutes. Next, add the oil and lemon extract, mixing well. Then add the dry ingredients, alternating with the milk, a little at a time.

Pour the batter into a greased and floured round baking pan or Bundt pan and bake for 40 to 55 minutes (depending on the oven.) Before baking, you can sprinkle the top of the batter with sugar mixed with cinnamon and finely chopped nuts (optional.)



Panettone batter



Addition of sugar-cinnamon-nut mixture



Cooled Panettone ready to share!

# NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Regent Freddy DiBartolo was happy to welcome 26 members to the New York Grand Council's dinner meeting held on June 2nd at the Calabria Mia Restaurant in Yonkers. This was the first in-person event that members participated in together since March of last year when the pandemic began. The dining room was

a constant buzz of excitement; officers and members were thrilled to "catch up" and share friendship and fellowship. The reunion was a wonderful way for the Arcanians to greet the summer season as an extended family and begin initiating plans for New York's future charitable, fraternal and social activities.

**Right: A Treat with Special Memory: Members fondly recalled Anne Dellacava who always brought popcorn to share at council get-togethers. Sadly Anne passed away a few days before the June meeting.**

**Below: Members enjoying the New York Grand Council dinner meeting**



# ADVENTURES IN MASSACHUSETTS



**Meredith, Hazel, Teddy and Harry Benoit visit the JFK Museum in Hyannis.**



**Hazel enjoys a lobster roll lunch in Boston.**



**A dinosaur "greet"s Teddy at Jurassic Quest Drive-Thru in Gillette Stadium, Foxborough.**

# CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

As I write this message in the Boston Home Office, it's great to see some level of normalcy returning in the Northeast. The summer is in full swing with a much higher rate of people out and about in Boston. I'm seeing many more tourists in the area when I'm coming and going from the office. Plus the morning traffic is back! We have made some significant strides against COVID, which - if individuals are being diligent - I hope continue. As difficult as COVID was, we thought outside the box as an insurance operation and our approach to the unprecedented situation will have a lasting impact on us. We now have an increased ability to operate remotely with Home Office associates being able to process tasks from home while maintaining the same level of member service experience. This is pivotal especially for the winter when we can always expect a few days of blizzard-like conditions to make it less than ideal to travel.

of 25% of surplus in the stock market. If H 1164 is approved, the law will be amended to allow 10% of assets to be invested. Our current bill has the same parameters as the previous bill and it is in line with many other states throughout the United States.



Lastly, I was fortunate to have Junior Director Errica Conforto allow me to notify the college scholarship recipients this year. It's certainly an enjoyable moment to advise a high school graduate that they have won a college scholarship from Royal Arcanum.



Our staff continues to work in a hybrid capacity, working in the Home Office as well as remotely. However we now have 70-75% of the staff on-site during business hours. The most important objective is the health and safety of our staff, as well as ensuring we are operating at high service levels and completing tasks within the established cycle times. We continue to see increased life insurance sales after an increase in first year premium & renewal premiums in 2020. In 2020 we saw an increase in application volume by over 20% compared to 2019 and have seen continued increases of 5% during the first half of 2021 as compared to 2020.

The Massachusetts Fraternal Investment Bill H 1164 has been filed again in hopes of amending an outdated law in Massachusetts. Our previously filed bill was stalled in the legislature, mainly due to COVID. The law restricts fraternal societies from investing a maximum

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 call the office (888)-272-2686 or e-mail [info@royalarcanum.com](mailto:info@royalarcanum.com).

*"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out."*

*-John Wooden*

Stay Safe and Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas G. Benoit'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Nicholas G. Benoit  
Chief Operations Officer

## 2021 SEDGLEY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania and Integrity Council #586 are pleased to announce that they have awarded their 2021 Edward Sedgley Memorial Scholarships to Junior Member Mia Messina, a third-generation member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mia is currently President of the Class of 2021 at Ss. Neumann & Goretti High School in Philadelphia and has been accepted to attend St. Joseph's University (Philadelphia) starting in Fall 2021, matriculating into the Honors Program. She has been a member of the Royal Arcanum since birth.

Her recommenders note her exceptional leadership qualities, education accomplishments, and commitment to serving the community. Some of her many activities include serving on her local Parish Council and as a lector at mass, social media



manager of her high school's baseball team, and multiple fundraising events.

