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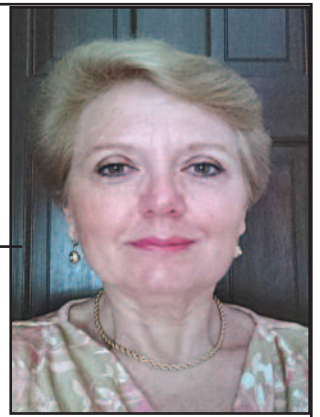
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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Suprême

Errica Conforto - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we prepare ourselves to attend the 104th Supreme Council Session in Orlando, Florida, I want to congratulate all the Royal Arcanum scholarship and grant winners and hope that they will keep in touch and let us know of their progress while embarking on their studies.

Congratulations to all the newly elected officers who will serve their grand and subordinate councils. I hope they will help our Society grow with new members and fraternal activity.

As my term as your Supreme Regent comes to an end, I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to all the members and officers in each jurisdiction I visited throughout the United States and Canada. You were all very welcoming and generous hosts, and I am thankful for the support you gave to me and to my **TEAM WORK** program. This has been a memorable journey and moving experience for me and my husband, Joe. Your hospitality and kindness has been greatly appreciated and has touched us deeply.

Your dedication and support in promoting fraternal activities by providing service in your communities through volunteer efforts drove me to become a better person. I will always cherish your passion and generosity in helping others. I've truly been blessed to be a part of this family.

This summer's national charitable project is the Orlando Union Rescue Mission charitable organization. I hope everyone will participate in this **TEAM** project. We will also be collecting eyeglasses for the blind and sight impaired.

I thank each and every one of you for your support during these two years. I anticipate continuing to work with all of you for the good of our Order.

Have a wonderful summer.

Yours in VMC,

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

Errica Conforto
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

Alors que nous nous préparons à assister à la 104e session du Conseil suprême à Orlando, en Floride, je tiens à féliciter tous les lauréats des bourses Royal Arcanum et j'espère qu'ils resteront en contact et nous feront part de leurs progrès pendant leurs études.

Félicitations à tous les officiers nouvellement élus qui serviront leurs conseils grands et subalternes. J'espère qu'ils aideront notre Société à grandir avec de nouveaux membres et une activité fraternelle.

À la fin de mon mandat à titre de régente suprême, j'aimerais exprimer ma reconnaissance et ma reconnaissance à tous les membres et officiers de chaque territoire que j'ai visité aux États-Unis et au Canada. Vous étiez tous des hôtes très accueillants et généreux, et je suis reconnaissant pour le soutien que vous m'avez apporté et pour mon programme **TEAMWORK**. Cela a été un voyage mémorable et une expérience émouvante pour moi et mon mari, Joe. Votre hospitalité et votre gentillesse ont été grandement appréciées et nous ont profondément touchés.

Votre dévouement et votre soutien à la promotion des activités fraternelles en fournissant des services dans vos communautés grâce à des efforts bénévoles m'ont conduit à devenir une meilleure personne. Je chéris toujours votre passion et votre générosité en aidant les autres. J'ai vraiment été béni de faire partie de cette famille.

Le projet caritatif national de cet été est l'organisation caritative d'Orlando Union Rescue Mission. J'espère que tout le monde participera au projet **TEAM**. Nous allons également collecter des lunettes pour les aveugles et les malvoyants.

Je remercie chacun d'entre vous pour votre soutien pendant ces deux années. Je prévois de continuer à travailler avec vous tous pour le bien de notre Ordre.

Passez un bel été.

Bien à vous en VMC,

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

Errica Conforto
Régente suprême

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NEWS FROM NEW YORK

Claremont Council #1655 held its Installation of Officers on June 7, 2018 at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle. Installing Officer Supreme Regent Errica Conforto commended the retiring officers for their service and congratulated the newly elected officers with good wishes for a productive term.

It was an evening of fraternal celebration; a surprise 80th birthday cake, arranged by Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo, was enjoyed in honor of Joe Conforto's special milestone. Since Father's Day was approaching on the calendar, the Grand Regent wished all the gentlemen a happy day and presented each with a gift of appreciation.

Everyone enjoyed the festivities, particularly the warmth and friendship shared that evening with their fraternal brothers and sisters.



Claremont Officers :
Seated left to right:
Teresa DiBartolo, Orator; Marianna Rodriguez, Vice Regent; Angela DiFranco, Past Regent; Maria DiBartolo, Grand Regent

Back row: Errica Conforto, Chaplain; Carmine Campo, Trustee; Gary DeLeo, Regent; Augie Magnotta, Guide; Steve Rodriguez, Warden; Joseph Conforto, Sentry

Missing from photo was Lillian DePalma, Secretary.



Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo was pleased to present Father's Day gifts to all the gentlemen.



Joe Conforto was surprised for his birthday by Freddy and Maria DiBartolo and Errica Conforto.

NEW YORK'S CHARITABLE WORK

On June 14, 2018, Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto and Augie and Fran Magnotta, made a trip to P.O.T.S. (Part of the Solution) in the Bronx to deliver donations of clothing items which will be distributed to those in need.

The programs at P.O.T.S. assist people living in poverty to have access to the essentials of life and the support necessary to achieve stability and self-sufficiency.



Gifts and supplies donated by the New York Arcanians were happily accepted by Diaz, Shanee, and George at Part of the Solution (P.O.T.S.).

The facility feeds neighbors and nourishes community; the pantry serves food six days a week, Monday to Saturday. There are showers to refresh and a barber shop to provide hair cuts for men and women. Services also include a medical and dental clinic.

