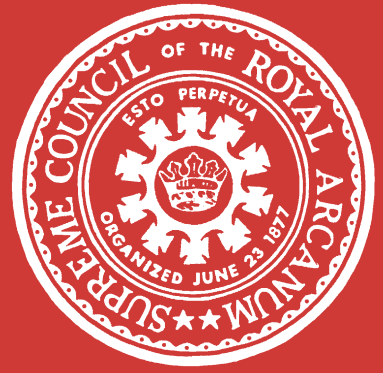


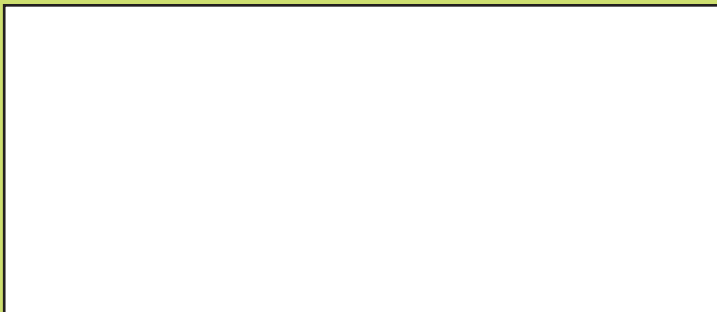


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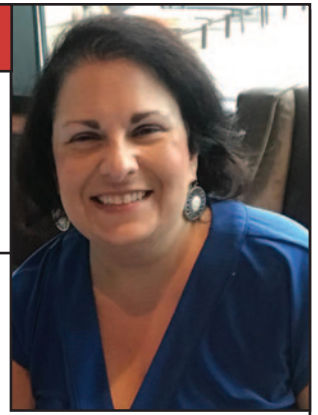
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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Nicole M. Covelli - Supreme Regent



Dear Members,

Happy Summer!

It is hard to believe that I am writing my final article for the Bulletin. These past two years have been an incredible journey, and I am truly grateful for the kindness and hospitality my mother and I received during our visitations. Thank you to all of the wonderful Royal Arcanum members who made this experience so special and memorable.

A special thank you goes to Michael Bonness, his family, and the members of the Ohio councils for making my final visitation in June such a warm and unforgettable experience. Their generosity made us feel like part of their extended family.

As I prepare for the Supreme Council Session in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, I look forward to seeing many familiar faces and making new memories together. I hope many of you will join us for the fellowship, memorial program, officer elections, and our patriotic "Red, White and Blue" Dinner celebrating America's 250th birthday.

As my term as your Supreme Regent comes to a close, I look forward to continuing my service to the Royal Arcanum in new ways. Thank you for the wonderful memories and the privilege of serving as your Supreme Regent. I will always treasure the friendships we have shared.

Warm regards,

Nicole M. Covelli
Supreme Regent

Chers membres,

Bon été à tous!

Il est difficile de croire que je rédige déjà mon dernier article pour le *Bulletin*. Ces deux dernières années ont été une aventure extraordinaire, et je suis profondément reconnaissante pour la gentillesse et l'hospitalité que ma mère et moi avons reçues lors de nos visites. Merci à tous les merveilleux membres de la Royal Arcanum qui ont rendu cette expérience si spéciale et inoubliable.

J'adresse des remerciements tout particuliers à Michael Bonness, à sa famille ainsi qu'aux membres des conseils de l'Ohio, qui ont fait de ma dernière visite en juin un moment des plus chaleureux et mémorables. Leur générosité nous a fait sentir comme si nous faisons partie de leur grande famille.

Alors que je me prépare pour la session du Conseil Suprême à Lancaster, en Pennsylvanie, j'ai hâte de revoir de nombreux visages familiers et de créer de nouveaux souvenirs ensemble. J'espère que plusieurs d'entre vous se joindront à nous pour les activités fraternelles, le programme commémoratif, l'élection des dirigeants et le dîner patriotique « Rouge, Blanc et Bleu » célébrant le 250e anniversaire des États-Unis.

Alors que mon mandat à titre de Régente Suprême tire à sa fin, je me réjouis de poursuivre mon service au sein de la Royal Arcanum sous d'autres formes. Merci pour les merveilleux souvenirs et pour le privilège de vous avoir servis à titre de Régente Suprême. Les amitiés que nous avons partagées demeureront toujours précieuses à mes yeux.

Mes salutations les plus chaleureuses,

Nicole M. Covelli
Régente Suprême

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A Historic Neighbor During America's 250th

As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of American independence, it is fitting to recognize one of Boston's most enduring landmarks located just a short walk from the Royal Arcanum Home Office—the Custom House Tower. Standing proudly in the heart of Boston's Financial District, the Custom House has witnessed generations of American history and serves as a lasting reminder of Boston's vital role in the founding and growth of our nation. During this milestone anniversary, it stands as a symbol of the strength, resilience, and traditions that have helped shape America for two and a half centuries.

The original Custom House was completed in 1849 to serve as the federal office where customs duties were collected on ships arriving at the busy Port of Boston. As maritime commerce flourished, the landmark expanded with the addition of its magnificent 496-foot clock tower in 1915.

Today, it remains one of Boston's most recognizable architectural treasures.

Just a short walk away, the Royal Arcanum shares in that rich history.

Founded in 1877, the Society has spent nearly 150

years helping generations of families protect their financial future while fostering friendship, service, and community through its fraternal mission. Like the historic landmarks that surround it, the Royal Arcanum has stood the test of time by remaining true to its purpose and adapting to meet the needs of each new generation.



Boston has long been a city where history and progress walk hand in hand. From the days of the American Revolution to its emergence as a center of commerce, education, and innovation, the city has continually embraced new opportunities while honoring its traditions. The Royal Arcanum was born in this environment of optimism and civic responsibility, establishing itself as one of the nation's oldest fraternal benefit societies. Since its founding, the Society has remained committed to helping families build financial security through quality life insurance while enriching members' lives through charitable works, volunteerism, and lifelong friendships. That enduring commitment has allowed the Royal Arcanum to serve generation after generation of members, making it as much a part of Boston's legacy as many of the historic buildings that surround its Home Office.

