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A Message from the Supreme Regent Un Message Du Régente Supreme

Deborah Young - Supreme Regent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring has arrived! The sun is shining in a beautiful blue sky. Don't forget to plant your seed paper roses after the last frost has gone. The bees will be happy and you'll soon have beautiful flowers in your garden. Speaking of gardening, are you **'Planting Seeds for the Future'** of the Royal Arcanum and the future of your council?

Every great council starts with a great leader and great leaders help others to become great leaders. They know how to duplicate themselves, strive to be cheerful and positive, stay calm under pressure, keep the motivation level up and let others lead.

John Quincy Adams stated, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Seize the opportunity from any situation and find a way to do something great!

When introducing someone to the Royal Arcanum, sometimes the fewer words initially said is better, as too much information can lead to decision paralysis. At another time you can divulge some more benefits the Society provides and chances are they will choose to become a member.

Congratulations to all our Distinguished Service Award members who have helped the Royal Arcanum grow and prosper.

Has your council organized a project to help the homeless? The more times you participate in the **'Planting Seeds Together'** campaign, the more chances you have to win and you can win more than once.

Don't forget about the drawing for a new iPhone. One lucky member who has enrolled a new RA member for an insurance policy or annuity will be the winner.

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." - John C. Maxwell

Yours in V.M.C.,

Deborah Young
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et soeurs,

Le printemps est arrivé! Le soleil brille dans un beau ciel bleu. N'oubliez pas de planter vos roses en papier-graine après le dernier gel. Les abeilles seront heureuses et vous aurez bientôt de belles fleurs dans votre jardin. En parlant de jardinage, êtes-vous en train de **'planter des graines pour l'avenir'** de Royal Arcanum et de l'avenir de votre conseil?

Chaque grand conseil commence par un grand leader et les grands leaders aident les autres à devenir de grands leaders. Ils savent se dupliquer, s'efforcent d'être gais et positifs, restent calmes sous la pression, maintiennent le niveau de motivation et laissent les autres diriger.

John Quincy Adams a déclaré: "Si vos actions inspirent les autres à rêver davantage, à apprendre davantage, à faire plus et à devenir plus, vous êtes un leader". Saisissez l'occasion de n'importe quelle situation et trouvez le moyen de faire quelque chose de bien!

Lorsqu'on présente Royal Arcanum à quelqu'un, il est parfois préférable d'utiliser moins de mots au début, car trop d'informations peuvent conduire à une paralysie décisionnelle. À un autre moment, vous pouvez divulguer certains avantages supplémentaires offerts par la Société et il est probable qu'ils choisiront de devenir membre.

Félicitations à tous nos membres du Service distingué qui ont aidé Royal Arcanum à se développer et à prospérer.

Votre conseil a-t-il organisé un projet pour aider les sans-abri? Plus vous participez à la campagne **'Planter des graines ensemble'**, plus vous gagnez de changements et gagnez plus d'une fois.

N'oubliez pas le tirage au sort pour un nouvel iPhone. Un membre chanceux qui a recruté un nouveau membre RA pour une police d'assurance ou une rente sera le gagnant.

"Un leader est celui qui connaît le chemin, le chemin et le montre." - John C. Maxwell.

Bien à vous dans V.M.C.,

Deborah Young
Régente Suprême

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As part of the Supreme Regent's fraternal campaign, the Grand Council of New York donated 174 pairs of children's pajamas to the Pajama Program Charity.

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A Salute to Distinguished Service

This issue is dedicated to the many members of the Society who have given their service to help the Royal Arcanum grow and prosper. We feature here our Brothers and Sisters who have distinguished themselves by introducing new members to the Order over the past years.

The highest award is given to the members who have earned the Founders' Ring of Distinction Award. The second highest level of achievement is the '1105' Royal Purple Achievement Award, followed by the Legion of Honor. Other members who have earned between one and twenty diamonds are awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

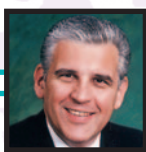
The Royal Arcanum is pleased to recognize the distinguished service of all our award recipients.*

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FOUNDERS' RING OF DISTINCTION AWARD



August Magnotta
Claremont CI
New York
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-6)



Paul F. D'Emilio
Integrity CI
Pennsylvania
(Founders' Ring W/Diamond)
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-6)

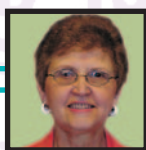


Cynthia A. Macon
Versatility CI
New Jersey
(Founders' Ring W/Diamond)
(Center Diamond)
(L. of H. Circle-8)

'1105' ROYAL PURPLE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Joseph R. Macon
Bayonne CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-10)



Frances Magnotta
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-10)
(L. of H. Center Diamond)



Kenneth J. Kolek
Pawtucket CI
Rhode Island
(L. of H.-10)
(L. of H. Center Diamond)



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LEGION OF HONOR AWARD



Peter D. Young
Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-4)



Gary D. Dotson
Rhododendron CI
Carolinas
(L. of H.-2)



Louise Reynolds
Treasure Coast CI
Florida
(L. of H.-9)



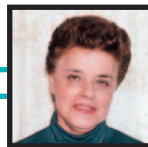
Conrad Bolduc
Jacques Cartier CI
Quebec
(L. of H.-2)



Donald Harman
Harrisburg CI
Pennsylvania
(L. of H.-9)



B. Joe Merrill
Rhododendron CI
Carolinas
(L. of H.-2)



Genevieve A. Macon
Versatility CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-1)



Morgan Young
Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-1)



Marie Cavallo
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-2)



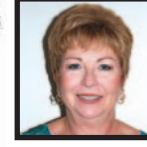
William J. Wire
Medora CI
Illinois
(L. of H.-6)



Donald Ferry
Alpha-Agassiz CI
Massachusetts
(L. of H.-1)



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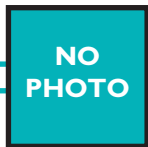
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Coronation CI
Ontario
(L. of H.-8)



