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## **ACTING SUPREME REGENT MESSAGE**

## A Message from the Acting Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Supreme Par Intérim

Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Acting Supreme Regent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring is finally here! The sunshine is peeking through the windows and the birds are singing – hoping we are all heading towards better days soon.

With people getting tested more frequently and more people getting vaccinated, we are definitely looking forward to better days ahead. We are hopeful that our councils will pick up where we left off by holding meetings; all while following social distancing guidelines.

We must continue to spread the word about the Royal Arcanum and the benefits the Society offers. As I've mentioned, our monthly newsletter gets emailed to members to keep everyone informed of what goes on at the Home Office in Boston and throughout the councils in the USA and Canada. Unfortunately, the Supreme Council Session was postponed again (because of the pandemic) but we are all looking forward to meeting everyone on March 24, 2022 in Annapolis, Maryland. Our Field Director, Cindy Macon, worked very hard to keep the rates locked in and keep the contract we originally had for our future stay.

As the weather gets better, try to enjoy it as much as you can – take a nice walk, or just sit outside! Reflect on all that we've done and be positive for what the future may bring. Remember to be good to others and continue on with charitable work. Show the world that there are good souls out there helping to make a difference!

Sincerely yours in V. M. C.,

Maria Bettine Sibertalo

Maria Bettina DiBartolo Acting Supreme Regent Chers frères et sœurs,

Le printemps est enfin arrivé! Le soleil jette un œil à travers les

fenêtres et les oiseaux chantent - en espérant que nous nous dirigeons tous vers des jours meilleurs bientôt.

Avec des personnes testées plus fréquemment et plus de personnes se faisant vacciner, nous attendons avec impatience des jours meilleurs à venir. Nous espérons que nos conseils reprendront là où nous nous sommes arrêtés en tenant des réunions; tout en suivant les directives de distanciation sociale.

Nous devons continuer à faire connaître Royal Arcanum et les avantages qu'offre la Société. Comme je l'ai mentionné, notre bulletin mensuel est envoyé par courrier électronique aux membres pour que tout le monde soit informé de ce qui se passe au Home Office à Boston et dans les conseils aux États-Unis et au Canada. Malheureusement, la session du Conseil suprême a de nouveau été reportée (à cause de la pandémie), mais nous avons tous hâte de rencontrer tout le monde le 24 mars 2022 à Annapolis, dans le Maryland. Notre directrice de terrain, Cindy Macon, a travaillé très dur pour maintenir les taux fixés et conserver le contrat que nous avions initialement pour notre futur séjour.

À mesure que le temps s'améliore, essayez d'en profiter autant que vous le pouvez - faites une belle promenade ou asseyez-vous simplement à l'extérieur! Réfléchissez à tout ce que nous avons fait et soyez positif pour ce que l'avenir peut vous apporter. N'oubliez pas d'être bon envers les autres et continuez votre travail de bienfaisance. Montrez au monde qu'il y a de bonnes âmes qui contribuent à faire une différence!

Sincèrement vôtre à V. M. C.,

Maria Bettina DiBartolo Régent suprême par intérim

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## A Salute to Distinguished Service

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

The highest award is given to the members who have earned the Founders' Ring of Distinction Award. The second highest level of achievement is the 'I I 05' Royal Purple Achievement Award, followed by the Legion of Honor. Other members who have earned between one and twenty diamonds are awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

The Royal Arcanum is pleased to recognize the distinguished service of all our award recipients.\*

\* Does not include production from current campaign

#### FOUNDERS' RING OF DISTINCTION AWARD



August Magnotta Claremont Cl New York (Center Diamond) (L. of H. Circle-6)



Paul F. D'Emilio Integrity CI Pennsylvania (Founders' Ring W/Diamond) (Center Diamond) (L. of H. Circle-7)



Cynthia A. Macon Versatility Cl New Jersey (Founders' Ring W/Diamond) (Center Diamond) (L. of H. Circle-9)

## **11105' ROYAL PURPLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



Joseph R. Macon Bayonne CI New Jersey (L. of H.-10)



Frances Magnotta Claremont Cl New York (L. of H.-10) (L. of H. Center Diamond)



Kenneth J. Kolek Pawtucket CI Rhode Island (L. of H.-10)

(L. of H. Center Diamond)



Louise Reynolds Treasure Coast Cl Florida (L. of H.-10)

## A Salute to Distinguished Service



## **LEGION OF HONOR AWARD**





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



Gary D. Dotson Rhododendron Cl Carolinas (L. of H.-2)



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



B. Joe Merrill Rhododendron Cl Carolinas (L. of H.-2)



Genevieve A. Macon Versatility CI New Jersey (L. of H.-1)



Morgan Young Coronation Cl Ontario (L. of H.-1) (deceased)



Marie Cavallo Claremont Cl New York (L. of H.-2)



William J. Wire Medora Cl Illinois (L. of H.-6)



Donald Ferry Alpha-Agassiz Cl Massachusetts (L. of H.-1) (deceased)



Deborah L. Young Coronation CI Ontario (L. of H.-10)



Carl Krzystofczyk Medora Cl Illinois (L. of H.-5)



Ralph Ferrara

Ralph Ferrara Integrity CI Pennsylvania (L. of H.-10)

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David Hryniewich Alpha-Agassiz Cl Massachusetts (L. of H.-10)



Richard Slawinski Woodside Cl New Jersey (L. of H.-10)



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Maria DiBartolo Claremont Cl New York (L. of H.-5)



Gregory Hahn Medora Cl Illinois

(L. of H.-5)



# A Salute to Distinguished Service DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



TWENTY DIAMONDS					
NAME Errica Conforto ohn Crisanti	COUNCIL Claremont Alpha-Agassiz	GRAND COUNCIL New York Massachusetts	<b>NAME</b> Carmen Rodia	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania
IGHTEEN DIAMONDS					
NAME illie Mae Panichelli	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania			
SIXTEEN DIAMONDS					
NAME Antal Basa, Jr.	COUNCIL Alpha-Agassiz	GRAND COUNCIL Massachusetts			
FIFTEEN DIAMONDS					
NAME Loretta Wehbe	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania			
ourteen diamonds					
NAME Ellen Phillips	<b>COUNCIL</b> Railroad	GRAND COUNCIL Colorado	NAME Perry Whisenant	<b>COUNCIL</b> Catawba	GRAND COUNCIL Carolinas
TWELVE DIAMONDS					
NAME oyce A. Crawford Louis Marchesano	COUNCIL Germantown Horsetooth	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania Colorado	NAME Blanche Vicinanza	COUNCIL Sun Coast	GRAND COUNCIL Florida
ELEVEN DIAMONDS					
NAME Robert H. Law III oe Tedesco	COUNCIL Dobbs Ferry Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL New York (deceased) Pennsylvania	NAME Ivan Snyder	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania
TEN DIAMONDS					
NAME Loretta DiGianivittorio	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania	NAME Dotti Pagnani	COUNCIL Alpha-Agassiz	GRAND COUNCIL Massachusetts
NINE DIAMONDS					
NAME Herbert G. Chronister Peter Ferrara Andrew Madonna	COUNCIL Yorktowne Integrity Williamsbridge	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania Pennsylvania New York	NAME Ethel Reitsema Carol Zavitz	COUNCIL Merritt Coronation	GRAND COUNCIL New Jersey Ontario
EIGHT DIAMONDS					
NAME Charlotte Brill Matthew D'Emilio	COUNCIL Treasure Coast Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Florida Pennsylvania	<b>NAME</b> Roger Gudenkauf Joseph Panzarella	COUNCIL Denver Claremont	GRAND COUNCIL Colorado New York
SEVEN DIAMONDS					
NAME Herbert J. Snyder	COUNCIL Integrity	GRAND COUNCIL Pennsylvania	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
SIX DIAMONDS					
NAME Rosella Berger David Covelli	COUNCIL Woodside Ft. Dearborn	GRAND COUNCIL New Jersey Illinois	NAME Raymond Raniszewski Carmen Toma	COUNCIL Bayonne Alpha-Agassiz	GRAND COUNCIL New Jersey Massachusetts