Visitors to Boston often explore nearby landmarks such as Faneuil Hall, Old State House, and the Freedom Trail to experience the nation's history. A visit to the Royal Arcanum Home Office places members in the heart of this historic district, where the story of America and the story of our Society have unfolded side by side for generations. As the Custom House stands as a monument to America's enduring past, the Royal Arcanum stands as a testament to the lasting value of protecting families. Nearly 150 years after its founding, the Society continues to honor its heritage by providing dependable life insurance, meaningful fraternal benefits, and a tradition of service that has helped countless families prepare for the future while remaining true to the principles on which it was founded.

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ARCANIANS CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH



As Americans gathered across the country to celebrate Independence Day and begin commemorating our nation's 250th birthday, Royal Arcanum members joined in the festivities with family, friends, and fellow members from coast to coast. This historic milestone provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy, honor our nation's rich heritage, and celebrate the communities that bring us together. Whether in bustling cities or peaceful lakeside settings, Arcanians proudly marked this special occasion with patriotic spirit and appreciation for the values that have united Americans for nearly two and a half centuries.

In New Jersey, Versatility Council #2501 members Christine Piscitelli and Evelyn Magarban celebrated

the Fourth of July aboard a cruise through New York Harbor. Highlights of the afternoon included breathtaking views of the Statue of Liberty—our nation's enduring symbol of freedom—and the magnificent Tall Ships that sailed from around the world as part of America's 250th anniversary celebration. Meanwhile, in Michigan, the Brazas family proudly represented the Royal Arcanum while celebrating America's 250th birthday at beautiful Houghton Lake. Though separated by miles, both celebrations reflected the same spirit of patriotism, fellowship, and gratitude that continues to unite Royal Arcanum members across the nation.



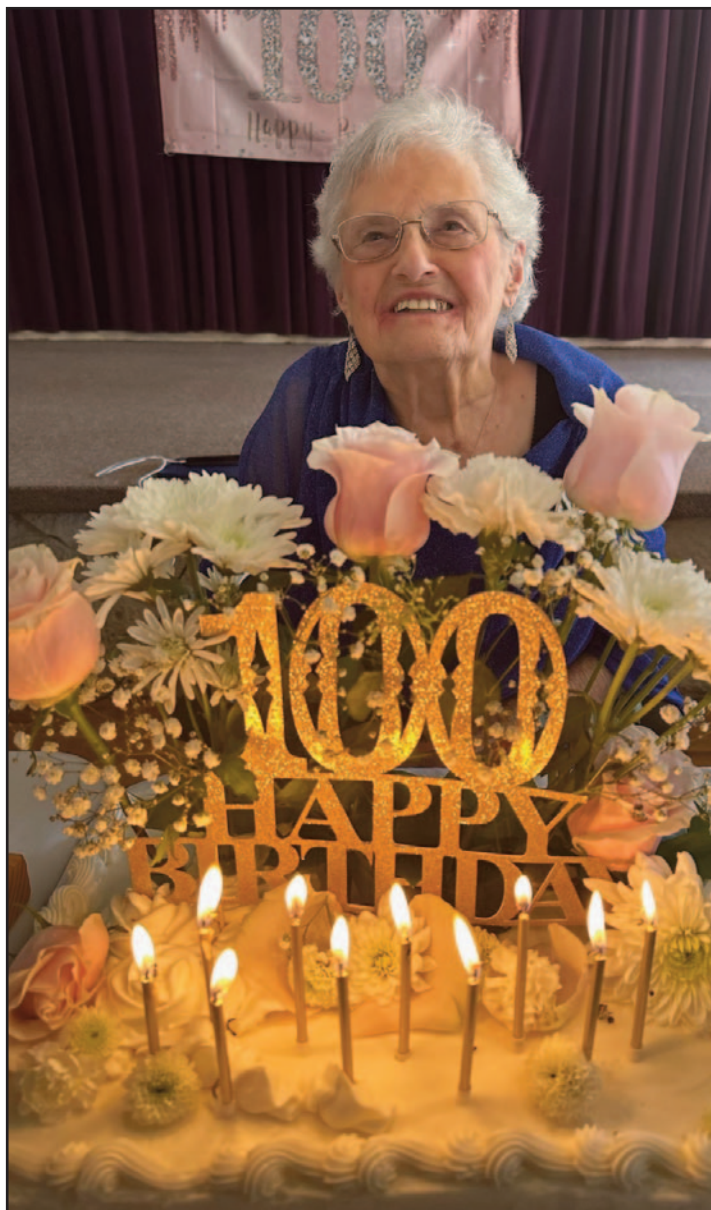
HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, ANN!



Royal Arcanum is proud to recognize a very special milestone as one of our members, Ann Antuzzi, celebrated her 100th birthday on June 13, 2026.

Ann marked the occasion with a wonderful birthday celebration surrounded by her children, many relatives, friends, and fellow Royal Arcanum members. The festivities included a beautiful birthday cake adorned with 100 candles, making it a truly memorable event for everyone in attendance.

Congratulations to Ann on reaching this remarkable milestone! We are delighted to share her photo in this issue of the Bulletin and wish her continued health, happiness, and many more joyful moments with family and friends.



Ann Antuzzi, member of San Jose Council #2384



Three children: Janet, Joanne, and Joe

NEW YORK REMEMBRANCE

On June 9, 2026, members of Claremont Council #1655, New York and members of the San Fratello Society, attended a mass of remembrance for Brother Joseph Conforto at St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church in the Bronx.

Following the liturgy, the friends, while partaking of coffee and cake, shared many fond memories of "Joe".

Brother Joe was born in San Fratello (a small town near Messina, Sicily and the home of St. Benedetto). Joe was a faithful volunteer of the San Fratello Society. This connection to his hometown became the foundation of a partnership for the San Fratello Society in the Bronx and Royal Arcanum New York Councils to helping charitable causes, especially those with a mission of service to the poor and those which build community.



MAKING MEMORIES ONE CAST AT A TIME

Few summer activities bring families together quite like a day of fishing. Whether it's casting a line from the shore of a quiet pond, fishing from a dock, or spending the day on a boat, fishing offers a welcome opportunity to slow down, enjoy the outdoors, and spend quality time with loved ones. Children learn patience, responsibility, and an appreciation for nature while creating memories that often become treasured family traditions passed from one generation to the next.