Carl Krzystofczyk
Medora CI
Illinois
(L. of H.-3)



Ralph Ferrara
Integrity CI
Pennsylvania
(L. of H.-7)



David Hryniewich
Alpha-Agassiz CI
Massachusetts
(L. of H.-10)



Richard Slawinski
Woodside CI
New Jersey
(L. of H.-10)



Maria DiBartolo
Claremont CI
New York
(L. of H.-2)





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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



TWENTY DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
John Crisanti	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts	Carmen Rodia	Integrity	Pennsylvania
Gregory Hahn	Medora	Illinois			

EIGHTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Errica Conforto	Claremont	New York	Lillie Mae Panichelli	Integrity	Pennsylvania

SIXTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Antal Basa, Jr.	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts			

FIFTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Stella Rakowski	Versatility	New Jersey	Loretta Wehbe	Integrity	Pennsylvania

FOURTEEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Ellen Phillips	Railroad	Colorado	Perry Whisenant	Catawba	Carolinas

TWELVE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Joyce A. Crawford	Germantown	Pennsylvania	Blanche Vicinanza	Sun Coast	Florida
Louis Marchesano	Horsetooth	Colorado			

ELEVEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Robert H. Law III	Dobbs Ferry	New York	Ivan Snyder	Integrity	Pennsylvania

TEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Dotti Pagnani	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts	Joe Tedesco	Integrity	Pennsylvania
Joseph Smeraglia	Woodside	New Jersey (deceased)			

NINE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Herbert G. Chronister	Yorktowne	Pennsylvania	Andrew Madonna	Williamsbridge	New York
Loretta DiGianivittorio	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Ethel Reitsema	Merritt	New Jersey
Peter Ferrara	Integrity	Pennsylvania			

EIGHT DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Charlotte Brill	Treasure Coast	Florida	Joseph Panzarella	Claremont	New York
Roger Gudenkauf	Denver	Colorado			

SEVEN DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Herbert J. Snyder	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Carol Zavitz	Coronation	Ontario

SIX DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Rosella Berger	Woodside	New Jersey	Raymond Raniszewski	Bayonne	New Jersey
David Covelli	Ft. Dearborn	Illinois			



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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

FIVE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Carmine Campo	Claremont	New York	Richard J. Macon	Bayonne	New Jersey
Matthew D'Emilio	Integrity	Pennsylvania	Alex Yorkston	Regina	Ontario (deceased)
William Grimwood	Republic	Ohio			

FOUR DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Helen Bartolet	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania	Robert Marcella	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Richard H. Blase	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts	Jane Merrill	Rhododendron	Carolinas
James Donati	Rhododendron	Carolinas	Gerard Pelletier	Maisonneuve	Quebec
Susan Lorelli	Claremont	New York (deceased)	Arlayne Skridulis	Mattatuck	Connecticut

THREE DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
James Boufford	Coronation	Ontario	Richard Phillips	Railroad	Colorado
Inge Huber	Claremont	New York	Michele N. Rhode	Ft. Dearborn	Illinois
Antonio Perillo	Claremont	New York	Robert W. Rowlands	Hoboken	New Jersey

TWO DIAMONDS

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
Ann Antuzzi	San Jose	California	Randolph P. Kriz	Coronation	Ontario
Sharon Bayliss	Coronation	Ontario	Thomas H. McGruddy	Integrity	Pennsylvania
Janice Brazas	Detroit	Michigan	John B. Opitz III	Merritt	New Jersey
Eleanor Clark	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania	Kevin Power	Alpha-Agassiz	Massachusetts
Elizabeth Delgado	Claremont	New York	Helen Spinelli	Claremont	New York
Gloria Donaldson	Coronation	Ontario	Patrecia Tindell	Railroad	Colorado
Kathleen Doyle	Mattatuck	Connecticut	Marjorie Trout	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Grace Gavin	Versatility	New Jersey	Harry Uberroth Jr.	Germantown	Pennsylvania

ONE DIAMOND

NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL	NAME	COUNCIL	GRAND COUNCIL
George Arseneault	Dependable	Massachusetts	Carl Petlik	Bayonne	New Jersey
Arlene Baker	Regina	Ontario	Stella Pettinelli	Penn Laurel	Pennsylvania
Nicholas Benoit	Pawtucket	Rhode Island	Babette Quinn	Horsetooth	Colorado
Heidi L. Bonness	Lakewood	Ohio	Judith Relovsky	Versatility	New Jersey
Glenda Cole	Catawba	Carolinas	Ann Rescigno	Claremont	New York
J.A. Dehainout	Medora	Illinois	Rosalie Rinaldi	Mattatuck	Connecticut
Madeline Dumouchelle	Coronation	Ontario	Joseph Riolo	San Jose	California
Mary Ann Emrick	Detroit	Michigan	Leonard Rowlands	Metuchen	New Jersey
Alan S. Foote	Merritt	New Jersey	Dolores Rupinski	Versatility	New Jersey (deceased)
Robert Galdon, Jr.	Bayonne	New Jersey	F.B. Seeley		Royal York Ontario
Robert Koval	Bayonne	New Jersey	Robert Shea	BH Web	Connecticut
Jeannette Murray	Milette	New Hampshire	Lucille Stewart	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Robert Musso	Bayonne	New Jersey	Pauline Thomas	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania
Carl Nelson	Woodside	New Jersey	Nancy L. Tucker	Germantown	Pennsylvania
Chris O'Neil	Coronation	Ontario	Johnsie Waddel	Rhododendron	Carolinas
James E. O'Neill	San Jose	California	Alan White	Coronation	Ontario
Walter J. Pagurek	Bayonne	New Jersey	Eleanore Yelenovsky		Versatility New Jersey
John Parris	Rhododendron	Carolina			

SUPREME REGENT'S PRESENTATION IN NEW YORK

The Grand Council of New York welcomed Supreme Regent Deborah Young and her husband, Morgan, on March 14th at Juliano's Caterers in New Rochelle. Fifty-five members attended the event to hear the Supreme Regent's presentation of the **'Planting Seeds for the Future'** program.