# A Salute to Distinguished Service DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



#### FIVE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Carmine Campo	Claremont	New York	Richard J. Macon	Bayonne	New Jersey
William Grimwood	Republic	Ohio (deceased)			

#### FOUR DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Helen Bartolett	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania	Jane Merrill	Rhododendron	Carolinas
Richard H. Blase	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts	Gerard Pelletier	Maisonneuve	Québec
James Donati	Rhododendron	Carolinas	Arlayne Skridulis	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Robert Marcella	Mattatuck	Connecticut			

#### THREE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
James Boufford	Coronation	Ontario	Richard Phillips	Railroad	Colorado
Inge Huber	Claremont	New York	Michele N. Rhode	Ft. Dearborn	Illinois
Antonio Perillo	Claremont	New York	Robert W. Rowlands	Hoboken	New Jersey

#### TWO DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Ann Antuzzi	San Jose	California	Randolph P. Kriz	Coronation	Ontario
Sharon Bayliss	Coronation	Ontario	Thomas H. McGruddy	Integrity	Pennsylvania
Janice Brazas	Detroit	Michigan	John B. Opitz III	Merritt	New Jersey
Eleanor Clark	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania (deceased)	Kevin Power	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts
Elizabeth Delgado	Claremont	New York	Helen Spinelli	Claremont	New York
Gloria Donaldson	Coronation	Ontario	Patrecia Tindell	Railroad	Colorado
Kathleen Doyle	Mattatuck	Connecticut	Marjorie Trout	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Grace Gavin	Versatility	New Jersey	Harry Uberroth Jr.	Germantown	Pennsylvania
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#### ONE DIAMOND

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL			
George Arseneault	Dependable	Massachusetts	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Arlene Baker	Regina	Ontario	Carl Petlik	Bayonne	New Jersey
Nicholas Benoit	Pawtucket	Rhode Island	Stella Pettinelli	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania
Heidi L. Bonness	Lakewood	Ohio	Babette Quinn	Horsetooth	Colorado
Margaret Cameron	Coronation	Ontario	Judith Relovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
Glenda Cole	Catawba	Carolinas	Ann Rescigno	Claremont	New York
J.A. Dehainout	Medora	Illinois	Rosalie Rinaldi	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Madeline Dumouchelle	Coronation	Ontario	Joseph Riolo	San Jose	California
Mary Ann Emrick	Detroit	Michigan	Leonard Rowlands	Metuchen	New Jersey
Alan S. Foote	Merritt	New Jersey	F.B. Seeley	Royal York	Ontario
Robert Galdon, Jr.	Bayonne	New Jersey	Robert Shea	BH Web	Connecticut
Robert Koval	Bayonne	New Jersey	Lucille Stewart	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Jeannette Murray	Milette	New Hampshire	Pauline Thomas	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Robert Musso	Bayonne	New Jersey	Nancy L. Tucker	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Carl Nelson	Woodside	New Jersey	Johnsie Waddel	Rhododendron	Carolinas
Chris O'Neil	Coronation	Ontario	Alan White	Coronation	Ontario
James E. O'Neill	San Jose	California	Eleanore Yelenovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
Walter J. Pagurek	Bayonne	New Jersey			
John Parris	Rhododendron	Carolinas			

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: TYLER KOLEK**

Tyler Kolek, a Royal Arcanum Pawtucket Council #537 member since he was one year old, won the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year Honors in basketball as a freshman at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. Tyler started 18 of his 22 appearances averaging 10.8 points per game and collecting 50 assists. He shot 35.8% from the 3-point range and posted 11 double-digit games.

After the basketball season ended, Tyler's coach, Dave Paulsen, lost his position. Not knowing what the new coach's plan will be, Tyler decided to enter the transfer portal. This new program by the NCAA allows a student to transfer to another school without losing a year of eligibility, due to Covid-19. Since

then, Tyler has received about 50 Division I college offers. Marquette, Boston College, Providence College, Richmond, St. Bonaventure and other colleges have offered him scholarships. As of this writing, Tyler has not yet made a decision.

Basketball has long been a family affair in the Kolek family. Kevin Kolek, Tyler's Dad, was an All State player in high



school and played ball in college. Brandon, Tyler's older brother, excelled in high school basketball, and holds the all time scoring record at Cumberland High School in Rhode Island. Brandon received a basketball scholarship from Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire and plays there.

Tyler has had an interesting career in the sport. While attending Cumberland High School he scored over 1000 points while still a junior and made All-State. He then attended St. George's Prep School in Middletown, RI where he was voted MVP of the league and won the Gatorade Award. The award is given to the best basketball player in each state.

Tyler's parents, Kevin and Lynn and his grandparents, Roger and Clarita LePine and Ken and Judy Kolek, are proud of the achievements of both Tyler and Brandon. Although they don't get to see many games in person, they enjoy watching the games on television or streamed on their computers.

Submitted by: Ken Kolek

## THE CHALLENGES OF WORKING FROM HOME

The pandemic pushed many people out of the office to start working from home. It's been a tricky transition for some, but relatively smooth for most of us. The Pew Research Center looked at some of the challenges of working from home and how well employees have coped:

- **Technology.** Having the technology and equipment necessary to do their jobs was very or somewhat difficult to 13% of workers, but very/somewhat easy for 67%.
- **Deadlines.** Getting work completed on time was very/somewhat difficult for 19%, but very/somewhat easy for 80%.
- Workspace. Having enough room to work was at least somewhat of a challenge for 23% of workers, but relatively easy for 77%.
- **Interruptions.** Coping with interruptions was tricky for 32%, but not much of a problem for 68%.
- **Motivation.** Did you feel sufficiently motivated to get your work done? For 36%, that was something of a problem, but 64% had little or no difficulty.