A P.O.T.S. Employment Specialist assists those who are served with job searches, building resumes, preparing for

interviews and connecting individuals with appropriate training programs.

Another visit was made to Mt. Carmel Community Center, also in the Bronx, where the Arcanians delivered donations of children's clothes, shoes, car seats, toys, and other useful items for children in need. The Sisters at Mt. Carmel organize programs for the youth and the number of families who seek assistance continues to grow.

The contributions reflected the New York members' **TEAM WORK** spirit and they were gratefully acknowledged by the staff at both charitable organizations.

*Submitted by
Frances Magnotta*



Sister Edna at Mt. Carmel Community Center thanked the Arcanians for their generous gifts.

NEWS FROM MICHIGAN

It was a busy spring for Detroit members. On April 7th, we welcomed Supreme Regent Errica Conforto at Angelo Brothers Restaurant for a lovely lunch meeting and the presentation of the **TEAM WORK** campaign. Our charitable project was collecting dog items for Sterling Service Dogs. This non-profit organization trains dogs to assist children and adults with daily activities and achieve greater safety and independence. Cindi Fleishans brought Dexter, one of the service dogs, to our meeting and was happy to have him demonstrate some of the duties the dogs perform, such as turning on lights and answering a phone. Along with all the dog items, we presented Cindi with a monetary donation. Cindi was very appreciative of the Royal Arcanum support and stated how much the donations will help Sterling Service with training two new dogs.

Supreme Regent Conforto presented LDS 25-year pins to those who have been members for 25 years or longer. She highlighted the **TEAM WORK** program and the products and offerings of our fraternal benefit society. Debbie Young, Supreme Vice Regent, spoke of the Junior programs and scholarship opportunities. It was an enjoyable afternoon and nice that Errica could meet the members of Detroit Council 21A.

Robert Schlotta, member and previous RA scholarship winner, was married on April 21st to Erin Talkington in South Bend, Indiana. It was a beautiful day for the wedding and the reception was just grand. Best wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schlotta!

On June 9th, our annual picnic was held. In all the years we've organized the event it never rained. However, this year the rain gods prevailed with rain all day. There were about 45 folks who weren't stopped by the wet weather and came out for a fun time. Members from Windsor, Ontario made the drive and joined us with umbrellas. Sadly the rain hampered our picture taking and games, but we all got cozy under the pavilion. The catered food was great and we had an eventful meeting. Even though we got wet, a good time was had by all!

Our next activities are the annual Detroit Tigers baseball game on August 11th and the RA Golf Outing on September 8th 2018.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Session in Orlando!

Enjoy the summer!

*Submitted by Jan Brazas
Detroit Council Reporter*



Matt Garrett, Keith Armbruster, Maureen & Jamie McCracken, Paula Allen, Joan O'Halloran and Jan Brazas enjoying conversations with Cindi Fleishans, Charity recipient.



Errica Conforto, Supreme Regent with members who have been with the LDS 25 years or greater – Jan Brazas, Polly & Gordy Arndt, Joan O'Halloran, Jerry & Marilyn Vadovic and Barb & David Payne.



Errica & Joe Conforto along with Cathy & Mark Hefner and Lynn Rohler & Joyce Kelley enjoying the afternoon.



Errica Conforto, (center) Supreme Regent with Door Prize winners – Jerry Vadovic, Jim Boufford, Paula Allen and Alison Kimmel.



The new Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schlotta with Paula Allen, Dad (George Schlotta) and Jan Brazas



Presenting Cindi Fleishans and Dexter from Sterling Service Dogs a donation and goodies are Eric Kimmel, Debbie Young, Mark Hefner, Keith Armbruster, Jan Brazas & Errica Conforto.

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ARCHERS AGAINST CANCER

Coronation Council #2224 was pleased to be on hand once again for the 8th Annual Archers Against Cancer Target Shoot. Kids and adults compete in this annual event competing in 3D target shoots for fun and prizes.

A check for \$1,500 was donated, and will go a long way to help cancer patients that run into financial problems during their treatments. The organization's mission is to provide them with as much financial help as they can. Their slogan is "Helping Patients Now" because they want to provide help TODAY to relieve some stress during



this time in their life. Funds raised from this event go to the Gene Goudreau Patient Assistance Fund.

We were extremely grateful for the kind words they posted about the Royal Arcanum and our contribution on their Facebook page.

"I would just like to take a moment to thank a VERY special group of people, outside of all the regular sponsors, volunteers, etc. The ones this is intended for are the Royal Arcanum. They have been a HUGE sponsor of ours for many years and this year they stepped up their game. Although they've attended our event for the last few years, this year they surprised us with a generous donation of \$1,500.00. You guys are absolutely amazing, and you have no idea how much your support means to Michelle and I. This will go towards helping so many patients and that is our main goal with this event. Not only are you generous people, but it's also provided Michelle and me the chance to meet all of you and call you our friends! Again, we can't thank you enough and are proud to have you on our list of sponsors....."

Terry French – Archers Against Cancer

UP ABOUT DOWN DONATION



Debbie Young presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of Coronation Council #2224 to Up About Down representative Kelly Snider.

Debbie was on hand at one of the organization's dance classes. Pictured here with Debbie is her daughter Crystal and granddaughter Savannah.

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.



CORONATION COUNCIL

ROYAL ARCANUM SPORTS AWARDS 2018



Coronation Council #2224 was proud to be on hand for the annual Royal Arcanum Sports Awards. These honors are presented to local athletes who showed not only outstanding athletic accomplishments, but had high academic standings and made contributions to their school and community. These awards have

been highly recognized as a top honor and prize since 1949.

