

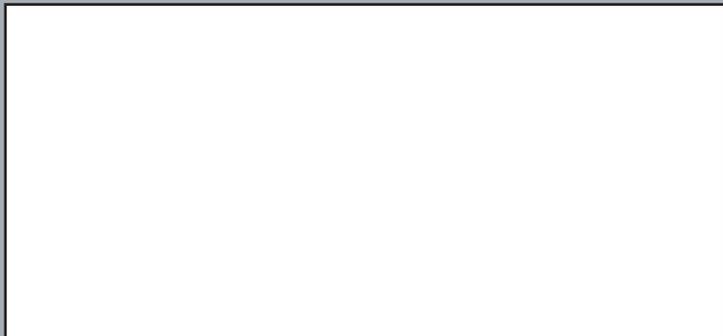


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A 100% Royal Arcanum family, Amy, Shane, and Patrick Fitzgerald pose in front of the Aialik Glacier in Kenai Fjords National Park, Alaska.



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ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS

A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régent Suprême

Peter Ferrara - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I take this opportunity to wish all our members in both the United States and Canada a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

It seems that at least for the present, some sanity prevailed and our elected officials have taken measures allowing the United States to avoid the fiscal cliff that had everyone deeply concerned. Hopefully, they can reach some bipartisan agreements in the coming months that will allow our economy to continue to grow for the benefit of all.

It was late September of 2012 when I began my visitations to present my program "**On Track For Success**" in the jurisdiction of Ohio, and continued until early November with my final visit of 2012 with the jurisdiction of North Carolina. I deeply appreciate the warmth and enthusiasm with which I was greeted at each visitation. I would also like to express my thanks to all those individuals who helped in making hotel reservations and providing transportation for my visits. It was my pleasure at almost all of my visitations to present DSA pins for production to various members. This continues to show that voluntary production is still an integral part in the continued growth and success of our organization. My visitations will continue in 2013. I will visit Florida and Pennsylvania in January, California in February and New York in March. It is my hope to visit all of the jurisdictions throughout the Royal Arcanum. I tried to contact all Grand Regents regarding scheduling of my visitations, if I have missed anyone who would like to schedule a visitation, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or through the Home Office. My e-mail address is PDFSIC@aol.com.

I have to admit that I was somewhat apprehensive in assuming the position of Supreme Regent, but the hospitality, patience and support shown to me by all our members have made this a truly rewarding experience for me. I believe that with your continued support and all of us working together we can keep the Royal Arcanum "**On Track For Success**."

Yours in V. M. C.,

Peter D. Ferrara
Supreme Regent

Chers Frères et Sœurs,

J'aimerais prendre l'opportunité pour souhaiter à tous nos membres, tant aux États-Unis qu'au Canada, une joyeuse année remplie de santé et de prospérité.

Il semble, qu'au moins pour le présent, le bon sens prend le dessus et que nos officiers élus ont pris les mesures nécessaires permettant aux États-Unis d'éviter le malaise fiscal qui a affecté profondément les personnes concernées. Plein d'espoir ils pourront, dans les mois qui viennent, arriver à une entente bipartite qui permettra à notre économie de continuer de grandir au profit de tous.

C'est à la fin de septembre 2012 que j'ai débuté mes visites pour présenter mon programme "**Sur la voie du Succès**" dans la juridiction de l'Ohio et se poursuivant jusqu'au mois de novembre avec ma visite finale de 2012 à la juridiction de la Caroline du Nord. J'apprécie profondément la chaleur et l'enthousiasme dont j'ai été accueilli à chaque visite. J'aimerais également exprimer mes remerciements à tous ceux qui ont aidé individuellement à faire les réservations d'hôtel et à assurer le transport de mes visites. Ce fut mon plaisir à presque toutes mes visites de présenter les épinglettes DSA pour la production, à différents membres. Ceci nous démontre que la production volontaire est encore une partie intégrale dans la continuité de l'accroissement et du succès de notre organisation. Mes visites continueront en 2013. Je visiterai la Floride, et la Pennsylvanie le janvier, la Californie en février et New York en mars. C'est mon désir de visiter toutes les juridictions à travers le Royal Arcanum. J'essaie de rejoindre tous les Grands Régents concernant l'horaire de mes visites, si j'ai oublié quelqu'un et qu'ils aimeraient planifier une visite, s'il-vous-plaît n'hésitez pas à me rejoindre directement ou par le Siège Social. Mon adresse courriel est PDFSIC@AOL.COM

Je dois admettre que j'appréhendais difficilement d'assumer le poste de Régent Suprême, mais l'hospitalité, la patience et le soutien que m'ont démontré tous nos membres ont fait que c'est une expérience satisfaisante pour moi. J'espère qu'avec votre soutien continu et qu'en travaillant tous ensemble, nous pourrions garder le Royal Arcanum "**Sur la voie du Succès**".

Vôtre en V.M.C.,

Peter D. Ferrara
Regent Suprême

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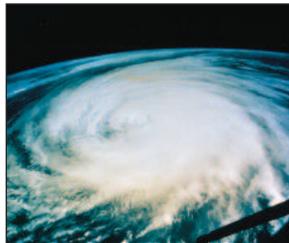
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SUPREME REGENT VISITS RHODE ISLAND



Newest Junior Member Addison Zuba

On Saturday, October 20, 2012, Rhode Island Royal Arcanum members welcomed our new Supreme Regent,

Peter Ferrara, to Pawtucket. Members were treated to a delicious family style dinner at Hose Co. #6.

Past Grand Regent Judy Kolek, conducted the meeting in the absence of Grand Regent Kevin Kolek. Members joined in the Pledge of Allegiance and the

singing of the American and Canadian National Anthems.

Judy introduced Peter Ferrara who presented his new program, "On Track for Success". Also in attendance were Supreme Vice Regent Carl Krzystofczyk and Supreme Secretary Ken Kolek. Peter gave gifts to the Juniors and awarded the door prizes to Ray Gauvin and Elaine Coderre. All members were also given Royal Arcanum gift bags from Peter.

At the conclusion, Judy thanked everyone for attending our meeting and for making donations to the local food bank.

Submitted by Jackie Wudkiewicz



Royal Arcanum Officers Carl Krzystofczyk, Karen Lockaby, Peter Ferrara, Judy and Ken Kolek.



Peter and Carl with door prize winners Ray Gauvin and Elaine Coderre.

RHODE ISLAND MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY

Halloween and Make a Difference Day were fast approaching and our Juniors were busy preparing their costumes and painting pumpkins. While the Juniors were looking forward to their annual trip to Summit Commons Nursing Home in Pawtucket to deliver their pumpkins, we heard several residents were anxiously awaiting the visit of their young costumed friends.

The highly anticipated event took place on October 28th, much to the delight of all involved. The participating Juniors were Zachary, Nicholas and Victoria Gauvin, Kaitlyn Lockaby, Brandon, Tyler, Judy-Lynn, Jacob and Jessica Kolek.

