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#### PLANTING SEEDS FOR THE FUTURE

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

Deborah Young - Supreme Regent

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

I am humbled and honored to have been elected your Supreme Regent for the next two years. I look forward to meeting with all the jurisdictions in order to help grow our membership and charitable activities. We shall "Plant Seeds for the Future" of our fraternal benefit society so that we may have continued success for another I4I years.

I'm asking all councils that I visit to conduct some kind of charitable activity. It could be collecting non-perishable food, gently used clothing or sleeping bags for a homeless shelter. It could be filling purses with hygiene products or back packs for children in need. It could be getting members together to donate blood or collecting pet products for an animal shelter. Knitters could make hats, mittens and scarfs for the homeless. Find something that inspires your council members and go out and "Plant Seeds of Fraternalism" in the community.

I'm motivated by those in my life who "need" me in my personal life and at work. I want to make a difference, for good of course. To hear that someone is encouraged, more comfortable, feels reassured, has solved a problem, or is happier and knowing that I was a part of that means everything to me. The difference we make may seem insignificant to us but may be everything to someone else.

During this term, all recommenders of an insurance policy or annuity will receive a beautiful royal blue RA logo polo shirt. Your name will also be entered in a drawing for a chance to win a new iPhone. We will have two drawings - August 2019 and August 2020.

I am thankful for my family and my friends on this Thanksgiving and my hope is that you are, too. Have a joy filled Christmas holiday.

Yours in V.M.C.,

Deborah L. young

Deborah Young Supreme Regent Chers Frères et Sœurs,

Je suis honoré et honoré d'avoir été
élu votre suprême régent pour les
deux prochaines années. J'ai hâte de rencontrer toutes les

juridictions afin de contribuer à la croissance de nos activités de membres et de nos activités caritatives. Nous allons "planter des graines pour l'avenir" de notre société de secours mutuel afin que nous puissions avoir encore du succès pendant 141 ans.

Je demande à tous les conseils que je visite de mener une activité de bienfaisance. Il peut s'agir de collecter des aliments non périssables, des vêtements légèrement usés ou des sacs de couchage pour un refuge pour sans-abri. Il peut s'agir de remplir des sacs à main avec des produits d'hygiène ou des sacs à dos pour les enfants dans le besoin. Il peut s'agir de rassembler des membres pour donner du sang ou de collecter des produits pour animaux domestiques dans un refuge pour animaux. Les tricoteuses pourraient confectionner des chapeaux, des mitaines et des écharpes pour les sans-abri. Trouvez quelque chose qui inspire les membres de votre conseil et sortez et "plantez des graines de fraternalisme" dans la communauté.

Je suis motivé par ceux de ma vie qui "ont besoin" de moi dans ma vie personnelle et au travail. Je veux faire une différence, bien sûr. Entendre que quelqu'un est encouragé, plus à l'aise, se sent rassuré, a résolu un problème ou est plus heureux, et savoir que j'en fais partie, ça veut tout dire pour moi. La différence que nous faisons peut sembler insignifiante pour nous mais peut tout être pour quelqu'un d'autre.

Pendant cette période, tous les candidats à une police d'assurance ou à une rente recevront un magnifique polo avec logo RA bleu royal. Votre nom sera également inscrit à un tirage au sort pour la chance de gagner un nouvel iPhone. Nous aurons deux tirages au sort - août 2019 et août 2020. Je suis reconnaissant à ma famille et à mes amis pour Thanksgiving et j'espère que vous l'êtes aussi. Avoir une joie remplie de vacances de Noël.

Bien à vous dans V.M.C.

Deborah L. young

Deborah Young Régent suprême



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# SAN JOSE COUNCIL DONATES TO JAKE'S WISH

San Jose Council #2384 members got together for a very tasty luncheon at Harry's Hofbrau to decide what charities need our help this fall! One of our favorite charities is Jake's Wish. Jake's Wish rescues the animals that are dropped off at the kill shelters because their owners no longer want them!

Sadly, unless they are adopted right away, they will be euthanized. Jake's Wish helps the animals by getting them out of the kill shelter first and then getting the medical treatment that they need. Then they are put into foster care. Jake's Wish sponsors pet fairs where animals can be adopted by their forever families and welcomed into a loving home.

This is how Jim and I adopted Mikey O'Neill.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



# MIKEY O'NEILL, RESCUE FROM "JAKE'S WISH"

Mikey was brought up from Los Angeles by our sweet and hard working San Jose member, Grace Howell! Grace either would drive by herself or with her mother, Marilyn Fanelli, to bring rescued dogs to San Jose. From San Jose to Los Angeles is over 400 miles each way! That is unbelievable since once you get there

and load up the rescues, you immediately turn around and head back! The council thanks Grace and Marilyn for their dedication to this worthy cause and for being true fraternalists.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



# **ROYAL ARCANUM MEMBER HONORED**

Christine Piscitelli of Versatility Council #2501, New Jersey was honored as the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance's 2018 Fraternalist of the Year for her exemplary service to our society, community volunteerism and leadership in advancing fraternalism.

A dedicated and active fraternalist, "Chris" is a member of several subordinate and grand council committees and continues to be a key organizer for charitable service projects which have recently provided assistance for the underprivileged, veterans, special needs children, the poor and homeless, missions, and humane societies.

Chris was a Supreme Council Representative at the RA Session in Orlando and is always one of the first to volunteer for the



NJ-NY Fraternal Alliance Awards Committee Member Lynda Dillman, Thrivent Financial; Committee Chairperson Frederick Durso, Sr, Knights of Columbus; 2018 Fraternalist of the Year Award Recipient Christine Piscitelli; Committee Member Drew Wesnak, NSS Life; Christine's husband, Luca Piscitelli; Alliance President Mary Jo Savidge, Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union



Royal Arcanum Actuary and Alliance Presenter, Allan Ferrone; Fraternal Director Cindy Macon; Honoree Christine Piscitelli; Alliance President Mary Jo Savidge; NJ Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban

Fraternal Events Committee to promote our national charitable gifting program in our councils each year.

She holds membership in several community organizations, including the St. John Paul II Rosary Society, Friends of Saint Francis, Mt. Carmel Guild, St. Cecelia Choir, Boy Scouts, Relay for Life, Buddy Baseball, Polish heritage societies and for other special programs and events.