Every year, a total of 24 physical education department heads from the Windsor Essex Secondary Schools Athletic Association participate in the awards program. Coronation Council was involved with the process of reviewing candidates' applications and were in attendance for the presentation of the awards at the Ciociaro Club.

Organizer of the Royal Arcanum Awards, Pete Cusumano, recently set up a website to promote the awards and Royal Arcanum and welcomes any



Jim Boufford, Debbie Young, Derrick Bayliss, Morgan Young, Carol Zavitz and representatives from the board, Mike McKittrick and Pete Cusumano.

updates from previous winners at royalarcanumwindsor.com

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

NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS 2018

Coronation Council #2224 proudly elected and installed new officers for the 2018-2020 term. Members look forward to the many activities that are being planned; these include the annual barbecues, a Detroit Tigers' ballgame, volunteer opportunities at local charity Bingos and events with the Michigan Grand Council.



Audrey Bayliss – Regent, Margaret Cameron – Vice-Regent, Jim Boufford – Past Regent, Elly McMillan, Derrick Bayliss, John DeRose, Renee Boufford, Virginia Lauzon and Scott Cameron

VERSATILITY'S TEAM WORK IN ACTION



Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey, acknowledged the volunteer service of the Arcanians and their ongoing community outreach support for Catholic Charities at St. Lucy's Shelter and St. Jude's Oasis in Hudson County.



Versatility Council provided a donation for the Felician Sisters' programs being sponsored for underprivileged children. The Felician call to service, giving aid to all without exception and serving all with a joyful heart, is witnessed in their global ministries, particularly in their work with the disadvantaged and underserved. Versatility members continue to be inspired by the Sisters and are happy to be a part of the TEAM in support of their good work.

WINDSOR SPORTSMEN CLUB DONATION



Coronation Council #2224 presented the Windsor Sportsmen Club with a donation of \$500 towards their kids' archery and air rifle programs.

The Windsor Sportsmen Club is home base for Coronation Council's monthly meetings. The club's card and dart room proudly display our Royal Arcanum logo and, in the future will exhibit the Royal Arcanum activities showing our local support to the community.

The Windsor Sportsmen's Club is an independent, non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the Province of Ontario to establish a group of sportsmen interested in: the sponsoring and promotion of laws governing the conservation of lands, forests, game and fish; the prevention of pollution of streams, rivers, lakes and air; and to promote the propagation of game and fish.



Morgan Young, Debbie Young, Kathy of Kathy's Kitchen at the Windsor Sportsmen Club and Jim Boufford.

MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES IN BAYONNE

Members of Bayonne Council #695 and Versatility Council #2501 coordinated activities in the community in observance of Memorial Day, including a memorial tribute at their May meeting for deceased Arcanian members who had served in the

Armed Forces, decorating graves with flags and flowers, participating in a special liturgy, hosting breakfast for members of the Bayonne Veterans' Posts, and joining the annual parade march.



Deputy Supreme Regent of New Jersey, Gen Macon at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Parlin, where Arcanian members were remembered with flags and patriotic flowers as part of the Service Committee's tribute for deceased veterans.



Versatility Community Service Committee members, Gen Macon, Evelyn Magarban, and Chris Piscitelli participated in observances with officers of two of Bayonne Veterans' Posts. Representing the Marine Corp League Bayonne Detachment #191 were Tony Zabnicki and Commander Louis Giovanni. Representing the American Polish Veterans were Bayonne Council #695 member and former Mayor of Bayonne Richard A. Rutkowski, Commander Paul Magda, and R.A. Supreme Auditor and Vice Commander Joseph R. Macon, FICF.

ARCANIANS AT PAWSOX GAME

The Massachusetts and Rhode Island Grand Councils held their 3rd Annual Day at the Pawsox on Sunday, June 10, 2018. Forty members, from juniors to seniors, enjoyed an exciting game as the Pawsox bested the Indianapolis Indians, 11-1.



The day started off with a BBQ buffet featuring pulled chicken, hot dogs, burgers, ice cream, and assorted summer treats. In addition to the great game and food, the weather could not have been better with temperatures in the mid 70's with a light wind.

The annual family outing has become a wonderful **TEAM WORK** effort by the Massachusetts and Rhode Island jurisdictions. Treasurer John Crisanti commented, "This joint council event has started to become an event I look forward to each year. I truly enjoy spending time with my fraternal friends, while enjoying a great ball game."

This event is open to all Royal Arcanum members and potential members; should you like to attend next June, check out our Royal Arcanum Face Book page.

*Submitted by Nick Benoit
Chief Operations Officer*



SUPREME REGENT VISITS CARMEL, CALIFORNIA

Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto enjoyed the sun, sand, and food in Monterey and Carmel, California. We drove the famous 17-Mile Drive and saw lots of wildlife. We went to the Carmel Mission and we were just in time to go into the beautiful church for Mass. It was a great experience.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



SELF-CONTROL CAN BE TAUGHT

Will power, discipline, or self-control is a skill you can teach your children. Here are three ways you can start ...

We've heard of the Marshmallow Test, that famous—or infamous—study that “tested” impulse control in a group of young children. The conclusion for many years was that the children who displayed impulse control had better grades and were more successful in life.

