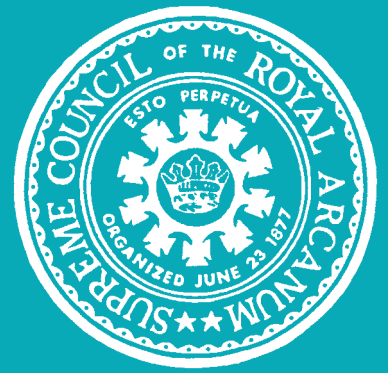


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Royal Arcanum members standing on the 1980 Olympics Podium

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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Carol Zavitz - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters

Wow! I can't believe that in my last message I was wishing everyone Happy Holidays. Well they have come and gone and we are anticipating the beginning of spring. Time never stands still. With time passing so quickly this just may be the right opportunity to start you and your family on the "Pathway to the Future II". Royal Arcanum has a variety of great products to get you started. Our "20 Pay Life Plan" gives juniors not only life protection but also a chance to apply for scholarships and loans. We offer annuities for both juniors and adults starting for as little as \$500.00 with 3.50% interest for the first year. You can add to this amount monthly or yearly if you so desire. So you see, it is quite easy to start on your "Pathway to the Future II".

My thanks are extended to those Deputy Supreme Regents and Grand Regents who stood in for me and presented my program in the jurisdictions that I was unable to attend this year.

My condolences to all the families who have lost loved ones since the last publishing of the Bulletin. Many thanks to the Junior Director and Fraternal Director for their continued hard work in the interest of our members.

As you know our Session this year will be at the Resorts Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey from Sunday, August 12th to Friday, August 17th. Hope to see everyone there as a great time is in store for the whole family.

In closing, I wish everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Fraternally yours in V.M.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Zavitz".

Carol Zavitz
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

Wow! Je ne peux pas croire que lors de mon dernier message je souhaitais à tous de Joyeuses Fêtes. Bien, elles sont venues et parties et nous anticipons la venue du printemps. Le temps ne demeure jamais inactif. Avec le temps qui passe si vite, il se pourrait que ce soit la bonne occasion de débiter, vous et votre famille, sur le "SENTIER VERS L'AVENIR II". Le Royal Arcanum possède une variété de bons produits pour débiter. Notre "Plan Vie 20 paiements" donne aux juniors non seulement une protection sur la vie mais aussi une chance d'appliquer pour une bourse d'étude et un prêt. Nous offrons des rentes pour juniors et adultes débutant avec aussi peu que \$500.00 à 3.50% d'intérêt pour la première année. Vous pouvez ajouter à ce montant, mensuellement ou annuellement, selon ce que vous désirez. Comme vous le voyez, il est très facile de débiter sur votre "SENTIER VERS L'AVENIR II".

Mes remerciements s'étendent à ces Députés du Régent Suprême et les Grands Régents qui m'ont remplacée et qui ont présenté mon programme dans les juridictions auxquelles je ne pouvais assister cette année.

Mes condoléances à toutes les familles qui ont perdu des êtres chers depuis la dernière publication du bulletin. Mes remerciements au Directeur des juniors et le Directeur Fraternel pour leur dur travail continu dans l'intérêt de nos membres.

Comme vous le savez notre Session cette année se tiendra au Resorts Hotel, à Atlantic City, au New Jersey, du dimanche 12 août au vendredi 17 août. J'espère tous vous rencontrer car il y aura de grands moments en réserve pour toute la famille.

En terminant, je souhaite à tous de Joyeuses Pâques et Passover.

Fraternellement vôtre en V.M.C.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol A. Zavitz".

Carol Zavitz
Régente Suprême

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Members of Pawtucket Council #537 of Rhode Island are left to right; Nicholas, Zachary and Victoria Gauvin.

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SAN JOSE FOOD DONATION

Toni Lynn and Gene Olson, a young couple in San Jose Council #2384, donated their time and money to buy food for the "Food Donation" to go to less fortunate families for the holidays. After hearing about our "Food Drive", they sprung into Action and took the initiative of buying lots of food. Toni Lynn and Gene exemplify the greatness in "young people" of today.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



Toni Lynn and Gene Olson.

ANNUAL PICNIC / JUNIOR EVENT

San Jose Council #2384 held its annual picnic on September 18th at Rainbow Park in San Jose, CA. There were 40 members (adults and Juniors) in attendance. Everyone enjoyed an Italian



sausage luncheon, with all the trimmings. Games and prizes were available to both adults and Juniors. Royal Arcanum gifts, were distributed to all Juniors in attendance.

Food was also collected as a donation to the Sacred Heart Food Bank in San Jose. Everyone had a great time, enjoying the great California weather and fraternalism of our members in San Jose.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



Above: Cooks, Jim O'Neill and Edd Enfantino cooking the Italian Sausage.

Below: Members and Guests enjoying the fraternalism, California sunshine and the picnic.



SAN JOSE JUNIORS CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

San Jose Council hosted it's annual Junior Christmas Party on December 1, 2011 at St. Martin's Community Hall in San Jose. This is our traditional Junior party featuring hot dogs and all the trimmings. Thanks to cooks Joe Riolo and Council Orator Joanie Francis for their efforts. There were fifty members in attendance, including ten juniors, who enjoyed the dinner and fraternalism of our Royal Arcanum Family.



Donations were also collected for local Senior Residences in the area, and toys for the Sacred Heart Community Center of San Jose.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill and Joanie Francis



Above: Photos of the members enjoying the Christmas Party.



Left: Junior members at the annual Christmas Party.

Right: San Jose Council Orator Joanie Francis and Past Regent Alice Mangano delivering toys to Sacred Heart Community Center.



SAN JOSE COUNCIL DONATES TO CARMELITE MONASTERY

Members of San Jose Council #2384 traveled to Santa Clara, California to deliver their yearly donations of food to the Nuns at the Carmelite Monastery. This is a tradition that San Jose Council has performed for many years; it is in memory of our good friend and Past Grand Regent Paul

Ferro. Everyone had an enjoyable time and warm hearts, knowing that these Nuns would have special treats and goodies throughout the coming year. The Monastery has been in existence for over 100 years.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



Left to right, Edd Enfantino, Regent Jim O'Neill, Sister Dolores and Judy Enfantino.

LOS ANGELES COUNCIL ESTABLISHED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Regent
Vice Regent
Sitting Past Regent
Orator
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Michael Gonzales
Mon Gonzales
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Jeffrey Jamandron
Perlita Battung

Los Angeles Council #1489 was recently established in the South California area.

On November 15th, officers, members and guests attended a luncheon/business meeting at the Embassy Suites in Glendale, California. Past Supreme Regent/Planning Director James O'Neill presided and installed the new officers of Los Angeles Council. Various aspects of the history and fraternalism of the Royal Arcanum were discussed and the officers are ready to promote the Royal Arcanum within the

heavily populated communities of Southern California.