## **GRAND COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA**

The Grand Council of California recently donated \$250.00 to the National Brain Tumor Society. The members learned of the Society's work because Grand Secretary Loretta Miller's granddaughter, Kristen Marcolini, is currently under treatment for a brain tumor. Kristen found out four years ago that she had a brain tumor and every four months is required to have a CT scan. Currently Kristen is working from home and doing very well. She's a sweet and wonderful girl and just like her grandmother, she has a positive approach to life.

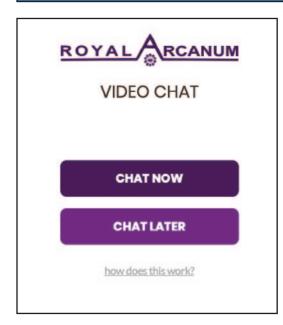
The National Brain Tumor Society is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to the brain tumor community in the United States. Its vision is to ultimately find a permanent cure for people living with a brain tumor. The Society offers a clinical trial finder for patients to find help thru clinical trials and accelerate the development of new drugs and treatments for patients. Many different kinds of brain tumors exist. Today an estimated 700,000 people in the United States have a primary brain tumor.

The Royal Arcanum members in California were happy to support the mission of the Society by making a donation to help conquer brain tumors and find a cure.

Submitted by: Joanie Francis



## FREE MEMBER VIDEO PLATFORM BENEFIT



The Royal Arcanum is happy to announce another member benefit. We have partnered with Heyyep.com to provide free video conferencing for our members. Especially in a time when video chatting is more important than ever, we feel that this resource may be really beneficial.

Unlike many other video chatting solutions, Heyyep doesn't require any software download, works on any device

or platform and there are no time limits.

The process couldn't be simpler! Go to the URL - royal.heyyep.com, select "CHAT NOW", copy the link and email it to up to 16 people. That's it!!

## **BAYONNE SHARES EASTER JOY**

Bayonne and Versatility Council members conducted an "Easter on Its Way" springtime project for special needs children. Since the pandemic restricted inperson visits, the members, with an assist from Peter Rabbit, sent a donation for bunnies and chicks to the Felician School for Exceptional Children in Lodi. Fraternal Events Committee members Chris Piscitelli, Gen Macon, Evelyn Magarban and Elaine Zuber organized the councils' efforts. They look forward to "Hopping to It!" with the Arcanian family to celebrate Special Education Month in May.



Arcanians are always ready to deliver holiday cheer.

#### **DIBARTOLOS ARE ON THE MOVE**

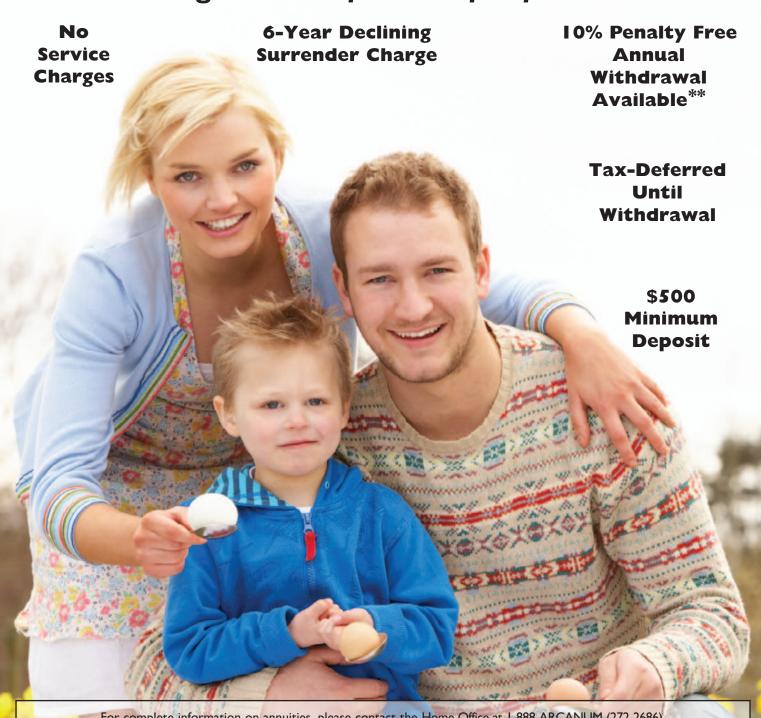
The entire Royal Arcanum family sends best wishes to Acting Supreme Regent Maria and Grand Regent Freddy DiBartolo as they settle into their new home in Nanuet, New York. From roots in Italy, the DiBartolos raised their family in the Bronx; all are active members of Claremont Council #1655. Their recent move to Rockland County was an exciting venture. Cheers! to a wonderful future!

Maria and Freddy DiBartolo recently moved to their new home in Rockland County, New York.



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## **ROYAL ARCANUM TEEN VAN DONATION**

San Jose Council #2384 in California contributed to the Children's Teen Van at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford; a vital resource for underserved youth across the Bay Area. During the Covid 19 pandemic, the Teen Van provided testing, food and supplies for local families, many of whom live in communities hit hardest by the virus.

Launched in 1996 by Seth Ammerman, M.D., the Teen Van was one of the first mobile clinics in the nation specifically created to provide care, free of charge for uninsured or homeless youth.

Member Toinette Fanelli introduced the Arcanians to the Teen Van program. Everyone agreed that the program and its work for improving the lives and health of young people would be a wonderful cause to support. San Jose Council made a \$250.00 donation to the Teen Van.

To learn more about the Teen Van, the web site is https://www.stanfordchildrens.org/en/service/teen-van and for donations, please visit:

https://my.supportlpch.org/royal-arcanum

Submitted by: Joanie Francis



#### YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND POSITIVE COMMUNICATION

A positive family relationship is built on good communication. You'll resolve conflicts more easily and enjoy each other's company when you communicate more effectively using these ideas from the Raising Children website:

• **Stop.** When your child wants to talk, stop what you're doing so you can give him or her your full attention. Be patient and give them time to express themselves fully.

• Keep an open mind. Your child may want to talk about difficult things. You may not always agree with his or her point of view. Stay calm. Wait until you're ready to respond without anger or fear.

• Be spontaneous. Take advantage of car trips, baths, and bedtime. Children frequently relax more when they have no distractions around them.

• Be ready for uncomfortable conversations. As they grow up, kids will have lots of questions about sex, drugs, alcohol, social media, and other issues. You want them to be safe, but try not to respond in a judgmental tone. Listen to what they say and explain clearly what you think about it and why.

• **Thank them.** When your child opens up about a problem, even if it's a disagreement with you, thank him

or her for being honest. This shows that they can trust you to treat them with respect no matter what the issue.

• Show appreciation. Let every child know that you appreciate him or her, regardless of whatever else is going on. Children feel secure when they know they're loved unconditionally.



## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU GET THE VACCINE

The vaccines against COVID-19 are here, but many of us have lots of questions about the process of getting the shot. Here's what CNN has to say about what to expect:

• **Be prepared.** Wherever you're getting your shot, find out what you should do beforehand. Ask what kind of paperwork or ID you should bring. Get as many questions as possible answered before showing up so you don't take up too much time while other people are

waiting. Be ready to wait when you arrive.

