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NEWS RELEASE

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**Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum's Errica Conforto Named
American Fraternal Alliance's Fraternalist of the Year**
*Bronx resident recognized for volunteer efforts with
top fraternalist award by the American Fraternal Alliance*

OAK BROOK, IL, October 14, 2011 – The American Fraternal Alliance announced that Errica Conforto, a member of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, Claremont Council #1655 in the Bronx, New York, is the 2011 Fraternalist of the Year. Conforto was recognized at the 2011 Alliance Annual Meeting, September 29-Oct. 1, in Denver, Colorado.

“Errica comes from a 100-percent fraternal family, with four generations as members,” said Alliance President and CEO Joseph J. Annotti. “Errica is a dynamic leader but is generally found behind the scenes, both in her council work and community service. A terrific team player, Errica has spurred the New York members by her willingness to serve and her compassionate heart as their inspiration for volunteering.”

The Fraternalist of the Year Award is given annually to recognize the nation's top volunteer among the almost 10 million members affiliated with the Alliance's member societies. The award goes to a fraternal benefit society member who has provided outstanding volunteer service in his/her community and excellent leadership in his/her local chapter throughout the past year. All 72 member societies of the Alliance are invited to nominate their top volunteer. Conforto received a commemorative trophy and a \$1,000 donation to the charity of her choice.

This year, Conforto has chosen the Sisters, Servants of Mary Ministers to the Sick (Bronx Convent), as the charity to receive the \$1,000 honorarium being made by the American

Fraternal Alliance. The sisters carry forth the apostolic mission of caring for the physical, spiritual and emotional needs of patients, free of charge in their homes.

Conforto has served in many offices of her council and state jurisdiction and many committees. She initiated an innovative program to increase member participation, revitalize meetings and develop new projects that are community-service oriented. Her dedication to increasing family participation has engaged members and friends from neighboring councils to host meetings and prospect nights, sponsor community outreach programs and create new activities by partnering with other volunteer groups. On the state level, she organized activities for promoting fraternalism and fellowship in the name of the Royal Arcanum.

This past year, Conforto has led her fellow New York members in transforming ideas into purposeful projects for the benefit of those in need in local communities and abroad. An efficient organizer, Conforto volunteers wholeheartedly and completes all details to accomplish project goals. Some of the programs that she helped coordinate during the past year include:

- Our Lady of Assumption Sports Program – equipment and uniforms for youth teams
- Sisters, Servants of Mary – a nun’s spiritual and physical ministry to the sick and infirmed
- Bishop Pernicone Catechetical Center – clothing, books, toys, household items for the needy
- St. Joseph’s Medical Center – digital picture frames for nursing home residents
- Missionary Sisters of the Catechism at Fatima Hall of Mt. Carmel Church – Thanksgiving meals and holiday gifts for the homeless and needy.
- St. Peter’s Love Kitchen – shopping, cooking and serving hot meals
- Sisters of Harlem – donating and packaging healthcare essentials for HIV/AIDS patients
- Alzheimer’s Awareness – fundraising activities



- Sharing Place – sisters’ visiting nurse program, childhood development, day care programs and emergency food pantry
- St. Theresa Parish Altar Society – worship materials assistance
- Committee of San Benedetto of San Fratello – promotes Italian heritage and supports residents of Messina, Italy
- Flag Day Committee – new U.S. and POW/MIA flags raised at Veteran’s Memorial Monument, Keane Square, The Bronx.

Conforto is equally at home creating volunteer projects that appeal to young people as she is visiting and caring for the elderly and homebound.

2011 Fraternalist of the Year Runners-Up

First Runner-Up

Henry Govekar, KSKJ Life, American Slovenian Catholic Union

Second Runner-Up

Tracelle A. Fullmer, Modern Woodmen of America

About the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum

The Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, founded in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1877, on the values of virtue, mercy and charity, is a family fraternal benefit society, general in nature, with councils (chapters) throughout the United States and Dominion of Canadian. The society maintains a progressive portfolio of permanent and term life insurance products and annuities for today’s consumer and furnishes fraternal benefits, including scholarships, educational grants and loans, family events and a quarterly magazine. The Royal Arcanum, through its International Fraternal Service Program and council activities, upholds its distinguished, time-honored tradition of volunteer community service and support of charitable causes internationally. For more information, visit www.royalarcanum.com.

About the American Fraternal Alliance

The American Fraternal Alliance, formed in 1886, unites 72 not-for-profit fraternal benefit societies operating in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Alliance member



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societies represent nearly 10.5 million individuals, making it one of America's largest member-volunteer networks. Each year members of fraternal benefit societies invest more than 92.5 million hours in community works and contribute more than \$414 million to charitable programs supporting community service projects. Fraternal benefit societies provide financial services, including life insurance and annuities, as well as a variety of other benefits such as scholarships, educational programs, vocational opportunities, and group discount programs to members. For more information, visit www.fraternalalliance.org.



Video Online: go to the following link to see the video we made of Errica and her great work.

<http://www.fraternalalliance.org/about/newsroom/errica-conforto-named-fraternalist-of-the-year/>

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