A special thanks to Council Orator Marissa Parker, who coordinated the luncheon, and to Regent Ted Lim and Vice Regent Mario Gonzales for their efforts so that Los Angeles Council would become a reality. The council is very energetic and willing to perform fraternal and charitable activities in their community.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



Los Angeles Council members at the Embassy Suites luncheon/meeting.



Regent Ted Lim being congratulated by Planning Director Jim O'Neill.



Vice Regent Mario Gonzales, Planning Director Jim O'Neill and Orator Marissa Parker.



Vice Regent Mario Gonzales, Orator Marissa Parker and Regent Ted Lim.



Officers of Los Angeles Council #1489 and Planning Director Jim O'Neill.

Right: Los Angeles Council enjoying the luncheon and installation of officers.



Ladies of Los Angeles Council #1489.

CALIFORNIA NEWS

A TIME OF GIVING

Throughout the year and especially during the Holiday Season, San Jose Council helps the homeless and the needy in the San Jose area.

Orator Joanie Francis along with her grandson Nicholas Gore purchased turkeys for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Orator Francis and Regent O'Neill donated the food to the Santa Teresa Parish Youth Pantry on behalf of San Jose Council.

Charity begins at home and makes the year a little happier for those less fortunate.

Submitted by Jim O'Neill



Orator Joanie Francis and Regent Jim O'Neill donating food to Santa Teresa Parish Youth Pantry.



Nicholas Gore and "grammy" Joanie Francis delivering turkeys to Second Harvest Food Bank.

GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

DINNER WITH PENNSYLVANIA'S GERMANTOWN COUNCIL

Grand Regent of Pennsylvania, Joseph Tedesco, made a visitation to Germantown Council on Thursday, October 13, 2011. Accompanying Joe were Supreme Vice Regent Peter Ferrara and Past Supreme Regent Herbert Snyder.

Nancy Tucker, Regent of Germantown Council, welcomed everyone to the council's dinner meeting at Otto's Brauhaus in Horsham, Pennsylvania.

After dinner, Orator Gale Weir, introduced the Grand Regent who pre-



Pictured standing left to right are Peter Ferrara, Joseph Tedesco, Gail Weir, Herb Snyder, Bob Tucker, Nancy Tucker, and Linda Malizia. Seated left to right are Herman Paul, Charles Crawford, Joyce Crawford, and Barbara Fisher.

sented his program to the members in attendance. At the business part of the meeting, the council decided to make a charitable donation to Fox SubAcute Center.

Others in attendance, in addition to those introduced, were Past Supreme Regent Joyce Crawford and husband Charles, Bob Tucker, Barbara Fisher, Linda Malizia, and Herman Paul.

Submitted by Herb Snyder

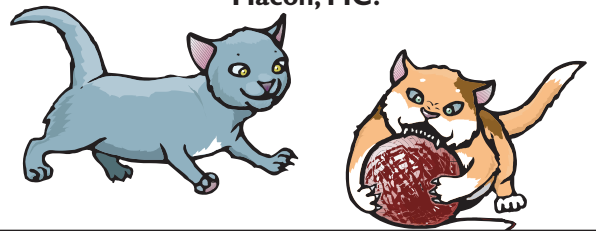
BAYONNE COUNCIL'S INTERNATIONAL FRATERNAL SERVICE PROJECT:

In November the members of Bayonne Council #695 conducted their annual fraternal service project for the Bayonne Feral Cat Foundation. A one thousand dollar monetary donation on behalf of Bayonne Council and the Supreme Council was presented to Kathleen Henderson, President of the volunteer organization. The foundation's mission of service in finding adoptive homes, furnishing veterinary services and the caring for cats and kittens is provided solely by volunteers. The Bayonne members were inspired

by the commendable volunteerism of Mrs. Henderson and her dedicated helpers in finding friendly homes for the felines. Bayonne and Versatility Councils and the New Jersey Grand Council have actively supported the foundation and its work. Mrs. Henderson thanked the Royal Arcanum for their consideration in selecting the foundation as the recipient of the IFS donation and for their ongoing generosity and assistance. In fact one of our members, Sister Evie Kruza, through the friendship of the foundation volunteers, adopted "Shadow" in Bayonne and is now living comfy and cozy in sunny Florida with Evie!



Kathleen Henderson is shown accepting the IFS donation from Bayonne Council Officers, Treasurer Robert Galdon, Regent Chester Hempel and NJ Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC.



Submitted by Cindy Macon

VERSATILITY'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Members of Versatility Council #2501 in Bayonne,

New Jersey had a busy autumn and early winter season by sponsoring or participating in several volunteer projects for community support, locally and at-large. Several hundred pounds of savings' coupons were prepared and sent to military families stationed in the US and throughout Europe. Mary Koval has been the chairperson of this volunteer effort. The council was pleased to welcome members of the OLMC Altar Society who are "lending their hands" for this ongoing project for our service men and women.

The ladies coordinated a success-

ful "mitten and muffler" project for shelters for the needy in Hudson County. Sisters Evie Kruza and Gen Macon organized the program that was "topped off" with a sleigh full of winter gear accessories donated by the members at their annual Christmas holiday gathering.

Submitted by Cindy Macon

Below: The clipping crew hard at work for the initial processing of the coupons.



Above: Versatility Council's Community Welfare Committee at one of the 'Helping Hands Warm Hearts' table of winter accessory gifts for local charities.



SUPREME REGENT VISITATION

It wasn't falling leaves that blanketed the Supreme Regent's pathway to New Jersey on October 30th, but mounds of snowdrifts and falling icicles as an unusual autumn blizzard hit the region that weekend. The severe weather caused power outages, falling trees and closed roadways, but a fine group of Arcanian fraternalists managed to brave the harsh elements to greet Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz at Melanie's Caterers in Bayonne. Also welcomed to the festivities were Supreme Vice Regent Peter Ferrara, Past Supreme Regent and Junior Director Herbert Snyder and General Counsel Paul D'Emilio. The group greeted Association of the Sons of Poland representatives who included President Frank Knurowski and his wife Irene and Director Dayle Vander Sande.

The Supreme Regent was happy to introduce the "Pathway to the Future II" edition of her campaign to the assemblage, focusing on the highlights of our products, programs and fraternal benefits. She was especially pleased to recognize the councils for their dedication in promoting our organization through community outreach, volunteerism and charitable projects. She was pleased to present Grand Committeeman Victor Lindberg with his 55-year veteran's pin and Supreme Auditor Joseph R. Macon, FICF with his 45 year veteran's pin, expressing her appreciation for their service and commitment to our fraternal benefit society.

The event's community gifting project was sponsored for the Bayonne Cluster Soup Kitchen. Coordinators for the "Soup-er Sunday", Raeann Hempel and Stella Rakowski spoke about the rising number of individuals and families in need in the community and offered their thanks to everyone for their generosity in helping support the food pantry conducted at OLA parish.