Everyone enjoyed a corned beef and cabbage dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Following dinner there were delicious Italian pastries (zeppole and sfingi) in honor of St. Joseph's Day.

As a charitable project, Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo invited the founder of the Pajama Program, Genevieve Piturro, to the meeting. The Pajama Program's mission is to provide new pajamas to children in need. Through the generosity of the New York members, 174 new pajamas were donated for children - ages newborn to 18 years old who are living in shelters, without parents, or under difficult

circumstances. The Pajama Program has 63 chapters in all 50 states and recently celebrated 18 years of success.

The members also contributed non-perishable and canned food items that were delivered with the Supreme Regent on the following day to the St. Theresa Church Food Pantry in the Bronx.

The officers and members congratulated and thanked the Supreme Regent for the program and gifts that everyone received. The winners of the gardening sets were Joe Conforto and Maria Foiles.

New York was happy to welcome the visiting officers and pledged their continual charitable efforts of **planting seeds** of hope in their communities.

Submitted by Errica Conforto



Donations for the food pantry were prepared for delivery.



Members helped sort donations at St. Theresa's Food Pantry: Joe Conforto, Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto, Supreme Regent Deborah Young, Monsignor Thomas Derivan, Past Grand Regent Frances Magnotta, Margie Primiani (organizer of the pantry), Past Supreme Regent Augie Magnotta, Claremont Council Regent Gary DeLeo, Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo and



Supreme Regent Deborah Young, attendance prize winners Joe Conforto and Maria Foiles, Morgan Young and Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto.



Grand Regent Maria DiBartolo, Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto and Grand Vice Regent Freddy DiBartolo presented the donations to Pajama Program Founder Genevieve Piturro and her husband Demo DiMartile.

VERSATILITY COUNCIL'S NEW YEAR PROJECTS

Members of Versatility Council #2501 in New Jersey started **'planting seeds'** early this year to share friendship and good will for several charitable

organizations. Monetary donations, gifts and supplies were contributed on behalf of the council and its members to provide hope and help to those in need.



Sr. Honorata Greszczuk, CSSF, thanked Lillian Glazewski, Evelyn Magarban, Gen Macon and Mary Ann Decha for the council's bountiful gifting projects sponsored for the children in the care of the sisters in Jacmel, Haiti.



Sr. Rose Marie Smiglewski, CSSF, Director of the Felician School for Exceptional Children, Lodi, expressed the appreciation of the sisters, staff and students for the council's ongoing generosity to the school's programs for special needs children and for supporting their mission: "Anchored in Love – Learning for Life".



Members Gen Macon, Evelyn Magarban and Richard Macon presented a donation and supply of children's toys and games for Ronald McDonald House in Camden, New Jersey. Director Keith thanked the fraternalists for their concern and support of the families who reside at the 'home away from home' while their youngsters undergo medical treatment in nearby hospitals.

RIDDLE ME THIS

Q. What falls but never gets injured?

A. Rain.



Q. What disappears the second you start talking about it?

A. Silence.

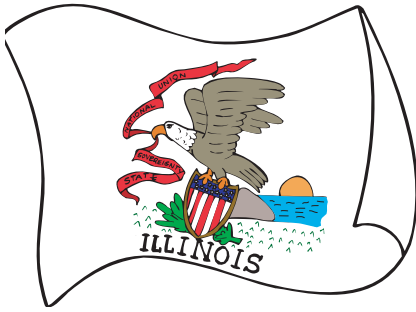


Q. What word does everyone spell wrong?

A. Wrong



MEDORA COUNCIL 'PLANTS SEEDS' FOR CHILDREN



Members of Medora Council #1648 in Illinois were led by Jo Ann Serpico and Florence Wire to volunteer with the Italian America Women's

Organization in hosting a fashion show for the benefit of Camp One Step.

The charitable foundation's mission is to bring pediatric cancer patients and survivors together in a non-hospital setting where they can find hope, support and joy. Since 1978, more than 15,000 campers have attended the Camp's programs. Medora Council was delighted to take part in the fundraising activity and help empower the children to believe in a brighter future.

Jo Ann Serpico and Florence Wire



REMEMBER YOUR VALUE

"Raise your hand if you would like this \$20 bill," the teacher said to his class, and all hands went up in the air.

"What about now?" he asked them while crumpling the bill into a ball.

Every student in the class raised a hand.

"Do you still want it now?" the teacher asked after dropping the money into a cup of coffee.

The hands of the students were still raised.

The teacher removed the \$20 bill from the coffee cup, dried it off, then dropped it on the ground and stepped on it. "Who wants this dirty old thing

now?"

The students continued to raise their hands.

"Why?" the teacher asked.

"It's \$20!" one student blurted out. "That's correct," the teacher replied. "This bill still retains its value even though it's been put through all sorts of situations.

That's what I want each one of you to remember. The circumstances you find yourselves in, the obstacles you overcome, and the failures you endure cannot diminish your value. Always remember how special you are, and hold your head high so others will also recognize your value."



CRAFTING FOR A CAUSE IN BAYONNE

In support of Supreme Regent Deborah Young's campaign to '*Plant Seeds for the Future*', members of Bayonne and Versatility Councils were joined by family and friends in handcrafting blankets for local charitable organizations, including those that provide help for the elderly, veterans, displaced and

homeless.

The men in the council were on hand to prepare refreshments for the crafters and pack the completed projects while the ladies crocheted and knitted to create gifts of warmth and comfort for those who would receive the 'friendship wraps.'



Carol LaRocca and Chris Piscitelli organized the council gifting project.



Mary Ann Decha and Marie Baranowski with one of the completed blankets that comprised the joint council activity.



Bob Galdon, Anthony Giannuzzi, Stanley Skowronski, Steve Durma and Joe Blicharz sorted and packed the blankets.