However, this research ignored an individual's inherent predisposition toward impulsive or self-regulated behavior. It also ignored the ability to learn impulse control. Will power, discipline, or self-control is a skill you can teach your children. Here are three ways you can start:



- **Be a role model.** Don't hold your children to a higher standard than the one you've established for yourself. If your behavior is impulsive or your children are always in an environment where self-control fails to garner positive rewards, they'll find little reason to practice restraint. Use positive reinforcements that will mean something to your child when you are coaching them toward a specific outcome. Try something such as, “If you can sit quietly and color while mommy takes this important phone call, we can go to the park and play when I'm finished.”

- **Provide reminders.** You might think your children understand the benefits of proper handwashing—and you've explained it to them time and again—but that knowledge takes a back seat to their empty bellies when they're hungry and find a spread of their favorite food in the kitchen. Children are impulsive, so provide gentle reminders like, “I know you're hungry, but please wash your hands before you sit down to eat.” This will help them refocus their attention away from their emotional response to what is expected of them.

- **Disrupt habit.** Researchers believe one of the best ways to teach self-regulation is to provoke a child's ability to resist their impulses. An easy way to do this is by occasionally changing the rules when playing games that have children follow a specific set of directions. In the game “Red light, green light,” for example, children are allowed to move about when they hear, “green light,” and they must stop moving when they hear, “red light.” When you change the rules so that red means “go” and green means “stop,” you teach your children to ignore an impulse, go against habit, and fulfill new expectations.

CORONATION - ANNUAL BARBECUE

Coronation Council #2224 was once again invited to join their good neighbors for a barbecue in Northville, Michigan. Mother Nature decided she was not going to cooperate, but that didn't stop us from having a wonderful time.

Thanks to Mark Hefner and everyone who put on an amazing afternoon. We might not have been able to play any of the games you planned;

but as we gathered under the shelter and canopies; we enjoyed catching up and being united with you all.

In attendance from Windsor were Sharon Bayliss, Jim Boufford, Renee Boufford, Megan Boufford, Morgan Young, Debbie Young, Gloria Donaldson and Virginia Lauzon.

We look forward to having our friends join us in Canada at our barbecue in August.



Jim Boufford presents Mark Hefner with a donation to go towards the barbecue expenses as thanks from Coronation Council #2224.



Mark Hefner sitting with Gloria Donaldson



Sharon Bayliss, Morgan Young, Debbie Young, Renee Boufford, Jim Boufford and Megan Boufford



Debbie Young takes a bit of shelter from the rain



Virginia Lauzon with Renee Boufford

LJD FOUNDATION SPONSORS WORKSHOP

LJD FOUNDATION AND THE NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER COALITION HOLD WORKSHOP FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

On May 20, 2018 the Lorraine J D'Emilio (LJD) Foundation and the National Ovarian Council Coalition (NOCC) sponsored a workshop for ovarian cancer

survivors. The workshop was held at AR Workshop in Malvern, PA. AR Workshop is a boutique create-your-own studio offering customized and trendy home decor projects. The ladies crafted their own masterpieces from raw materials. There was laughter, music, food and drink and everyone had a terrific time. Even General Counsel got involved and made a sign for "Paul's Kitchen."



**General Counsel
Paul F. D'Emilio, Esq. and
Vanda Soldati, Delaware Valley
Chapter Manager of NOCC**



The ladies work on their projects!

RHODE ISLAND MEMBERS FIGHT CYSTIC FIBROSIS

The Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk/Run was held this year on May 12, 2018 at Slater Memorial Park in Pawtucket, RI.

Members of the Grand Council of Rhode Island walked/ran for two friends who have Cystic Fibrosis. 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". The Grand Council of Royal Arcanum donated \$200 for this cause and individual members also made personal donations. After members completed the walk/run, Subway, Dunkin Donuts and



others donated food for the participants. Music was played throughout the event and it was a fun day for all involved.

Submitted by Ken Kolek

FEEDING AND CLOTHING THE HOMELESS

For Supreme Regent Errica and Joe Conforto's trip to California to do a fraternal and charitable event, we decided as the San Jose Council to act locally to feed and clothe the homeless. We bought food, water, toiletries, socks, blankets, hats, gloves, shoes and backpacks and went down to St. James Park in San Jose, where many homeless people can be found. They were hungry, thirsty and lacking the help from our wealthy city, San Jose. We hope we gave the homeless and their pets some consideration and love. We wish we could help more so that these homeless are not languishing in the backgrounds of societies.

Helpers with us were Loretta Miller and Chic Cannon, Errica and Joe, Joanie Francis and Jim O'Neill. We would welcome Errica and Joe back to help us at anytime in the near future. Thank you Errica and Joe.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



SUPREME REGENT PRESENTATION

Supreme Regent Errica Conforto gave her fabulous presentation **TEAM WORK** at Marini's Inn in California. Errica gave us highlights of her campaign to support fraternal and charitable events in the jurisdictions throughout the United States and Canada. Errica knows how to get everyone up and moving to make a difference in our communities.

Thank you Errica for showing us your true dedication to the Royal Arcanum and true dedication to helping others.

Supreme Regent Errica Conforto had a drawing for prizes. The winners were Marie Serio, Rita Sagno, Anna Marie Serio, and Nicholas Gore. Everyone enjoyed Supreme Regent Errica's presentation and her wonderful gifts.