A gift of appreciation on behalf of the New Jersey members was presented by Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon to Supreme Regent Zavitz, along with heartfelt wishes for a memorable year of healthy and happy travels.

Door prizes and earth-friendly useful gifts to trek the pathway in 2012 were compliments of the Supreme Regent and gladly received by the attendees. A delicious dinner and desserts were enjoyed as members and friends enjoyed the camaraderie of the Arcanian family in a warm and festive atmosphere! However all good times come to a close and although it was trick-or-treat season on the calendar, there were more folks dressed like Frosty the Snowman for the venture home, making this Supreme Regent's visit one for the record books!



Past Grand Regents of New Jersey and Pennsylvania greet Supreme Regent Zavitz in Bayonne. Left to right: Herb Snyder, Gen Macon, Stella Rakowski, Carol Zavitz, Joseph Macon, Peter Ferrara and Paul D'Emilio. Behind the camera lens was Cindy Macon.



Supreme Regent Zavitz congratulates door prize winners Helen Kopacz, Evie Kruza, Gen Macon and Peter Ferrara.



Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz thanked Sons of Poland Officers Frank Knurowski, Irene Knurowski and Dayle Vander Sande for their support to the Arcanian fraternal activities and projects.



Victor Lindberg and Joseph Macon accept their veteran's pins from Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz.



LUNCH WITH SANTA IN BAYONNE

On Saturday December 3rd, 2011 sleigh bells were ringing and carolers were singing as the families of Bayonne and Versatility Councils gathered at the Bayonne Vietnam Veterans' of America Post Hall for their annual Christmas celebration. This was truly the year when new friends were welcomed and old friendships were renewed. Several newborns and infants had their very first glimpse of Santa and were greeted as our newest juniors. For others, such as our former juniors (who attended the council gatherings about 40 years ago), this party was like a class or family reunion where they had the chance to reminisce about the celebrations of the 70's and at the same time introduce their new family members to Arcanian hospitality. What a great way to welcome in the holidays!

The Orator and Junior Committees provided a fun and festive time for all the generations while Santa's North Pole crew entertained the youngsters. New Jersey Grand Regent Richard Macon conveyed his best wishes for a wonderful holiday and Clara Petlik and Chester Hempel, Regents of the councils, extended greetings for a merry and memorable Christmas.

Before long the sound of reindeer hooves were heard atop the roof and with the jingle of the bells and the twinkling of the tree lights, the jolly fellow in red magically appeared from Mrs. Claus' kitchen. He had a sack load of gifts for all, plus adorable plush puppies sent from Junior Director Herb Snyder to fill the stockings.

It was a delightful event where friendship and good cheer were bountiful! With an exchange of warm wishes amongst all, Santa Claus was on his way to a busy and happy holiday season!

Submitted by Raeann Hempel



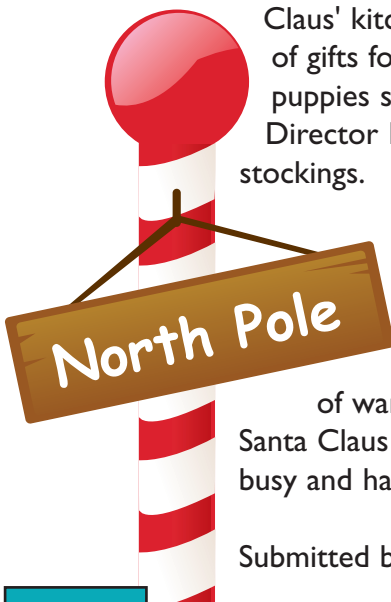
The Richvalsky Family, a 100% Arcanian Family of Bayonne and Versatility Councils recently moved back to New Jersey and joined the Christmas celebration. They were welcomed by NJ Grand Regent Richard Macon and Past Grand Regent Robert Galdon.



Committee Members in Bayonne who helped set up Santa's workshop.



Junior winners greet Santa Claus (Regent Chester Hempel) in Bayonne.



RHODODENDRON FRATERNAL PROJECT

Harley and Judy Sampson and Regent Lucy Lance presented a check on behalf of Rhododendron Council #701 to Regional Chief Executive Officer Patrick Fitzsimmons of American Red Cross for Disaster Relief. This was good timing because the very next day the Asheville Chapter of the Red Cross was dispatched to the coast to assist with victims of flooding due to Hurricane Irene.



JULY 4TH

On July 4th, Noah Miller, great-grandson of Regent Lucy Lance, placed flags on the grave of his great-great-great grandfather, James Payne, who was a Union Civil War Veteran.



HONORING PAST REGENTS

Past Regents of Rhododendron Council were honored with a dinner at Happy Hills Restaurant. Pictured are, seated, left to right; Margie Morris, Jean Donati, Jane Merrill and Lucy Lance; standing, June Roberts, Lisa McDonald, Jim Donati, Judy and Harley Sampson and Joe Merrill.



NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

Newly elected officers of Rhododendron Council #701 are, left to right, Secretary Lisa McDonald, Treasurer Joe Merrill, Regent Lucy Lance and Vice Regent Judy Sampson.



JUNIOR MEMBERS AT MEETING

Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz, Deputy Supreme Regent Tom Bayliss, and Grand Regent Debbie Young are surrounded by the Juniors from Coronation Council.

From (L-R) Crystal Senech with baby daughter Savannah, Debbie Young, Sarah Bayliss, Carol Zavitz with grandson Brayden Baradel, Ben Bayliss, Heather Mullins holding her son Liam Mullins and Tom Bayliss in back row.



FRATERNAL AWARD PRESENTED

The Fraternal Excellence Award given to Virginia Lauzon at the Mini-Vacation in San Antonio was presented to her by Deputy Supreme Regent Tom Bayliss, who praised Virginia for all the work and time she spends contributing to the community.

Virginia Lauzon accepting her Fraternal Award from Deputy Supreme Regent Tom Bayliss.



SUPREME REGENT PRESENTATION

Members of Coronation Council met on October 15th to welcome Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz. Carol has a special place here, this is where she began and worked her way up and honored us by becoming Supreme Regent. We listened intently as she delivered her program and inspired us to promote fraternalism and encouraged us to bring in new members.



Grand Regent Debbie Young presented a bouquet of flowers to the Supreme Regent.



Door prize winners, left to right, (L-R) Andrew Senech, Ron Lauzon, Virginia Lauzon, Dorothy Brodison and Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz.

GRAND COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Grand Council members decided in June to participate in a food drive for a local charity called Well-Come Centre. This organization offers a place for homeless females to stay for a few weeks until they can get on with their lives. We know how desperate these people are around Thanksgiving. Over the course of four months we gathered all the sale items and coupons from the local stores and were able to increase our donation substantially.



