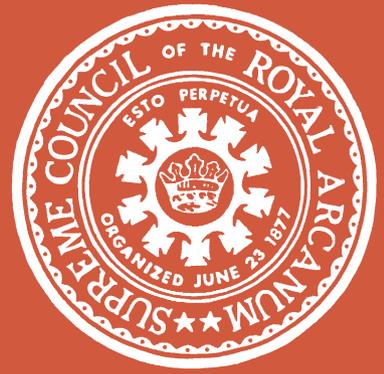


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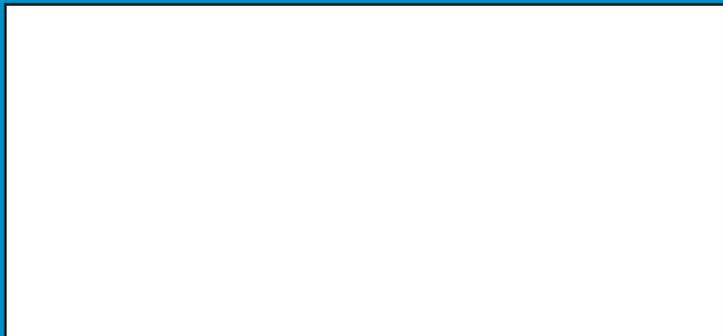


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## A Message from the Acting Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême Par Intérim

Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Acting Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to officially welcome you to our 145th Birthday Celebration!

We've been working for many years to make the Royal Arcanum as strong as it is today in its 145th year! We provide the best life insurance throughout the US and Canada, wonderful fraternal benefits, and great scholarship/grant opportunities for our Juniors.

Congratulations to this year's scholarship and grant recipients! We are proud of your achievements and wish you lots of luck and success!

I join our Fraternal-Field Director, Cindy Macon, in thanking all of you for your continued support and generosity. The Royal Arcanum has donated over \$22,000 to help Ukrainian refugees. Our summer national charitable project will be a "Friendship Shower" for Ukrainian infants and toddlers. Monetary donations, clothing, and other essentials are welcome and appreciated.

The Supreme Council Session is quickly approaching! I look forward to seeing you in Annapolis, Maryland and to making this event another successful one!

As always, let's be thankful for all that we have – health, family, and friends – and let's enjoy the summer as best we can.

Fraternally,

Maria

Chers frères et sœurs,

Je suis heureux de vous accueillir officiellement à notre célébration du 145e anniversaire!

Nous travaillons depuis de nombreuses années pour rendre le Royal Arcanum aussi fort qu'il l'est aujourd'hui dans sa 145e année! Nous offrons la meilleure assurance-vie aux États-Unis et au Canada, de merveilleuses prestations fraternelles et d'excellentes opportunités de bourses d'études / subventions pour nos juniors.

Félicitations aux récipiendaires de bourses et de subventions de cette année ! Nous sommes fiers de vos réalisations et vous souhaitons beaucoup de chance et de succès!

Je me joins à notre directrice de Fraternal-Field, Cindy Macon, pour vous remercier tous pour votre soutien continu et votre générosité. Le Royal Arcanum a fait don de plus de 22 000 \$ pour aider les réfugiés ukrainiens. Notre projet caritatif national d'été sera une « douche de l'amitié » pour les nourrissons et les tout-petits ukrainiens. Les dons en argent, les vêtements et autres articles essentiels sont les bienvenus et appréciés.

La session du Conseil Suprême approche à grands pas! J'ai hâte de vous voir à Annapolis, Maryland et de faire de cet événement un autre succès!

Comme toujours, soyons reconnaissants pour tout ce que nous avons - santé, famille et amis - et profitons de l'été du mieux que nous pouvons.

Fraternellement,

Maria

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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Behind the scenes, a lot goes into producing our quarterly Bulletin. From content contributors, Home Office staff, Fran Magnotta and the Bulletin Committee, many hands go into producing our society's flagship publication.

However, I wanted to take a moment to recognize our Bulletin Committee chairman, Cindy Macon for her work and tireless dedication. She is a huge reason why the Bulletin meets its schedule each quarter while maintaining the quality we desire.

From a technical standpoint, she is an accomplished editor who knows how to provide edits in a clear and concise manner. Many, however, do not know how many late nights, lunch breaks or weekend afternoons Cindy has spent writing, editing and submitting content for the Bulletin.

In truth, I am not sure how she finds the time to research and provide article information while managing to return all of my emails. As someone

who has dealt with content providers before, Cindy's efficiency is truly remarkable. Add to this that Cindy loves our organization and knows it really well, and I find myself with a tremendous partner.

The best part of our partnership is that she is one of the most gracious people I know who treats me with kindness and respect.

In short, I wanted to thank Cindy for her fraternity, collaboration and partnership in this shared endeavor.

*Sincerely, Patrick Fitzgerald, Editor*



## TIPS FOR WHEN YOU BUY A SECOND HOME

Thinking of buying a second home? You don't have to be rich, but you do have to be careful. The New York Times offers these tips on keeping costs a little more reasonable:

- **Lock in your mortgage rate early.** Mortgage rates are on the upswing. You'll save money in a volatile economy by getting your mortgage approved as early as possible, before the rate goes up even more. Compare rates so you can find the best one for you.
- **Negotiate your closing costs.** You can sometimes bargain for a lower cost on some closing fees, like pest inspections. Some costs are non-negotiable, but take a close look at everything in your agreement for items you can reduce.



- **Examine maintenance fees.** If you're buying a condo or any community with a homeowners association, remember that you'll have fees on top of the selling price. Those fees can affect the size of the mortgage you're eligible for, so take them into account when applying. Look at whether the association has an emergency fund for

unexpected issues, and if any special assessments are coming up.

- **Look for tax breaks.** Remember that you can deduct mortgage payments and property taxes if your new home is for personal use. If you plan to rent out the property, other tax breaks are available, like deductions for maintenance and depreciation.

# ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Royal Arcanum awarded \$63,000 in  
scholarships and grants in 2022.

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For more information, please contact the Home Office or visit our website, [www.royalarcanum.com](http://www.royalarcanum.com)



## BEYOND THE SCHOLARSHIP

It has been about two years since I graduated from MIT. My final half-semester was spent at home, Zooming into my classes because the shadow of COVID had just been cast.

Directly after graduation, when COVID had chilled the job market, I was fortunate enough to be hired by R.M. Cochran Inc, a general contracting company, where I worked as an assistant project manager, managed their website, and designed marketing collateral.

It was at this job that I learned about running a small business and the pressures that small business owners constantly face. I was also provided opportunities to hone my customer service and conflict management skills, all of which informed my actions as the owner of a small video production business.

After 14 months at R.M. Cochran Inc, I accepted a position as an application engineer at Xcitex in Woburn, MA.

Xcitex is a small business that develops professional video capture and motion analysis solutions for scientific research. Since joining, I have had the chance to use the practical skills I learned at MIT in a technical environment.

The Royal Arcanum scholarship was one of the many helping hands I had to get to this point in my life, and for that, I will forever be grateful.

