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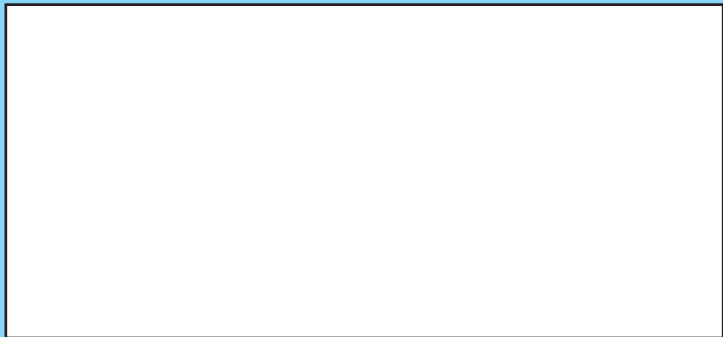


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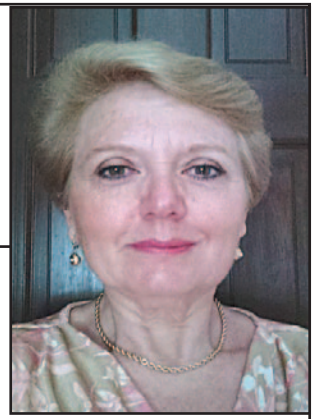


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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Errica Conforto - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you are enjoying the summer with your family and friends.

I join our councils in congratulating Royal Arcanum's 2017 scholarship winners and wish all students success in their future studies.

Congratulations also to the newly elected officers serving our councils. I know that they will do a wonderful job to keep their councils active and spread the word about our Society.

I want to express my appreciation to all the volunteer recommenders for enrolling new members and supporting my **TEAM WORK** program.

Many thanks to all our paid agents. Under the supervision of our Director of Operations, Nick Benoit, our life insurance operation has experienced a solid increase this year.

It is with gratitude that I acknowledge everyone at the Home Office that **WORKS** hard as a **TEAM** to make our Society better as we celebrate 140 years of service to our members and to the community this year.

Your suggestions and ideas are always appreciated. I look forward to visiting the rest of the jurisdictions in the next few months.

Have a happy, healthy, and productive summer!

Yours in V.M.C.,

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

Errica Conforto
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et soeurs,

J'espère que vous appréciez l'été avec votre famille et vos amis.

Je me joins à nos conseils pour féliciter les gagnants des bourses d'études de Royal Arcanum 2017 et souhaitons à tous les étudiants de réussir dans leurs futures études.

Félicitations également aux nouveaux dirigeants élus au service de nos conseils. Je sais qu'ils feront un travail formidable pour maintenir leur conseil actif et faire connaître notre société.

Je tiens à exprimer ma reconnaissance à tous les recommandés volontaires pour les nouveaux membres et à appuyer mon programme TEAM WORK.

Un grand merci à tous nos agents rémunérés. Sous la supervision de notre directeur des opérations, Nick Benoit, notre opération d'assurance-vie a connu une forte augmentation cette année.

C'est avec gratitude que je reconnais tout le monde au bureau à domicile qui TRAVAILLENT en tant qu'équipe pour améliorer notre société car nous célébrons 140 ans de service à nos membres et à la communauté cette année.

Vos suggestions et vos idées sont toujours appréciées. Je suis impatient de visiter le reste des juridictions dans les prochains mois.

Passez un été heureux, sain et productif!

Le vôtre à V.M.C.,

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

Errica Conforto
Supreme Regent

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BAYONNE COUNCILS OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

Members of Bayonne Council #695 and Versatility Council #2501 observed Memorial Day at their respective council meetings during the month of May. They also decorated more than 80 graves of

Arcanian brothers buried in New Jersey with flags and floral tributes, and participated in the community memorial events.



Bayonne and Versatility Council members attended the wreath laying service and mass at Mt. Carmel Church in Bayonne. Dayle Vander Sande, Sons of Poland Council Regent, provided the music and vocals for the liturgy.



The Bayonne Veterans Post Color Guard at the outdoor prayer service.



Service Committee members Marie Baranowski, Gen Macon, Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC, and John Baranowski pause at the grave of Constantine Babien, Past Supreme Council Officer and I105 Royal Trailblazer recipient.



Versatility members prepared the patriotic floral tributes for the weekend observances.



Fraternal Director Cindy Macon and Edward Lubach served in the Veterans Post Color Guard to represent the American Polish Veterans, many of whom were Royal Arcanian brothers.

A HAPPY CELEBRATION

At the May meeting of the New York Grand Council, Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo presented flowering plants to all the ladies in attendance. The gifts were given in honor of Mother's Day and with gratitude for their participation in the Grand Council's many projects that support charitable programs.



MEDORA SUPPORTS HARMONY, HOPE & HEALING



Medora's Royal Arcanum ad was part of the program book that was given to more than 100 attendees

Medora Council #1648 is making a difference in Chicago! Using IFS matching donation funds to stretch their donation, Medora supported the annual fund-raiser for Harmony, Hope & Healing (HHH), a small local charity that creates a

safe environment where vulnerable individuals and families heal and rebuild through the restorative power of music. The powerful programs in HHH help the needy and recovering find their voice and restore their self-confidence. They are now serving more than a dozen locations in Chicago.

Medora's donation allowed them to have a full-page ad in the program book for HHH's annual fund-raiser. The gala event, attended by more than 100

patrons, helped raise funds for their program, and allowed the Royal Arcanum to spread its message to each attendee.

The partnership between HHH and the Royal Arcanum is new but is growing. Medora members Christine and Carl Krzystofczyk have joined the Board for Harmony, Hope & Healing this past autumn. Their volunteer efforts are helping to keep the good works going in the community. Not only that, but the raffle tickets sold prior to the event — a maximum of 300 being sold to provide a single winner — wound up being won by fellow Medora member and then-Regent, Judy Pigoni. Lastly, three of Medora's members attended the fund-raiser event, providing even more support and further solidifying the partnership.

The connection between the Royal Arcanum and HHH is less than a year old, but provides a model for our councils to stay engaged in their communities, and to get the word out about all the benefits our society offers.

Submitted by Carl J Krzystofczyk



HHH founder Marge Nykaza, shown here leading the choir at their fund-raiser, personally invited Medora members Christine and Carl Krzystofczyk to join their Board.



Harmony, Hope & Healing's fund-raiser provided a large and influential audience to spread the word about the Royal Arcanum.

