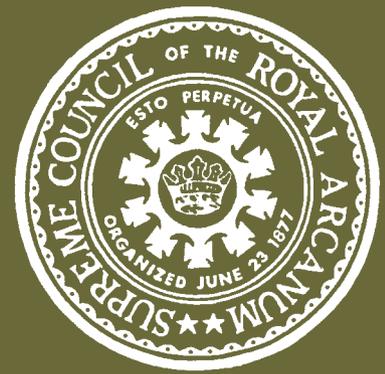


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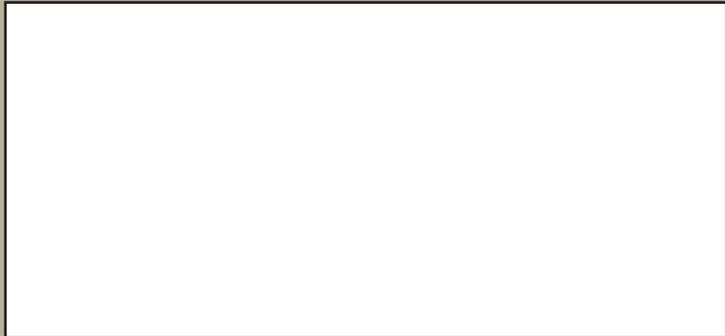
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KEEPING ON TRACK

A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régent Suprême

Peter Ferrara - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I begin my second year as Supreme Regent, I'd like to thank all our members for the help and support they have provided me during my first year. I am deeply appreciative of the over sixteen million dollars of production that our Order produced for the On Track for Success Campaign, particularly in light of the troubling financial conditions that continue to exist. I continue to be impressed with all the charitable good works that I have witnessed during my visitations to the various jurisdictions and the tremendous support for our Christmas in July project at our Mini-Vacation in San Francisco.

I look forward to continuing my visitations, **KEEPING ON TRACK** and moving our organization forward. My visitation schedule is available on our newly updated web-site. Once again I have tried to contact all Grand Regents regarding visitations. If I have missed anyone or any jurisdiction would like to schedule a visitation, please contact me at pdfsic@aol.com or through the Home Office. I will try to accommodate as many requests as possible.

I'd like to congratulate all our scholarship winners and wish all our Juniors success with all their academic endeavors. I'd also like to remind all parents and grandparents of the benefits of enrolling their children and grandchildren in our organization with resulting eligibility for our scholarships, grants and educational loans. Keep in mind that our Junior members are the future of the Royal Arcanum.

As the fall season will quickly pass, I would like to take this time to wish all our members in the United States and Canada a happy and healthy holiday season.

Yours in V. M. C.

Pete Ferrara
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

Comme je commence mon deuxième mandat en tant que régent suprême, je tiens à remercier tous nos membres pour l'aide et le soutien qu'ils m'ont donné au cours de mon premier mandat. Je suis profondément reconnaissant des plus de seize millions de dollars de production que notre Ordre a produit au cours de mon premier mandat, en particulier à la lumière des conditions financières inquiétantes qui continuent d'exister. Je continue d'être impressionné par toutes les bonnes œuvres caritatives dont j'ai été témoin au cours de mes visites aux différentes juridictions et le soutien énorme pour notre Noël en juillet projet qui ont eu lieu au cours de notre mini-vacances à San Francisco.

Je me réjouis de continuer mes visites au cours de mon second mandat, en gardant le cap et mener l'organisation de l'avant. Mon calendrier de visites est disponible sur notre site Web récemment mis à jour. Encore une fois, j'ai essayé de contacter tous les Grands Regents concernant les visites, si j'ai oublié quelqu'un ou de toute juridiction aimerait planifier une visite contactez moi au pdfsic@aol.com ou par le ministère de l'Intérieur. Je vais essayer de répondre à autant de demandes que possible.

Avec début de rentrée j'aimerais féliciter ensemble de nos lauréats et souhaitons tout juniors de notre succès leurs efforts académiques. Je tiens également à rappeler à tous les parents et grands-parents des avantages de l'inscription de leurs enfants et petits-enfants dans notre Organisation avec admissibilité découlant de nos bourses, de subventions et de prêts éducatifs. Gardez à l'esprit que nos membres juniors sont l'avenir de Royal Arcanum.

Avec l'arrivée de l'automne, je voudrais profiter de cette occasion pour souhaiter à tous nos membres aux États-Unis et au Canada un joyeux temps des fêtes et en bonne santé.

Vôtre dans V. M. C.

Pete Ferrara
Regent Suprême

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ROYAL ARCANUM'S FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR

The Supreme Council proudly announced that August 'Augie' Magnotta of Claremont Council #1655 in the Bronx, New York was selected as Royal Arcanum's "2013" Fraternalist of the Year at the Mini-Vacation in San Francisco. A few weeks later he was also named as the second runner-up in the annual awards program conducted by the American Fraternal Alliance in which seventy societies are eligible to take part.



Augie has exemplified the true meaning of fraternalism and volunteerism in his continuous service to our Order on all council levels, in the many community service initiatives he is involved and in projects which are coordinated and carried out together with generations of families and friends "on track" for making good things happen.

The motivation Augie has to helping others came from his mother when he was leaving Italy as a teen to come to the states. She told him then to always remember to help the poor, being mindful of the struggles their family had faced during some difficult years. This is something Augie has never forgotten and has always been committed to.

With genuine compassion Augie makes the time to help those in need, both as a leader and teammate. During the past year he was instrumental in making project ideas

"come to life." These included support to "Best Buddies" to help those with intellectual and developmental disabilities, ongoing clothing, household and food donations for the poor in New York communities, assistance for the Missionary Sisters of the Catechism in the Bronx, meals for Part of the Solution (P.O.T.S.), aid for the Thorpe Family Residence in the Bronx (a safe haven for homeless mothers and their children), advocate for the Wounded Warrior Project, the military and veterans, Flag Day observances in the Bronx and programs to preserve and promote Italian-American heritage.

Augie frequently shares the fraternal spirit when visiting infirm and homebound members and in serving on committees for council junior work, including the annual holiday parties and outings. He has inspired our younger members to help with preparing care parcels and delivering them to area nursing homes, hospitals and senior care facilities.

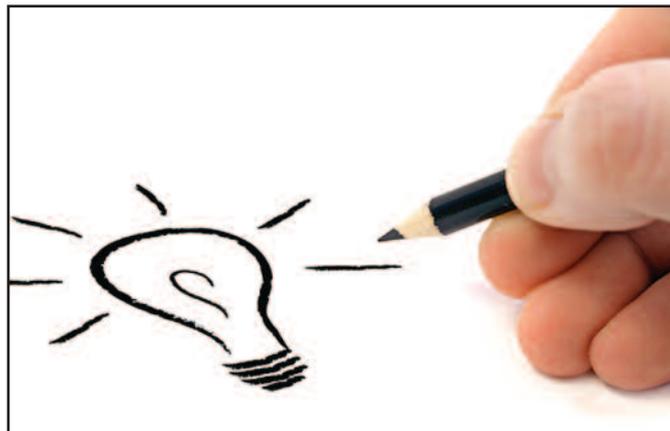
Augie and Frances Magnotta have a 100% Royal Arcanum family. Having attained the Founders' Ring of Distinction, Augie's dedication to enrolling new members is constant.

Congratulations, Augie! We are grateful for all you do!