The fraternal honors were bestowed at the Alliance's annual meeting at the Tropicana Resort in Atlantic City in October. The Royal Arcanum Family congratulates Sister Chris and is grateful for her fraternal example of friendship and fellowship; many members have been inspired by her humble, volunteer service.

#### FINANCIAL ADVICE FROM YOUR PARENTS

Do you wish your parents had started giving you financial advice at an early age? Many adults do, according to a survey reported on the News4 San Antonio website. In the survey, 40 percent of respondents said they would now start talking to their kids about managing money at age 12 or earlier. Here's what they'd advise:

- Live within your means
- Start saving early and regularly
- Take advantage of your 401(k) match
- Manage credit cards effectively
- Have a budget

- 56 percent
- 46 percent
- 45 percent
- 28 percent
- 21 percent



#### **VERSATILITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS MISSION**

Versatility members conducted their "Summer Christmas" project for the benefit of the Felician Mission in Haiti. A large assortment of toys, school supplies, art kits, clothes, undergarments, shoes, healthcare items, and sweet treats were filled into parcels for shipment to the mission complex that is operated by the Felician Sisters in Jacmel. The New Jersey elves coordinated the **TEAM WORK** project to bring joy to the children in one of the poorest parts of the world. It was a wonderful display of fraternal spirit and the members look forward to organizing another "summer sleigh" project next year.



Some of the gift boxes tagged for the Haiti Mission en-route from Bayonne.



Joseph Blicharz, Chris Piscitelli, Carol LaRocca, and Anthony Giannuzzi led the school supply TEAM.



During their October visit to the U.S., Felician Sisters Marilyn and Inga met with Community Service Committee Members Evelyn Magarban and Gen Macon to express their gratitude for the Arcanian family's generosity to the children.

#### **REMEMBER THIS TREE**

Author and speaker Lynne Twist often shares this story about gratitude that was once told to her by a Benedictine monk:

Gratitude is like a tree with two branches.

The first branch is gratefulness. On this branch, life is full and filled with abundance. You are one with the universe and God and experience a great fullness of life. This state of fulfillment leads you to the second branch of the tree, thanksgiving.

On this branch you experience a life so full that it is overflowing. You are inspired to share your abundance with others, contribute and make a difference in the world around you. Sharing your blessings with others moves you back over to the first branch of the tree.

You can live your whole life passing from one branch to the other if you allow a spirit of gratitude to guide your thoughts and actions.



#### **BAYONNE COUNCIL'S TEAM AT WORK**

Members of Bayonne Council #695 rallied in support of Grand Regent Richard J. Macon's summer fraternal initiative to be a good neighbor. Council members and friends took action for Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Newark and its programs to help the

homeless. Shower care kits that included flip flops, towels, and hygiene products were assembled for St. Lucy's Shelter, and friendship blankets were crocheted for the poor who seek help at St. Jude's Oasis.

**Fraternal Events Committee Members Evelyn** Magarban, Gen Macon, Chris Piscitelli. and Carol LaRocca organized the summer shower project in **Bayonne** 





Gen Macon, Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC, and Mary Ann Decha with one of the friendship blankets crafted by Bayonne's fraternal TEAM. The blankets were gifted to the Jersey City Shelter for those in need.

#### SAN JOSE COUNCIL DONATES MONEY FOR TURKEYS

Members of San Jose Council #2384 donated \$200 to the Second Harvest Food Bank for purchasing turkeys and food for underprivileged families for Thanksgiving.

Many families live in poverty in Silicon Valley. Our members are generous and always want to help others in need! Gobble, Gobble!

Submitted by Joanie Francis



# **104TH SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION IN ORLANDO**



From July 22-26, 2018 Royal Arcanum officers, members, and friends met in the Caribe Royale Resort Orlando for the 104th Session of the Supreme Council. **TEAM WORK** spirit abounded as attendees from the United States and Canada convened for the business meeting, fraternal activities, and social programs.

An elegant and enchanted venue with all-suite accommodations, breathtaking waterfall pools, rejuvenating spas, sumptuous dining, and many wonderful amenities provided a grand setting for this year's event.

Sister Jan Brazas organized the reception process; guests were welcomed by the RA Committee and received informational packets and totes filled with refreshing beverages and tasty snacks for energy while keeping 'on the go' in the days ahead. Grand Regent Louise Reynolds and Diane Calain greeted everyone at the 'Florida Fraternal Welcome Booth' with souvenirs and delectable citrus treats from the Sunshine State.

The Welcome Dinner gave everyone the opportunity to mingle and 'catch up' with friends from other jurisdictions while savoring the resort's fine cuisine. Although thunderstorms and blustery winds delayed and re-routed air travel throughout the day, we were fortunate that everyone arrived safely; some guests checked-in past midnight.

Bright eyed, enthusiastic attendees gathered each morning in the Tropicale Restaurant to partake in a bountiful breakfast buffet that featured traditional favorites and other early riser specialties, particularly enjoyed by families who made their way to the popular theme parks in the area.

At 8:30 a.m. the Session Opening Ceremonies were conducted in the Martinique Room with Supreme Regent Errica Conforto presiding. Members of the Color Guard – Antal Basa, Jr., Anthony Basa, Richard Macon, Augie Magnotta, and Mark Hefner presented the



Fraternal-Communications
Director Cindy Macon



Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto



Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta takes the lead from the DJ for the group's version of the "Session Slide".



Legion of Honor Members



The Color Guard stands tall.



**Participants in the Memorial Service Tribute** 

#### **TEAM WORK CELEBRATION**

flags of our nations. Supreme Chaplain Richard Macon gave the opening prayer. Supreme Council Executive Committee Chairman James O'Neill instructed the new representatives - Joanne Covelli, Anthony Basa, Anthony Bellov, Christine Piscitelli, Dayle Vander Sande, Angela DiFranco, James Boufford, Roseanne Kozlow, and Loretta Wehbe. Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, Joanie Francis was delighted to introduce the visiting members each morning to be welcomed by the Supreme Regent.

