



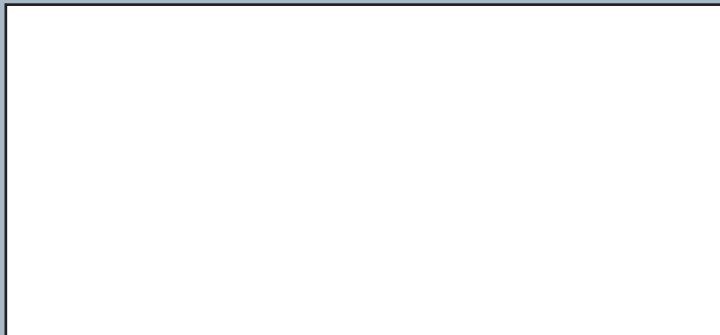
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## A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Deborah Young - Supreme Regent



I wish all of our members a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. Many may have made resolutions for 2019, but did not keep them if they were impossible to achieve. I've set an "intention" instead of making a resolution. It's a way of being and to focus on living your life now. It can be one word or phrase, be accessed at all times, and has no failure. In 2019 my intention is to have "patience" in all areas of my life, with my family, with my work and especially when I am driving.

It is also my intention to continue "**Planting Seeds for the Future**" of our great fraternal benefit society. If all members introduced just one person to the benefits that the Royal Arcanum offers - from the many affordable life insurance products and annuities to the numerous Junior member benefits, then we will prosper for another 142 years and continue to give back to our communities with our charitable endeavors.

I invite all councils to organize a project to help the homeless. Let's "**Plant Seeds**" of hope together and further strengthen our "roots" of volunteer fraternal service. Councils will earn funds if their project is selected in a random drawing. Guidelines will be posted on the Royal Arcanum website. "Let's Root for each other and watch each other Grow".

My husband Morgan and I have presented my program in several jurisdictions. We are thankful to everyone for their hospitality, gifts of friendship, and charitable team projects and look forward to meeting more members in the coming months.

When a child learns to walk and falls down 50 times, he/she never thinks to himself: "Maybe this isn't for me." The next person you talk to about the benefits of being a member of the Royal Arcanum may just become the best member of your council.

I'd love to hear from you! What are your intentions for 2019?

Fraternally yours in V.M.C.

*Deborah L. Young*

Deborah Young  
Supreme Regent

Je souhaite à tous nos membres une nouvelle année heureuse, saine et prospère. Beaucoup ont peut-être pris des résolutions pour 2019 mais ne les ont pas conservées si elles étaient éventuellement irréalistes. J'ai défini une "intention" au lieu de prendre une résolution. C'est une façon d'être et se concentre sur votre vie maintenant. Il peut s'agir d'un mot ou d'une phrase, accessible à tout moment et ne présente aucun échec. En 2019, mon intention est de faire preuve de "patience" dans tous les domaines de ma vie, avec ma famille, avec mon travail et surtout lorsque je conduis.

J'ai également l'intention de continuer à "**Planter des graines pour l'avenir**" de notre grande société de secours mutuels. Si tous les membres ne présentent qu'une seule personne aux avantages offerts par le Royal Arcanum, des nombreux produits d'assurance-vie et rentes abordables aux nombreux avantages pour les membres débutants, nous prospérerons pendant encore 142 ans et continuerons à redonner à nos communautés avec notre efforts de charité.

J'invite tous les conseils à organiser un projet pour aider les sans-abri. **Plantons** ensemble des graines d'espoir et renforçons encore nos «racines» de service fraternel volontaire. Les conseils collecteront des fonds si leur projet est sélectionné par un tirage au sort. Les principes directeurs seront publiés sur le site Web de Royal Arcanum. "Enracinons-nous les uns les autres et regardez-vous grandir".

Mon mari Morgan et moi avons présenté mon programme dans plusieurs juridictions. Nous remercions tous les participants pour leur hospitalité, leurs dons d'amitié et leurs projets d'équipe caritative. Nous sommes impatients de rencontrer plus de membres au cours des prochains mois.

Quand un enfant apprend à marcher et tombe 50 fois, il / elle ne se dit jamais: "Peut-être que ce n'est pas pour moi." La prochaine personne à qui vous parlez des avantages d'être membre de Royal Arcanum peut devenir le meilleur membre de votre conseil.

J'adorerais avoir de vos nouvelles! Quelles sont vos intentions pour 2019?

Fraternellement vôtre en V.M.C.

*Deborah L. Young*

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Régente suprême

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## SUPREME REGENT VISITS RHODE ISLAND

Newly elected Supreme Regent Debbie Young and her husband Morgan were welcomed by the members of the Grand Council of Rhode Island on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Chelo's Restaurant, East Providence, Rhode Island. Judy Kolek, Past Grand Regent, who introduced Sister Debbie and her husband, conducted the meeting. Sister Judy then requested the Junior members to come forward and lead those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the American and Canadian National Anthems. Brother John Ball, the Grand Council Chaplain, gave the invocation.

After everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet, Supreme Regent Debbie Young introduced her program, "**Planting Seeds for the Future**". Debbie believes that you reap what you sow. Those familiar, yet purposeful words are the start of Debbie's program. She feels that if you give, you receive back ten-fold and that she is living proof that it happens. She told us about once being close to homelessness and that friends and acquaintances helped her both financially and emotionally. She said that people say to her, 'I'm not a salesperson and I don't know how to

introduce Royal Arcanum's benefits to people.' Debbie said we sell our ideas every day by our actions and words. You have to start by opening your mouth. She said she has never secured a new applicant the first time, but every time she talks she is "**Planting a Seed**".

Members listened attentively as the Supreme Regent spoke of the various life insurance and annuity products that the Royal Arcanum offers. She invited everyone to share product brochures and invite others to learn more about the Society.

Debbie's gardening-related promotional items for her program "**Planting Seeds**" were a big hit. Recipients of the gardening kit raffle were Kathy Collins and Ray Gauvin.

Sister Judy closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for the very generous donations of non-perishable food for the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen.

*Submitted by Jackie Wudkiewicz*

## PAWTUCKET'S FRATERNAL PROJECT

Royal Arcanum Pawtucket Council #537 members visited the Summit Commons Nursing Home in Providence, RI to give the residents their hand painted pumpkins on October 28th. The Juniors had fun painting the pumpkins. This year, two of the Juniors brought a few of the pumpkins to a pre-school and had some five year olds join them in painting.

The members look forward to distributing the pumpkins. Not only do the residents love seeing the Juniors in their Halloween costumes but they appreciate the pumpkins to decorate their rooms.

The Juniors are very kind to the seniors. It is wonderful to watch the Juniors interact with and be helpful to the residents.