QUOTE OF DAY

Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work.

—Steve Jobs

CORONATION COUNCIL 2224

59TH ANNUAL WINDSOR SPORTSMEN'S CLUB KIDS FISHING DERBY



the Detroit River. There were 80 boys and girls under the age of 12 entered in this year's fishing derby.

Each youngster had four hours to catch what they could with prizes awarded to the largest fish, the largest perch and most fish caught.

Coronation Council #2224 was on hand to volunteer and enjoy the kids having fun with their families and their fish.



Pictured here: James Mulhearn, Sharon Bayliss, Tom Bayliss, Derrick Bayliss, Gloria Donaldson and Morgan Young. Not pictured but present were Elly McMillan, Debbie Young, Crystal Fenech and family.

Pictured is Junior member Savannah, Debbie Young's granddaughter. The police officer explained to her why she had to throw the fish back in the river.



Coronation Council members enjoyed the fishing derby.

TEAM NEW YORK HELPS YOUNGSTER

Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo rallied support of the New York Arcanians to aid a 4-year old boy, Gabriel Golaj, after learning of the physical challenges that he faced. Now residing in the Bronx, Gabriel was born in Albania with a congenital birth defect of a lower limb reduction of his right leg which would significantly hamper his mobility as he grew. After several hospital stays and medical appointments, a corrective procedure in May, 2015 resulted in the amputation of his right leg at the knee. Today he can now walk, but will have a long road ahead with continued rehabilitation and the need for several new prosthetics as he grows.



Lindita Golaj, Mimoza Palumbo, Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo, Artan Berisha, Gabriel Golaj, Agran Berisha and Kristina Berisha

Deeply moved by the courage of young Gabriel, the Grand Regent reached out to the fraternal **TEAM** of members and friends for their help. A few weeks later the Arcanians presented Gabriel's family with a donation for his medical needs.

In addition, Junior members of Claremont Council, Artan and Agran Berisha, wanted to do something special and bought a toy for Gabriel; one sure to become his favorite.

Gabriel's mother, Lindita, thanked the members for the kindness and generosity shared with her family.

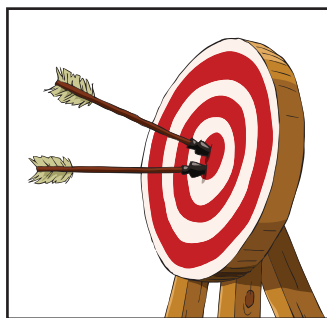
NEWS FROM ONTARIO

GRAND COUNCIL ELECTION



Pictured here are: Gloria Donaldson – Past Grand Regent, Jim Boufford – Newly Elected Grand Regent, Audrey Bayliss, Virginia Lauzon, John De Rose, Derrick Bayliss, Sharon Bayliss and Elly McMillan. These members will serve the Ontario Grand Council for the 2017-2019 term.

ARCHERS AGAINST CANCER



Coronation Council #2224 was on hand for the 7th Annual Archers Against Cancer Target Shoot.

This event raised funds for the Gene Goodreau Patience Assistance Fund to help cancer patients who face financial difficulties during their treatments. The slogan of the organization is “Helping Patients Now”. The mission of the volunteers is to provide help TODAY in an effort to relieve some stress for the patients during such a challenging time in their life.



Coronation Council #2224 presented a donation of \$1,000.00 to Terry and Michelle French. Pictured here are council members Morgan Young, Jim Boufford, Debbie Young and Renee Boufford.

CORONATION COUNCIL 2224

UP ABOUT DOWN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER



Coronation Council 2224 participated in the annual Up About Down walkathon fundraiser. Debbie Young presented a cheque for \$1,000 on behalf of the council.

Over \$14,000 was raised that day at the walkathon.

Up About Down is an organization of people committed to enhancing the quality of life for individuals with Down Syndrome and their families. They strive to provide positive and accurate information through advocacy and education, thereby raising Down Syndrome awareness throughout the community.



ROYAL ARCANUM SPORTS AWARDS 2017

Coronation Council #2224 was on hand for the annual Windsor Essex Secondary Schools Athletic Association Royal Arcanum Awards. A total of 24 physical education department heads gathered at the Caboto Club to present the biggest awards given to athletes in the Athletic Association.

Coronation Council was involved with the process of reviewing candidates' applications and were in attendance for the presentation of the awards.

The athletic award of \$1,500.00 went to the top 2 male and 2 female athletes based on their academic standings and contributions to their school and community.

For more information about the awards visit <http://windsorstar.com/news/local-news/best-high-school-athletes-earn-royal-arcanum-awards>



At the awards ceremony were Coronation Council #2224 members Morgan Young, Deborah Young, Derrick Bayliss, Jim Boufford, Carol Zavitz and John De Rose.

MASSACHUSETTS JURISDICTION INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Installing Officer, Don Ferry Sr. presented new Grand Regent with the Gavel of Office.



Grand Secretary Debra Veino Basa presented Past Grand Regent Antal Basa Jr. with his Past Grand Regent Jewel while the new Grand Regent looked on.

On June 16, 17 and 18, 2017 the Grand Council of Massachusetts held its bi-annual Session at the Cape Codder Resort and Spa, in Hyannis, Massachusetts. There were twenty members and guests in attendance.

dinner at 7. After dinner, it was time to nominate and elect the new Grand Council Officers, following the reading of the Supreme Treasurer's report. The nominations were well received and with there being no objections, the officers were installed. Newly-elected Grand Regent Dorothy Marie Pagnani called Grand Secretary Debra Veino Basa to the podium, to make the presentation of Past Grand Regent Jewel to the Sitting Past Grand Regent, Tony Basa.

After the meeting was adjourned, everyone met in the hospitality suite to enjoy more of each other's company.

Sunday morning came around, with wishes of Happy Father's Day to all the dads in attendance. Everyone departed for the trip home after enjoying a delicious breakfast.

*Submitted by Dotti Pagnani
Pictures by Donald Ferry Jr.*



Roland and Riska Van Liew with family and friends.



Newly-elected Grand Regent Dotti Pagnani, Grand Sentry Jessica Johnson, Jeicol Herrera, Sayyon Ngangan, Supreme Treasurer John Crisanti and Deputy Supreme Regent Don Ferry Sr.

It was a cold, overcast and rainy weekend. The Juniors enjoyed the water park in the hotel. The adults enjoyed going out to sightsee when weather permitted. Those die-hard golfers enjoyed golfing on Friday and Saturday when weather permitted.