Submitted by Judy Kolek



Nursing home resident and Juniors with pumpkins. Kaitlyn Lockaby, Judy-Lynn Kolek, Zachary Gauvin, resident Sophie, Brandon and Tyler Kolek, Nicholas Gauvin, Jacob and Jessica Kolek.



Top row: Karen Lockaby, Lynn Kolek, Zachary Gauvin, Tyler, Brandon, Judy, Lisa and Ken Kolek. Bottom row: Sandy and Nicholas Gauvin, Jacob Kolek, Kaitlyn Lockaby, Judy-Lynn and Jessica Kolek, Victoria Gauvin.

DONATION TO THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF CATECHISM

On November 19, 2012, members of Claremont Council delivered 22 turkeys, stuffing, pasta, oranges, tomato sauce, cake mix and clothing to the Missionary Sisters of Catechism. All items were provided to the needy in the neighborhood in time for Thanksgiving.

Money used to purchase these items was donated by Claremont and Dobbs Ferry Councils and by individual members of our Society.



Shown in photo are (left to right); Joe Conforto, Carmine Campo, Sister Jasmine, Fran and Augie Magnotta, Sister Loreto and Errica Conforto.

Submitted by Frances Magnotta

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

At a recent meeting of our members, I read to them a letter that I had received from the WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT and suggested that a donation be made to this project. A total sum of \$500 was collected from Claremont Council, Dobbs Ferry Council and from the Royal Arcanum Association of New York. I felt it necessary to ask for donations because of the needs of those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. People should be made aware of the suffering and trauma that they have endured while fighting to keep us safe.



Staff Sgt. G. Michael Sportello with Augie Magnotta

They need to know that we appreciate what they have done.

On November 28, 2012, I personally delivered the check to Staff Sgt. G. Michael Sportello (shown in the photo) at 370 Seventh Avenue, New York City, the New York headquarters for the Wounded Warrior Project.

Submitted by August Magnotta

SUPREME REGENT VISITS QUEBEC JURISDICTION

On Friday October 12, 2012, Supreme Regent Peter D. Ferrara and the Past Supreme Regent Carol Zavitz visited the members of the Quebec Jurisdiction.

The festivities were held at the Restaurant JARDIN TIKI, in Montreal. The visitors were received by all the members in attendance. A delicious buffet was served.

Grand Regent Jacqueline Bédard welcomed everyone and introduced the head table. Louise Talbot sang the National Anthems and Grand Chaplain Micheline Duhamel recited the prayer.

Members listened to the Supreme Regent presenting his 2012-2014 program “**On Track For Success.**”

The Supreme Regent was very happy to see all members present. He encouraged us to enroll new members, such as family and friends to increase our fraternal society.

At the end of the meeting, door prizes were won by Jeannine Pelletier and Lina Pelletier.

Members left happy and promised to make an effort to bring new members into our Royal Arcanum Family.

Submitted by Gilles Bédard



Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara presented his program

Le Régent Suprême présentant son programme



Members listened to the Supreme Regent's presentation

Quelques membres présents à la réunion

SPECIAL MINI-VACATION ALCATRAZ TOUR

For those interested, tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased at the window the day of the tour.

By April 1st, members must indicate the number of adults and children and send in their advance payment to the Home Office.

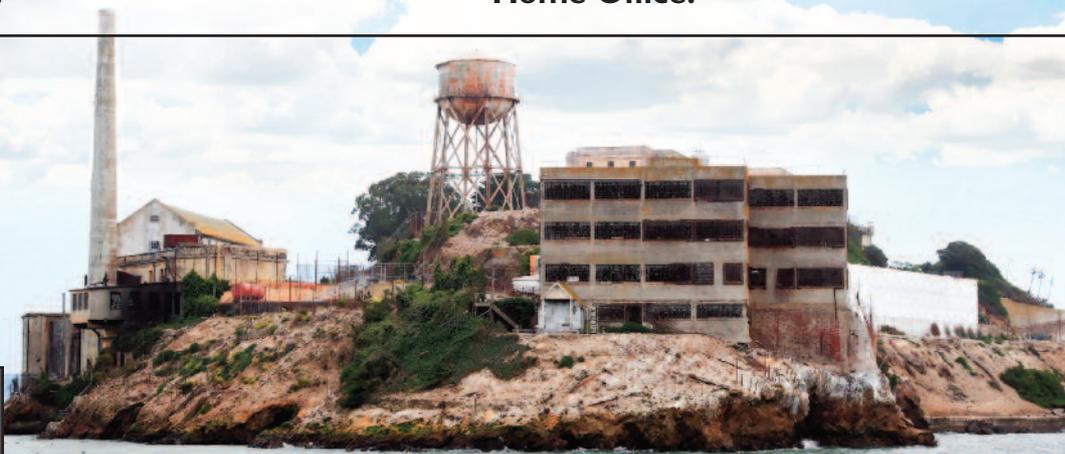
Tour date:

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VISITE DU RÉGENT SUPRÊME À LA JURIDICTION DU QUÉBEC

Le vendredi 12 octobre 2012, le Régent Suprême, Peter D. Ferrara, ainsi que la Passé Régente Suprême, Carol Zavitz, ont visité les membres de la juridiction du Québec. Plusieurs personnes se sont jointes à cette réunion.

Les festivités eurent lieu au Restaurant JARDIN TIKI, rue Sherbrooke est, à Montréal. Les visiteurs furent chaleureusement accueillis par tous les membres présents dans un climat de fraternité. Un succulent buffet nous a été offert.

La réunion débuta à 18:30 heures. La Grande Régente, Jacqueline Bédard, souhaita la bienvenue à tous et présenta les membres assis à la table d'honneur. Louise Talbot chanta les hymnes nationaux et le Grand Chapelain Micheline Duhamel récita la prière.

Tous les membres écoutèrent attentivement le Régent Suprême nous présenter son programme pour l'année 2012-2014 intitulé "Sur la voie du Succès".

Le bénévolat est un élément important que nous devons continuer de pratiquer afin que notre société demeure une fraternité aidante. Le Régent Suprême était très heureux de voir les membres fraterniser ensemble. Il nous motiva afin que nous recrutions des nouveaux membres auprès de notre famille et de nos amis, dans le but d'agrandir notre fraternité.

À la fin de la réunion, il y eut le tirage de prix de présence, Jeannine Pelletier a gagné le premier prix et Lina Pelletier gagna le deuxième prix.

Tous quittèrent la réunion enthousiasmés et promirent de faire l'effort d'ajouter de nouveaux membres dans nos rangs.

Soumis par Gilles Bédard



Past Supreme Régent Carol Zavitz, Prize winner Lina Pelletier, Supreme Regent Peter D. Ferrara, Prize winner Jeannine Pelletier and Grand Regent Jacqueline Bédard.

De gauche à droite: Passé Régente Suprême Carol Zavitz, Gagnante Lina Pelletier, Régent Suprême Peter D. Ferrara, Gagnante Jeannine Pelletier, Grande Régente Jacqueline Bédard.