## LJD AWARD PRESENTED

As the 2018 recipient of the Royal Arcanum's Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope Award, members of the New Jersey Grand Council were pleased to present the Supreme Council's donation in Lorraine's memory to the Liberty Humane Society in Jersey City and the Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi. Both organizations received a monetary gift of \$500.



**Sr. Rose Marie Smiglewski, CSSF, Director of the Felician School, accepted the LJD award check from NJ Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban and Past Grand Regents Genevieve and Joseph R. Macon, FICF.**

Representatives of these 501 (c)(3) charitable causes expressed humble appreciation for the ongoing and generous support of the Arcanian members and councils throughout the year; they are always delighted to partner with the fraternalists for their days of service.

Liberty Humane animal shelter strives to foster a community of compassion and respect, provides animals in need with a chance at a lifelong, loving home, and conducts programs to benefit children, seniors, the disabled, and those with special needs.

The Felician School's diverse curriculums, programs, and activities focus on the ability of children with special



**NJ Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban presented the LJD award check to David Ramirez, Director of Development at Liberty Humane Society.**

New Jersey for exemplifying **TEAM WORK** spirit for the benefit of these organizations in the garden state communities.

needs, providing a quality education to prepare every student for their own journey of learning within a climate of acceptance and respect.

The Supreme Council's award program was named in honor of Sister Lorraine J. D'Emilio of Integrity Council, Pennsylvania and a Royal Arcanum Fraternalist of the Year. Lorraine's selflessness and charitable work for furthering the cause of international fraternalism and good will inspired countless members throughout the United States and Canada to volunteer and share their talents for a charitable cause. Councils are invited each year to organize a project with the focus of providing hope through volunteerism and participate in the Legacy of Hope program.

Congratulations are extended to the Grand Council of



# VERSATILITY SHARES HOLIDAY CHEER

The members of Versatility Council #2501 in New Jersey joined Santa as his busy elves to prepare holiday monetary donations, gifts, and 'Wish List' items for several charitable organizations in the hope of making the holiday season merrier at soup kitchens, homeless-transitional shelters,



assisted care centers, retirement homes, and for programs that serve the underprivileged. Volunteers of the community outreach committee did a fabulous job shopping, wrapping, packing, and delivering a bountiful array of parcels that were gifted to many grateful recipients in time for Christmas.



**Evelyn Magarban and Gen Macon stopped by shelters for the homeless that are operated by Catholic Charities of Newark with dozens of boxes of healthcare items, socks, and winter outerwear.**



**Christine Piscitelli and Gen Macon helped arrange hundreds of soup varieties prior to delivery to Hudson County soup kitchens and food pantries.**



**A small sample of the many gifts that were assembled for the Council's winter gifting project.**



**The council delivered donations and gifts to Sisters at Our Lady of Lourdes Care Center prior to St. Nick's arrival.**



# BAYONNE COUNCIL PROJECT

## CARING AND SHARING PROJECT

In the aftermath of recent hurricanes and horrific storms that affected parts of the U.S., many pets were separated from their families. Thankfully, volunteers at shelters in New Jersey came to their aid, getting them to safety in the Garden State, and either placing in foster care or housing them in the shelters until they could be reunited with their owners.

Bayonne Council conducted their caring and sharing winter holiday

project in support of the animal shelters in Hudson, Bergen, and Middlesex counties that were part of this rescue and safety program. The Council's support included monetary donations, pet food, towels, blankets, bedding, and paper products for the puppies, dogs, kittens and cats being cared for at the non-profit shelters. The gifts were gratefully accepted and much appreciated to provide compassion and warmth for the pets until they can be returned to their families and secure in their permanent homes.



Gifts of appreciation were presented to Ray Raniszewski and Evelyn Magarban by Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon.



Rover and Felix's friends – Chris, Gen, Bob, Carol and Evelyn organized deliveries to the animal shelters in New Jersey. Lots of goodies filled pet stockings as Santa's helpers shopped for their new furry friends.



Members of Bayonne's Fraternal Service Committee who organized the Christmas pet shelter project 'paws' for a holiday photo.



# HARRISBURG COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The members of Harrisburg Council #499 hosted their family Christmas event on December 1, 2018 at the new facilities of The Allenberry Playhouse in Boiling Springs, PA. We dined at "The Barn" which was beautifully remodeled from the previous owners. Then we were off to see *The Man Who Saved Christmas*. This play is based on the true story of A.C. Gilbert, the inventor of The Erector Set. It was set in 1917, as America is embroiled in the First World War; this 'new old-fashioned' crowd-pleaser focuses on Gilbert's battle with the U.S. government as it attempts to ban toy sales during the holiday season. It was very entertaining.



Several Juniors attended; Charlotte and Natalie Karl, Landon Ferry, Kaitlyn Mentzer, Autumn DeJesus, Paige and Kelsea Harshberger had an enjoyable time.

We are always happy to gather for the holiday and fondly remember those who are no longer with us, especially, Mrs. Louis Caparella this year. She was always a joy and is sadly missed.

Harrisburg Council #499 wishes everyone the best for 2019!

*Submitted by Pauline P. Thomas*



Judie Marcus and Rick Rubin are always happy to attend the Council events.



Natalie and Charlotte Karl loved their R.A. gifts.



The Keeseman-Ferry Family had a wonderful time.

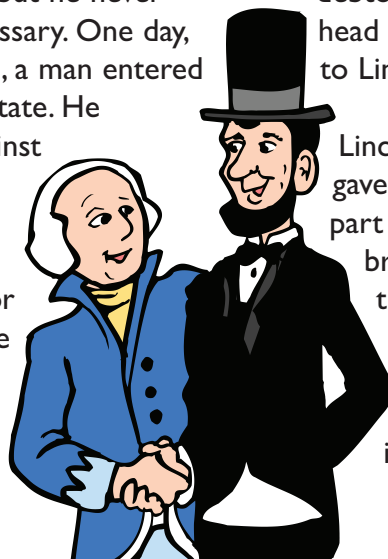
## LINCOLN SETTLES A PROBLEM

Abraham Lincoln ran a legal practice, but he never encouraged litigation that was unnecessary. One day, as Lincoln was working at his practice, a man entered the establishment in an impassioned state. He pleaded with Lincoln to bring suit against a man who was impoverished and in debt.

The man wanted to sue the debtor for \$2.50. Lincoln tried to reason with the man, but he was set on getting his revenge. When Lincoln saw that he could not talk the man out of bringing the lawsuit against the

debtor, he slyly asked for \$10 in legal fees to head up the lawsuit. The man paid the money to Lincoln.