Past Supreme Regents James O'Neill, Cindy Macon, August Magnotta, Herb Snyder, Bill Wire, Carol Zavitz, Peter Ferrara, and Carl Krzystofczyk were acknowledged for their presence and continued service to the Royal Arcanum.

The Reports of the Supreme Regent and Executive Committee were given as a power point presentation by Errica Conforto, James O'Neill, Deborah Young, Cindy Macon, and Nick Benoit. Officer and Special Committee Reports followed in an efficient and organized manner, keeping the business schedule on track and providing some welcome leisure time for the officers and delegates.

In the afternoon, the Garden of Remembrance Service was conducted to remember those officers who passed on since the 2016 Supreme Council meeting. The songs for the service were beautifully arranged by Christine Krzystofczyk, Dayle Vander Sande, and Anthony Bellov. This inspiring ceremony commemorated the lives and service of eleven officers who were stellar fraternalists in their Subordinate and Grand Councils and in the Supreme Council.

On Monday evening, many guests visited the theme parks, dinner theaters, and other attractions. Forty four participants rallied in the Cayman Room at the hotel for Game Night, with BINGO, Let's Make a Deal, and Guess Your Best, where skill and good luck (we think) produced many happy winners.

A highlight of Tuesday's meeting was the presentation of awards. Life Membership Awards were presented to Brother William J. Wire and Sister Louise Reynolds for 30 years of service in the Supreme Council. DSA pins were presented to Maria DiBartolo, Carmen Rodia, Greg Hahn, and Carol Zavitz. The International Achievement Award for 2016-2017 was presented to Maria Di Bartolo – Women's Division and Greg Hahn – Men's Division.

Fraternal Director Cindy Macon was happy to recognize the members of the New Jersey Grand Council as the recipient of the 2018 Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope Award for their inspiring **TEAM WORK** family project



Claremont Council members congratulate LOH recipient Maria DiBartolo (fourth from left)



Supreme Secretary
Peter Ferrara presented
a rose bouquet to
Supreme Regent Errica
Conforto, with
appreciation of the
Supreme Council.



Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta, LOH recipient Maria DiBartolo, and Supreme Regent Errica Conforto



Election Judge Nicole Covelli (center) and Tellers Evelyn Magarban and Jackie Wudkiewicz



Donna and Greg Hahn from Illinois



Coronation Council members congratulate newly elected Supreme Regent Deborah Young (fifth from left).



The
Supreme
Council
Executive
Committee
for the 20182020 term

# **104TH SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION IN ORLANDO**

coordinated for the Felician School and Liberty Humane Society.

Royal Arcanum veterans pins were presented by Chairman O'Neill and Supreme Regent Errica Conforto to those in attendance who attained 25, 35, 45, 50, and 55 years of membership in our fraternal society.

The Nomination of Officers for the 2018-2020 term was conducted by Chairman O'Neill, and by early afternoon all the Committee Reports had been presented and accepted.

The Grand Regents and Deputy Supreme Regents participated in an interactive lunch forum organized by the Fraternal Department, where jurisdictional leaders outlined their creative plans to engage members, promote the society, and expand volunteer, charitable initiatives in the coming year.

Tuesday evening's festivities began with the Legion of Honor Investiture of the award's newest recipient, #97 – Maria DiBartolo of Claremont Council #1655, New York. Supreme Regent Errica Conforto presided at the ceremonies. Past Supreme Regent William Wire spoke about the significance of the achievement and conveyed his congratulations to Maria and to all the members of the prestigious circle. Chairman Jim O'Neill presented the LOH plaque and Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta presented the LOH jewel to Maria.

The hospitality reception, formal banquet and dance are always anticipated at the Session. A lovely setting, good food, upbeat entertainment, and great company are the components for a terrific evening and this year's event did not disappoint. The dance floor overflowed with our attendees having a marvelous time as the DJ provided selections that spanned years of Grammy award winners!

Supreme Secretary Peter Ferrara presented a rose bouquet to Supreme Regent Errica Conforto and conveyed the gratitude of the entire Supreme Council for her selfless volunteerism and inspiring leadership for the **TEAM WORK** campaign. As a gesture of appreciation and friendship, everyone received a colorful **TEAM WORK** beach towel, compliments of Sister Conforto.

On Wednesday morning, the Election of Officers was



Front row: Crystal Fenech, Logan Fenech, Savanah Fenech, Lia Boufford. Second Row: Morgan Young, Renee Boufford, Megan Boufford, Audrey Bayliss, Sharon Bayliss. Third row: Deborah Young, Jim Boufford, John Derose, Gloria Donaldson, Carol Zavitz



Chairman Jim
O'Neill presented
the LOH plaque to
Maria DiBartolo.



California Grand Regent Joanie Francis





New Supreme Regent Deborah Young



Attendance prize winners Greg Hahn and Ruth Rupnik with Supreme Regent Deborah Young

Above:
Supreme
Council
Officers and
Committee
Members
take the oath
of office for
the 20182020 term



Ruth Rupnik, Supreme Council Life Member Louise Reynolds, and Diane Calain



Joe Conforto, Cindy Macon, and Errica Conforto

#### **TEAM WORK CELEBRATION**

conducted. Sister Deborah Young of Coronation Council #2244, Windsor, Ontario, Canada was elected as our new Supreme Regent for 2018-2020. A parade of spirited Arcanians greeted Sister Young as streamers and balloons descended upon the Session meeting room.

Following the election, the officers and committee members took the oath of office and were installed by Past Supreme Regent Cindy Macon, with the assistance of Supreme Guide David Covelli. Many congratulatory telegrams and well wishes for the Supreme Regent were read. On behalf of the Supreme Council, Past Supreme Regent Carl Krzystofczyk presented a floral bouquet to Sister Young, pledging the support of the officers in her new role as Supreme Regent.

Executive Chairman O'Neill presented the distinguished Past Supreme Regent's jewel to Sister Conforto, commending her leadership and passionate spirit for the growth of the society and its charitable good work. Sister Errica and Brother Joe Conforto thanked the Royal Arcanum family for their participation, support and hospitality extended to them and will treasure the memories of the *TEAM WORK* program for years to come.

