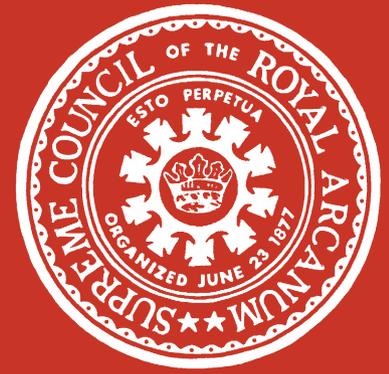
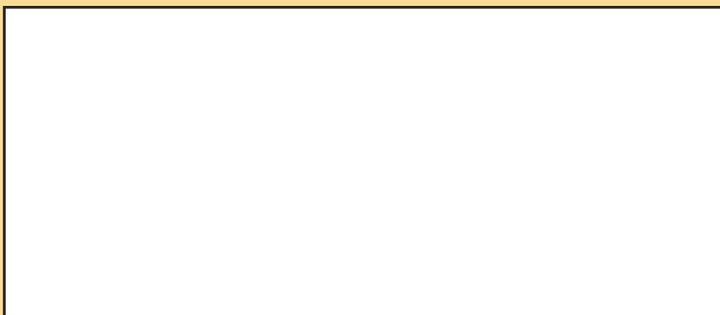


ROYAL ARCANUM
AN INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY  PROVIDING FAMILY PROTECTION



Bulletin

Fall Edition



**Official Publication of the
Supreme Council of the
Royal Arcanum**
.....
**Fraternal Services to Our
Members Since 1877**

A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Nicole M. Covelli - Supreme Regent



Hello Members,

I can't believe October has arrived. It was a very busy summer.

In September, I visited the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Grand Regent Nettie Malone and Herb Snyder selected the Buca D'Oro Restaurant for the luncheon.

During my presentation, the members and I discussed ways to introduce potential new members to the Royal Arcanum and ways to bring more of our current members back to participating in their councils. One of my suggestions was to "**REVIVE**" the mini vacation.

The Grand Council of Pennsylvania donated a great number of books plus a monetary donation to Our Lady of Hope School.

I thank Nettie, Herb and Jay for making my stay in Philadelphia unforgettable.

As I look forward to the upcoming year, I hope to hear from more jurisdictions where I can present my Supreme Regent's program, "**Revive Our Royal Arcanum Family**".

I encourage our members to attend the 107th Supreme Council Session in July of 2026 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Please reach out to me at any time with any ideas for growing our membership.

The holidays will soon be upon us. I wish you all a very happy holiday season.

Warm Regards in V.M.C.,

Nicole Marie Covelli
Supreme Regent

Bonjour à tous,

J'ai du mal à croire qu'octobre soit arrivé. L'été a été très chargé.

En septembre, j'ai visité la juridiction de Pennsylvanie. La Grande Régente Nettie Malone et Herb Snyder ont choisi le restaurant Buca D'Oro pour le déjeuner.

Lors de ma présentation, les membres et moi avons discuté des moyens de faire découvrir le Royal Arcanum aux nouveaux membres potentiels et de faire revenir davantage de nos membres actuels au sein de leurs conseils. J'ai notamment suggéré de « **revivre** » ces mini-vacances.

Le Grand Conseil de Pennsylvanie a fait don d'un grand nombre de livres et d'une somme d'argent à l'école Notre-Dame de l'Espérance.

Je remercie Nettie, Herb et Jay d'avoir rendu mon séjour à Philadelphie inoubliable.

En attendant l'année à venir, j'espère recevoir des nouvelles de juridictions où je pourrai présenter le programme de ma Régente Suprême, « **Revive notre famille du Royal Arcanum** ».

J'encourage nos membres à assister à la 107e session du Conseil Suprême en juillet 2026 à Lancaster, en Pennsylvanie.

N'hésitez pas à me contacter à tout moment pour me faire part de vos idées pour développer notre adhésion.

Les fêtes de fin d'année approchent à grands pas. Je vous souhaite à tous de joyeuses fêtes.

Cordialement, V.M.C.,

Nicole Marie Covelli
Régente suprême

BULLETIN COMMITTEE
 Cynthia A. Macon, Chairman
 Antal Basa
 Janice S. Brazas

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 Cynthia A. Macon, Chairman
 Nicole Covelli
 Maria Bettina DiBartolo
 Karen Lockaby
 Mark Hefner
 Antal Basa
 Errica Conforto
 Janice S. Brazas
 Carl J. Krzystofczyk

EDITOR
 Patrick Fitzgerald

ASSOCIATE EDITOR EMERITUS
 Dotti Pagnani

EDITING STAFF
 Amy Fitzgerald

LITERARY STAFF
 Nicole Lescadre

EDITORIAL OFFICE
 61 Batterymarch St.
 Boston, MA 02110-3208

Toll Free 1-888-ARCANUM (272-2686)
 E-Mail:
 INFORMATION@ROYALARCANUM.COM

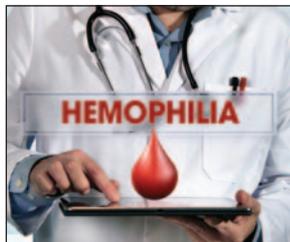
Official publication (Publication number USPS 472-260) of the Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum, 61 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA 02110-3208. Published quarterly. Periodicals postage paid at Boston, MA 02110 and additional mailing offices. Subscription terms: one dollar per year. Printed in the U.S.A.

Postmaster: In the event magazine is undeliverable, please send Form 3579 addressed to: Royal Arcanum, 61 Batterymarch St., Boston, MA 02110-3208.

Volume 125 Number 4
 October, November, December 2025



New Jersey Outreach
 Page 9



Buddy Project in Action
 Page 16



Own a Piece of History
 Page 18



Scan Our QR Code to Visit Our Website

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
 PAGE 4

DETROIT DOINGS
 PAGE 6

PENNSYLVANIA GRAND COUNCIL
 PAGE 7

BUDDIES VOLUNTEER
 PAGE 11

CLAREMONT COUNCIL SUPPORTS
 PAGE 12

SAN JOSE DONATION
 PAGE 19

BAKER'S BOX
 PAGE 20

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS
 PAGE 25

JUNIOR GAMES
 PAGES 26 - 29

THE SUPREME SECRETARY
 PAGE 31

Bulletin Deadline

Articles and photos must be in the editorial office by **January 15, 2026**. Mail to the Royal Arcanum Bulletin, Home Office, 61 Batterymarch Street, Boston, MA 02110-3208.

Next Publication Date: **February 17, 2026**

A big part of my health routine is exercising 3-4 times a week. Instead of exclusively focusing on cardio workouts, I make sure to include a healthy dose of core strength exercise.

Core strength is especially important for older adults because it plays a central role in overall health, mobility, and independence. The “core” refers to the muscles in the abdomen, lower back, pelvis, and hips that work together to stabilize the body. Here’s why maintaining core strength matters in the elderly:

1. Balance and Fall Prevention

Strong core muscles help stabilize the body during movement, reducing the risk of falls—a leading cause of injury among older adults.

A stable core supports better posture and coordination, which are essential for safe walking and daily activities.