Fishing doesn't require expensive equipment or years of experience to be enjoyable.

A simple rod and reel, a local lake or stream, and a little time together are often all that's needed for a successful outing. Whether the biggest catch of the day is a fish or simply a shared laugh, the time spent together strengthens family bonds and reminds us that life's greatest moments are often the simplest ones.

This summer, consider planning a family fishing trip and enjoy the opportunity to relax, reconnect, and create memories that will last long after the season ends.



NEW YORK CELEBRATES

On June 14, 2026, the Grand Council of New York met at San Martino Ristorante in Yonkers. In addition to recognizing "Flag Day", the members were very happy to celebrate the academic achievements of Claremont Council #1655 member, Isabella Austin and to present her with a certificate for being the recipient of a \$8,000 Royal Arcanum scholarship this year. Isabella was most thankful for the opportunity to participate in the Society's program and shared her future aspirations for college and career with the members. The award was presented by Past Supreme Regent and current Junior Director, Errica Conforto.



Congratulations are offered to scholarship recipient Isabella Austin (center) from Junior Director Errica Conforto, Rosamaria Scasserra (Isabella's aunt), Maria Scasserra (Isabella's grandmother), and Robert Austin (Isabella's father).

The Arcanians shared a lovely afternoon and exchanged pleasant wishes for a safe and happy summer season. The song, "See You in September" echoed as members started making plans for the council's fraternal activity roster and resuming their meeting schedule in early autumn.

SAN JOSE COUNCIL SUPPORTS MOTHERS AND BABIES

The members of San Jose Council #2384 are making a meaningful difference with a generous **\$1,250 donation** to provide baby items for **Lourdeshouse Maternity Home**. Their support will help supply essential items for mothers and newborns as they begin life's newest journey together.

Lourdeshouse Maternity Home provides a safe and supportive environment for pregnant women and new mothers facing difficult circumstances. In addition to housing, the organization offers parenting support, life-skills education, and resources that help families build a brighter future. The generosity of San Jose Council #2384 reflects the Royal Arcanum's commitment to helping families and giving children a strong start in life. Congratulations to the council for making a lasting impact in the community!



NEW JERSEY'S MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

Members of the New Jersey Grand Council continued their tradition of conducting activities in observance of Memorial Day. Led by Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC, the Fraternal Service Committee members decorated the graves of Royal Arcanum veterans of the Armed Forces with flags and flowers in cemeteries in the Garden State.

The Grand Council also conducted a 'Tote of Thanks' project, in which Americana-themed bags were filled with everyday essentials, a variety of healthy snacks, and other comforts of home. These



"Thank You" Tote assembled for the military

were prepared as gifts for those serving in the military.

The members participated in a Sunday liturgy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bayonne, and hosted an Appreciation Breakfast for veterans and their families, at which they were happy to be joined by members of the St. Cecilia Choir who led the congregation in song during the mass.

Although it rained torrentially over the holiday weekend, it was one that was filled with remembrance, patriotism, and fellowship, and fittingly shared by the Arcanian fraternalists and friends in the community.



Fraternalists welcome officers of the Bayonne Memorial Parade Committee.

HELPING CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Claremont Council #1655, New York supported Children of Promise NYC with a \$1,500 donation made in conjunction with the Supreme Council through the International Fraternal Service Fund.

Children of Promise is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2009 and designed to serve children impacted by mass incarceration. Such children face uncertainty and trauma from changing living arrangements or being separated from their siblings. Children of Promise is there to help them.



Thank you from Children of Promise

The organization provides a year-round academic and enrichment program tailored to the unique needs of children, ages 6 through 18. Its summer day camp was formed to meet the needs, interests, and concerns of children who are left behind by a parent serving time in prison.

One-to-one mentoring is also a part of the programs at Children of Promise, and is tailored to provide youth with every opportunity to obtain the knowledge and love of learning that will allow them to succeed in school and beyond. Staff members strive to create opportunities for the children to thrive and achieve their full potential.

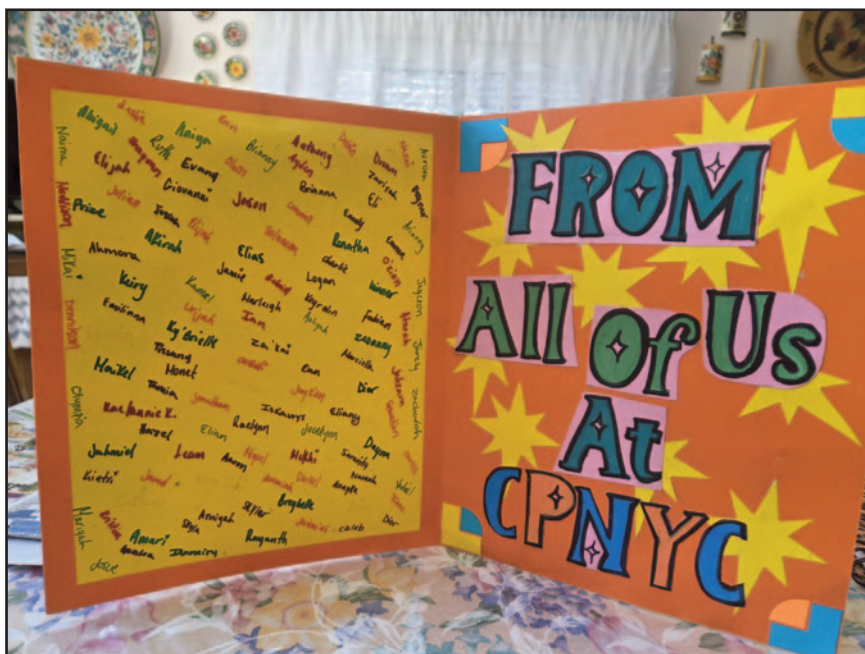
The members of New York are pleased to recognize the good work being done for the youngsters at Children of Promise, and look forward to helping the organization and its mission of service into the future.