Mia demonstrates her understanding of and living out the Royal Arcanum's principles of Virtue, Mercy, and Charity most clearly through her participation in the Saints' Philanthropy Club at school. Through this club, she has volunteered at events at the local rec center, helped organize food drives, and organized toy drives for Christmas.

The Edward Sedgley Memorial Scholarships were established by bequests from Mr. Sedgley to provide financial assistance to Royal Arcanum members pursuing higher education. Both the Grand Council and Subordinate Council scholarships are four-year grants.

## GENETICALLY MODIFIED MOSQUITOS FIGHT DISEASE

It sounds like the plot of a sci-fi disaster movie, but it's happening in real life: Genetically modified mosquitoes have been released in Florida in an effort to combat an invasive species spreading disease. What could go wrong?

The Science News website reports that biotech company Oxitech bred the male mosquitoes and placed eggs in hexagonal boxes on private properties in suburban locations in April 2021. In May, monitors on the boxes showed that mature mosquitoes had flown off to start mating with females.

The males possess genetic add-ons that prevent female larvae from developing after mating. Males, however, will carry the same genetic trait.

The project is designed to prevent the spread of dengue and Zika from a recent invasive species, *Ae. Albopictus*. After initial tests, Oxitech plans bigger releases to examine how well males fare and whether pest numbers decline. Oxitech may release up to 20 million mosquitoes in more tests during the fall.



# JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2021!

Well done to all the recipients of the Royal Arcanum's scholarships, grants, and awards for the year. We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish each of you the very best. We hope that this award will make a lasting impact in your life and inspire you to give back to the community.

The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$65,000 in scholarships and grants this year. We are pleased to have the recipients pictured in this Bulletin. The winners are chosen by an independent judge who is not affiliated with our Society.

With Covid restrictions lifting, families can celebrate graduations, communions, proms, and other memorable events unlike last year. Councils and jurisdictions may also be able to honor their scholarship winners and their families at dinner meetings this summer.

A postal card will be mailed in the fall to all Junior members who are entering their senior year of high school in September as a reminder for them to begin the application process for next year's scholarship and grant program.

To our youngest Juniors who would like to receive a \$10 Amazon gift card, please participate and send us your completed coloring page or puzzle from the Bulletin. We also welcome more submissions for the Junior writing contest. Your short stories or poems will be published, and contributors will

receive a trophy, certificate, and a \$25 gift card.

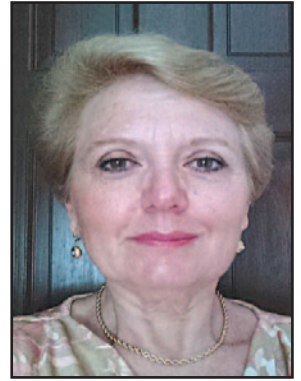
I wish all the Juniors in the United States and Canada a very productive year as they resume studies in their classrooms with their friends in just a few weeks from now. I hope they have a wonderful, happy and successful year of learning, and definitely less stress relating to the pandemic.

We were very happy, along with my children and grandchildren and extended family, to celebrate America's 245th birthday with an outdoor 4th of July get-together barbecue! After a year of isolation and restrictions, it was great to be together for the holiday. On that note, I wish all our members, families, and friends a summer full of fun and togetherness.

Sincerely yours in VMC,



Errica Conforto,  
Junior Director



**Junior Department  
Director  
Errica Conforto**





## JULIANNA MAGARBAN

### “Special”

She always knew she was special. The way she talked, walked and acted was “different”. The kids would stare and the teachers glared. But she just walked. She had no special characteristics about her. No scent, no significant facial features. People wouldn’t even be surprised if she didn’t have fingerprints. She was just normal. Look at the average person. They may act normal. But they have their own personality and facial features. So no one can ever be truly normal. But this girl was. Yet no one saw her as it.

One day, as she was walking home from school, she saw someone, a man, in a car. She walked towards it with a null look on her face. “Hey Hun, welcome back from school!” the man said. “Hello, dad” she replied. Today was her birthday, strange; this feels like only her second. How old was she again? 12? Huh, weird.

She drove “home” with the man. He seemed to be her father. He was handsome, but not outstanding. She stared at him, noticing his stubby chin hairs and thin black glasses. She didn’t think though. Original thoughts were foreign to her. When she got home, a woman walked up to her. “Happy

birthday! I have a special surprise for you!” the woman said ecstatically. She had auburn hair, with bright green eyes that were larger than life. These were her “parents”, but they didn’t feel like it. They felt distant. As if she knew them in another life, but not this one.