Submitted by Joanie Francis



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Sons of Poland #2016
University of Albany

\$10,000



Cameron Esperanza
CA #1999
Cal State Longbeach

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Holden Baranowski
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University of New Haven

\$8,000



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Chicago #112A
University of Kentucky

\$5,000



Lara Victorino
CA #1999
University of California, Irvine

\$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Rodell Biteng
CA #1999
University of CA, Riverside

\$1,500



Sarah Mariski,
Sons of Poland #2016
Simmons University

\$1,500



Sonia Brickey
Penn Laurel #2488

\$1,500



Loren Zinn
Sons of Poland #2016
University of Delaware

\$1,500

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Lawrence Zmuda
Sons of Poland #2016
East Stroudsburg University

\$1,500



Ronald Butto
Bayonne #695
Hudson County Community
College

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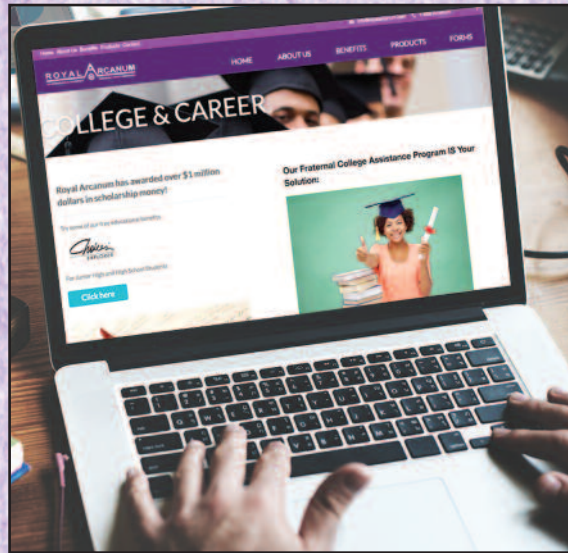
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Kayla Thompson
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Matthew Godkin
Bayonne #695
Ramapo College of New Jersey

\$1,500

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Adam Lenox
Atlantic #702
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Coronation # 2224

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Julianna Herman
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University Of Connecticut

\$250

Christian Herman
SOP # 2016
Maryland Institute College Of Art

\$250



Nicholas Tulli
Merritt #1974
Bergen Community College

\$600

HARRISBURG SUPPORTS CHARITABLE CAUSES

As part of the International Fraternal Service Program, the members of Harrisburg Council #499 supported several charitable causes that are doing phenomenal work for others.

On May 19, 2018, a \$100 donation was made to the GLY Foundation. The Foundation brings awareness to and raises money for the research and treatment of all cancers. Proceeds raised at a Highmark Community Walk held that day at Harrisburg Area Community College were donated locally in central Pennsylvania and surrounding areas.

Harrisburg Council's **TEAM** sponsored an attorney who worked for the firm that Brother H. Joseph Hepford originated. This attorney, Dennis R. Sheaffer, passed away from renal cancer at the age of 58. Several Arcanians walked in memory of Dennis, along with other friends and family.

In May, the council also made a \$100 donation in memory of Wyllene Peirce to Vision Resources. The contribution will enable the organization to pursue the mission to



Judie Marcus and Rick Rubin at Caitlin's Smiles.

support and promote the interests of people who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise disabled and to provide prevention services. This cause was very important to Wyllene and will help further such meaningful programs.

On June 21, 2018 the council donated \$100 to Caitlin's Smiles. Members Rick Rubin and Judie Marcus spent the day volunteering and interacting with the children at Caitlin's Smiles. The organization was founded in memory of Caitlin Hornung and is dedicated to sharing smiles with children facing chronic or life threatening illnesses.

Caitlin's Smiles distributes arts and crafts kits to hospitals, giving kids an opportunity to be creative.

The organizations were very grateful for the gifts made by Harrisburg Council. The Arcanian officers and members appreciate the Supreme Council's participation in their International Fraternal Service projects and for encouraging their efforts in the community.

Submitted by Pauline Thomas

MEMBERS DRIBBLE THEIR WAY TO SUCCESS

Brandon Kolek, newly elected Grand Guide for the Grand Council of Rhode Island, and Royal Arcanum member since 2002 when he was one year old, has received a basketball scholarship to attend Franklin Pierce University in New Hampshire. Brandon graduated from Cumberland High School in 2017 and attended a post-graduate year at St. Andrew's Prep School in Barrington, RI where he netted his 2,000th career point.

His brother Tyler is following in his brother's footsteps, having recently earned First Team All State Basketball Honors in Rhode Island for 2018. This 3 point sharp shooter led the state in scoring and brought his team all the way to the final four.



Brandon Kolek



Tyler Kolek

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Every once in a while we might drift away for a few minutes to reminisce about happy childhood memories and things which perhaps in some small way helped mold our character. One of the first television shows I watched as a youngster was Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood. The national debut of the show occurred in 1968 as a children's series that was created and hosted by Fred Rogers. Maybe you remember him and his iconic cardigan sweater and tennis shoes.

Although officially categorized a children's program, Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood was considered appropriate for all ages. The host - Mr. Rogers - was authentic and spoke directly about various issues; he tackled difficult topics such as competition and war, and focused on peaceful ways of dealing with angry feelings. He could make a clear distinction between the realistic world of 'the neighborhood' and the fantasy world of 'Make-Believe' and always in a courteous manner. Reviewers of the decades-long show credit Mr. Rogers for helping children learn key social skills for school and life and for inspiring those who tuned in to be better parents, teachers and friends.



An impactful message that Fred Rogers shared with viewers was that one of the greatest gifts you can give anybody is the gift of your honest self. That's a powerful, positive statement to advocate as fraternalists. Royal Arcanum councils have the ability to be good neighbors and reach out to communities to make a difference. There's always time to be a good friend! By helping charitable causes, such as those in the International Fraternal Service projects, Royal Arcanum members continue the Society's legacy of volunteer service. Every project makes the neighborhood a brighter place where new friendships can form. Fraternal activities bring families and friends together as neighbors to accomplish great things. I'm reminded of all the characters in Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood; they came from different backgrounds and possessed different skills, yet as a **TEAM** they worked to make the neighborhood its very best.