2. Independence in Daily Living

Activities like getting out of bed, standing up from a chair, climbing stairs, or carrying groceries all require core strength.

A strong core makes these everyday movements easier and less tiring, helping older adults stay self-sufficient.

3. Pain Reduction and Posture Support

Core strength helps protect the spine and reduces strain on the lower back, often relieving or preventing chronic pain.

Good posture, supported by a stable core, improves breathing and circulation as well.

4. Protection Against Frailty

As people age, muscle mass naturally decreases (sarcopenia). Strengthening the core counters some of this loss and helps maintain overall stability and vitality.

5. Improved Confidence and Mental Health

When older adults feel stable and capable of moving without fear of falling, their confidence in daily life increases.

This can lead to greater participation in social and recreational activities, which supports mental and emotional well-being.

6. Foundation for Other Exercise

Whether doing strength training, yoga, walking, or even gardening, a strong core provides the foundation for safe and effective movement in all physical activity.



In short: Core strength in the elderly is not just about fitness—it’s about safety, independence, and quality of life.

Here are a couple examples of core workouts:

A. Seated Knee Lifts (chair-supported)

Sit tall in a sturdy chair, feet flat.

Lift one knee toward your chest, lower, then switch sides.

Repeat 10–15 times each leg.

Builds abdominal strength while supporting posture.

B. Pelvic Tilts (lying down)

Lie on your back with knees bent, feet flat on the floor. Gently tighten your stomach muscles, pressing your lower back toward the floor.

Hold 3–5 seconds, then release.

Repeat 10–15 times.

Strengthens deep core muscles and supports the lower back.

Pat Fitzgerald, Bulletin Editor

ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Royal Arcanum awarded \$60,000 in scholarships and grants in 2025. Apply today!!

Our competitive scholarships: based on merit and membership

(Two) \$10,000 scholarships awarded at \$2,500 per year for four years

(Two) \$8,000 scholarships awarded at \$2,000 per year for four years

(Two) \$5,000 scholarships awarded at \$1,250 per year for four years

(Ten) \$2,000 scholarships awarded at \$500 per year for four years

Our competitive college grants: based on membership

(Six) Continuing Education Grants • \$1,200 each

Our non-competitive college grants: based on membership

(Five) Grants • \$600 each for high school seniors



All Junior Members age 18 and below taking a SAT, ACT, PSAT, or LSAT training program are eligible for up to a \$100 reimbursement.

For more information, please contact the Home Office or visit our website, www.royalarcanum.com

DETROIT DOINGS

Fall, with its beautiful landscape of autumn colors, is radiant in Michigan. A great way to enjoy the grandeur of the season is to be on the golf course! On September 6th, Eric & Barb Kimmel hosted our 41st RA/LDS Gold Outing at Carrington Golf Club.

We had great attendance this year with 16 foursomes, including members from our Chicago Council! The weather was nice, although the golfers had to brave the wind while on the course.

Everyone enjoyed a mostaccioli dinner followed by a 50/50 raffle and wonderful door prizes. We congratulated long-time members from our Chicago Council, Floyd and Rayleen Lewandowski who were celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary!

Thanks to Eric & Barb Kimmel for all their hard work in organizing this golf outing every year.

Enjoy the fall season!

Submitted by: Jan Brazas



Executive Committee Members Mark Hefner & Jan Brazas with Outing Organizer Eric Kimmel



Last Place Team - Bob & Pat Wozney and Floyd & Rayleen Lewandowski



1st All LDS Team - Pam & Mike Hayes and Eric & Barb Kimmel



1st Place Team- Foley Flop Shots



The Chicago Group with Mark Hefner & Jan Brazas



Happy 50th Anniversary! - Floyd & Rayleen Lewandowski

PENNSYLVANIA GRAND COUNCIL LUNCHEON

The Pennsylvania Grand Council and Integrity Council #586 hosted a luncheon on September 20th to welcome the new Supreme Regent, Nicole Covelli, and her mother, Joanne Covelli. Those present enjoyed a delicious dinner in the delightful Buca d'Oro Restaurant. The special event was like a friendly reunion with sincere and amusing conversation.

Supreme Regent Nicole presented her program, **REVIVE**, in a casual but meaningful way, which stimulated conversation on how we can revive the fraternal strength of our order.

A book lover and reader, our Supreme Regent asked that as our special charitable endeavor in her tenure we donate books to schools and other institutions in need of them. Recognizing the importance of reading books in a child's life, the Pennsylvanians were quick to find a school needing books right in their own neighborhood.

Everyone brought books to be donated to the library at Our Lady of Hope School in South Philadelphia, where their very own Marisa Messina teaches kindergarten. To further honor Supreme Regent Nicole's project, a check of \$500.00 was presented to Marisa for the school to buy books of their choice for the school library.



Pictured is a very happy bunch of Royal Arcanum friends enjoying a delicious dinner, starting on the left and going clockwise Ralph and Anita Ferrara, Marisa Messina, Peter Ferrara,

Joanne Covelli, Supreme Regent Nicole Covelli, Antoinette Malone, Herb Snyder, Jay Newlin, Joe Tedesco, and Carmen Rodia. The entire gathering was delightful and uplifting to everyone in attendance.

*Submitted by:
Herb Snyder, Past Supreme Regent*



Pennsylvanians enjoy the **REVIVE** luncheon in Philadelphia

FRATERNAL EFFORTS FOR UKRAINE CONTINUE



The Supreme Council gratefully acknowledges our fraternal family's ongoing benevolent support to our Society's projects for the Ukrainian people as their homeland remains impacted by war.

The generosity of Arcanian councils, members, and friends continues to provide all-new clothing, bedding and other goods, food, medicine and medical supplies, supportive services and prayers for the Ukrainian people via our secure contacts in Poland. Some forms of assistance are also delivered via Polish transport (when safe to do so) into Ukraine. As the war takes its toll on the people, especially the children and the elderly, our charitable program bestows much needed compassion, healing, and hope across the miles.

Every gift parcel has been acknowledged by the Felician Sisters in convents throughout Poland who have welcomed and care for Ukrainian "guests". In addition, they have organized programs to get aid across

the border into various regions of Ukraine. They remain steadfast in educating children, finding jobs for mothers, establishing hospices, offering outlets for medical care and in many other ways that their presence is needed. Their selfless service has been the comfort to the displaced Ukrainian people who lost everything as the war ravaged their homes and families became separated.