*Shane Fitzgerald  
Alpha-Agassiz #1*



## INCREASE YOUR PRODUCTIVITY WITHOUT BURNING OUT

Being more productive isn't just doing things faster. It takes a shift in your mindset. Follow this advice from the Everygirl website for getting more done—better:

- **Start a “Happy” file.** Collect emails from bosses and customers praising your work, and keep them in a separate file on your desk or computer. Take a look at them when you're about to start a new project, or at the beginning of the week. This will build your confidence and motivation.
- **Track progress, not to-do lists.** A to-do list is a good start to any project, but it's also useful to keep track of your progress toward completion. Map out how long your goal will take to reach, and the steps necessary to get there. Use your map to prioritize activities and manage your energy over the long haul.
- **Use the buddy system.** Connect with a colleague who will help you stay on schedule as you



work. They shouldn't nag you about deadlines, but they can offer support and encouragement when your motivation starts to fade. Check in with your buddy on a daily or weekly basis. This gives you a level of accountability that can keep you moving forward.

- **Find the right task management tools.** A weekly planner is perhaps the bare minimum. Look around and invest in digital tools that will help you stay on task more actively, offering daily or hourly reminders of deadlines, commitments, and other priorities.
- **Be realistic.** Don't strive for perfection at the expense of productivity. Focus on what's important and leave nonessential tasks behind. Turn down requests that don't fit your schedule or goals. Eliminate tasks that don't contribute to your eventual success.

## BAYONNE COUNCIL'S PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES

The officers of Bayonne Council #695, New Jersey, led members in patriotic activities during the spring 2022 season. The Arcanians volunteered to visit the graves of deceased Royal Arcanum members who had served in the Armed Forces and place a flag and flowers as a tribute to each of them. This tradition was begun years ago, and continues to be carried forth by the Service Outreach Committee as members make visitations to cemeteries throughout the Garden State.

On May 29th, following a Sunday liturgy, the council



**Evelyn Magarban and Gen Macon at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, NJ**

hosted a breakfast for veterans and families of the nine Posts in Bayonne. Supreme Auditor Joseph R. Macon, FICF, led the delegation of the American Polish Veterans. The fraternalists offered words of appreciation to the veterans for their service in the Armed Forces and applauded their continued efforts in promoting patriotism and love of country and humankind.

The Arcanians were honored to sponsor these activities to recognize the commitment of the military to upholding the promise of America.



**Veterans and Arcanians share fellowship in Bayonne.**

# Helping Hands for Ukraine: Update



**Fraternal Director Cindy Macon tags boxes filled with donations for Ukraine.**

The Supreme Council is thankful to all of the councils, members, and friends for their generous response to the Fraternal Department's request to support our Society's national project for the Ukrainian people as an unjust and unprovoked war was afflicted on their homeland in late February. As of June 30, 2022, over \$22,000 was contributed to the Royal Arcanum project for the Ukrainian people – those who fled to Poland and to neighboring countries, and those who have remained in Ukraine during this turbulent and tragic time.

As an extended family, the Royal Arcanum has offered funds, all-new clothing and other goods, food, medicine and medical supplies, supportive services and prayers for the Ukrainian people through our contacts in Poland. Some forms of assistance are also delivered via Polish transport (when safe to do so) to people who remain in Ukraine. Many are in extreme need of everyday essentials. They shelter in fear with an uncertainty of being spared and the unknown if the horrors of war will end in their country.



**Roy Al is always a helpful fraternal volunteer.**

One hundred percent of the donations made to the Royal Arcanum project for the Ukrainian cause are directly helping the people. The funds and goods are sent via air and ocean and are gratefully acknowledged by our contacts in Poland who are located in Przemysl, Warsaw, Halinow, Krakow and Lomza, and immediately "put to work" for Ukraine.

A request from the Ukrainian people for rosaries was

thoughtfully answered by Grand Regent Joanie Francis and the California Arcanians with their donation of 400 prayer bead-units. Roy Al, our "Fraternal Ambassador," assisted the Grand Council of Rhode Island in securing donations, too. Many jurisdictions have encouraged participation in the project; a testament of the benevolent spirit that is shared throughout our councils.

The efforts will continue in the months ahead. The next step of our project will be a Baby-Toddler Friendship Shower that will be held at the Supreme Council Session in Annapolis. Numerous expectant mothers are choosing to stay in Polish-Ukrainian border towns in the hope that they will be reunited with their loved ones in the near future. For now, many of the convents and universities, as well as family homes and parishes, are opening their doors as they welcome the Ukrainian guests and provide them with comfort and a safe haven.

*Those wishing to learn more about ways to participate in the charitable project for Ukraine, or to offer a donation, are welcome to contact Fraternal Director Cindy Macon by emailing [info@royalarcanum.com](mailto:info@royalarcanum.com).*



**New clothing articles are packed and labeled by sizes for men, women and children.**



**A sample of new bath and bedding items for the Ukraine project.**

## TELL THE WORLD ALL ABOUT YOU

An “About Me” document can help you promote yourself as a professional brand, establishing your position in your field. Writing about yourself without either bragging or downplaying your accomplishments can feel tricky, though. The Ladders website explains how to pull it off:

- **Outline your career.**

Explain where you are now and how you got there—education, positions with all your employers, and so forth. Tell people how your background makes you unique.

- **Share your passions.**

Highlight what you’re most passionate about in your work—helping people, advancing knowledge, improving your company, etc.

What do you enjoy most about your current job?

- **Emphasize your accomplishments.** What are some of your most significant personal and professional achievements? Describe how you accomplished them, and



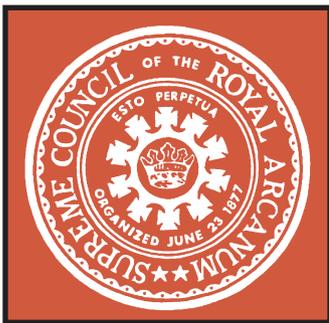
what the results meant. Explain how your particular skills and competencies contributed to your success.

- **Where do you want to go next?** Even if you’re not actively looking for another job, you can share your professional ambitions. Maybe you want more responsibility or make a greater contribution to your industry, or master new skills that will help you accomplish more.

When writing your “About Me” document, use language you’re comfortable with—don’t try to impress people with jargon or vocabulary words you don’t really know. Be concise; provide enough information to get people interested, but not so much they’ll get bored. Proofread

and edit your page so it looks and sounds professional. Above all, tell the truth. Exaggerating your achievements or claiming experience you don’t really have will backfire on you eventually.

## TREASURE FROM OUR PAST



The Royal Arcanum takes great pride in maintaining the artifacts and memorabilia of the Society’s

145-year fraternal history. Pictured is a delegate’s badge from the 65th Supreme Council Session held in 1940.

The piece features the letters of the Order’s fraternal objectives in

corresponding colors. The colored letters are intertwined and symbolize: V – Virtue (white), M- Mercy (light blue), and C – Charity (deep purple). The letter ‘C’ underlies both the ‘V’ and ‘M’ since Charity is the foundation of the Society and is the royal attribute.