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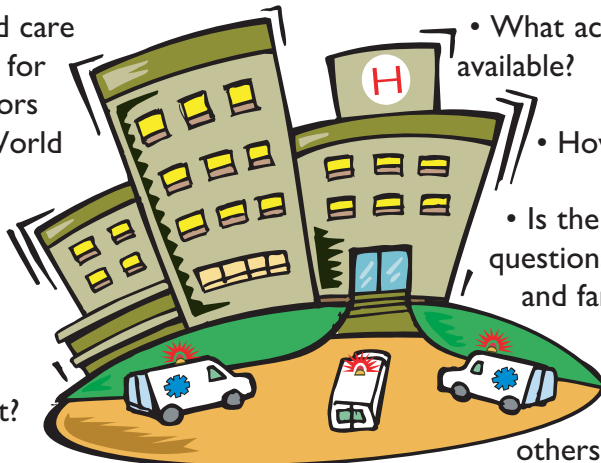
- * Full underwriting not required
- * Full face amount payable in first year
- * Subject to contestable period in first 2 years.

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QUESTIONS WHEN YOU SELECT ASSISTED CARE

When you're choosing an assisted care facility for an elderly relative—or for yourself—you've got a lot of factors to consider. The U.S. News & World Report website offers this list of questions to ask before making your selection:

- What are your medical needs?
- How much does the facility cost?
- Is it conveniently located for you and your family?



- What activities and amenities are available?
- How is medical care delivered?
- Is the community open to questions from would-be residents and family?
- What makes this facility different or better than others?

NEW JERSEY'S FRATERNALISTS IN ACTION

As part of Grand Regent Richard J. Macon's 'Be a G.I. – Get Involved as We are One' program, members of the Community Service Committee organized the Grand Council's gifting projects to '**Plant Seeds**' of fraternalism in the community and promote the Supreme Regent's campaign in the garden state. Subordinate councils, officers, members and friends rallied for the efforts to share joy and fellowship while lending their hands to help the charitable causes and their good works.



A crateful of clothes, healthcare kits, bath supplies, bedding, household products and more was gratefully accepted by Frank, a volunteer at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission. The packages were delivered to the shelter by Grand Vice Regent Evelyn Magarban, Deputy Supreme Regent Gen Macon



Some of the gifts contributed by the New Jersey Grand Council that were delivered to charities in the state.



Pet food and essentials were donated by the New Jersey members to Liberty Humane Society in Jersey City. In addition to finding 'fur'ever homes for kitties and pups, the shelter staff also cares for bunnies and other small creatures in need of a new home.

CELEBRATING “LA FÊTE DES ROIS”

The ACA celebrated “La Fête des Rois” on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2019. This year’s celebration included a typical French-Canadian Dinner - Tourtiere, Pea Soup and Creton.

In France, the celebration of the feast forms the basis of the traditional Epiphany celebration, formerly celebrated on January 6th, and now celebrated on the first Sunday after New Year’s Day. To mark the occasion, statues of the three kings are placed in the Nativity scenes or “Crèches”, and a special cake is served after lunch or dinner. Children take special pleasure at the sight of the exotic figures of the Magi, but the high point of the day is when the Epiphany cake is brought out and the accompanying ceremony begins.

The cake is divided into pieces and distributed to all the “convives”. In breathless silence, each person tastes his or her piece of cake, keeping an eye on the neighbor, until one of the assembled company proudly displays the “bean” and is proclaimed “King”, or a “pea” to be proclaimed “Queen”. The King and/or Queen are crowned with a gilded and decorated circlet of some sort.

This feast has been celebrated throughout the Ages. Melchior, Balthazar and Gaspar are said in legend to



Jeanine Sasseville, Gaetane Mahon, Richard Raiche, and Raymond Patnaude participated in the presentation of gifts to the King and Queen.



Owen Gagnon, Ryan Kulibaba, Evan Gagnon, Michael Patnaude, and Bricen Mathews played Gigueux to the music.

represent the three races of mankind which were descended from the three sons of Noah. Their feast day is, according to historians, a holdover from a pagan holiday that picked up along the way the medieval custom of choosing a king to reign over the festivals.

The first reference to a “galete des rois” was in a French document in 1311. Louis III, Duke of Bourbon, who died in 1419, is said to have chosen as “king” the poorest child in the realm.

Sixteenth century chroniclers recorded an Epiphany celebration at the Chateau of Romorantin, north of the Loire River, where Francis I “joyfully found the bean on January 5, 1521.” In the 17th century, a diarist mentioned the celebrations at the court of Louis XIV. One year - in 1711 - the baking of the Epiphany cakes was outlawed because of

famine. During the French Revolution the “galette des rois” became the “galette de l’égalité” by Revolutionary decree. The cake reappeared on French tables with its proper name, and still does to this day

Submitted by Ray Patnaude



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PLANTING SEEDS TOGETHER

Members of Bayonne, Versatility and Sons of Poland Councils shared energy, talents and fellowship with the Friends of Saint Francis Organization in Bayonne for a springtime dinner party on March 30th to benefit charitable organizations that provide service and support to the poor and homeless, special needs children and pediatric cancer patients and their families.

'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' was the theme of the event. Décor, prizes, entertainment and

refreshments centered on America's favorite pastime – baseball. The festivities coincided with the start of a new MLB season and were topped off with one of America's favorite desserts – ice cream sundaes.

The spirit of fraternalism and good will abounded. The volunteers were happy to be a part of the activity, knowing that their efforts would make a difference in helping the recipient charities, locally and for the community at-large.



A New Jersey cheer for the Phillies!



The guys organized the ballpark menu.



The girls helped coordinate the team raffles.

Whole Life Plan

WHOLE LIFE INSURANCE BUILDS A LIFETIME CASH VALUE THAT CAN BE BORROWED AGAINST TO HELP WITH SOME OF LIFE'S NEEDS AND OFFERS FINANCIAL SECURITY TO YOUR FAMILY WHEN YOU ARE GONE.



What is Royal Arcanum Whole Life?