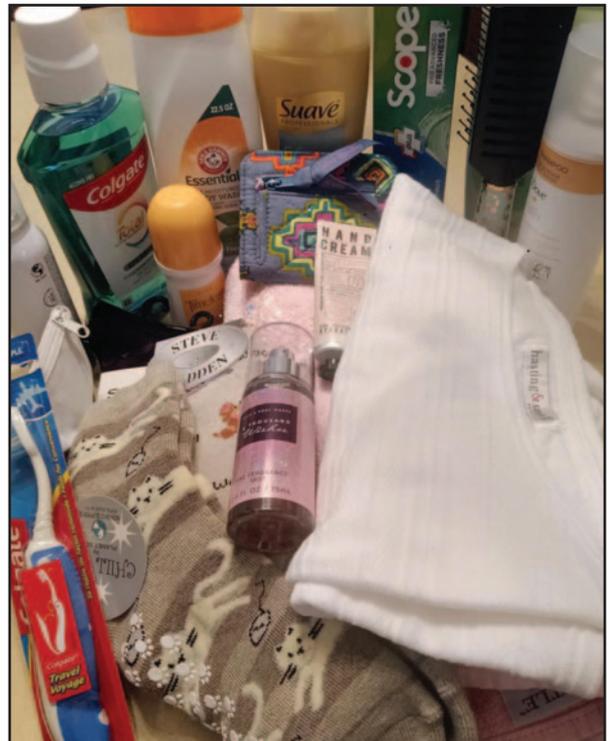
The Fraternal Events Committee's recent effort included preparing dozens of "Totes for Moms" and "Back to School Children's Bags" that were filled with a host of useful items. Monetary donations helped secure pharmaceuticals and medical essentials to tend to the frail and infirm.

The team will soon begin preparing "Satchels from St. Nick" with an assortment of gifts to be sent in time for the December 6th holiday in Europe to offer a glimmer of hope to those who recently fled worn-torn Ukraine and have been given shelter in neighboring Poland.

It is our fervent hope that as a new year approaches, international harmony and peace will be a lasting reality for all people of all nations.



Gen Macon prepares tote bags that would be gifted for Ukrainian mothers.



Essentials to fill one gift tote.

NEW JERSEY'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC called upon the members of New Jersey to participate in a fraternal project to welcome the crisp days of the autumn season and help stock the shelves of area shelters that serve the hurting and homeless. It's not unusual for supplies to dwindle over summer. In anticipation of cooler temperatures, soon to be felt in the Northeast, the Grand Regent sent out the call for members to take part in the September campaign.

In addition to their efforts in "The Buddy Project", the Grand Regent rallied the team with a request for men's socks, tee-shirts, and shower supplies since



Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon has a gift bin ready for the NJ shelter project.

these are the most requested items at homeless and transitional shelters. The members responded with a generous supply of items that would be delivered well in advance of the first chilly nights. Several large bins overflowed with the basics for men in need. The members also offered their recommendation to conduct a "Winter Gear Wear" for the cause as one of the "Baker's Dozen" Holiday Projects that are conducted by the Arcanian councils for the holiday season.

Dedication to the Society's attributes of Mercy and Charity endures through the monthly projects that are coordinated by the Grand Council. Everyone's participation is greatly appreciated and enables "Hands on Projects" to introduce the Royal Arcanum to community charities and the Society's mission of service to successfully continue.

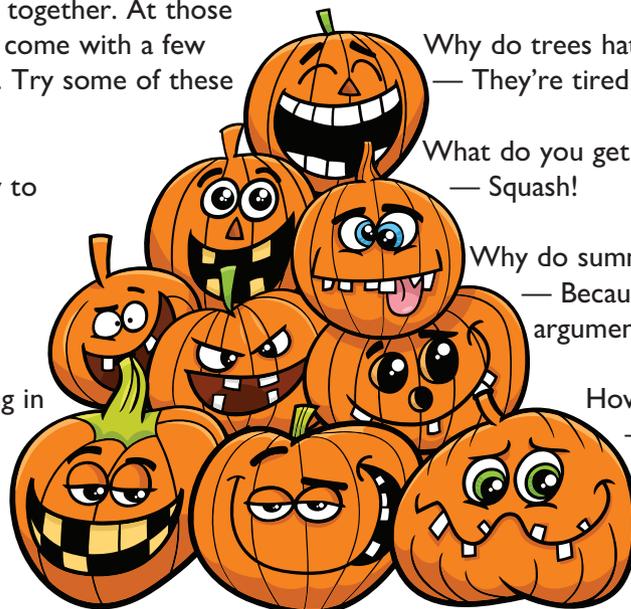
FALL DOWN LAUGHING

Autumn is a great time to get together. At those parties, it is not a bad idea to come with a few seasonal jokes in your pocket. Try some of these and see how they land.

What did one autumn leaf say to another?
— I'm falling for you!

Why was the scarecrow promoted?
— Because he was outstanding in his field!

What's the best thing to put into a pumpkin pie?
— Your teeth!



Why do trees hate going back to school in the fall?
— They're tired of all the tests they leaf behind!

What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?
— Squash!

Why do summer and autumn never get along?
— Because they always have a heated argument!

How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
— With a pumpkin patch!

FOR THE CHILDREN

The members of Versatility Council #2501, New Jersey were delighted with their successful “A Children’s Christmas in July” project that was conducted during the summer. Shopping is a favorite pastime for many of the members and searching for gifts for children tops the list!

As classes resumed in early September, the members organized a fraternal project for the “Gift Cupboard” at the Felician School for Exceptional Children (FSEC) in Lodi, New Jersey. This initiative was conducted in addition to the monetary donation made to the school by the council and Supreme Council through the Royal Arcanum’s International Fraternal Service Fund. The cupboard keeps an assortment of children’s favorites, from cars to dolls to jewelry making supplies to books and LEGO bricks and more, and is available for students to select a gift to celebrate an occasion or personal achievement.



Christine Piscitelli holds one of the totes for the FSEC Gift Cupboard.

The Felician School, founded by the Felician Sisters in 1971, offers students with special needs a curriculum which focuses on essential skill areas. Quality educational opportunities are provided to the youngsters in a climate of acceptance and respect so that they can grow to lead independent, productive lives in the future. From preschool classes to the 21+ program, and the newly opened IMPACT program, countless children have thrived from the caring and dedicated efforts of the sisters, educators, and supportive staff at the school.

The RA New Jersey councils have been pleased to be a part of their journey since the school first opened and our fraternalists are always eager to share their blessings with the children.

The members look forward to their annual holiday visit to the school and the opportunity to work on some festive Christmas projects with the children. Santa may join the fun, too!

LEARNING THROUGH NATURE IN AUTUMN

Autumn offers countless learning opportunities for children. Families can explore how leaves change color, discuss migration patterns of birds, or visit a local farm to see the harvest. Turning these activities



into family outings keeps kids curious and engaged.

Parents can combine fun with education — showing that learning doesn’t stop when school’s out. Every walk in the park can become a mini science lesson.

BUDDIES VOLUNTEER

Royal Arcanum fraternalists have been busy with their work for “The Buddy Project” that was introduced by the Fraternal Department. Jurisdictions are part of teams to help charitable causes that are suggested by council members. Volunteering together is a great way for members in the jurisdictions to get to know fellow members in other states, learn of their activities, and be introduced to different charitable organizations.

Members of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania continue to be inspired by the programs that are sponsored at Arch Street United Methodist Church in Philadelphia. Past Supreme Regent, The Rev. Dr. Herbert J. Snyder and Pennsylvania Past Grand Regent Jay Newlin shared with the members news of the work being done to help neighbors in the community. The congregation, in collaboration with its non-profit, The Center – Philadelphia operates



Herb Snyder, Jay Newlin, and Evelyn Magarban ready to transport some of the parcels for the Buddy Project.