This summer, the Royal Arcanum will host the 105th Supreme Council Session; the legacy of fraternal service begun by our founders in 1877 continues on all council levels and is evident in the many charitable works that are conducted in our jurisdictions.



# BAKER'S BOX: MUFFINS WITH CHERRY PRESERVES

Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto shares this special recipe for moist, tasty muffins that are filled with cherry preserves. These treats make a delicious choice for breakfast, snack or dessert and are sure to become a family favorite!

## INGREDIENTS:

2 large eggs  
zest of 1 lemon  
½ cup sugar  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
½ cup water  
1 ¾ cups flour  
1 tablespoon baking powder  
fruit preserves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl, add the 2 eggs, lemon zest, sugar, oil, and water and using a hand mixer, mix until combined. Gradually add flour (little at a time) and baking powder. Mix well until smooth.

Spoon the batter evenly into prepared non-stick muffin pans or muffin paper cups. Add one teaspoon cherry preserves (or other flavor) or Nutella.

Place filled pans into the oven and bake for 25-30 minutes. Remove and cool. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar and enjoy!



Ingredients and Supplies



Batter-filled Trays



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## ANECDOTE: THE ESSENCE OF TEACHING

A retired teacher ran into a former student in a coffee shop one day. "It's good to see you!" he said. "What have you done with your life?"

"I'm a teacher," the young man said.

"Wonderful! What made you decide to become a teacher?"

The man smiled.

"Actually, you inspired me."

"Really? How did I do that?"

The young man told him a story:

"One day, a friend of mine came to class with a nice new watch, and I decided I wanted it, so I stole it. When my friend noticed his watch was missing, he immediately complained to our teacher—you. 'You addressed the class and said, 'This student's watch was stolen during class today. Whoever stole it, please return it.' But I didn't give it back because I was scared.

"Then you closed the door and told us all to stand up and form a circle. 'I am going to search your pockets one by one until I find the watch,' you said. But you told us to close our eyes while you



searched. You went from pocket to pocket, and when you got to my pocket, you found the watch and took it. You kept searching everyone's pockets, and when you were done you said, 'Open your eyes. We have the watch.'" The young man continued, "You didn't tell on me, and you never said who stole the watch. You never said anything, or scolded me, or took me aside to give me a lecture.

"I received your message clearly. That day I decided not to become a thief or a bad person. Thanks to you, I understood what a real teacher does."

He finished, "Do you remember that, sir?"

The old teacher nodded. "Yes, I remember that day. I just didn't remember that it was you who stole the watch."

"Why not?"

The teacher said, "Because I also closed my eyes while looking. That is the essence of teaching. If you have to humiliate someone, you don't know how to teach."

## MEMBER SERVICE

Diane Calain, a member of Treasure Coast Council # 2177, Florida and a Past Grand Regent of Ohio, was recently honored as "Lion of the Year" by the Saint Lucie West Lions Club for her dedicated service to the organization. Diane has demonstrated fraternal spirit in the Royal Arcanum and in the Lions Clubs for several decades and always makes time to volunteer for community causes. Sharing skills to bring joy to others motivates Diane's volunteerism. She particularly enjoys helping children in need, and can be frequently found crocheting caps for pediatric cancer patients or sewing clothes for children's charities.



## FRATERNALISM ACROSS THE MILES

When the Fraternal Events Committee members announced the theme for the Supreme Council Session charitable gifting project to be a Baby and Toddler Shower for Ukrainian newborns and children, the response from the grand and subordinate councils was prompt and encouraging! Members quickly channeled their energies and began sharing ideas from coast to coast for how they hoped to create a wonderful activity for session “free time” and provide care packages for infants and children who are away from their country because it is under siege by war. New clothing articles from 6 months through 4T and other basics will be collected and gifted for the project in August and sent overseas for Ukrainian families; many left their homeland with only a backpack or small luggage.

The committee wished to commemorate the 145th Anniversary milestone of the Royal Arcanum in a special way and recently introduced the “Share Some Sunshine” facet of the project. This is an easy way for members and friends who wish to participate to do so. For a five dollar contribution, you can “reserve” a sunflower in someone’s honor or memory or as a “Thinking of You” gesture. The sunflower donations will be forwarded to purchase



**New Jersey members Lisa Wands and Sheri Faethe tote gifts for Ukrainian infants.**

diapers, wipes and formula (since these items are weighty to send) and the flowers will be included with the other gifts. For additional information, please contact your Grand Regent or e-mail: [info@royalarcanum.com](mailto:info@royalarcanum.com).

Many thanks are extended to the members throughout the US and Canada for helping organize and promote the program in their councils as we endeavor to celebrate fraternalism at the Session and share our blessings with others!



**Left: California Grand Regent, Joanie Francis packs plush animals, blankets and gifts for the RA project for Ukrainian children.**



**Right: Florida member Diane Calain checks patterns and material she'll use for sewing gifts for Ukrainian children.**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers,**

It's not unusual to spend some time 'counting the days.' Whether it's for a holiday celebration, a vacation, a big sale, the World Series or for your houseguests to arrive, anticipation heightens as the event approaches!

For many of us, 'learning to count' was probably one of the earliest lessons in mathematics we learned before starting school. In ancient times, a counting frame called an abacus was used around the world, centuries before the adoption of the Hindu-Arabic numeral system. The abacus consists of rows of movable beads to represent digits. The beads or similar objects are strung on a wire. Today, the abacus is still available to teach the fundamentals of mathematics to children in some countries and also for use by the visually impaired.

In everyday life, there may be a minute or two when you find yourself 'counting the days till...' It's even better if you're 'making the days count.' We can be inspired and proud of our membership in the Royal Arcanum. As a fraternal benefit society, the organization has continued for over 145 years to 'make the days count' for members and communities by offering quality life insurance and annuity products and by providing charitable support, locally, nationally and globally.

Members are welcome to join council activities and help make good things happen. The Royal Arcanum is supportive of the initiatives and has developed programs to recognize council service, extend charitable spirit, and share fellowship as fraternalists-in-action. As our Society marks a special milestone this year, it is a realistic objective for 100 percent of our jurisdictions to 'make the days count' by organizing an International Fraternal Service project for a charitable cause. The Supreme Council will match approved donations, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per council, annually, and partner with subordinate and grand councils in 'making the days count' and see projects to completion. Please visit our website, [www.royalarcanum.com](http://www.royalarcanum.com) for program brochures, guidelines, and applications.

The Royal Arcanum has evolved to meet the needs of our members and potential applicants and strives to

'make the days count' by expanding its business portfolio and member services. The Society's vibrant history is greatly credited to our members for their dedicated efforts and new enrollments in our councils. We applaud our knowledgeable and courteous Home Office associates in Boston for their professionalism that is always demonstrated. There's a bounty of moving parts in the operation, yet the staff manages to 'make the days count,' as they address insurance and fraternal matters, efficiently and effectively.



We wish the very best to all of the 2022 graduates and success to those students who've been promoted to the next grade or are starting a new school. We trust they will be encouraged to 'make the days count' towards achieving their academic and extra-curricular activity goals.