The Fraternal Department is thankful to Supreme Regent Errica Conforto for leading our Society with a motivational campaign in the past two years. We look forward to having the **TEAM WORK** spirit continue to flourish in our jurisdictions as we support the newly elected Supreme Regent and the goals of growing our Society with new members and fraternal and charitable initiatives. Invite your family and friends to become an Arcanian and participate in our organization's many good works.



Share your council project highlights for our Bulletin, website, and Facebook page. Your example can prompt others to consider getting things started in neighborhoods across the US and Canada. You'll be glad you did and as Mr. Rogers would sing, "It's Such a Good Feeling!"

Congratulations to all our graduates; we wish them success in their new endeavors.

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

Enjoy being outdoors this summer. You may get the chance to meet a new friend and ask, "Won't you be my neighbor?" just as Mr. Rogers would. Take that opportunity to share a ray of sunshine and have a happy day!

In friendship,
Cindy Macon

Cynthia A. Macon

Fraternal-Communications Director

NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS TROOPS



Grand Regent Richard J. Macon, FIC rallied the New Jersey councils for a **TEAM WORK** project in support of Operation Soldier Shoebox by preparing gift totes filled with supplies and treats for service men and women who are stationed overseas. Healthcare items, t-shirts, socks, batteries and a variety of confectionary favorites were generously donated by councils, members and friends to make this a successful gifting project.



Grand Regent Richard Macon and Grand Committeewoman Marie Baranowski coordinated the gift delivery to Operation Soldier Shoebox in Hillsborough, New Jersey.



Service Committee members who assembled the gifts for the troops.



A sample tote of gifts for the soldiers.

IN MEMORIAM: RUBY DUHAMEL COOK



The members of Domremy Council #23 in Lowell, Massachusetts are sad to report the passing of their Regent, Mrs. Ruby Duhamel Cook on December 5, 2017, following a valiant battle with lung cancer. Ruby's

enthusiasm and upbeat demeanor were contagious and her fraternal leadership will be gratefully remembered by fellow officers and members.

May she rest in peace.

NEW JERSEY'S TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Bayonne and Versatility Council members joined volunteers of the Friends of Saint Francis Organization in Bayonne, New Jersey for a springtime party, 'Friends Helping Friends' that was sponsored for the benefit of local food pantries. The Arcanians were on deck in the kitchen to top off the social by preparing luscious and refreshing ice cream desserts.



Versatility Council #2501 Past Regents Evelyn Magarban, Elaine Zuber, and Chris Piscitelli initiated the council's summer season family project, '101 Friends of Animals' to support local humane societies and shelters.

FINANCIAL ADVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

These tips can lead to stability going forward. Getting a head start on financial security is a good idea no matter how young you are. If you're just starting out in life—or you know someone who is—these tips can lead to stability going forward:

- **Learn how to budget.**

Whether you use an Excel spreadsheet or a pencil and paper, learn to keep track of how much money you're spending and what you're spending it on. This will help you make better decisions about money and saving.



- **Set financial goals.** Saving up for a car or a spring break trip can teach discipline and financial awareness. Keep your goals realistic—most of us won't have saved a million dollars by the time we're 30—and stay focused on them as you decide what to spend on other things.

- **Educate yourself.** Learn about interest rates, credit card fees, the impact of late payments, and even the stock market. The more you know, the better you'll be able to protect yourself and your money.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CORNER

As we are in the midst of summer, I hope everyone is enjoying the weather. Soon enough we will start thinking of the fall season and the leaves falling in the Northeast. The summer is always an interesting time in Boston; many tourists can be found in the area with confused faces. Only those familiar with Boston know that one street can have two names, and the same applies for some highways outside of the city. I've always found it fascinating how grateful people are when you offer them assistance when they are trying to find a particular location. It's a nice way to brighten someone's day by helping them to avoid walking around in circles.

Our business operation has continued to see increases in new production, with increases in life insurance premium and applications as compared to June 30th of last year. We have continued to run our operation in the most efficient manner, and maintain home office staffing levels even with the increased production we've experienced over the past 18 months. The good news of increased premium revenue will prove to be a great positive in years down the line. Our overall assets have increased to an all-time high at \$110,994,099, with a strong 112.6% asset-to-liability ratio.

I'm also pleased to advise that more than 100 House Representatives co-sponsor the Fraternal Tax Exemption Bill HCR-10 and over 20 Senators co-sponsor SCR-7. These bills are vital for the fraternal

society's success and the ability to continue our good works in the community. Please contact me if you're interested in reaching out to your local Representative or Senator.



We have updated our website, www.royalarcanum.com; it provides a more user friendly look and feel with a more defined set up of categories. Whether you're looking for insurance product information or a council form or are interested in some historical data, the site has enhanced each department of Royal Arcanum. The website will continue to be updated to align each aspect of Royal Arcanum, from the fraternal side to the business side, and furnish easy-to-access information, as will our Facebook page.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Benoit'.

Nicholas G. Benoit
Chief Operations Officer
nbenoit@royalarcanum.com



NEW YORK'S TEAM SPIRIT FOR PROM



Members of the New York Grand Council and Claremont Council were led by Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo to help students look their finest and feel their best for their prom.

For many students, the expenses associated with attending the gala are out of reach for them, but through a program coordinated by the Junior Women's League in Westchester County, volunteers help make their dream of going to prom a reality.