Grace Café, one of several programs that serve those in need. Grace Café is a restaurant-style meal service for the community’s most vulnerable residents, neighbors experiencing homelessness and those struggling with food insecurity. Daily showers, refreshed clothing, a chance for “tea”, a weekly wellness clinic and medical testing options are also available as a measure of providing healing and hope. The Center seeks to connect people through creativity, compassion, and community engagement; programs are continually being developed and volunteers are making a positive difference in the lives of others.

Royal Arcanum members provided new and gently used clothing articles for men and women, winter coats, blankets, satchels, towels, and healthcare essentials to restock the community closet so that items would be readily available for distribution during the autumn and winter seasons. The members were happy once again “to connect” for the activity and anticipate furthering their support to these community programs in the months ahead.

GIVING THANKS AS A FAMILY

As Thanksgiving approaches, families can reflect on gratitude together. Creating a “thankful jar” or volunteering at a local food drive helps children understand the importance



of kindness and giving back. Sharing gratitude strengthens family bonds and brings deeper meaning to the season. Autumn isn’t just about changing leaves — it’s about changing hearts.

CLAREMONT SUPPORTS FOOD PANTRY

Members of Claremont Council #1655, New York, conducted a Summer - Autumn Season Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Pantry at the Parish of St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus, in the Bronx.

A van filled to capacity with nutritious, non-perishable food, contributed by the council and members was delivered to Reverend Monsignor Thomas Derivan, Pastor. He graciously acknowledged the charitable spirit of the fraternalists for their ongoing support of the parish program. The pantry is available to neighbors in need and those who experience food insecurity. The

contributions by the council, including cereal, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, rice, pasta, canned vegetables and more, helped to restock the pantry shelves which deplete quickly as cooler weather settles upon the area and more people seek assistance.

Claremont Council members will further their efforts for the food pantry with their Thanksgiving Basket project that is coordinated each year by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto. The shopping and stacking have already begun for this worthy cause.



Reverend Monsignor Thomas Derivan (second from right) gratefully accepts the council's donations from Maria DiBartolo, Gary DeLeo, Dennis DeLeo, and Errica Conforto.



Some of the food parcels sorted for delivery

FORT DEARBORN COUNCIL

When Fort Dearborn member Matthew Crawford is not out fishing, he's out making the world a better place. At 19, he launched the National Anglers Initiative, a non-profit dedicated to improving water bodies for fellow anglers to enjoy. In January, they hosted their first annual Cold Water Classic, an ice fishing event where they drilled holes for ice fishing enthusiasts or those new to ice fishing to give it a try.

This Spring, their board of directors teamed up to clean up a section of Lake Winnebago. In just a couple of hours, they cleaned up a remarkable amount of trash. Matthew even scored a fishing pole!

Check out their website to learn more about this new organization:

<https://www.nationalanglers.org/>



NEW YORK REMEMBRANCE

On September 21, 2025, the members of Claremont Council #1655, participated with the Bronx community at St. Benedict Roman Catholic Church for a mass of remembrance for Brother Joseph Conforto and an outdoor procession in commemoration of the life and service of St. Benedetto. The services were led by Reverend Nikolin Pejini, Pastor.

St. Benedetto was a native of San Fratello, a small town near Messina, Sicily. He was a Franciscan friar who was widely respected for his deep, intuitive

understanding of theology, and was often sought for counseling.

Brother Joe Conforto was born in San Fratello and 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.

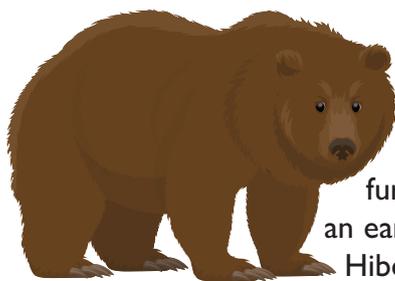


Members assemble for the St. Benedetto liturgical ceremonies.



The Reverend Clergy and assistants lead the outdoor procession.

ROAMING THE GARDEN STATE



Pictured is a brown bear caught on camera by Supreme Warden Robert Galdon. The furry friend was making an early autumn visit to Hibernia (Bob's

hometown). It's not unusual for bears to be seen in New Jersey. This one probably just wanted a hearty snack before going into hibernation for the winter!



FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Most of us are fortunate to await the approaching holiday season with great expectation. Many gatherings at this time of year center around family and tradition, with a focal point of the festivities being the enjoyment of delicious home-cooked meals shared in good company. There's quite a number of recipes in my file box (Yes! I still keep a recipe box.) that were specialties of my grandmothers, along with other favorites that we've brought home from Poland. Many of my recipes, from soups to sauces to entrees, feature mushrooms and believe it or not, I have a collection of mushroom decorations for Christmas! The ornaments symbolize good luck, a reverence for nature, and a hope for prosperity and good fortune in the coming year. They've become a conversation piece when friends spot them on the tree branches.

Mushrooms are the fleshy fruit bodies of numerous species of macro-fungi that usually emerge and spread rapidly on soil. It's amazing that they can appear overnight and by the following day cover much of an area. To ensure safety, wild mushrooms must be correctly identified before their edibility can be assumed; you don't want any poisonous varieties that grow in the wild to end up on your plate!

Edible mushrooms have become a culinary staple in recipes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The fungi's versatility doesn't disappoint those who love to cook. Conjuring up new recipes or enhancing standard classics with edible mushrooms can produce some truly savory dishes. These mushrooms are packed with vitamins and minerals and I'm counted in with all the rest who think they're delicious any way they're served.

The founding fathers of the Royal Arcanum, led by Dr. Darius Wilson, organized the Society in Boston in 1877. Back then, the concept they adopted of offering life insurance based on a scale of assessment was a new method in fraternal circles but one that soon 'mushroomed' across the country. Their unique approach emerged and the results were astoundingly successful. Soon councils were established across the country and membership flourished. Today we celebrate the achievements of the Royal Arcanum.

The opportunity for engagement in a host of council endeavors is one reason that members express joy for being part of the Society. Their creative ideas

consistently 'mushroom' into inspiring programs for Royal Arcanum councils. As dedicated fraternalists-in-action, members spread the wonderful news of the organization and make a positive difference in their community. By volunteering together, charitable projects have 'mushroomed' throughout the jurisdictions in a great way and countless meaningful causes have been beneficiaries of our members' benevolent spirit.



One idea has the potential to 'mushroom' into something substantial. That's how the Fraternal and Junior Department programs have grown over time. The International Fraternal Service, Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope, Donald E. Ferry Jr. Spirit of Service, Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart, Youth of the Year, and Junior Writing Award Programs, plus gifting projects, scholarships and grants, Bulletin puzzles, and other activities successfully continue and new initiatives 'mushroom' for the Royal Arcanum's future progress and productivity.

I wish you and yours a blessed, healthy, and happy holiday season. If you'll be hosting a dinner party, perhaps have some fun with fungi and prepare a dish made with edible mushrooms for your guests. Don't get overstressed by all of the season's preparations. Be thankful for daily blessings, especially for family and friends to share these times, warm clothes, a place to call "home", and the bountiful gifts that bring us joy. In anticipation of the new year, be hopeful that international peace will soon be a lasting reality for all.

With gratitude for all you do...