As we enjoy the remaining weeks of summer, it may be an ideal time to

'make the days count' by running an errand for a homebound neighbor, delivering supplies to a shelter, reaching out to a friend who might be alone, and for all of us to pray for global harmony and peace.

I sincerely thank everyone for their good wishes and participation in the Royal Arcanum's fraternal endeavors. As a team that has charity in our hearts and in our actions, we hope to 'make the days count' into the future and share goodwill wherever we go.

In friendship,

*Cynthia A. Macon*

Cindy Macon

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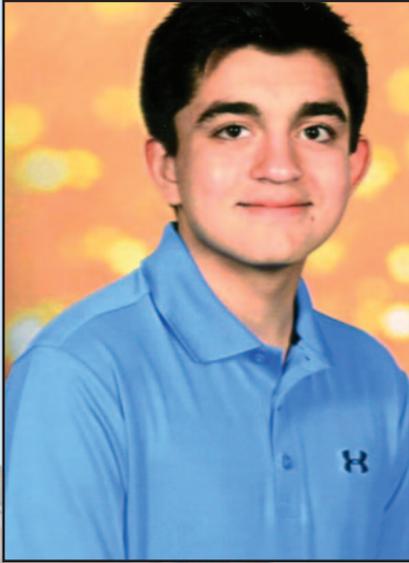
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**Justin Koplinka**  
Dobbs Ferry Council #1823  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
(RIT)  
**\$10,000**

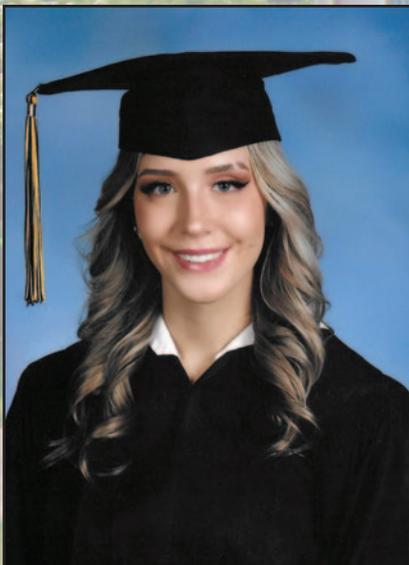


LLOYD E. WILLIAMS  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
**Nina Pantaleone**  
Sons of Poland Council #2016  
Rowan University  
**\$10,000**



**Penelope About**  
Integrity Council #586  
University of Oregon  
**\$8,000**

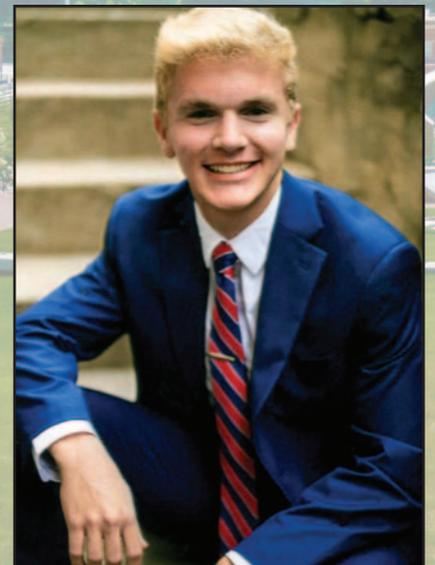
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**Amanda Butto**  
Versatility Council #2501  
Seton Hall University  
**\$8,000**



**Judith Kolek**  
Pawtucket Council #537  
Community College of Rhode Island  
**\$5,000**



**Matthew Crawford**  
Ft. Dearborn Council #278  
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse  
**\$5,000**

# 2022 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Sydney Jacobs**  
Woodside Council #1358  
Ithaca College

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**Caden Fowler**  
Group Colorado #1998  
University of Arkansas in  
Fayetteville

\$1,500



**Jaclyn Giurintano**  
Sons of Poland Council #2016  
Adelphi University

\$1,500



**Alyson MacDougall**  
Integrity Council #586

\$1,500

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**Connor Deboda**  
Integrity Council #586

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**Emma James**  
Integrity Council #586

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**Anthony Torricella**  
Claremont Council #1655  
Loyola University Maryland

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**Michael Tomaszkwicz**  
Sons of Poland Council #2016

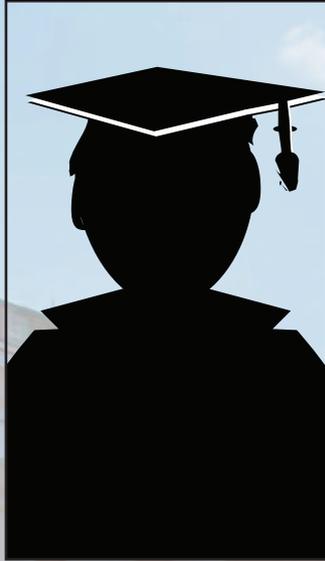
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**Paytyn Bavaro**  
Ft. Dearborn Council #278  
North Central College

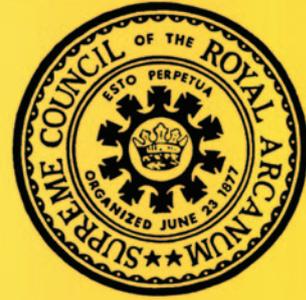
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Howard Community College

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University of California -  
San Diego

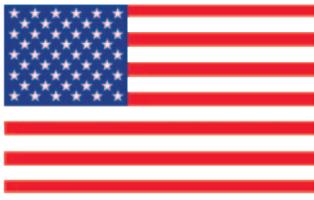
**\$750.00**



**Wanda Marfo**  
New York Group #5100  
Hunter College

**\$750.00**

# VERSATILITY COUNCIL CELEBRATES FLAG DAY



In celebration of Flag Day, members of Versatility Council gathered to salute the “Stars and Stripes” and to prepare care packages for service men and women who are on active duty. Patriotic totes were filled with tasty favorites of all

sorts and then boxed and sent with “Thinking of You” cards to the military. The Community Service Committee did a wonderful job in planning the project and looks forward to organizing another program in the near future for the troops who are stationed away from home.



Fraternalists are proud to be Americans!



Chris Piscitelli displays a red, white and blue tote that's filled with treats from home.

# BIRTHDAY BASH IN CALIFORNIA

On July 8, 2022, San Jose Council had the biggest ‘Birthday Bash’ Luncheon ever! We celebrated everyone’s Birthday at our meeting! We had so much fun and we got to point out everyone’s special Birthdays! We enjoyed seeing each other after months and months of being away from each other.