GOOD IDEAS CAN BE FOUND IN THE MOST UNEXPECTED PLACES

There are two business ideas that sprang from challenges that would have meant failure to most people:

- During the construction of a high-speed railway line in northern Japan, a long tunnel had to be drilled through Mount Tanigawa. Water from the snows melting on the mountain's peak seeped into the tunnel, and engineers had to design a system to drain it. One maintenance worker suggested bottling the pure mountain water and selling it. The water was marketed under the name Oshimizu, sold in vending machines at train stations, and went on to



encompass fruit juice and tea products sales of \$50 million a year by the mid-1990s.

- An entrepreneur went to California during the Gold Rush in the 1840s to seek his fortune, but instead of panning for gold, he planned to sell tents to the thousands of treasure hunters. To his disappointment, the weather was so mild that most of the miners were able to sleep out in the open instead of investing in his tents. So he cut up his products and used the thick cotton material to stitch heavy, durable work pants. They became a hit, and the man's name, Levi Strauss, is a household name today.

SAN JOSE COUNCIL AIDS BOSTON MARATHON SURVIVOR – AARON HERN

Members of San Jose Council traveled to Martinez, California to present a check to Aaron Hern, a victim of the Boston Marathon Bombing. Regent Joanie Francis, Vice Regent Grace Howell and Deputy Supreme Regent Jim O'Neill presented to him a check for \$500. These funds were raised earlier in the year from the San Jose bowling event dedicated to Aaron. San Jose Council members participated in the bowling with all proceeds going to Aaron to help with his medical expenses.



Left to right, Grace Howell, Abigail Hern, Jim O'Neill, Aaron Hern, Alan Hern and Katherine Hern.

bombing. He suffered some hearing loss, but the injuries from flying shrapnel were severe. Aaron had serious leg injuries which required a series of surgeries and many months of care at Children's Hospital in Boston. He has undergone continuous physical therapy and has many scars from the ordeal. Aaron is coping with his physical condition and working on the traumatic mental effects of the Boston bombing.

Aaron was near the finish line in Boston, awaiting the arrival of his mother, Katherine who was running her first Boston Marathon. His dad, Alan, a head football coach at Alhambra High School and sister Abigail were also at the finish line.

Aaron was the only family member who was seriously injured. He was one of over 200 people injured in the

Aaron, who is 12 years old, is looking forward to returning to Martinez Junior High School this year and getting back to some kind of normal routine with his family and friends. His parents have been instrumental in helping Aaron through this ongoing challenge. Aaron's spirits are high and his dedication to overcome his adversities demonstrates his strong will and strength to prevail.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill

RHODE ISLAND SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Hannah Coderre from Pawtucket Council #537 was the recipient of a \$1,500 Royal Arcanum Scholarship. She was honored for her accomplishment at the Hose Company No. 6 Restaurant in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on

July 18th, where she enjoyed dinner with her family and was presented a Scholarship Certificate by Supreme Secretary, Ken Kolek. She will be attending LaSalle University in Philadelphia. PA.



Ken Kolek presenting Hannah Coderre with her certificate.



Left to right, Cindy Gillooley, mother, Hannah Coderre, Shaileen Allen, grandmother

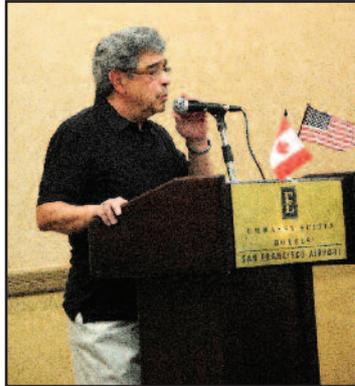


Left to right, Raymond Coderre, Elaine Coderre, Hannah and father, Robert Coderre.

Royal Arcanum Mini-Vacation

July 31st to August 4th, 2013

San Francisco, California



Pete Ferrara making his opening remarks.

San Francisco “opened its golden gate” to Royal Arcanum members and friends who trekked to the west coast, July 31 through August 4 to enjoy the Supreme Council Mini-Vacation. Sunshine and excitement filled the air as happy travelers arrived at the beautiful Embassy Suites Resort in South San Francisco, all looking forward to a fun-filled venture.

Supreme Regent Peter

Ferrara and the members of the Executive Committee were delighted to welcome the group in the “Meet and Greet” Reception Room where everyone had a chance to register and partake in some cool refreshments and snacks before settling in. Treat bags, compliments of California Grand Regent Alice Mangano were filled with brochures on places to go, things to see and tasty cookies and chips to supply extra energy for being on the go! Following the hospitality party in the atrium, a scrumptious dinner was served. Executive Committee Chairman James O’Neill highlighted the activity roster and introduced RA Director of Operations, Nicholas Benoit. Junior Director Herb Snyder announced that Brandon and Tyler Kolek were the youth winners in the “Who’s Who Arcanian Scavenger Hunt”, a new twist on a familiar favorite and presented them with gifts with San Francisco flair.



Muir Woods Tour

On Thursday morning members gathered for a lavish buffet style breakfast before heading to the motor coaches for a scenic five hour city tour which captured the main features of the magnificent city by the bay. There was even time to enjoy the seafood eateries at Fisherman’s Wharf, candies at Ghirardelli’s and shop for some souvenirs, too. Later in the day, the Grand Regents’



Jan Brazas, Carol Zavitz, Pete Ferrara, Errica Conforto, Cindy Macon, and Joanie Francis with goody bags at the registration table.



Enjoying the company in the Hospitality Room.



Rekindling friendships at the Welcome Reception. Jackie Wukiewicz (back to camera), John and Mary Brignone, Joe and Errica Conforto, Flo and Bill Wire.



left to right, Carol Zavitz, Nicole Covelli, Dotti Pagnani, Gen Macon, Errica Conforto and Jan Brazas, with the Veteran Blankets.



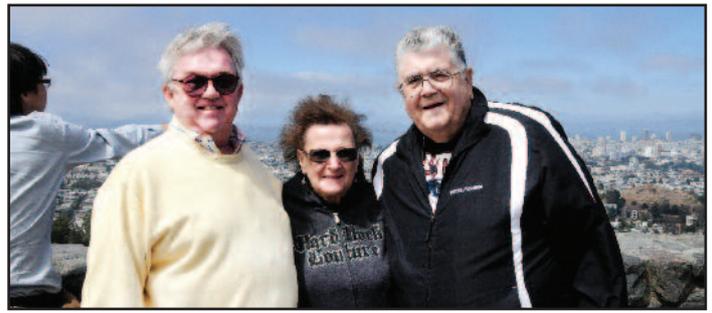
Alcatraz Cruise Line

meeting was held where the jurisdictional leaders presented highlights of their programs and exchanged ideas on a variety of subjects for the benefit of our fraternal society. It was an informative and productive session and a catalyst to some new features for our society.

The Fraternal Events Committee and North Pole elves were busy in Santa's satellite workshop after

dinner, filling 100 stockings with a grand assortment of gifts, toys, school supplies, therapy balls and more, all donated by Royal Arcanum councils, members and friends for area children's hospitals as part of our summer charitable gifting project. It was a terrific team effort for a really great cause.

We continued "On Track" with four days of non-stop fun! Whether a boat ride and guided tour of Alcatraz, a visit to Sea Life Aquarium, a hike through Muir Woods, a venture to Sausalito, a trip to the wine country, shopping at Pier 39 or hopping on the cable cars, San Francisco was the place with something for everyone! You could be as active or as relaxed as you wished, but were always sure to be under sunny skies and surrounded by warm and friendly people!