It's always a welcomed visit at Children of Promise.



Errica Conforto, Past Supreme Regent; Monique Newton, Vice President of Programs at Children of Promise, and Gary DeLeo, Supreme Representative are happy to help the youngsters.



The children signed the Card of Thanks for the Royal Arcanum.

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

On May 16, 2026, the Grand Regent of Massachusetts, Anthony Basa married Alpha-Agassiz Council #1 member, Katie Abreu. We could not have planned a more perfect day: the weather was perfect, the food was amazing, and families and friends celebrated their union well into the morning (3:00 am to be exact). Time did not matter, and here is looking into the future and much success for this

happy couple. The Bride and Groom not only shared the date with family and friends, but they also celebrate the day with his parents. Tony and Debra were also married on May 16th.

*Submitted by the proud parents,
Tony & Debra Basa*



The lovely couple, Anthony and Katie, had a perfect day for a wedding.



Grand Regent of Massachusetts, Anthony Basa and Supreme Secretary Antal Basa, Jr. in Dress Blues for the event of the year.



Anthony Basa and his lovely bride, Katie perform the time-honored military welcome to the family. This was a second kiss because the first one was not accepted by me.

Below: Bringing two lovely families together (Abreu and Basa)



BAYONNE COUNCIL'S PET-FRIENDLY PROJECT

The members of Bayonne Council #695, New Jersey remain committed to coordinating a host of projects for the benefit of pets that reside in shelters and humane societies, as the animals wait for their fur-ever families and for some, a second chance at a better life. Sadly, in recent years, shelters have reached capacity with pets in need of adoption. It is becoming more expensive to care for pets, and for this reason, some seniors and families have had to make the tough decision to surrender their loyal companions to animal care centers.

The Arcanians continue to support organizations with a mission to rescue, shelter, rehabilitate, render medical care and find adoptive homes for animals brought to their doors. Basic supplies are always in demand, and donations are much appreciated by staff who care for the pups and kitties.

The Bayonne members once again responded to the need for towels, blankets, and bedding supplies. These items were on the Summer Wish List, especially to assist in caring for the many newborn kittens awaiting adoption. The members also contributed cartons of pet food, milk replacement, collars, harnesses, leashes, toys, and other treats. Coupled with donations from the grand and subordinate councils, a generous and thoughtful gift, made on behalf of the Royal Arcanum, was delivered to the Old Bridge Animal Shelter in central New Jersey. Dozens of boxes were filled to the rim with useful pet items and graciously received at the facility.

The fraternalists enjoyed volunteering together for the cause and are hopeful that there will be many happy “tales” of the pets being welcomed into their permanent homes.



**Rich Macon coordinated Bayonne Council's successful
"Pet Supply Drive."**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Marie Sklodowska Curie was born in Warsaw, Poland in 1867. Educated in France, she became one of the most recognizable figures in science, and over the years, has inspired generations of women scientists. She was awarded two Nobel Prizes for her work: one in physics for the discovery of the phenomenon of radioactivity and one in chemistry for the discovery of the radioactive elements polonium and radium. Her research served as the foundation for advancements in medical imaging and contemporary cancer treatment. Working in the lab, I can appreciate the scientific contributions made by Madame Curie.

A notable researcher, Marie Curie is also remembered for having said, "We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." These words can inspire us to have belief in our talents, experience, and know-how to achieve our potential and make a positive difference, somehow and somewhere.

Being a member of the Royal Arcanum provides the opportunity for members to become engaged in the good works of the Supreme, Grand, and Subordinate Councils and carry forth the legacy of those who laid the foundation for our successful fraternal benefit society. They had confidence in their vision to offer life insurance protection based on a scale of assessment. It was a novel idea at the time but one that was quickly embraced to become the template for other fraternalists.

With allegiance to the principles of Virtue, Mercy, and Charity, members have been steadfast in promoting love of country, home, and friends; faithfulness to family; honor in dealings with humankind; generosity with those in need; and compassion for the bereaved and distressed. Fraternal brothers and sisters have shared their ideas and skills to develop programs, increase activities, and ensure future successes for the councils.

The Supreme Council is proud to acknowledge the fraternal and charitable spirit shared by members across the jurisdictions. The International Fraternal Service Fund, Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart, LJD Legacy of Hope, Spirit of Service, and Sharing and Caring programs are available to assist councils toward reaching their goals and to applaud the

volunteerism of our members. Exchanging ideas at council events can introduce other members to charitable organizations that could benefit from a fraternal project. It's possible for you to "discover" that friends are interested and may just like to be asked and encouraged to participate.

The Buddy Project is proceeding with jurisdictional teams volunteering together to aid various causes such as homeless and shelter programs, pediatric hospitals, and walk-a-thons and fairs for medical research. The benevolent response from members and friends exemplifies Arcanian perseverance to making a positive imprint on the local, national, and global communities.

I congratulate the RA scholarship and grant recipients and wish success to students in all grades as they begin a new academic year. I sincerely hope they persevere with great expectation to achieve their goals.

As fraternalists, let's reaffirm our pledge to willingly share our talents for the greater good. Small yet thoughtful deeds can produce impactful and positive results!

In friendship,



Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director



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LLOYD E. WILLIAMS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Logan Dratch
Bayonne Council #695

\$10,000



Isabella Austin
Claremont Council #1655

\$8,000

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Kristen Mendoza
Group CA #1999

\$8,000



Joanna Tomaszkwicz
Sons of Poland Council #2016

\$5,000



Thomas Lyles
Alpha-Agassiz Council #1

\$5,000

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Marilou Decha
Versatility Council #2501

\$2,000



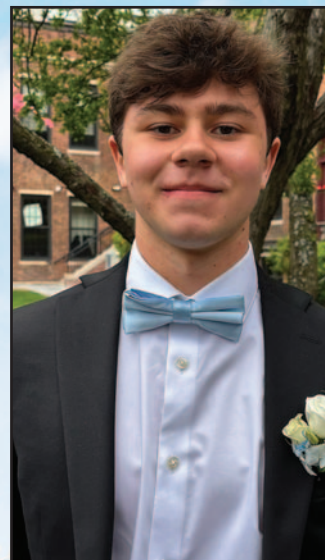
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Integrity Council #586