Supreme Regent Deborah Young introduced the new campaign - *Planting Seeds for the Future* to an attentive audience, with the encouraging words for members to plant a seed each day by talking about the Royal Arcanum's products, programs, and activities. The Supreme Regent gave everyone a 'light-up' RA pen to spark conversation about our society, along with an Arcanian brochure to have ready for planting fraternal seeds. The winners of the Supreme Council \$100 Sweepstakes Awards were John DeRose, Sharon Bayliss, and Carmine Rodia. Garden kits were won by Greg Hahn and Ruth Rupnik.

After the retiring of the Colors by the Color Guard and the reading of the closing prayer by Supreme Chaplain Evelyn Magarban, the Supreme Regent adjourned the 104th Session.

Later in the evening, the Island Themed Hospitality Party-Grand Buffet and Dance welcomed Arcanians in their favorite colorful attire, complimented by floral leis and straw hats, and even some tropical feathered friends! The RA photo booth was a-buzz with activity, and the dance floor was alive with movers and shakers to the island beat!

The RA summer family charitable gifting project was



The Junior Committee with some of the Junior prize winners



Supreme Regent Errica Conforto, Chairman Jim O'Neill, and Executive Committee Member Jan Brazas with International Achievement Award Winners – Greg Hahn and Maria DiBartolo.



50 Year Royal Arcanum Veterans



Rosella Berger (r) received her 45 year Veteran pin



Supreme Regent Errica Conforto and Roy Al with our Society's Grand Regents



Game Night Winners



Let's not forget the Game Night Losers.



New Jersey Representatives – Anthony Bellov and Dayle Vander Sande



New Jersey and New York enjoyed the TEAM WORK reception.

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presented to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, a non-profit organization that aids the hurting, hungry and homeless. Directors Tanneka Guice and Janice Roberson accepted our project gift and expressed their deep appreciation for the monetary donations and 'Wish List' items, and shared stories of how lives were transformed at the Mission. The Fraternal Events Committee volunteers were most appreciative of the generosity expressed by the Royal Arcanum councils, families, and friends for the Mission and its service in helping those in need.

Additionally, 85 pairs of eye glasses were donated to the Lions Club of Port Saint Lucie to help the blind and sightimpaired. Sister Diane Calain spoke about the program, and encouraged Arcanians to continue to save eyewear that's no longer used, and deliver to facilities in their hometowns to provide the gift of sight to someone in need.

The Juniors in attendance were awarded gift cards for their efforts in completing the youth challenges and puzzles. The winners of the guessing contest were Liana Boufford for the Juniors, and Sal DiFranco for the adults, who each received a gift for having the best entry in the sweet treat mystery.

How quickly the time flew by! The echoes of those lively island theme songs are now a pleasant memory of our farewell gala. The Session Site Committee extends many thanks to Nick Benoit, John Crisanti, and Donald Ferry Jr. at the Boston Office for their assistance with the Session activity program, and to Jackie Wudkiewicz and Evelyn Magarban for sharing photo highlights for this issue of the Bulletin.

We hope to see everyone at the 105th Supreme Council Session. 'Til then... Plant Seeds for the Future and plan to attend the Royal Arcanum event in 2020.



Past Supreme Regent Augie and Frances Magnotta with their 100% Royal Arcanum Family



Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ontario members at the Session banquet



More Pennsylvania and Ontario members



Supreme Regent Errica Conforto led the dance TEAM.



California and Pennsylvania members



35 Year Royal Arcanum Veterans

# **TEAM WORK CELEBRATION**



EPCOT welcomed Logan and Alexandra Orr



The Orr Juniors visited Disney World.



Coronation Council #2224 caught the island spirit at the theme party.



OURM representatives Janice Roberson and Tanneka Guice



The Benoit Juniors posed with Mickey



Florence Wire and Supreme Council Life Member, Past Supreme Regent William J.Wire



Supreme Committeeman Antal Basa, Jr., Supreme Secretary Emeritus Ken Kolek, and Supreme Treasurer John Crisanti



Ralph and Anita Ferrara, Rick Rubin, and Judy Marcus; all from Pennsylvania



Massachusetts, New York, and New Jersey members toasted a terrific time!



The Magnotta Family from New York



The Fraternal Islanders



Errica Conforto presented the TEAM WORK summer national gifting project to the Orlando Union Rescue Mission representatives.

#### **CORONATION COUNCIL #2224 WINDSOR ONTARIO**

The Grand Council and Coronation Council #2224 of Windsor, Ontario, Canada are pleased to congratulate the newly elected Supreme Regent for 2018-2020; our very own Deborah Young.

Deborah has been a Royal Arcanum member since 2001, and was introduced into the fraternal society by her husband Morgan Young, a 50 year member. She also obtained the Legion of Honor Award in 2014, and was the Junior Director.

Several members including our Juniors, family and friends were on hand for Deborah's kick off presentation as Supreme Regent. Outlining her program of "*Planting Seeds for the Future*", Deborah spoke passionately about her mission. Her message and goal is to promote the growth of our fraternal benefit society.

Special charitable guests at the presentation dinner included members from Street Help Homeless Shelter. A

cheque was presented to them for \$500. Tickets were sold for a chance to win prizes; one was a beautiful photo donated by a local photographer. This raffle added \$300 more to our donation for the evening. Members also brought sleeping bags, blankets, gently used clothing, and non-perishable food items to be contributed to the shelter.

Director of Street Help, Christine Wilson-Furlonger gave a moving speech about her struggles as a former homeless person and expressed her gratitude for the council's donations. She believes that Deborah's message of *planting seeds* gives hope and will help vulnerable citizens realize a better future.

With your help, let's make it our mission to help Deborah "Plant the Seeds" for a promising future for all.

Submitted by Elly McMillan



Derrick Bayliss, winner of the butterfly photo



Jim Boufford presented Deborah Young with a gift of congratulations and well wishes.



Deborah's grandson Logan Fenech sits among the many donations of sleeping bags, blankets, clothes and food donations to Street Help.



Deborah Young presented her platform for her 2018 to 2020 term as Supreme Regent.



Deborah Young, Jim Boufford, Christine Wilson-Furlonger (Street Help) and Audrey Bayliss

#### **INTEGRITY SERVES DINNER TO THE HOMELESS**

In what has become an annual service project, Integrity Council #586 prepared and served dinner to about 180 homeless people on Sunday evening, October 7, 2018, at Grace Cafe in Center City Philadelphia. The menu for the evening was homemade baked ziti, fresh salad, Italian bread, and cookies for dessert.