Pictured: The Grand Council purchased \$300 worth of non-perishable food and presented a check of \$200 for the purchase of turkeys and dairy products. Members participating were, Tom and Sharon Bayliss, Morgan and Debra Young, James Mulhearon, Gloria Donaldson, Virginia Lauzon, and Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz.



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SUPREME REGENT VISITS QUEBEC JURISDICTION

On Friday, November 18, 2011, Supreme Regent, Carol Zavitz, visited the Members of Quebec Jurisdiction. On this occasion, the Supreme Regent presented her "PATHWAY TO THE FUTURE II" program for 2011 – 2012.

The presentation was held at LANNY's Restaurant in Montreal. Sister Zavitz received a warm welcome from the members. Deputy Supreme Regent Gilles Bedard welcomed everyone and introduced Carol.

After dinner, the Supreme Regent presented her program and said that she appreciated seeing so many members in attendance. Volunteer Work is a must if we want our Society to be suc-

cessful. Carol explained the insurance plans available plus the benefits of purchasing annuities.

Also mentioned was that the Royal Arcanum is one of the leading Fraternities existing in Canada and the United States. She asked us to enroll new members from among our families and friends.

Door prizes were won by Gertrude Le Guerrier, Micheline Talbot, Michel Michaud and Maurice La Rivière.

Everyone left happy and promised to make the effort to bring new members to increase our ranks.

Submitted by Gilles Bedard

Pictured right: The members enjoying the dinner meeting.

Photo de droite: les membres auront la réunion dîner.



La Régente Suprême recevant de Gérard Pelletier un cadeau qu'il a fabriqué de ses mains.

The Supreme Regent receiving from Gerard Pelletier a gift that he had crafted.



La Grande Régente, Jacqueline Bedard, La Régente Suprême, Carol Zavitz et le Délégué de la Régente Suprême, Gilles Bédard.

The Grand Regent, the Supreme Regent and the Deputy Supreme Regent.

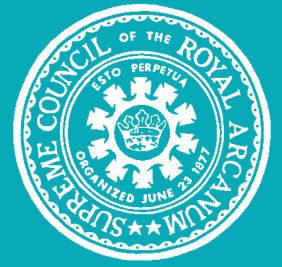


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SUPREME REGENT VISITS RHODE ISLAND

On Saturday, November 19, 2011, Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz was greeted by Royal Arcanum members at the Hose Company No. 6 Restaurant in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

Grand Regent Karen Lockaby opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asked the membership to recite the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag and to sing the American and Canadian National Anthems. The invocation was given by Brother Joe Bruzzi. Karen then introduced Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz, Supreme Secretary Kenneth Kolek and Past Grand Regents Joseph Bruzzi and Judith Kolek.

After everyone enjoyed a family-style dinner, the Supreme Regent, Carol, presented her program "Pathway to the Future II". She spoke about our insurance and annuity products and particularly

about the new 135th Anniversary Special Insurance offer that will be sent to qualified members. Carol mentioned that our annuities pay a high interest rate compared to banks and that now would be a good time to purchase one. Carol also encouraged those in attendance to attend Royal Arcanum's 101st Supreme Council Session in exciting Atlantic City, New Jersey from Sunday, August 12 to Friday, August 17, 2012.

In closing, Karen thanked everyone for attending and expressed gratitude to those who made donations to the Rhode Island Food Bank. She also extended Season's greetings and good wishes for the holidays. All attendees received gifts from the Supreme Regent and the Grand Regent.

Submitted by Judy Kolek



Left to right, Karen Lockaby, Carol Zavitz, Ken and Judy Kolek.



Pictured left to right, Janet Emery, Albert Germain, Carol Zavitz, Walter Zuba, Clarita Lepine, Ken Kolek, Karen Lockaby and Joseph Bruzzi.

TIME FOR A COFFEE INTERVENTION?

Are you drinking your share of coffee?

According to data compiled by the website FreeInsuranceQuotes.net, Americans, Canadians, and British residents consume an average of 200 mgs of caffeine a day (about eight cups), mostly from coffee and tea. The worldwide average daily consumption is just 76 mgs. But Scandinavians have us beat: they drink an average of 400 mgs a day (probably because of the long winters).

Caffeine, it should be noted, can take up residence in your system for up to seven hours, and it has been linked to such health problems as insomnia, breathing problems, and dizziness.



RHODE ISLAND MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY

It was the week before Halloween and many Pawtucket Council Juniors were busy decorating pumpkins in preparation for their "Make a Difference Day" project.

On October 30th, those colorful pumpkins, some funny, some scary, were ready to be given to the residents of Summit Commons Nursing and



Nell Asbrand, Victoria, Nicholas and Zachary Gauvin, Tyler, Judy Lynn and Jessica Kolek, Kaitlyn Lockaby. All surrounding resident Gert Patenaude, Great Grandmother of the Gauvin children.

Rehabilitation Center in Providence, RI. The vampire and fireman arrived. Alice in Wonderland came with the camouflaged sniper. Freddie Kruger was accompanied by the Candy Corn Witch and the princess was followed by the basketball star and Uncle Sam. The costumed children definitely "Made a Difference" that afternoon as they distributed pumpkins to the delighted recipients.



**Summit Commons Nursing Home. Pictured, Row 1 - Jacob and Jessica Kolek
Row 2 - Rich and Nicholas Gauvin, Tyler and Judy Lynn Kolek, Kaitlyn Lockaby, Nell Asbrand, Lisa Kolek
Row 3 - Ken Kolek, Sandy Gauvin, Lynn Kolek, Zachary Gauvin, Judy Kolek, Karen Lockaby.**

FRATERNALISTS VOLUNTEER IN ILLINOIS

Florence Wire and JoAnn Serpico of Medora Council have been actively volunteering with the Italian American Women's Organization and are very instrumental in the fundraising events sponsored by the group to support charitable causes. Recently they served on the committee for the organization's annual fashion show which welcomed 690 guests at Drury Lane in Oak Brook. The function was held to benefit the "One Step at a Time" Foundation, a Wisconsin camp sponsored for children afflicted with cancer.



Florence Wire and Jackie Mazza, President of the Italian American Women's Organization.

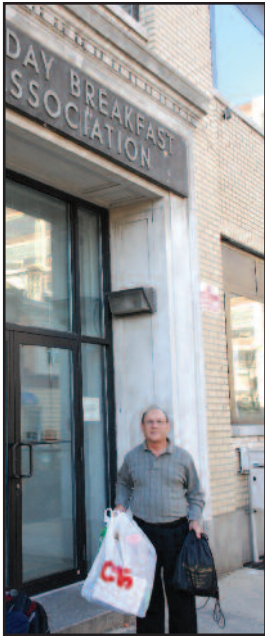
Over \$20,000 was raised at the fashion show, with a total of more than \$140,000 being donated by the women's organization in recent years. It's very moving to listen to the courageous children who have attended the camp speak about their life's experiences, happy memories

of the camp and most especially to offer their "THANK YOUs" to the volunteers of the ladies' organization for their ongoing care and support.