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Anthony Pierotti
Medora Council #1648

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COLIN BAJOR: BASEBALL CHAMP

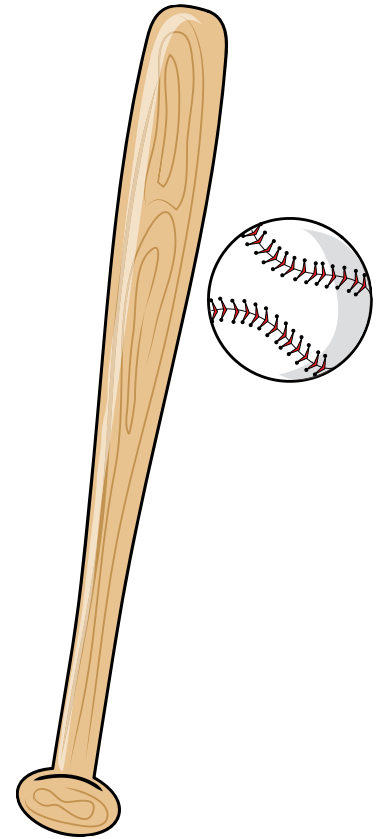
Colin Bajor, age 8, a Junior member of Bayonne Council #695, New Jersey, and his teammates on the Middletown Yankees, claimed the 2026 Middletown Little League Championship after their June win over the Middletown Rockies. The score of 14 to 6 in the 9 and under age bracket was celebrated by the winning Yankees.

The teammates rotate positions on the field at practice and for the games. Colin truly enjoys the sport and teamwork! He may be headed to becoming a future All-Star in the sport!

The Royal Arcanum family congratulates Colin and his team for their shining season and champion achievement.



Colin Bajor points to the scoreboard indicating his team's victory!



SPREAD THE WORD

One of the greatest gifts we can share with others is the opportunity to become part of something meaningful. The Royal Arcanum has been helping members protect their families and build lasting friendships for generations through affordable life insurance, fraternal benefits, charitable service, and a strong sense of community. Every member can play an important role in our future by simply talking about their positive experiences with family, friends, neighbors,



and coworkers. Whether you invite someone to a council meeting, volunteer event, or social gathering, your personal recommendation is often the best introduction to all that the Royal Arcanum has to offer. By spreading the word, you help strengthen our organization, ensure its continued growth, and

give others the opportunity to enjoy the same fellowship, security, and service that have made the Royal Arcanum a treasured part of our lives.

SUPREME REGENT VISITS OHIO

On June 1, 2026, sixteen members attended the meeting at the Fairfield Inn on Tiedeman Road in Parma, Ohio. Food was provided by Panera Bread. The Grand Council also provided several door prizes, including two solar-powered power banks. One was awarded to Ray Bonness and the other to Janet Messinger. Members also had the opportunity to choose from a variety of puzzle books.



MEMBER BENEFIT: PERKSPOT



One of the many benefits of Royal Arcanum membership is access to **PerkSpot**, an

exclusive discount program that helps members save money on everyday purchases and special occasions alike. Through PerkSpot, members can enjoy savings on travel, entertainment, restaurants, electronics, clothing, home improvement, fitness, and much more from hundreds of national and local retailers.

Whether you're planning a family vacation, shopping for a new appliance, or simply looking for ways to stretch your budget, PerkSpot

provides valuable discounts that can help you make the most of your membership. It's just one more way Royal Arcanum continues to deliver meaningful benefits that support members and their families.

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INTEGRITY DINNER MEETING

Good times with good friends! That would be an excellent way to describe the meetings of Integrity Council #586 and the Pennsylvania Grand Council, which often meet at the same time. This quarterly meeting was conducted by both Past Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara, who is now the Regent of Integrity, and Grand Regent Jay Newlin, each taking lead depending on the nature of the business on hand.

The delightful gathering was held Popi's Italian Restaurant in Philadelphia, where everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner and meaningful conversation on Saturday, June 20, 2026. When it was Integrity Business, Pete took charge; and when it was Grand Council Business, Jay took charge.

The crossover and cooperation works well for Integrity and the Grand Council.

Loretta Wehbe, our Juniors Chairperson, distributed a list of the Juniors who are participating in our programs and activities. A sizeable contribution was approved for the Supreme Council Session charity this year. The conversation included our plans for the Supreme Council Session in Lancaster County this summer, where the majority of our members will be having a great experience.

Our next luncheon meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2026.



Seated – Anita Ferrara, Peter Ferrara, Jay Newlin, Herb Snyder, and Nettie Malone;
Standing – Ralph Ferrara, Loretta Wehbe, Carmen Rodia, and Lottie Wehbe Bruno

AN NBA CHAMPION

One of the many reasons we celebrate our members is the incredible accomplishments they achieve in every walk of life. This year, Royal Arcanum member Tyler Kolek reached the pinnacle of professional basketball by helping the New York Knicks capture the 2026 NBA Championship—the franchise's first NBA title in more than five decades. A standout collegiate player before beginning his NBA career, Tyler's dedication,

perseverance, and commitment to excellence have been evident throughout his journey. While every championship is a team achievement, we are especially proud to recognize one of our own for earning the title of NBA Champion.

Congratulations, Tyler, on an extraordinary accomplishment that inspires members of all ages to pursue their dreams with determination and hard work.



BAKER'S BOX: NONNA BISCOTTI

Enjoy making this recipe shared by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto. A traditional Italian biscuit, Nonna Biscotti are perfect for dipping in coffee, tea, or dessert, and they're sure to become a favorite family treat for every season!

INGREDIENTS:

3 large eggs
2/3 cup sugar + extra for rolling
3 oz. oil (Wesson or Mazola)
1 oz. milk
1 tsp. vanilla extract
Peels of 1 lemon & 1 orange, grated [zest]
4 cups flour
1 Tbsp. baking powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix the eggs and sugar to combine well. Add the oil, milk, vanilla and zest. Slowly add the flour (a little at a time) and baking powder until well incorporated.

Let the dough rest for 5 minutes.