Members listening to the Supreme Regent's presentation

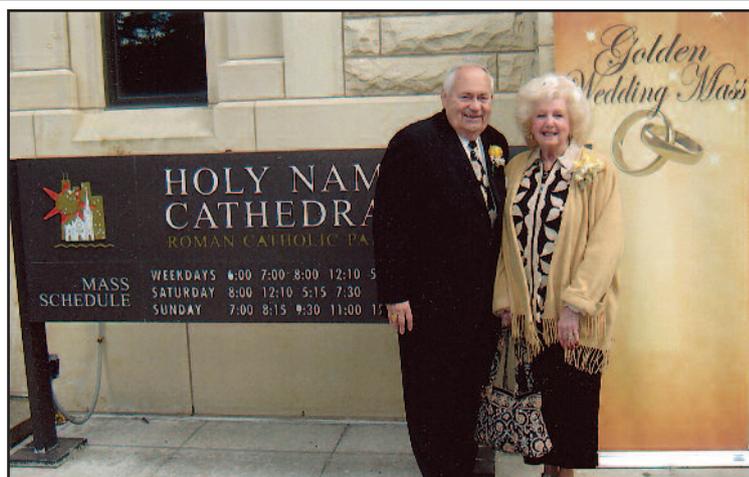
Quelques membres présents à la réunion

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Past Supreme Regent and Past Chairman of the Supreme Council Executive Committee William Wire and his wife Florence recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. A mass in honor of couples who were married in 1962 was

conducted at Holy Name Cathedral, at which time a special ceremony to renew marriage vows took place. The Wires were among the nearly 500 couples who attended the liturgy and dessert reception which followed. The Royal Arcanum congratulates Bill and Florence and wishes them many more memorable years together.



SUPREME REGENT VISITS GEORGIA



On October 27, 2012, Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara and Fraternal Director Cynthia Macon attended a dinner-meeting at Snellgrove Seafood Restaurant in Centerville, Georgia, to present his program “**On Track For Success**”.

Grand Regent Wynelle Estes welcomed everyone and introduced the Supreme Regent and

Fraternal Director.

After dinner, the Supreme Regent presented his program and Fraternal Director Macon addressed those present.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting and left knowing more about some of the plans available with Royal Arcanum. After the meeting, gifts were given to those present by the Supreme Regent.

Submitted by Wynelle Estes



Deputy Supreme Regent Harold Estes, Fraternal Director Cindy Macon, and Supreme Regent Pete Ferrara presenting Grand Regent Wynelle Estes with her DSA pin.

INTEGRITY COUNCIL PUTS “PIE IN THE SKY”

Once again, the PITS crew worked to help make Thanksgiving a little easier for a lot of folks in the Philadelphia area.

Each November, MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Alliance) has its biggest fund raiser of the year, Pie in the Sky (PITS).

The money raised from pie sales helps to provide three meals a day, seven days a week, to over 900 clients who suffer from life-threatening diseases. Meals are delivered to their homes at no cost to them. Our PITS crew, led by Past Grand Regent Joseph



Tedesco and his wife Joan, raised over \$800 this year.

To make the money go even further, all of the pies purchased from MANNA were then donated to the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission, a homeless shelter that feeds almost 200 people daily. That really makes Integrity

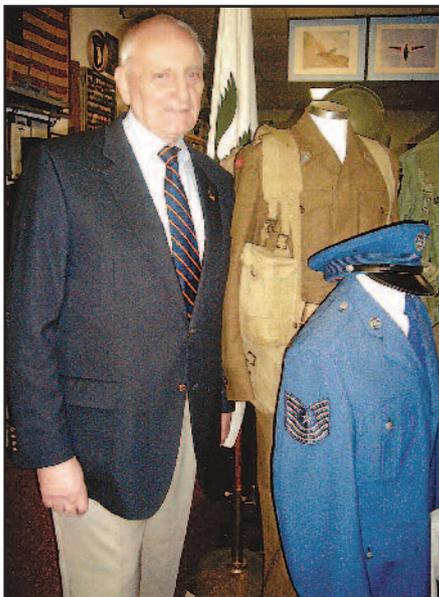
Council money work its magic by helping two wonderful causes with the same donation. Those pies really sweetened lots of holidays!

Submitted by Joe and Joan Tedesco



Joe Tedesco helped deliver food to the Sunday Breakfast Rescue Mission.

VETERANS' TRIBUTE IN NEW JERSEY



Richard Rutkowski with one of the army uniforms donated by his family

prayer of remembrance.

An enlightening presentation was offered by the Honorable Richard A. Rutkowski, former Mayor of the City, who is also a member of Bayonne Council #695. He served the United States in the Army as 1st Lieutenant in Iran during the Iraq Crisis of 1958. During the tour, Mr. Rutkowski pointed out a uniform that belonged to his father-in-law who was a sergeant in the Polish Army before World War II. When Poland was invaded, he was captured and transported to a farm in Bavaria. Fortunately, he befriended the farmer and was permitted to briefly return to Poland to get his family and move them to that farm in order to survive. Although reunited, they continued to face challenging times, since the farm was in a dangerous area near a railroad junction where fighter planes routinely bombed. He later joined the British Army which granted approval for Polish soldiers to have a "Polish" red and white patch sewn on the left shoulder of their uniform jackets. He and the family safely immigrated to the United States in 1951.

Post Commander Glen J. Flora, a veteran of the Vietnam War, offered his greetings to our group and explained how the vision of a permanent tribute to our veterans became a reality in the community. Grand Regent Richard Macon, on behalf of the New Jersey

In commemoration of Veterans' Day, Royal Arcanum members toured the Veterans' Museum at 16 West 9th Street in Bayonne, NJ. The museum is operated by the Joyce-Herbert Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and houses a vast collection of memorabilia donated by veterans and their families, many from Bayonne. The military artifacts date back from the American Civil War to the most recent engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every item in the museum is a piece of history, but more significantly, has a story connected with it; one from the life of a man or woman who served their country as a member of the armed forces - some of whom never came back from war. Their service and sacrifices for our freedom cannot be forgotten. The program began with the singing of the National Anthem and



Some of Versatility members at one of the medal and commendation displays.



Members of Bayonne's Council Service Committee who participated in the event.



Post Commander Glen Flora accepts the New Jersey Grand Council donation for the Veterans' Museum.

Grand Council, expressed appreciation to Mr. Rutkowski and Mr. Flora. He presented a donation for the upkeep and expansion of the museum. The program concluded with the singing of God Bless America and was followed by lunch hosted by the Bayonne councils.

Submitted by Cindy Macon

GLOBAL CHARTER LEARNING PUBLIC SCHOOL NEW BEDFORD



Two of the parents playing "Gigueux" to the music

The Global Learning Charter Public School, New Bedford, MA, continued its year-long observance of the school's 10th anniversary by inviting the community to celebrate the world's cultures at a Cultural Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 16,

2012. The free event ran from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school, 190 Ashley Blvd., New Bedford, MA. Guests were able to take a "world tour" through the school with areas mapped out for each continent that was represented. The event featured food, entertainment and acknowledgement of the tapestry of cultures present in New Bedford and the world. Royal Arcanum/ACA St. Rosaire Council was invited to participate to showcase the French Culture. French music was provided so guests could try playing Gigueux and Cuillère (limberjacks and spoons).