- Wear your mask. You still need to wear your mask when you get vaccinated, whether you're going to a pharmacy, a hospital, your doctor's office, or a drive-through site. Maintain social distancing protocols as well.
- Don't freak over side effects. The shot itself is just like any other

injection. You may feel soreness or have swelling or redness at the spot of the injection. Some people develop headaches, fever, fatigue, and muscle aches. In most cases these are minor inconveniences. Get some extra rest and take Tylenol or ibuprofen for any pain.

• Wait after the shot. You'll be asked to wait 15–20 minutes after receiving your shot to see if you have an allergic reaction. This is very rare, though. You'll probably be asked to hang out in an observation area, or in your car if you're at a drive-through site. If you have a history of severe allergic reactions to food or other medications, you may be asked to wait for 30 minutes after the vaccination before heading home.

• Get the second shot. One shot offers some

protection against the coronavirus, but two are required for optimal safety. The second shot will come 3–4 weeks after the first, depending on the vaccine manufacturer's guidelines.

• Keep exercising caution. After the second shot, it takes about two weeks to receive maximum protection, so keep wearing your mask and practicing social distancing. Even after

two weeks, you're not 100% protected, and you may still be able to carry and transmit the coronavirus to others. Continue to avoid crowds, wash hands, and wear masks.



## THE POWER OF APPRECIATION

Thank You!

A university professor began reflecting on the people who'd had a positive impact on his life. In particular he remembered a schoolteacher who'd gone out of her way to instill in him a love of poetry. He hadn't seen or spoken to her in many years, but he located her address and sent her a letter of thanks. A short time later, he received this reply:

"I cannot tell you how much your note meant to me. I am in my 80s, living alone in a small room, cooking my own meals, lonely, and, like the last leaf of autumn, lingering behind. You will be interested to know that I taught school for 50 years and yours is the first note of appreciation I ever received. It came on a blue-cold morning, and it cheered me as nothing has in many years."

The teacher's note brought the professor to tears—and then he began searching for others who'd shaped his life, just to say thanks.

## FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

#### Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When there's something we like to do or if we excel in a particular area, we are inclined to "stick with it". Even if we encounter a challenge or try tackling a difficult chore that seems almost impossible to complete, many times we'll hear a "little voice" urging us to stick with it! In 1947, the first multipurpose consumer white glue, known as Elmer's Glue-All, was introduced. The household helper was first packaged in a glass bottle with a wooden applicator secured by a rubber band. What a handy product for making almost everything stick when needed! As requests were made for an easier to use dispenser, engineers, over the years, stuck with the task to "get it right" and by 1962 the

company developed squeeze bottles with a twistable orange cap. The innovative design was a success. That nifty packaging is the Elmer's that we easily spot on store shelves and have relied on for hundreds of everyday projects.

In the mid 1800s, fraternal benefit societies were formed to protect individuals from financial hardship and for social interaction; these groups were the first to offer quality life insurance. In 1877 in Boston, Massachusetts, Dr. Darius Wilson and the

founding members of the Royal Arcanum proposed a new concept and were determined to "stick" with it. They formed our Society based on sound business principles by combining fraternalism with affordable life insurance protection. Unlike others of the time, the Royal Arcanum would use a graded scale of assessment based on age and other factors. It was an unchartered approach soon to catch on with other fraternals and one that continued to "stick", as additional products were introduced and membership soared. In June of this year we celebrate the Royal Arcanum's 144th birthday. That's a lot of candles for the cake!

Many of us probably never gave much thought about the opportunities that would be ours when we enrolled as members of the Royal Arcanum. In addition to securing a permanent life insurance product and/or annuity, we were welcomed to participate in the good works of the

Supreme, Grand and Subordinate Councils throughout the United States and Canada.

Throughout the Society's history, Royal Arcanum members have been both humbled and grateful to "stick" with its mission of volunteer service and make good things happen together!

We are pleased to recognize the service our councils provide for communities, near and far. Fraternalists "stick" to the plans of organizing and carrying forth

projects and programs in support of many different

charitable causes. The International Fraternal Service, Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart, Sharing and Caring, LJD Legacy of Hope, and Supreme Council Team programs acknowledge the dedication and commitment that members and councils consistently demonstrate. Many charities were severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; a growing number of people sought help while fewer donations were received. Arcanians were committed to "stick" together and offer support with contributions of funds, goods and other essentials to help those in need. Such efforts exemplify how our

Society's attributes of Virtue, Mercy and Charity continue to "stick" in the hearts and minds of our members and guide fraternal volunteerism. Thank you, all!

With spring cleaning time here, we'll probably find a task to tackle every day. Keep the Elmer's ready in the craft chest or tool box. Stick with your plan to get the jobs done and soon you'll be happy with the results!

Please stay safe, be well and offer a prayer for a healthy and happy future for all.

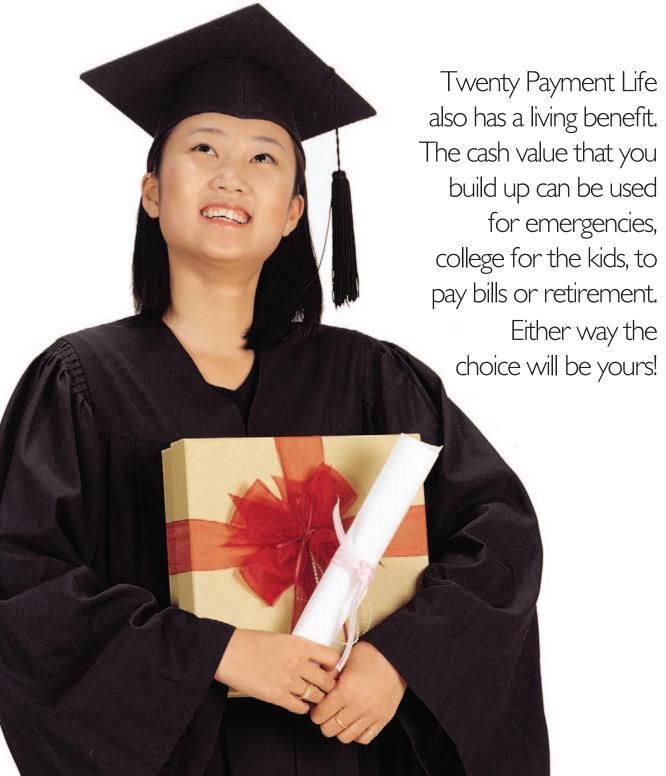
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#### **BAKER'S BOX: ORANGE ALMOND BISCOTTI**

We hope you enjoy this recipe shared by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto.