Lincoln then hunted down the debtor and gave him half of the legal fee. The debtor used part of the money to pay off the man who brought the lawsuit against him. In this way, the man who brought the suit was completely satisfied that justice had been done, the debtor got out of debt, and Lincoln probably had a good laugh about it all.





## THANKS AND GIFTING IN NEW YORK

On November 19, 2018, Royal Arcanum members in New York delivered 26 turkeys, boxes of pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, and other trimmings to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in the Bronx. In addition, several parcels containing clothing articles for adults and children were also brought that day to help the charitable program at the parish. The food and other grocery items would be distributed by the Missionary Sisters of Catechism to the poor in time

for Thanksgiving and the clothes would be of great help for the approaching winter season.

The food products were purchased by money donated by Claremont Council #1655, the Grand Council of New York, and their members to share their blessings with those in need in the community.

*Submitted by Frances Magnotta*



**Maria DiBartolo, Errica Conforto, Joe Conforto, Fr. Jeff Ryan Miraflor, SJ, Frances Magnotta, Augie Magnotta, Sr. Edna Laquias, SMC, and Carmine Campo prepared the holiday donations.**



**New York winners with Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo (standing, far left) and Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto (standing, far right) at the Grand Council dinner meeting in November. Members generously supported the Council's effort at the meeting to help the poor for the Thanksgiving holiday.**



# CLAREMONT COUNCIL'S JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 2, 2018, the annual Junior Christmas party for Claremont Council was held at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle with 62 adults and Juniors in attendance. A hot lunch buffet was filled with lots of food for everyone's taste. Dessert included a variety of cookies and a "make your own sundae table" for guests to decorate ice cream with toppings of every sort!

A magician-clown entertained the children with games, music, magic tricks and balloons shaped like flowers, hearts, animals, and even Spider-Man!

A special Santa (Dennis De Leo, a member of Claremont Council) handed out presents to the Juniors, in

addition to the gifts that were sent from the RA Junior Department.

One Junior boy and one Junior girl won a monetary gift donated by Claremont Council and a random drawing for the adults had three lucky winners.

A big thank you is extended to Santa for visiting from the North Pole; he took time to speak with each child and greeted every table with joyful greetings for a wonderful holiday season.

*Submitted by Errica Conforto*



**Santa and the Juniors were welcomed by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto and NY Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo.**



**The Juniors enjoyed activities with the magician-clown. Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta joined the fun, too!**



# FOOD FOR THE CARMELITE MONASTERY NUNS



**In Memory of Judy Infantino**

Members of San Jose Council #2384 in California shopped for the Carmelite Monastery Nuns; one of their dearest charities in the Santa Clara-San Jose area.

It was a bittersweet shopping spree since one of the most devoted members to this charity, Judy Infantino, passed away on October 24, 2018. Judy enjoyed shopping for the nuns; she'd wheel herself through store aisles in search of all kinds of goodies for them. Afterwards the

members would take a trip to the monastery to see the nuns and their dogs, and stop to offer prayers for members and friends in the church on the monastery grounds. The nuns are always grateful for the coffee, waffles, juices and many other items that the Arcanians donate, including dog food for their two lovable German Shepard pups.

This year San Jose members, with Edd Infantino, Judy's devoted husband, dedicated their trip in memory of Judy as a tribute to her tireless energy and years of devotion to the Carmelite Monastery Nuns.

"In Memory of Judy Infantino." We love you, Judy and we will never forget you!

*Submitted by Joanie Francis*



**The shopping was done by Loretta Miller, Chic Cannon, Edd Infantino and Jim O'Neill.**



**The Arcanians were thanked by Sister John Mary at the Carmelite Monastery.**

# 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Supreme Treasurer John Crisanti and Member Services Supervisor Gloria Lee celebrated over 30 years of service to the Royal Arcanum in the Home Office in Boston.

John has been instrumental in the foundation and success within the Society's operation. He is truly a 'Jack of All Trades'! Whether he's completing financial statements for the Royal Arcanum or assisting associates in the office with their computer issues, John is always there to get the work done with superb efficiency!

Gloria is a model of consistency, always pleasant and going above and beyond her responsibilities in the office. When she's not busy completing production reports or collecting premium payments, she can be found lending a hand to another associate and sharing her vast knowledge of the Royal Arcanum to keep operations running smoothly.





## NEW YORK WELCOMES 2019

In addition to welcoming the New Year at the New York Grand Council dinner meeting on January 10, 2019, members who were personally celebrating “another year” during the month of January were surprised that evening with well wishes, song, and a special dessert. The happy occasion was the start to a busy season for the New York fraternalists who eagerly look forward to another active and productive year.



**Sal and Angela DiFranco, Teresa DiBartolo**



**Annette and Carmine Campo**



**Frances and Augie Magnotta celebrated their 63rd Wedding Anniversary.**



**Freddy DiBartolo and Diane Chiechi**



**Jerry Magnotta**

## CORONATION COUNCIL HELPS SHELTER FOR WOMEN



Coronation Council #2224 invited Executive Director Lady Laforet of the Welcome Centre Shelter for Women and Families of Windsor to

their November 15th meeting. The purpose was to present her with a donation of money and diaper bags filled with essential items.

Ms. Laforet gave a moving speech about the Shelter's efforts, to shed some light on what the agency does and to how she is educating the public to help with their ongoing need. She indicated that the Shelter has been helping people without an actual shelter to do it. The centre supports women and their families; some with children under age 15 who are sheltered at local hotels. She spoke of her dream of moving into a larger, permanent shelter location.

She helped everyone envision a hotel room where there's not much to do, no toys, but a lot of stress. The women try to create a better environment and future with their kids. Ms. Laforet also went on a mission of her own with her two children. They lived in a hotel for two days to gain



a better understanding of the daily challenges these women face.

The members were pleased to present Ms. Laforet and her daughter Lelaina with a supply of diaper bags and a cheque for \$1,500 for the charity. Their gratitude towards Royal Arcanum is abundant and was recently acknowledged on their website and on their social media pages.

The Welcome Centre aims to provide safe shelter for every woman and family every night; no exceptions. Services include emergency shelter, a drop-in program, food bank and harm reduction programmes. The Shelter will have supported more than 400 families by the end of 2018. Coronation Council members are hopeful their donations will go a long way in helping Ms. Laforet and her team realize a brighter future for these families.



# MEDORA COUNCIL SUPPORTS COMBONI MISSIONS

Members of Medora Council #1648 in Illinois volunteered at events in support of the Comboni Missionaries. Founded by St. Daniel Comboni in 1867 in Brescia, Italy, today the Missionaries serve the poorest and most abandoned people in more than 42 countries on five continents.