**Julianna is 12 years old and will enter 7th grade at Brick Veterans Memorial Middle School in the fall. She likes reading, writing and drawing and enjoys being a Girl Scout.**

They came up to her with a box. It was big, but able to hold. The woman was teary; she wondered why. She opened the box. She saw a body. It was almost like hers. But it wasn’t normal like her. Then she remembered. There had been a freak accident. She was hurt badly. They said she was in a coma. But then why, all of a sudden, did she feel so mechanical? Then she realized. She died in that accident. Was she a...

Her “parents” were famous mechanics, so they could have recreated her as a robot. She couldn’t have cared less. “Are you ready for your age update? We’ll be using a different robot, so you aren’t needed anymore Hun,” the woman said. She pressed something on her back. She felt herself become weaker. She wasn’t scared, though. She always knew she was special.

*Submitted by: Julianna Magarban  
Versatility Council #2501, NJ*

# SUMMER WORD SEARCH

## WORD LIST

SUNTAN  
PICNIC  
BARBECUE  
AUGUST  
WATERMELON  
VACATION  
ADVENTURE  
CAMPING  
TRAILS  
BOATS  
JULY  
SAILING  
FISHING  
BONFIRES  
BEACH  
KITE  
LEMONADE  
TOWEL



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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:

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Age

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Email Address

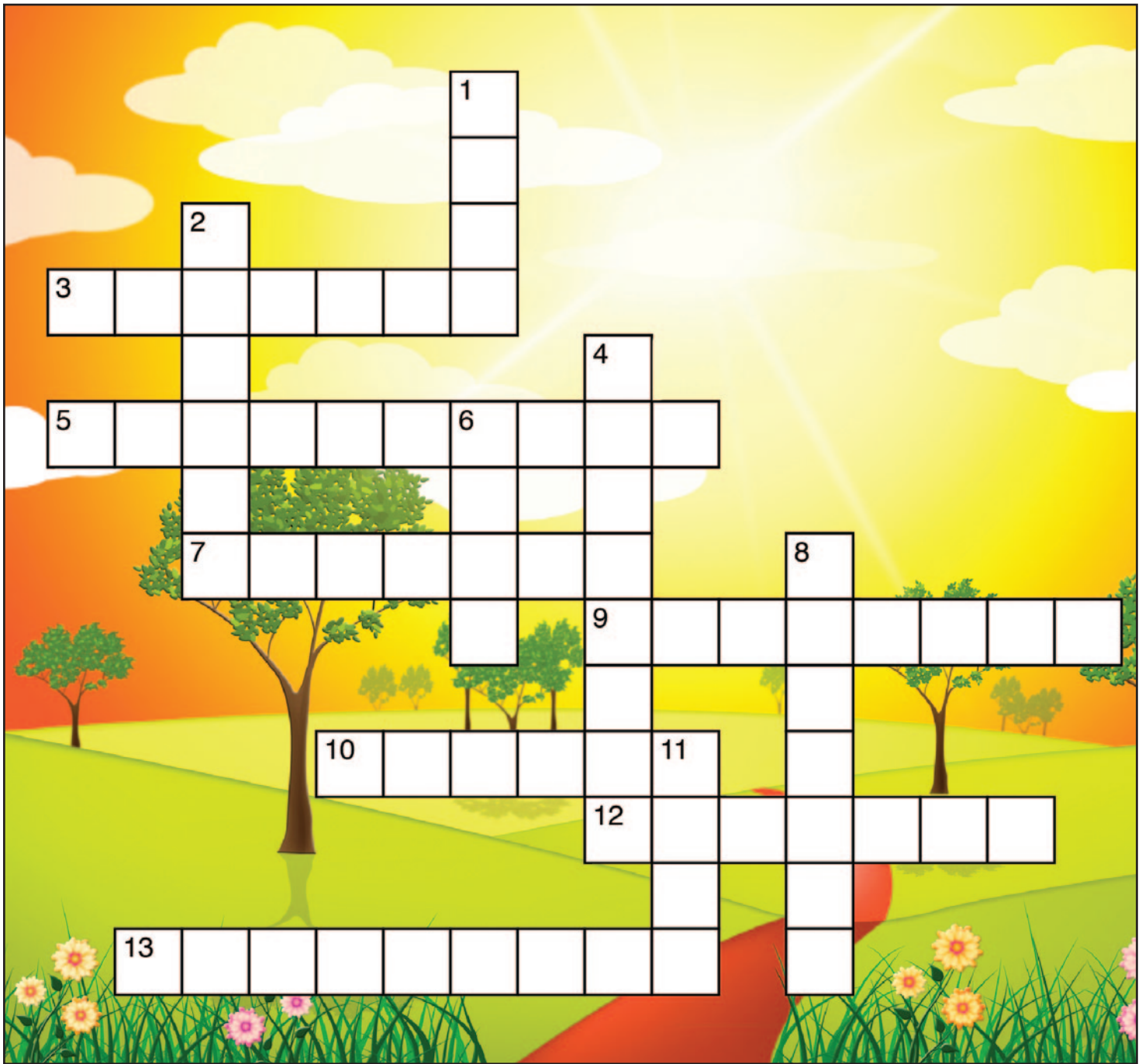
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**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:  
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, ROYAL ARCANUM,  
61 BATTERYMARCH ST., BOSTON, MA 02110-3208  
OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO  
INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**

