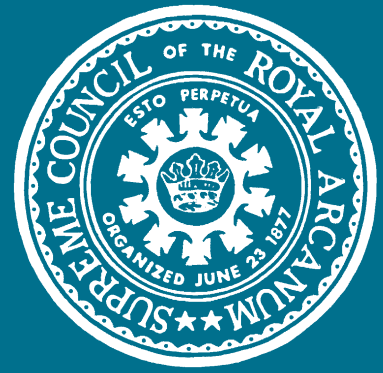


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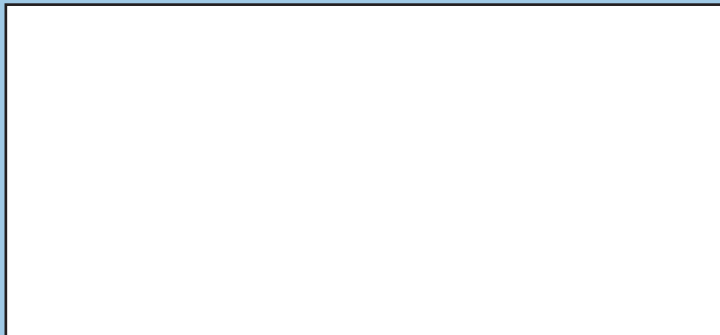


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Maria Bettina DiBartolo - Supreme Regent



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is here! It's the perfect time to take a break from our busy work schedules to spend time with family and friends. Hopefully we'll recharge and carry that energy into the fall and winter seasons.

I was happy to present my **Into the Future** program to the Grand Councils of New York and Pennsylvania and to participate in their charitable projects. We collected boxes of cereal, clothing and monetary donations for Children of Promise NYC and the United Methodist Church in Center City Philadelphia.

As we continue **Into the Future**, I look forward to hearing from our officers to schedule a program presentation and plan an activity so that we can help those in need and promote the Royal Arcanum and its many benefits to friends and family!

I am pleased to report that the Scholarship Program for 2024 has been updated; program information can be found on the Royal Arcanum website.

Please remember those who are no longer able to attend council business meetings and social activities. Some members are going through difficult times. Please pray for the families of our beloved brothers William J. Wire and Paul F. D'Emilio who passed away this year; they are truly missed.

Enjoy the warm weather of the summer season. Time goes by too quickly!

Hope to see you soon.
Sincerely yours in VMC,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo".

Maria Bettina DiBartolo
Supreme Regent

Chers frères et sœurs,

L'été est là! C'est le moment idéal pour faire une pause dans nos horaires de travail chargés pour passer du temps avec la famille et les amis. Espérons que nous rechargerons et transporterons cette énergie pendant les saisons d'automne et d'hiver.

J'étais heureuse de présenter mon programme **Vers le futur** aux Grands Conseils de New York et de Pennsylvanie et de participer à leurs projets caritatifs. Nous avons collecté des boîtes de céréales, des vêtements et des dons en argent pour Children of Promise NYC et l'Église méthodiste unie du centre-ville de Philadelphia.

Alors que nous continuons **Vers le futur**, j'ai hâte d'entendre nos officiers planifier une présentation du programme et planifier une activité afin que nous puissions aider les personnes dans le besoin et promouvoir Royal Arcanum et ses nombreux avantages auprès des amis et de la famille!

Je suis heureux d'annoncer que le programme de bourses pour 2024 a été mis à jour; Les informations sur le programme sont disponibles sur le site Web de Royal Arcanum.

N'oubliez pas ceux qui ne peuvent plus assister aux réunions d'affaires du conseil et aux activités sociales. Certains membres traversent des moments difficiles. Veuillez prier pour les familles de nos frères bien-aimés William J. Wire et Paul F. D'Emilio, décédés cette année; ils nous manquent vraiment.

Profiter du temps chaud de la saison estivale. Le temps passe trop vite!

A bientôt, j'espère.
Cordialement à VMC,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Bettina DiBartolo".

Maria Bettina DiBartolo
Régente Suprême

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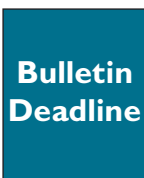
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: LIFE INSURANCE



Life insurance offers several benefits, both for the policyholder and their beneficiaries. Here are some key advantages of having life insurance:

1. Financial protection for loved ones: The primary purpose of life insurance is to provide financial security to your loved ones in the event of your death. The death benefit paid out to the beneficiaries can help cover funeral expenses, outstanding debts, mortgages, education costs, and day-to-day living expenses.