At the La Grange Park Comboni Fest, Arcanians did a fine job chairing 'Split the Pot' raffles and assisted with food ticket sales and silent auction

donations. Members also proudly served on the reception committee for the Annual Autumn Dinner Dance held in Addison, Illinois.

Medora Council fraternalists are dedicated to helping the Missionaries with their inspiring efforts of ministering to those in need, helping improve the quality of life, and providing resources such as food, clean water, medicine, churches, and schools.



**Bill Wire, Past Supreme Regent and Executive Committee Chairman; Jo Ann Serpico, Medora Council Member and Dinner Dance Chairperson; Father Chris Aleti, Comboni Missionary; Frank Salerno, Honoree; Rita Salerno; and Florence Wire, Medora Council Member greeted guests at the autumn benefit.**

# SONS OF POLAND COUNCIL #2016



The Sons of Poland (SOP) Council gathered for its December meeting at Polka Dot Rest in Wallington, New Jersey. Attendees were asked to bring a toy or craft to donate to Hackensack Hospital's Tomorrow's Children Fund for kids with cancer. Members also voted for the Council to donate \$1000 to the Children's Smile Foundation, a Polish-American organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged children here and abroad should they suffer from extraordinary health issues or adverse life events, aiming "to show them that there are people who care about them, make them feel loved and help them grow into well-adjusted young adults." The donation was assisted by the Royal Arcanum's

International Fraternal Service program.

Plans for 2019 include co-promoting with the Sons of Poland Benevolent Foundation the annual Meritorious Service Award Ceremony honoring Senator Raymond J. Leśniak, longtime member of the Sons of Poland. Leśniak was a good friend of fraternalism while in office, having initiated legislation to improve fraternal insurance laws in the state.

Following the meeting, participants enjoyed good Polish food and fun, including a trivia game about Polish Christmas traditions, "Name That Kolęda" (Christmas carol), and Santa's photo booth.

SOP Council sends best fraternal wishes to all the Royal Arcanum family for a productive 2019!

*Submitted by Dayle Vander Sande*



**SOP Council December Meeting**



**Regent Dayle Vander Sande delivered toys to Tomorrow's Children Fund.**



# CLAREMONT COUNCIL'S SERVICE PROJECTS

In conjunction with the Supreme Council, the members of Claremont Council #1655 in the Bronx, New York conducted their International Service Projects in 2018 by making \$500 monetary donations to each of four charitable organizations.

The Sisters, Servants of Mary minister to the chronically sick and terminally ill. The Sisters go to patients' homes primarily at night so that family members and other caregivers can rest. Their services are rendered completely free of charge.

The Wounded Warrior Project helps change the lives of injured warriors, caregivers, and family members to bring independence back to the nation's severely wounded veterans. The organization offers a wide range of essential programs and services to help returning veterans along their journey to recovery.

Calvary Hospital is a fully accredited acute care specialty hospital exclusively providing palliative care for adult patients with advanced cancer and other life-limiting

illnesses. Its mission is to help make patients and their families as physically, spiritually, and emotionally comfortable as possible at a most difficult time of their lives.

Nazareth Housing is a community-based organization committed to the promotion of housing stability and economic independence among low-income families in NYC. Programs include homelessness prevention, supportive housing, emergency family shelter, urgent needs assistance, and a food pantry.

Claremont Council members Augie and Frances Magnotta, Joe and Errica Conforto, and Maria DiBartolo were gratefully thanked by representatives of each of the organizations for having been selected a recipient of the International Service Project. Additionally, a large

assortment of children's toys contributed by the New York members was delivered to Nazareth Housing. These gifts made the holidays happier for many youngsters.

*Submitted by Frances Magnotta*



**New York members with the Sisters, Servants of Mary.**



**The Arcanians and staff at the Wounded Warrior Project.**



**New York members with personnel at Nazareth Housing.**



**Claremont Officers with representatives at Calvary Hospital.**



## NEW JERSEY GRAND COUNCIL SHARES CHRISTMAS JOY

Members of the New Jersey Grand Council were out and about **planting** 'winter' fraternal seeds in the Garden State and organizing charitable gifting projects for Ronald McDonald children's charities, Operation Soldier Shoebox, and the Franciscan Friars' supportive services program for homeless men in Bergen County. Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC led the initiative as part of his 'Be a GI: Get

Involved as We are One' campaign. Subordinate councils, members, families and friends responded overwhelmingly with contributions for these charitable causes and their commendable mission of service. The Arcanian brothers and sisters look forward to continuing these projects in the coming months and welcome more volunteer members as fraternal service coordinators.



New Jersey Grand Council members were thanked by Santa David Magarban for their generosity and volunteer work that ensured the success of the RA holiday projects.

## STATE FRATERNAL ALLIANCE NEWS

Royal Arcanum Fraternal-Communications Director Cindy Macon (pictured third from right) was reelected to serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance for 2019. Thirty fraternal benefit societies hold membership in the state fraternal alliance that promotes the development and growth of the

fraternal benefit system. The installation of officers was conducted in Atlantic City, New Jersey following an educational program that emphasized the role and responsibility of fraternal in the financial services industry and their service in communities.



NJ-NY  
Fraternal  
Alliance  
Officers



# GRAND COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS

On November 10, 2018 Supreme Regent Deborah Young and husband, Morgan, visited the jurisdiction of Illinois. A luncheon arranged by Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli was held at the Wildfire Restaurant in Glenview with forty members in attendance. Supreme Regent Deborah Young presented her 2018-2020 Program, "**Planting Seeds for the Future**" at this gathering.

Deborah shared her Royal Arcanum journey with the members. She discussed how the Society has positively impacted her life. She shared strategies on how to grow membership, highlighted the products the Royal Arcanum offers, including the very popular annuity, and commended the members on their dedication as fraternalists.

Deborah brought two beautiful raffle prizes - boxes filled with tools for an avid gardener - that were won by Jim Jakaitis and Pat Wozny. Everyone present received a tote of nice gifts from the Supreme Regent.

The Grand Council of Illinois also honored Past Executive Committee Chairman William Wire for his achievement in becoming a life member of the Supreme Council. He was presented with a beautiful pen set as well as a framed copy of the resolution that was presented at the Supreme Council Session.

The members brought food staples to be delivered to a local food pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and Fort Dearborn Council supported the food drive with a donation of \$200.00.

Grand Regent Greg Hahn thanked the visiting guests and Illinois members for their support. He also offered ways to bring in new members. The program concluded with the Supreme Regent thanking the members for their continued service to the Royal Arcanum.