Royal Arcanum Whole Life is the plan for those who want a reasonably priced insurance policy. The death benefit can be used to pay off a mortgage, pay your child's college tuition, help your spouse to live in comfort, or simply pay funeral expenses.

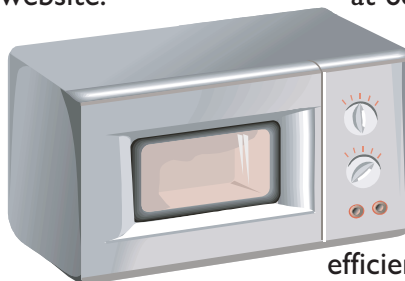
Although the primary reason for buying life insurance is the death benefit it provides, the policy will also build cash value which you can borrow from to help with life's

SAVE MONEY ON ENERGY COSTS

Energy costs money, and the more you use, the more you'll pay. You can cut back on energy waste with these tips from the Newscenter website:

- **Watch your electronics.** TVs, computers, and other devices consume energy whenever they're plugged in, even if they're not turned on. Plug them into power strips that you can turn off completely at night, when you're out of town, or whenever you're not using them for a long time.

- **Change your furnace filter regularly.** If you have a furnace, make sure to switch out the filter every 30 days. Dirty filters force your furnace to work harder to produce heat, driving costs up.



- **Check your thermostat.** Keep the temperature at 68 degrees during the day, and turn it down to 55 at night. Buy a thermostat you can program to do this automatically, or one you can set using your smartphone.

- **Use your microwave.** It's more efficient than the stove or your oven.

- **Let your washer help dry your clothes.** Use an extra spin cycle to draw out moisture from your clothes after washing. Remember to clean the lint filter in your dryer to help your clothes dry more efficiently.

TAKE A TIMEOUT

You're trying to embrace mindfulness and support the practice in your home, but today was a nightmare: Your work project was derailed, meaning you and the team had to toss out a month's worth of effort; your car barely made it into the driveway before it died; your mother-in-law just called to complain about something trivial; you just noticed a crack in the family room window; and now you're surrounded by hungry, demanding, whining children.



Before you blow your top and yell everyone into a stunned silence, STOP:

threatening to upset the balance of your tranquil home?

- **Proceed.** Respond from a place of mindfulness to the demands being levied against you in this moment.

Remember: You have to be the example of the sort of behavior you want others to emulate.

- **Stop.** Pause in awareness, focus on your surroundings, and prioritize.

- **Take a breath.** Take several deep breaths to calm and ground yourself.

- **Observe.** What are you feeling at this moment? Are you composed enough to quell the chaos

TYLER KOLEK DONATES TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Tyler Kolek was recently named the Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year for Rhode Island. His \$1000 Gatorade grant was donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Northern RI. Tyler will now be entered into the Gatorade National Competition. Tyler grew up playing sports at the Cumberland-Lincoln Boys & Girls Club and has volunteered throughout the years at their basketball camps.

Tyler has been a Royal Arcanum member since early childhood and has attended many Royal Arcanum Supreme Council Sessions and mini-vacations. Tyler played



basketball at Cumberland High School where he was named to the Rhode Island All-State Basketball Team last year. He was awarded a scholarship to St. George's Prep School in Middletown, R.I. and transferred to that high school. At St. George's, Tyler was named this year's MVP of the Independent School League and a NEPSAC All-Star.

Tyler has been offered numerous college scholarships from Division I schools including the Naval Academy, Brown University, Columbia University and Holy Cross College. He will make his college choice in the Fall.

YELLOWSTONE

a family trip for the ages!

I've been fortunate enough to have visited Yellowstone National Park three times in my life, including last summer's trip, and I am sure it will not be my last.

This jewel of the National Park Service spans three states and is home to not only the largest collection of wild animals in North America, but also contains half of the world's geysers.

The park is ideal for families. Family members, both young and old, will benefit from the park's visitor friendly design. Setup as a figure eight, driving through Yellowstone offers a series of unique and diverse ecosystems. A giant lake, swamps, pine forests, grassy plains, towering cliffs and exploding landscapes make the journey thrilling for whatever direction you decide to travel.

For those deciding to take the trip, pre-planning is essential. As I strongly recommend you stay in the park, making your reservations at least 6 months in advance is crucial. Of all the accommodations, Roosevelt Lodge and Cabins was my favorite place to stay. Affordable and closest to the wildlife, hiking trails are in abundance for both beginners and the experienced.



The Yellowstone Bison



Upper Yellowstone



Old Faithful

It is estimated that a very small percentage of visitors go further than a 1/4 mile from the road. Many do not even leave the comfort of their cars. This presents a huge opportunity to simply "get lost." I don't mean in the literal sense, but figuratively. For those even mildly adventurous, a 15 minute walk from the road allows for one to feel like they are the only humans for miles. Truly a thrilling and liberating feeling! However, it should be noted that encountering wildlife is a very real possibility, so carry bear spray and make some noise while hiking. The animals will steer clear of you if they know you are coming.

For those feeling less adventurous, but wanting to still experience Yellowstone's beauty, there are plenty of tours available that don't require hiking but still provide a front seat view of the most beautiful place on earth.

As an added bonus, Yellowstone has a very notable next door neighbor, the Grand Tetons National Park which can easily be explored during the same trip.

I can say with all certainty, that if you can make it to Yellowstone, your life will be changed forever!

By Patrick Fitzgerald



Roosevelt Cabins



Mammoth Springs

FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In 1894 Coca-Cola was sold in bottles for the first time in a Mississippi candy shop for only five cents a pop! The popular soft drink is celebrating 150 years of bottling in 2019. Originally intended to be a patent medicine, the carbonated beverage was officially born in 1886. Through creative marketing practices, Coca-Cola took on world dominance of the soft drink industry and has never given up. After all, "It's the Real Thing!" and it continues to be enjoyed around the globe with new twists and flavors 'popping' up for kids and kids at heart.