Submitted by Ray Patnaude



Dr. Irene Duprey-Gutierrez playing a spoon to the music



French Cultural items were played at the event.

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REFLECTIONS ON ZOOS

The Elementary School I attended observed the common practice of each class taking at least one day trip each year. We went to various museums and exhibitions, but the trip that excited us kids the most was the trip we took to the Philadelphia Zoo every other year. It is the oldest zoo in America, and while it has undergone many changes and improvements over the years, one thing remains – the zoo still attracts a large crowd. I have been in more than one traffic jam created by those trying to get into the zoo on a beautiful day. This particular zoo has a collection of 1300 animals, many of which are endangered species. If you have a zoo in your area, it is probably a popular spot also.

The word “zoo,” is brief for “zoological gardens,” and its' predecessors were known as “menageries.” The oldest known

menagerie goes back to 3500 BC in ancient Egypt. King John I of England had a prominent collection of animals in his menagerie at the Tower of London in 1204. The oldest existing zoo in the world is the Vienna Zoo, which opened in 1752.



Animal rights groups monitor the treatment of confined animals very closely, often protesting the taking of animals out of their natural habitat and confining them. Zoo supporters, who usually are animal lovers too, respond by pointing out the

conservation policies of the zoos and the important role they play in protecting endangered species. I certainly don't want to get into the controversy here, but only point it out.

However, the concern has led to the use of moats and fences to confine the animals rather than cages. Many Royal Arcanum members remember our

session a few years ago in San Diego, California. One of the big highlights of the session was the visit some members took to the San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park. The Safari Park is an excellent example of how animals can roam freely in an environment very similar to their natural one, while visitors have the rare opportunity to ride through and observe the animals without disturbing them.

If we haven't done so recently, perhaps we could pay a visit to a zoo near us this summer. Better yet, why not plan a visit with some of our Juniors?

By Dr. Herb Snyder

San Francisco Zoo



The San Francisco Zoo is 100-acres located in the southwestern corner of San Francisco, California.

The zoo houses 250 species and includes a children's zoo, miniature train and carousel.

Some species you can see at this family friendly zoo are:

African Lion, Amur Tiger, Grant's Zebra, Greater One-horned Rhino, Snow Leopard, Sumatran Tiger, and Western Lowland Gorilla (to name just a few).

Please visit www.sfzoo.org for more information.

SUPREME REGENT VISITS OHIO

Historically, Indians used the Cuyahoga River and Valley in northern Ohio as a north-south transportation corridor. This corridor was later the home of the Ohio and Erie Canal. Settlers enjoyed a slow and easy way to move bulk goods and people.

In 1880, the first steam engine traversed this same area signaling progress and prosperity for the area.

Today, these historic rails are now owned by the National Park Service and a part of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

In honor of our new Supreme Regent's Program "**On Track For Success**", the Grand Council of Ohio took a trip on this train, on a sunny September day. Peter is retired from the railroad, and this very fitting train ride for the first presentation for the Supreme Regent.

Following the three hour ride from Independence, Ohio to Akron and back we traveled to a local coffee shop for a box lunch and details of Peter's program. Upon arriving at the coffee shop, Grand Regent David Simpson introduced Peter and we were ready to hear more about the Royal Arcanum and the current program. Included in this presentation were details about the Mini-Vacation in San Francisco, CA.

Great information was shared about the Royal Arcanum and questions were answered. After the presentation, a drawing for door prizes was held with Ralph Bonness and Eugene Bonness being the lucky winners. Gifts were presented to all Juniors present and Peter's gifts for every member were given out to all the adults.



Above: Members of Grand Council of Ohio ready to board train



Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara enjoying the train ride



Grand Regent David Simpson and Supreme Regent Ferrara with Juniors in attendance



Grand Regent Simpson and Supreme Regent with door prize winners Ralph Bonness and Eugene Bonness

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ST. ROSAIRE COUNCIL



The Royal Arcanum Court St. Rosaire Council, New Bedford, MA, has been involved in preserving French Culture since its inception. The organization addressed the needs of the French Canadian community, which was formed as early as the mid 1860's in this area. Several observances are held annually, but one which always stands out is the "Fête des Rois", the feast of Three Kings. The feast is named after the three wise men who, according to tradition, traveled from the Orient to find the lowly stable in Bethlehem and pay their respects to the new born Christ child. Guided on their difficult journey by a wondrous star, they brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In France, the celebration of the feast forms the basis of the traditional Epiphany celebration, formerly celebrated on January 6th, and now celebrated on the first Sunday after New Year's Day. To mark the occasion, statues of the Three Kings are placed in the Nativity scenes or "Crèches", and a special cake is served after lunch or dinner. Children take special pleasure at the sight of the exotic figures of the Magi, but the high point of the day is when the Epiphany cake is brought out and the accompanying ceremony begins.

The cake is divided into pieces and distributed to all the "convives". In breathless silence, each person taste his or her piece of cake, keeping an eye on the neighbor, until one of the assembled company proudly displays the "bean" and is proclaimed "King", or a "pea" to be proclaimed "Queen". The King and Queen are crowned with a gilded and decorated circlet of some sort.

This feast has been celebrated throughout the ages. Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar are said in legend to represent the three races of mankind which were descended from the three sons of Noah. Their feast day is, according to historians, a

holdover from a pagan holiday that picked up along the way the medieval custom of choosing a king to reign over the festivals.

The first reference to a "galete des rois" was in a French document in 1311. Louis III Duke of Bourbon, who died in 1419, is said to have chosen as "king" the poorest child in the realm. Sixteenth century chroniclers recorded an Epiphany celebration at the Chateau of Romorantin, north of the Loire River, where Francis I "joyfully found the bean on January 5, 1521". In the 17th century, a diarist mentioned the celebrations at the court of Louis XIV. One year in 1711, the baking of the Epiphany cakes was outlawed because of famine.

During the French Revolution the "galette des rois" became the "galette de l'egalite" by Revolutionary decree. The cake reappeared on French tables with its proper

name, and still does to this day. This is one of the customs which the French Community of Greater New Bedford and Fall River has tried to preserve over the years.

The event was attended by Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell and other elected officials of the City of New Bedford. Mayor Mitchell awarded the crowns to the King and Queen of the event. There were over 230 people at the event and representatives of twelve Franco-American organizations from Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire were in attendance. Three generations of several families came to the family event. Funds were raised for the Franco-American Scholarship Fund.



Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell presented Crowns to Queen Margaux Berthiaume and King Roger Laliberté



Mariane Valentin of the Fleur de Lis Band performing for the audience.

A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Dear Members of our
Royal Arcanum Family,



Diane Calain

We want to thank each and everyone of you for the love, concern and prayers during Ed's illness and death.

