Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I think we’ll all agree that we’re happy to be enjoying Spring with its warmer temperatures and longer days! So long, winter!

The PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE II has been cleared of the winter elements and is leading to exciting things for the Royal Arcanum. Now is the time to get involved in upcoming council activities. As a fraternal organization dedicated to helping others, let’s volunteer in our councils and assist our communities and charitable causes in any way we can. Please invite junior members to participate in as many projects as possible, since they’ll soon be leading our PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE.

Congratulations to the winners of the monthly drawings. My thanks to all volunteer recommenders for their efforts in keeping our society growing. I also commend those members who have taken part in our Guaranteed Issue program in celebration of our society’s 135th anniversary.

As you know, our 2012 Supreme Council Session is approaching. This year we will be traveling to Atlantic City, New Jersey and staying at the beautiful Resorts Hotel on the Boardwalk from Sunday, August 12th to Friday, August 17th. To make this a great experience for all, I encourage everyone to try to attend.

Please continue to support my PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE II program, by sharing the good news about the Royal Arcanum and the many products and benefits our society offers.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. I hope to meet and greet you at the New Jersey shore!

Fraternally Yours,

Carol Zavitz
Supreme Regent

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Chers frères et soeurs,

Je pense que nous sommes tous contents d’apprécier le printemps avec ses températures plus chaudes et ses journées plus longues! Salut, l’hiver!

Le SENTIER VERS L’AVENIR II a été nettoyé des éléments de l’hiver et nous mène vers des moments excitants pour le Royal Arcanum. C’est maintenant le temps de s’impliquer dans vos futurs activités de conseil. En tant qu’organisation fraternelle dédiée à aider les autres, soyons volontaires dans nos conseils et aidons nos communautés et causes charitables de n’importe quelle façon que nous le pouvons. S’il-vous-plaît invitez les jeunes membres à participer à autant de projets que possible, car ils seront bientôt les dirigeants de notre SENTIER VERS L’AVENIR.

Félicitations aux gagnants des tirages mensuels pour les nouveaux membres. Je souhaite remercier tous les recommandeurs volontaires pour leurs efforts à continuer de faire grandir notre société. Je veux aussi recommander ces membres qui ont pris part dans notre programme Émission Garantie en célébration du 135e anniversaire de notre société.

Comme vous le savez, notre session du Conseil Suprême 2012 approche. Cette année nous voyagerons vers Atlantic City, New Jersey et demeureront au magnifique Resorts Hotel sur le “Boardwalk” du dimanche, 12 août au vendredi, 17 août. Pour faire de cela une grande expérience pour tous, j’encourage chacun à faire son possible afin d’être présent.

S’il-vous-plaît continuer à supporter mon programme SENTIER VERS L’AVENIR II en partageant la bonne nouvelle au sujet du Royal Arcanum et des nombreux produits et bénéfices qu’offre notre société.

Je souhaite à tous un été prudent et joyeux. J’espère vous rencontrer et vous accueillir sur le rivage du New Jersey!

Fraternellement vôtre,

Carol Zavitz
Régente Suprême

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This issue is dedicated to the many members of the Society who have given their service to help the Royal Arcanum grow and prosper. We feature here, our Brothers and Sisters who have distinguished themselves by introducing new members to the Order over the past years.

The highest award is given to the members who have earned the Founders’ Ring of Distinction Award. The second highest level of achievement is the ‘1105’ Royal Purple Achievement Award, followed by the Legion of Honor. Other members who have earned between one and twenty diamonds are awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

The Royal Arcanum is pleased to recognize the distinguished service of all our award recipients.
A Salute to Distinguished Service

LEGION OF HONOR AWARD

Donald G. Foley
Treasure Coast Cl
Florida
(L. of H.-9)

Donald Harman
Harrisburg Cl
Pennsylvania
(L. of H.-9)

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Mattatuck Cl
Connecticut
(L. of H.-8)
[deceased]

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Carrollton Cl
MD/DC/VA
(L. of H.-7)

Louise Reynolds
Treasure Coast Cl
Florida
(L. of H.-7)

Salvatore Pezzolanti
Delong Cl
New York
(L. of H.-7)

Peter D. Young
Coronation Cl
Ontario
(L. of H.-4)

Gilles Bédard
Maisonneuve Cl
Québec
(L. of H.-4)

Grace Gallo
Williamsbridge Cl
New York
(L. of H.-3)
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Jacques Cartier Cl
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Claremont Cl
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Rhododendron Cl
Carolinas
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B. Joe Merrill
Rhododendron Cl
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Ft. Dearborn Cl
Illinois
(L. of H.-1)

Genevieve A. Macon
Versatility Cl
New Jersey
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Morgan Young
Coronation Cl
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ST. ROSAIRE FRATERNAL PROJECT

St. Rosaire participated in helping the Ladies Guild of Holy Name Sacred Heart of Jesus Church raise over $2,000 for Mercy Meals and More. A soup supper and silent auction was held before the Court St. Rosaire meeting on March 4, 2012. Volunteers prepared all the soups for the event. The purpose of Mercy Meals and More is to provide nutritional meals for members of the greater New Bedford community in need, offering free breakfasts, year round. The meals are available to all who are hungry, regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, nationality, religious affiliation or ability to pay. Mercy Meals and More seeks to provide a safe atmosphere of welcome and affirmation, encouraging the sort of positive social networking that strengthens community.