Saturday evening started with hospitality hour at 6 p.m., followed with

Doctor Ashley Lockaby, DPT

Ashley Lockaby received her doctorate degree in Physical Therapy at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut this May. Ashley has been a member of Royal



Arcanum since she was a child. A member of Pawtucket Council #537, she is currently serving as the Chairperson of the Supreme Council Junior Committee.

NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE LIBERTY HUMANE SOCIETY



**Award of Recognition
for the New Jersey
Grand Council's TEAM
WORK**

Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC and the members of New Jersey sponsored their International Fraternal Service Project for the Liberty Humane Society in Jersey City, New Jersey. The project was combined with their annual Day of Service. This year's event showcased the Garden State's **TEAM WORK** spirit in support of Hudson County's non-profit animal shelter, where dedicated staff and

volunteers strive to foster a community of compassion and respect, and provide animals in need with a chance at a lifelong, loving home. The organization provides adoptions, a wellness clinic, and humane education. LHS works with local schools and scouts in endeavors to spread the message about caring for and respecting companion animals. Several Arcanian families have recently adopted their pets from Liberty Humane and introduced the Grand Regent to the organization and its positive presence in the community.

Subordinate Councils and New Jersey members participated with the Grand Council in providing over \$1,800 in monetary donations, cat and dog food, kitten and puppy treats, care products, and other useful items for the animals at Liberty Humane. The Arcanian volunteers enjoyed an early summer morning lending their hands to the staff members, and witnessing the good work being done at the care facility.

The Grand Council was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from David Ramirez, Director of Development, in appreciation of the Arcanians' outstanding generosity in support of the Liberty Humane Society's mission. The New Jersey members look forward to a return visit in the near future.



Bayonne, Merritt, Woodside, and Versatility Council representatives with a small portion of the pet food donations which later overflowed in a van for delivery to the shelter.



Community Service Committee Members were welcomed to Liberty Humane Society by Marie, Adoption and Foster Coordinator, who accepted the IFS monetary donation and extended the gratitude of the Liberty Humane Family for the generosity and good will shared with the organization. Riley, the Grand Council mascot, offered her "bark" of thanks, too.



NEW YORK'S INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On June 15, 2017 installation ceremonies for the jurisdiction of New York were conducted at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle. Maria DiBartolo was reelected as Grand Regent and Angela DiFranco was elected as Regent of Claremont Council #1655 for the 2017-2019 term. Congratulatory wishes with a pledge of support were extended by Supreme Regent

Errica Conforto, Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta, and New York Past Grand Regent Frances Magnotta. Grand Regent Maria's new program, 'Let Us Find A Way' was enthusiastically received by the Arcanians. The members look forward to continue working with her and Angela to grow the jurisdiction with new members and fraternal and charitable activities.



The Grand Regent explained the New York TEAM goals for the 'Let Us Find a Way' program.



Supreme Regent Errica Conforto, Claremont Council Regent Angela DiFranco, and New York Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo

RHODE ISLAND MEMBERS FIGHT CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk/Run was held this year on May 13, 2017 at Slater Memorial Park in Pawtucket, RI.

Members of the Grand Council of Rhode Island walked for two friends who have Cystic Fibrosis, and raised over \$400.00 for this worthy cause. Each friend sponsored a team to support this cause. Lauren Whatmough's team was called "Laps for Lauren". Cael Schneider's team was called "Cael's Crusaders".

Submitted by Ken Kolek



TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

On Sunday, June 11, 2017, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Grand Councils held their 2nd Annual Family Day at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Thirty-seven members enjoyed a pre-game BBQ, followed by a Paw Sox 3-2 win! The members had a great time, as the weather could not have been better.

The event benefited Cradles to Crayons, a charity with locations in Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia, that provides essential items - such as clothes, health care items, and toys - to underprivileged children. The items are provided free of charge.

Submitted by Nicholas G. Benoit



The game was exciting!



Meredith and Hazel Benoit looking at the field.



Arcanians enjoyed the day at the stadium.

RHODE ISLAND SUPPORTS LUNG FORCE WALK

The American Lung Association hosted its second Lung Force Walk on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Roger Williams Park in Providence, RI. The 5k walk through this beautiful park on a warm sunny day was enjoyable.

Tents in the staging area provided information about lung cancer, the number one cancer killer of women in the United States. This was the second year that Rhode Island's Grand Council members made a monetary donation and participated in the walk.

Submitted by Ken Kolek



Royal Arcanum members gave their support to raise awareness about lung cancer.

GREAT EVENING AT INTEGRITY COUNCIL MEETING



Regent Rosanne Kozlow presented \$10,000 Royal Arcanum Scholarship to Madison Bristowe.

The gathering of thirty Integrity members and friends started off with a Word of Welcome by Regent Rosanne Kozlow, and an Invocation offered by Past Grand Regent Jay Newlin, after which a full course chicken parmesan dinner was served.

Integrity Juniors, the special guests for "Juniors Night," were given the option of cheeseburgers and fries, but most were drawn to the "chicken parm." Special sundaes were also available to the Juniors!

The \$10,000 Royal Arcanum Scholarship, won by one of Integrity's very own, was awarded by Regent Roseanne to Madison Bristowe, who was in attendance with her parents. Games for the Juniors were led by Lillie Mae

Panichelli and Loretta Wehbe.

Always in anticipation of the future and in preparation for the Fall Program, the elected officers of Integrity Council #586 were installed by the installing officer, Past Supreme Regent Herb Snyder.

Our Grand Regent Annette Ferrara reminded us of the visitation of Supreme Regent Errica Conforto on September 25, 2017. Supreme Secretary Peter Ferrara encouraged members to get their reservations in right away if they plan on attending the Baltimore mini-vacation. Smiles were everywhere, as another happy Integrity "bunch" greeted one another and made their way home.



Past Supreme Regent Herb Snyder installed Integrity Council's elected officers.

TEAM WORK FOR THE TROOPS

On June 11, 2017 members from Claremont and Versatility Councils met in Carlstadt, New Jersey to exchange ideas about fraternal volunteerism with Sons of Poland Council #2016, and to participate in a "hands on" project. Supreme Regent Errica Conforto, New York Grand Orator Joe Conforto, Supreme Orator/New York Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo, and New York Grand Vice Regent Freddy DiBartolo were happy to take part in the day's program.