Herb Snyder, Sylvia and Don Ferry



Santa's Elves stuffing the stockings.



Alcatraz Island, view from the boat



Actual Alcatraz tour

The RA Game Showcase provided another evening of fun together with a pizza and soda pop supper. From the fraternal version of Family Feud to Let's Make a Deal to Loser's Lament BINGO, surprises were in store when the bell rang. There were a lot of laughs and a lot of good sports. Just don't forget to bring the Supreme Regent's pen next year!



Cindy Macon, Jim O'Neill, RA Fraternalist of The Year Augie Magnotta, wife Fran Magnotta, Pete Ferrara.

RA prime time players.



\$100 prize winners, Bill Gronko, Dotti Pagnani and Cathy Hefner with Supreme Regent Pete Ferrara (second right).



Augie Magnotta's RA Fraternalist of the Year Award.

Supreme Regent Ferrara hosted his program presentation to an attentive and enthusiastic audience and acknowledged Dotti Pagnani and Donald Ferry, Jr. for their creativity in designing his program book. A lively skit, directed by Loretta Wehbe, was performed by the RA Players and had everyone in tune for Trekking On Track in the coming year. The Supreme Regent was pleased to recognize the activity throughout the Supreme Council, towards increasing our membership and continuing fraternal programs and expressed his hope for a great term with our fraternalists on board, "Keeping On Track."

August "Augie" Magnotta of Claremont Council #1655 in the Bronx, New York was introduced as the RA 2013 Fraternalist of the Year and was presented with the distinguished award for his exemplary volunteer service to our society and community. Augie shared his personal reflections on the meaning of giving back and helping others; values instilled by his parents to his siblings when they immigrated to America as youngsters and teens. He was joined by former recipients, Herb Snyder, Marsha Simpson, Errica Conforto and Deborah Young. The RA 2013 Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope Award was presented to Versatility Council #2501 in Bayonne, NJ for their project for special needs children. Lucky winners of the \$100 Sweepstakes were Kathy Hefner, Dotti Pagnani and William Gronko. Culinary tool barbecue sets, compliments of the Supreme Regent, were won by John Baranowski, Arlene Clark, Sylvia Ferry and Bob Tucker.



Left to right, Herb Snyder, Marsha Simpson, Debbie Young, Errica Conforto, Jim O'Neill, Cindy Macon, RA Fraternalist of the Year, Augie Magnotta, wife Fran Magnotta and Pete Ferrara.



Jurisdictional ornaments for the pediatric hospital



Children's gifts donated by Diane Calain, Ruth and Brent Rupnik in memory of Ed and Andy Calain.



Santa Clause (Bill Wire)



Joanie Francis, Dotti Pagnani, Cindy and Gen Macon around the Christmas tree



Santa, and Flo Wire.



Augie and Fran Magnotta

On Saturday evening Arcanians decked the halls in colorful holiday attire for our Farewell Dinner. Tables were aglow with lovely decorations and our "Friendship Christmas Tree" was trimmed with a multitude of unique ornaments provided by members and friends to symbolize their councils, hometowns and favorite hobbies and sports, too. The tree was to be donated to a California pediatric hospital. Dinner

that evening was an Italian-inspired Roman Buffet with many traditional favorites headlining the entrees. A surprise visit from Santa Claus himself (Bill Wire) added to the holly jolly time as he and the disc jockey got everybody up and out on the dance floor, swaying and rocking to the popular hits from days gone by to the present.

Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara acknowledged everyone for helping make the Mini-Vacation a time to remember. Fraternal Director, Cindy Macon thanked everyone in attendance as well as those who were not able to join us, but rallied in support of our summer family project in the hope that our recipients will be blessed with a happy holiday season this year. She recognized the Fraternal Events Committee, the members who carry out project plans in our jurisdictions and the Home Office staff for their willing assistance. Grace Howell of San Jose Council introduced Jacob Goeders, the Leukemia Slayer and his family. Jacob thanked the Royal Arcanians for their gifts and donations for hospitalized children and for Alex's Lemonade Stand to help find a cure for childhood cancer. Donald Ferry, Sr. of Alpha-Agassiz Council spoke on behalf of the New England Winter Adaptive Sports Clinic for wounded veterans and thanked the Royal Arcanum members for their support to enable the programs for our injured and disabled service men and women to continue. Winners of the Armed Forces blanket raffle,



Guessing Contest Winner Fran Magnotta and Pete Ferrara.



Seated, Sharon Lauzon, Kathy Paxton and Virginia Lauzon; standing, Sharon Bayliss, Carol Zavitz, Jan Brazas, and Gloria Donaldson.



Rosemary, Richard and Bonnie Wehbe.



The Leukemia Slayer and his family.



Grace Howell introduced Jacob Goeders to the members. Jacob gave his speech on how happy he was for the Arcanian support.



The Leukemia Slayer with the Executive Committee with the Countdown to Christmas stockings for hospitalized children.

conducted by Grace Howell and the California ladies were won by Lillie Mae Panichelli, Gloria Donaldson, James Clark and John Howell. Winner of the jingle bell guessing contest was Frances Magnotta and for the youngest-made ornaments were Alexandra Orr and Luca Conforto.

The Supreme Regent presented the highest volunteer producer awards for 2012 to Matthew D'Emilio (accepted by his father, Paul) in the men's division and Cynthia Macon in the women's division.

Before long it was way past midnight and Santa and his reindeer geared up for their trek up north as members exchanged hugs and snapped photos to save the memories!

Without a doubt the 2013 Mini-Vacation was a celebrated event in a beautiful city with beautiful people! We hope to see everyone next year in Charlotte, North Carolina!



The Executive Committee and Don Ferry Sr. around the Christmas Tree.



Lee Parlato blowing out the candles on her 90th birthday cake.



San Francisco Trolley Car.

SAN FRANCISCO 2013 PHOTO GALLERY



Cable Car Do's and Don'ts.



Dotti Pagnani and Bob Galdon



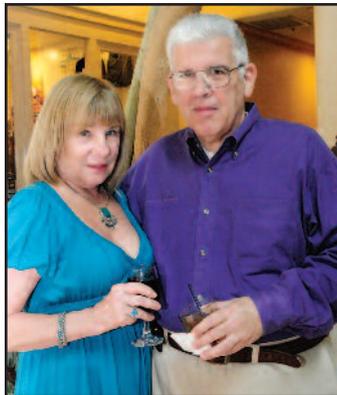
Judy Kolek in front of cable car.



Perri Whisenant, Marsha and Dave Simpson.



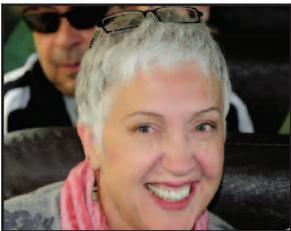
Diane Calain with donation made in memory of Ed and Andy



Rosanne Kozlow and Paul D'Emilio



Cindy Macon, Ralph Brignone, Gen Macon, Joan Brignone, Pat Budzeleski, Jim and Arlene Clark.



Chris Krzystofczyk.



Marie & John Baranowski



Royal Arcanum members and their guides in front of San Francisco's City Hall.

REFLECTIONS ON FESTIVALS OF LIGHTS

Candles in the windows! Christmas trees aglow with lights! As the Christmas Season approaches, bright lights seem to be everywhere! Lights, lights, and more lights! I wonder how many of us are aware of the fact that the major religions of the world all celebrate a Festival of Lights at this time of the year.