Florence Wire is pleased to serve on the Grand Raffle committee and JoAnn Serpico is Chairperson of this committee. The members of the organization pledge their continued commitment to assisting charities such as the children's camp to shower some joy and sunshine to the children battling cancer and other related illnesses. This is a wonderful example of the positive difference our fraternalists make in their hometown communities.

Submitted by William Wire

INTEGRITY COUNCIL



Donation to Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission of pies and gifts.

As the holidays approached this year, many charities were feeling the hurt from these difficult economic times. Joe and Joan Tedesco of Integrity Council were able to find a way to help two charities with one donation. MANNA is an organization that helps to feed people who are suffering from life-threatening illnesses in the Philadelphia area. Their biggest fund raiser of the year is PIE IN THE SKY, in which they sell pies to help raise money to feed their clients. The Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission has been in existence since 1878 and feeds the homeless three meals a day every day of the week. With one of the many charitable donations made

by Integrity Council this year, 22 pies were purchased from MANNA and donated to Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission. They were able to supply half of the total number of pies needed for Thanksgiving dinner this year. The Mission also benefitted from our donations of shampoo, soap, toothpaste, and other toiletries which were needed to make up individual gift bags for those who had



Christmas dinner there. Both organizations were very grateful for our continued support of their efforts to make the holidays a little brighter for those in need.



Donation to Manna from Integrity for their Pie in the Sky fundraiser.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT SIGNUP



**61st RA/LDS National Bowling Tournament
May 18 and 19, 2012
Pittsburgh, Pa.**



Bowling: Noble Manor Lanes, 2440 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15205 - Phone 412 922 4622
Singles and Doubles Events, May 18 at 2 and 7 PM
Team Event, May 19 at 11 AM
\$19 per person per event

Hotel: Clarion Hotel & Conference Center - 401 Holiday Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220 - Phone 412 922 8100
www.clarionpittsburgh.com
Price \$79 plus tax per room

Bash: Saturday, May 19, 2012 - 7 PM
Heidelberg Fire Hall - First Street, Heidelberg, PA. 15106
Awards Banquet and Bash
Free to all RA/LDS members
\$30 for non members

For any additional information contact Tom Slimak at (412) 771 0994 or by email - motnaj@hotmail.com or you can contact Paul Bell at (412) 331 3913

REFLECTIONS ON THE WINTER BLAHS AND BLUES

How are we feeling this winter and where are we spending our time? Many people do get the “winter blahs and blues,” feeling listless, and lacking energy in the colder season of the year. Some individuals dislike the cold weather so much that they “winter” in warmer climates such as Florida to avoid the dull dark days of the season with its ice and snow.

It is a fairly established fact that SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder), also known as winter depression, does set in for many people in the cold winter. SAD was officially named and systematically categorized at the National Institute of Mental Health by Norman E. Rosenthal, M.D., as he searched for a scientific reason for his own winter depression. A book by Dr. Rosenthal, “Winter Blues,” explains this type of depression in vivid detail. The symptoms of SAD are difficulty waking up in the morning, lack of energy, a craving for carbohydrates, weight gain, withdrawal from social circles, and a feeling of hopelessness.



Since it is thought that SAD is brought on by lack of light and sunshine, light therapy is usually engaged as a treat-

ment for this form of depression. In extreme cases, antidepressants are prescribed.

Experts on depression disorders estimate that 9.7 percent of the residents of colder New Hampshire suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder, in comparison to only 1.4 percent of those living in the warmer, sunny Florida. By the way, there is a reason why certain species hibernate in the winter.



Dr. Herb Snyder

A certain amount of “winter blahs and blues” is practically inevitable, but before we jump to conclusions, let's assure ourselves that not everyone who lacks a bit of energy in the cold winter or who would yearn to just lie in bed on a freezing snowy morning is suffering from SAD or winter depression! Whatever our predominant mood in the winter, let's try to claim the season as a time to enjoy some quiet time alone, an opportunity for reflection and relaxation, and a season for getting closer to those who have a special place in our lives.

HEALTH WATCH

Is that old can of paint an environmental time bomb?

If you've got unused paint lying around your workplace (or your home), don't ignore it. Paint can be considered hazardous waste, dangerous to the environment and to the people in it. Storing it safely and disposing of it properly are essential to your employees' or family members' health. Follow these guidelines:

- Seal it tightly. If you don't use all your paint, store it with care. Clean out the rim so the lid fits securely, and tap the lid into place with a hammer. Turn the can upside down so the paint itself forms a seal around the lid. Write the date on the can with a marker.
- Check your location. Store paint cans in a dry area where you can keep track of them. Don't leave paint near a heating source or in bright sunlight—or



anyplace where it might freeze.

- Determine if it's usable. If you're trying to decide whether to use old paint, stir it. If it mixes easily, it's probably fine. Oil-based paint is usually good for up to 15 years; latex paint will remain usable for about 10 years.
- Dry the paint out. If you have only a small amount of paint left over and you can't use it up, dry it out before throwing it away. But first check with your state and local laws on solidifying liquid paint; in some communities, you'll have to take all unused paint to a local hazardous waste center. If it's permissible, leave the can open in a dry, well-ventilated area, preferably outside and away from children or pets. You can use kitty litter to soak up and dry out the remaining liquid. Then discard it along with your trash, with the lid off.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

The Fluegge family enjoying a day at Six Flags Amusement Park in San Antonio, Texas at the Mini-Vacation.



PROSPECT NIGHT

The Grand Council of Missouri held a “Producers Night” at Dave and Buster’s Restaurant. All who attended had a fun night. There were 20 members and 6 prospects. We look forward to having some more activities and increasing our membership.



Holly Fuchs, Lois Freeman, Cliff Fuchs, Jacob Fluegge, and new prospect Greg.

HAWTHORNE COUNCIL FRATERNAL PROJECT

The Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Southern Illinois hosted its annual Camp Roehr at Pere Marquette State Park. Camp Roehr gives young people with epilepsy between the ages of six and eighteen a variety of opportunities to focus on their strengths. With a staff of caring, qualified counselors and medical support personnel, the children are able to make new friends and have a great time in a safe, supportive environment. “High energy” volunteers, camp

counselors, cooks, photographers, certified life guards, and activity enthusiasts participated in the camp.

Jacob Fluegge of Imperial, MO, went for a week and donated his time to help children with epilepsy. While there, he made many new friends and had an experience of a life time. He helped children go on nature trails, build bird houses, make tie-died t-shirts, swim, and played and enjoyed all kinds of games with the children.



Pictured is Jacob Fluegge in one of the cabins at Camp Roehr.



IN MEMORIAM - JOSEPH R. ANTUZZI



The California Jurisdiction sadly reports the passing of Joseph R. Antuzzi on August 13, 2011.