The project, arranged by Council Regent, Dayle Vander Sande provides support to military families in Wiesbaden, Germany through a "coupon mailing." The project is part of a program to help families of the troops obtain discounts with use of the coupons (up to six months past the expiration date) at their local commissary. The clipping and counting crew of fraternal volunteers prepared nearly \$6000 in saving stubs for the first shipment overseas from Sons of Poland Council.



The fraternal TEAM was happy to volunteer.

QUEBEC JURISDICTION



The Grand Council Session for the jurisdiction of Quebec was held on May 23, 2017. Grand Guide Andre Fortin assisted Deputy Supreme Regent Jacqueline Bedard with the installation of officers for 2017-2019. A memorial service was also conducted. The Arcanians offered congratulatory greetings to newly elected Grand Regent Jacqueline Bedard, who later presented her program for the coming term. Following the adjournment of Session business, everyone enjoyed dinner and socializing with their fellow fraternalists.

La session du grand conseil pour la juridiction du Québec a eu lieu le 23 mai 2017. Le Grand guide, Andre Fortin, a assisté le régent adjoint suprême Jacqueline Bedard avec l'installation des agents pour 2017-2019. Un service commémoratif a également été mené. Les Arcanians ont offert des félicitations au nouvellement élu Grand Regent Jacqueline Bedard, qui a ensuite présenté son programme pour le prochain mandat. Suite à l'ajournement de l'activité de la session, tout le monde a apprécié le dîner et la socialisation avec leurs fraternalistes.

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**Golf Challenge winners
George Schlotta and
Irene McGlinchey**

Summer is in full swing here in Michigan! On June 24th, our summer activities started with Detroit's annual picnic at Hines Park. The weather was perfect and as always we had a wonderful group in attendance. Our "sister" council from Windsor, CA also joined the fun, including Debbie

Young, Morgan Young, and Carol Zavitz. We miss RA Board Member Tom Bayliss; we had a moment of silence to honor Tom.

Our caterer marked down the wrong date so we had to go to Plan B and do some fast shopping with the assistance of George Schlotta and Keith Armbruster. Within a couple of hours we had chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs ready for everyone to enjoy. It was nice that everyone pitched in to save the day. Mike Novak and Jan Brazas presented the bowling league trophies and prize money. Two teams tied for 1st place this year. Congratulations to first place Team Harbaugh and Team 9. Every year, I think the adults look forward to the games more than the kids. Thanks to Mark and Cathy Hefner for their creativity on this year's games. As always, everyone's favorite was the water balloon toss, and with the warm weather no one minded getting wet! Also everyone enjoyed the creative golf challenges. Another great afternoon of family, fun and fraternalism.

We held our meeting, at which time the officers were reelected for another term. The Grand Regent is Keith Armbruster and the Detroit Council Regent is Eric Kimmel. Coming up next on our schedule of activities is Detroit Tiger Game on July 29 and RA/LDS Golf Outing on September 9. We look forward to seeing everyone in Baltimore for the Royal Arcanum Mini-Vacation!

Happy Summer!

Fraternally

Jan Brazas



**Joseph Dekett, Mark Hefner and Mike Novak
relaxing in the shade.**



**Royal Arcanum Board Members and Council Officers;
Jan Brazas, Debbie Young, Carol Zavitz, Keith Armbruster,
Irene McGlinchey, Mark Hefner and Jim Boufford**



**Coronation Council members and officers at
Detroit RA Picnic**

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JOSEPH E. HALLINAN
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
ZACHARY GAUVIN
PAWTUCKET #537
GEORGIA TECH

\$10,000



LLOYD E. WILLIAMS
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
MADISON BRISTOWE
INTEGRITY #586
FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

\$10,000



KATHERINE GOIDA
MERRITT #1974
CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT
UNIVERSITY

\$8,000

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TYLER CANNON
BAYONNE #695
LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

\$8,000



KELLY MARTELLA
INTEGRITY #586
PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

\$5,000



JARED BERGER
WOODSIDE #1358
WILLIAMS COLLEGE

\$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



ANTHONY GIURINTANO
SONS OF POLAND #2016
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

\$1,500



ASHLEY REINER
CARROLLTON #257
TOWSON UNIVERSITY

\$1,500



BRENDAN BLANCH
HORSETOOTH #1908
UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

\$1,500



BRIAN COOKINGHAM
ATLANTIC #1417
QUINNIPIAC
UNIVERSITY

\$1,500

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



ISABELLA SENATORE
SONS OF POLAND #2016
WESTERN CAROLINA
UNIVERSITY

\$1,500



JILLIAN VINCI
CLAREMONT #1655
BINGHAMTON
UNIVERSITY

\$1,500



JORDAN STETINA
SONS OF POLAND #2016
JAMES MADISON
UNIVERSITY

\$1,500



NICOLETTE TROGLIO
VERSATILITY #2501
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON
UNIVERSITY

\$1,500

2017 ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



VICTORIA JAKUBOWSKI
SONS OF POLAND #2016
ALBRIGHT COLLEGE

\$1,500



VICTORIA GAINAY
PITTSBURGH #142A
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

\$1,500

\$750 GRANT RECIPIENTS

THOMAS ANDERSON
ASOP #2016
MISERICORDIA UNIVERSITY

REGAN BUTLER
PAWTUCKET #537
SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART
AND DESIGN

COLIN K. PENNEY
CORONATION #2224
ST. CLAIR COLLEGE, WINDSOR

ERIN PENNEY
CORONATION #2224
UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR

\$600 GRANT RECIPIENTS

NICO DELLAVALLE
CLAREMONT COUNCIL #1655
JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

GERALD ELEPANO
CA GROUP #1999
ST. CLAIR COLLEGE, WINDSOR

KAILA JANSEN
VERSATILITY #2501
MOORE COLLEGE OF ART &
DESIGN

MARIA PEZZOLANTI
DELONG #725
SUNY CORTLAND

\$250 GRANT RECIPIENTS

DEVIN ANDERSON
ASOP #2016
UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

SHANNON BLANCH
HORSETOOTH #1908

DARIA NOWOSIELECKI
ASOP #2016
RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL AND
HEALTH SCIENCES (RBHS)
SCHOOL OF NURSING

MARIAH OCA
CA GROUP #1999

MEGAN ZINN
ASOP #2016
UNIVERSITY OF SCRANTON

GRANT PRESENTATION



Morgan and Debbie Young
presented grant certificates to
Erin and Colin Penney.