Cynthia A. Macon

Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director

20 PAY LIFE

for Adults and Juniors

**With “20 Pay Life”, you stop
paying in 20 Years.**

TWENTY PAYMENT LIFE ALSO HAS A LIVING BENEFIT. THE CASH VALUE THAT YOU BUILD UP CAN BE USED FOR EMERGENCIES, COLLEGE FOR THE KIDS, TO PAY BILLS OR RETIREMENT.... EITHER WAY THE CHOICE WILL BE YOURS!



Program Benefits include
Waiver of Premiums¹, and Dividend Eligibility
Contact the Home Office for additional details at 1-888-ARCANUM
1. Conditions Apply

BUDDY PROJECT IN ACTION

This year, the Grand Councils of Massachusetts and Florida joined forces and made a life changing donation to the New England Hemophilia Association.

NEHA helps families in the Bleeding Disorders Community in several ways. They help young children learn how to take care of themselves and live with Hemophilia, which will be for the rest of their lives. NEHA is made up of the New England States (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont,



Connecticut, Maine, and Rhode Island).

There is never a quiet moment, from educational events to summer camp, there is always something happening. In order to help more people, NEHA will be holding the

same educational event in two locations at the same time.

Submitted by: Tony Basa, Grand Secretary, MA

GRAND COUNCIL OF FLORIDA

The Grand Council of Florida participated in the Supreme Council Buddy Project.

As noted elsewhere on this page a Buddy Project is a combination of three states working together on projects by supporting non-profits in many ways. The jurisdictions of Ohio, Florida and Massachusetts are buddies for this project.

On September 27, 2025, the Grand Council of Massachusetts participated in the annual New England Hemophilia Walk.

While some of us, from Florida, would have loved to



trade lots of Florida Sunshine for a lovely New England fall day, it was not possible. That does not say we could not help in some way. A donation was made to the Grand Council of Massachusetts for the walk. Also, because the Grand Regent of Florida, Diane Calain, could not be there, she asked the Grand Regent of Massachusetts, Anthony Basa to make the presentation.

There are so many causes that could be chosen but we Floridians are pleased that this was the selected recipient this year.



The New England Hemophilia Association (NEHA) is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with bleeding disorders and their families through education, support, and advocacy.



The Grand Regent of Alpha-Agassiz entertains the walkers.

Grand Regent Anthony Basa presented Rich Pezzillo, Executive Director of the New England Hemophilia Association a donation for \$500.00. NEHA holds an annual walk every year to raise monies to help with education, summer camp and an emergency fund for individuals in the Bleeding Disorder community. There were about 700 walkers this year and they raised over \$394,000. This event was the second-highest fundraising achievement in the nation since the United Walk began.

Financial donations weren't the only contributions by Alpha-Agassiz. The Grand Regent used his vocal skills to keep the walkers hopping during the walk and while they relaxed afterwards. (Army, the service dog, had to wear headphones because she did not want to hear Anthony singing.)

Additionally, Alpha-Agassiz Council members Grace Basa and Katie Abreu helped as well. They spent the day helping NEHA with all jobs that came their way. Eventually Grace got lost... ..we found her at the petting zoo.



Grace Basa and Katie Abreu

*Submitted By: Tony Basa,
Grand Secretary, MA*

OWN A PIECE OF ROYAL ARCANUM HISTORY

Tyler Kolek, a member of Pawtucket Council #537 in Rhode Island, was drafted and became a member of the New York Knicks. Tyler was honored to sign his jersey for the Royal Arcanum and kick off this special event to raise money for the chosen charity at the next Session. Each raffle ticket will cost \$15.00, and the great thing is you do not have to be present to win. The jersey will be mailed to you after the Session.



**Tickets are only
\$15.00 each!**

To purchase tickets,
contact Tony Basa at 617-
429-8763 or email him at
abasa@royalarcanum.com

**THIS IS A GREAT PIECE OF MEMORABILIA
FOR ANY SPORTS FAN!**

SAN JOSE DONATION

San Jose Council #2384, California made a donation to Turning Point USA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2012 by Charlie Kirk.

The mission of TPUSA is to:

"Identify" students across the country who believe in limited government and individual liberty.

"Educate" students in high school and college about the importance of freedom.

"Train" young students on the principles of free markets and limited government. Build strong



campus networks and empower young people to make a difference within their communities.

"Organize" young men and women into chapters and grassroots networks in high schools and on college campuses in America.

Turning Point USA currently has more than 850 campus chapters and expects

the number to increase significantly over the next several years.

Submitted by: Jim O'Neill

TREASURE FROM OUR PAST



Pictured is a pair of marcasite earrings that was presented to the newly installed officers of Sincerity Council #2492, New Jersey, in 1961 on the occasion of the council receiving its charter. One of the first all-women councils to be established in the Society,

Sincerity quickly emerged as an active and productive subordinate council on the east coast.

The jewelry is enhanced with the permanent symbol of The Order – the crown. The letters VMC and the numbers 1105 are also featured on the pieces; both hold special historical significance for the Royal Arcanum and are emphasized to new members when they are introduced in their council.



BAKER'S BOX: PUMPKIN CAKE ROLL

Since pumpkins now abound, we hope you make this tasty dessert for family and friends. We thank Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto for sharing the recipe.

Supplies:

10x13" aluminum baking sheet
parchment paper

Dry Ingredients:

1 cup flour
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1 tsp. baking powder
3/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/4 tsp. ground allspice

Wet Ingredients:

4 large eggs
1/2 cup sugar
3/4 cup pumpkin puree
1 tsp. vanilla extract
1/2 cup confectioners sugar

Cream Cheese Frosting:

1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
4 TBS. unsalted butter, softened
1 1/2 cup confectioners sugar
1 tsp. vanilla extract (clear)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a medium bowl, mix all the dry ingredients.

In a large bowl with the mixer or kitchen aid, whisk together eggs and sugar until light and creamy (5 minutes) and until double in volume. Add pumpkin puree and vanilla extract and mix well. Add the dry ingredients (a little at a time) and whisk until all combined. Cover the baking sheet pan with parchment paper. Spread the batter over the paper-lined pan. Bake until top of the cake springs back when gently poked, about 14-16 minutes. While the cake is baking, lay a large clean kitchen towel on a work surface and sprinkle evenly with the 1/2 cup of confectioners sugar. Remove cake from the oven and invert the cake onto the powdered sugar-dusted towel. Peel off the parchment paper. Starting with the narrow end of the cake, gently roll the cake with the towel to form a log. Place the cake, seam side down and let cool completely in the towel. (About 2 hours.)

For the Frosting:

Beat the softened cream cheese and butter in a bowl of a stand-up mixer with paddle attachment, on medium for 3 minutes until smooth. Gradually, on low, add the remaining confectioners sugar and vanilla. Beat well for 1-2 minutes.

Carefully unroll the cake, spread evenly with the frosting. Re-roll the cake without the towel and transfer to serving plate. Cover with plastic wrap until chilled, two hours or overnight. Dust with confectioners sugar just before serving and enjoy.



IN MEMORIAM: DOROTHY PAGNANI



The Supreme Council sadly announces the passing of Sister Dorothy Marie "Dotti" Pagnani on August 2, 2025.