Through the generosity of the Arcanians, 85 gowns, 8 suits, and 10 pairs of formal shoes were donated so that students in need could select their special attire and look forward to the festivities with great expectation.



The program is growing each year; the New York fraternalists are happy to continue support for such a meaningful cause that addresses a need in the community.

Grand Regent Maria, Freddy, Daniela, Maria Teresa, and Benedetta DiBartolo, Kristina, Artan, and Agran Berisha arranged the formal wear with Audrey Sims of the Junior Women's League.

INTEGRITY COUNCIL

Antoinette Malone installed Pat Smalyga as the new Regent of Integrity Council at the June dinner meeting.

Left to Right: Antoinette Malone, Herb Snyder, and Pat Smalyga



CANADA D'EH 2018



Canada celebrated its 151st Birthday on July 1st. Coronation Council #2224 members took part in a local fundraiser for Riverside Miracle Diamond Park. Money collected at this event goes toward transforming an old arena into a park for disabled children in the area.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Kelly Martella received the Abraham A. Wehbe Memorial Scholarship from Integrity Council for \$2,000.00.

Kelly is attending Providence College in Rhode Island with a double major of English and Psychology. She is the great niece of Abe.

Integrity had a delightful dinner and all the Juniors attended. There was a game in which each Junior had to get information from members about the Royal Arcanum. Example, Who is the oldest member? Who came the farthest? etc. Gifts were given to all by Lillie Mae Panichelli.

Our June meeting was a very enjoyable and fun session for all!



Picture left to right: Rev. Herb Snyder, Colleen Martella, Anthony Martella, Joan Martella, Kelly Martella, Loretta Wehbe, and Pat Smalyga

SUMMER JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS

Congratulations to all the Scholarship and Grant Winners this year. You should all know by now who you are and should be very proud of your accomplishment! We wish you continued success in whatever the future may hold for you. There was over \$64,000.00 given in Scholarships and Grants this year. This is just one of the many benefits that are available just for being a member of this great fraternal benefit society.

I would also like to comment on the beautiful thank you letters I received from a couple of our winners. There was much appreciation shown in these letters. One of the letter writers stated that she was the first in her family to attend college and that her educational pursuits would not be possible without the generous support from scholarships like ours and thanking us for enabling this wonderful opportunity for her. Another student's letter thanked us for believing in him, and he ended his letter stating he plans to graduate with a bioengineering degree and would like to contribute something to humanity. Truly wonderful examples of today's youth wanting to give back to society.

With all the benefits that are available to Juniors who have a Royal Arcanum policy, you should have no trouble sharing information about our society with someone whether it be with a friend, neighbor, co-worker or even someone you just met.

Check out the subscription to a couple of resources titled Choices Planner and Choices Explorer which both 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 the Benefits heading, click on College & Career. At the bottom of this page is where you 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 can enter the Site ID - 0090138, and Password - sunshine. (Change to your own password when you set up your portfolio.) There is a section 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 with this, contact Donald Ferry Jr. at the Home Office.

I'm sure that all the Juniors who came had a fun time at our 104th Supreme Council Session in Orlando. I hope that our Juniors participated in a summer Royal Arcanum activity and if not, there is still time to plan something for which gifts will be sent out from the home office. And lastly,