Because the primary religion in our countries is Christianity, we can hardly be oblivious to the lights all around us, symbolizing the Christian belief that Christ, the Light of the World, according to the Christian scriptures, is among His people to brighten their lives and lead them through life. The birth of Christ (or the coming of God incarnate into the world) is celebrated on December 25th, except for a few traditions who commemorate Christ's birth on January 6th. However, there is no documentation of the exact day when Jesus was born.



The Jewish holiday of Hanukkah is also called the Festival of Lights. Hanukkah marks the time in Jewish history when the Maccabees successfully rebelled against Antiochus IV Epiphanies. The Temple was purified and the wicks of the Menorah miraculously burned for eight days, even though there was only enough sacred oil for one day. The Jewish Festival of Lights, commemorating the re-dedication of the second Temple, lasts for eight days, with one additional light of the Menorah or Hanukiah being added each day. There are actually nine lights. The ninth is higher than the others and is there for the practical purpose of giving light, since the other eight may only be used for meditation. The date of Hanukkah is determined by the Jewish calendar, and may occur any time from late November to late December.



The Festival of Lights or Diwali is a religious festival in Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism! In India, for instance, Diwali will be celebrated from sunset on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 until nightfall on Thursday, December 5, 2013, commemorating the victory of good over evil. The people light candles

and diyas all over their houses to drive away the darkness of Amavasya (the darkest day of the year). Diwali commemorates Lord Rama's return to his Kingdom after fourteen years in exile, and is a very happy holiday where gifts are exchanged.

In the Buddhist religion, their Festival of Lights is known as the Tazaungdaing Festival, Tazaungdaing being the eighth month of the traditional Burmese calendar, and is observed on the full moon of that month. The holiday, which is very popular in Burma, commemorates the end of the rainy season. The people give new robes to the monks, and there are such events as robe-making competitions. Seeing that her son, Buddha would soon renounce worldly ways, the tradition is that His Mother stayed up all night making Buddha robes, and his Aunt continued the tradition. The emphasis is on charitable works.

Perhaps this year, when we observe the holiday lights, our thinking will be broadened a bit when we remember that there are Festivals of Lights being celebrated all over the world, but

even more importantly, let's commit to trying to brighten up our world somehow in some way!

by Dr. Herb Snyder

CORONATION COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Welcome Centre for Women: One of the Royal Arcanum pet charities in Windsor has rebranded its name to "Welcome Centre, Shelter for Women." The goal is to increase public awareness with the launch of a new logo.

Coronation Council recently donated \$2,000 to this cause in support of its mission.

James Mulhearn (l) and Tom Bayliss [r] presenting check to Heather Mullins [c].



Male Athlete of the Year Award: For 63 years, Coronation Council has awarded trophies and scholarships to graduating athletes from high schools in the Windsor area. We are proud of the many recipients who have excelled in professional sports. The

\$1000 presented by Coronation Council helps defray tuition costs.

Marty Cullen, 92 years of age has been reviewing applications for 60 years and Morgan Young, his junior at 82, is trying to catch up. Good job, gentlemen.



Female Athlete of the Year Award: We strive to be equal when it comes to the female athletes. Since 1973 Coronation Council has given awards and scholarships to women high school athletes.

This year, two candidates will receive \$1,000 each for their tuitions.

Sharon Bayliss, Gloria Donaldson, Carol Zavitz and Debra Young



Ontario/Michigan Picnic: The union between Ontario and Michigan continues with a picnic every June in Livonia, MI. Ontario



always enjoys the

hospitality of our American friends. There are lots of games and food to enjoy. Members can't wait till the next gathering.

Ontario/Michigan members enjoying the camaraderie.



Submitted by Tom Bayliss

NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL NEWS

Grand Council Dinner Meeting: On July 11, 2013, a meeting of the New York Grand Council was held at Juliano's in New Rochelle, NY, with 49 members in attendance. The scholarship winners and their families were welcomed and presented with their awards.

It was a pleasure to introduce the winners and to acknowledge their respective accomplishments. Grand Regent, Bettina DiBartolo, and Supreme Orator, Errica Conforto, congratulated the winners and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Past Supreme Regent, August Magnotta, spoke to them about the importance of listening to their

parents, choosing their new friends wisely, respecting their professors, working diligently and they can rest assured that they will be successful.

We are certain that their parents and other family members were very proud of them. Unfortunately, unable to attend were Christian Szajna (\$5,000 winner) and Michael Bennis, (\$1,500 winner).



Sharon Mancuso, Bettina DiBartolo, Sal Mancuso, Errica Conforto, Augie and Fran Magnotta, seated Carol Yablonski and Andrea Mancuso.



Bettina DiBartolo, Nicholas Vasta, Errica Conforto, Frank, Josephine and Sarina Vasta, Fran and Augie Magnotta, Joseph Panzarella, Francesca Vasta (\$1,500 winner) and Domenica (Mimi) Panzarella.



Bettina DiBartolo, Errica Conforto, Gina Blanco, Michael Blanco, Diana Chiechi, Fran and Augie Magnotta, seated, Analisa Blanco (\$1,500 winner) and Elizabeth Chiechi.



(Left to right) are: Frances Magnotta, Grand Regent Bettina DiBartolo, Emily Mancuso (\$10,000 winner), Renee Coscia, Augie Magnotta, Errica Conforto, seated Sandie Onorato, Leigh Coscia and Vito Onorato.



Bettina DiBartolo, Errica Conforto, Angela Ho, Carlo Minuto, Christina Ho (\$1,500 winner), Jean Minuto, Augie and Fran Magnotta.

NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL NEWS

Evening Dinner Theater: On Sunday, July 21, 2013, Forty-three members of the New York jurisdiction attended a performance of THE SOUND OF MUSIC at the Evening Dinner Theatre in Elmsford, NY. Unfortunately, some of the attendees were not present when the photo was taken.

It was a wonderful performance. We had a delicious dinner and it was great for all of us to be together.



NY Group at the Dinner Theatre in Elmsford, NY.

NEWS FROM MERRITT COUNCIL #1974

Merritt Council member, John Optiz, was honored at the Nineteenth Annual Gala for Habitat for Humanity of Bergen County on May 7, 2013.

John was this year's Golden Hammer Honoree. He

performed many duties by volunteering on site, being a Board member, preparing monthly financial reports and developing budgets for projects.

Submitted by Ethel M. Reitsema



Pictured are John and his grandchildren, ALL ROYAL ARCANUM JUNIOR MEMBERS!



Photo of the Golden Hammer Award.

HAWAIIAN FANTASY HELD IN SAN JOSE



New member Anna Marie Serio.

On Thursday, June 13, 2013, the Grand Council of California and San Jose Council #2384 held a joint "Hawaiian Fantasy" dinner and installation of officers at the Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose. This was our second annual event, but the first ever joint installation of both council officers. There were 55 members and guests in attendance to enjoy the wonderful meal. Also in

attendance were 5 new Royal Arcanum members of San Jose Council; Joanne Clark, Lowell Buchanan, Angela Serio, Maria Serio and Anna Marie Serio. A raffle of exotic Hawaiian plants was held to raise funds for local charities. Music was provided by Ken Jercha. Everyone was dressed in South Seas attire.