2. Income replacement: If you are the primary earner in your family, life insurance can ensure that your dependents have a source of income if you were to pass away. It can help replace lost income and maintain their standard of living.

3. Debt repayment: Life insurance can be used to pay off debts, such as mortgages, personal loans, and credit card balances, so that your family is not burdened with these financial obligations in your absence.

4. Estate planning: Life insurance can be a valuable tool in estate planning. It helps ensure that your assets are protected and can be passed on to your heirs without

being depleted by taxes or other expenses.

5. Business continuation: For business owners, life insurance can play a crucial role in business continuation planning. It can provide funds to help cover business expenses, repay business debts, or facilitate the transfer of ownership in the event of the owner's death.



6. Cash value component: Some life insurance policies, such as whole life or universal life insurance, accumulate cash value over time. This cash value can be accessed during your lifetime and used for various purposes, such as supplementing retirement income, funding educational expenses, or addressing financial emergencies.

7. Peace of mind: Knowing that your loved ones will be financially protected in the event of your death can provide you with peace of mind. It relieves the worry and anxiety of leaving your family financially vulnerable and allows you to focus on other aspects of life.

It is important to note that the specific benefits and terms of life insurance policies can vary depending on the type of policy, coverage amount, and individual circumstances. It is advisable to carefully evaluate your needs and consult with a qualified insurance professional to determine the most suitable life insurance options for you.

ROYAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE WINNERS

The Royal Arcanum is proud to recognize Home Office Associates Jenny, Dave, and Steve for going above and beyond as staff members. They were recently nominated to each receive a Royal Service Excellence Award by co-worker Kelly.

While our Chief Underwriter Kelly worked remotely for a few weeks, Jenny, Dave, and Steve assisted in the department by mailing out policies, letters and other correspondence, ensuring that the new business and other work remained on schedule.

We have a dedicated staff who work efficiently and effectively together in servicing our members and new applicants with procedures completed within expected cycle times and without interruption, even when adjustments in staff scheduling become necessary. Great team efforts, always!



ROYAL ARCANUM SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Royal Arcanum awarded \$60,000 in
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HELP FOR UKRAINE CONTINUES

The Supreme Council is very appreciative of the ongoing efforts of our fraternal family in generously supporting our Society's projects for the Ukrainian people as their homeland remains impacted by war. During the past year and a half, the Royal Arcanum has provided close to \$50,000 for the cause. All funds and gifts directly help the Ukrainian people – those who fled to Poland and neighboring countries and those who remained in Ukraine to face uncertainty, every day.

Through the generosity of our members across the Supreme Council jurisdiction, the Royal Arcanum's Fraternal Department continues to send funds, all-new clothing, bedding and other goods, food, medicine and medical supplies, supportive services and prayers for the Ukrainian people to our secure contacts in Poland. Some forms of assistance are also delivered via Polish transport (when possible) to the convents in Ukraine for the Sisters to aid the residents there. The challenges and crises are great, yet our fraternalists never falter to provide compassion, healing, and hope. The war has been especially difficult for the small children and the elderly.

One hundred percent of the donations made to the Royal Arcanum projects for the Ukrainian cause are

making a difference and providing essentials at a time when basic items are sparse. Our contacts in Poland in the regions of Przemysl, Warsaw, Halinow, Krakow and Lomza remain dedicated to helping their Ukrainian "guests", many of whom left their country with only a tote or small bag of their belongings. They are now residing in convents, dormitories, and private family homes while they learn a new language and seek employment. The children need to adjust as well to school in a new country and instruction in a new language. Undoubtedly it's a long road ahead. The Royal Arcanum has received many acknowledgments from the Sisters and the Ukrainian people for the warmth, kindness, and generosity shown to them since the war began; they are extremely grateful to have been remembered by such "wonderful friends across the ocean."

The Fraternal Events Committee will continue efforts **Into the Future** and with prayers and a fervent hope that peace will abide for all people, all over the world.

The photos here show some of the RA gifts sent for the Ukrainian people.



Our parcels of gifts arrive in Przemysl.