# SUMMERTIME MAZE



# SUMMER CROSSWORD



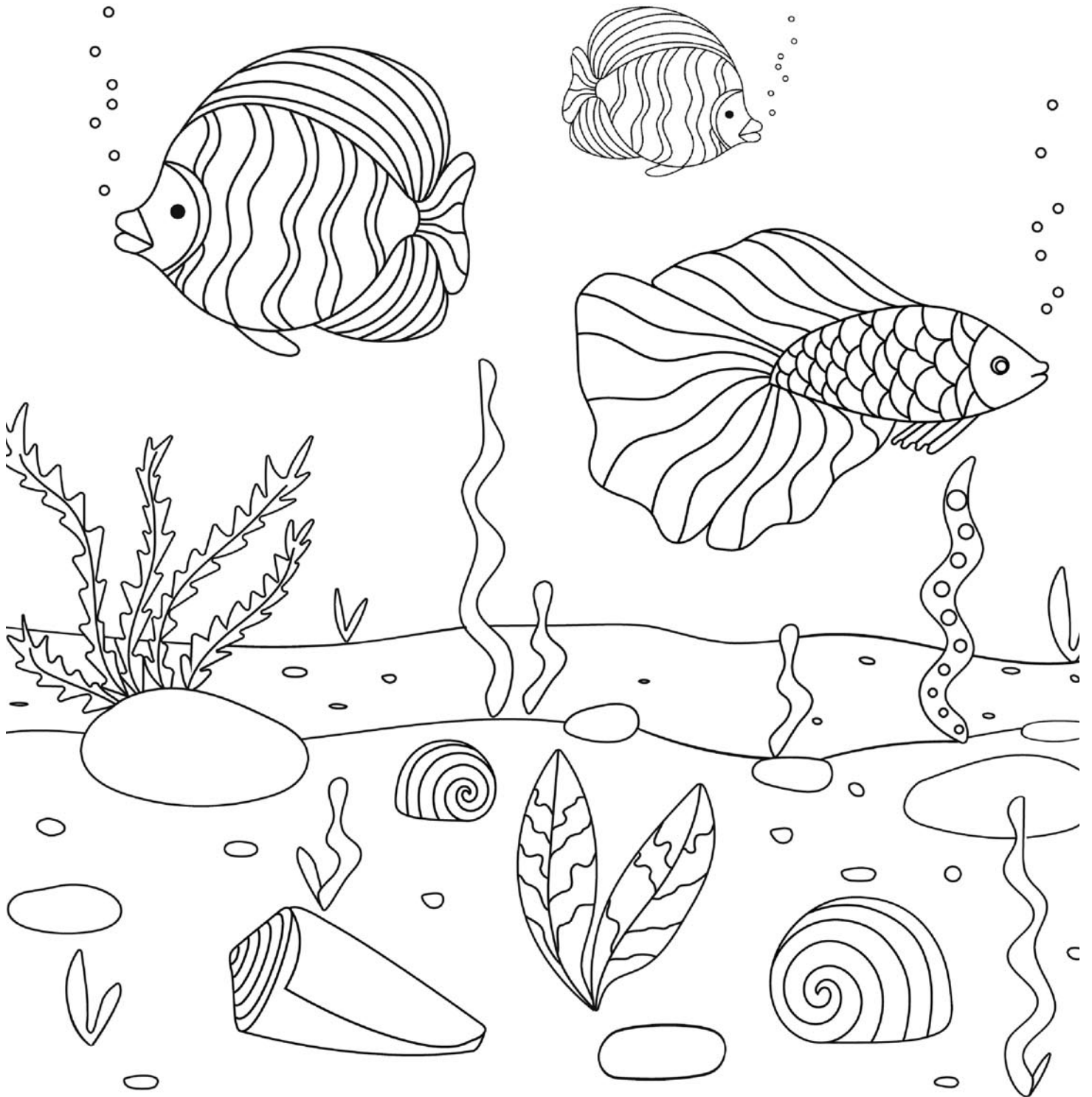
## Across

- 3) Throw this plastic disc for fun
- 5) Protect your eyes from the rays
- 7) Sleeping in a tent
- 9) This keeps the sun off of you
- 10) You can find these on the beach
- 12) Move on the water by wind
- 13) They may save you one day

## Down

- 1) Fly this really high in the sky
- 2) Portable food you bring in a basket
- 4) These birds steal your food
- 6) How you move in a pool
- 8) Meat tastes better when cooked this way
- 11) You can dig in this at the beach

# UNDER THE SEA



# ANIMAL FRIENDLY COUNCILS COAST TO COAST

The members of San Jose Council #2384, California and Bayonne Council #695, New Jersey are always ready to help animal rescue/shelter causes, locally and for the community at-large. Throughout the year Arcanians can be found shopping and collecting pet food, bedding, towels and litter, plus treats, toys and other goodies. These essentials help keep four-legged friends nourished and safe while they wait for their “fur”-ever homes.

Additionally, monetary donations assist with vet visits, vaccinations and other procedures needed to maintain the animals’ good health.

Our members on the west and east coasts enjoy exchanging their happy “tales”; several have added to their families by adopting puppies and kittens which they met during the councils’ pet-friendly outings.



Rich Macon preparing items for Liberty Humane Society



Jim O'Neill with “Best Buddies” – Mollie, Maggie and Mikey

## GRINS AND GIGGLES - SHORT STUFF

Here are a few quickies to liven up your conversation:

- A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"
- Want to hear a roof joke? *The first one's on the house.*
- A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. *Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.*
- I saw a movie about how ships are put together. *It was riveting.*



- Why did the taxi driver get fired? *Passengers complained when he went the extra mile.*
- A group of crows was arrested for trying to hang out together. The charge? *Attempted murder.*
- Some people eat snails. *They must not like fast food.*