*Submitted by Nicole Covelli*



**Deborah Young, Jim Jakaitis  
Pat Wozny**



**Joshua and Matthew  
Crawford delivered food to  
the OLPH food pantry.**



**Carl Krzystofczyk, Florence Wire,  
William Wire, Deborah Young, Greg Hahn &  
David Covelli**





## MEDORA COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Christmas spirit was in the air on December 10 as Illinois' Medora Council #1648 gathered for their annual Christmas party. Members and guests gathered at Cucina Biagio in Harwood Heights, not far from their regular meeting location, to join in a sumptuous meal. Wine and soft drinks were flowing as everyone enjoyed the dinner, starting with pizza bread and calamari for appetizers, two pasta dishes as a prima course, and choice between three entrées: beef filet, salmon, and chicken Vesuvio. Satisfied tummies still had more delights to come: coffee, fruit, and ice cream were offered by the restaurant, and homemade cookies were



**Medora Officers Don Glassi, Regent, and Gregory Hahn, Treasurer, are about to pack up the donations that members brought for the Leyden Township Food Pantry.**

brought in by members to share. No one went home hungry.

Member Barbara Mugnolo continued her tradition of bringing some festive gifts to give away in a drawing among all those present. Fun Christmas signs and other holiday decorations were won by some members and enjoyed by all. Our members also continued their tradition of bringing a charitable donation. This year's charity was the Leyden Township Food Pantry, a regular recipient of the council's

generosity. With many hearty Christmas greetings, the council adjourned for the year, looking forward to their next meeting in 2019.

## NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL - CHRISTMASTIME

The hall was decked with boughs of holly as members arrived eager to rock around the Christmas tree and welcome the holiday season with the New York Grand Council at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle on December 9, 2018. Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo and her committee hosted a festive and fun event that featured delicious cuisine, upbeat D.J. entertainment, a fabulous all-star show, and an abundance of good cheer. The echoes of "Ho-Ho-Ho" and excitement of the festivities helped wrap up a memorable year for the council, along with anticipation of soon welcoming another busy fraternal season in 2019.

*Submitted by  
Errica Conforto*



**New York and New Jersey Arcanians**



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Talented  
Cast**

# SUPREME REGENT VISITS FLORIDA

Veterans Day was celebrated in the Grand Council of Florida by welcoming Supreme Regent Deborah Young and her husband Morgan for the presentation of the **'Planting Seeds for the Future'** program at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Boynton Beach.

Debbie highlighted her program's message by explaining how members can **plant seeds** of fraternalism every day. She challenged everyone to show that they care and can tend gardens well. Everyone in attendance received garden-themed gifts from the Supreme Regent. Winners of garden tool sets were Hillie Foley and Diane Calain.

Deputy Supreme Regent/ Florida Grand Regent Louise Reynolds congratulated Sister Young for designing such a

great campaign and wished her a successful and productive term as Supreme Regent. Louise presented Sister Hillie Foley, wife of Past Supreme Regent Donald G. Foley with his memorial dove from the Supreme Council Session's Garden of Remembrance. Many kind words were expressed for Brother Foley; a genuine fraternalist who served our Society with great dedication.

On behalf of the Grand Council, Grand Vice Regent Diane Calain made a donation to Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD- 35.

The Florida members thank Debbie and Morgan for their visit; they are already busy **'planting seeds'** in the Sunshine State.



Debbie Young presented door prizes to lucky winners Hillie Foley and Diane Calain. Grand Regent Louise Reynolds offered her congratulations.



Grand Regent Louise Reynolds presented Hillie Foley with the dove from the memorial service.

# FLORIDA GRAND COUNCIL'S DONATION

The Grand Council of Florida continues to support diabetes research and education and in November 2018 made a contribution to Diabetes Awareness Foundation of MD-35, Inc., a non-profit division of Lion's Club International. The Foundation provides educational events for diabetes awareness and conducts diabetes screening (including blood sugar, vision and retinal testing) free of charge at events throughout the state of Florida and in the Bahamas.

As an International Fraternal Service Project in conjunction with the Supreme Council, Grand Vice Regent Diane Calain presented a check from the Florida Grand Council to Joel Levenston, President of the Diabetes Foundation of MD-35. Diane is a certified screener and is a volunteer for the screenings. The Royal Arcanum members were happy to welcome Joel and his wife Janet to their meeting to accept the Council's donation.

*Submitted by Diane Calain*

Roy AI was excited to help the Diabetes Foundation – MD 35. He's officially a lifetime member of the foundation.



Grand Vice Regent Diane Calain presented the IFS donation to Joel Levenston.



## Sparky's Toy Drive

Royal Arcanum Coronation Council #2224 once again was pleased to help contribute to this year's "Sparky's Toy Drive" by donating a cheque for \$500 towards the Windsor Professional Fire Fighter's Benefit Fund.

Giving to Sparky's Toy Drive has become an annual tradition for Coronation Council #2224. The


members take great pride in helping the Windsor Firefighters effectively carry out the community's largest toy drive. This contribution will help the Windsor Firefighters achieve their goal of making the holidays brighter for children in this community.

The Council thanks Fire Station 5 for the warm welcome they received from Sparky, the Toy Drive's Mascot.



**Audrey Bayliss, Rene Boufford, James Boufford, Sparky, and members of Fire Station 5 in Windsor, Ontario**

## Street Help Warmth

 As temperatures become colder, the Council's commitment to the local homeless shelter – Street Help – continues. Members packed a van with warm clothes, coats, sleeping bags, plus groceries and turkeys for Christmas and made the delivery to the shelter.



A recent fire at a neighboring establishment forced Street Help to discard a number of smoke-damaged items. Coronation Council was grateful to be able to support their friends at this charity during this difficult time.



## Christmas Gathering

On December 7, 2018 Council #2224 held its annual Christmas party at Webb's Restaurant in Tecumseh, Ontario. Members were grateful for the wonderful dinner and gathering of friends and family.

Members had the opportunity to reflect on a great year and were thankful to have been able to help the local community and share good times together at their meetings.

Here's to a great 2019 from Coronation Council #2224.

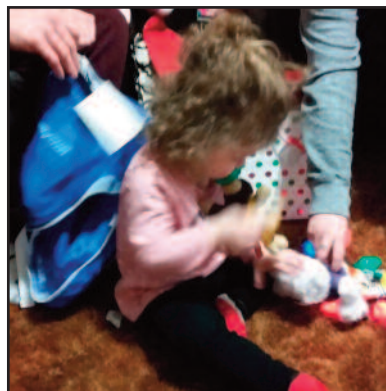
*Submitted by Elly McMillan*



## Junior Christmas

The RA backpack seemed to be a hit with the Juniors and especially with Michaela. She wouldn't take it off.