A Ukrainian volunteer with RA gifts for babies



Bedding and basics sent to help the Ukrainian people



A Ukrainian mother with RA gifts sent for toddlers

COMMUNITY PARTNERS HELP INFANTS

The members of Versatility Council #2501 in Bayonne, New Jersey partnered with the Friends of Saint Francis, a volunteer community organization, in a project coordinated for the Sisters of Life and their program for newborns. Together, members were happy to start the summer season with a 'Friendship Baby Shower' and provide essentials to help give babies a joy-filled welcome.



A sample of diapers, wipes, and other baby needs to be packed for delivery to the Sisters of Life

In addition to the bounty of clothing articles, pajamas, bibs, caps, blankets, towels, "Mom" bags and healthcare items that were donated by the members, Versatility and Bayonne Councils added to the gifts with a vast assortment of diapers, wet wipes, snap-shirts and socks; all to be gifted to the Sisters in Philadelphia to assist in furthering their mission of service.

The Sisters of Life, a Catholic religious community of women, vow to protect and enhance the sacredness of human life. They are dedicated to helping the mothers of the unborn, the unborn, those who are frail, vulnerable or ill, and those in danger of being put to death. They have a strong commitment to prayer, offer crisis pregnancy help, advocate to protect the unborn, offer hope and healing, and provide end of life care. The Sisters serve in New

York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Denver, Phoenix, and Toronto.

During the months of June and July, members continued to secure donations for the cause, to be delivered to the Sisters of Life in Philadelphia in August. The co-sponsored activity was a great project and was well-received by the many members and friends who participated.



Members and friends at one of the tables filled with baby gift donations

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Simply go to: www.royalarcanum.com and see who we are, what we do and how we can help you and your family stay safe.



INTEGRITY COUNCIL HELPS COMMUNITY

Members of Integrity Council #586 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania avail themselves to help local charitable causes. Joe and Joan Tedesco have been busy in recent months assisting Bob Brano in collecting usable clothing, shoes, and household items. They recently learned that Bob was in need of brown paper bags and egg cartons. The bags are used to transport donated goods to area churches of all denominations for their programs to help those in need. The egg cartons go to St. James School in North Philadelphia where students raise hens and learn to care for the birds. The eggs that they do not use are given for the church's Saturday Welcome Table (much like a farmer's market), which offers fresh food and other necessities to anyone in need.

St. Francis Inn, located in the Kensington section of Philadelphia, is committed to helping the homeless and provides meals and food for more than 100 people every day. The Tedescos were introduced to the Inn by Joan's godmother Helen who volunteered at its adjacent shop for nearly 50 years. There, she and other volunteers sorted and prepared goods for distribution to those in need. The Tedescos have supported the Inn ever since and are grateful to see that its mission has continued for all these years.



Above: Several of the lap blankets crafted by Lillie Mae Panichelli for hospitalized veterans.

Lillie Mae Panichelli, also of Integrity Council, was busy throughout the year, sharing her talents in knitting to create lap blankets for patients at the Philadelphia Veterans Hospital. Her "covers of care" were very much appreciated by the recipients, as they provided comfort and warmth to the hospitalized veterans. Lillie Mae also crafted an assortment of scarves and mufflers which were sent for Ukrainian children at the start of the New Year through the Royal Arcanum's ongoing Ukraine project. She and Herb Snyder continue to be instrumental in collecting and preparing donations for the Arch Street United Methodist Church's programs for the poor and homeless in the Philadelphia area.

The Pennsylvania members demonstrate fraternal spirit and are always willing to give their support and help make a positive difference.

*Submitted by:
Joan Tedesco and Lillie Mae Panichelli*

Right: Joe Tedesco and Bob Brano sort donations for those in need.



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NEW YORK CELEBRATES

The members of the Grand Council of New York and Claremont Council #1655 participated in council dinner meetings during the months of May and June and shared their renewed enthusiasm for fraternal activities and in support of Supreme Regent Maria DiBartolo's *Into the Future* campaign.

Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto read letters of appreciation from several charitable organizations that were beneficiaries of the councils' recent support. These included Calvary Hospital, Sisters of Life, Sisters, Servants of Mary, Ministers to the Sick, and Children of Promise. The

Supreme Regent thanked everyone for their participation in the 'Cereal Box Campaign' and encouraged members to invite the participation of neighbors and friends as the initiative continues.