Shape the biscuit dough to resemble logs or "sausage links" and roll each in sugar.

Place the logs on a tray and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Remove from oven. Cool and enjoy with your family and guests!

Recipe yields 36 medium- to large-size cookies.



FOR THE INFANTS

Although you may hear about the “lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer”, the members in New Jersey, led by Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC, welcomed the season with expectation and a focus of helping newborns in need get a joy-filled welcome.

The Grand Council teamed up with Versatility Council #2501 to sponsor a “Diaper Dayz” project for the benefit of programs that are conducted by the Sisters of Life. The objective of the project was simple: shower the babies with a bounty of diapers to help make their first year comfortable. The members succeeded in their efforts, and with assistance from family and friends, cases and cases of baby diapers, from newborn to size 4, together with a multitude of baby wipe packages, were collected for the summertime fraternal project, and prepared for delivery to the sisters’ convents where they care for mothers and their infants.

The success of the project demonstrates how a simple act of generosity can make a meaningful

difference in the lives of young families. By working together, Royal Arcanum members, relatives, and friends transformed a community need into an opportunity to live the Society’s principles of Virtue, Mercy, and Charity. Their kindness will help provide comfort and support to mothers during one of the

most important times in their lives.

The Sisters of Life, a Catholic religious community of women, vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. They are dedicated to helping the mothers of the unborn, the unborn, those who are frail, vulnerable or ill, and those in danger of being put to death. They have a strong commitment to prayer, offer crisis pregnancy help, advocate to protect the unborn, offer hope and healing, and provide end of life care. The Sisters serve in New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Denver, Phoenix, and Toronto.

The Community Outreach

Committee of Versatility Council appreciates the tremendous support received for the project and looks forward to organizing a similar activity in the months ahead.



NJ Regent Richard Macon prepares donations for the Diaper Dayz project.

SUMMER FUN



Why did the sun go to school?

To get a little brighter!

What did the beach say to the

tide? Long time, no sea!

What do frogs like to drink on a hot summer day?

Croak-a-Cola!

Why did the ice cream truck break down?

Because it had a rocky road!

What do you call a fish with no eyes?

Fsh!

What kind of tree fits in your hand?

A palm tree!!

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BUDDIES HELPING NEIGHBORS

Lending a Helping Hand Through the Buddy Program

One of the greatest strengths of the Royal Arcanum is the spirit of family that unites our members. Across jurisdictions, Arcanians come together not only to enjoy fellowship but also to serve others. Through the Fraternal Department's Buddy Program, councils partner on charitable projects that make a meaningful difference in the communities they serve while strengthening the bonds of our fraternity.

This spring, members from New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania joined forces to support the outreach ministries of Arch Street United Methodist Church in Center City Philadelphia. The church's programs provide assistance to individuals and families facing homelessness, food insecurity, and other difficult circumstances.

Members generously donated new and gently used clothing, socks, tote bags, hygiene products, and patient care supplies. These much-needed

items will help the church's staff and volunteers continue providing comfort, dignity, and practical assistance to some of Philadelphia's most vulnerable residents.



Jay Newlin, Herb Snyder, and Evelyn Magarban with some of the cartons of donations for the Buddy Project.



Members of Integrity Council #586 have developed a special connection with the ministry through their volunteer service at Grace Café, The Center, and other outreach programs. Having witnessed firsthand the positive impact these services have on the community, they remain committed to supporting the church's mission as the need for assistance continues to grow.

Past Supreme Regent Herb Snyder, Pennsylvania Grand Regent Jay Newlin, New Jersey Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban, and Fraternal Director Cindy Macon helped organize and pack box after box of donated supplies for delivery to Philadelphia. Their efforts, together with the generosity of members and friends, demonstrate the compassion and dedication that define the Royal Arcanum.

Every box packed represented more than donated items—it carried a message of hope, kindness, and fraternity. Through projects like these, Royal Arcanum members continue to show that service to others remains at the heart of our organization.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2026!

One of the most rewarding aspects of my position as Junior Director is announcing and congratulating the recipients of the Royal Arcanum Scholarship Awards. In this issue of the **Bulletin**, we proudly feature the names and photos of this year's winners. I'm sure everyone will join me in wishing these outstanding young members every success in their future studies. We also encourage every council that holds a dinner meeting to invite the scholarship



recipients and their families to attend, celebrate this special achievement, and present the students with their scholarship certificates.

Earning a Royal Arcanum scholarship is more than recognition of academic achievement—it reflects the dedication, perseverance, and character these young members have demonstrated throughout their school years. We are proud to support their educational journeys and look forward to seeing the many ways they will use their talents and education to make a positive difference in their communities. They represent the bright future of both our Society and the communities they will one day serve.

As you enjoy every moment of summer with family and friends, take the opportunity to become involved in your council by volunteering in charitable activities and supporting projects in your community.

Remember that every Junior member in good standing

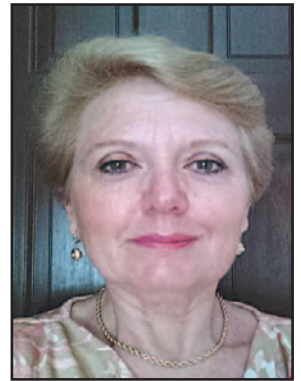
who distinguishes themselves through leadership and volunteerism in their jurisdiction or community may be nominated for the Royal Arcanum **2026 Youth of the Year Award**. The recipient will receive a **\$300 award** and be featured in the **Bulletin**. The nomination deadline is **November 30, 2026**. Information and the application are available on the Royal Arcanum website and in the Spring 2026 issue of the **Bulletin**.

As our graduates prepare to begin the next chapter of their lives, whether attending college, entering the workforce, or pursuing other dreams, I wish them every success. Remember, it's not where you start, but how high you aim that matters most.

I wish all of our members a happy, healthy, and safe summer.