- Have you heard the one about the skunk? *It really stinks.*
- It's always windy in a baseball stadium. *All those fans.*
- What's worse than raining cats and dogs? *Hailing taxis.*

# A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

I offer a special congratulation to all the scholarship and grant winners listed in this Bulletin and to all the Juniors who submitted applications. With the Covid Pandemic still causing continuing problems at all levels of society, education was no exception. Still, educating students at every level continued with remote classes, virtual and hybrid teaching becoming the norm. Early in 2021 vaccines to combat the virus were developed, tested and approved for use. We are gradually returning to some sense of normalcy in our daily lives. Hopefully this will continue and the coming school semesters will resemble times before the Coronavirus.



the virus is vaccination. With individuals down to the age of twelve now eligible for the vaccine we can get a majority of the population vaccinated and put an end to the pandemic. It will take all of us working together to achieve this goal.

Our 105th Session has now been scheduled for March of 2022 in Annapolis, MD. Dates and other relevant information will be posted in this and future Bulletins and on our website. It will be great to see our members in-person. There are also

indications that many of our subordinate councils are beginning to schedule in person meetings.

It was great to have more members applying for scholarships and grants in this year's program. Since its inception the Royal Arcanum has awarded over one million dollars in scholarships. We will also reimburse Junior members 18 and younger who take a SAT, ACT, PSAT or LSAT up to 50 dollars. Applicants should mail the receipt to the Home Office for payment.

My best wishes to all our members for a safe, healthy and happy summer and hopefully we will see each other in March of 2022.

Yours in V. M. C.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D Ferrara". The script is fluid and cursive.

Pete Ferrara  
Supreme Secretary





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