VERSATILITY AND BAYONNE'S TEAM WORK

The New Jersey councils sponsored several spring **'TEAM WORK'** projects in support of the Supreme Regent's campaign, and to share fraternal fellowship while supporting charitable causes.



A donation to the Felician Mission was presented to Sister Marilyn Marie Minter, CSSF and Sister Inga Borko, CSSF who are most appreciative of the support of the Arcanians for their work with the poor and underprivileged.



A donation was made to the Felician School for Exceptional Children. The gift was gratefully accepted by Sister Rose Marie Smiglewski, CSSF, Director of the school for special needs children in Lodi.



In celebration of Flag Day, American flags were gifted by the councils to the Veterans Museum.



A gift of sundresses and summer attire was donated for young girls and teens in need.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THEFT ONLINE

As new social networking tools pop up across the internet, you've got to be careful about the information you share online. Mistakes can lead to identity theft and other problems that can cost you a lot of money to resolve. Here are some guidelines for safety:

- **Pick a strong password.** Don't use common words or significant dates in your life. Create a password that's a mix of letters, numbers, capital letters, and lowercase so it can't be guessed easily.



- **Don't give your birth date.** Leaving your full birth date—month, day, and year—can give hackers and identity thieves an avenue to more confidential information. Share just the day and month, or no birthday at all.

- **Use privacy controls.** Limit what's available on your profile so strangers don't have complete access to everything you post online.

- **Keep vacations quiet.** Don't announce that you're going to be out of town ahead of time. You don't want to advertise that your home will be empty.

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The warm weather and longer days of summer are enjoyed immensely as we venture out for trips, barbecues, or a ball game, and even when we'd rather just lounge around the pool or in the shadow of the backyard trees. We eagerly look forward to the season and plan some activities weeks in advance. No matter how we spend our leisure time, I think we'd all agree that it goes by too quickly and before we know it, we're returning to our daily routine and all our chores! The tasks mount rapidly: gardening, painting, cooking, and shopping, plus the exhausting jobs of cleaning out the garage and attic.

We have lots to do, but there's also a lot for which we should be grateful. We are fortunate to live in a free country, have a roof over our head and a closet full of clothes, attend school, earn wages, have access to plentiful food and clean water, and the opportunity to connect with family and friends as often as we'd like. We may sometimes take things for granted and forget the advantages we experience.

We're blessed too, with an extended family in the Royal Arcanum; our **TEAM** is the heart of fraternalism. Just as we're motivated for summer activity schedules, we can be similarly inspired to becoming involved in programs being organized by our members in the grand and subordinate councils. These fraternalists exemplify the **TEAM WORK** spirit being encouraged by Supreme Regent Errica Conforto. She's rallying councils to expand their charitable initiatives to help brighten the lives of others. Sure it takes a bit of effort, but with many hands pitching in, the workload lightens and a whole lot of good can be accomplished!

The mission of caring for our members and communities has been carried forth by generations of dedicated Arcanians. Ideas have been transformed into purposeful **TEAM** events through the Fraternalism in Action, Lend a Hand-Lift a Heart, and Lorraine J. D'Emilio Legacy of Hope programs. Councils have recently supported children's hospitals, crisis shelters, races for medical cures, libraries, food pantries, veterans programs, humane

societies, and music therapy programs. These and other charitable causes have been the recipients of monetary donations, goods and supplies, time, and volunteer service. We'd like to learn what's going on in your jurisdiction. Share your highlights for our Bulletin, website, and Facebook page. Your example can prompt others to be a catalyst for new endeavors in their council.



In this 140th anniversary year of the Royal Arcanum, an invitation is made to all councils to consider conducting an International Fraternal Service Project to be completed by December 31st. For approved projects, the Supreme Council will match a council's donation up to

\$1,000 annually. Instructions and brochures about the program are available from the Home Office and can be requested by calling 1-888-272-2686. The Fraternal Department's goal is to have 100 percent of the jurisdictions participating this year. We can do it with **TEAM WORK!**

The Fraternal Department congratulates all our graduates and wishes them success as they embark on a new journey.

Please remember our infirm, homebound and shut-in members; a thoughtful phone call, card or visit will be appreciated.

In the weeks ahead, make the most of the sunshine and glorious weather. If you get overwhelmed with tasks, pause for a relaxing moment to appreciate the blessing that there's work to do and chores to finish. Don't forget...Be happy and share that happiness with others!

In friendship,

Cynthia A. Macon

Cindy Macon - Fraternal-Communications Director

GABRIELLA ORR CYCLES FOR CHARITABLE CAUSES

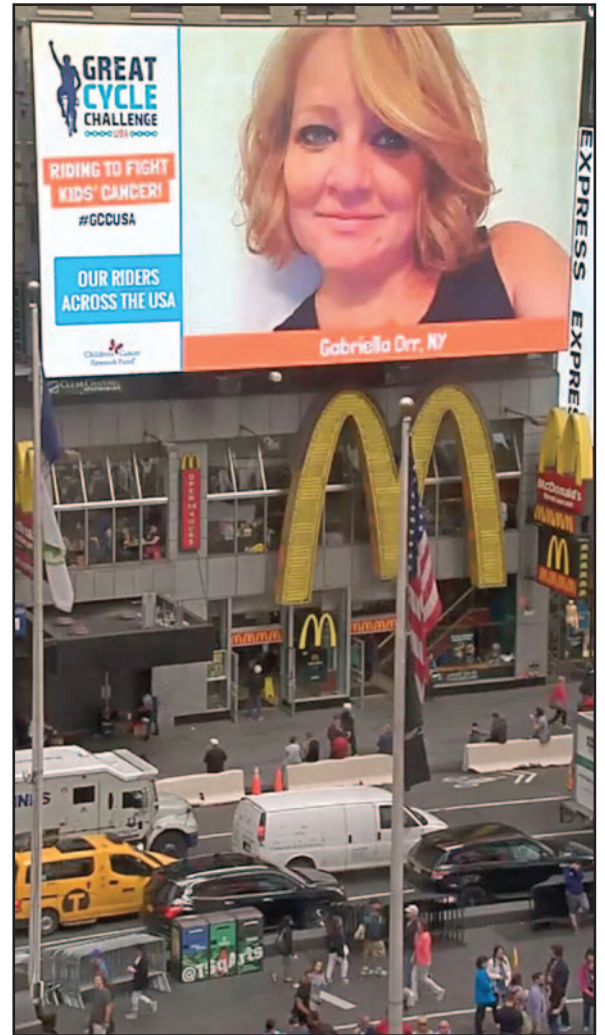


Gabriella Orr of Claremont Council #1655 recently paired her passion for cycling with support for charitable causes. She set out to raise \$500 to help fight childhood cancer through the Great Cycle Challenge. Through the program, volunteer cyclists of all ages and abilities set themselves a personal riding goal and challenge themselves to pedal throughout the month of June to fight kids' cancer. Determined to make a difference, Gabriella exceeded her goal and her photo appeared on a billboard in Manhattan's Time Square. Funds raised from the challenge will support research to develop new treatments and find a cure for childhood cancer.