Sincerely yours in V.M.C.,

Errica Conforto
Junior Director



Junior Department
Director
Errica Conforto

SUMMER ZIG-ZAG WORD SEARCH: WATER



BAY	POOL
CANAL	PUDDLE
CREEK	RESERVOIR
ESTUARY	RIVER
GEYSER	SEA
HARBOR	SPRING
LAKE	STREAM
OCEAN	WATERFALL
POND	WETLAND



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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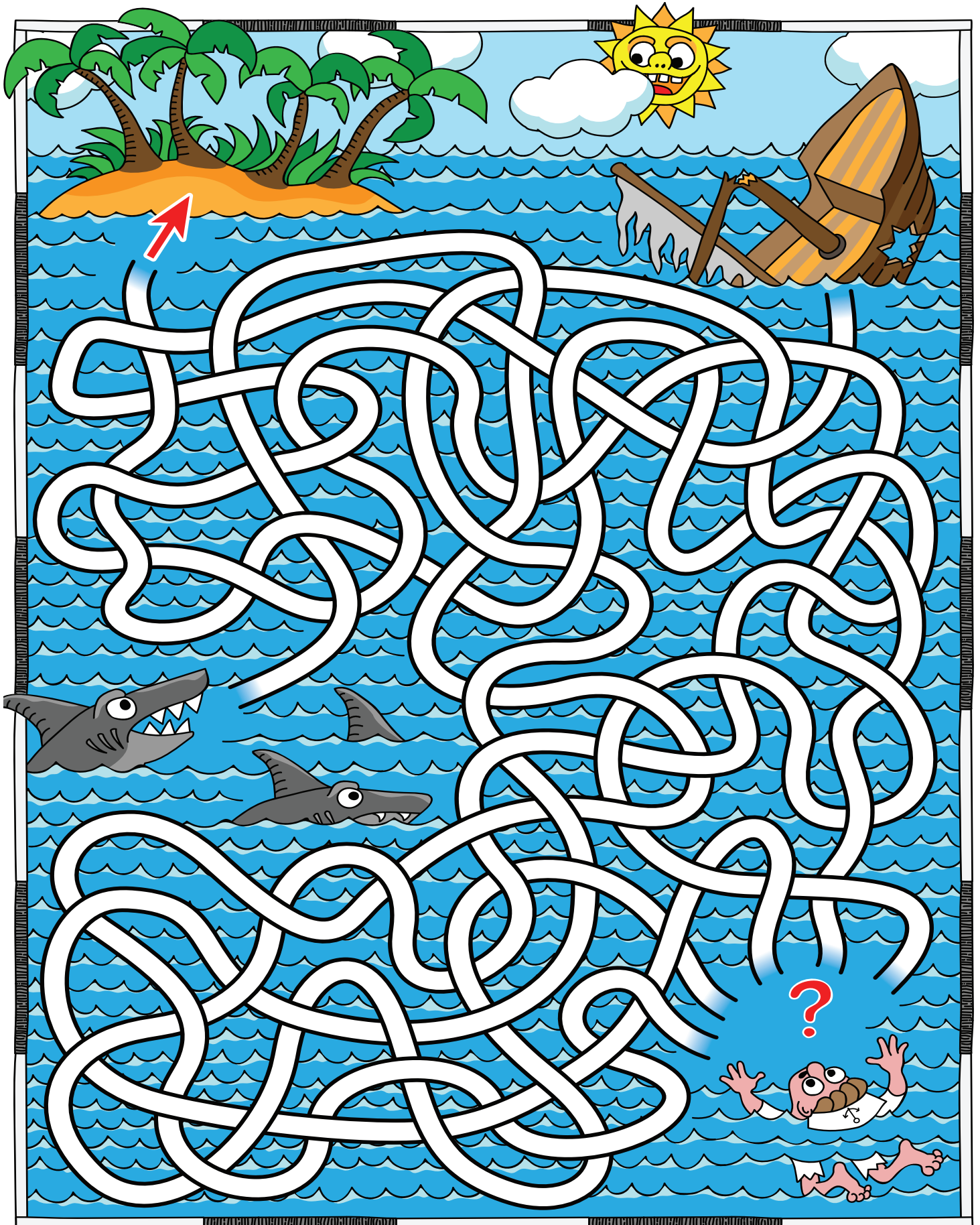
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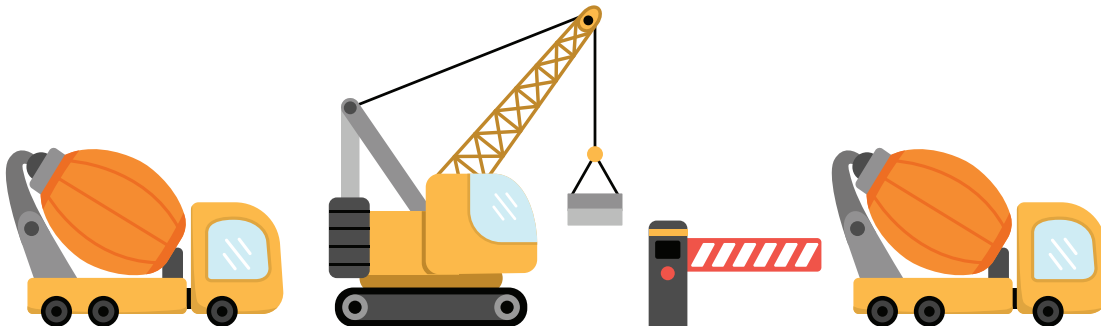
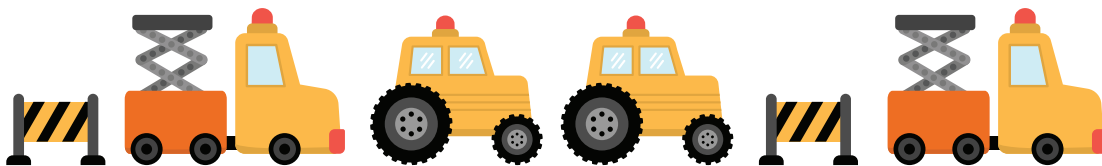
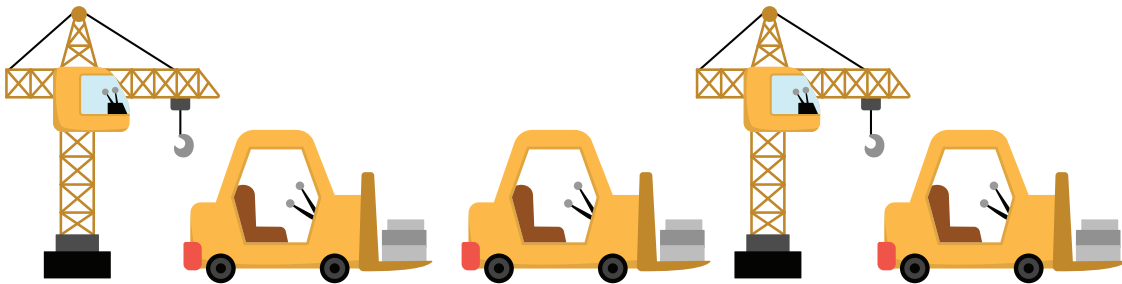
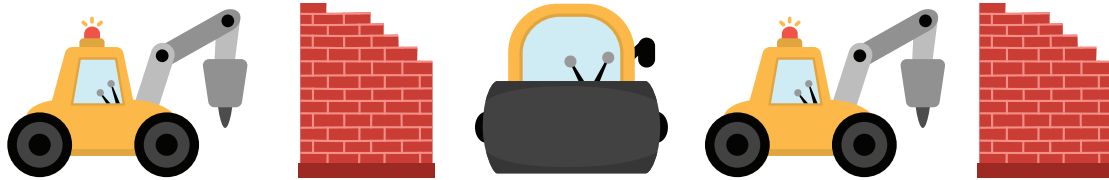
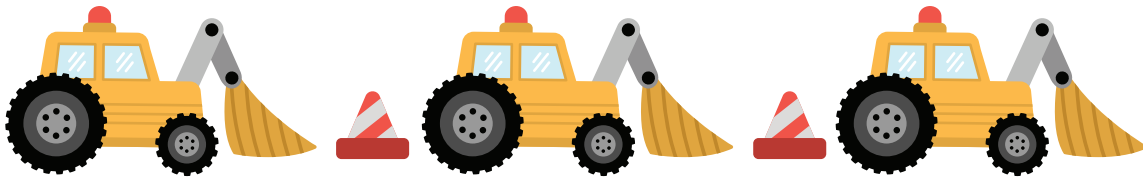
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SUMMERTIME MAZE