*Submitted by: Jim Boufford*





Dear Sisters and Brothers,

One of the first mathematics classes young pupils are introduced to is 'Measurements.' The method for determining the number that shows the size or amount of something has also been featured as a primary grade subject on the 'Are You Smarter than a Fifth Grader?' television show. Surprisingly, the answers to some questions asked on that program are not as easy as you'd expect! Whether it's the metric or US standard units system, you can measure length, area, volume, mass, temperature, and time, and each of us, no matter what our job, daily chore, or hobby, relies on measurements to accomplish our work. Rulers, scales, graduated cylinders, and stop watches may take precise measurements and when coupled with calculators, computers, or even the standard pencil and paper, are key to producing accurate results. It's true – We measure everyday!

Former First Lady of the United States, Barbara Bush said, "Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people – your family, friends, and co-workers, and even strangers you meet along the way." So how do we measure up?

The underpinning of the Royal Arcanum has always been 'service' – Service to our members and service to community. Founded in 1877 on the principles of 'Virtue, Mercy, and Charity', our fraternal benefit society continues to offer solid life insurance products for families, member benefits, opportunities to participate in fraternal and social activities, and support to charitable causes through a host of programs. Our success can be measured by the positive response of our members and their notable efforts in welcoming family and friends as new Arcanians, promoting our Society across the US and Canada, and organizing fraternal projects. They measure up to the finest of volunteers.

It is fitting to acknowledge our councils for their charitable initiatives that were sponsored in recent months. This issue of the Bulletin highlights several jurisdictional activities where members started '**Planting Seeds for the Future**' with donations of funds, goods,

time, and volunteer service to make a positive difference for many grateful recipients. The International Fraternal Service, LJD Legacy of Hope, Fraternalism in Action, and Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart programs are available throughout the year and in many instances, council projects, as part of these programs, are reaching strangers we have never met before, like Mrs. Bush mentioned.



It's a great time to endorse Supreme Regent Deborah Young's campaign as volunteers and help the Royal Arcanum achieve the goal of having membership rolls multiply by leaps and bounds in this term. Together we can do it! We'll also be **planting seeds** by helping the homeless as a charitable segment of the Supreme Regent's program and encourage all councils to become engaged in this effort. It has the potential to be measured as a grand success, but we need YOU to be a part of it!



With a few weeks of wintery weather mix still in the forecast in several areas (hopefully not too many more inches of snow to measure), we're anxious to welcome spring and its refreshing scents, sights, and sounds. We'll be out

and about in our councils and communities and will measure our success as a team, just like the baseball players will do when they soon start the new MLB season.

I wish you and your families a blessed Passover and joyous Easter.

In friendship,

*Cynthia A. Macon*

Cindy Macon  
Fraternal-Communications Director

## SAN JOSE COUNCIL DELIVERS SMILES

What a great time San Jose Council members had at the Plum Tree Care and Rehabilitation Center when they delivered decorated stockings and holiday greeting cards for the 68 residents at the facility.

They sang carols and danced through the halls to share Christmas cheer. Many residents joined the Arcanians as they jingled, jangled, and waltzed up and down the corridors. Smiles were abundant everywhere!

Representing San Jose Council were Grace Howell, Darrilyn Cooper, Loretta Miller, Chic Cannon, Jim O'Neill, and Joanie Francis. The members were thanked by Sophia Guido, Director of Activities at Plum Tree and Maria Ruiz, Assistant.

*Submitted by Joanie Francis*



## JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY AT YORKTOWNE COUNCIL



Yorktowne Council #2194 in Pennsylvania held its annual Junior Christmas party on December 8, 2018. Local church members prepared a wonderful luncheon for the Arcanians and a group of young, talented puppeteers provided an entertaining show for the group.

Santa arrived to the delight of the Juniors who were excited to receive gifts from the Royal Arcanum Junior Department and Yorktowne Council. The event concluded with the singing of carols and exchange of happy wishes in anticipation of the winter holiday season.

*Submitted by Herb Chronister*

## SAN JOSE COUNCIL DONATES TO FIRE VICTIMS

Members of San Jose Council #2384 generously donated loads of clothing to the Salvation Army for distribution to fire victims in northern California.

**Chic Cannon, Loretta Miller, Daniel Markham of Salvation Army, and Jim O'Neill**





A woman with reddish-brown hair, wearing a beige coat, a white fur-lined scarf, and patterned gloves, is smiling and leaning against a tree trunk in a snowy forest. The background is filled with snow-covered evergreen trees.

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## CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

There were many endeavors that we focused on as an operation in 2018, including the filing of the new 2017 CSO Table for our Life Insurance products. This is a very involved process for the Society and assists us in providing some of the most competitive insurance premium rates in the industry. In 2018, we again increased our production levels as compared to 2017; detailed numbers will be in the next Bulletin. Important figures I analyze highlight which states are driving in new production. I've seen increases in production across several states, both in the number of new policies issued and premiums received.

I'm pleased to report that we were under budget in 2018; there were only a few unexpected expenses that arose within our operation. It is a high priority to ensure we are operating in an efficient manner and this objective is being met while we maintain department cycle times - from issuing new policies to completing member service requests.

In 2019, we anticipate creating additional member benefits and implementing some new member service features to make managing your policy that much easier. We've also increased our current fixed annuity rate to 3%! We have started to offer this 3% rate for a guaranteed 6 year period for all new contracts. For existing annuities: the current credited rate will increase to 3% as of the 2019

anniversary date if your contract had a lower credited rate.

I look for the winter to bring friends together to help those less fortunate - from helping someone who needs assistance with a project or by volunteering at a local shelter. The holidays bring the most visitors and cheer to those who may be alone or without many loved ones around them. It's just as important to support and remember them after the holidays and hopefully brighten their day!



*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

*-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Sincerely,

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

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





# REVERSE PARTYING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Instead of throwing a Christmas party for their Juniors, Integrity Council provided the means for their Junior members to give a party, and the participating young people loved doing this!

On Sunday afternoon, December 2nd, the Juniors and interested adults went to Simpson House, a United Methodist Retirement Residence in Philadelphia, to entertain the residents in the health care section, give them gifts, and enjoy some food and fellowship spanning many generations. Simpson House is the oldest “Home for Older Adults” in the nation.

Trevor Jones sang several Christmas selections, accompanying himself on the ukulele, and Kyleigh Bleacher rendered some holiday vocal music. Cyani Comacho warmed the hearts of those attending with her guitar, as she sang “Deck The Halls”. Jay Newlin,

accompanied by his mother, Carole Newlin, led everyone in the singing of Christmas carols, which the residents sang robustly.

At various points throughout the entertaining, gifts were distributed by Juniors Dianiece Comacho, Dom, Lannie, and Brianna Lafreeda. At the conclusion of the entertainment, cookies, candy and beverages were enjoyed by a very happy and talkative crowd. Of course our Juniors received their special gifts from the Home Office.