Founded II years ago, Grace Cafe is an outreach ministry of the Arch Street United Methodist Church. Open every Sunday evening from September through June, Grace Cafe is a place where clients can receive a meal, basic healthcare from onsite nurses, case management, and contact with an outreach worker from the city. When volunteers don't prepare the meal, the church is left to foot the bill (nearly \$600 per week) from donations.

Grace Cafe has received the Lorraine J. D'Emilio Fraternal Service Award.

Integrity volunteers were Past Supreme Regents Herb Snyder and Peter Ferrara, RA General Counsel Paul D'Emilio, Joe Tedesco, Rosanne Kozlow, Antoinette Malone, LillieMae Panichelli, and Jay Newlin. Joan Tedesco helped by preparing trays of baked ziti, and other Integrity Council members donated to the purchase of food. In addition to the members of Integrity Council, students from a college in central Ohio (on a one-week volunteer program in Philly) and African American Alumni of Penn State University helped to set up, serve, and clean up. All told, there were about 25 volunteers at Grace Cafe that night.



Jenna Powers, Antoinette Malone, and LillieMae Panichelli were happy to volunteer.



Grace Cafe Coordinator Carmen Francesco and Jay Newlin discussed the evening's meal.



Members of Integrity Council #586 served dinner at Grace Cafe in Philadelphia.

#### **ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED**

The members of New lersey welcomed this year's scholarship recipients at the Grand Council's annual summer luncheon at Piccolino Ristorante in Bayonne. It was a triple celebration with the presentation of the awards to the recipients who were able to attend, a visit from Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto and Past Supreme Regent Augie and Frances Magnotta, and the introduction of Grand Regent Richard Macon's new fraternal campaign for 2018-2019. Everyone enjoyed the festive program and opportunity to share friendship and fellowship as the Royal Arcanum Family.



Royal Arcanum scholarship winners Matthew Godkin, Aleksandra Janowska, Holden Baranowski, and Lawrence Zmuda were congratulated by NY Grand Orator Joe Conforto, Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta, Supreme Regent Errica Conforto, NJ Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC, NY Past Grand Regent Frances Magnotta, and NJ Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon. Many good wishes were extended to the students for success in achieving their academic goals.



Lawrence Zmuda of Sons of Poland Council accepted his scholarship award from New Jersey Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon. He was joined by his father, Tomek and cousins Irene and Frank Knurowski.



Past Supreme Regent Augie
Magnotta presented Matthew
Godkin of Bayonne Council with his
scholarship award. Matthew's
mother, Jessica Godkin and
grandmother, Barbara Aldrich
joined in the presentation.



Scholarship winner Holden Baranowski of Bayonne Council accepted the scholarship award from Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta. Joining in the presentation were Holden's parents, David and Lionore; grandparents John and Marie; and siblings, Haley, Max, and Maya.



Supreme Regent Errica Conforto presented the scholarship award to Aleksandra Janowska, member of Sons of Poland Council. Aleksandra's mother, Ela and New York Grand Orator Joe Conforto took part in the presentation.

# **NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS ANIMAL SHELTER**

The New Jersey Grand Council's International Fraternal Service Project was conducted in July for Liberty Humane Society in Jersey City. Sponsored in memory of Past Grand Regent Margaret Rummel, the Grand Council was joined by Bayonne, Merritt, Woodside, and Versatility Councils, and New Jersey and New York members in contributing more than \$2,500 in monetary donations and 'Wish List' gifts for the non-profit animal shelter in Jersey City.

Sister "Peggy" had a great affection for pets and was active in several volunteer organizations. A member of Kempton Council, Peggy's fraternal service was greatly admired and appreciated by the New Jersey Arcanians. It was

Peggy's great love for her cats that prompted Grand Regent Richard Macon to select Liberty Humane



Several tables were filled with pet food and supplies as part of the charitable gifting project.



David Ramirez (left), Development Manager, thanked the Fraternal Outreach Committee for the Royal Arcanum's generous support and IFS gift to Liberty Humane Society.

Society as the recipient of the project sponsored in her honor.

Liberty Humane Society is dedicated to developing programs that enhance the mission of a stronger, safer community for animals in need. The LHS Community Outreach Program's staff and volunteers visit schools, businesses and community groups to provide educational activities, story time and workshops, hoping that children take away the message about loving and respecting every living being. The organization is deeply committed to finding lifelong forever homes for animals in LHS's care and is continually expanding services.

Members of the Grand Council were welcomed at the facility to present the

tribute gifts and were pleased to learn of many happy "tales" from summer pet adoptions.



Supreme
Regent
Errica and
Joe
Conforto
joined the
New Jersey
members in
preparing
gift
donations
for the IFS
project.

# MI GRAND COUNCIL/DETROIT COUNCIL 21A

Detroit has been busy with our late summer and fall activities. Our Tiger Baseball Game outing was on Saturday, August II and we had 40 members attend the game. As always, before the game everyone gathers at the Gaelic League to enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs and goodies provided by Michigan Grand Council. Even though the Tigers lost, everyone enjoyed the evening. A BIG THANK YOU to Mark and Cathy Hefner for organizing this event for our members.

On September 8th, Detroit Council 21A along with Chairman Eric Kimmel and Barb Kimmel hosted the 34th Annual RA Lithuanian Duffer's Scramble Golf Outing. Forty-four golfers attended, which included Royal Arcanum members from Detroit, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Florida. The weather was cool and cloudy however, the rain stayed away. This year the outing was held at a new golf course in Newport, MI. This year's winners were; First Place - Foley Flop Shots, Last Place - Wozny's Whackers and First Place/ALL RA Team - Palermo's Pounders. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful steak or chicken dinner. As always, Eric's famous 50/50 raffle and door prizes were a huge success. The 50/50 winners were lennifer lakaitis and Therese Kavanaugh. Everyone walked away with multiple door prizes. The afternoon continued with everyone enjoying catching up with each other from the other councils. A BIG THANK YOU to Eric and Barb Kimmel for organizing another fraternal and fun outing!