Grand Regent Freddy DiBartolo commended the fraternalists for their involvement in council projects and urged the officers and members to support the Royal Arcanum by inviting family and friends to learn more about the Society and consider enrolling as members during the Supreme Regent's campaign.



Supreme Regent Maria DiBartolo congratulates Lina Cassano for her 90th birthday that was celebrated at the June meeting.



New York members commemorate Flag Day and Father's Day at the June meeting festivities.



The ladies at the Grand Council meeting in May display their Mother's Day garden flower gifts.

SUPREME REGENT VISITS PENNSYLVANIA

Our Supreme Regent Maria, and her husband, Freddy, traveled to Philadelphia to join Integrity Council and PA Grand Council members in presenting clothing – especially clean socks – and cereal to The Center at Arch Street United Methodist Church on Sunday morning, June 11th. What a surprise for Rev. Herb Snyder, who was on the Altar leading Worship, when he looked out and saw Supreme Regent Maria and Freddy in the congregation. Other Royal Arcanum members would arrive after the Service.

The Center, which provides food to their homeless neighbors, opens their doors five days a week for these guests to come in by appointment, launder their clothing, shower, enjoy some tea and cookies while they wait, and have a nurse examine them for any health needs. Foot sores are a major problem, and clean socks are always needed!



Pictured left to right: Former Supreme Regent Peter Ferrara, Rev Robin Hynicka, Past Grand Regent Lillie Mae Panichelli, Former Supreme Regent Rev. Herb Snyder, Deaconess Darlene DiDomineck, Integrity Regent Antoinette Malone, Past Grand Regent Ralph Ferrara, Past Grand Regent Anita Ferrara, Supreme Regent Maria DiBartolo, and Freddy DiBartolo (Kneeling).

Not pictured: Past Grand Regent Jay Newlin and Joseph Malone

finding new ways to move *Into the Future* successfully.

Following the arrival of the rest of the Council with a lot of clothing, socks, and cereal and some charitable and informative moments at the Church, our group then moved on two blocks away to Maggiano's Italian Restaurant. There we enjoyed a delicious full-course dinner, received our delightful Supreme Regent's inspiring program, *Into the Future*, chatted and laughed, and were soon on our way with another great Royal Arcanum memory made.

The creative and charitable hands-on gathering felt like it represented our new Supreme Regent's program, emphasizing

Submitted by Herb Snyder

TREASURE FROM OUR PAST

Pictured is the souvenir plate that was presented to members at the 80th Supreme Council Session in French Lick, Indiana in September 1970. Jacob Zimmerman was elected to the office of Supreme Regent at the event and introduced the *Rededication Campaign* to more than 600 Arcanians who attended the Session. The 106th Session will be held in 2024. Details will appear in future Bulletins.



NEW JERSEY'S MEMORIAL OBSERVANCES

Members of the New Jersey Grand Council continued their tradition of conducting activities in observance of Memorial Day.

Led by Grand Regent Richard Macon, FIC, the Fraternal Service Committee members decorated the graves of Royal Arcanum veterans of the Armed Forces with flags and floral tributes in four cemeteries in the Garden State as well as at memorial markers at parishes in the Bayonne

community. The members participated in a Sunday liturgy at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Bayonne and afterwards hosted an Appreciation Breakfast for the members of eight Veterans Posts and their families. Additionally, gift parcels were assembled and donated for shipment to members of the military who are on active duty overseas as a gesture of appreciation and support of their commitment to protecting and preserving freedom for all.



Patriotic tributes at the OLMC Veterans Memorial



Dayle Vander Sande provided the music and vocals for the liturgy.



The Arcanian Breakfast Committee with Officers of the Bayonne Veterans Posts

MEDORA COUNCIL HONORS TWO MEMBERS

Medora Council #1648 held a dinner meeting at Rocco Vino Restaurant in Norridge, Illinois, on Monday, June 26, to honor two of its longtime members. In addition to performing the normal business of the council, including the re-election of officers, Medora offered a family-style dinner of pasta and chicken marsala. Nearly a score of members attended, along with a special guest for the evening: Fr. Godwin of the Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus.

Fr. Godwin was invited to receive a donation from the Supreme Council and its Executive Committee in honor of Brother Bill Wire. Florence and Bill Wire were longtime supporters of the Comboni Missionaries, sitting on the committee to organize their dinner dances for many years. The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded as Sons of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by Fr. Daniel Comboni on June 1, 1867. Fr. Comboni was an Italian priest whose mission was to the people of Africa, hoping to not only serve their needs and spread

the Good News, but to make them self-sufficient in ordaining their own priests to serve their communities.