Earlier in the season, Gabriella rode 40 miles in the 5 Boro Bike Tour; the largest charity bike ride in the US, with proceeds funding free bike education and programs for children and adults who otherwise would not have the opportunity to acquire the skills to ride safely and confidently. The route took over 30,000 cyclists through all five boroughs of New York City.

Gabriella was happy to take part in these events and is grateful to the fraternal **TEAM** of Arcanian family and friends for their encouragement and support of these charitable programs.

Gabriella's photo as seen on the Times Square Billboard promoting the Great Cycle Challenge



20 Pay Life
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**Premiums for 20 Years...
That's it...No More....**



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!

ILLINOIS GRAND COUNCIL

On June 10, 2017 the officers of the Grand Council of Illinois conducted their biennial session at Wildfire Restaurant in Schaumburg. Grand Secretary Nicole Covelli and Grand Treasurer David Covelli read their respective reports, followed by the nomination and election of officers for 2017-2019.

Following the election, Supreme Deputy David Covelli installed the new officers. Gregory Hahn of Medora Council #1648 was reelected as Grand Regent with the officers from the preceding term also being reelected to their positions. Brother Hahn reflected on his background in the Royal Arcanum and presented his program, 'Together We Will Excel'. The Grand Regent shared some new ideas for enrolling new members into our fraternal society and encouraged everyone to attend the mini-vacation in Baltimore.

The business of the Grand Council of Illinois was completed and the meeting adjourned.

A luncheon followed the meeting with twenty-five members in attendance.

Respectively Submitted,

Nicole M. Covelli



Illinois Grand Council Officers



Deputy Supreme Regent David Covelli (right) offered the support of the Illinois Arcanians to Grand Regent Gregory Hahn (left).

MONEY MATTERS

Save money on groceries

You've got to buy food, but you don't have to spend wildly on it.

Smart shopping can save you a bundle. If you save just \$20 a month on groceries, you've banked more than \$200 over the year. Here are some strategies to save on your food bill:

- **Plan your shopping carefully.** Look through your refrigerator and pantry to see what you need on a regular basis. This lets you look for sales and buy those products in bulk.



- **Cut back on convenience foods.** Don't buy things like packaged salads or pre-cut celery. You're paying extra money for a small convenience.
- **Use coupons.** If you find that you buy some name-brand foods regularly, then start clipping the coupons for them. Otherwise, generic foods are comparable in quality and content, and they're usually less expensive.
- **Check out different stores.** You may find as much as a 10-15 percent difference on identical products at different stores, depending on the neighborhood and demographic factors. Shop at the store that is the cheapest overall.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CORNER

I was pleased to be able to join the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Grand Councils for the 2nd annual joint event at the Pawtucket Red Sox game on June 11th. The game was exciting and we had nearly 40 members attend the event to benefit the Cradles to Crayons charity. The ice cream bars served at the game certainly were refreshing, as we faced some hot and humid weather that day. Everyone enjoyed an open BBQ buffet prior to the game and I can surely say it was a blast for all ages!



We have experienced a high level of Life Insurance production throughout the year, which has created a very busy office for us in Boston, Massachusetts. The many operational changes made in the office, however, have paid dividends, allowing our staff to maintain the expected turn-around times and still provide the best possible service to our members. We strive to furnish exceptional service in all departments with the most efficient response times; that truly distinguishes us from large insurance companies.

There is a resolution in the House of Representatives, HCR-10, to maintain the current fraternal society tax exemption status and it has been sponsored by over 50 House Representatives. Also, for the first time a bill has been introduced in the Senate, SCR 7, that has gained nearly 15 Senators' sponsorship thus far. This tax exemption allows us to create and maintain several of our fraternal programs and member benefits.

We also have a bill in the Massachusetts State House Legislation, H-3661, that would allow fraternal benefit societies domiciled in the state of Massachusetts to invest up to 50% of surplus in the market, rather than the current law that restricts ability to invest greater than 25% of surplus in the market. By limiting investments to the bond market, the ability to increase investment returns is restricted. If you're willing to write a letter in support of either bill mentioned above, please let me know, as I'm more than willing to assist and provide the specific details. There truly is a power in numbers.



It seems as though everyone always says that time goes by too fast, and I agree. As I look back when I was a youngster, everyone would say "Enjoy being young". When I was in college earning my degree, I would hear "Enjoy these years as they will go by too fast". They certainly did go by fast, which is good reason why we need to enjoy every day, as each new day is a blessing. It's certainly a challenge to balance the work/life schedule; however I've learned it's vital to strive to give 100% on both sides and appreciate each day, whether in the office or at home with loved ones. Be mindful of helping someone less fortunate each day. Whether it's allowing another driver to merge into your lane in traffic or by helping someone in need, such a kind gesture could mean the world to someone.

Please take some time to review our Website, www.royalarcanum.com, for overall information about our Society to share with friends and family that may be interested in becoming involved. Please also consider reviewing our Facebook page and "Like Us" if you're on Facebook!

HCR-10

Signature

Sincerely,

Nicholas G. Benoit
Director of Operations
nbenoit@royalarcanum.com

IN MEMORIAM: THOMAS BAYLISS

1944-2017

A member of Coronation Council #2224, Windsor, Ontario, Tom Bayliss served our society as Regent, Grand Regent of Ontario, and Supreme Representative. He was also a member of the Session Color Guard. In 2014, he was elected to serve the Supreme Council as an elective Member of the Executive Committee; a position he held until his death.

A dedicated fraternalist, Tom was actively involved in coordinating the council's service activities to promote Royal Arcanum's mission in the community. Together with fellow officers, Coronation Council supported a crisis center, homeless shelter, food banks, youth activities, pediatric hospitals, toy drives, and many other charitable organizations. A humble individual, Tom was the member others could count on for "giving it his all" to see that good work was accomplished, yet he shied away from the limelight so that fellow members would shine!