After dinner, Deputy Supreme Regent/Chairman Jim O'Neill installed the officers of the California Grand Council for their term of office 2013 – 2015. San Jose Council Officers were installed by Grand Regent Alice Mangano. San Jose Regent, Joanie Francis gladly accepted their respective offices and pledged their support to continue to grow the jurisdiction of California. A special thanks to Joanie Francis for coordinating the event.

Grand Council Officers elected were: Grand Regent Alice Mangano, Grand Vice Regent Joanie Francis, Grand Orator Grace Howell, Sitting Past Grand Regent Dominic Fanelli, Grand Secretary/Treasurer Loretta Miller, Grand Chaplain Marilyn Fanelli, Grand Guide Ann Antuzzi, Grand Warden Chic Cannon, Grand Sentry Maryann Valenti, Grand Trustees Rose Zukas and Rosa Sunseri. San Jose Council Officers elected were: Regent Joanie Francis, Vice Regent Grace Howell, Orator Toinette Fanelli, Sitting Past Regent Joe Quartuccio, Secretary/Treasurer Maryann Valenti, Chaplain Marilyn Fanelli, Guide Denise Lemucchi, Warden Rose Sunseri, Sentry Rose Zukas, Trustees Chic Cannon, Dominic Fanelli and Ann Antuzzi.



San Jose Regent Joanie Francis and Grand Regent Alice Mangano.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



New members Lowell Buchanan and Joanne Clark.



New members Maria and Ann Serio.



Prize Winners Alice Mangano, Darrylyn Cooper and Denise Lemucchi.



California Grand Council Officers.



Officers of San Jose Council #2384.

THE FEAST OF ST. JEAN BAPTISTE



Treasurer Janine Sasseville presenting raffle proceeds to attending guest.

La Fête de St. Jean Baptiste was held June 23, 2013 by St. Rosaire Council #24, New Bedford, MA. The celebration dates back to the 5th century when King Clovis began the tradition. The tradition was brought to Quebec and made a holiday. In 1908, Pope Pius X officially proclaimed Saint-Jean- Baptiste as the patron saint of the French-Canadian nation. Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis signed legislation requiring an annual proclamation setting apart the fourth Sunday of June as Saint Jean de Baptiste Day, recommending that said day be observed by the people in an appropriate

manner. The local celebration began with a flag raising at City Hall followed by a mass at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. This was followed by a ceremony and laying of a wreath at the Square dedicated to the Franco American War Veterans of New Bedford at Mt. Pleasant and Nauset Streets. Le Régiment Bourbonnais, a reenactment unit of Rochambeau's Army provided the honor guard with a mousquet salute. The regiment's Sergeant Major spoke of the history of our country's first ally. City Councilor Henry G. Bousquet presented proclamations from the City of New Bedford. The afternoon banquet was held at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center. Entertainment was provided by José Vachon, a Franco-American singer/songwriter who is well known in communities throughout the Northeast.

Ray Patenaude



Pictured above and below the Regiment Bourbonnais Honor Guard



NEW JERSEY WELCOMES DOTTI PAGNANI

The Grand Council of New Jersey conferred Honorary Membership to Dorothy Marie "Dotti" Pagnani in recognition of her immeasurable assistance to every Grand Regent and subordinate council. Dotti was acknowledged for her untiring service, always rendered in fraternal spirit, particularly to the fraternal programs on all council levels. Her natural ability to engage with members, junior through senior, is evident in many areas, including Bulletin publicity, Junior Department promotions,



Supreme Council sessions and mini vacation agendas, DSA programs, fraternal service projects, plus a host of other activities which are sponsored by the Royal Arcanum.

The award was presented by New Jersey Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC, who expressed the gratitude of the entire garden state membership to Dotti for sharing her knowledge and talents for the progress and success of our councils and the fraternal growth of our society. Many thanks, Dotti! You're GRRR-eat!!

ILLINOIS GRAND COUNCIL

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Joanne Covelli
Florence Wire
Nell Stark
Roman Jachim
Christine Krzystofczyk

On June 1, 2013 the Grand Council of Illinois held its Grand Session at Wildfire Restaurant in Schaumburg, IL. All reports were read by the officers. The nomination and election of officers was conducted.

Fraternal Director, Cindy Macon installed the new officers. Grand Regent, William Wire then presented his "Hop On Board Program" and highlighted many Royal Arcanum activities. The guest of honor at the luncheon was Max Sender, winner of a \$1,500 Royal

Arcanum scholarship. His mother was in attendance. Past Supreme Regent Bill Wire, Supreme Vice Regent Carl Krzystofczyk and Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli presented him with the scholarship certificate and offered their congratulations.

The business of the Grand Council of Illinois was completed and everyone enjoyed a fine luncheon.

Submitted by Nicole M. Covelli

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

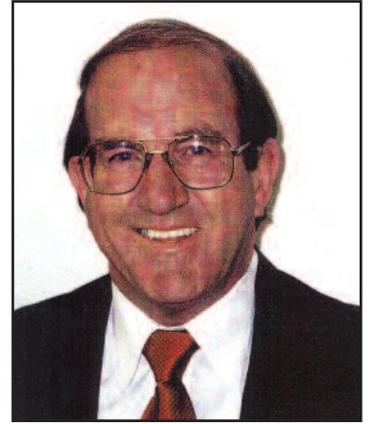
I want to thank all the members who attended the Royal Arcanum Mini-Vacation in San Francisco. It was an honor for me to welcome you to my home jurisdiction of California and to San Francisco, the "City by the Bay". I know everyone had a great time in beautiful California and enjoyed the attractions and sites of San Francisco. I wish you all could have been there.

During our mini-vacation, we had arranged with the San Mateo High School District for bus transportation on Friday and Saturday, to take our members to and from the Embassy Suites to the Fisherman's Wharf area. Darrell was our bus driver each day. When we arrived back at the hotel on Saturday, Darrell stopped me to ask, "Who are these people? I have never met such nice and generous people in my 30 years of driving!" This question immediately gave me the opportunity to tell him that

we are the Royal Arcanum. We are a Fraternal Benefit Society with the principles of Virtue, Mercy and Charity. We offer financial products to our members, social activities and perform ongoing charitable projects for our communities in the United States and Canada. We exist to do good for others! Reflecting on that moment, I think that

all of us take for granted the effort and work done by our membership in making our communities and "World" just a little bit better. We sometimes forget to "take pride in the Royal Arcanum and what we stand for." When I have the opportunity to visit other jurisdictions, American Fraternal Alliance Meetings and local council events, I think how wonderful it is to belong to such a great fraternal organization. I look around at everyone in the room and I think what a great situation it is to be with people who care about helping others. There is no other organization on earth that gives you the feeling of appreciation and respect for your fraternal brothers and sisters. The Royal Arcanum is

structured solely for our members. When you join the Royal Arcanum, you are joining a family, a society dedicated to the community. A society that provides competitive scholarships, grants and educational loans for those juniors pursuing their education. A society that does good for everyone. I am so proud of our membership in the United States and Canada, who help and aid those in need, each day, without fanfare. It comes from the heart. I am proud of our Executive Committee, Supreme Council Officers, Grand Council and Subordinate Council Officers who dedicate their time to establish the



Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco

best business practices and policies to aid the Royal Arcanum in maintaining our basic values and service for the past 136 years. I am proud of our Home Office Staff who are there to help; providing expert and professional assistance and service to our membership. So when the opportunity arises

for you to tell someone about the Royal Arcanum, do it with pride. Explain to them what a great organization we are and what membership in the Royal Arcanum can mean to them and their families. I hope to see all of you in August, 2014 at our 102nd Supreme Council Session at the Omni Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina. Bring your friends. Bring your Pride.