“JR” as he was known, was a true leader and volunteer in the Royal Arcanum. He held the position of

Regent, on several occasions, for his subordinate council, San Jose #2384, and was California Grand Regent from 2001 – 2003.

JR served in the 82nd Airborne during World War II, worked 35 years for Richmond Chase and California Cannery and Growers. Upon his retirement he was a partner at Lord John’s Inn and San Jose Café. JR was an accomplished baseball player and was inducted into the Santa Clara Valley Hall of Fame. He was always there to help and assist others; he enjoyed cooking and volunteered as a chef for numerous council events.

Besides the Royal Arcanum, JR was Past President of the Italian Catholic Federation at his local church, Saint Martins, and was involved in numerous community activities.

JR is survived by his wife of 64 years, Ann, daughter Joanne, son Joseph II and three grandchildren. JR’s energy, humor and dedication to organizations or activities cannot be replaced. San Jose Brothers and Sisters will miss him. May he rest in eternal peace.

GOD MADE US FAMILY

We need one another

We love one another

We forgive one another We work together

We play together

We worship together

Together we use God's word

Together we grow in Christ

Together we love all men.

Together we serve our God

Together we hope for Heaven

These are our hopes and ideals

Help us to attain them, O God

through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

IN MEMORIAM - GERARD M. LEGARE (1918-2011)



Gerard M. Légaré of RA-ACA Dr. Paul J. Fortier Council #52 died on December 5, 2011. He was a graduate of Lewiston High School. During World War II Gerard served in the Army Air Corps. He was assigned to the 401st Bomb Group (B-17) as a Staff Sergeant and was in charge of the 614th Radar Shop. He had been stationed north of London, England. Upon discharge, Gerard worked as a plumbing and heating salesman and engineer for 52 years, retiring at age 80.

Gerard served Dr. Paul J. Fortier Council in many offices, including

president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and auditor. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion and a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus. He had a strong commitment to preserving French-Canadian culture.

He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Julia “Judy.” Surviving are his sons Richard (Debbie) and Thomas (Carol), daughters Beth Mansbridge (Clive), Patrice Raymond (Richard), Therese Banks (Dennis) and many family members.

IN MEMORIAM - RUTH GUGAS (1916-2011)

Ruth Gugas of RA-LDS Detroit Council #21 A died on November 28, 2011. A graduate of Southwestern High School in Detroit, she was a violinist in the school orchestra and member of the French Club.

Ruth was an active member of the LDS, served as secretary of the Detroit Lodge and participated in many of the national bowling tournaments. She and her husband Sevrin worked on the Album Editorial Committee to publish "LDS: The First 50 Years."



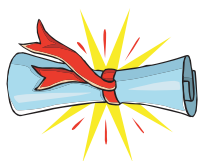
They also enjoyed traveling to Lithuania.

Ruth retired from the Lincoln/Mercury Accounting Division after more than 25 years with Ford Motors where she also performed with the company's chorus.

Surviving are her daughter Patricia Bloodworth and son-in-law George, granddaughters and great grandchildren.

May she rest in peace.

RA/LDS DONATION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Detroit Council #21A made a donation of \$25 to the Royal Arcanum Scholarship Fund in memory of long-time member Ruth Gugas.



ST. ROSAIRE CHRISTMAS PARTY

More than 90 people attended the Royal Arcanum/ACA Council St. Rosaire New Bedford Christmas Party. The Entertainment was provided by Chris Waters who took the audience through time with songs and music. A large number



of prizes were distributed. Members from St. Anne Council also attended the event.

Submitted by Ray Patnaude



Pictured from left to Right Gilbert Pelletier, St. Rosaire Council, Secretary Gilbert Pelissier, Rita Pelissier, and Madeleine St. Pierre all from St. Anne Council.



Pictured is Vice Regent Bill Contois with his Santa Hat.

SCHOONER ESTATES RETIREMENT COMMUNITY RECEIVES A VISIT

The Schooner Estates Retirement Community in Auburn, Maine received a visit recently from council members of Dr. Paul Fortier Council based in the Lewiston/Auburn area in Maine. They participated in the American Heart Association (AHA) fund-raising walk that was held in September 2011. Therese Banks, an officer of the council, walked in memory of a former Schooner employee Candice Langlois who passed away at age 62. Fortier Council sponsored Therese and other council members personally contributed for a total of \$105 to benefit the AHA. Congratulations to the Council.



Pictured left to right are: Terri Belisle, Sue Vachter, Therese Banks, Elizabeth Day and Dianne Day.

HAUT ST JEAN COUNCIL HELPS LOCAL FRENCH ASSOCIATION

This past November, the Haut St Jean Council based in Fort Kent, Maine participated in an auction to benefit the Centre Miskell French Association. The purpose of the auction was to raise funds in order to receive federal matching grants to repair and upgrade the Centre for the 2014 Acadian World-Wide Festival. A total of \$2,208 was raised at the auction.



Auctioneer participating in the auction to benefit the Centre Miskell French Association.

In addition to this event, the council has been meeting with other associations to raise funds for a local nursing home. Other activities included defraying costs for local students enrolled in college courses.

ST LOUIS SCHOOL, LOWELL, MA had fleas!

The Domremy Council based in Lowell, MA recently sponsored a Flea Market for the benefit of Saint Louis School. Located in Lowell, MA, Saint Louis School is a private, Catholic elementary school, continuing the Mission of the Sisters of the Assumption by educating students from pre-kindergarten through grade eight. Their Mission reads in part, as follows: "The Saint Louis School Personnel is committed to the intellectual, spiritual, social, psychological and physical growth of its students through academic excellence, the practice of Christian values and responsible citizenship".

Throughout the years, the Council has been supporting the school by sponsoring the various fund-raising activities. The flea market held this past November raised a total of \$957 for the school.



Pictured here are officers of the council, Cecile Provencher and Yolande Lessard.

FRATERNAL HONORS FOR SHANNEN DELABAR

The jurisdiction of New Jersey is pleased to announce that Shannen Delabar of Versatility Council #2501 was selected as the recipient of the New Jersey-New York State Fraternal Alliance's Youth Volunteer Leadership Award for 2011. Shannen was welcomed at the annual convention in October where she was presented with a \$500 award from the Alliance. Additionally a \$500. donation from the Recreation Farm Society, Inc. was made in Shannen's honor to Camp NEJEDA, a foundation for children afflicted with diabetes.



Youth Leadership Award Winner Shannen Delabar of Versatility Council.

Shannen was chosen for demonstrating exemplary volunteerism in her community of Montville, New Jersey. She has been an advocate for juvenile diabetes awareness, extremely involved in fundraising efforts to find a cure, and is committed to "Walking for a Cure" programs and related activities organized for this effort.

She is an officer in the REACH (Responsible Educated Adolescents Can Help) program against drug and alcohol abuse, coordinates member participation in community events, volunteers with elementary school parent-teacher councils, helps chaperone safe and comfortable environments for students and performs peer counseling for grade school pupils.