Originally enrolled as a member of Williamsbridge Council #1416 in New York, Dotti worked in the Royal Arcanum Office on John Street in New

York City from 1986 up until 1997 when the Society's operations fully transitioned to Batterymarch Street in Boston. Dotti then relocated to Massachusetts to become Secretary to the Supreme Regent. Later she was appointed Home Office Administrative Assistant and Associate Editor for the Bulletin.

With her move to Boston and involvement in council work, Dotti transferred to Alpha-Agassiz Council #1. She served as Regent and was also elected as Grand Regent for the Massachusetts jurisdiction. She was conferred honorary membership by the Grand Council of New Jersey and in 2011 was presented with the Shining Star Award for having achieved 25+ years of service to the Order.

Dotti was truly devoted to the Royal Arcanum and to its members. She was an integral part of both the business and fraternal branches of the organization and was a "well of knowledge" for all things council-related. She took great interest in developing Junior programs and was thoroughly immersed in the fraternal works that were organized by the Royal Arcanum. Dotti was a core team member of the National Fraternal Events Committee that planned and conducted projects for a variety of charitable causes throughout the year.

She was especially skilled in computers and graphics, and designed a multitude of programs, brochures, and special event materials for the Supreme Council. Always with a willing spirit, Dotti was thrilled to participate in the many costume parties, theme galas, and amateur shows that were anticipated months in advance of the Sessions.

Everyone "lovingly" knew Dotti. If you had the opportunity to meet her at a Supreme Council Session, you quickly came to know her as a compassionate and thoughtful fraternalist. Such an initial meeting led to a lifelong friendship. If you connected with her only by phone, you were easily assured that Dotti would have the answer you sought and if she didn't, she'd get back to you promptly and courteously.

Upon retirement, Dotti moved back to Long Island, New York but remained thoroughly engaged with many "brothers and sisters". She was happy to celebrate the successes and special milestones of the councils and members. A sports enthusiast, Dotti cheered for the New York Yankees and the New York Rangers. She was

dedicated to veteran causes and pet rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption programs. Often, she spoke of her beloved Yorkie pup, Toto and the joy he had brought her.

The Royal Arcanum remains grateful to Dotti for her extreme dedication to advancing our fraternal benefit society and for being a mentor to new officers as they took on leadership roles in the organization. They were certain of Dotti's total and enthusiastic support.

Dotti will be greatly missed in the Royal Arcanum but her example of fraternalism and fellowship will be her legacy to further our Society's service into the future. A gift from

the Supreme Council in Dotti's memory was made to the MSPCA Animal Care and Adoption Center in Boston.

May she rest in eternal peace.



Secretary Tony Basa and Grace Basa with the memorial gift to the MSPCA Center in Boston

WAYS TO TEACH OUR KIDS RESPONSIBILITY

Teaching children responsibility works best when it's age-appropriate, consistent, and modeled by adults. Kids learn responsibility not just by being told what it is, but by being trusted to take on tasks and seeing the results of their actions. Here are some practical approaches:

Start Small and Age-Appropriate

- Toddlers/Preschoolers: Put toys away, feed a pet with help, carry a napkin to the trash
- Elementary Age: Make their bed, help pack lunch, do simple chores (watering plants, setting the table)
- Teens: Manage homework deadlines, help cook meals, budget allowance, babysit siblings

Use Chores as Teaching Tools

Assign regular tasks and let them know their role matters to the family.

For example: "When you feed the dog, you're making sure she's healthy and happy."

Rotate chores so kids learn different kinds of responsibility.

Give Choices and Natural Consequences

Instead of rescuing them right away, let kids experience the outcome of their decisions in safe ways.

- Didn't put toys away? One might get lost.
- Didn't pack homework? Teacher won't give full credit.

This teaches accountability.

Praise Effort, Not Just Results

Acknowledge when they "try", even if it's not perfect.



For example: "I like how you remembered to put your shoes by the door."

Encouragement builds intrinsic motivation.

Model Responsibility

Show them what responsibility looks like—paying bills on time, keeping promises, admitting mistakes.

Kids mimic adults more than they follow lectures.

Encourage Problem-Solving

Instead of fixing everything, ask guiding questions:

- "What can you do to remember your homework tomorrow?"
- "How could you fix the mess in your room?"

This builds independence and accountability.

Use Tools to Reinforce Habits

Provide chore charts or

checklists for younger kids.

Demonstrate calendars, planners, or apps for teens. This helps them visualize responsibility and take ownership.

Connect Responsibility to Values

Frame responsibility as part of caring for themselves and others.

For example: "When you help clean up, you're showing respect for everyone who shares this space."

Responsibility is learned over time—through small steps, consistency, and opportunities to practice.

The Royal Arcanum is happy to feature this submission from Junior member, Julianna Magarban of Versatility Council #2501, New Jersey. She is a former recipient of our Society's Junior Writing Award and shares reflections of her recent travels.

My Summer of Travel

Last year, I performed *Harry Potter & The Cursed Child* at my school, the Grunin Performing Arts Academy in Toms River, New Jersey. In January of 2025, the cast and crew got the unthinkable news that we were one of eight schools selected to perform at the International Thespian Festival (ITF) in June! This is a week-long festival full of Theater kids just like me from across the globe and takes place on the Bloomington campus of Indiana University. There are competitions, workshops, and of course, 8 main-stage performances. We were ecstatic, but we knew it would take a lot of effort to get there. In July, I also had plans to go to George Mason University for a Journalism and Media conference. It was going to be a summer of education and college campuses!

After months of fundraising and rehearsals, everyone in the cast and crew boarded two buses and headed

for Indiana. The experience at the MAC Theater there was amazing! I can only describe the feeling of performing as magical, and I know the audience felt our energy. Taking that final bow didn't make me sad, but proud and accomplished.

In July, I went to the Washington Journalism and Media Conference (WJMC), but what was different about it was that I knew absolutely no one there. I met people from across the country who all shared a



love for writing. During that week, we heard guest speakers that spanned across the world of media. On our "free day", my friends and I explored the Supreme Court, the Botanical Gardens, the Art Museum, and the Museum of Natural History. I never expected how impactful it is seeing the national monuments up close. One statue that I found particular beauty in was the statue dedicated to the women in the Vietnam War. I wasn't aware of the tradition to put a hair tie down on the base of the statue, and I never ever put my hair up. That day I had a weird feeling to have one on my wrist because of the humidity. Seeing that statue and being able to contribute with my own hair tie gave me chills.

This summer was truly one to remember, and next year, I hope to go to ITF again for college auditions. I learned so many things about myself and other people, and how people across the country really aren't that different when you share the same passions.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Mornings have turned chilly, orange and yellow leaves have started falling to the ground, the days are shorter, and Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations have been displayed in stores announcing the beginning of autumn.

This is the time for our high school seniors to start applying for the Royal Arcanum scholarships and grants.