Respectfully submitted in V.M.C.,

James O'Neill
Chairman of the Executive Committee

DOINGS IN DETROIT COUNCIL 21A



Jan Brazas holding Reese Arndt with Jax and Bladen Arndt sitting next to her.

On June 15, MI Grand Council and Detroit Council 21A hosted the annual RA/LDS Picnic and our sister council from Windsor, Ontario also joined us. It was a great day for a picnic, and we welcomed nearly 70 guests! The adults and Juniors enjoyed the games this year! You could not tell who was having

more fun participating, the adults or Juniors! All winners received a Best Buy gift card. Thanks to Randy and Gail Knight for coordinating the wonderful creative games which included: Find the Prize, Egg Toss, Bubble Gum Blowup, Water Balloon Toss and Card Games. Appetites were in abundance, as all enjoyed the great catered food.

We also conducted some business and held our MI Grand Council meeting and elected new officers for the 2013-2015 term. The new Michigan Grand Regent is Keith Armbruster! Congratulations Keith! Detroit members recognized our

Secretary/Treasurer, Irene McGlinchey for both MI Grand Council and Detroit Council for all the hard work she does for us. Without her dedication and support, both councils would be lost! Irene was presented with a certificate and gift card. Thanks again, Irene!



Jan Brazas, Melissa Emrick holding Madison Janice and Jason Emrick hold McKinley.

Past Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz spoke about membership and what a great time our two councils have together. It's wonderful that we are fortunate to be able to have joint activities with our sister council! Thank you, Coronation Council for the picnic donation!

I would like to welcome my new great niece, Madison Janice Ames-Emrick as our newest RA/LDS member. RA Insurance Policies make great baptism gifts!! Detroit Council had a busy summer with the Detroit Tigers Game and Golf Outing.



Jan Brazas, Carol Zavitz, Mark Hefner, Keith Armbruster, Irene McGlinchey, Tom Bayliss and Eric Kimmel.



Gloria Donaldson, Sharon Bayliss and Carol Zavitz enjoying the picnic.

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Friends,

Volunteerism...It's anchored in our roots, upheld in our traditions and embraced in our service as a fraternal benefit society. Recently a USA Weekend magazine article written by Bill O'Reilly focused on the importance of volunteerism. He emphasized the need to incorporate community service throughout your daily life and the point that no matter how limited your time, you can find something to do somewhere. All you have to ask yourself is, "Why not?" Doesn't that echo the crusade of our fraternalists in action? Arcanians in the United States and Canada are finding causes, doing good things and producing a positive imprint on the lives of others as volunteers.

The Supreme Council is grateful for the volunteer service willingly given by our councils and members and is proud to recognize their accomplishments in setting project goals and carrying forth abundant

project for the Felician School for Exceptional Children. The ladies' dedication to helping youngsters with special needs is inspiring.

In this Bulletin you'll see photos of the Royal Arcanian North Pole volunteers who represented many of our councils for the mini vacation gifting project. What a super team! We're now "on track" to Charlotte, North Carolina and everybody's invited to share their ideas for our fraternal activities at the session.



The interest and support of our members led our society to an exciting and memorable year. Let's champion now for Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara and his "Keeping on Track" program to further grow



Charlotte Skyline

fraternal and charitable works for our society and in communities throughout our jurisdictions and across the globe.

Congratulations are extended to the Royal Arcanum's "2013" Fraternalist of the Year, Brother August Magnotta of Claremont Council #1655 in the Bronx, New York who also received second honors in this year's awards program of the American Fraternal Alliance. Augie's enthusiasm, leadership and fraternal spirit radiate goodness in the countless charitable endeavors in which he is involved.

Our society is also delighted to acknowledge Versatility Council #2501 in Bayonne, New Jersey as this year's recipient of the Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope Award for their volunteer service

our organization with new members and promote goodwill and fellowship with the advancement of fraternalism.

The winter holiday season is on its way. For many of us we are blessed to be able to come together, ever thankful for the gifts of freedom, family, friends and love. Please offer a prayer for international harmony so that it will become a reality for all. And in your own way, perhaps you can share a bit of festive cheer with someone in need of a brighter day. Sometimes the smallest gestures mean the most!

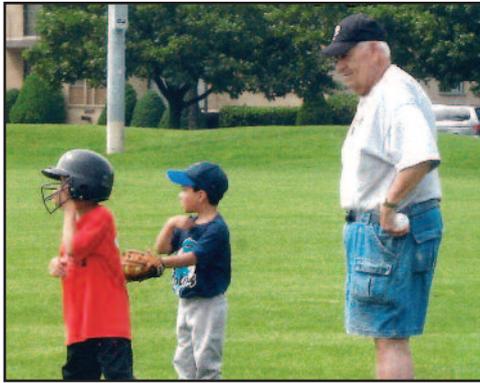
With warmest wishes for a New Year filled with good health, peace and happiness,

Cindy Macon

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME IN ILLINOIS



“Batter Up!” Past Supreme Regent and Past Executive Committee Chairman, Bill Wire was a “hit” this summer with t-ball players in Norridge, Illinois. From being the sports enthusiast and avid spectator with an “eye on the ball”, Bill was enthusiastically recruited as coach for the “Lug Nuts” team of four to six year olds. Anthony Pierotti, who is Bill and Florence’s great great nephew and a junior member of Medora Council is a player for the “Lug Nuts”.



Junior member Anthony Pierotti (in red shirt) on base for the “Lug Nuts”. At right is Coach “Uncle Bill” Wire.

natural ability to connect with the kids formed some special friendships. Bill listened to stories about Grandpa and the dog dying, but that it really was o.k. since they’re now in heaven together to the forecasts of a future meteorologist with his analysis of why we’re having bad weather in the United States plus a host of other news worthy topics that were offered by the youngsters. Santa Claus would be very proud! T-ball and life coach, “Uncle Bill” had the team “On

Just ask Bill about the rewarding experience and memorable time he had! Before long he was admirably known to all as “Uncle Bill”. Not only did he do a super job coaching for the games, but his

the Move” for the season, both on and off the field. The kids (and Bill, too) can’t wait until next year!

Submitted by Florence Wire

YORKTOWNE COUNCIL JUNIOR PICNIC OUTING

Members of Yorktowne Council #2149 traveled to Knoebles Grove Amusement Park in Elysburg, PA. on August 18th for their annual summer outing for juniors, families and guests. Our group included 13 Juniors and 24 adults. Even though an early morning rain descended prior to our arrival, our spirits were not dampened and everybody anticipated a fun filled adventure. Amusement rides, food, confections of every sort and a refreshing swimming pool were thoroughly enjoyed during our stay. The Juniors were thrilled with the gifts sent from the RA Junior Director. The entire day was filled with fun and fellowship for our Arcanian families.



Junior members enjoying the carousel.



Junior and adult members and their guests in attendance.

NEW JERSEY NEWS



Under the leadership of Grand Regent Richard Macon and his "RA Family Tree" program's focus on family fraternalism, this year's International Fraternal Service Project was conducted for the Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi, New Jersey. Members of Bayonne and Versatility's Community Service Committee, Gen Macon, Evelyn Magarban, Marie

and John Baranowski represented the Grand Regent to make the presentation to Sr. Rose Marie, Director of the Felician School. Founded by Sr. Mary Ramona in 1971, the Felician School continues its mission of serving special needs children in an alternative and innovative learning environment which focuses on ability, not disability.