## Ingredients



2 cups flour

I teaspoon baking powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

4 tablespoons soft butter

I cup sugar

2 eggs

½ teaspoon vanilla extract

½ teaspoon almond extract

I tablespoon grated orange zest

3/4 cup almonds, toasted and chopped



Logs ready for the oven

With an electric mixer (Kitchen aid) or by hand, beat butter and sugar until smooth. Add eggs, one at the time. Add vanilla and almond extracts, grated orange zest, chopped almonds, flour, baking powder and salt. Fold until dough is just combined. On a flat surface dusted with flour, divide dough into two pieces and roll each into a log shape. Cover baking sheet with parchment paper. Place both logs on the papered sheet and bake in oven for 25-35 minutes at 350 degrees or until lightly browned. Remove from oven; cool 10 minutes and slice the logs on the diagonals - about ½ to ¾ inch in width. Place biscotti back on the baking sheet. Return to oven for another 20 minutes, turning them halfway through baking. Remove from oven and let cool at room temperature. Enjoy with family and friends!



Phase 2 of the baking process



Errica's biscotti are a favorite treat!

## IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT H. LAW III (1929-2021)



The Supreme Council sadly reports the death of Past Supreme Regent Robert H. Law III. Brother "Bob" was born in the Bronx, New York. His grandfather, Harold Knoeppel was Supreme Regent of the Royal Arcanum in the 1920s. Mr.

Knoeppel enrolled

Bob and his cousins into Suburban Council #1354 as the first RA Juniors in 1940. Years later, Bob would follow in his grandfather's footsteps to the Supreme Council.

Brother Law attended Union College and graduated St. John's University Law School. He served two years in the United States Army, attached to the Judge Advocates Office. After discharge from the service, he entered upon the practice of law in White Plains, New York and earned a Master of Law Degree from New York University. Brother Law was a respected attorney who was a member of the bar in New York, Massachusetts and the District of Columbia.

Bob transferred his membership to Dobbs Ferry Council #1823 which was geographically closer to his home. He served in various offices of the subordinate council and as New York Grand Regent. He was a DSA recipient and was a Representative of the Empire State jurisdiction at Supreme Council Sessions. Brother Law was elected to serve on the Supreme Council Law Committee (1972-1974), Supreme Council Junior Committee (1990-1992), as Elective Member of the Executive Committee (1992-

1994) and as Supreme Vice Regent (1994-1996). He represented the Society at the National Fraternal Congress of America and Life Insurance Marketing & Research Association.

Brother Law was elected as Supreme Regent for the 1996-1998 term. He promoted the successful "Fraternal Flame" and "Build a Bridge to the Future" campaigns during his extensive travels to Royal Arcanum councils in the United States and Canada. From 1998 through 2004 he served as Chairman of the Supreme Council Executive Committee and in 2012 earned Life Membership in the Supreme Council.

Brother Law's vision and leadership helped propel new ventures for the Royal Arcanum. The Society continually evolved to best serve members and potential applicants while maintaining allegiance to its founding principles of Virtue, Mercy and Charity.

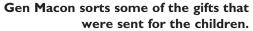
His objective to consistently move forward became a catalyst for introducing initiatives and developing projects for the organization's business and fraternal operations. During his service in the Supreme Council, the Royal Arcanum added financial products, expanded educational programs, advanced fraternal opportunities and created unique forums for council engagement. He was always optimistic about the future of the Royal Arcanum and many times inspirited officers to "use the wisdom from our past to take charge of our future."

An advocate of fraternalism, Brother Law was extremely proud of his 80-year membership in the Society. The Royal Arcanum is grateful for his lifelong dedication as an officer, member and friend.

May he rest in eternal peace.

## **VERSATILITY'S SERVICE PROJECT**

To welcome the spring season members of Versatility Council #2501, Bayonne, New Jersey conducted a gifting project for the Felician Sisters Haiti Mission in Jacmel. Although the pandemic affected the manner in which service initiatives were sponsored, the dedication and generous spirit of members and friends, coupled with council donations, provided support for poor children in the Sisters' care. A wonderful assortment of useful gifts, including summer clothing articles, healthcare items, toys, crafts, activity kits and more quickly filled parcels for the children. Although social distancing measures continue to be followed, Royal Arcanum's fraternalists continue to demonstrate how they volunteer together effectively, even from afar.





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Premiums never increase and death benefit never decreases

#### PROGRAM BENEFITS INCLUDE

- \* No increase of premium
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## ROYAL ARCANUM VETERAN DONALD FERRY SR.

On Sunday March 7, 2021, Amy Fitzgerald of Alpha-Agassiz Council, went to the home of Don Ferry Sr. to not only say hello but to also replace his tattered American Flag.

Amy reported that it was an honor to perform a service for one of our Veterans.

Don Ferry Sr., was born in Winthrop, MA and right after high school, joined the US Army. His time in the Army started off at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and after a stint in Hawaii, he returned to a few military sites in New York. When he left the service he had made it all the way to

mess sergeant where he worked 7 days a week to feed our troops.

A member of a 100% Royal Arcanum family, Don Sr. held the position of Grand Regent of Massachusetts and was elected to the Supreme Council. He has served as Supreme Committeeman, Supreme Chaplain, Supreme Trustee and represented the Massachusetts jurisdiction at many sessions and mini vacations. He fondly remembers his time as a member of our Society.

Submitted by: Patrick Fitzgerald



Amy Fitzgerald hangs the new American flag on a chilly March morning.



Don Ferry Sr.

## **YIKES! ELECTRIC EELS HUNT IN PACKS**

Imagine fleeing from an electric eel. Pretty scary, right? Now imagine trying to escape a pack of them.

It's not a horror movie (yet). But The New York Times reports that scientists have discovered that eels, long considered to be loners of the deep, actually congregate in packs to hunt other fish. The behavior was actually first observed in 2013, when a Brazilian diver exploring an Amazon waterway came upon a "writhing mass" of 100 or more eels ganging up to prey on a group of tetra fish. The eels nudged them into tight balls and then hit them with a series of synchronized shocks.

The discovery was confirmed by other researchers and recently written up in a scientific journal. The eels have been identified as the Volta electric eel, which can grow to eight feet long and deliver a shock of 860 volts. Ten of them working together could produce enough electricity to power 100 light bulbs.

Researchers speculate that they coordinate their attacks by communicating with low-voltage energy

discharges.

## A SPECIAL CENTENNIAL

One hundred years ago the United States Congress authorized the burial of an unidentified soldier from World War I. In October 1921, four bodies of unidentified U.S. military personnel were exhumed from different American military cemeteries in France and sent to the City Hall of Châlons-sur-Marne. There the caskets were arranged so that each rested on a shipping case other than the one in which it had arrived. This would ensure a truly random selection of one soldier who would be buried at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. US Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger, who was wounded in combat, was

assigned to make the selection and he did so by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. That unknown soldier/casket was transported to the United States on the USS Olympia and the other three soldiers were reburied at Meuse Argonne

American Cemetery in France.

The Unknown Soldier/casket arrived in Washington, DC on November 9, 1921. On the following day he lay in state in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda where nearly 90,000 visitors paid their respects.

On November 11, 1921, a state funeral ceremony officiated by President Warren G. Harding was held at Arlington National Cemetery. The President placed the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, on the casket. Honorable awards were also bestowed by foreign dignitaries before the Unknown was interred in the Tomb.