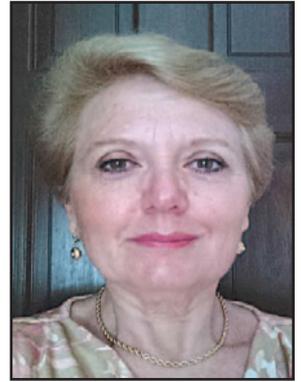


To promote the program, a total of 175 postal cards were mailed out in the beginning of September to eligible high school seniors who will attend college in 2026, as well as to 16-year-olds, reminding them to apply for 2027 since they will be eligible the following year.

The deadline to apply is **DECEMBER 31st, 2025**. Scholarship forms can be downloaded from our website (www.royalarcanum.com) or requested from the Home Office (1-888-ARCANUM).

The Royal Arcanum website also provides access to two helpful sites: **CHOICES EXPLORER** and **CHOICES PLANNER**. Both sites assist members with high school and college information and other available scholarships. If you need additional information on these benefits, you can contact the Home Office.

In the spring of 2022, we introduced the “Youth of the Year Award” program, aimed at recognizing our Junior members in leadership and volunteerism throughout their councils and community. Application forms can be downloaded from the website and submissions must be postmarked no later than **NOVEMBER 30th, 2025**.



**Junior Department Director
Errica Conforto**

If your council is hosting a Junior Christmas event, gifts will be available from the Home Office. Please have the member in charge complete and submit the request form at least four weeks prior to the event.

In the upcoming months we will be sending care packages to any Royal Arcanum college students who have sent us their current address. If you would like to receive one, please call or email us your information.

I hope that with the holidays approaching, our Juniors will find time to get involved in charitable projects by helping people in need.

I wish a blessed Thanksgiving and a healthy and joyous holiday season to you, your family, and friends.

Yours in V.M.C.,

**Errica Conforto
Junior Director**



FALL WORD SEARCH

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| P | U | M | P | K | I | N | H | K | A |
| T | A | M | Y | M | E | L | A | O | C |
| E | T | U | R | K | E | Y | R | A | R |
| A | K | P | O | N | D | A | V | J | A |
| M | A | Y | F | L | O | W | E | R | N |
| P | U | M | R | M | O | N | S | I | B |
| I | T | O | A | I | L | E | T | S | E |
| L | U | P | I | L | G | R | I | M | R |
| G | M | I | N | A | K | M | E | B | R |
| M | N | N | O | P | I | E | L | E | Y |



PUMPKIN - TEAM - HARVEST - TURKEY - MAYFLOWER - CRANBERRY - AUTUMN - RAIN - PILGRIM - PIE

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:

Name

Age

Council

Email Address

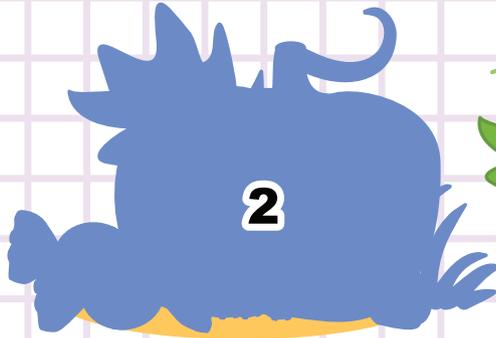
**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, ROYAL ARCANUM,
61 BATTERYMARCH ST., BOSTON, MA 02110-3208
OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO
INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**

Shadow Game

Can you find the shadow for each picture?



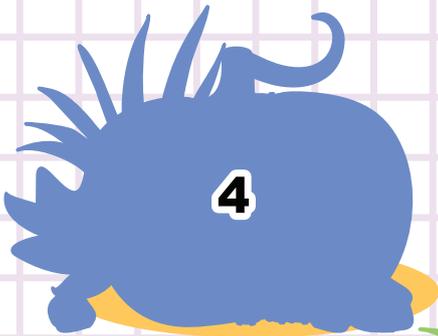
1



2



3



4



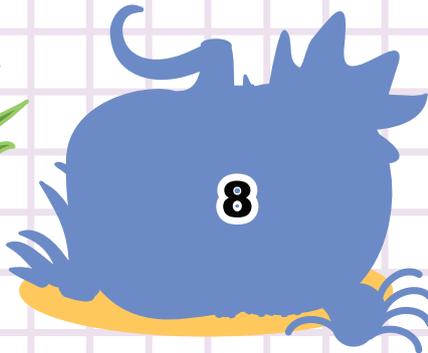
5



6



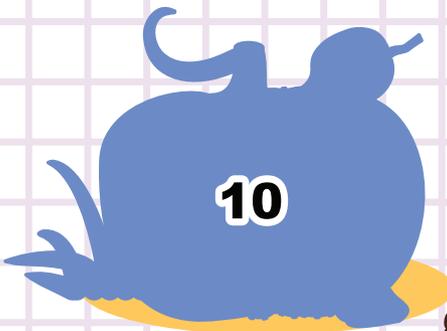
7



8



9



10

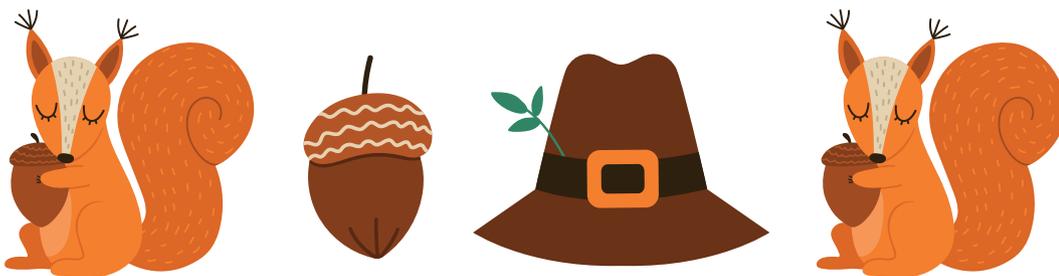


11



12

WHAT COMES NEXT?





ROYAL ARCANUM
107th SUPREME COUNCIL SESSION
WYNDHAM RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
JULY 26-29, 2026



www.wyndhamresortlancaster.com

Cost Per Person

U.S.
 \$ 399
 \$ 599

Occupancy
Standard Room
 Double
 Single

Points for Free Trip

U.S.
 570
 860

Please enter my reservation for the Royal Arcanum's Supreme Council Session at the Wyndham Resort and Conference Center, 2300 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 17602. (Phone: 717-299-5500).

My party will consist of the following persons: (type or print only) / Use additional paper if necessary.

M _____ Council No. _____

Address _____

Spouse (please enter first name) _____

Children (enter names & ages) _____

Room Type (circle) Single-Occupancy Double-Occupancy

Bed Type (circle) [1] King Bed [2] Queen Beds

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

Package includes: Sunday Welcome Dinner, Tuesday Theme Dinner Party, Daily Breakfast. Situated in the heart of Amish Country, the resort provides contemporary accommodations and exceptional amenities. The property covers 160 sprawling acres. Featured are an 18-hole golf course, outdoor and indoor pools, basketball court, kids' indoor play area, on-site fitness center, and a 1.9-mile walking trail. Free Wi-Fi. Free Parking. Dutch Wonderland Amusement Park, history museums, theatres, outlet shopping and more are within easy reach.

Harrisburg International Airport is approximately a 25-minute drive to the resort.