New Jersey's Family Activities Committee with the best putters of the Junior-Senior Fraternal Golf Classic held in Bayonne in August.



NJ Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon with Dorothy Kostecka-Wieczerek, National Secretary and Home Office staff members of the Association of the Sons of Poland in Carlstadt. Our

fraternal friends once again participated in the RA's charitable program; this time for our "Countdown to Christmas" summer national project of filling stockings for hospitalized children.



Bayonne Council #695 marked its 130th Birthday on June 29th. Past Supreme Regent August Magnotta and his wife Frances, Past Grand Regent of New York attended the celebration dinner and are pictured with the council's Past Regents and Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon.

MATTATUCK COUNCIL PRESENTS SCHOLARSHIPS

On Tuesday, July 16, Mattatuck Council's John Iannucci Memorial Scholarship Committee presented \$500 scholarships to Richard Bellemare and Nicole Karl.

Richard and his parents, Donald and Karen Bellemare of Wolcott, CT attended a dinner at San Marino Restaurant, Waterbury, where Chairwoman, Margaret Esposito presented Richard with his Scholarship Certificate. Richard is the son He graduated from Wolcott High School

and will be attending Naugatuck Valley Community College.

Nicole is the daughter of Tim and Julie Karl of Riverview, MI. She will be furthering her education at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. We wish Richard and Nicole much success in their college careers.

Submitted by Margaret Esposito

Richard Bellemare was unavailable for photo.



MEDORA COUNCIL GREETES ITALIAN SENATOR

Arcanians in Chicago attended a reception at the Casa Italia held in honor of Senator Renato G. Turano. He will represent the Italian citizens of North and Central America in the Parliament in Rome. Attending the event were Medora Council members

Joann Serpico and Teresa Paterno. Shown in photo with Senator Turano are Past Chairman of the Supreme Council Executive Committee William Wire, Fraternal Director Cindy Macon and Grand Sentry Florence Wire.



Left to right, Bill Wire, Senator Renato Turano, Cindy Macon and Florence Wire.

BAYONNE COUNCIL AWARD RECIPIENT

BAYONNE MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

Paul Rakowski of Bayonne Council #695 was a recipient of the Association for Environmental Health and Sciences Foundation Achievement Award presented this year at the annual international conference on soil, water, energy and air. It was conferred for his significant contributions to the field and for

outstanding environmental stewardship. He is a board certified environmental engineer and has led teams of colleagues and scientists for more than 38 years in his professional career. Paul and his family are currently residing in Virginia Beach, VA His proud mother is Stella Rakowski, Past Grand Regent of New Jersey.

Submitted by Stella Rakowski



Paul Rakowski

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CORNER

Fall is certainly underway here in the Northeast, as we see the leaves fall and the temperatures drop, requiring us to break out the sweaters and coats. It was great to meet many members during our mini-vacation in San Francisco. I really enjoyed learning about some of our fellow members history with our Order as well as some of their wishes for the future. It is my goal to achieve these wishes in the coming years as well as to develop and grow our Society by increasing our membership. In order for us to increase our membership, we must all do our part and tell our friends and families about Royal Arcanum and all of the wonderful benefits we have as a Society. These benefits include the educational grant and loan programs, council activities such as picnics and other fun activities involving members. There are periodically limited time benefits involving our financial products such as the recent increased first year annuity rate bump offered strictly to members until September 2014. Our website is continually changing with news regarding our operation and council activities which include our charitable programs. Website additions include a calendar showing when each council has a scheduled activity and e-mail contact information for the Executive Committee and Home Office Staff, which you may find beneficial. As a reminder, we have added a news blog to our website, which will allow you to add Royal Arcanum activities such as fraternal events and charitable projects and I can begin conversations among members. The link is located on the main page. Please feel free to contribute any activities you're involved in, as they may be of interest to other members.

I would also like to congratulate Augie Magnotta of Claremont Council who was named the 2nd runnerup as Fraternalist of the Year by the American Fraternal Alliance. Augie has a tireless approach in helping those in need. Augie has been highly involved in many programs such as "Best Buddies" who assist those with intellectual and developmental disabilities as well as programs for the homeless, providing

assistance with food and shelter. Please see the website for a full write up!! Royal Arcanum has certainly been well represented by having a member named Fraternalist of the Year by the American Fraternal Alliance in 2011 and 2012, Errica Conforto and Deborah Young.



We continuously review the financial products available to our members and made a change to one of our life insurance products.

We have changed our final expense/simplified issue plan by reducing the age minimum from 40 to age 20. This policy has a simplified application and requires limited underwriting requirements to qualify for coverage.

The school year is now under way and it's a good time to mention one of our insurance products with a key educational benefit. The 20 pay whole life policy includes a guaranteed loan feature to a child under the age of 14 at time of

issue. This permanent policy provides a guaranteed insurance benefit and also builds a cash value while being eligible for a yearly dividend after 2 years. Please see our website or contact the Home Office at (888)272- 2686 for additional details.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to reach out to me as I always enjoying hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

Nicholas G. Benoit
Operations Director
nbenoit@royalarcanum.com



LEWISTON COUNCIL NEWS

Dr. Paul Fortier Council #52, Lewiston, ME held its Election of Officers on May 6, 2013. Taking their oath of office for 2013-2014 were, left to right, Maurice Dubois, Henriette Bergeron, Norm Levesque, Dolores Poirier, Jeanne Poulin, Roland Poulin and Therese Banks. Reading the oath was Gilberte Baril.



Left to right, John Rice Schooner Estates Director of Operations; Doug Protsik, Folque (Folk) Musician and Teacher; Victor So (14 year old student and member); Don Cunningham, member of Twin Cities (a newly formed community folque orchestra) and Dolores Poirier, Regent of Lewiston Council #52. In June council members enjoyed a musical performance performed by the talented musicians.

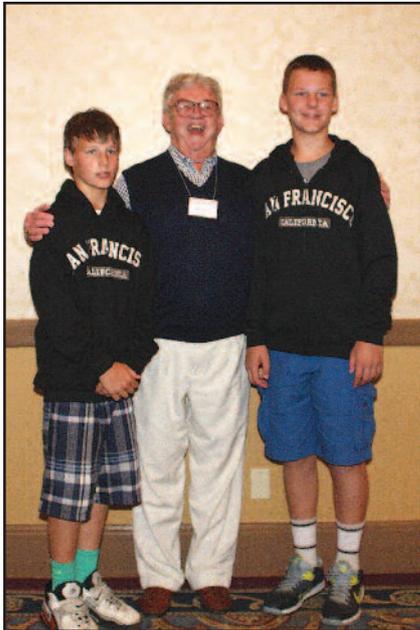
Cindy Larock accepting a donation of \$200 for the Twin Cities Community Folque Orchestra from Lewiston Council Regent Dolores Poirier. On right is Twin Cities Community Folque Orchestra, Don Cunningham.



Left to right, Doug Protsik, Victor So and Don Cunningham play Folk Music for the residents of Schooner Estates Retirement Community of Auburn, Maine.



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS



**Tyler Kolek, Herb Snyder and
Brandon Kolek**

Tyler and Brandon Kolek are pictured with Dr. Snyder wearing the San Francisco “hoodies” they won at the opening dinner. I hope that many Juniors will be able to join us at our Supreme Session in Charlotte, North Carolina, from August 3rd to August 7th 2014! A Splash Planet Water Park and Carowinds Theme Park are just a few of the attractions that could be lots of fun for Juniors attending. When in a room with a parent or other

Hey Juniors! Please contact any adult in the Royal Arcanum in your area and ask them what they have planned for you at the holiday season. There are plenty of gifts in the Home Office just waiting to be distributed to you, but one of your leaders has to put in a request for them real soon. There's probably a holiday party planned for you and your friends!