"You cannot do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

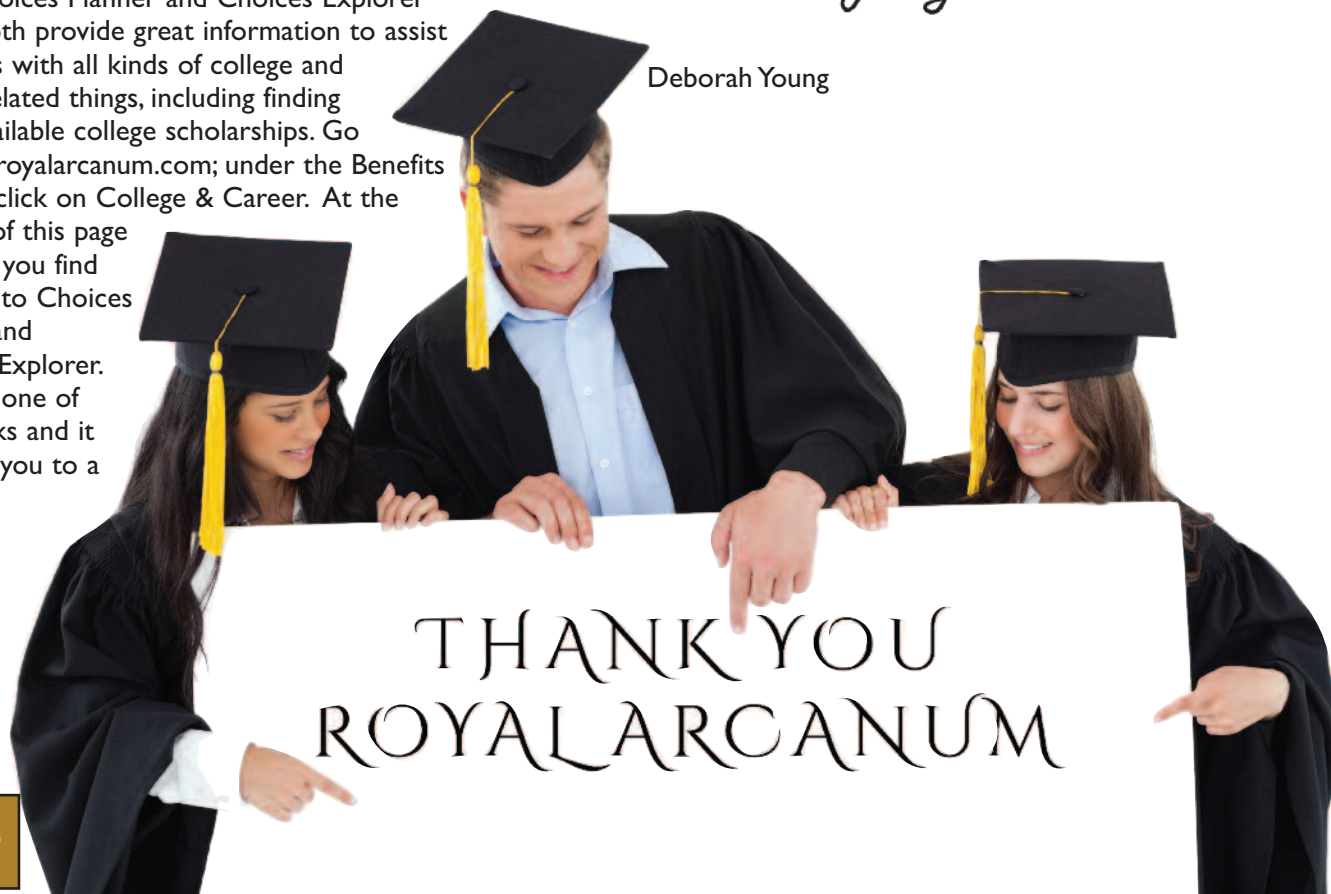
Fraternally yours in V.M.C.,

Deborah L. Young

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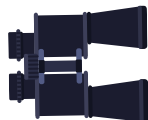
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JUNIOR WORD SEARCH: HIKING



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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**

HELP THE FAMILY TO THEIR CAMPFIRE



JUNIOR SUMMER COLORING



AN EVENING AT THE PHILLIES

Lorraine J. D'Emilio Foundation (LJD Foundation) in association with the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) sponsored another great evening at the Phillies.

On June 30, 2018 the LJD Foundation held its annual Phillies Game event. Twelve ladies, of all ages, all of whom are ovarian cancer survivors, and their guests were treated to an evening of fun, food, and frolic at Citizens Bank Park. It was fireworks night. The fireworks were fantastic, and the Phillies won!



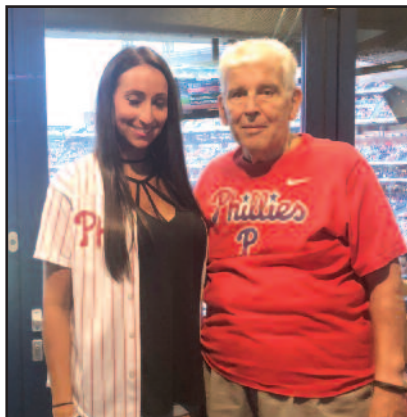
General Counsel with all the survivors and their guests



General Counsel with the survivors



Fireworks displays at the park



Paul D'Emilio, General Counsel and Ashley Steinberg NOCC representative

A LETTER OF THANKS

Paul,

I wanted to thank you again for your generosity on Saturday night at the Phillies game. I was diagnosed with Stage 1c ovarian cancer in August 2017 at the age of 35. I had a rough recovery from my surgery that put me out of work until December 2017, but I was fortunate enough to avoid chemo and radiation. For the last 9 months I have attended a support group at Gilda's Club in Atlantic County but all the ovarian cancer survivors were 30+ years older than me and therefore were not dealing with all of the same issues that I am dealing with (namely, family planning issues). Fortunately (and unfortunately), I was able to meet two young ladies at your event on Saturday night who are survivors diagnosed at a younger age, one of them being Ashley (the NOCC volunteer), and I was able to get their insights and wisdom.

I just wanted to thank you for your generosity and for the opportunity that allowed me to meet someone my age who is going through the same thing.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the summer and I hope our paths cross again soon.

Best,
R.L.

A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

I take this opportunity to congratulate our scholarship winners as listed in this Bulletin and also extend congratulations to all Juniors who submitted applications; it was a very competitive field of applicants this year. As stated in prior Bulletins, the Royal Arcanum has awarded over one million dollars in scholarships since the program's inception.

In 2017 the Royal Arcanum awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships based on membership and merit. The scholarship program is a competitive process. An outside, independent judge with an extensive background in education rates all the applications and determines the winners.

The Royal Arcanum currently awards scholarships in the following amounts: (2) \$10,000, (2) \$8,000, (2) \$5,000 and (10) \$1,500. We also offer (4) continuing education grants of \$750, (5) \$600 non-competitive college grants for high school seniors and (10) \$250 grants for college sophomores, junior and seniors. Junior members under the age of 18 can also receive reimbursement of up to \$50 when they take a SAT, ACT, PSAT or LSAT training program. 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 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 website, www.royalarcanum.com or by contacting the Home Office, 1-888-272-2686.

I wish all our members in the US and Canada a happy, healthy and safe summer. I look forward to seeing many members and friends at our 104th Supreme Council Session at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, Florida.

Yours in V. M. C.

Pete Ferrara
Supreme Secretary

EXCITING WEBSITE UPGRADE



We just completed our website upgrade which features a new interface, updated graphics, and a responsive design. A responsive design means that the website will reformat itself depending which device you are viewing it on, be it a smartphone, tablet or PC.

Please visit the site and review our fraternal works, exciting products and society announcements.





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:



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