The inscription on the tomb reads "Here rests in honored glory an American soldier known but to God." On the other side of the white marble sarcophagus are three sculpted figures representing Peace, Victory and Valor. The memorial was later renamed "Tomb of the Unknowns" to commemorate more than only the lost soldiers from World War I. It was completed in 1932.

An unknown soldier from World War II and another from the Korean War were buried at the tomb in 1958 with President Dwight D. Eisenhower presiding. President Ronald Reagan officiated at the ceremony for an unknown soldier from the Vietnam War who was laid to rest there in 1984. The Vietnam serviceman's remains were positively identified in 1998 by DNA testing and then removed from the crypt and delivered to his family for burial in Missouri. The slab covering that crypt had an original inscription of "Vietnam". It was replaced with one that reads "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen" in remembrance of lost

servicemen from 1958-1975. That crypt remains vacant.

Since 1926, US
Army soldiers have acted as Tomb
Guards; one of the most honored positions in the
Army. These sentinels are from the 4th Battalion of the 3rd US Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard". Since 1937

they have kept watch over the memorial every minute of every day. Applicants must complete an intense training period and pass tests on a variety of subjects. Tomb Guards are held to the highest standards, have impeccably neat uniforms, take a memorization exam of a 35-page history of the Tomb and "walk the mat" in front of the Tomb for anywhere from 30 minutes to two hours at a time.

Although only a few are interred there, the Tomb of the Unknowns serves as a monument for honoring the many unidentified servicemen who gave their lives in armed conflict.

As we observe Memorial Day and the Centennial of the Tomb approaches, offer a prayer of gratitude for all those who have defended our country and our freedom, past and present. May international peace always prevail.

#### A LOOK BACK IN TIME

Fraternal societies were introduced over a hundred years ago with members helping fellow members, especially in times of need. The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum was organized by nine men on June 23, 1877 in Boston, Massachusetts. It was founded on the principles of fraternalism and sound business practices for offering affordable life insurance protection based on a scale of assessment. Its founding attributes of Virtue, Mercy and Charity continue to guide councils today.

Dr. Darius Wilson, a medical doctor and founder of the organization, became the first Supreme Regent.

The Society was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on July 14, 1877 and its charter was granted on November 5 of that year.

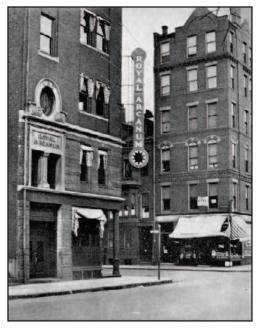
Men between the ages of 21 and 59 were eligible to apply for membership. In the beginning, all death benefits were

provided to care for the financial needs of a wife and children.

Membership in the Royal Arcanum grew rapidly. By the 1890s councils were instituted along the east coast, across the nation, and north into Canada. Subordinate Councils were formed in local communities and Grand Councils represented statewide jurisdictions and provinces.

In 1940 boys were admitted into membership and in 1956 girls were invited to enroll. In so doing, the Junior Department, which comprises youngsters from birth through age 17 years 11 months, was created. In 1958 women were accepted into membership and with this step, the Royal Arcanum became a family fraternal benefit society that spanned two great nations in North America.

The Royal Arcanum is governed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order. As do other fraternals, the Society



has a representative form of government, designed as not for profit, and operates for the mutual benefit of its members. The Supreme Council is the chief legislative body of the organization with the highest ranking officer being the Supreme Regent.

Since its founding, the Royal Arcanum has promoted quality products and opportunities for members as they prepare for their futures. A varied and impressive portfolio of life protection policies and annuities has been developed and remains in force, with new products consistently being researched and marketed to address consumer

needs.

The Society, being organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is subject to periodic examinations of its operations by the Massachusetts Department of Insurance and in every state and province

> it is licensed to conduct business.

Royal Arcanians have the opportunity to participate in socials, family outings, recreational activities and other council-sponsored events. As new members enroll, the organization advances the mission of fraternal service to members

and to communities.

The Society's long and vibrant history across the United States and Canada is a testament of the dedicated service of generations of members and their commitment to seeing the Society succeed for future generations. This year the Royal Arcanum celebrates its 144th anniversary and with gratitude, we toast our members for its continual growth and progress!



## GET OFF TO THE RIGHT START ON YOUR NEW REMOTE JOB

These days, your new job may very well be a remote position. Even as workplaces open up, many employers are seeing the benefits of a WFH workforce. How can you make your mark, though, when you don't have regular personal contact with your boss or your coworkers? The Make It website tells you how:

- **Set up your space.** Take a look around the room where you do your work. What does it say about you? People who see you in virtual meetings will notice the pictures on your wall, the books on your shelves, the clutter on your desk, and more. Clean up before your first day to ensure you show a neat, professional profile.
- Communicate with your manager. During the first few days and weeks, make a point of communicating with your manager often. Don't bug him or her, but talk in depth about your role, the manager's expectations, how you'll be evaluated, and other crucial elements of doing your job well. Learn his or her priorities and get a solid idea of the organization's big-picture goals.
- Learn how to communicate with everyone. You can't peek over a cubicle or stroll down the hall to talk with a co-worker or manager, so you have to know how best to contact them. Does your boss prefer phone calls or emails? Are team meetings held via Zoom? How quickly do people expect responses to emails or texts? Figure out the best way to communicate with each person on your team to avoid misunderstandings.
- Get to know people. Your boss probably won't take you to lunch with the team on Day One so you can all get to know each other, so you've got to take a different



approach. Reach out to team members one by one to introduce yourself and find out what makes them tick.

• Understand the pandemic's impact on your organization. Chances are your employer has been through some big changes in the past year—layoffs, new products, shifting priorities, adjusting to remote work, and many other issues. As you talk to people, find out what's changed and what has stayed intact. This will give you a good idea of the organization's values and priorities.

## **GRINS AND GIGGLES: THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD**

#### Here are a few science-based jokes:

Why can't you trust an atom? Because they make up everything.

I just read a book about helium. I couldn't put it down.

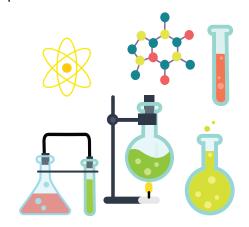
Want to hear a potassium joke? K.

Two hydrogen atoms bump into each other at a party. The first one says, "Hey, that electron is mine!"

"Are you sure?" asks the second.

"I'm positive!" the first replies.

When oxygen and magnesium started dating, many people said, "O MG!"



## CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

As we start to wind down the springtime season with schools looking toward the summer break and baseball season well underway, we have seen many positives thus far in 2021. There has been great progress with COVID vaccines being distributed and administered throughout North America and we hope to see the light at the end of the tunnel. In the northeast I've seen businesses reopening and more activity now taking place in Boston than has been in quite some time. Sadly not all businesses made it through the pandemic. No matter how difficult it can be at times, we must think positively and anticipate brighter days ahead. As difficult as 2020 was for us personally and professionally, I'm excited for 2021. I'm confident we will build off the experiences we faced last year. We should look at things a bit differently, not take things for granted, continue to help

others and aim to make our Society even better than it is today. Sometimes the little things can really make a positive impact and often you don't even realize how much. It might be saying hello to someone or buying a coffee for someone else.



Our operation continues to thrive while work is conducted in a hybrid capacity with employees at the Home Office as well as remotely, maintaining the strong service levels that we have come to expect. The health and safety of our employees is of the utmost importance, and the manner in which we have adjusted to operate has allowed associates to excel even though conditions may not have been ideal. I've seen examples of some associates working remotely and accomplishing more during the day since travel time to Boston was eliminated. When I first implemented our business continuity plan in March of 2020, there were some questions of how we would adapt. I'm glad to say our associates have adapted successfully and continue to perform at a high level, completing tasks for serving our members and potential applicants in a very timely and efficient manner.

We made a decision to eliminate our pre-need product line; it faced many challenges due to the continued low interest rate environment and effects associated with the pandemic. The operational staff and sales agents are focused on marketing and servicing our profitable life insurance products that will enable the Royal Arcanum to continue to grow as a Society. Our life insurance application



volume grew by over 20% in 2020 during a pandemic and I expect it to grow by approximately 20% again in 2021!

I was pleased to see the continued fraternal work that was completed in 2020 by our grand and subordinate

councils through the International Fraternal Service program. We had participation across the country with many councils finding creative ways to contribute to various charities, some of which faced dire needs from the pandemic's impact.

The Home Office continues to operate Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST). Should you have any questions or concerns, we ask you to call the office (888)-272-2686 or e-mail

info@royalarcanum.com.

"I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats."
I don't intend to waste any of mine."

-Neil Armstrong

Stay Safe and Best Wishes,

Sincerely,

Nicholas G. Benoit Chief Operations Officer

nbenoit@royalarcanum.com

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

It's been over a year since the start of the pandemic. We have been dealing with improbable changes, widespread illness, social isolation, economic meltdown, and difficult challenges across the entire world. Learning to adapt to this "new normal" has greatly affected our families and communities as a whole. Spring is finally in the air and with the availability and administration of vaccines, we are all starting to feel as if a big weight has been lifted. Slowly we will be able to resume family gatherings, council activities, and other functions under the guidelines and recommendations of the CDC.

In this spring edition of the Bulletin, we take the opportunity to wish good luck to all our high school seniors, especially those who have applied for the Royal Arcanum scholarships and grants. Our Society is committed to giving financial support to eligible members by helping our Juniors obtain a college education through scholarships and loans. Every year we award over \$65,000 in scholarships and grants. This year's winners will be announced at the end of May. The judge responsible for reviewing the applications and choosing the recipients is an independent party who is not affiliated with the Royal Arcanum.

Our Junior Committee members are doing a wonderful job of taking turns every six months to send out over 200 birthday cards to our Juniors

rewarded Juniors who sent in a story, poem, or essay that was published in the Bulletin with the Junior Writing Award.

It takes a great level of commitment from our organization to offer these programs and we hope you take advantage of what there is to offer by participating.



Junior Department **Director Errica Conforto** 

I look forward to embracing family and friends, attending communions, confirmations,

graduations, and weddings this year even if mask wearing and social distancing are still required. We definitely need to try to begin getting back some sort of normalcy while staying safe and healthy. In the meantime, enjoy the spring weather and take advantage of it by being outdoors. Better days are ahead and I hope to see you all, soon.

Sincerely yours in VMC,

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Errica Conforto

**Junior Director** 



## NEW JERSEY'S WARM HEARTS PROJECT

Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC led members of the Grand Council in a Valentine's project for New Jersey homeless shelters. A collection of coffees, teas, cocoas, cookies and crackers was sorted and packed for deliveries to Hudson and Essex county facilities that serve the hungry. An assortment of mugs was also contributed to help replenish supply cupboards at the shelters. The "Sip 'n Snack" project was part of the fraternal GI "Get Involved" initiative and gladly welcomed Arcanian family support and participation to make it a success.



Grand Regent Richard Macon organizes items for shelter deliveries.

## MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE DURING THE PANDEMIC

Discipline is an issue in every family. You don't want to punish every minor infraction, but you do have to set some limits for behavior. We're probably more tense than usual after a year of COVID-19, but that doesn't mean you should let up on reasonable boundaries for your kids. The Healthy Children website offers these tips:



• Redirect bad behavior. Children, especially younger ones, may not realize that they're doing something wrong when they misbehave.

Instead of just getting mad, suggest something else to do that won't violate any rules you're trying to set.

- Engage in creative play. Sit down with your kids to draw pictures or make collages that illustrate safe behavior. Hang up their drawings of taking out the trash, wearing masks, and other positive family practices.
- Reinforce positive behavior. You do have to point out when kids are doing something unsafe or rude, but don't dwell on it. Explain what they can do differently so they know how to avoid negative consequences.
- Use time outs. With younger children, time outs can be particularly effective. Give them a warning so they know what's coming and can choose to avoid it. This teaches them to control their actions and anticipate repercussions.
- Reward good behavior. Giving children extra privileges—an extra half hour on the computer, for example—when they do their homework ahead of time or babysit their younger siblings can generate a spirit of helpfulness in your kids.
- Don't respond to everything. You don't have to stop what you're doing every time your child steps out of line. As long as they're not doing something dangerous, sometimes it's better to let them work out a problem on their own or experience natural consequences of inappropriate behavior.

## **SPRING WORD SEARCH**

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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 can submit answers to same puzzles in order to win. Puzzle entrants are restricted to Juniors no older than 17 years 11 months. All entries must be received prior to distribution of the next Bulletin.

All Junior entrants can earn a \$10.00 gift certificate award from Amazon.com!