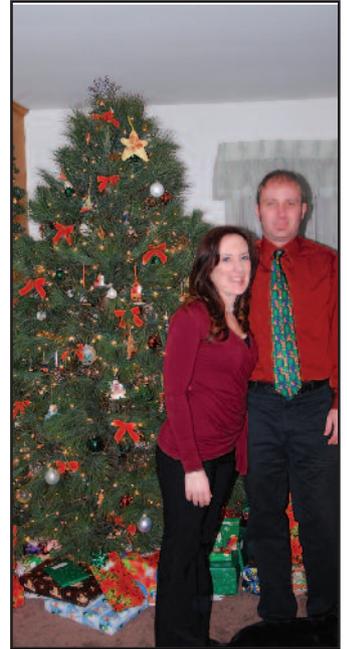
As you all know, the Royal Arcanum was very special to Ed and something that we shared as a family. You were our family and we loved the time that we were able to spend with all of you and the memories that will continue to be special to me.

I understand that while Ed was missed at the session, you were able to have a good time as

though he was there. That is what he wanted and one of the last things we were able to talk about. He loved you all.

Please note that I (and hopefully Ruth and Brent) will be back next year, God willing, with camera in hand to capture some more very special memories with all of you. It will not be the same, but I will be with those that Ed grew to love, and loved to spend time with.

God Bless all of you,
Diane Calain
Ruth and Brent Rupnik



Ruth and Brent Rupnik

COUNCIL NO. 2384 HELPS TO FEED THE POOR

HELPING FEED THE POOR FOR THE HOLIDAYS:

On November 7, 2012, members of San Jose Council #2384 traveled to "Martha's Kitchen" to present a donation to this organization. Executive Director, Edita Cruz, gracefully accepted the check for \$250. Martha's Kitchen was founded in 1905 in San Jose by Louise Benson, and has been feeding the poor for over 100 years.



Left to right, Loretta Miller, Executive Director Edita Cruz, Maryann Valenti and Chic Cannon.

SAN JOSE COUNCIL HELPS SECOND HARVEST

COUNCIL ASSISTS SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK:

On November 15, 2012, Joanie Francis and Jim O'Neill traveled to Second Harvest Food Bank to present gifts from San Jose Council. A check in the amount of \$250 was presented to Dana McKee on behalf of the Royal Arcanum. The donation will help to buy food to give to those in need throughout the area. Joanie Francis and Jim O'Neill also donated turkeys to help deserving families with holiday meals.



Left to right, Jim O'Neill, Donation Coordinator Dana McKee and Joanie Francis.

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Friends,

On a few occasions, I have referred in this column to quotes made by Mother Teresa, a person who is revered by others worldwide. I, too, have been inspired by the selfless and humble life of this missionary sister. One thing she is remembered for telling others is, "Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people."

When we reflect on recent events here in North America, we can be overwhelmed by the sad stories which come to mind. Natural disasters such as hurricanes and tornadoes, senseless killings of



innocent children and adults and charts of growing numbers of the homeless and poor headlined the news. Where is the light of hope? It is during the most difficult times that

people put differences aside, remove barriers, and unite to ease the pain and endeavor for a better tomorrow.

I am reminded of Mother Teresa's words when I see firsthand or learn about the good work being accomplished by our members throughout the United States and Canada. With dedication to volunteer service, the Arcanian spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood is shining new light in the hearts of others. The programs and projects organized in the jurisdictions are a testimony to the loyalty our fraternalists have to our fraternal principles of mercy and charity. Arcanians are going out, volunteering for worthy causes and striving to make that better tomorrow for those in

need. It is my sincere hope that articles in this Bulletin which feature service initiatives will motivate other councils to conduct a service project in their community. Their presence this year can be that new light which will shine in the hearts of other people.



I take this opportunity to acknowledge our councils, members and friends for responding to the Fraternal Department's request to participate in the Royal Arcanum's Hurricane Sandy Relief Project and for their generous support. Our ongoing effort is helping displaced families in New Jersey and New York whose homes were destroyed and lives were uprooted as a result of the super storm. Special thanks is given to Dotti Pagnani, assisting us in the Home Office with the program, to everyone for their monetary and goods' donations and to our hard-working volunteers on the east coast for their contributions and for their many efforts toward bringing new light to those severely affected.

A word of gratitude is also extended to our councils' publicity and fraternal committees for sharing updates on their volunteer activities. Together we'll be "**On Track For Success**" in support of Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara's campaign and en route to a memorable year!

In friendship,

Cindy Macon



“BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” HOLIDAY JEWELRY BOUTIQUE:

On December 7-9, 2012, Grace Howell hosted a “BETTER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” Holiday Jewelry Boutique at her jewelry design studio. Grace Howell asked that everyone coming bring an unwrapped toy for either a boy or girl. On December 15, the new toys were donated by Grace to Jacob Goeders, the Leukemia Slayer, to be distributed to the patients at Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital in Palo Alto, CA who are undergoing cancer treatments. Grace also donated 20% of all her sales to Childhood Cancer Research and Awareness. In addition, Grace’s husband, John Howell, who owns “JWH Asbestos Removal Service,” donated \$500 to Jacob so he could buy more toys or to help in whatever Jacob needs for his cause. Jacob’s parents and his little brother were there to help load the car with all the toys. Jacob was so happy and it was “Thumbs Up” for the occasion.

Our council is very proud of both Grace and John Howell for their true fraternalism, charity, and abundance of love to help in such a worthy cause.



Jordan, and his brother Jacob Goeders with “Thumbs Up.”



John Howell, Jordan Goeders, Jacob Goeders “The Leukemia Slayer,” and Grace Howell.

COUNCIL DONATES TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

On December 13th, Grand Regent Alice Mangano delivered gifts, for men and women, to the Pastoral Care and Outreach Program at St. Martins of Tours Church in San Jose. Accepting the donations was Ellen Hays, Director of Catechetical Ministry. These donations will be distributed to senior nursing home residents in the area. San Jose Council members donated these items to share the spirit of giving.



Grand Regent Alice Mangano and Director Ellen Hays.

SAN JOSE COUNCIL DONATES TOYS FOR KIDS:

On December 13th, Grand Regent Alice Mangano presented numerous toys to the Sacred Heart Community Service Center in San Jose on behalf of the Council. These toys were donated by Council members at our annual Junior Christmas party that was held earlier in the month.



Left to right, workers Annette Prazzo and Brad Nelson, Grand Regent Alice Mangano and worker Flavio Pelayo.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO CARMELITE NUNS:

On December 19th, members of San Jose Council traveled to Santa Clara to present various food items to the Carmelite Nuns. This is an annual charity project of the council, sponsored in honor of Paul Ferro, Past Grand Regent of California. Sister Andrea gladly accepted the coffee, food and goodies for this sequestered Order of Nuns. The Carmelite Monastery has been in operation since 1917 and is one of only 20 monasteries in the United States.



Members Edd Infantino, Marilyn Fanelli, Sister Andrea, Judy Infantino and Jim O'Neill.