A volunteer of the National Fraternal Events Committee, Tom was instrumental in organizing the Royal Arcanum's annual charitable gifting project.

Tom was employed by the Chrysler Corporation for 38 years and retired in 2000.

Tom passed away on June 6, 2017. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years - Sharon - two sons and their spouses, four grandchildren, and many family members and friends.

His extended family in the Royal Arcanum will not forget Tom's commendable service, unceasing kindness, and genuine concern for others. We were honored to call him friend and 'brother'.

May he rest in eternal peace.

IN MEMORIAM: MARJORIE MIERZEJEWSKI

1944-2017

Enrolled into Versatility Council #2501, Bayonne, New Jersey, Marjorie Mierzejewski served the Royal Arcanum as Secretary, Regent, Grand Vice Regent, Chairperson of the Grand Council Junior and Charitable Outreach Committees, and Supreme Representative. A motivational leader and supportive team player, she had a natural ability for inspiring others to become volunteers and worked diligently to promote the society's attributes through charitable service.



Marjorie was employed for over 40 years with the FBI as the Administrative Officer in Newark, NJ, and also served as Chairman of the Administrative Officer Advisory Committee to the FBI Director in Washington, D.C. Most recently she was the Secretary at St. John Paul II Parish, Bayonne and St. Anne's Parish, Garwood.

Marjorie passed away on May 24, 2017. She is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Pietrzak, nephew, nieces, their spouses and children, and many relatives and friends. The Royal Arcanum Family is grateful for Marjorie's friendship,

generous and benevolent spirit, and selfless service.

May she rest in eternal peace.

Marjorie was recognized by the Royal Arcanum as its 2008 Fraternalist of the Year and was honored by the American Fraternal Alliance as the National Fraternalist of the Year at its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. that same year for her significant involvement in our fraternal benefit society, exemplary volunteer service in the community, and innovative leadership.

INTEGRITY COUNCIL SUPPORTS CHARITABLE WORK



When members of Integrity Council #586 gathered at the Philadelphia Airport Doubletree Hotel for their May meeting, they were in for a very special presentation and challenge. After a delicious dinner, Sister Veronica and Sister Mary Jo, representing “The Little Sisters of the Poor,” spoke to the members about the work their Order is doing for the elderly in Southwest Philadelphia.

The Holy Family Home, which they provide and out of which they work, consists of 30 apartments, 22 private

rooms, and 44 skilled-nursing-care private rooms. No one is turned down for lack of money, only for lack of space.

Integrity Council members brought toiletries, paper supplies, and other incidentals to assist with the work at Holy Family Home. The Council also made a contribution of \$500.00 to support the benevolent work the Sisters are doing. The Sisters and Arcanians thanked Regent Rosanne Koslow for arranging the most worthwhile meeting.

The Mother House for “The Little Sisters of the Poor” is in France, where in 1839 the now Saint Jeanne Jugan, moved by the plight of a sick and poverty-stricken old woman, brought her into her own apartment, cleaned her up and dressed her wounds, and actually gave up her own bed for the sick woman. Soon her apartment was filled with similar persons, and “The Little Sisters of the Poor” were formed.



Integrity Council met with the representatives from “The Little Sisters of the Poor.”



Integrity Council presented \$500 and crucial supplies to Sister Veronica and Sister Mary Jo.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Be careful with sugar intake.

A spoonful of sugar may, as Mary Poppins sang, help the medicine go down. But too many spoonfuls will probably increase your need to take medicine in the first place.

Too much sugar—or rather, the unproductive calories it delivers to the body—can lead to weight gain, diabetes, and heart disease, among other health problems.

How much is too much? An American Heart Association study found that Americans consume an average of 22



teaspoons a day (at least during the period of 2001-2004). AHA guidelines recommend much less: six teaspoons a day for women, and nine teaspoons for men.

Check the labels of the foods you’re eating: a lot of sugar can be found in most processed foods. And don’t rely on sugar substitutes like high-fructose corn syrup. Though fructose may have less impact on the body’s blood sugar and insulin levels, a calorie of fructose has the same impact as a calorie of sugar. As in most things, moderation is key.

ROYAL ARCANUM JUNIOR DEPARTMENT'S EXCITING NEW PROMOTION FOR 2017

16/16/16 Program for Subordinate Councils

The program began **Sept 1, 2016** and Continues for **16 Months** until December 31, 2017

With the Goal for Subordinate Councils to Enroll New Juniors by Signing Up a minimum of **\$160,000.00** worth of Junior Protection on the Whole Life, Twenty Pay Life, Life Paid Up at 65 or *Single Premium Plan

(*Minimum \$10,000 Policy Face Amount)

Here's **16 Great Reasons** to Enroll a New Junior:

Lock in future insurability

Accumulate a lifetime of value

Affordable rates

Premiums will not increase

Dividend participation

Policy earns cash value

Competitive Scholarship Awards

Educational Grants

Educational Loans

Christmas gifts

Summertime activity fun & gifts

Guest at mini vacation when registered with parents

Prizes for Bulletin contests & puzzles

Makes a great birthday or holiday gift

Receive a Supreme Regent's Gift as recommender

Education planning resources available

Production must be secured through volunteer recommenders. Only new production with at least one annual payment credited per

policy will qualify. Term Policies, including the Term to 25 and Annuities are not eligible for this program.

Each subordinate council that meets all requirements of the program and attains the goal, with all policies having cleared



underwriting and issued by Dec 31, 2017 will receive a **\$1,600.00** award from the Supreme Council. (Limit of one such award per council).

This award is in addition to any production awards earned by the council.

Visit the web site (www.royalarcanum.com) or contact the Home Office (1-888-272-2686) for additional information.

SUMMER JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

First of all, I'd like to congratulate all the Scholarship and Grant Winners for this year. You should be very proud of your accomplishments. We wish you continued success in whatever the future may hold for you. The Royal Arcanum awarded over \$68,000.00 in scholarships and grants this year.

Time is running out with only a few months left to sign up a new Junior policy in order for your council to earn \$1,600.00. With all the benefits that are available to Juniors who have a Royal Arcanum policy, you should have no trouble introducing the Society to a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even someone you just met.