Arrangements for members to extend their hotel stay in Lancaster before or after the Session (**if rooms are available**) can be made for an additional charge.

Arrival date _____ Departure Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT: Names and home addresses of ALL individuals must be supplied.
 Guest rooms will be available after 3:30 pm on Sunday, July 26th. Departures will be on Wednesday, July 29th.

**A Deposit of \$50.00 per person (Adults and Juniors),
 including OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES, is required with each reservation.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROYAL ARCANUM
 Mail to: ROYAL ARCANUM
 John Crisanti, CFO
 61 Batterymarch Street
 Boston, MA 02110
 Phone: 1-888-272-2686 Email: info@royalarcanum.com

RESERVATIONS WITH DEPOSITS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 20th.
Changes made after this date are subject to hotel penalties/charges.

A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

Fraternalism is a concept that has deep roots in human history, dating back to ancient times when societies were often organized around kinship and brotherhood. Today, fraternalism still holds relevance in modern society, though its manifestation has evolved to reflect contemporary values and social structures.



In its essence, fraternalism emphasizes a sense of kinship, solidarity, and mutual support among individuals who belong to the same group or organization. This can be seen in various forms, such as fraternities and sororities on college campuses, unions representing workers in specific industries, or community organizations that foster a sense of camaraderie among members. These groups provide a sense of belonging and community that is increasingly important in today's fragmented and individualistic society.



One of the key aspects of fraternalism is the idea of mutual aid and support. Members of fraternal organizations often come together to help each other in times of need, whether it be financial assistance, emotional support, or practical help with everyday challenges. This sense of solidarity can be particularly valuable in a society that often lacks strong social connections and support systems for individuals.

Furthermore, fraternalism can also play a role in promoting social change and advocating for the rights and interests of its members. By organizing collectively, members of fraternal organizations can amplify their voices and push for change in areas such as workplace conditions, social justice issues, or community development. This collective action can be

a powerful force for positive change in society.

However, it is important to note that fraternalism is not without its challenges. In some cases, fraternal organizations can become exclusive or elitist, leading to divisions and tensions with other groups in society. Additionally, the hierarchical structure of some fraternal organizations can create power imbalances and reinforce inequalities among members.

Despite these challenges, fraternalism continues to have a place in today's society as a source of

community, support, and advocacy for its members. By emphasizing the values of solidarity, mutual aid, and collective action, fraternalism can contribute to a more inclusive and cohesive society that values the well-being and rights of all its members. As we navigate the complexities of modern society, the principles of

fraternalism can offer a valuable blueprint for building stronger and more resilient communities.

Yours in V.M.C.,

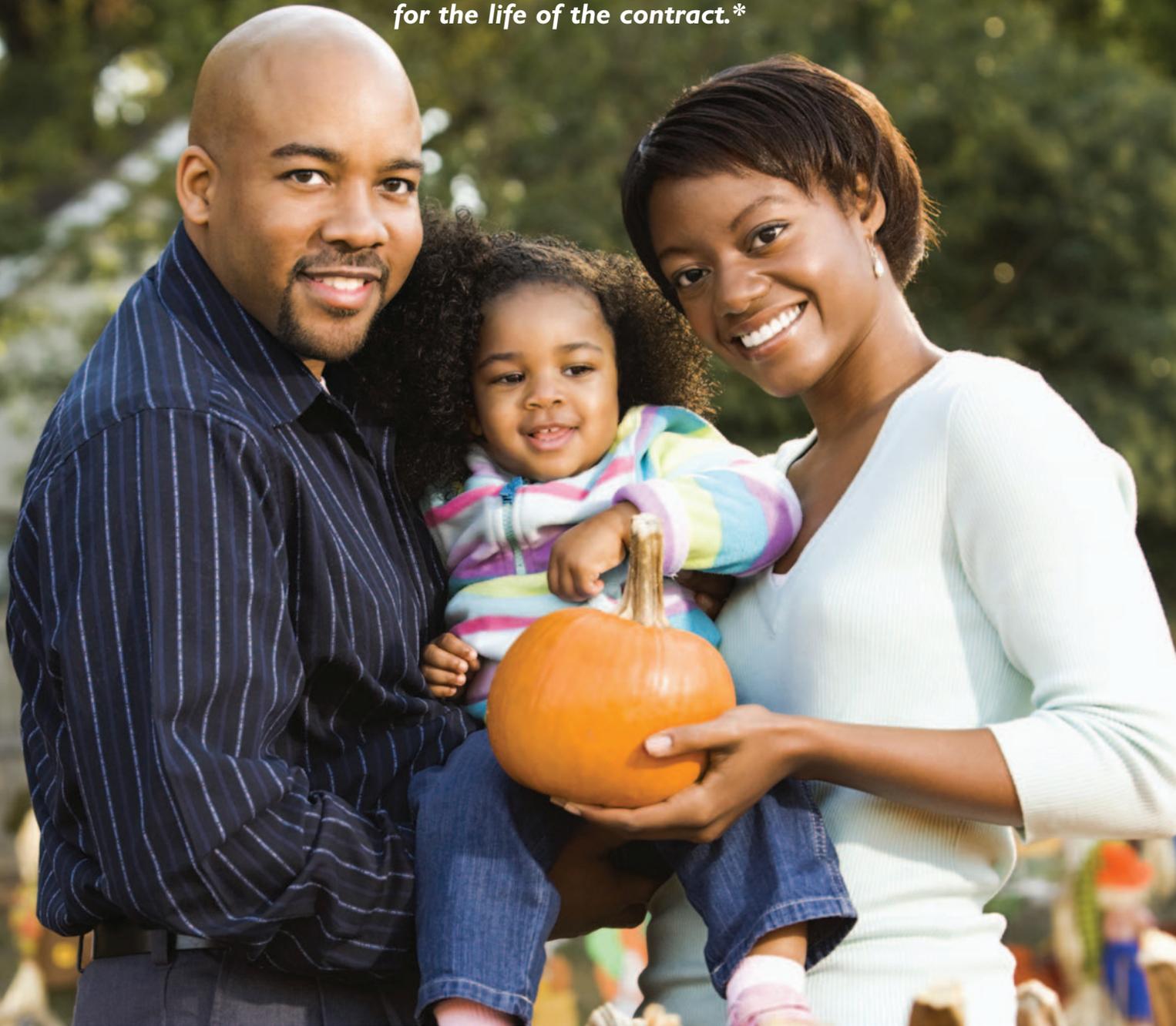
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Antal Basa Jr." in a cursive style.

Antal Basa Jr-

Supreme Secretary
Abasa@royalarcanum.com
617-429-8763

ANNUITIES

*4% Current Credited rate for Annuities!! Guaranteed 3% rate of return for the life of the contract.**



**Tax-Deferred Until Withdrawal - \$500 Minimum Deposit
No Service Charges - 6-Year Declining Surrender Charge
10% Penalty-Free Annual Withdrawal Available**

For complete information on annuities, please contact the Home Office at 1-888-ARCANUM (272-2686).

Discover the value of a member-based fraternal benefit society.

*The contract will provide a minimum 3% credited rate for the life of the annuity.

Please contact a tax professional prior to taking any withdrawals for potential tax liabilities.