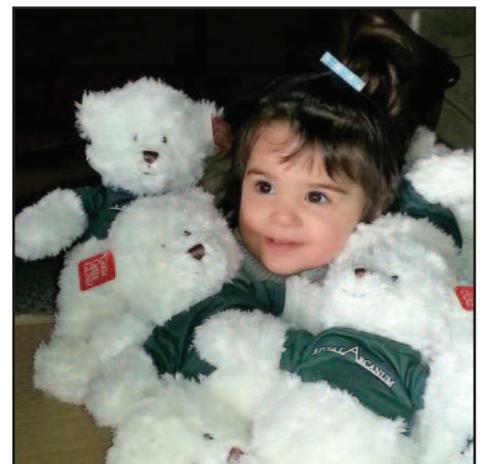
NEW MEMBERS ENROLLED IN ROYAL ARCANUM



Left: My sister Kathy just recently become a Royal Arcanum member. We donated blood, dedicating our holiday miracle to the Canadian Armed Forces.

Right: When 20 month old Savanah came for a visit, she discovered this box of Royal Arcanum Christmas Bears and we found her hiding in the box with them.

How cute is she?



Submitted by Debbie Young

HARRISBURG COUNCIL FRATERNAL PROJECT

Two members of Harrisburg Council #499 of Pennsylvania, Rick Rubin and Judie Marcus volunteer at Caitlin's Smiles on a regular basis. This year it was decided to contribute \$100 to this organization on behalf of the Royal Arcanum.

great work in helping put smiles on the faces of these hospitalized children.”

Judie and Rick were thrilled to present the donation on behalf of the Royal Arcanum #499!

Submitted by Pauline Thomas

**Caitlin's Smiles volunteers,
Judie Marcus and Rick
Rubin.**



Smart Gadgets Support the Environment— and Your Bottom Line

Want to save some money and help the environment?

Take a look at some of these household gadgets that can do both:

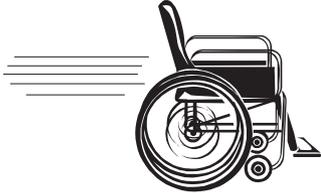
- **The right TV.** When you buy that big flat-screen television, get an LCD (liquid crystal display) instead of a plasma TV, which uses more power. Choose a model that uses a light-emitting diode (LED) as a backlight instead of a fluorescent light source, as LEDs are more efficient and will cut your energy costs some.
- **A better shower head.** Refit your shower with a low-flow shower head (one that reduces water volume to about 2.5 gallons per minute). You'll cut your water consumption and save on your hot water bill.
- **Motion sensors.** Don't worry about accidentally leaving the lights on. A motion sensor will automatically turn the light off when a room is empty for a pre-set period of time, reducing your energy use and your electric bill.



ONTARIO FRATERNALISM

ONTARIO WHEELCHAIR RELAY CHALLENGE

The Canadian Paraplegic Association Ontario Wheelchair Relay Challenge helps able-bodied people understand the formidable challenges that people in wheelchairs face every day just trying to live a normal life.



Pictured right: Member Darcy Bayliss holds the trophy for first place in the wheel chair relay. He and his teammates are always participating in local charity events to raise funds for those in need.



ONTARIO FRATERNAL PROJECTS



Gloria Donaldson and James Mulhearon presented a check to Genevieve Isshak, Clinical Director of Residential and Outreach Services for the Hiatus House. The Hiatus House is a home for battered women and their children.



Gloria Donaldson and James Mulhearon presented a check to Hua Zhang, the business manager at the Salvation Army's, Windsor Community and Rehabilitation Centre.

Submitted by Tom Bayliss

COUNCIL HELPS THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SILICON VALLEY

HUMANE SOCIETY OF SILICON VALLEY RECEIVES DONATIONS:

Joanie Francis, a member of San Jose Council, donated food, blankets, bedding and toys to one of her favorite charities, "The Humane Society of Silicon Valley." Joanie feels that our animal pets need our love and care throughout the year. Her donations were presented to members of the Santa Clara Lexus Dealership Group for the Humane Society.



Submitted by Joanie Francis and Jim O'Neill

Joanie Francis, Bill Patton and Joyce Allen from the Lexus Group.

SUPREME REGENT PRESENTS PROGRAM IN ONTARIO



Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara presented his program to the members of Ontario Council.

There were seventy in attendance, including new prospects who were enrolled as members that night.



Above: Carol Zavitz, Chris and Carl Krzystofczyk and Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara with members of Ontario.



Gloria Donaldson, Jim Mulhearon, Tom Bayliss, Virginia Lauzon and Sharon Bayliss with members of Ontario.



Left and Right: Coronation Council members enjoying the dinner meeting.



BAYONNE COUNCIL'S PROJECT IFSP

The members of Bayonne Council conducted their 2012 International Fraternal Service Project for St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center. Founded in 1939, St. Hubert's is a non-profit organization dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. Its services to the community include animal rescue, pet adoption, pet assisted therapy, humane education and more. The organization operates facilities in Madison and North Branch, New Jersey. Many of St. Hubert's innovative programs for animals and people serve as models for other organizations across the country. A \$1000 check and an assortment of pet food, supplies and additional monetary donations contributed by the families of Bayonne and Versatility Councils were gifted to St. Hubert's. Since Hurricane Sandy, St. Hubert's has become the home away from home for pets who are temporarily separated from their owners. The members in Bayonne rallied once again



Bayonne Council Officers made the presentation to Julie of St. Hubert's Madison facility.

in support of this worthy cause and recognizes the fine work of the dedicated, certified staff and volunteers.

Submitted by Cindy Macon

CORONATION COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



Junior Reese Osmond with her Christmas Bear.



Coronation Council members enjoyed a Christmas Dinner.



Coronation Council's newest family to join the Royal Arcanum is the Moore family. The children loved their Junior gifts.

Submitted by Debbie Young

LUNCH WITH SANTA IN BAYONNE

To ring in the holiday season, Bayonne and Versatility Councils hosted "Lunch with Santa" on December 1st at the Vietnam Veterans of America Hall in Bayonne. To the delight of the Juniors (and kiddies at heart), Santa's elves trimmed the tree and unloaded a brightly lit sleigh, packed with colorfully decorated gifts. Mrs. Claus and the orator's committee kept the kitchen aglow with luncheon favorites, topped off with frosty sundaes for dessert. Grand Regent Richard Macon along with Junior Committee members Raeann Hempel and Bob Galdon, had everyone "in step" and "on time" for Rudolph's Limbo contest and Blitzen's BINGO! Santa Claus

couldn't make it down the chimney, but somehow magically appeared during the joyful sing-a-long. With the exchange of happy holiday wishes, the North Pole crew headed back to work for the busy Christmas season while the Arcanians wrapped up the festive celebration together.



Submitted by Raeann Hempel



Santa Claus (Chester Hempel) and Grand Regent Richard Macon (second from left) with the Junior winners of Rudolph's limbo contest.



'Frankfurters to Go!': Chester Hempel, Bob Galdon and John Baranowski make sure Santa and his reindeer have enough hotdogs for the trek from Bayonne up to the North Pole.

SAN JOSE JUNIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

HOLIDAY MAIL FOR OUR HEROES:



Copy of the envelope sent to our Troops.

At our annual Junior Christmas Party, we asked both Juniors and adults to take time out from the celebration to sign 80 Christmas Cards to send to our wonderful troops who protect us everyday. Orator Grace Howell made sure that our Heroes received the "Holiday Mail for our Heroes." We were definitely "Lending a Hand and Lifting a Heart." Our troops need to know how much we care and that we haven't forgotten them.