The program was arranged by Past Grand Regent Lillie Mae Panichelli, assisted by Past Supreme Regent Herb Snyder, and Past Regent Loretta Wehbe, who coordinated the entertainment.

*Submitted by Herb Snyder*



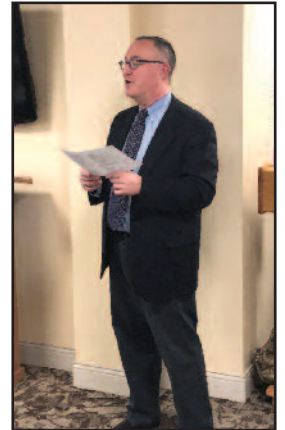
**Lillie Mae Panichelli and her Family Juniors**



**Kyleigh Bleacher sang**



**Trevor Jones and his Ukulele**



**Jay Newlin led the group in singing Christmas Carols**



**Integrity Council Adults and Juniors**



**Residents listened as Kyleigh sang**



# CALIFORNIA GRAND COUNCIL

Here Comes Santa to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Hospital! At the Council's Christmas luncheon, members brought toys and games to donate as holiday gifts for children who were patients during the Christmas season. The hospital also has a pediatric burn center and pediatric cancer center.

*Submitted by Joanie Francis*



**Chic Cannon,  
Christina  
Chandra,  
Certified Child  
Life Specialist,  
Loretta Miller,  
Grace Howell,  
Joanie Francis and  
Darrylyn Cooper**

## FT. DEARBORN COUNCIL HELPS SHELTER PETS

Some members of Ft. Dearborn Council #278 recently visited the Almost Home Shelter for Animals in Schaumburg, Illinois. They brought dog food, bath towels, paper towels and many other articles for the facility. A check from the



Council was presented to the Director to purchase other needed items for the shelter and its work in caring for dogs and cats from the surrounding suburbs that have no homes.

The location that the members visited housed many different kinds of four-legged friends. The mission of the non-profit foundation is to save adoptable dogs and cats from being euthanized by finding them permanent, loving homes. The all-volunteer staff

offers training to help the animal and family live together, provides education programs, and spay/neuter programs. They work with municipalities to ensure stray dogs are scanned for microchips and given to rescues if not claimed by owners. They also provide full veterinary care to

all animals and help heal their injuries.

The Ft. Dearborn members who visited the shelter to present their donations included Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli, Joanne Covelli, Nicole Covelli, Michelle Rhodes, Leigh Sportun, Nell Stark, and Linda Stark.

*Submitted by Joanne Covelli*



# JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

I hope all the Juniors enjoyed the Christmas parties and others events sponsored by the various jurisdictions and councils throughout the United States and Canada. You will see many pictures and articles that were sent to us when you read this Bulletin. The Supreme Council provided 182 Junior gifts to councils that requested them for our Junior member holiday activities.

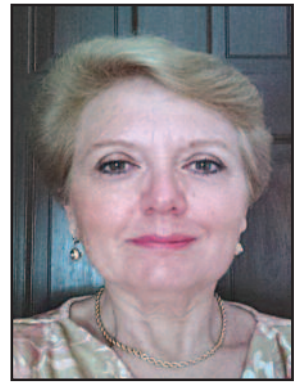
Birthdays cards are being sent out to our Juniors throughout the year and Valentine's Day cards were also mailed to our younger members, ages six and younger.

I would like to thank our Junior Committee - Ashley, Anita, Ruth, Loretta, and Genevieve - for taking turns in sending out the cards and for doing such great job.

A special thanks to Donald Ferry, Jr. for sending the birthday cards to our Juniors in Canada.

College care packages will be sent out in March to all our

students who have sent us their college addresses. Commuting students will receive their packages at home. As a reminder: Please don't forget that members in good standing who participate in SAT programs or other preparatory exam courses can be reimbursed up to \$50 if they forward the receipt to the R.A. Junior Department in Boston.



**Junior Department  
Director  
Errica Conforto**

I'm happy to inform you that we received 26 applications for Royal Arcanum scholarships and two applications for grants, and I wish all who applied good luck. Last year our Society awarded close to \$70,000 in scholarships and grants and I hope we do the same this year.

As we begin the new year, I would like to see more Juniors getting involved in helping their communities. Please send us a note and let us know about their volunteerism so we can recognize their efforts.

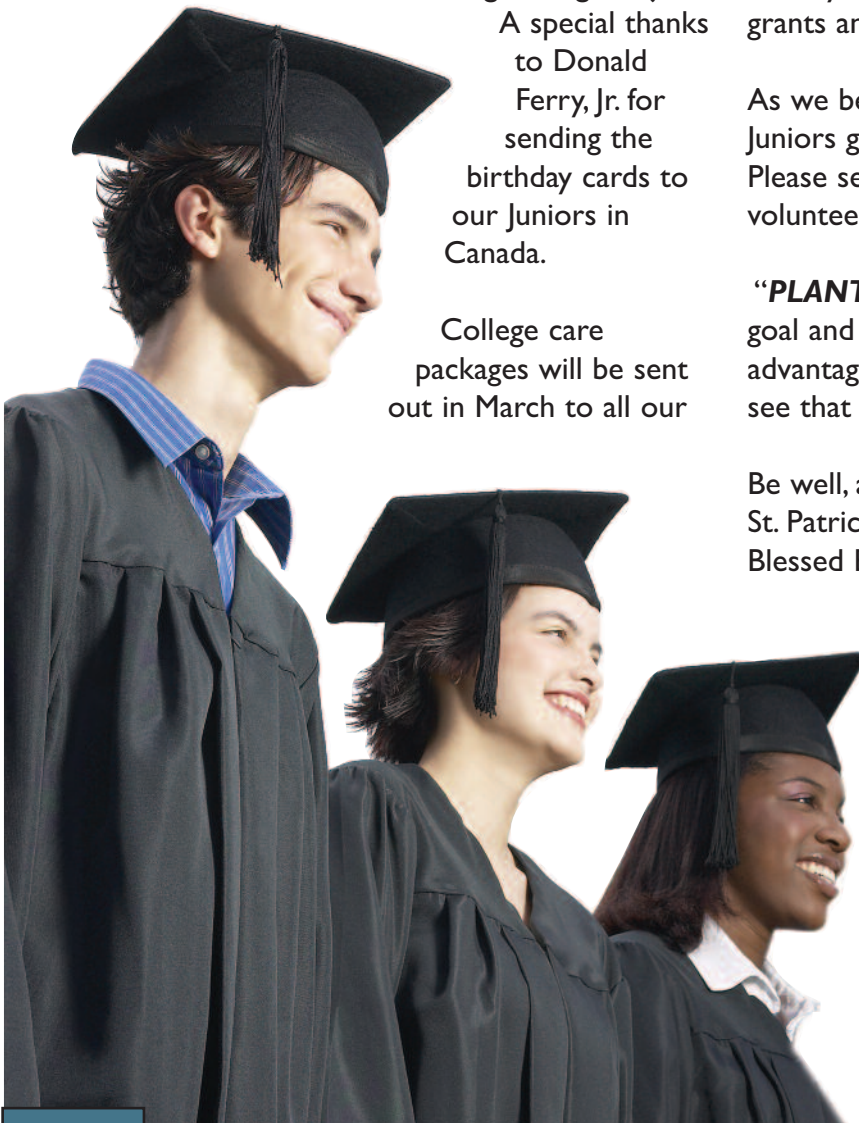
**"PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE"** is our goal and we give you the opportunity to take advantage of what we offer. Now it is up to you to see that the seeds are beginning to grow.