Submitted by Ray Patnaude

NEW YORK FRATERNAL PROJECTS

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

On November 21, 2011 donations were made to the Missionary Sisters of Catechism at our Lady of Mt. Carmel in the Bronx. Members of Claremont Council delivered turkeys, pasta, non-perishable food, toys, new and slightly used adult and children's clothes to be distributed to the needy in the area for Thanksgiving.

St. Therese Church

On December 14, 2011 young members of the New York Jurisdiction with Grand Regent Errica Conforto and Grand Vice Regent Maria Bettina Di Bartolo delivered fifteen bags of non-perishable food to St. Therese Church in the Bronx. All these items were to be distributed to needy families in the community in time for Christmas.

Donations to St. Therese Food Pantry. From left to right; Errica Conforto, Fred and Cathy Di Franco, Betty Di Bartolo, Maria Di Franco and Maria Bettina Di Bartolo.
On February 12th the California Jurisdiction held a brunch/Grand Council Meeting at Mariani’s Restaurant in Santa Clara. Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz presented her "PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE II" program. Accompanying Carol was Supreme Vice-Regent Peter Ferrara.

Grand Regent Alice Mangano welcomed the Supreme Council Officers and the fifty members and guests in attendance. After a wonderful brunch, the Supreme Regent presented her program and encouraged all members to keep active in fraternal, charitable and social activities keeping the Royal Arcanum on the path of growth and success. She also mentioned the great products available to our members, e.g. whole life and annuities and the benefits associated with these products regarding scholarships, educational loans and numerous opportunities for our junior members.

Supreme Vice Regent Ferrara also spoke about these products and pledged his assistance and support to the California membership. He also stated how delighted he and Carol were with the great attendance at the presentation.

Grand Regent Alice Mangano then called members of San Jose Council to announce the upcoming activities slated this year. Edd Enfantino and Dominic Fanelli were coordinating the annual Bowling Charity Event at Cambrian Lanes in March. Proceeds will support the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society in honor of Kaleo Alvaro. Joe Quartuccio described the Casino Bus Trip to Table Mountain on April 1st. The proceeds from this event will be donated to our local charity organizations. Next to speak was Grace Howell, a new member of San Jose Council. Gracie talked about her projects: (1) collecting blankets, newspapers and pet food for the local Humane Society; (2) garage sale/barbeque on May 12th with proceeds going to council activities and charity; (3) bake sale and raffle to be held at our upcoming bowling event and (4) "Bunny Buddies Program" whereby members are collecting buns.
A drawing was held and door prizes were awarded by the Supreme Regent. Winners were Chic Cannon, Ann Antuzzi, Rose Zukas and Joseph Hockett. Appreciation gifts were given by the Grand Regent to the Supreme Regent and Supreme Vice-Regent.

Gifts, from the Supreme Regent, were given to the membership and everyone left with a great appreciation for a wonderful meeting and presentation.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill

BEST BUDDIES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On Saturday, March 10, 2012, a "pancake breakfast" was held at APPLEBEE'S in Brewster, NY. Once again, the young members, although handicapped, served breakfast to the 125 attendees. Tickets to the event were sold at $5.00 each and APPLEBEE'S charged only $1.00 per person. Between the sale of tickets and raffles, a total of $1,100 was collected.

Best Buddies was founded in 1989 to bring awareness to teenagers with disabilities. Today, Best Buddies has chapters in all 50 states. The New York State chapter, with over 3,000 members, encourages acceptance of disabled teens. The funds raised are used for Best Buddies programs that help create awareness and promote a more inclusive society.

Special thanks to teacher, Allison Woolson and teacher's aide, Nancy Lynch for their dedication and time. In addition, the staff at Applebee's is to be recognized for their cooperation for making the event such a success.

Submitted by Fran and Augie Magnotta

Shown in photo are all the servers of the breakfast including, Nancy Lynch, August and Frances Magnotta, Angelina and Giana Flocco, Sally Bruno with her 2 daughters, Ava and Sofia; Kerry Puleo (holding the newest great granddaughter, Olivia Marie Puleo) all members of Royal Arcanum.

Grand Regent Alice Mangano welcoming the Supreme Officers and membership.
On March 19, 2012, The Lorraine J. D’Emilio Foundation, along with the Cancer Support Community of Philadelphia, sponsored the first “feel good again night” with the talents of Art and Science Salon in Manyunk, Pennsylvania.

The beginning stages of this idea came about through talks between Lorraine D’Emilio and her family. During the chemotherapy treatments Lorraine received during her battle with ovarian cancer, she had days where she felt full of life. She lived life to the fullest on these days. She often spoke of how special her “good” days were and how she treasured the time when she felt good. To help Lorraine’s legacy live on, the Foundation wanted to give that same, special feeling to women suffering today with gynecologic cancers. “We just wanted these women to have a moment to feel feminine, special, and pampered, even if it is just for an evening,” said Foundation President, Michelle Welsh.