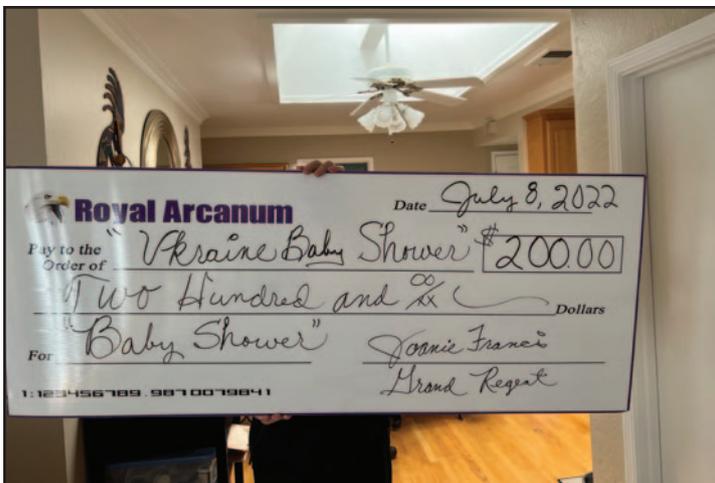
During our fun Birthday Party, we collectively decided to donate \$200.00 to the “Ukraine Baby Shower”, which will happen at our Supreme Council Session!

Happy Birthday to all our members!

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Joanie Francis, Grand Regent of California*

Ann Antuzzi is 96 years young!  
Chic Cannon is 93 years young!



# IN MEMORIAM: DONALD E. FERRY SR.

The Grand Council of Massachusetts sadly reports that Brother Donald E. Ferry Sr. passed away on May 2, 2022. Brother Ferry exemplified a genuine dedication to his family, to his country and to our fraternal society.



Brother Ferry served in the United States Army as a Corporal E4 and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He later worked as a tractor trailer driver, warehouse manager and most recently retired from Enterprise, Inc.

A member of Alpha-Agassiz Council #1, Brother Don proudly held office in the Royal Arcanum as Regent, Grand Regent of Massachusetts, Supreme Representative, and Supreme Committeeman on Appeals, Supreme Chaplain and Supreme Trustee.

**1937 – 2022**

He enjoyed traveling and participating in the Supreme Council Sessions and Mini Vacations and was always one of the first members to volunteer for the Fraternal Events Committee's charitable endeavors. He led many fraternal efforts in the council, particularly for injured/rehabilitating veterans, veteran causes, and cancer research-patient care.

Brother Ferry was predeceased by his beloved wife and son, Sylvia and Donald Jr. He is survived by his daughter Deborah (James) Flaherty, their family, and many friends.

The Royal Arcanum is deeply grateful for Brother Don's untiring service and friendship. He will be deeply missed.

*May he rest in eternal peace.*

## NEW YORK GRAND COUNCIL

Twenty-seven members of Claremont Council #1655 attended the Grand Council dinner-meeting on June 8, 2022 at the Calabria Mia Restaurant in Yonkers, New York. Following the business portion of the meeting, the officers and committee chairpersons introduced plans for several fraternal programs and charitable projects that are being organized by the New York councils.

Past Grand Regents Errica Conforto and Maria DiBartolo and Grand Regent Freddy DiBartolo thanked the

members for their interest and generous participation in the activities that are planned throughout the year and for introducing family and friends to the Royal Arcanum to ensure the continued growth and success of the jurisdiction.

After a delicious meal and an exchange of good wishes for a pleasant and safe summer, the social concluded with everyone looking forward to the next event.



Claremont Council members at the June dinner-meeting

# INTEGRITY MEMBERS SUPPORT COMMUNITY



On May 26, 2022, Lillie Mae Panichelli and Loretta Wehbe joined members of the Philadelphia Fraternal Alliance to volunteer as chefs at the Gift of Life Family House.

The facility serves as a “home away from

home” for transplant patients and their families. The Gift of Life Family House provides temporary living and support services for patients and families of patients being evaluated for transplant; families of hospitalized patients awaiting and undergoing transplant; transplant recipients returning for follow-up care on an outpatient basis; living donors and their families.

As they have done in the past, the Royal Arcanum fraternalists helped prepare a delicious meal for guests at the facility. The food and kindness were very much appreciated by guests and staff, and the members were thankful for the opportunity to meet new friends while volunteering together.

Joe and Joan Tedesco helped promote an Easter holiday food sale in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania for Ukrainian relief efforts. In addition to supporting the cause, families and friends were treated to an array of traditional dishes from Eastern Europe.

The council made donations to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life Program and its mission to support research, cancer patients, and access to lifesaving screenings and to The Brandon Caserta Foundation for furthering the work to end the epidemic of suicide in the Armed Forces and in veteran communities.



Lillie Mae Panichelli and Loretta Wehbe (center) volunteer with the Philadelphia Fraternal Alliance.



Pennsylvania remembers Ukraine.

## CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

I congratulate all of our scholarship and grant winners this year. The scholarship judge (who is independent of Royal Arcanum) had many quality applications to evaluate when determining the award winners.

I thank Junior Director Errica Conforto for the opportunity to contact the recipients to advise them that they won a Royal Arcanum award. I'm proud that our Society provides this support to our members, with scholarship awards up to \$10,000. As a reminder: December 31st is the deadline for applications for the upcoming school year. If you will be attending college or a trade school next fall (2023), make sure your application is submitted on time.

We have continued to see consistent life insurance production, with an increase in first year and renewal premium. As of June 30th, (Q2), there have been increases of over 5% in first year and renewal life premiums. The life insurance industry in general has had application volume down as of Q2 by as much as 5%, compared to 2021. The increase in production for the Royal Arcanum is a nice accomplishment, with credit due to our Home Office associates for providing great service, our volunteer recommenders for new enrollments, and the agents for marketing our products.

The summer season is a great time to reconnect with friends and family. I look forward to seeing many members at the Supreme Council Session in August.

Make that extra call to someone you may not see often. Far too often we lose contact and only see those we care about at a wedding or funeral. A call or text can make someone's day! I, for one, can get easily caught up with schedules; whether it is in the office or for the kids' weekend activities. However, I schedule a "to do" list to dedicate time for checking-in on friends and family members who don't live close by. Last year, I lost a close mentor of mine who was like a second dad to me. He always stressed the importance of staying in contact with friends and family because sometimes a call or text can turn someone's day around.

It's also important to protect our families and one way is with life insurance to protect them against the unexpected. Too often I hear, "I wish I purchased insurance when I was younger", or "I thought I couldn't afford life insurance". I hope you think about this message or mention it to friends and family members who may not have life insurance. A loss can have a financial impact on loved ones - from the loss of a bread winner, someone responsible for caring for family, to paying for final expenses.



The Home Office is available to discuss your insurance needs from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

It's great to see our Fraternal Department, led by Cindy Macon, continue to drive our Ukrainian project and receive donations. If you haven't donated personally or through your council,

please consider donating to such a worthy cause, as all project funds go directly to the Ukrainian people.

Lastly, with travel up during summer, remember the Royal Perks member benefit program. This program may save you hundreds of dollars for hotel and car rentals, as well as cell phone discounts. Information can be found at <https://www.royalarcanum.com/benefits-perkspots.html>

Should you have any questions or concerns, we ask you call the Home Office (888)-272-2686 or e-mail: [info@royalarcanum.com](mailto:info@royalarcanum.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicholas G. Benoit".