Be well, and until next time I wish you a Happy St. Patrick's /St. Joseph's Days, and a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Fraternally yours in VMC,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Errica Conforto".

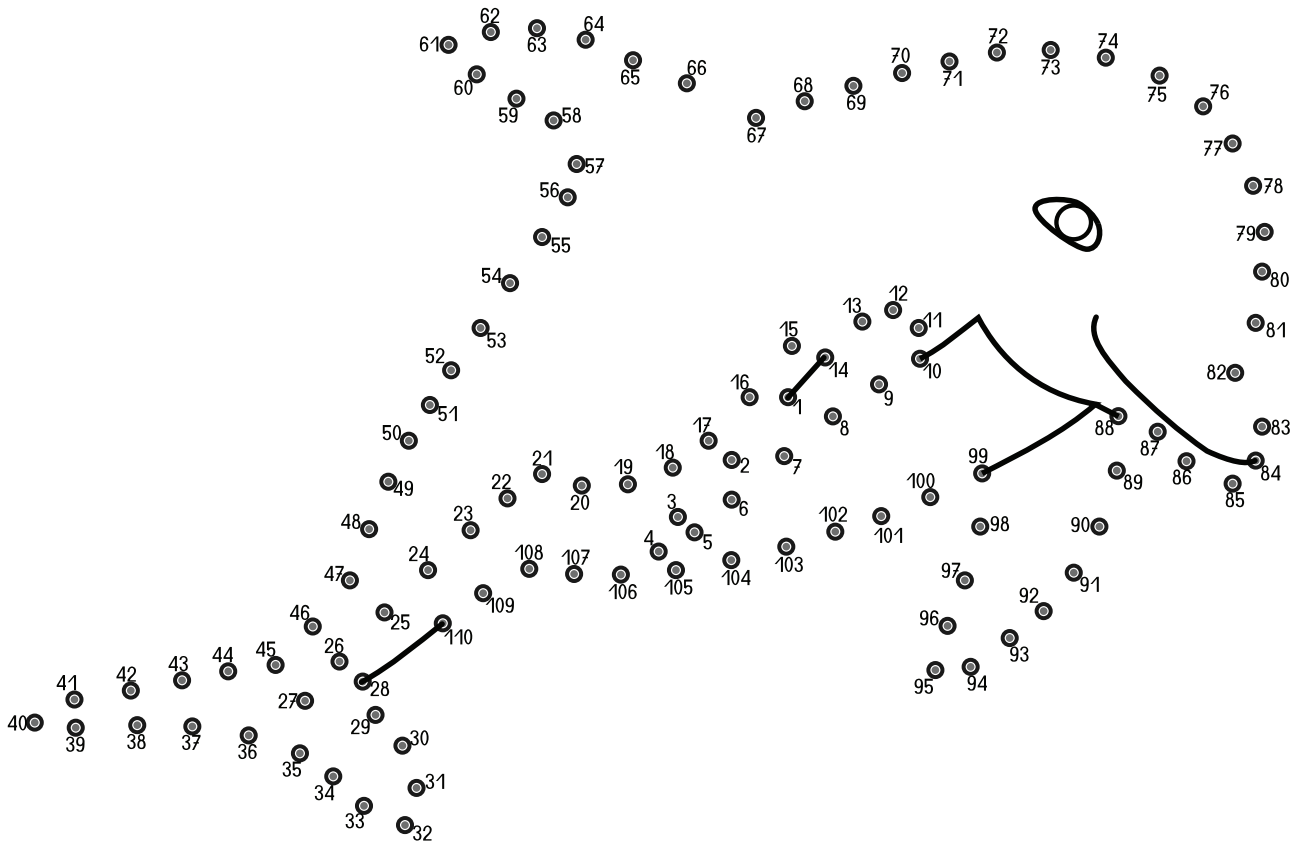
**Errica Conforto  
Junior Director**





# CONNECT THE DOTS

Connect the dots and find out who is hanging out with us today. When you are done connecting the dots, color it right in!



## 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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## A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

I take this opportunity to wish all our members in the US and Canada a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. As we begin the 142nd year of the Royal Arcanum, I thank all of our members for their continued dedication to our Society. One hundred percent of Royal Arcanum jurisdictions organized a fraternal-charitable project in 2018. I have no doubt that 2019 will be just as successful.



As it is a popular custom, I'm sure many Royal Arcanum members made New Year's resolutions. Most of us at one time or another have resolved to lose weight, quit smoking, or eliminate a bad habit. I was curious to find out how this tradition began.

As I researched the subject, I discovered some interesting facts. The tradition is most common in the Western Hemisphere, but evidence exists that it is almost universal. It seems that the tradition has religious origins as far back as the Babylonians who made promises to their gods that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The Romans made promises to their god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. The tradition has many other religious parallels. During Judaism's New Year, Rosh Hashanah, through the High Holidays and ending in Yom Kippur, one is to reflect upon one's wrongdoing over the year and to both seek and offer forgiveness. The concept, regardless of creed, is to

reflect upon self-improvement annually.

At the end of the Great Depression, about a quarter of American adults made New Year's resolutions. At the start of the 21st century, about 40% did. Data from the American Medical Association found that 46% of participants who made common New Year's resolutions (weight loss, exercise programs, etc.) were more than ten times more likely to succeed as those deciding to make life changes at other times of the year.

With the start of the New Year it is my hope, that as members of the Royal Arcanum, steeped in the tradition of our governing principles of Virtue, Mercy and Charity, we resolve to be a little kinder to one another, increase our charitable undertakings, encourage existing members to become more active in local council activities, and invite new members to join our Society.

Yours in V. M. C.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D Ferrara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pete Ferrara  
Supreme Secretary



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