With the help of the Cancer Support Community, the Foundation teamed up with Art and Science Salon. The Salon donated their time and amazing talents on a Monday night in March. They created a special atmosphere with flowers from Le Fleur and delicious treats from Twelfth Street Deli in Philadelphia. They welcomed these women with open arms and treated them as queens for the night, pampering them with treatments. The spa treatments included make up application, hand and arm massages, neck massages, and hair and wig care. All of this was free of charge to these women. At the end of their special night, the Foundation gifted each woman a beautiful robe so they could feel comforted again, anytime they wished.

These women were truly touched and felt very special. Each courageous woman had her own unique story and treasured this time to feel special. They were very appreciative and couldn’t say enough wonderful things about this event.

The Foundation was incredibly pleased at how this event truly touched the lives of women suffering. “It was an honor to meet these women, hear their stories, and provide them with some time to really feel good” Michelle Welsh said. The Lorraine J. D’Emilio Foundation hopes to sponsor another feel good again night soon, so that more women can benefit from feeling good again, even while battling gynecologic cancers.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and with the help (continued next page)
of the Royal Arcanum also sponsors:

A free parking program for the gynecologic cancer patients and their families at Llankeneu Hospital to ease some of the financial burdens associated with treatments.

An annual workshop delivered by a local GYN Oncologist that focuses on the standard of care and new directions and advances in treatment for women which includes dinner and networking followed by a lecture and education materials.

A monthly 90 minute support group facilitated by a licensed psychotherapist - this group focuses on the psychological, emotional and practical issues for women with GYN Cancers. The women develop a new attitude towards the illness, they make changes in their lives that they think are important, they better partner with their physician and they better access cancer information & resources.

There is a lot more work to do to help these women and the Foundation will continue its efforts.

Royal Arcanum’s councils, members and friends are invited to be a part of the Supreme Council’s Summer Charitable Gifting Program, this year being dedicated to the Lorraine J. D’Emilio Foundation, a 501 (c)3 registered charity and its mission of providing support to women afflicted with gynecologic cancers and their families. The program will take place at the Supreme Council Session in August. A special program that week will include activities to benefit the Foundation, which was established in tribute to our member whose life of selfless volunteerism continues to be an inspiration to our fraternal family.

Your gift check, payable to the Lorraine J. D’Emilio Foundation may be sent to:
ROYAL ARCANUM
Fraternal Department
61 Batterymarch Street
Boston, MA. 02110

From the Fraternal Events Committee .... "THANK YOU!"

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 19 (1), 20, and 21 of the Constitution

The offices, including the committees, shall remain the same.

By July 15 of the year of the Supreme Council Session, the Chairperson of the Supreme Council Executive Committee shall appoint a Committee on Nominations consisting of four Supreme Council Session members (current or past), representing the diversity of our Order, plus the Supreme Regent, who will serve as chairperson for the purpose of developing a slate of officers for the ensuing Supreme Council Session. It is suggested that an announcement of this appointed committee and the nominations procedure be included in the “CALL” to the Session and in the Spring Edition of the Bulletin.

At the REGISTRATION DESK on OPENING DAY of the Supreme Council Session a list of the Nominations will be distributed to the representatives. It is recommended that a brief bio of not more than 75 words for each nominee be included.

On THE SECOND DAY of the Supreme Council Session additional nominations may be made from the floor. All those being nominated shall have been contacted by the member making the nomination in order to insure that those being nominated are willing to have their names on the slate. A bio on each nominee of not more than 75 words would be helpful. (A resolution will be presented at the beginning calling for nominations on the second day).

On THE THIRD DAY of the Supreme Council Session, printed ballots including the names of all nominees shall be distributed. In the case of the Line Officers and the Executive Committee, there must be individual ballots (unless the Constitution is changed), but the other committees may be elected on one ballot. Additional nominations will not be entertained at this time. Delegates will cast their votes, which will be counted by the two appointed tellers and the Judge of Elections, who will count the votes. (A resolution will be presented at the beginning to nominate and elect all Committeepersons and Trustees, collectively unless there is a contested election. In the case of the two Finance Committee Members, Supreme Trustees, Committee on Juniors and Committee on Appeals, if there are more than four nominees, the four receiving the highest vote will be declared winners).

THE NOMINEE with the majority of votes based on our established ratio between delegates and officers, shall win the election to his or her respective office. In the case of the committees, the required members for each committee with the highest number of votes shall be elected (the four Supreme Trustees, the three members of the Committee on Laws, the two additional members of the Finance Committee, the four members of the Committee on Juniors, and the four members of the Committee on Appeals).

Send bios to Chairman William J. Wire, 4708 N. Thatcher Avenue, Norridge, IL 60706
I never cease to be amazed at the profound lack of respect I experience or observe almost every day of my life. It certainly appears to me that respect for anyone or anything diminishes with every passing year.