Nicholas G. Benoit  
Chief Operations Officer  
[nbenoit@royalarcanum.com](mailto:nbenoit@royalarcanum.com)

## FT. DEARBORN COUNCIL NEWS

In recognition of Royal Arcanum's 145th Anniversary, Fort Dearborn Council # 278, Illinois, decided to go BIG.

The council purchased 146 books from Oshkosh's Oaklawn Elementary School's Scholastic BOGO Book Fair. The books were then donated to Lutheran General Children's Hospital in Park Ridge, Illinois to give to patients during their stay.

Everyone knows that a hospital stay is no fun, especially for kids. The council members hope that the books will provide the young patients with a little distraction while they're in the hospital.



Left to Right Katie Steinberg - LGH representative, Nicole Covelli, Joanne Covelli, Lisa Crawford, Kevin Crawford, Matthew Crawford, David Covelli

with the council members.

This was the first time since before the pandemic that Fort Dearborn Council members were able to get together in-person. Unfortunately members Leigh Sportun and Josh Crawford were unable to arrive in time for the presentation.

After the book donation drop-off, members got together for a meal and had time for face-to-face conversations. It was wonderful to reconnect

*Submitted by: Joanne M. Covelli*

## DON'T BLINDLY FOLLOW THIS FINANCIAL ADVICE

Teaching your children about money is a task that will reward them for the rest of their life. Just be sure the advice you give is good. The Insider website cautions against these misconceptions about managing finances, especially when you're young:

- **Focus exclusively on saving.** Saving is good, but don't just lock your money in a checking account. Learn the fundamentals of investing to make your money grow. You don't have to gamble in the stock market; look for funds that limit your risk, and invest for the long term.
- **Don't quit your job without six months' savings.** Changing jobs is risky, but sometimes staying in a high-stress, low paying job can be worse. Do your homework so you know what's available, and don't talk yourself out of taking a leap for a better opportunity.



• **Eliminate all luxuries.** Yes, you should be careful about impulse buying or spending money on things you don't really need, but don't feel guilty about the occasional splurge. Instead of cutting back, look for ways to earn more money.

• **Student loans are always bad.** The college loan crisis can make you think that all student loans should be avoided, but that doesn't mean college is a waste of money. You learn more than just how to make a living at college—you learn skills and behaviors that can guide the rest of your life. Choose your course of study wisely, look for alternatives to loans, and borrow in moderate amounts so you don't get buried under debt when you graduate.

• **Keep money matters private.** If you don't talk about money, you'll have no idea if you're reaching your potential. Do some research to find out what the market is like in your profession, and talk to colleagues to get a better idea of where you're at and what's possible to achieve.

# JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

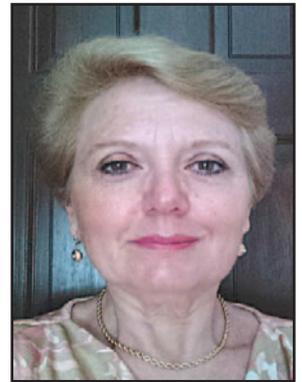
The Royal Arcanum family congratulates our senior high school students who were awarded our scholarships and grants this year. Their names and pictures are listed in this edition of the Bulletin and we are very proud of their accomplishments. We know they will be successful not only in their studies while at school but in all of their future endeavors, too.

We received thank you letters from some of the winners expressing their appreciation for receiving these awards that will provide them with financial support toward their college education. The letters also included the aspirations, goals, and what these scholarships mean to these winning students. This year the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$63,000 in scholarships and grants. We would love to hear more from these students as they continue their studies. Reading about our members is motivation to always develop and offer new programs for our young members and also to provide some inspiration and encouragement for other Juniors.

In the Spring Bulletin and on the website, you will find information on a new program entitled "THE YOUTH OF THE YEAR AWARD." This program will recognize our Junior members that distinguish themselves with leadership and volunteerism within their councils and communities. Applications must be postmarked by November 30th, 2022 and nominees eligible for

the award must be in good standing and be a Royal Arcanum member for a minimum of two years. The award program will be divided in two age groups: 12 to 14 years old and 15 to 17 years old, with a \$300 prize for each winner.

I hope the Juniors and their families will join us at our 105th Supreme Council Session in Annapolis in August. We are planning fun events and activities as we celebrate Royal



**Junior Department  
Director  
Errica Conforto**

Arcanum's 145 years of dedicated service to our members and communities.

As our recent graduates will soon be going off to new schools, I wish them all the best.

Have a wonderful summer.



Sincerely yours in V.M.C.,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Errica Conforto".

**Errica Conforto  
Junior Director**



## NEW JERSEY'S COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Richard Macon and Gen Macon select geraniums for the Grand Council's garden project.

Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC led members of the Grand Council in a springtime project to share fraternal cheer and create smiles across the Garden State.

Currently, many homeless and transitional shelters still see donations being scaled back, yet the needs of basic necessities are greater to service clients. The fraternalists rallied to provide help with donations of coffee and cookies for mid-morning snacks and canisters of powdered drink mixes such

as iced tea, lemonade and punch for afternoon refreshments. The assortments of snack-time supplies were then delivered to Catholic Charities in Hudson and Essex Counties.

Although in-person visits at Our Lady of Lourdes Care Center, Lodi were not possible, the Arcanians wanted to help spruce up the Sisters' gardens by gifting them with a variety of outdoor flowering plants that would bloom on the campus grounds throughout summer.

The New Jersey Arcanian families are always ready as fraternalists-in-action and participate in service initiatives such as these that are conducted by the councils.



Richard Macon organizes items for the shelters.

## LAYOFFS? HOW TO KEEP YOUR JOB

No matter what shape the economy is in, most of us worry about getting laid off, at least from time to time. You can decrease your chances of getting caught in a downsizing with these tips from USA Today:

- **Expand your skills.** Do some homework to identify skills that would make you a more productive worker—and a better leader. Take classes, learn new technology, and show that you're ambitious to help your organization succeed.
- **Work with other teams.** Don't hide in your own department. Find out what other teams are working on and offer your assistance and skills. The more people rely on you, the less they'll want to let

you go. Plus, you'll get a reputation for teamwork that will make you more valuable.

- **Help other people.** Always be available to help colleagues with their problems. Again, you'll earn a reputation for being dependable, and you'll build positive feelings that will influence the people deciding who to lay off.
- **Network inside your organization.** Build strong relationships with co-workers from other teams, as well as executives and leaders. Seek mentors who will support you. They'll let you know what to do to keep your job.
- **Become a specialist.** Learn a skill no one else in your organization has. Becoming indispensable is one of the best roads to job security.