Many members signed cards for our troops.

OUR ANNUAL JUNIOR CHRISTMAS PARTY:



On December 6, 2012, we had a wonderful Junior Christmas Party. Over seventy members and guests were in attendance, including children and teens, who had a fun-filled evening. We feasted on a hot dog dinner with all the trimmings, and sang Christmas Carols. We gave our children their Christmas gifts and played some games. Many new toys were brought to the party from our members for the Sacred Heart Community Center. Many members also brought new clothing for the elderly. Everyone was in a great Christmas Spirit.

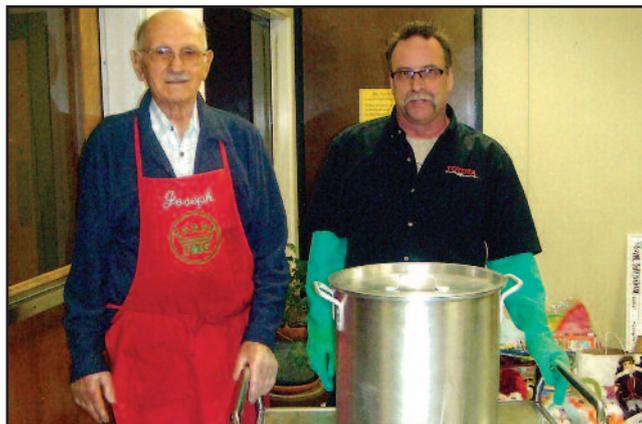
What a great way to kick-off the Holiday Season!



The Juniors singing Christmas Carols.



Beverly Terra, Junior Committee Member, started the games.



Joe Riolo and Gene Olson bring in the hot dogs! Yum!

SAN JOSE COUNCIL HOLIDAYS

ANNUAL ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On December 16, at Viva's Restaurant, the adult Christmas Party was hosted by Orator Grace Howell and husband John. This was a wonderful Christmas party and a relaxing time for all who attended. We had great Christmas Music to put us in a festive mood and

we brought gifts to exchange with each other. We had a fun time with our crazy games. Also, there were gifts for the raffle many donated by Leslie Hine and Bob Sherman. Thank you, Leslie and Bob, for the extra gifts. Thank you, Grace and John for hosting a great time.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



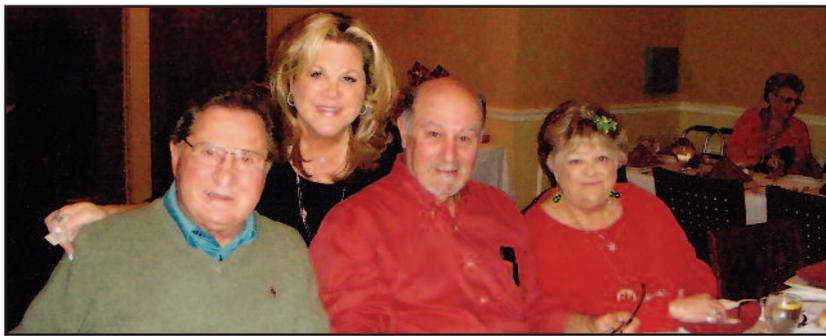
Bob Sherman and Leslie Hine



John and Grace Howell



Left to right, Maryann Valenti, Gene and Teri Lyn Olson, Bev Terra, June and Joe Carnesecca.



Left to right, Dominic Fanelli, Grace Howell, Edd and Judy Infantino.

ST. ROSAIRE COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY



On November 25, 2012, nearly 70 members of Royal Arcanum/ACA St. Rosaire Council attended a Banquet and Christmas Party at the Century House in Acushnet, MA. The event featured singers from

"Music in Motion" dressed in Santa costumes who performed a repertoire of Christmas favorites. Santa made a surprise appearance to distribute gifts. A raffle was held with many prizes.

Submitted by Ray Patnaude



Members in attendance



Santa handing out presents



The singers of Music in Motion

HARRISBURG COUNCIL JUNIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

Each year this event gets more popular with the Juniors, and they always appreciate the gifts from Council and, of course, the one from Santa! I love being part of the Royal Arcanum at this time of the year. Watching the children's eyes light up when it's time to give out the gifts is such a rewarding time.

Once again, the weather held out and the dinner and show were wonderful. This year's show by Allenberry Playhouse, *A Boogie Woogie Christmas*, was set in another era - predominantly the 1940s. The show was set in 1943 and the players captured the excitement of Christmas, the duty of our soldiers and the pride that we felt at that time. The music of that era continues today and it was memorable to hear.

The Allenberry players even managed to sneak in a bit of Bob Hope's jokes throughout the show that made you laugh, too. Good ole Bob Hope, he was always there for the troops with a laugh. The Royal Arcanum families always feel so welcome in Allenberry and we always have a great time.

May you all have a blessed Happy New Year from Harrisburg Council 499!

Submitted by Paulina Thomas



Paulina Thomas giving out the gift from the Royal Arcanum. The Juniors loved the "Gund Bear"!



The Harshbarger family

Juniors with Paulina Thomas, Secretary and Louise Caparello



MEET THE MANAGER

I wanted to introduce myself to you as I'm excited to join the family. I'm originally from East Longmeadow Massachusetts and currently reside in Attleboro Massachusetts with my wife Kelly and two daughters Meredith and Hazel.



**Jim O'Neill, Ken Kolek
and Nicholas Benoit**

Prior to joining Royal Arcanum, I worked for John Hancock in Boston for about 10 years managing numerous operational teams including the Licensing and Replacement departments. I have a vast knowledge of the Insurance industry through my experience working with state regulation auditors as well as with the agencies on a frequent basis. In my years at Hancock I developed a strong management background that continues to fuel me on a daily basis. During my past tenure, I won numerous

individual awards and more importantly many of my teams have won group awards for providing exceptional service.

I feel very proud to have joined such a strong organization. It is my goal to continue to move our Royal Arcanum family in the forward direction as we continue to introduce Royal

Arcanum to new members.

I look forward to meeting you so, if you see me please introduce yourself.

Sincerely,
Nicholas G. Benoit

“PILLAR OF FRATERNALISM” AWARD MEMBER

Alice Mangano, a member of San Jose Council, was welcomed home with a special award. She was a recipient of the Pillar of Fraternality Award which was presented to her at the Session in Atlantic City, NJ. This award was presented to Alice in recognition of her fervent support to the fraternal endeavors of our society. Her compassionate heart and benevolent spirit are genuinely reflected in selfless dedication to the cause of fraternalism.



Regent Joe Quartuccio, Jim O'Neill and Alice Mangano.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

I hope that all our Juniors enjoyed the Christmas parties and other holiday events sponsored by our various jurisdictions and councils. Several members have expressed their appreciation for the teddy bears and sweat band watches distributed by the Royal Arcanum for Christmas.