Fr. Godwin spoke eloquently on the history of the Comboni Missionaries. He was an excellent representative of their community, and an ideal person to accept the donation, as he was in attendance at Bill Wire's wake this past January. That evening, he offered a prayer service for Bill's family and friends.

Medora also had the pleasure of awarding a Life Membership of the Royal Arcanum to Sister Lillian Serafini. In March, Lil celebrated her 96th birthday. Upon reaching that milestone, she became entitled to Life Membership without any further premiums or dues. She continues to be active in Medora Council, and her commitment is evident: her daughter Barbara Mugnolo is the current Regent of Medora Council.



FRATERNAL DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It's common to hear children asking, "Why?" Why are we having peas again? Why is it raining? Why is it taking so long to get to the stadium? Young minds are very inquisitive and as tots grow, their curiosity builds for years to come. Adults, as well, often ask "Why?" as they seek a cause, explanation, or justification for an action or event. Simply stated, they're looking for a reason!

Those who may not know about the Royal Arcanum may ask us why we are members of the organization.

Our responses and reasons will vary yet they'll share the common thread of 'service'. As a fraternal benefit society with over 146 years of service to members and to community, the Royal Arcanum offers a quality portfolio of permanent life insurance plans and annuities to protect families, provides educational program opportunities for youth, renders fine fraternal benefits and activities, and supports charitable causes through council initiatives; all accomplished by an extended family of members volunteering together for the cause of fraternal good will and with dedication to the principles of 'Virtue, Mercy and Charity.' We can be proud of Royal Arcanum's achievements, including its growth of membership, product developments, fraternal and Junior program expansions, increased council activity, continual progress with volunteer-charitable projects, and so much more.

As we participate in the good work of the Royal Arcanum, we can be encouraged as individuals and councils to be the reason someone smiles today! Be welcoming...Be respectful...Be neighborly! It's the message of fraternalism and one conveyed not only by word but by action too, by our Legal Counsel, Paul F. D'Emilio. The Royal Arcanum has suffered a great loss with Brother D'Emilio's passing in June. Paul was gifted with a brilliant mind but he also possessed the traits of a great leader who fervently worked and volunteered with our Royal Arcanum officers for the benefit of the Society and our members. He was the reason for many of the RA's achievements and for its positive approach towards a successful future. His belief in the Society was evident by the many family members and friends whom he enrolled as members. Working with the Executive Committee and Home Office Associates, Paul's legal knowledge and expertise were constant for the

furtherance of the Royal Arcanum; I don't know of any council across the Supreme Council jurisdiction that had never reached out to him for guidance or to answer a question. His absence will be greatly felt by the Fraternal Department. Paul's example, dedication, and generous spirit have left a permanent imprint on our programs and I am very grateful for his support, mentoring, and friendship.



In remembering Paul and his distinguished service, we can be prompted to be the reason someone smiles today.

Councils may consider sponsoring an International Fraternal Service project to aid a community welfare cause. Members can take part in this year's 'Dime a Day Drive' and by saving the coins for 350 days have their contributions added to those of other members for the 'I Honor Your Service to America' charitable foundation to send 'comforts of home' to deployed military. An easy way to create smiles is to join the Supreme Regent's 'Cereal Box Campaign' by donating the food

staple for after school programs, food pantries, or feeding the hungry programs. Please visit the RA website or e-mail: info@royalarcanum.com for additional information on these and other programs.

I congratulate the RA scholarship recipients and wish success to students in all grades as they begin their new studies. I hope that everyone will be kind and compassionate and do their best to be the reason someone smiles today and tomorrow, too!