Another 'real thing' is the Royal Arcanum! Our Society has been helping families and communities since 1877. Founded on the principles of Virtue, Mercy and Charity, the organization was established to offer affordable plans of protection by using a scale of assessment (based on age and other factors) and to provide opportunities for fraternalism and social interaction. The Royal Arcanum has grown with the addition of new policy types and programs and the expansion of fraternal-charitable endeavors in community. Perhaps more significant, the Society has always maintained a strong commitment to its founding mission of service. (Similar to how Coke kept its original secret formula because it was the right one!)

Let's rally for the Supreme Regent's campaign by inviting family and friends to consider enrolling as Royal Arcanum members. In 1990 Coke promoted the "You Can't Be the Real Thing" campaign. You can't beat Arcanian fraternalism with its solid financial products, member benefits, social programs, and teamwork opportunities. Members, as an extended family, strive for our Society's successful legacy and for the Royal Arcanum to endure for generations to come. Many thanks are extended to the DSA recipients who are recognized in this edition of the Bulletin and for their dedication to our Society and to their council.

The soft drink company once advertised, "When Coke is Part of Your Life, You Can't Beat the

Feeling". What an awesome parallel to fraternalism. Our members are '**Planting Seeds**' to provide charitable support and hope to a host of causes. You can't beat the feeling of knowing you're doing something good for someone, somewhere. Such volunteerism and a benevolent spirit signal fraternal hospitality for many grateful recipients. That sounds familiar to the Coca-



Cola slogan of the mid 1940s – "Where There's Coke There's Hospitality." Let's keep that feeling going!

All grand and subordinate councils are encouraged to engage in the '**Planting Seeds Together**' for the Homeless program by conducting a charitable activity for this cause. Project submissions will be included in a random drawing in September for three council appreciation awards. Reporting forms are available from the RA website. By sharing time, energy and gifts we can "Open Happiness" for others, just like Coca Cola advocated in 2009. That message is a resounding one since there are countless ways to lend a hand and lift a heart every day.

When observing Memorial Weekend, please reflect upon all those who made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our nation and people safe so that we can enjoy a life of freedom.

Should your summer travels take you to the Atlanta area, consider a visit to the World of Coca-Cola. You'll find it to be an interesting stop. Remember...the refreshing soft drink and fraternalism are both signs of good taste! Cheers!!!

In friendship.

Cynthia A. Macon

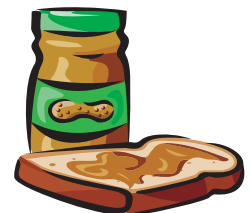
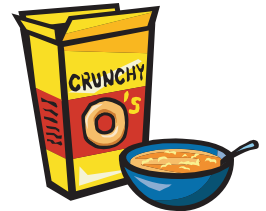
Cindy Macon
Fraternal-Communications Director

PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS

Pennsylvania Past Grand Regent Lillie Mae Panichelli of Integrity Council #586 coordinated a breakfast bag activity with the Philadelphia Fraternalists at their March meeting. The fraternalists assembled 224 bags of breakfast foods, filling each with instant oatmeal, cereal bars, bags of nuts, peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, hot chocolate packets, tea bags, and individually wrapped candies. The parcels were delivered to 'Aid For Friends' to be distributed to the elderly, handicapped and people in need as part of the non-profit organization's mission to alleviate the hunger and loneliness of isolated and homebound individuals. The organization also prepares dinner meals and supplies the people in need.



Lillie Mae Panichelli (first lady on left) was installed as President of the Philadelphia Fraternalists. She was joined by officers who were also elected to positions for the 2019 term.



Members filled snack packs for 'Aid for Friends'.

IN MEMORIAM: JOSEPH E. SMERAGLIA, SR.

Brother "Joe" Smeraglia of Woodside Council #1358 was active in the Royal Arcanum and in community organizations. A native of New Jersey, he served in the United States National Guard. He worked as a union carpenter for many years until his retirement when he then moved with his beloved wife, Sophia to Little Egg Harbor to enjoy the beauty of the Jersey shore.



1928-2019

Grand Trustee and as a Member of the Grand Council Committee on Laws. Having represented the New Jersey delegation as a Supreme Council Representative, Brother Joe also served the Society as a Supreme Trustee. He was a recipient of the DSA Award with 10 diamonds.

A fraternalist dedicated to service to others, Brother

Smeraglia will be deeply missed.

Brother Smeraglia served as Regent and was the council's longtime Treasurer. He was elected as a

May he rest in peace.

CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

Royal Arcanum is the only surviving founding member of the American Fraternal Alliance with the purpose of protecting families through life insurance and also helping individuals in the community. This concept remains a primary focus; however we have continued to evolve into a society that helps communities in many ways. The Royal Arcanum and our councils throughout North America assist communities through ongoing charitable programs and projects. The Supreme Council's notable college scholarship program is one of the most generous programs offered by a fraternal benefit society. This spring we will again award over \$60,000 in scholarships to help our members spring forward with their education.

Our insurance products are in the fixed variety, making them easy to understand and taking the complexity out of the insurance

market. The Home Office is always available to answer any questions if you're considering adding additional insurance for yourself or loved ones or if you have a question about your current policy.

As a reminder:

In preparation for spring cleaning, it's a good time to review and possibly update your beneficiaries listed on your life insurance and annuity contracts. A common misconception is the benefit will go to your significant other in time of death regardless of who is listed on your policy or contract, which is

not always the case. Please review your policy to ensure the intended beneficiary is indicated correctly.

I'm pleased to announce Travis Scofield has recently been hired in the Boston Home Office.

Travis has a wealth of experience in the Life Insurance industry and has been a welcome addition to the staff.



The quote below provides more than baseball to think about.

“Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.”

-Babe Ruth

Sincerely,

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

RHODODENDRON COUNCIL

Members of Rhododendron Council #701 hosted their Christmas family get-together in Asheville. The Juniors were thrilled to greet Santa and receive

stockings filled with presents while the adults shared holiday spirit with a gift exchange.