Oh no! The boat has sunk, and the sailor must make it past the sharks to reach land.



WHAT COMES NEXT?



JUNIOR SUMMER COLORING

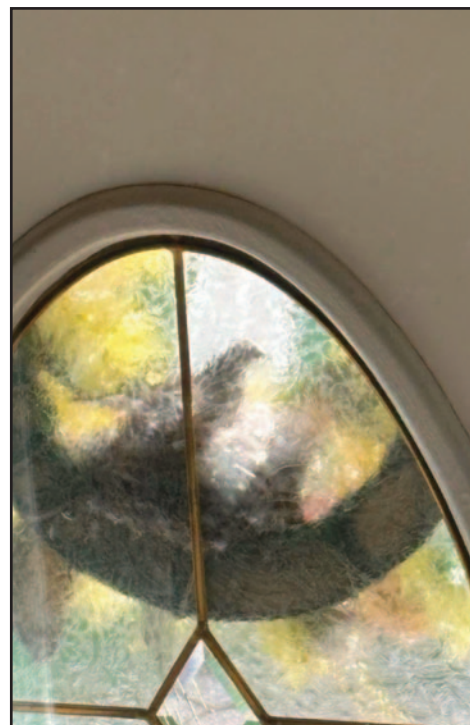


WONDER OF NATURE

Past Supreme Regent Maria DiBartolo shares three photos of the wonder of nature, taken as new life was welcomed on her front door. Tucked in the wreath that adorns the home front door, teeny bird eggs appeared once again (as they did for the past few years) and from them baby birds hatched. The

third image (taken from inside) shows the mother bird caring for her young ones.

Inspiring sights of the gentleness, awe and beauty of nature that bring joy to our days!



TREASURE FROM OUR PAST

We highlight in this issue of the Bulletin the group photograph taken at the 81st Supreme Council Session held at Mount Airy Lodge Resort in the Pocono Mountains, Pennsylvania in September 1972. Jacob Zimmerman of New Jersey presided as Supreme Regent for the Session, and was succeeded by Dr. Louis Gelfand of Pennsylvania for the 1972-1974 term. Hundreds of Royal Arcanum officers and

members from across the United States and Canada attended the biennial event. “**Rededication**” banners highlighting Jersey Jack’s campaign call for members to uphold the Society’s principles of Virtue, Mercy, and Charity flanked the venue and became the talking point of guests who were introduced to our fraternal benefit society at the resort.



HOW FRATERNALISM HELPS TODAY'S YOUNG ADULTS

Fraternalism is the idea of people coming together through shared values, service, friendship, and mutual support. For today's young adults, it provides a sense of belonging while helping them grow as leaders, students, workers, and community members. Through fraternal organizations, young people build relationships, serve others, and prepare for future success.

Organizations such as college fraternities and sororities, as well as service groups like the Elks, Moose, Lions, and the Royal Arcanum, demonstrate fraternalism by encouraging leadership, volunteerism, scholarship, and community service. Members learn responsibility while participating in charitable projects, supporting local families and veterans, and strengthening their communities



Leadership roles, such as serving on committees or organizing events, help develop confidence, teamwork, decision-making, and communication skills that employers value.

In addition, participation in meetings, service projects, and fundraising activities teaches practical workplace skills, including public speaking, collaboration, problem-solving, and professional responsibility. These experiences help young adults become more confident and capable in both their personal and professional lives.



Fraternalism offers far more than a social experience. It provides a foundation for lifelong friendships, service, leadership, and personal growth while helping young adults build the character, confidence, and connections needed to succeed in school, work,

and their communities.

Yours in V.M.C.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antal Basa, Jr." in a cursive style.

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CAREER GROWTH THROUGH FRATERNALISM

Fraternal involvement also prepares young adults for their careers. Through networking with alumni, professionals, and community leaders, members often gain valuable advice, internships, job opportunities, and professional connections.

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