It is not too early for councils to start planning for a very special summer event for their junior members. I will certainly have gifts available for all those children and young adults who participate, so please respond quickly when the order request form is sent out. Summer activities might include a picnic, trip to the local zoo, water party, movie event, baseball game, children's theater, slumber party, game day, or trip to an amusement park. Please let me know what your council decides to do and how many gifts are needed.



Speaking of summer activities, our junior members are sure welcome and expected at our mini-vacation in San Francisco. Who will win the special "scavenger hunt" this year? Many special activities, prizes, and gifts will be available to the children and young adults who attend. Please make arrangements to bring our children and youth along with you.

Good luck to all our college students who have applied for a Royal Arcanum scholarship this year! College care packages for all our students who have sent us their addresses will be in the mail this March, so look for them. Commuting students will receive theirs at home.

I really appreciate all the councils and jurisdictions who communicate with me about the "Junior happenings" in their area.

By Dr. Herb Snyder, Director of Juniors

WHAT ARE THE BEST PETS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN?

Taking care of a pet can be a valuable learning experience for children. Just be sure to choose the right pet for your child and your family. Dogs and cats aren't the only possibilities.

Here's a look at some other options for animal companionship:

- **Fish.** Perhaps one of the easiest pets to take care of, fish can provide companionship without a ton of responsibility beyond cleaning their tanks and feeding them. They don't require much interaction and are a popular starter pet for most children. They don't take up a lot of room, but you should be careful not to overfeed them.

- **Ants/earthworms.** Do you have outdoorsy and science-oriented kids? Taking care of ants or earthworms could be a good choice. Ants are quite capable of taking care of themselves. Just be sure to not leave the lid off the container or let it get knocked over. As for earthworms, they're low-maintenance and are wonderful for teaching about composting, and can be moved to your garden if your child loses interest.

- **Rodents.** Small mammals such as mice, rats,

hamsters, and guinea pigs are excellent pets for those who do not have a great deal of living space. Handle them with care when feeding and exercising them, and clean their cages often. They don't live for too long, but they are more active at night, when children are home from school.

- **Rabbits.** While also rodents, rabbits require a different level of care from those previously mentioned. They need a good deal of exercise in and out of their cages. Rabbits also need to be handled with care by their owners and can bite if provoked. They'll need things to chew on and a roomy cage where they can have their own litter box.

- **Birds.** Birds such as parakeets or finches can make excellent pets if you make the commitment. Selecting the right kind of bird is key, as their temperament and level of activity should be matched to the family. It can take time to train them, and they can live for several years, so be sure that a bird really fits with your family.





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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**



Royal Arcanum Mini-Vacation

July 31st to August 4th, 2013

San Francisco, California



Cost per person

U.S. / Canadian

\$399 / \$399

\$699 / \$699

\$297 / \$297

Occupancy

Double

Single

Triple

Points for Free Trip

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570 pts / 570 pts

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424 pts / 424 pts

Please enter my reservation for the 2013 Royal Arcanum Mini-Vacation at the Embassy Suites San Francisco, South San Francisco, California on Wednesday, July 31st to Sunday, August 04, 2013.

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

single room

third person in room

king-size bed

king-size bed

double queen beds

double queen beds

Have you earned a prize trip? Yes No No. of trips _____

Arrival date _____ Departure Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Package includes: FREE – cooked to order breakfast daily. **FREE** – Hospitality Party every evening with your favorite alcoholic or non-alcoholic beverages including snacks. **Dinner** – Wednesday and Saturday evening. Complimentary shuttle to San Francisco Airport.

All rooms are two room suites with bedroom and living room. The hotel has a Tropical Atrium where guests can relax under lush palm trees watching fish in ponds adorned with fountains and sculptures.

FREE – five hour bus tour of San Francisco on Thursday, August 1st. Buses will also be available for free transportation to San Francisco on Friday and Saturday, August 2nd and August 3rd. Tickets for tourist attractions will be available for purchase.

Junior members will receive free tickets for Alcatraz and a Bay Cruise (Must be accompanied by adult family member).

Arrangements for members who wish to extend their hotel stay in San Francisco (If rooms are available) can be made for an additional charge.

IMPORTANT: Home address of individuals with different names must be supplied. Guest rooms will be available after 3 pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2013; Departures will be on Sunday, August 04, 2013. 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

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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 1, 2013 – NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

I take this opportunity to wish all Royal Arcanum members a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

It is an honor for me to serve as your Chairman during the upcoming years. I want to thank everyone for their support. I have a great Executive Committee to work with as we address Royal Arcanum business and fraternal issues. In 2012 we added two members to the Executive Committee who will contribute greatly to our future success. One is Errica Conforto, from New York, who is the 2011 American Fraternal Alliance National Fraternalist of the Year, and the second is Janice Brazas, from Michigan, Vice President of Coamerica Bank and small business banking compliance and Operations Manager. I am looking forward to working with this Executive Committee to make the Royal Arcanum the gold standard in the world of fraternal benefit societies.

I am pleased to announce the hiring of our new Home Office Manager, Nicholas Benoit, and welcome him to our Royal Arcanum family effective December 3rd, 2012. Nick comes to our society after many years of management and life insurance experience with John Hancock in Boston. He is a great young man who will be an asset to our home office and membership.

I want to thank Ken Kolek for his hard work and dedication to the Royal Arcanum as Home Office Administrator over the past 15 years. Ken has now assumed full time responsibility as our Supreme Secretary beginning in January 2013.

Hurricane Sandy hit the east coast last year with tremendous impact and hardship to the eastern states and impacted several of our Royal Arcanum family. Many of our members and families went without power, food and shelter. Many are still trying to put their lives back in order. Please remember those affected, especially our members, and donate to a deserving organization to



provide assistance where possible. This is what the Royal Arcanum is all about; helping others in need.

The 2013 Mini-Vacation will be held in San Francisco on July 31st through August 4th. It will be my privilege to welcome you to California, my home state, which provides an opportunity for our attending members to enjoy the wonderful weather and sites in San Francisco. The site committee has already arranged for a five hour tour, free to those attending, for our members on August 1st, which will take you to all the highlights of the city. The tour includes Fisherman's Wharf, San Francisco Bay, Golden Gate Bridge, cable cars, Union Square, Colt Tower, Bay Bridge, Ghirardelli Square and many other attractions. On August 2nd and August 3rd, transportation has been arranged to take our members from the Embassy Suites Hotel to San Francisco for further enjoyment. Tickets can be purchased for a San Francisco Bay cruise or Alcatraz Island tour. I hope that every member takes this once in a lifetime opportunity to join us at the Mini-Vacation. I know you will come away with many happy memories of San Francisco, "the city by the bay".

I congratulate our new Supreme Regent, Peter Ferrara, from Pennsylvania. Peter will serve us well, and I ask your support when he visits to your jurisdiction. He will definitely keep us "**On Track For Success**".

We recently completed our 135th anniversary of the Order's founding. I hope that everyone in the Royal Arcanum pledges to dedicate themselves to maintain our Society's heritage and tradition and help grow the Royal Arcanum by adding new members and creating many new fraternal activities.

Sincerely in V.M.C.,

James E. O'Neill
Chairman



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