Nowhere is the lack of respect more obvious now than in our world of politics, as those of us who live in the States gear up for another presidential election where the name calling, underhanded accusations, and unkind words seem to get stronger every day. One wonders how the candidates can even face each other after some of the dastardly acts and derogatory language they use against one another. For me, I would like to just like to see an honest, upfront presentation on where the candidates stand on the issues.

I am forever hearing teachers and educators complain about how difficult it is to even teach because of the lack of respect received from the students in many school districts. NBC news recently reported on a teacher who wrote a letter to the president of the School Board, expressing her concern over the hostile environment in her school. The result was a verbal and physical confrontation between the two women in front of the students. Respect? Perhaps respect is not given, but is earned!

A parent and her son astounded me on a bus the other day, when both ended up screaming at each other, using all kinds of profanity. That son has learned well from his mother how to disrespect other people.

Things have certainly changed in the various houses of worship I attend every week. Many people come dressed as though they are going to some playground or out to lounge in their backyards. Cell phones ring, and people talk and walk all around during worship. I attended a concert, where the Hallelujah Chorus was sung, and not one person stood. When the Star Spangled Banner is sung at the beginning of our baseball games, so many people just continue what they are doing and don't even revere the flag.

I just feel that we can't ignore the obvious fact that respect for anyone or anything seems to be diminishing in our culture. Why? I don't know the answer, but I strongly believe that we have to respect ourselves before we can respect others, and therein lies much of the difficulty.

It goes without saying that not everyone is so disrespectful. There is a glimmer of hope because every once in awhile I come upon someone who is so respectful that I just want to leap for joy, especially when it comes from a young person.
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1: Royal Arcanum Building, 61 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA 02110.
2: Royal Arcanum Horse drawn carriage.
3: Banquet get-together in Florida.
4: President Eisenhower presented with a portrait by Brother Vicenzi of Claremont Council.
5: California Grand Council Officers.
6: Ontario and Florida members participating in the Putting contest.
8: Royal Arcanum prize winning float.
9: New York donating to St. Teresa’s convent.
10: Royal Arcanum donation for homeless children.
11: Darius Wilson, our founder.
12: Donation to Operation Comfort, San Antonio, Texas.
13: When Arcanians go A-Picnicking in the 1930s.
14: New Jersey members walking in the Soldiers’ Angels parade.
15: Ontario and Michigan members enjoying the annual picnic.
17: Hudson County, NJ Bowling League.
18: Alpha-Agassiz members relaxing after the Walk for Hemophilia.
19: Bill and Florence Wire.
20: Missouri Jurisdiction annual Junior Christmas Party.
21: ACA family picnic.
22: Treasure Coast Council Florida project.
23: NJ members cleaning up their parks.
24: Royal Arcanum’s first building on Shawmut Avenue, Boston.
25: NJ donation to our servicemen and women.
26: Detroit Council members walking for Diabetes.
27: Royal Arcanum Floats in the Baltimore, MD Fraternal Parade.
28: Pawtucket Council members participating in the Race for Grace.
30: Peach Council’s Fraternal Project.
31: Donation to the Lorraine D’Emilio Foundation.
32: Join Hands Day in Bayonne, NJ-Park dedication to RA member and former mayor, Richard Rutkowski.
33: New York Jurisdiction donating Flags on Flag Day.
34: Junior Director and his Junior Committee with Juniors at the 100th Supreme Council Session in Florida.
INTEGRITY COUNCIL HELPS HOMELESS

INTEGRITY COUNCIL SPENDS A COLD WINTER NIGHT FEEDING THE HOMELESS

The weather had been unusually warm in Philadelphia so far this season, when Integrity Council made plans to feed the homeless at the “Grace Cafe” at Arch Street United Methodist Church, right in the heart of center city and less than one block from city hall.

Members of Integrity, who all seem to find real meaning in these feeding projects which they sponsor at least twice a year, willingly volunteered at the night of their regular monthly meeting to bring food and serve. Fourteen trays of baked ziti were promised, at least one without cheese and one without meat. Others offered to bring salad, dessert, bread and butter. Dr. Herb Snyder, who organizes these projects, asked Integrity volunteers to please be at the church at 5pm with their food, ready to heat the baked ziti and mix the salad in preparation for the usual 100 homeless who would be coming to have dinner at 6pm.

The weather suddenly changed the weekend of the planned feeding, and there was an extreme drop in temperature that Sunday evening, January 15, 2012, when fifteen members of Integrity Council gathered at Arch Street Church. Four other members, who could not be there, sent their food. Frigid cold weather usually meant a larger than usual turn-out of homeless people, so Integrity Council was praying that they would have enough food, as they made preparations and set up for the dinner.

Six o’clock came quickly, and the dinner guests started to come downstairs, glad to be inside in a warm and friendly place. It seemed as though the line would never end, as the homeless of Philadelphia filed by the buffet table. The council was able to feed over 150 homeless people that night, male and female, young and old, some with obvious disabilities. Just about everyone who filed by the food table said “thank-you” and as they ate, many asked who we were. We were proud to say, “the Royal Arcanum,” and explain the benevolent purpose of our Order.