September 29th was the start date for another new bowling season. This year we have nine teams and look forward to our Bowling Christmas Party on December 22.

Enjoy the fall season of fraternal, fun, football and family!

Fraternally – Jan Brazas, Your Detroit Reporter



All RA Members Team - Last Place - Bob & Pat Wozney and Rayleen & Floyd Lewandowski



Friends catching up Jennifer & Cathy Hefner with
Angela Sieh



All RA Members Team - 1st Place - Jennifer & Jim Jakaitis and Mary Ann & Peter Palermo



Fathers & Sons Team from Chicago - Bill Jr & Bill Sr Mueller and Dan & Dan Mohr



Ist Place Winners of RA Golf Outing - Foley Flop Shots -Dave Sell, Dave Moore, Jim Krygier & Dan Sinagoga



Mark Hefner from Detroit visiting with Pittsburgh members; Kathy Bell, John & Kathy Kovasic and Paul Bell



The Detroit Gang
- Front Row Joyce Kelley, Paula
Allen & John
Brazas; Back Row
- Brian Emrick,
George Schlotta,
Jan Brazas, Don &
Denise Kaminski

#### **WESTERN RESERVE COUNCIL 386 OF OHIO**

This past September, I was in Ohio and made a visit to a very special lady. Geraldine Henry is a member of Western Reserve Council #386 and will celebrate her 95th birthday on October 23rd. I had the opportunity to spend time with "Gerry" and her son Bruce. At that time, I presented her with the dove ornament in remembrance of her husband Raymond from the Garden of Remembrance tribute at the Supreme Council Session. Raymond K. Henry served as Grand Regent of Ohio when the Supreme Council voted to admit Junior girls

into the Royal Arcanum. Gerry was very grateful to receive the memorial dove.

On a personal note, Ray and Gerry were very dear friends to my family. They were there for me when I was growing up and I recall my first job working with Gerry in a gift shop/hardware store. I'm happy for such special memories and wish Gerry the best for years to come!

Submitted by Diane Calain

#### **CORONATION COUNCIL 2224 WINDSOR ONTARIO**

Deborah Young presented a 50 year Royal Arcanum veteran's pin to Virginia Lauzon of Coronation Council #2224, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

We congratulate Virginia who serves both Coronation Council and the Grand Council as Secretary-Treasurer. Our members rely heavily on Sister Lauzon; we appreciate her meticulous records and the fine manner in which she maintains the financial reports and presents

meeting minutes.

We also congratulate
Morgan Young of
Coronation Council and
Past Grand Regent; he
received his honor of 50
years of membership during
the 104th Supreme Council
Session in Orlando last July.

We are thankful for Virginia and Morgan's many years of service to our jurisdiction and to our Society; their sense of humor makes our meetings much more fun.



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# FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Did you ever think about all the sounds we hear every day? Horns honking, phones ringing, radios blaring, check-out counters beeping, and Mom calling the troops for dinner are just a handful of sounds we encounter on a daily basis. Sometimes the "noise" can be overwhelming, but I'm sure you'll agree that we're fortunate to possess the ability to hear them.

Ludwig van Beethoven, the German classical composerpianist remains one of the most recognized names in music. He displayed exceptional musical talents as a youngster, but by age 20, his hearing deteriorated to cause him to become almost completely deaf and no longer able to hear an orchestra perform nor an audience

applause. In spite of that difficult challenge, some of his most famous compositions were created while Beethoven was deaf. To adapt for the hearing impediment, Beethoven began using "conversation books" as a way to communicate with friends, share discussions about music, connect with colleagues, and be more attuned with the surroundings.

What message can Beethoven's life experience have for fraternalists? I think it's for us to find ways to recognize the sounds around us! I've stated before that there's no need to sweat the big stuff. Small acts of

kindness can produce amazing results. By being connected in our councils, we can lend our hands as volunteers in support of charitable causes in our communities and produce memorable results. Let's "hear" what's going on in your jurisdiction. Beethoven utilized the conversation books and today we've got the speediest forms of communication to keep us connected. The Grand Regents have penned great programs and by sharing highlights from their activities, others can be motivated, much the same way generations of musicians have been inspired by Beethoven's works.

Many thanks are extended to Sitting Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto for invigorating the Supreme Council with the **TEAM WORK** initiative. I'm pleased to report that 100 percent of our jurisdictions positively responded with fraternal and charitable efforts. Let's keep that record going strong for our new Supreme Regent

Deborah Young's 'Planting Seeds for the Future' program. We anticipate hearing from you!

I'm also happy to acknowledge the Grand Council of New Jersey on being this year's recipient of the LJD Legacy of Hope Award for sponsoring the winning service project for the Felician School and Liberty Humane Society.



The Royal Arcanum's Summer Gifting Project in Florida benefitted the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. A 501 (c)

(3) charity, the programs at OURM provide help and hope for the hurting, hungry and homeless in central Florida. We also provided eyeglasses to aid Lions Club programs. A sincere thank you is sent to everyone who supported these projects and ensured their successful results.

There are many programs being sponsored by our fraternal benefit society, so why not share the good news by inviting family and friends to consider enrolling as members? The Royal Arcanum has a fine portfolio of life insurance and annuity products, provides outstanding member benefits,

and gives back to community. These are great features that our acquaintances may like to hear about.

I wish you and yours a blessed, healthy, and happy holiday season and new year filled with promise and peace. Let's take a moment to reflect upon our bountiful gifts and be thankful for the ability to see and hear the goodness that surrounds us each day.

In friendship,

Cynthia a. Macon

Cindy Macon Fraternal-Communications Director

# **BINGO! EN FRANÇAIS**



Royal Arcanum Cour Domrémy Council #23 and the Club Richelieu de Lowell jointly organized a Family Bingo Night in French which was attended by 75 guests.

Held on Friday, June 22, 2018, the Family Bingo was one of the many events of Lowell's Franco-American Festival Week, which ran from Sunday, June 17 through Sunday, June 24. Being the Feast Day of Saint John the Baptist, patron of Franco-Americans, and national holiday in Quebec, ancestral land of most Franco-Americans, flagraising and other civic ceremonies were held in front of Lowell's City Hall.