Juniors who weren't at our mini-vacation in San Francisco this summer sure missed out on a good time.

responsible adult, Juniors go free, and there are lots of other free activities for their enjoyment.

It's time for our older Juniors who are planning on going to college or career training in September 2014 to apply for their college scholarships and grants. Dorothy Pagnani in our home office would be happy to see that those Juniors get the proper applications.

We will also be offering up to \$50.00 in assistance to our Juniors who are taking any sort of training on how to improve their SAT, ACT, PSAT, and LSAT scores. When receipts for such are simply sent to the home office, reimbursement occurs! In the coming months we will be also sending college gift packages to all Royal Arcanum college students who have sent their college addresses to Dorothy Pagnani or to me. These addresses often change from year to year, so it is very important to get your current address to us!

Happy Holidays to all our Juniors and to all the wonderful adults and parents who are working hard to give them happy and meaningful lives!

by Dr. Herb Snyder, Director of Junior Work



ALEX'S LEMONADE STAND

A donation of \$1,000 for Alex's Lemonade Stand was presented at San Jose Council's meeting. These funds were made possible through the donations of Royal Arcanum members and councils as part of the Fraternal Project at the mini-vacation to help children with cancer. California thanks everyone for their donations to this worthy cause.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation shares the vision of its founder and creator, Alexandra “Alex” Scott – a cure for all children with cancer. Alex was diagnosed with childhood cancer just before her first birthday. When she was four, she told her parents she wanted to set up a front yard lemonade stand. Her plan: to give the money to doctors to help them find a cure. While bravely fighting her own cancer, Alex continued to set up lemonade



**Left to right, Regent Joanie Francis,
Chairman Jim O'Neill, Grace Howell and
Grand Regent Alice Mangano.**

stands every year. In 2004, Alex passed away at the age of eight. Her foundation continues to carry on; many people were inspired to start their own lemonade stands. Her first lemonade stand was in the year 2000 – truly exemplifying the saying “when life hands you lemons, make lemonade.”

The mission of this foundation is to raise money and awareness of childhood cancer causes; encourage and empower others, especially children, to get involved and make a difference. Donations have helped fund more than 300 cutting edge research projects; create a travel program to help support families of

children receiving treatment and develop resources to help people everywhere affected by childhood cancer.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



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Patrick Fitzgerald, Editor Fall Issue 2013

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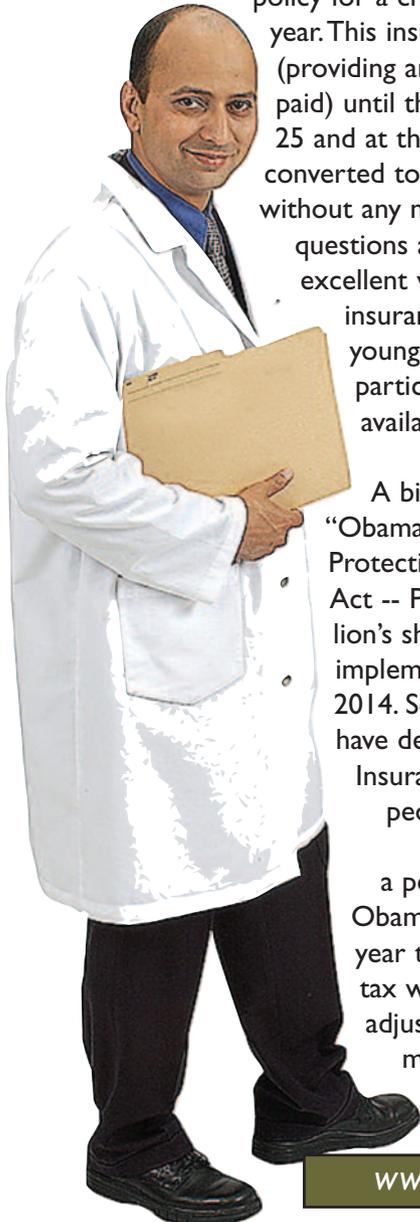
Founded in 1877 on the values of Virtue, Mercy and Charity, the Royal Arcanum has been in continuous operation for over 136 years. Utilizing sound business principles, the Order has reached a surplus of over 14 million dollars. The Royal Arcanum provides insurance protection, fraternal benefits and the opportunity to take part in many social and charitable events with other members throughout the United States and Canada.



\$47.50 per child. It is capped at \$285.00 per household. If you are eligible for Medicaid you will not have to pay this tax. Congress has delayed by one year, until January 1, 2015, requiring employees to offer health care to their employees. Basically, the requirement mandates that companies with fewer than 50 employees do not have to offer "Obama Care". If a company has 50 or more workers they must offer health coverage or pay a penalty of \$2,000 for every worker after the first 30 employees.

You may be familiar with our whole life policies, but there is yet another very affordable policy for youngsters, from birth to 19 years of age. It's called "Term to age 25." For example, you can purchase a \$25,000 term life insurance policy for a child for only \$34.00 per year. This insurance is in effect

(providing annual assessments are paid) until the member reaches age 25 and at that time it can be converted to a permanent life policy without any medical exam or medical questions asked. This is an excellent way to have low cost insurance protection while young and be eligible to participate in the programs available for our juniors.



A big topic in the news is "Obama Care" (Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act -- PPACA or ACA). The lion's share of the law is to be implemented on January 1, 2014. So far, 16 states and DC have decided to set up Health Insurance Exchanges for people to obtain insurance under Obama Care. If a person does not get Obama Care starting next year they may be assessed a tax which will be 1% of adjusted gross income. The minimum flat tax will be \$95.00 for an adult and

Dependents (mainly children) will be permitted to remain on their parents' insurance plan until their 26th birthday. Insurers are prohibited from excluding pre-existing medical conditions. Many companies with 50 or more employees will be hiring workers for 29 hours or less in an attempt to save money as PPACA requires companies to offer medical insurance to employees working 30 hours or more per week. Obama Care has also reduced funding for Medicare Advantage policies, Medicare home health care payments and certain Medicare hospital payments. So many changes are on the way that no one really knows whether "Obama Care" is good or bad for our country, but we'll soon find out!



I wish all of you a healthy and enjoyable holiday season. Don't forget to make plans for our next session in August at the Omni Hotel in beautiful Charlotte, North Carolina.

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Kenneth J. Kolek
Supreme Secretary

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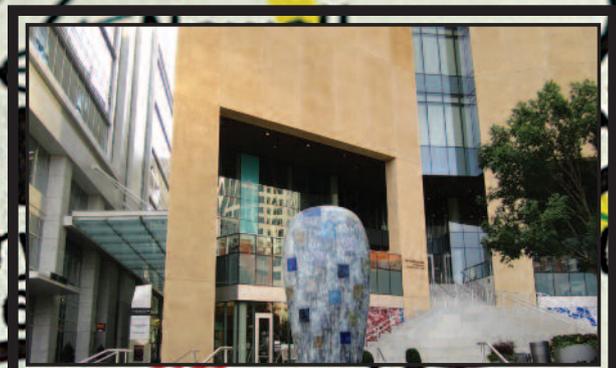
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