# SUMMER WORD SEARCH

## WORD LIST

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SURFBOARD  
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LIFEGUARD  
SAILBOAT  
SUNGLASSES  
SCUBA  
TROPICAL  
SEAGULL  
SUNBLOCK



## 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!**



### Junior Must Submit:

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Age

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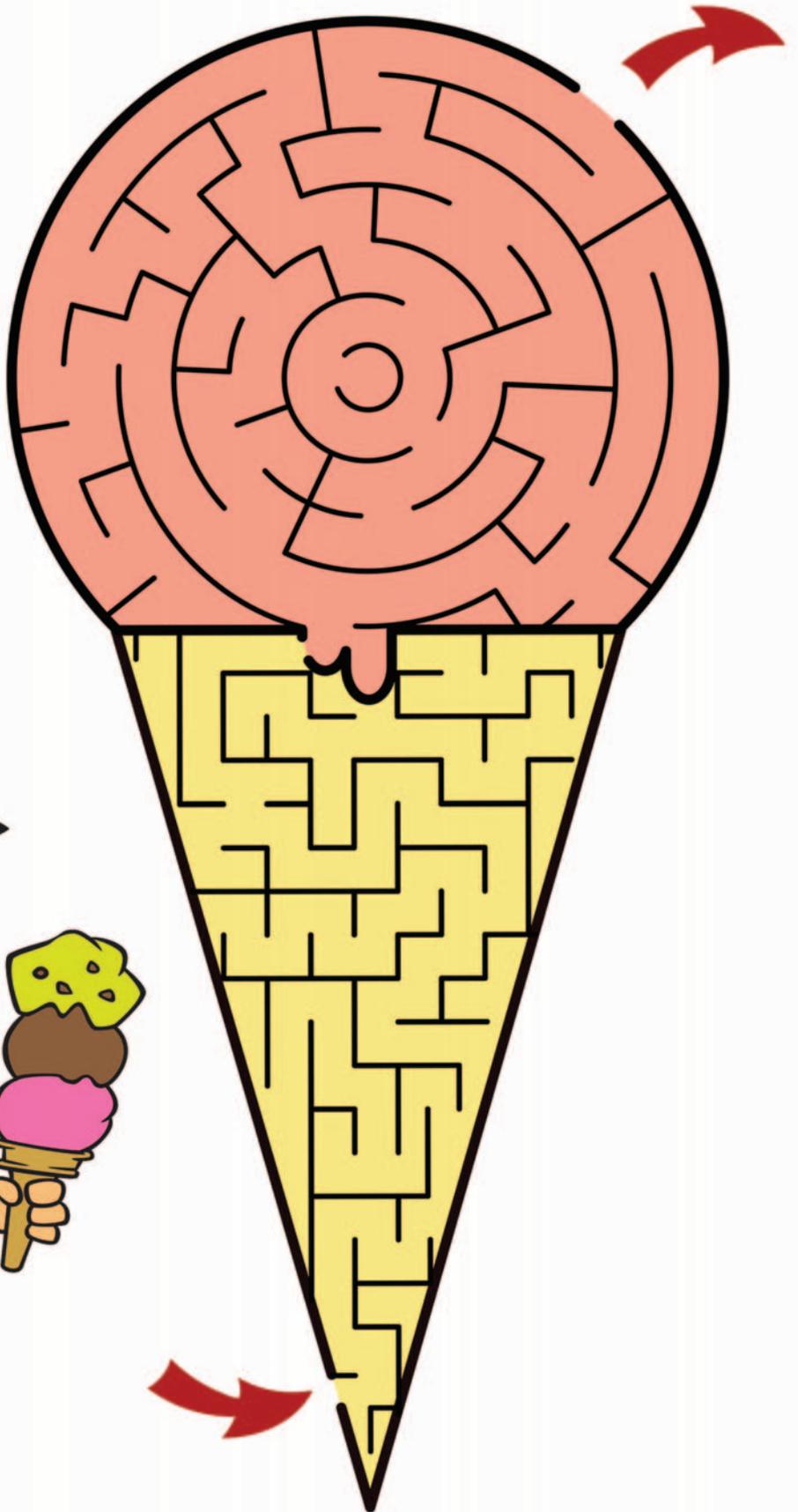
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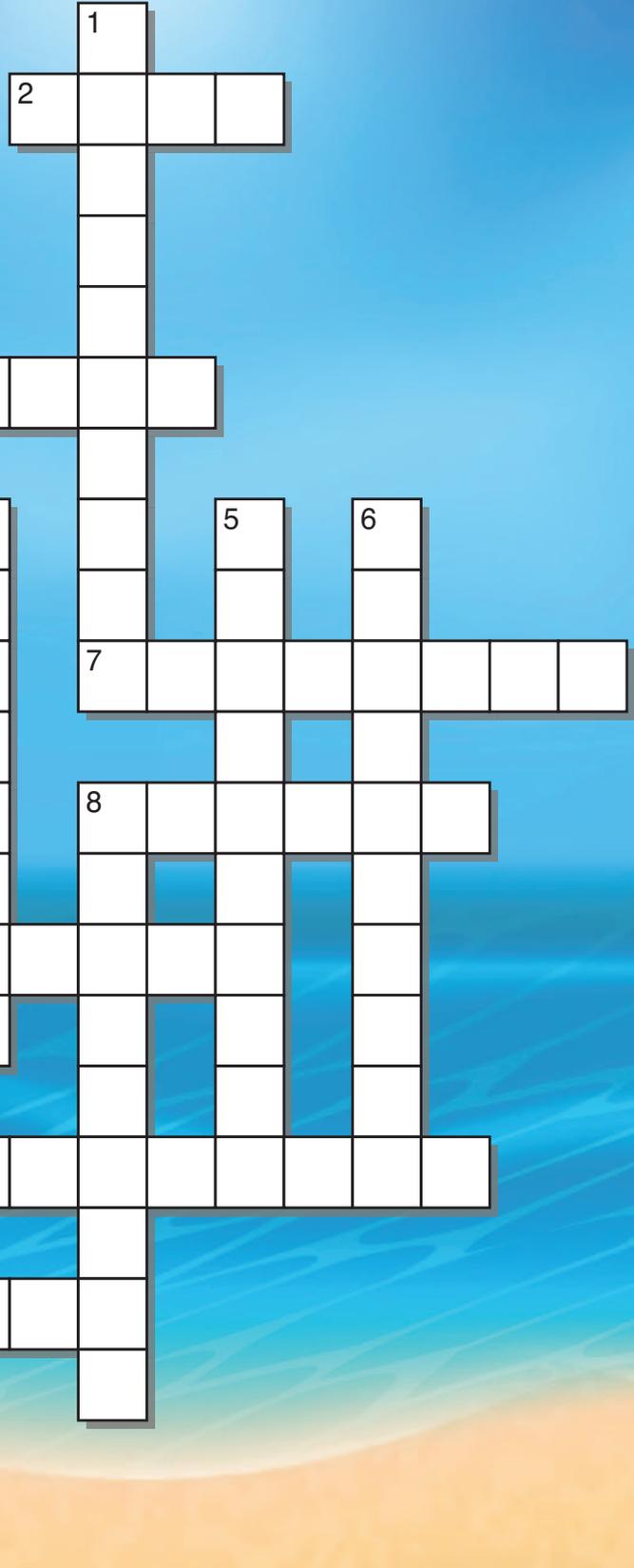
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PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:  
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OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO  
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# DAY AT THE BEACH