The Family Bingo took place in the parish hall of Ste-Thérèse Church in Dracut, MA, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Replacing recently deceased local Royal Arcanum Regent Ruby Duhamel-Cook at the helm, Dr. Roger Lacerte, opened the fun-filled evening by welcoming the crowd and then introducing the Club Richelieu President Nicolas Charbonnier. Kathryn Streenland called out the numbers in French. A table had been set up with publicity handouts to introduce the attendees to both groups. More information can be had on the website "The Franco-Americans in Lowell, Massachusetts" http://francolowellma.com/



# FLORIDA GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Council of Florida was happy to host a Welcome Table and greet everyone as they arrived for the Supreme Council Session. The Floridian Arcanians gifted Session participants

with tokens and souvenirs of the Sunshine State, including tasty salt water taffy and other unique

treats from one of the most magical places on earth. The Grand Council Officers enjoyed coordinating the activity and look forward to the coming events which are being planned.

Submitted by Diane Calain

#### **STUDY ON EGGS HAS POSITIVE NEWS**

Good news for egg lovers: A recent study has found that eating up to a dozen eggs a week doesn't contribute to heart disease.

The U.S. News & World Report website reports that an extended study monitored 128 people for more than a year and found that eating eggs—as part of an overall healthy diet—doesn't appear to raise cholesterol, blood sugar, or blood pressure, which are all cardiovascular risk factors for people with pre-diabetes or Type 2 diabetes.

The study also found that eggs seem to be helpful in losing weight. Fried, poached, or scrambled, have an egg today.



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#### **CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER**

This past summer flew by like all summers seem to do. I was pleased to see many members at the 104<sup>th</sup> Supreme Council Session in Orlando, Florida where we introduced our new Supreme Regent, Deborah Young. The event is a great time to reconnect with members throughout North America and share ideas



of how we can continue to grow as a Society. If you haven't attended a Session, I invite you to strongly consider coming to the next Session in 2020.

Our Life Insurance operation has kept the Home Office staff busy on all levels, with consistent production arriving on a daily basis. When we have high levels of applications, not only is the new business underwriting department kept busy, but tasks throughout the operation also increase. For example: After a policy is issued, frequently the policyholder will make a policy change request such as changing a checking account to pay the premium



payment or changing an address or beneficiary. We have done this while maintaining a staffing level that has been consistent; a credit to operational efficiencies within the office. With that being said, I'm pleased to introduce Simone Thorne



as our new associate in the office. Simone was a temporary associate for several months when we had an unfilled full time role for quite a while. Simone has been hired as an administrative assistant and I'm confident she will do a great job for the Royal Arcanum for years to come.

As of Q3 September 30th, our application volume has increased 7.7% YTD compared to 2017 through 3 quarters. Our pace is slightly above our application goal for the year, which is certainly great to see. We will be introducing a new Annuity product to further enhance our insurance portfolio of products. Please keep an eye out on our website, www.royalarcanum.com and Facebook page for additional details.

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world for, indeed, that's all who ever have."

-Margaret Mead

Sincerely,

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

#### **ANNUAL FARM BASH 2018**

Coronation Council was pleased to join friends at the annual FARM BASH 2018. Our hosts, RFG Plumbing, welcome the public to their farm every year for a weekend of camping and entertainment, all for a good cause.

This fun filled weekend is packed with enjoyable games for all ages and live entertainment. A pig roast, community potluck and silent auction were held to help collect donations and raise money for

Unit# 7 Street Help. This organization relies on the generosity of this event every year and it helps them with their efforts assisting the homeless in our community to live a better life.

Coronation Council #2224 presented a cheque for \$1000.00 to help support Farm Bash in their efforts. The two-day event collected over \$5000 for Street Help in Windsor, Ontario.

Submitted by Elly McMillan



Deborah Young presented a cheque to host Frank Giles and Street Help Administrator Christine Wilson-Furlonger. Members Morgan Young, Renee Boufford, Jim Boufford, Sharon Bayliss and Derrick Bayliss joined in the presentation.



Host Annette Giles presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Coronation Council members for their years of support to the event. The framed certificate is now displayed on the RA wall at the Riverside Sportsmen Club where the council meets.

#### A REMINDER TO BE KINDER

Two friends were out in a rowboat when it overturned. Luckily, two young women were nearby in another boat and came to their aid. Unfortunately,

the women had neither a radio nor a motor on their boat. They were a long way from shore, and the two young men needed medical attention.

This was the story Lorraine Jara read in her local paper one day, more than 30 years ago. Though Jara did not know any of the young people involved in

this tragedy, it touched her so deeply that she had to do something. In 1988, Jara created Be Kind to Human Kind Week, Aug. 25–31.

The young women screamed for help at each passing motorboat on the waterway. Their pleas were ignored by many. By the time they were finally able to secure help, one of the young men had perished from his injuries.

The smallest act of kindness can have a significant impact on a person's life. Knowing this, what will you do to make the world a better place for humanity?

#### **CORONATION COUNCIL: ROYAL ARCANUM BBQ**

A perfect day was in store for this year's Royal Arcanum BBQ hosted by Deborah and Morgan Young. Making up for last year's rainy event, our members enjoyed a day of sun, swimming, food and had a chance to meet some furry and not so furry visitors.

Zoology was on hand to introduce and educate everyone on an array of animals, birds and reptiles. Our Junior members were front and centre with lots of excitement and some great questions for our presenter.

Our Juniors also went home with some Royal Arcanum gifts along with lots of memories of this wonderful day.

Thanks to our Michigan Council 21A members who made the trip to join us.

Submitted by Elly McMillan



The Juniors posed with their gifts from the Royal Arcanum.



Isabelle Poisson -**Scott and Margaret** Cameron's grand-

daughters

Sharon Bayliss was asked if she had a cracker. Juniors Kendall and



Meet the baby porcupine.



granddaughter) enjoyed meeting a new friend.

A lovely large bunny

# FALL JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

As Sitting Past Supreme Regent, I was appointed to the position of Junior Director for the next two years at the Supreme Council Executive meeting in Florida this past July. As your new Junior Director, I'm looking forward to hearing some of your suggestions and ideas, working with the Junior Committee in planning new projects, and making sure that our Juniors take advantage of the benefits that our Society offers them.