Check out the subscription to a couple of resources, Choices Planner and Choices Explorer, which provide great information to assist members with all kinds of college and career related things, including finding other available college scholarships. Go to www.royalarcanum.com. Under 'Benefits' click on 'College & Careers'. At the bottom of this page you'll find the links to Choices Planner and Choices Explorer. Click on one of these links and it will take you to a page where you will be directed to enter the Site ID - 0090138 and Password - sunshine. Change to your own password when you set up your portfolio. There are sections for Students, Parents and Educators. You are now ready to start everything from choosing course plans, career

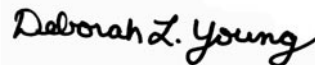
planning, choosing a college, finding available scholarships, making a resume and job interview practice. If you require any further assistance, contact Donald Ferry Jr. at the Home Office.

I'm sure that all the Juniors who came had a fun time at our mini-vacation in Baltimore Inner Harbor. I hope that our Juniors participated in a summer Royal Arcanum activity and if not, there is still time to plan something in which gifts will be sent out from the Home Office.

And lastly,

*Always pray to have eyes that see the best,
a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad and
a soul that never loses faith.*

Fraternally yours in V.M.C.,



Deborah Young



**Junior Department
Director
Deborah Young**

Tell your friends and family that the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$68,000.00 in Scholarships and Grants this year!!



JUNIOR PUZZLES

140TH BIRTHDAY WORD SEARCH

DECORATIONS
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JUNIOR CONTEST RULES

Our rules provide that a Junior can win only one prize per issue of the Bulletin. Members from the same family can submit answers to same puzzles in order to win. Puzzle entrants are restricted to Juniors no older than 17 years 11 months. All entries must be received prior to distribution of the next Bulletin.

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



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**

HAPPY 140TH
BIRTHDAY
ROYAL ARCANUM



Where Will You Go This Summer?

Planning a tropical vacation or a weekend getaway? Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum Discount Program has everything you need for the ultimate summer escape.



Dozens of Exclusive Seasonal Discounts Like:



Take a Cruise

Find discounts on a tropical escape to the Caribbean with discounts from Last Minute Travel Club.

Get Where You Need to Go

Choose from hundreds of rental cars and get the best deal with your discount program.

A Place to Lay Your Head

Save up to 60% off hotels in destinations all over the U.S. including Las Vegas, Orlando and New York City.

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A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our scholarship winners as listed in the Bulletin. I would like to extend congratulations to all Juniors who submitted applications; it was a very competitive field of applicants. It bodes well for our organization that our Juniors displayed such impressive resumes, as these are the future leaders of the Royal Arcanum.



This year the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$68,000 in scholarships and grants based on membership and merit. The scholarship program is a competitive process, with an outside judge rating all the applications and determining the winners. Through a random drawing, our Society awarded five \$600 grants to applicants who did not win a scholarship. As part of our College and Career Planning Program, we offer four \$500 career training awards for adults and ten \$250 grants for college sophomores, juniors and seniors. Application forms for all our scholarships and grant programs can be found on our website, www.royalarcanum.com. All Junior members, ages 18 and under who take a SAT, ACT, PSAT or LSAT training course/program are eligible for a \$50 reimbursement. Members should mail the paid receipt to the Home Office in Boston for payment.

Since its inception, the Royal Arcanum Scholarship program has awarded over a million dollars in scholarships. This is a tribute to our membership and the

value that is placed in seeing that our Juniors' education needs are a priority for our Organization. In addition to our scholarship and grant programs, the Royal Arcanum offers many educational loan programs to offset the increasing costs of a college education. With membership, Juniors may be eligible for undergraduate loans of up to \$10,000. We also offer graduate education loans up to \$4000. Complete details of all our educational loan programs, policy offerings, and annuities can be found on our web page or by contacting the Home Office.

I wish all our members in the US and Canada a happy, healthy and safe summer. I look forward to seeing many of our members at our mini-vacation in Baltimore.

Yours in V. M. C.,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter D Ferrara".

Pete Ferrara
Supreme Secretary

STARTING COLLEGE: A FAMILY LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Going off to college is a new beginning for parents as well as students. For prospective students, independence and the real world are just that much closer. For parents, it signals that they need to start getting comfortable with their child growing up and getting ready to go out into the world on their own. This transition can be easier for both of you with these tips:

• **Prepare to make new friends.**

Chances are, your child is going to a college where he or she doesn't know many people. It can be hard to let the bonds from high school fade, but remember that college is a new experience, and with it come new friends who can only make the experience better.

• **Don't slack off.** Though colleges may make new students feel a good deal freer, it's still important that they go to class, study, and be on top of grades. This may seem

fairly obvious, but the looser atmosphere of college, combined with the lack of parental supervision, can be detrimental to a student's work ethic and motivation.

• **Be open to new things.** Most colleges afford students the opportunity to explore new things. The diversity of peoples, ideas, and culture allows students to learn and discover new things outside the classroom. And don't let your student's major or concentration restrict them in terms of course selection. They should choose classes that interest them.

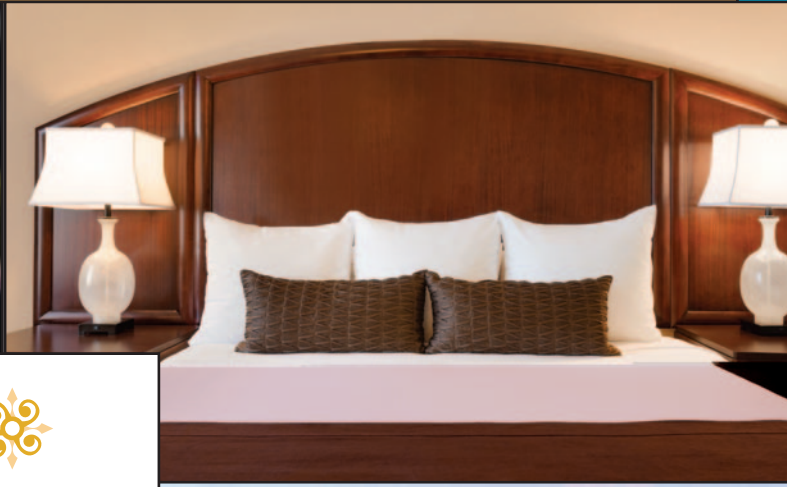


• **Don't buy into the stereotypes.** Forget what you've seen in movies. Those are

Hollywood myths that are rarely found on college campuses. Not everyone is a drunken buffoon, and not every dean hates his or her students. College dorms are nowhere near as wild or outrageous as depicted, and, believe it or not, dorm food isn't that bad.

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104th Supreme Council Session



in **Orlando, Florida**
at the **Caribe Royale**



Sunday, July 22 through Thursday, July 26, 2018

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