Submitted by Holly Merrill



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Members of Catawba Council #2420 met for their Christmas dinner in Hickory and celebrated with members of Rhododendron Council. The council did something special by adopting a local resident for Christmas.

PACE@Home is a program of all-inclusive care for the elderly that allows individuals in need of skilled nursing home care to remain in their home or community setting. Social workers organized an 'Angel Tree' to identify program participants who were in need of winter

clothes, food, and other essentials. Catawba Council helped make the season brighter for one of the participants and her husband by purchasing a voice Bible, gift card and providing a donation for the couple's utility bill. The Arcanians were pleased to support the program and extend holiday joy to others in

the community through this effort.

Submitted by Holly Merrill and Samantha McCoy



JUNIOR DEPARTMENT NEWS AND VIEWS



In order to spark some interest with our Junior members and increase activities in our Bulletin in addition to the popular coloring page, we are excited to announce a new program. The Bulletin will now have a new feature to celebrate the writing talent of our

youth. Junior members are encouraged to submit a short story, poem, or a descriptive narrative about how they have helped someone or about a part they've played in a charitable experience, promoting fraternalism.

Each story published in the Bulletin will include a brief description of the winner, their age and council. The Junior member will receive a Royal Arcanum Bulletin Short Story Award and a \$25 gift card.

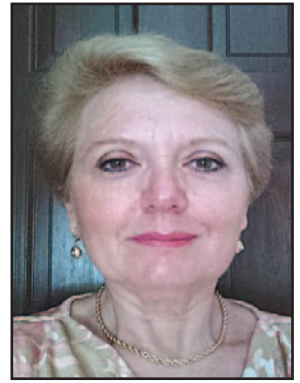
I hope that many Juniors will participate in this new activity. It is a great chance to share their talent and love for writing in this opportunity to help foster more participation from Juniors in all jurisdictions. I look forward to hearing from them!

In March, twenty-eight care packages with goodies were sent to our college students to let them know that we are thinking about them and wish them a successful semester. I would appreciate receiving comments and feedback on this project.

Twenty-six applications for Royal Arcanum scholarships and two grants were sent to an independent, non-affiliate judge of the Society.

Winners of this year's awards will be notified at the end of May.

We are discontinuing our summer Junior gifts since few councils host picnics and there is still an abundance of gifts from previous years in the Home Office. If councils plan a summertime activity, they are welcome to contact the Home Office to request any of the remaining supply of gifts for their event.



**Junior Department
Director
Errica Conforto**



I anticipate reading the stories written by the Juniors in the upcoming Bulletins. Have a wonderful spring and remember to always be kind and respectful to others.

My best to all,

**Errica Conforto
Junior Director**

NEW JUNIOR PROGRAM

NEW PROGRAM FOR ROYAL ARCANUM JUNIORS

“READ ALL ABOUT IT”

Do you enjoy writing?
We want to hear from you!

Submit a short story, poem or simply write about something that has touched you personally. Have you taken part in an act of kindness or a project to help others and want to share your experience of fraternalism? Let us know!

Future editions of the Bulletin will feature materials submitted by our Junior writers, along with their photo and a brief description about them. They will receive a Royal Arcanum Bulletin ‘Writing’ Award and a \$25 gift card.

Submissions can be emailed to info@royalarcanum.com or sent to:
Royal Arcanum Junior Dept.
61 Batterymarch St.
Boston, MA 02110



MEREDITH BENOIT: WRITING SUBMISSION

Our Junior guest writer for this Spring edition of the Bulletin is Meredith Benoit of Alpha Agassiz Council #1, Massachusetts. She is 8 years old and is a 3rd grade student. Her favorite hobby is reading and she enjoys playing basketball. Her favorite color is purple. Ice cream and pancakes top the list of her favorite foods. Meredith is the big sister to Hazel, Teddy and Harry.



I'm old I want to have a nice planet. We have a very nice planet and it's not great to trash it with drugs, plastic and trash that people just throw on the ground. The toxins create a hole in the ozone that is caused by toxins and other pollution, which hurts people. First the trash that many people have can be recycled such as a yogurt cup or oatmeal box or even a banana peel. We need to use the recycle bins for the many things we use such as paper, tin cans and plastic that are available and not just throw everything in the trash and have it go into a landfill. Earth needs us to help! I try and help my friends and classmates in recycling in school to do my part.

Earth Is Not Going To Be Here If We Keep Trashing It

Hello my name is Meredith. In this story we are going to learn about global warming.

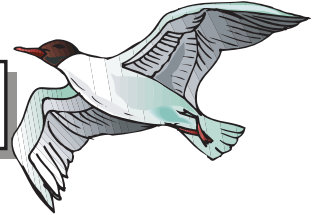
Many people trash the world. It may seem funny but it's really not okay to trash the planet as it hurts so many people and for future generations and when

Fun Fact-

Did you know every time we throw trash on the ground it affects the earth by getting hotter.

-Meredith Benoit

SPRING CROSSWORD



Across

- 1) Turns into a butterfly
- 3) A bug with a red back and spots
- 4) A raptor with a red tail
- 6) Where birds hatch from
- 8) Precipitation
- 9) A giant star in the sky