As a grandmother of three young members from ages 5 to 11,1 know that the children look forward to receiving the Bulletin and coloring the Junior page or doing the puzzle in order to earn an Amazon gift card. We also offer up to \$ 50.00 in assistance to our high school student members who take a training course for improving their SAT, ACT, PSAT, and LSAT scores. Those

members interested in participating in this program can do so by submitting a copy of the paid receipt to the Home Office in order to be reimbursed. College scholarship and grant application forms for all our high school seniors who ar applying for college or career training in September 2019 are ready to be downloaded from our website, or you can request the forms from the Home Office

information regarding any of these benefits, contact our college funding representative - Donald Ferry, Jr. at the Home Office at I-888-272-2686, ext. 125, or email him at dferry@royalarcanum.com

We would like to update the names and addresses of our college students in order for us to send a gift care package to them and to let them know that we wish them a good semester and a good year of learning. Please call or email us your information, or the package will be mailed to your



Junior Department **Director Errica Conforto** 

home address.

If your jurisdiction is planning a Junior Christmas event, please order the gifts from the Home Office and allow sufficient time to have them sent in advance of your party date. The gifts for this year were already purchased by the previous Junior Director before I took over.

If you have any questions or concerns, my email address is erricaconforto@optimum.net. I would love to hear from our Juniors.

I wish all of you a happy holiday.

Fraternally yours in V.M.C.

Errica Confito

Errica Conforto **Junior Director** 

Good grades are important, but you should also get involved with extracurricular activities and participate in outreach activities. Getting involved in your community gives you an identity to create connections for a bright future. Your voice matters. The internet and social media are useful tools for getting the word out about issues that

before December 2018. Please make sure that all your

documentation is in order before it is mailed to the

Home Office and be aware of the deadline date.

matter, giving you a platform to find causes that you are

passionate about and are taking action.

You also have access to two sites on our website that are free to all qualified members: CHOICE EXPLORER and CHOICE PLANNER, which provide information to assist members with high school and college information and other available scholarships. If you need additional

#### **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!



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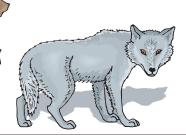
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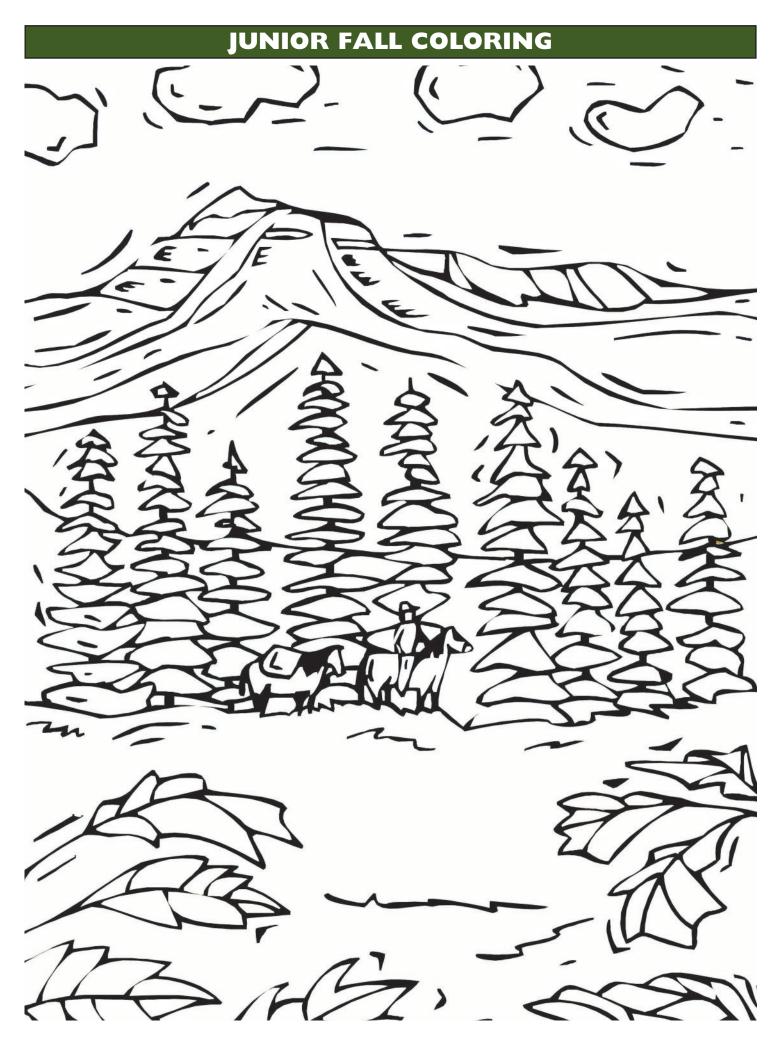


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#### A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

It appears that we have finally turned the corner on the summer of 2018. On the East coast, we had a very warm, humid and rainy summer. In the middle of the country and the West coast we had very dry conditions with devastating wild fires and serious flooding. The days are getting shorter and Autumn has officially arrived. I, like most people, am looking forward to the changes that the fall season will bring, particularly in terms of weather.

the Fraternal Department for their great work in this project.

I look forward to supporting our new Supreme Regent Debbie Young and her program "Planting Seeds for the Future". My heartfelt thanks to Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto; her "TEAM WORK" program was very successful in moving the Royal Arcanum forward in its mission of providing quality insurance, financial products and engaging our membership in volunteer and community service.

We completed a very successful 104th Supreme Council Session in Orlando, Florida in late July. My congratulations to all the newly elected officers. Our gifting program was another great success, with over

It was interesting to hear the various programs and ideas that our Grand Regents have planned for their jurisdictions. As our new Supreme Regent correctly states in her program, we need new members. Hopefully with fresh ideas and interesting programs we can invigorate our current members and bring new ones into our Society. The Supreme Council and the Executive Committee are committed to providing whatever support the Grand and Subordinate Councils need to make their programs successful.



Yours in V.M.C.

\$9400 and various gifts presented to the Orlando Rescue Mission. There were also 85 pairs of glasses donated to the Port St. Lucie Lions Club to aid the visually impaired. Many thanks to Cindy Macon and

Pete Ferrara

Supreme Secretary

Peter D Lerrara



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