As Integrity Council members cleaned up in the kitchen, emotions were mixed. Everyone was counting their blessings, but at the same time feeling so badly for the homeless people they had fed, and wondering where these people would get their next meal. Council members commented on how polite and nice so many of the guests had been, and marveled that there was enough food to feed so many more than expected, even being able to give “seconds” to those who wanted them. There was not a spoonful of baked ziti left. How did we accomplish this? Could it be that Lorraine D’Emilio, who had been so instrumental in organizing and inspiring these feedings, was looking over us, very pleased, and perhaps even helping us to make things work out? There was no food left for us to eat, so we made our way home to grab a bit of food in the warmth of our own homes, counting our blessings; but it felt so good to know that even though we had not really changed the problem of homelessness, we had helped 150 wonderful people on the cold streets of Philadelphia that night.
IN MEMORIAM - LOUIS S. SCORZELLO (1919 - 2012)

January 29, 1919 – February 28, 2012

Beloved Dad of three, grandfather of five, great-grandfather of seven, his most cherished accomplishments!

Dad served his country with honors, and proudly served the Royal Arcanum as Supreme Representative from 1988 – 2006. He was Grand Regent of New York from 1991 – 1993, and Grand Secretary/Treasurer from 1993 – 2009. He treasured all the positions he held and the wonderful times shared with his fellow members.

Our Dad died as he lived, with a reserved sense of humor and dignity, and will be greatly missed by his family and friends, most of whom pre-deceased him. I’m sure they’re having a wonderful reunion as I write!

Dad, we were so blessed to have you for as long as we did!

We’ll cherish our memories always, the Scorzello family, Cancro family, Stone family, and Royal Arcanum family.

Rest in Peace, gentle man……………

Submitted by Maddy Cancro

IN MEMORIAM - MARGUERITE THIBAULT (1921 - 2012)

A loyal member and fraternal mentor, Marguerite (Margo) Thibault at age 90, died peacefully on January 2, 2012. She was born in Quebec, Canada to Yvonne (Lefebvre) Ferron and Arthur Ferron. With a zest for life and a love for making friends, Marguerite enjoyed an early career as a hairdresser. In 1945 she married Roger Thibault and then dedicated much of her time and taking great pride in raising their family. They had many adventures and lived in various cities in Canada and the United States, settling in their later years in Miami, Florida.

In 2007 Margo returned to Vancouver, British Columbia to be near her daughter who is a nurse. Margo loved people and was loved by all. She had a passion for traveling, playing BINGO, and doing volunteer work at her church. Her genuine kindness and benevolent spirit made her a very special individual.

Having enrolled into the Royal Arcanum’s Jeanne Mance Council #2490 in 1958, Margo was dedicated to our society and promoted our fraternal message. She attained the Distinguished Service Award, was inducted as Legion of Honor Member #36 and earned the Royal Purple Achievement Award. When she relocated to Florida she transferred to Golden Shores Council #2178. She served with distinction as Grand Regent, Supreme Council Representative and as a Supreme Committeewoman. In 2004 she was a recipient of the Fraternal Legacy Award.

Margo lived life to the fullest and spent the last three years at the Alzheimer Unit of Yaletown House Residence in Vancouver. There she participated in many activities and was awarded first prize in an Easter hat designing contest. With a most appreciative heart she was always grateful for the wonderful care she received.

Predeceased by her husband Roger in 1992 and son Jacques, Margo is survived by her daughter Andree Bamforth, son Michael, three grandchildren, one great granddaughter and many family members and friends.

Our society will be forever thankful for Margo’s friendship. A beautiful life has come to its earthly end, but she will continue to live on in our hearts and in all the hearts she touched and loved.
Dear Friends,

Perhaps you’ve heard that everything old is new again! Recently I’ve been enjoying the antenna TV channel and caught an episode of the classic show “Father Knows Best.” The focus of the program was on “volunteering” and portrayed the kids learning that the best and nicest way to volunteer in the community was willingly and cheerfully. Wow! It was the message of fraternalists then and now! How refreshing to see (even in black and white film) the Anderson family members rallying together in support of community causes in Springfield. What came to my mind? Of course it was the spirit of the Royal Arcanum family! Remember – Jim Anderson was an insurance representative on the show. Could he have possibly been a producer for the RA? Who knows? Sure the times may have changed (the wardrobes and cars, too) and lately life seems to be too much “in a rush”, yet it’s the core values of commitment, service and most importantly, “CHARITY” that have always been embraced by our fraternalists. Hopefully these attributes will continue for many more generations; similar to the valuable life lessons taught in our favorite nostalgic television shows.

Our organization provides financial security, membership benefits and community service. As a fraternal the emphasis on giving back is our solid foundation and the one upon which one society was built, reaching across the United States and Canada. In June we will celebrate the 135th anniversary of the Royal Arcanum. With allegiance to our founding values coupled over the years with new products and programs, the Royal Arcanum has grown to best serve our membership and envisions a productive “Pathway to the Future” as family and friends join us.

Charitable service is a principal part of our mission. Councils have coordinated meaningful projects, thereby creating a positive awareness of the good works being done by fraternalists. We are pleased to acknowledge our fraternalists in action and encourage participation in the Supreme Council’s International Fraternal Service Program in which matching funds are donated to charities being supported by our subordinate and grand councils. Program guidelines, instructions and applications are available from the Home Office.