Down

- 2) A small pool of water
- 5) The things that help birds fly
- 7) You mow it



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 _____

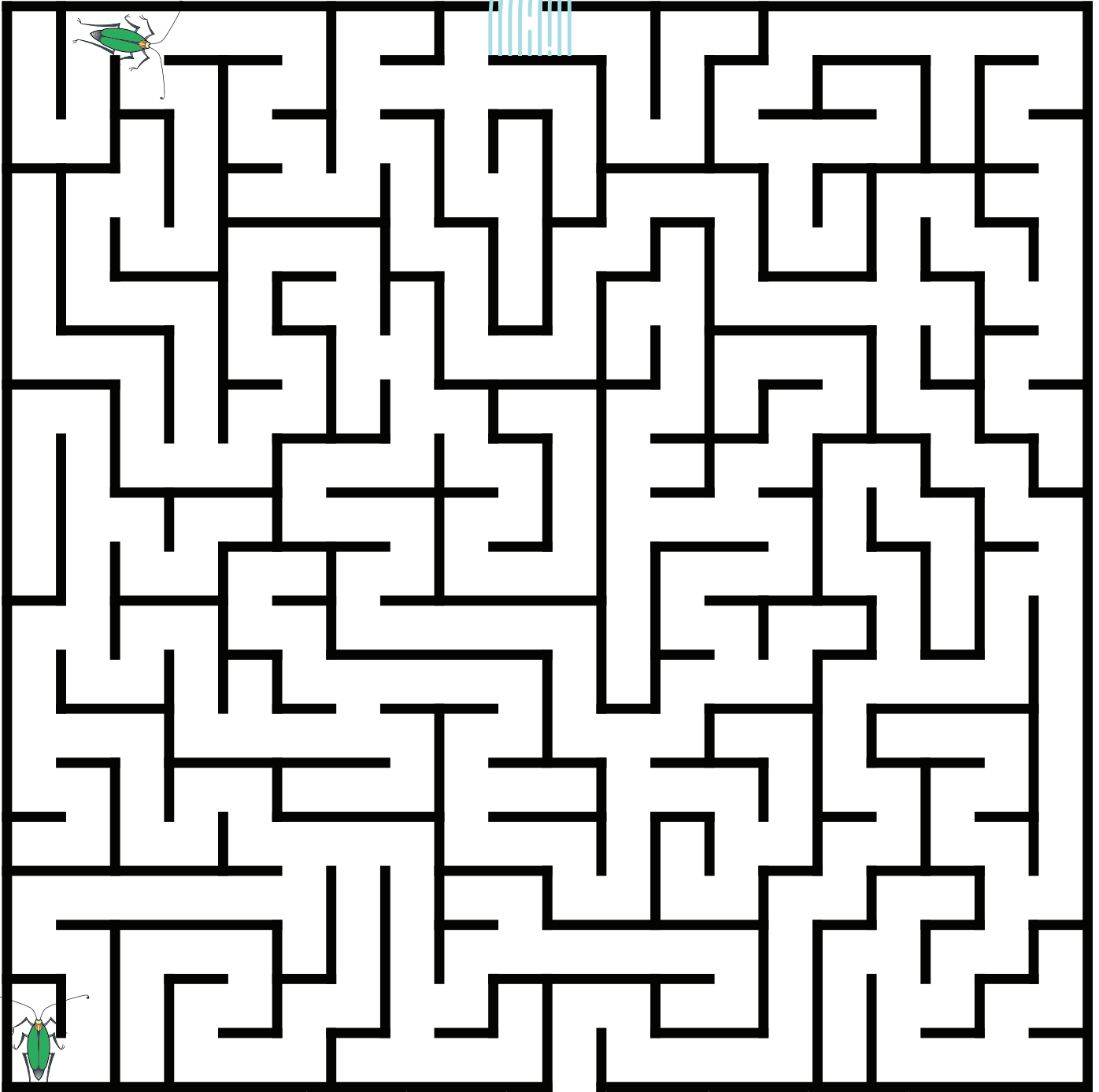
**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
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61 BATTERYMARCH ST., BOSTON, MA 02110-3208
OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO
INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**

AN AMAZING SPRING

Now that spring is here, it is time to water the plants! Make your way through the maze



with the watering can and get to work! Watch out for the bugs!



SPRING WORD SEARCH

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A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

The calendar reflects that spring has arrived, however large parts of the country are still feeling the effects of winter. The temperatures seem to be moderating and hopefully sunny and pleasant spring weather is on the way.

One of the interesting aspects of the spring season is the onset of Daylight Savings Time. I have read several articles in the local paper, some celebrating and others dreading the fact that on March 10th we sprang forward one hour. Daylight Savings Time gives us the opportunity to enjoy sunny summer evenings by moving our clocks forward one hour in the spring.



will change their clocks twice a year or remain on standard time. Eighty-four percent of the people polled in Europe were against any time change.

In the US 48 states observe DST, two, Hawaii and Arizona do not. The Navajo Nation which is located in 3 states, one of which is Arizona, does observe DST.

A few more interesting facts regarding DST: Japan does not observe it at all, Russia has

permanent DST. AMTRAK, the US passenger rail system operates according to prevailing local time, either standard or DST. At the spring time change trains traveling overnight will become one hour late and will attempt to make up the time. At the fall time change, trains traveling overnight will hold at the next station for one hour and then depart on time. A lot more interesting data on DST can be found on line.

Once again the Spring Bulletin is dedicated to our voluntary producers. The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) winners listed in the previous pages of this Bulletin continue to be the backbone of the Royal Arcanum and all that our Organization stands for. My personal congratulations to all those listed in the Bulletin and to all our voluntary producers.

My best wishes to all our members in the US and Canada for a happy and healthy Easter and Passover season.

Yours in V. M. C.

Pete Ferrara

Supreme Secretary



Yet Daylight Savings Time has been controversial since Benjamin Franklin conceived the idea. Even today, regions and countries routinely change their approaches to DST. In most of the US, DST begins at 2 AM on the second Sunday in March and we go back to Standard Time on the first Sunday in November, with each time zone switching at a different time. In the European Union it begins the last Sunday in March and ends the last Sunday in October and all times zones change at the same time.

It is interesting to note that the European Parliament has voted to end Daylight Savings Time (known in Europe as Summer Time) beginning in 2021. In 2021 each member of the EU will have to decide if they

Plan ahead



Give back

If you could get great life insurance AND make an impact in your community, wouldn't you?

Do both. At once. Hi, we're Royal Arcanum. We provide life insurance and financial services while also giving back to the people we serve by reinvesting our profits back into communities with everything from scholarships to soup kitchens and more. If you're thinking about life insurance, it's time to think differently. Choose planning ahead and giving back, not between the two.

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