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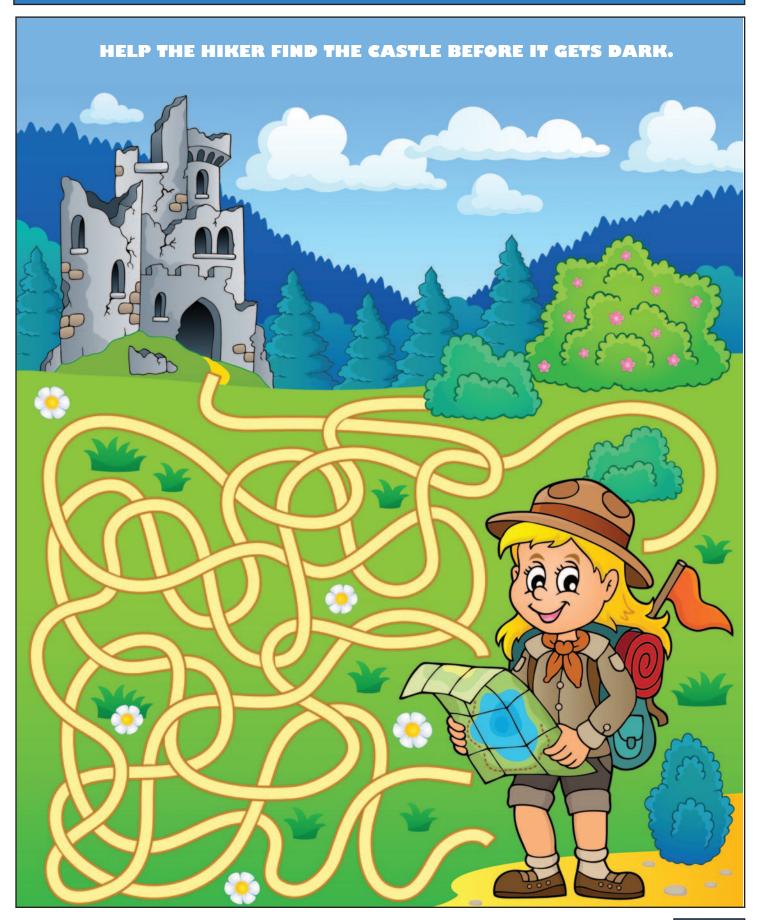
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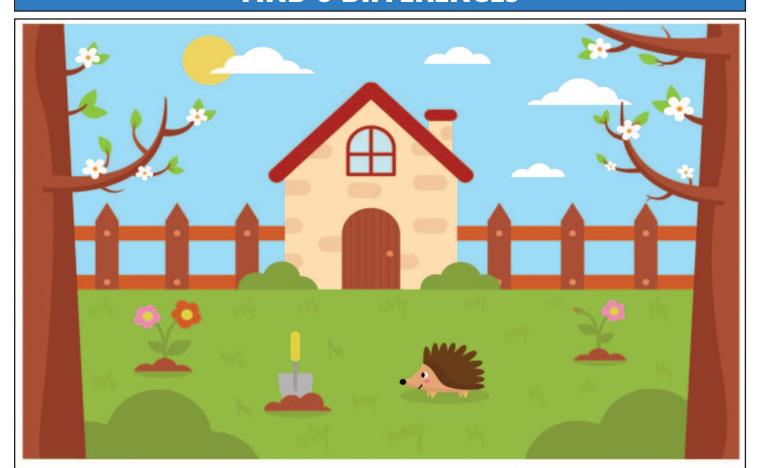
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## SPRING MAZE

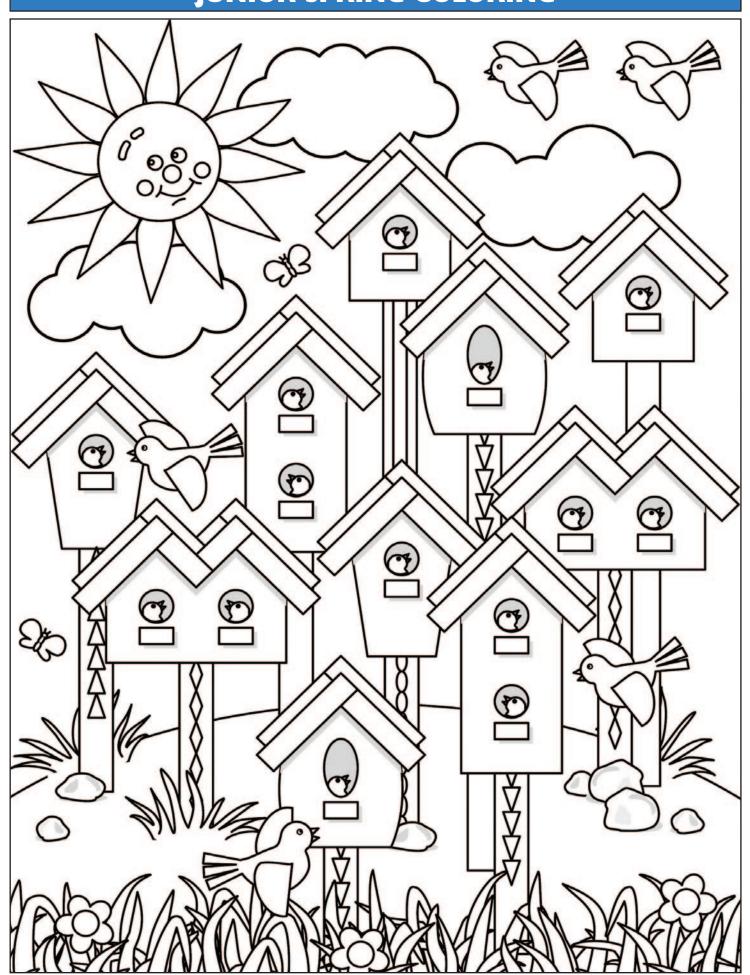


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## JUNIOR SPRING COLORING





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## A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Once again the seasons have changed and spring has arrived. This year it actually seems like spring, at least here in the East with sunny weather and temperatures rising. We had a fair amount of snow and lots of cold temperatures, but nothing compared to large portions of the country that had major blizzards, below freezing temperatures, power outages, etc. In some locations the cold winter

weather continues, hopefully for not too much longer.

Another sign of optimism going into the spring season is the fact that we seem to be getting a handle on the Covid 19 pandemic that has plagued this and just about every other country on the planet. We now have several vaccines that have shown to be very effective in preventing the spread of the virus. These vaccines were developed in record time, a tribute to the dedicated scientists and health care professionals not only in this country but throughout the world, working together to achieve results that were so vitally necessary. The distribution of the vaccine to

the general public has not been without some major problems. With increased production and the major pharmaceutical companies working together, we should be able to vaccinate most of the US population by early this summer.



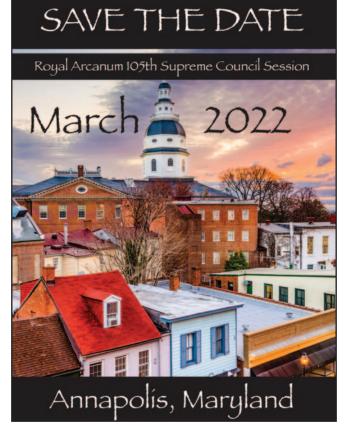
The virus has proven to be very effective into mutating into new and more infectious strains. It is up to us as individuals to remain vigilant and keep the momentum going forward by continuing to follow CDC guidelines by practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Hopefully, with continued progress in vaccine distribution, we can reach a point where return to normalcy can be achieved. I again am hopeful

that we will be able to go forward with our plans for our Supreme Session in March of 2022. Please

continue to follow notifications in this and future Bulletins and info from the Home Office regarding the status of the Supreme Session.

My personal congratulations to all the Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recipients listed in this Bulletin and to all our voluntary producers.

My best wishes to all our members in the US and Canada; hopefully for a happy and healthy Easter and Passover season.



Yours in V. M. C.

Peter D Ferrara

Pete Ferrara Supreme Secretary



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