At the suggestion of our members, the RA Family Summer Gifting Project is being sponsored this year for the Lorraine J. D’Emilio Foundation of Philadelphia which provides support, education and hope to women afflicted with gynecological cancers. Established as a non-profit organization in our member’s honor by her family, the mission of the foundation is to help people affected with cancer enhance their health and well-being through participation in various programs that focus on the psychological, emotional and practical issues that a patient and family may encounter when cancer is diagnosed. I take this opportunity to thank the members who have volunteered for the Fraternal Events Committee and cordially invite all councils to consider supporting this project which will culminate at the Supreme Council Session in Atlantic City.

Enjoy the splendors of springtime and the wonderful opportunities the season brings. Just like the Andersons let’s be willing and cheerful fraternal sisters and brothers, sharing a ray of sunshine to brighten someone’s day.

In Friendship,
Cindy Macon
On Sunday, January 2, 2012, Florida held its dinner meeting for the presentation, of Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz' program for 2011-2012. Grand Regent, Louise Reynolds introduced Elective Member of the Executive Committee Donald Foley and Deputy Supreme Regent Louis Brill. Brother Donald, assisted by Louise presented the "Pathway to the Future II" Program. The members and guests thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and several were interested in the products we offer. At a question and answer period following the presentation, Brother Foley thoroughly explained our annuity program.

The door prizes from the Supreme Regent were won by Patricia Downs and Fred Polito. As usual the food and service was great at the Cafe Provence in Delray Beach. After the dessert was savored and the gifts given out our meeting ended with all attendees leaving with the good fellowship from the Royal Arcanum.

Submitted by Louise Reynolds

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On December 14, 2011, Woodside Council donated funds to the Bobrow Food Pantry located in South Orange, New Jersey. Rosella Berger, a member of Woodside Council, volunteers once a month to help distribute food and restock the pantry’s shelves.

The Bobrow Food Pantry was started in 1991 to serve the local Jewish immigrants, as well as others in the community. Each month, the pantry prepares food supplies to support approximately 150 households. The most efficient way for the Bobrow Food Pantry to acquire supplies is through monetary donations, which enables the pantry to purchase food at significantly discounted rates from the New Jersey Food Bank.

Left to right, Rosella Berger Sharon Pigeon and Tony Echeverria.
On February 24, 2012, Germantown Council #1029 presented a check to Stephanie Parker, Director of Recreation at the Fox Subacute Center in Warrington, PA. The donation was in honor of Germantown member Leo Johnson, who has been confined to the center on and off, for over a year. The money will be used to provide patients with transportation to events, parties, internet access and other entertainment. Stephanie was delighted with the donation.

Fox Subacute Center was the first nursing home facility to convert traditional nursing homes to a sophisticated care facility that exclusively service the post acute ventilator-dependent patient. They specialize in providing progressive ventilator weaning, rehabilitation services and other subacute care such as dialysis.

Brother Leo is now home, but receiving at home care and is improving slowly. Germantown members who attended the ceremony were Secretary/Treasurer and Past Grand Regent Charles Crawford and Past Supreme Regent Joyce Crawford, Guide Barbara Fisher and member Linda Malizia.

Submitted by Joyce Crawford

Pictured is Leo Johnson

LEFT TO RIGHT, CHARLES CRAWFORD, BARBARA FISHER, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION STEPHANIE PARKER, LEO JOHNSON AND JOYCE CRAWFORD.

SECRETARY/STREASURER CHARLES CRAWFORD PRESENTING CHECK TO STEPHANIE PARKER, DIRECTOR OF RECREATION.

GERMANTOWN COUNCIL’S FRATERNAL PROJECT


Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli and Grand Secretary Nicole Covelli made the arrangements for the luncheon. They also were responsible for greeting the children and their families as they arrived for the party.

Many children attended the pizza party including several new members to the Royal Arcanum. Past Supreme Regent Bill Wire and his wife Florence were also in attendance.

While waiting for Santa Claus to arrive, Mickey Rhode supplied coloring books and crayons for the children to enjoy before the luncheon.

Santa Claus brought wonderful gifts for all of the children. The smiles on the children’s faces proved that this was a most enjoyable event.

Fort Dearborn member, Mickey Rhode selected the gifts. Once again she did a wonderful job in making a Christmas party for all to remember.

Submitted by Nicole Covelli

Youth consumers prefer some brick-and-mortar stores

Those darn kids are using the Internet for everything these days, right? Well, maybe not. A survey of young adults 18-25 found that, at least when clothes are the subject, retail is preferable to online. LIM College, which specializes in the study of business and fashion, found in its survey that 68 percent of 18- to 25-year-olds prefer shopping for clothes and shoes in actual stores over ordering them online.

They’re still using the Internet to gather information on products and prices, and 66 percent say they like to think their purchase over before buying instead of making a snap decision.
YORKTOWNE COUNCIL HOLIDAY PARTY

On December 17, 2011 Yorktowne Council #2194 held its annual Holiday Party for the Junior members, their families and other guests.