Shannen is a member of PAL (Peers as Listeners), a group of students at Montville Township High School who reach out to incoming freshmen and new students to ensure they feel welcomed and have a sup-

port network throughout the year. She is currently volunteering to institute a program with school nurses and staff to assist students in managing their chronic illnesses by creating a safe haven and partnering program.

She is a junior counselor and leader in training at Camp NEJEDA and has been dedicated to helping children accept and cope with similar challenges that she experienced with type-1 diabetes.

Shannen is the daughter of Philip and Hilary Delabar. On behalf of the entire Royal Arcanum Family we congratulate Shannen on the honor she received from the fraternal alliance and wish

her success in her academic, extracurricular and volunteer endeavors.

Submitted by Cindy Macon

Below: Congratulating Youth Leadership Award Winner Shannen Delabar (third from left) are: Royal Arcanum Actuary Allan Ferrone, Fraternal Director and Secretary for the Alliance Cindy Macon, Thrivent Financial and Member of the Award Selection Committee Monica Kanopka, Providence Association of Ukrainian Catholics and President of the NJ-NY Fraternal Alliance, Myron Soltys, Donald G. and Hillie Foley and Hilary Delabar (Shannen's mother). Shannen's father Philip was the photographer.



Dear Friends,

If you shopped at the grocery store recently, you probably noticed that the packages and cartons of many of our “staple” items have shrunk. The cereal, coffee, juice, detergent and even pet food containers have gotten smaller. Now we are getting less but seem to be buying more!

I'm happy to inform our members that fraternalism in the Royal Arcanum is not diminishing, but consistently increasing throughout our jurisdictions in the US and Canada. Our members are expanding their efforts on the “Pathway to the Future” with an increased focus on community outreach and volunteerism on behalf of their subordinate and grand councils. They are extending good will and developing projects and programs to benefit charitable causes, providing hands on support, donations and encouragement where it's needed. The Arcanians are not holding back, nor are they shying away from being responsible, attentive and true fraternalists. In upholding our founding principles of mercy and charity they are creating a positive awareness of our fraternal society.



The Supreme Council is pleased to acknowledge the dedication and service of our members and continues to broaden the means for councils to earn recognition through various programs we have available. Congratulations to all councils who have participated in the “**Lend A Hand-Lift A Heart**” Program; now in its second year. Our secretaries and publicity committees are doing a super job! As a reminder, the service component submissions for the **Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope Award** are due by March 21st to be eligi-

ble for this year's program.

I'm very grateful to the council officers and families who have contacted me regarding our gifting project for Operation Comfort and for expressing interest for continuing support to this worthy cause for our wounded service men and women.



In this issue of the Bulletin you'll read about many of the fraternal endeavors and projects coordinated by our members. Perhaps they'll motivate you to take part or initiate service activities in your council. It's a wonderful feeling to know that together you've done something from your heart. In this way good deeds won't shrink away like those boxes and bottles in the supermarkets. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had said, “In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love.” These words can be our inspiration to volunteer, provide the gift of hope and make a difference in

someone's life this year.

Till next time...Be well, stay safe and think warm. Spring is just 'round the bend!

With thanks for all you do,

Cindy Macon

HARRISBURG COUNCIL JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's event was extra special. The weather was beautiful and we had 10 juniors attend the event! Everyone had a great time and, of course, they enjoyed the dinner and show. We all enjoyed Mistletoe Magic and who doesn't need a little magic around Christmas time. Allenberry did not fail to thrill us with their spills, and chills along the way. The elves took us back in time to a romantic wedding. It was a magical tale for all ages. Before the show, we enjoyed a fabulous Christmas buffet and the children received gifts from Santa, which you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed. Even the big kids loved the presents from Santa!

The Supreme Council sent great gifts which we handed out as well. It's so nice to have the children share a part of council each year. Check out their faces in these photos. A picture is worth a thousand words. Happy New Year from Harrisburg Council 499!

Submitted by Pauline Thomas



Grandma Louise keeps a warm arm on her "Angels"!



Wyllene Peirce, Louise and precious one!



Left: Judy Marcus and Rick Rubin enjoyed their dinner at Allenberry.

Right: Jim Karl gives wife, Mary (our Treasurer a well deserved smooch!



Left to right: Grace Hepford, Pauline Thomas, Grace's nephew Bryce Amos and Grandma Pat Amos. It's a family fraternity!



Left: The Keeseman-Ferry kids relax before the show.



Left and right: What would Christmas be without our Juniors!



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

by Dr. Herb Snyder, Junior Director

All our sixteen year olds (and perhaps those a bit younger and a bit older) are urged to take advantage of our fraternal order's offer to HELP FINANCE any TRAINING PROGRAM geared at assisting them in improving their SAT, ACT, PSAT, and LSAT scores. The Royal Arcanum is so committed to the education of our youth that all that needs to happen is for the teen taking the training (or a parent) to send in a copy of the paid receipt to our home office in Boston, to the attention of Dotti Pagnani, and a reimbursement up to \$50.00 will be in the mail.

Those Juniors who are new to our Order this past year (February 2011 through January 2012) should have received a special VALENTINE WELCOME recently!



The usual CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS will be sent out to our college students who send in their addresses to the Home Office, again to the attention of Dotti Pagnani or myself by March 15, 2012. What address? The one where the student will be living at the end of March 2012!

A GOOD TIME is predicted for all our JUNIORS attending the Supreme Council Session in Atlantic City, New Jersey, this August. The beach, the ocean, a fabulous swimming pool, and the unique amusement pier will be there for all our JUNIORS to enjoy. The Royal Arcanum will have prizes, gifts, and free amusement rides for all participating JUNIORS. How about making this a family vacation as well as a very important Supreme Session?

SAN JOSE COUNCIL CELEBRATES

San Jose Council #2384 held its Holiday Party at Al Castillo's Restaurant in San Jose on December 29, 2011. This dinner was to celebrate the holiday, the council's accomplishments for 2011 and the council's

fraternal and charitable projects planned for 2012. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful meal, thanks to Dominic Fanelli who made arrangements for the dinner.



San Jose members enjoying the Holiday Party at Al Castillo's Restaurant plus saying goodbye to 2011.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR MONEY?

426 quarters+ 300 nickles= _____

362 dimes + 824 half dollars = _____

325 half dollars + 60 pennies=_____

246 dimes + 90 quarters = _____

522 pennies+ 20 nickles=_____

210 quarters + 6 dimes=_____

623 quarters+ 3 pennies= _____

910 dimes+ 5 nickles= _____

734 nickles= _____

527 pennies + 3 quarters= _____

WHICH IS THE LEAST AMOUNT OF MONEY?_____

WHICH IS THE MOST AMOUNT OF MONEY?_____



E-BULLETIN ISSUE #9 IS NOW AVAILABLE IN PDF FORMAT.

YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD, READ AND THEN PRINT THIS EXTRA CONTENT.

THE NINTH ISSUE IS PACKED WITH EXTRAS FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY RIDDLES OR GAMES YOU WOULD LIKE PUBLISHED IN OUR NEXT E-BULLETIN, PLEASE EMAIL TO:

PAT@BLUEDOGUNLIMITED.COM

JUNIOR CONTEST RULES

Our rules provide that a Junior can win only one prize per issue of the Bulletin. 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:

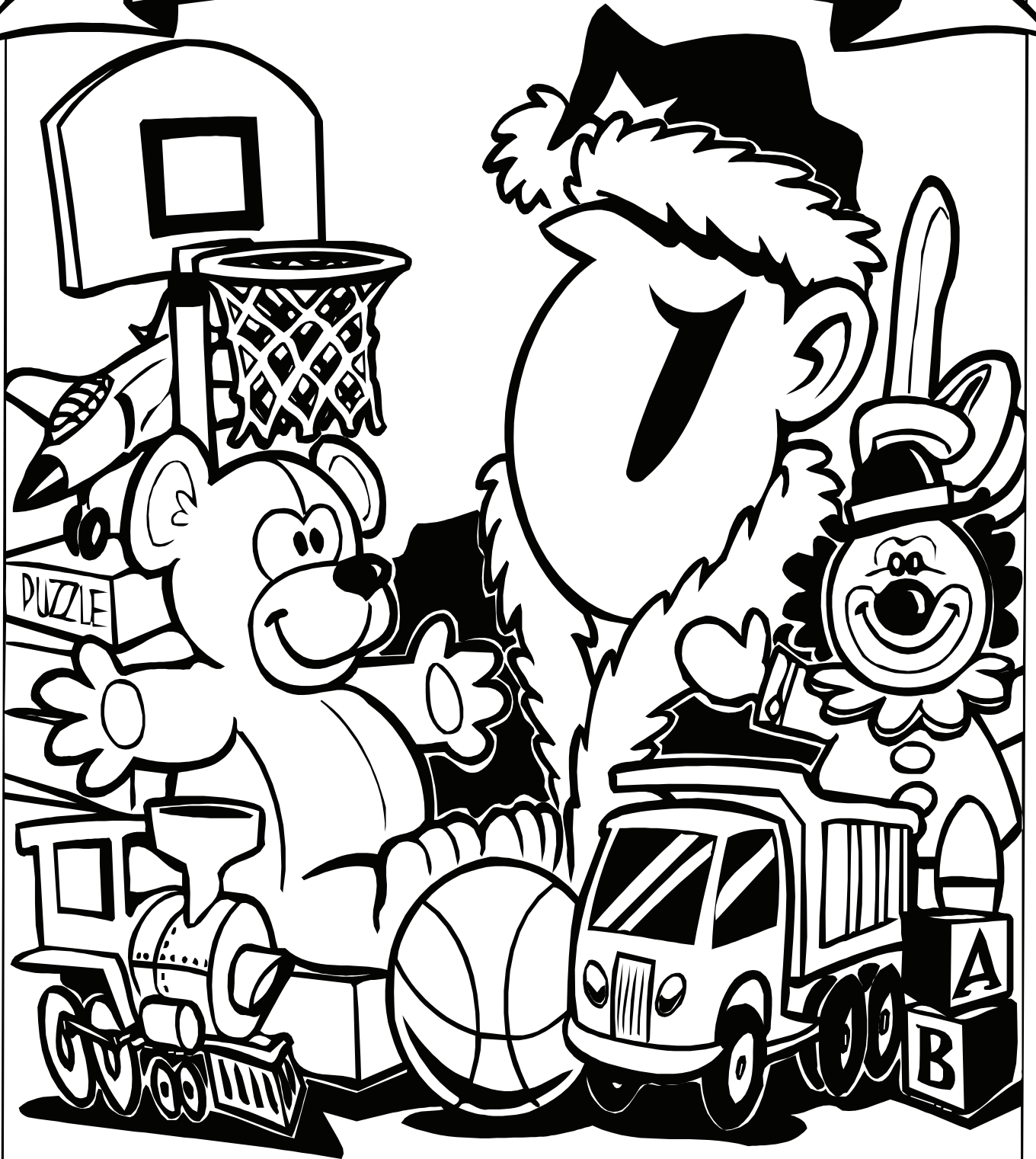
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Age

Council

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

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101ST SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION

AUGUST 12 - 17, 2012

Atlantic City, NJ



Come join us at the Resorts Hotel & Casino

Cost per person

U.S. / Canadian

\$455 / \$455

\$675 / \$675

\$395 / \$395

Occupancy

Double

Single

Triple

Points for Free Trip

U.S. / Canadian

650 pts / 650 pts

964 pts / 964 pts

564 pts / 564 pts

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!!!

As we begin our 135th year, I would like you to look at the QR code that we have placed in this issue of the Bulletin. As your children and grandchildren probably know, a QR code (Quick Response) is one of those funny looking square bar-codes - on direct mail, in advertisements, or even on for sale signs. As smart phones become more prevalent, more businesses are using QR codes as part of their marketing and communications strategies. I am a novice at this stuff, but I recently purchased an Apple iPhone 4s. This phone along with many other smart phones has the ability to read these codes. We are trying something new in this issue by placing one of these codes on this page. Reading this code will enable you to go directly to our website. Now our 135 year old company is one of the first fraternal benefit societies to add this type of technology to its magazine.

SCAN THIS CODE TO TAKE YOU TO OUR WEBSITE

I recently read an article written by Joe Annotti, President of the American Fraternal Alliance (we are members), in which he discusses what affinity with an organization means. I believe that members of Royal Arcanum have an affinity with our society. That is when a person gets the feeling of "belonging" or even more important, motivates an individual to act with others on behalf of the organization. I am aware that many of our members are just too busy to get involved with meetings and fraternal activities, but those who do probably get the feeling of "belonging". Many of us are members of AARP, because of some of their economic benefits. Some



are members of AAA because of their auto coverage. Also, many are members of American Express because of their credit card perks. Even though I belong to these organizations, I really do not consider myself a member because I do not get the feeling of "belonging". Simply stated, membership in Royal Arcanum provides more than just life insurance; it is a way of life. We

are a fraternal benefit society founded on the values of virtue, mercy and charity. Our members get the feeling that they "belong" when they attend meetings and events, associate with other members in activities and get involved with volunteer efforts for charitable causes. We help our members by offering educational loans, scholarships, cancer benefits for children and opportunities to meet new friends and reconnect with acquaintances at wonderful vacation sites. In fact, this year we are holding our 101st Supreme Council Session at the fabulous Resorts Hotel on the Boardwalk in beautiful Atlantic City, New Jersey. Plan to join us!

Throughout this New Year I wish you peace, prosperity and good health.

Fraternally,

Kenneth J. Kolek
Supreme Secretary

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