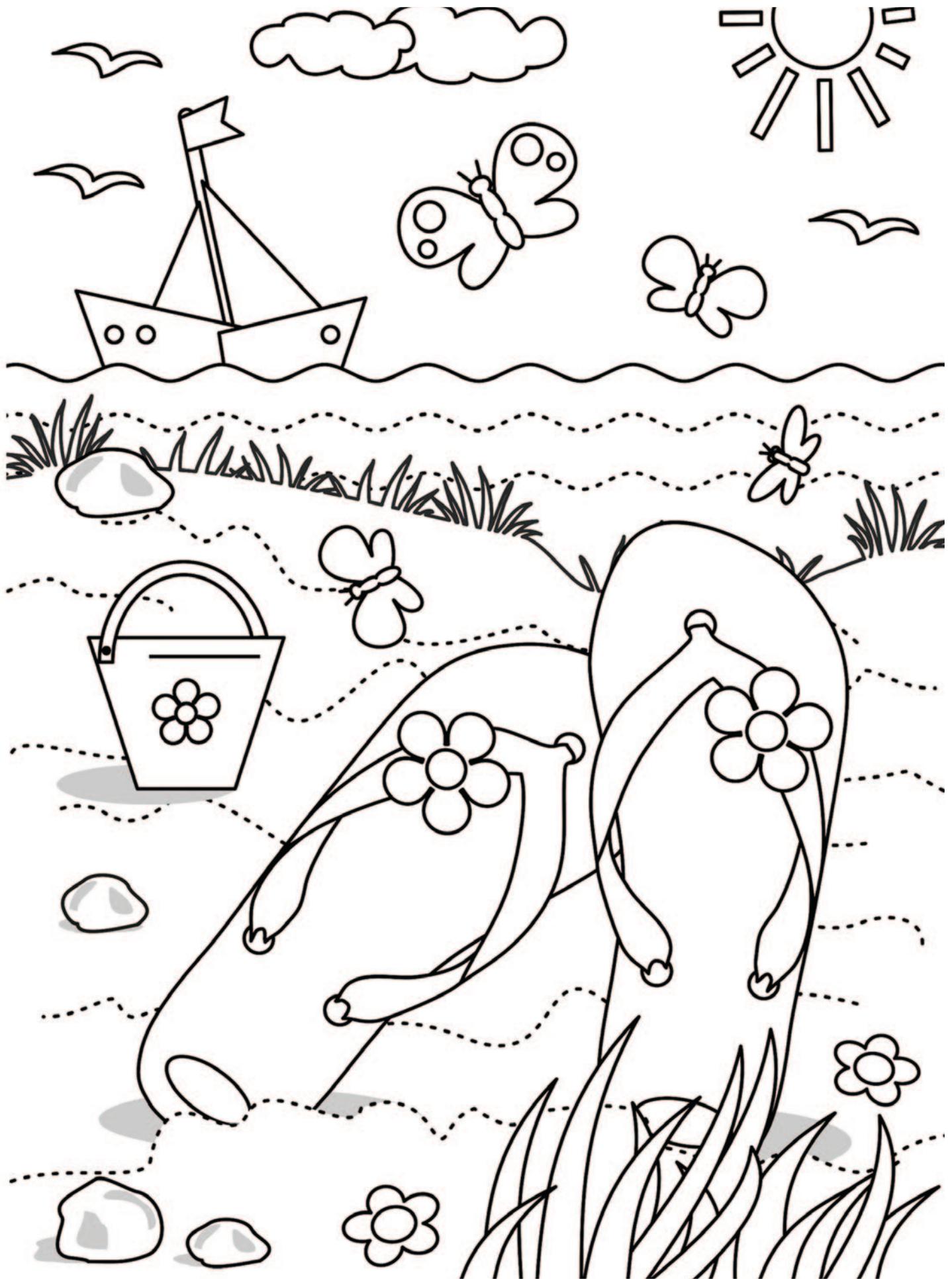
**Across**

- 2) Ride the wave in this sport
- 3) The largest bodies of water
- 7) Put it on your skin for sun protection
- 8) Build your castle with this item
- 9) These beach shoes let your toes hang out
- 10) Make shade at the beach
- 11) Something that dries you off
- 12) Keep your food chilled

**Down**

- 1) Protects your eyes from the sun
- 4) Moving through the water by kicking and using your hands
- 5) A house made of sand
- 6) Play this game on the beach with a ball and a net
- 8) Something round and inflated that you play with at the beach
- 11) It comes in and out

# JUNIOR SUMMER COLORING



# SUMMERTIME FUN IN MASSACHUSETTS



**Meredith Benoit and her running trophy**



**Benoit Kids' Lemonade Stand**



**Harry Benoit - Plymouth Little League Bulls**



**Meredith Benoit  
Plymouth Healthy  
Running Series -  
Grades 6-8 Champion,  
Girl's 1 Mile division**



**Left - Teddy Benoit -  
Plymouth Little  
League Cardinals  
Right - Harry Benoit -  
Plymouth Little  
League Bulls**



**Teddy Benoit with his  
Baseball Trophy**



**Hazel Benoit running  
the bases**

## A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Once again I offer my congratulations to all of the scholarship and grant winners listed in this Bulletin and to all of the Juniors who submitted applications. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the fact that the Royal Arcanum Scholarship program has awarded over one million dollars in scholarships and grants since its inception.



With life slowly beginning to return to normal after over two years of the COVID pandemic, plans are going forward for our 105th Supreme Session. The venue is the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland, from August 21st through August 25th, 2022. Hopefully by the time you get this Bulletin, you will have made your reservations.

There is an old saying that “all good things must come to an end”, this is especially true for me, as this will be my final article as Supreme Secretary. With elections scheduled at the 105th Session and the fact that I am past the age to hold Office on the Executive Committee, we will elect a new Supreme Secretary. My best wishes to the lady or gentleman who is elected to the Office; please know you will have my full support going forward.



I was originally elected to the Supreme Council as Supreme Orator in 2008. In the past 14 years as I moved through the various Offices leading up to Supreme Regent and then to Supreme Secretary, the help and support from our members was incredible and truly appreciated. It made the journey so much easier. I would like to take this opportunity to make some special mentions to those who helped me along the way. First to Carol Zavitz, who, as Supreme Regent, invited me to accompany her on almost all of her visitations. This allowed me to meet

many of our members from the various jurisdictions and smoothed the way when I became Supreme Regent. To the members of the Supreme Council who supported me in all my activities and my programs as Supreme Regent. To my fellow members on the Executive Committee, while we didn't always agree on everything, we made decisions that I believe moved the Organization in the right direction. To the Home Office staff who provided me with whatever I needed in all the positions that I held. To the members of the Grand Council of Pennsylvania and Integrity Council, my home Council, for their continuing support in all of my endeavors for the

Royal Arcanum over the past 40 plus years. Finally, to my family, without whose support none of this would have been possible. I would like to express my gratitude to all of the members of the Royal Arcanum. It was both an honor and a privilege to have served such a uniquely principled organization as the Royal Arcanum.

My best wishes to all of our members for a safe, healthy and happy summer. Hopefully we will see each other in August in Annapolis.

Yours in V. M. C.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D Ferrara". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pete Ferrara  
Supreme Secretary

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