The Council had 13 Juniors and 21 adults in attendance. The festivities were held in the Mt. Zion Fellowship Hall. Church group members served us a fine luncheon at noon. Following the lunch, a group of 20 puppeteers performed a Bible-related program which was enjoyed by young and old. Santa arrived right after the performance, to the delight of the children, bringing gifts and fruit. Everyone appreciated the gifts from the Junior Department and Yorktowne Council. Door prizes were won by 6 adults.

The party ended at 3:00 p.m. with exchanges of holiday wishes.

Submitted by Herb Chronister

NEW YORK JUNIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

The New York Junior Christmas party was held at the Knights of Columbus Country Club in the Bronx. There were forty-five adults and thirty-eight juniors in attendance. The Adults Holiday Party was held at Juliano’s in New Rochelle, NY on December 10th.

Both events had a great turnout with members and their guests enjoying themselves.
DON’T LET TECHNOLOGY RULE YOUR HOUSEHOLD

In the good old days, all parents had to worry about was TV. In the 21st century, you’ve got to worry about texting, cell phones, Skype, the Internet, and other kinds of technology that kids are using. Don’t freak out. Here’s some basic advice for managing technology and your children:

• **Create a contract.** Work with your children on an agreement spelling out some good rules for Internet use (including all other forms of communication, like cell phones). “No bullying on Facebook” might be a good place to start. Let kids know you’ll be monitoring them.

• **Establish a curfew.** Make a rule about shutting down computers and other electronics for the night at 8:30 or 9:15 so they don’t keep your kids up late.

• **Discourage texting in the passenger seat.** You can have some good conversations with your children while you’re driving, as long as they’re not holding another chat with their friends via cell phone.

• **Have a tech-free day.** Make Friday night a family night where no technology is allowed. This will remind your kids that they can relax and have fun without a computer.

The warmer weather indicates that summer is on the way! With summer almost near, it is time for councils and jurisdictions to begin planning their activities for Juniors during the summer vacation time.

Picnics and swimming parties have been the most popular activities in former years, but some councils have been sponsoring a variety of activities for their Juniors, such as excursions to see shows at theaters for children, trips to the zoo, a visit to “please touch museums for children and teens;” and a morning at the aquarium followed by lunch.

Please be sure to let me know what your Juniors will be doing and have been doing, as this is one way to evaluate our effectiveness with Juniors.

Remember that there are gifts available for all participating Juniors, so be sure to order the gifts for your juniors real soon. Inviting, young people who are not members is a way of recruiting new membership for our fraternal order.

Speaking of summer activities, I sure hope that I will see a good number of our juniors at the Supreme Council Session in Atlantic City, New Jersey. What fun it will be on the Atlantic City boardwalk, enjoying all the amusements (free pass to all attending Juniors), having a great time on the beach, riding the ocean waves, swimming and wading in the pool at Resorts, and joining in the games and contests with their great prizes. Encourage the Juniors in your jurisdiction to attend, as a youthful presence is always an asset. It is also very important for our young people to become familiar with the workings of the Royal Arcanum at a young age. Younger blood and youthful ideas are needed!

by Dr. Herb Snyder, Director of Juniors

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

by Dr. Herb Snyder, Director of Juniors
## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2011

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<td>Provisions for refunds payable in the following year -</td>
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<td>not yet apportioned</td>
<td>175,000</td>
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<td>Premiums paid in advance</td>
<td>153,928</td>
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<td>Interest Maintenance Reserve</td>
<td>101,837</td>
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<td>General expenses due or accrued</td>
<td>10,473</td>
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<td>Asset Valuation Reserve</td>
<td>901,183</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aggregate write-ins for other liabilities</td>
<td>329,771</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unassigned funds (Surplus)</td>
<td>14,458,681</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$97,763,473</strong></td>
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The Society's valuation indicates that on the bases specified above, the future assessments of the Society at the net rates then being collected, together with the admitted assets as they appeared in the Society's 2011 annual statement, were sufficient to meet all certificates as they mature by their terms with a surplus of $14,458,681 (or 17.36%) above the statutory standards.

Ratios of assets to liabilities: 2011-117.36%; 2010-119.42%; 2009-118.03%; 2008-121.58%; 2007-129.94%.

John D. Crisanti  
Supreme Treasurer
JUNIOR PUZZLES

CAN YOU FILL IN THE MISSING WORDS? THEY ARE ALL NURSERY RHYMES

1. _____   ______________________   _______________      WENT TO THE _______________.
2. __________________    __________________SAT ON THE _____________________________.
3. ROCK-A-BYE ________________________ON THE _________________________________.
4. JACK AND ________________WENT UP THE _________________.
5. MARY HAD A _______________LAMB ITS FLEECE WAS AS WHITE AS ________________
6. ________________________FALLING _________________.
7. LITTLE ________BLUE COME BLOW YOUR _________________
8. A ________________A ________________A GREEN AND YELLOW _________________.
9. _________BLIND _________________.
10. DO YOU KNOW THE _________________MAN?
11. GEORGE _______________ PUDDING AND _________________.
12. HEY ________________THE CAT AND THE _________________.
13. HICKORY ________________ THE ______________ RAN UP THE _________________.
14. ________________ ______________ DUMPLING MY SON _________________.
15. I _________________. YOU _________________ WE ALL ______________ FOR _______ _______.

JUNIOR CONTEST RULES

Our rules provide that a Junior can win only one prize per issue of the Bulletin. Members from the same family must submit answers to different 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 will earn a $10.00 award from the Royal Arcanum

Junior Must Submit:

Name _______________________

Age _______________________

Council _______________________

PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, ROYAL ARCANUM,
61 BATTERYMARCH ST., BOSTON, MA 02110-3208
HAPPY 135TH BIRTHDAY

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PAT@BLUEDOGUNLIMITED.COM
Come join us at the Resorts Hotel & Casino

Cost per person | Occupancy | Points for Free Trip
-----------------|-----------|---------------------
U.S. / Canadian | Double | 650 pts / 650 pts
$455 / $455 | Single | 654 pts / 654 pts
$675 / $675 | Triple | 564 pts / 564 pts
$395 / $395

Please enter my reservation for the 2012 Supreme Council Session at the Resorts Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey on Sunday, August 12th to Friday, August 17, 2012.

My party will consist of the following persons: (type or print only)

M______________________________________________ Council No. ____________
Address _______________________________________________________________
Spouse (please enter first name)____________________________________________
Children (enter names & ages)______________________________________________

[ ] double room for ___ adults [ ] king-size bed [ ] double queen beds
[ ] single room [ ] king-size bed [ ] double queen beds
[ ] third person in room

Have you earned a prize trip? [ ] Yes [ ] No [ ] No. of trips _________
Arrival date__________________________ Departure Date______________________
Signature ___________________________________________ Date_______________

Package includes: Hospitality party and dinner on Sunday 8/12, hospitality party and formal banquet on Tuesday 8/14, breakfast on Wednesday morning 8/15, hospitality party and dinner on Thursday 8/16. Smoke-Free Hotel

IMPORTANT: Home address of individuals with different names must be supplied. Guest rooms will be available after 3 pm on Sunday, August 12, 2012; Departures will be on Friday, August 17, 2012. A Deposit of $50.00 is required with each reservation.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROYAL ARCANUM
Mail to Supreme Treasurer John Crisanti
Royal Arcanum, 61 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA 02110

RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1, 2012 – NO EXCEPTIONS! ! ! !
Royal Arcanum was founded in Boston on the evening of June 23, 1877. As yellow flames of oil lamps appeared through the front windows of Dr. James Darius Wilson’s home at 1066 Washington Street, eight men passed through the doorway to be greeted by their host. Dr. Wilson welcomed them saying, “Gentlemen, you have been invited here to participate in the birth of a new fraternal beneficiary society. It will be different from all others.” The Royal Arcanum came to be and we’re now approaching 135 years of fraternal service!

After the American Civil War, there was an economic disaster for the young country and hard times, including two major depressions. Hard times bring people together and in the later part of the 19th Century, they came together in the Lodge System (councils). By 1900, nearly five million people belonged to fraternal organizations. The common factor of virtually all these organizations was that they provided life insurance for their members. Life insurance from commercial insurance companies was available only for the well-to-do and beyond the economic reach of the average working man. Fraternal benefit societies met the needs of the common man. They began by assessing each member a small fee and upon the death of a member, his family would receive a death benefit of about $500-$2000. The fee was the same, regardless of the age of the insured. The insurance was usually enough to pay off the mortgage and perhaps support the family for awhile.

Dr. Wilson had an innovative concept termed “graded assessments”, meaning a different premium (amount) would be assigned to each age when applying for membership. The applicant would also be required to answer some medical questions. For instance, an 18 year-old and a 50 year-old would pay different premiums. The idea was well received and the Royal Arcanum was forging the “Pathway to the Future” with this new plan.

Dr. Wilson, our founder, was born June 26, 1838 and left his home at an early age and eventually graduated from Philadelphia University Medical School in 1865. He practiced medicine in Kentucky and was an active fraternalist. After he moved to Boston he became involved with another fraternal that declined to adopt the graded assessment scale. This inspired Dr. Wilson to plan the Royal Arcanum on sound business principles, following the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. After serving as our first Supreme Regent, he continued in the position of Medical Examiner. His last attendance was at the 44th Supreme Council Session held in Niagara Falls, Ontario in 1921 when he was honored as the sole living incorporator. He died in 1926.

Today the Royal Arcanum is a modern and well-managed organization with nearly 100 million dollars in assets and more than 14.5 million dollars in surplus. Our greatest pride is our fraternalists, representing over 25,000 members throughout the United States and Canada.

Please consider inviting your family and friends to become members of the Royal Arcanum as we celebrate our society’s 135th anniversary this year! Call the Home Office 1-888-ARCANUM for information and assistance.

Fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kolek
Supreme Secretary
COME JOIN US IN
Atlantic City, New Jersey
from Sunday, August 12 to
Friday, August 17, 2012 for the

101st Supreme
Council Session