In friendship,

Cynthia A. Macon

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Robert Aboud
Integrity Council #586
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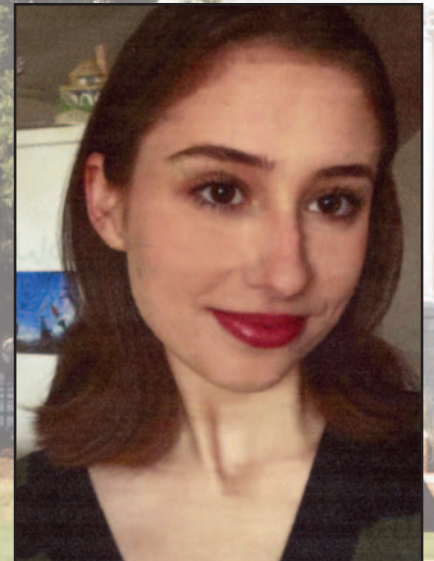
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Versatility Council #2501

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Penn. State

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John Huhn
Bayonne Council #695

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Nathan Voisine
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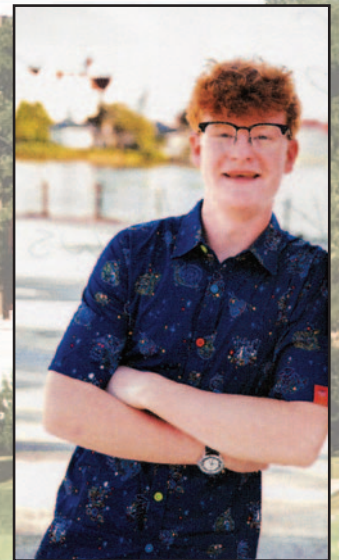
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Sons of Poland Council #2016
James Madison

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Dylan Welsh
Integrity Council #586
West Chester University

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Gary Kozikowski
Fleur de Lys Council #62

\$1,500

FAMILY SAFETY, BE PREPARED!!

First aid is the immediate assistance given to someone who is injured or suddenly becomes ill. It aims to stabilize the person's condition and prevent further harm until professional medical help arrives. Here are some basic first aid tips and supplies:

1) Assess the situation: Ensure your safety and evaluate the scene for any potential hazards before approaching the injured person.

2) Call for help: Dial the emergency services in your country (e.g., 911 in the United States) or ask someone nearby to do so. Provide clear information about the situation and the person's condition.

3) Stay calm and reassure the injured person: Your presence and reassurance can help them feel more at ease.

4) Basic supplies: It's essential to have a basic first aid kit readily available. Some common items include:

- * Adhesive bandages (various sizes)
- * Sterile gauze pads
- * Adhesive tape
- * Antiseptic wipes or solution
- * Disposable gloves
- * Scissors
- * Tweezers
- * Instant cold packs
- * CPR face mask or shield
- * Disposable resuscitation barrier (for rescue breaths)
- * Emergency blanket

5) Bleeding and wound care: If someone is bleeding, apply direct pressure on the wound with a

clean cloth or sterile dressing. Elevate the injured limb if possible.

Maintain pressure until the bleeding stops or professional help arrives.

6) CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation): If someone is unconscious and not breathing normally, perform CPR if you are trained in it. The steps generally include chest compressions and rescue breaths.

7) Choking: If someone is choking and unable to breathe, perform the Heimlich maneuver or abdominal thrusts to help clear the airway. Learn this technique from a certified first aid training course.

8) Burns: For minor burns, run cool water over the affected area for at least 10 minutes. Do not use ice or adhesive bandages on the burn. For severe burns, call emergency services immediately.

9) Poisoning: If someone has ingested a potentially harmful substance, contact poison control or emergency services right away. Provide them with accurate details about the substance ingested, if known.

Remember, these are just basic first aid tips. It is highly recommended to attend a certified first aid and CPR course to learn the proper techniques and procedures for various situations.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY



The members of Bayonne Council #695 and Versatility Council #2501 continue their support to the Felician Sisters and their global ministries. Twelve years ago the Sisters began a new mission in Jacmel, Haiti. From the onset of the venture, the

Sisters worked to empower the Haitian people to overcome poverty, mounting challenges, and unimaginable obstacles for them to be able to help themselves.

The Sisters began a mobile medical clinic, clean water program, afterschool program, religious education program, sewing school, computer and language classes, and other activities to help the people, especially the

youth, to work toward a promising future. Although the situation in Haiti has gotten extremely difficult in parts of the country in recent months, the Sisters continually see the progress of their work and positively envision new possibilities for future growth and more opportunities for the people.

The Arcanians have supported the mission since it was being built. The councils' Community Outreach Committee members organized a "Christmas in July" project this year. Holiday sacks were filled with basic essentials, school supplies, crafts, toys and other gifts to bring some summertime cheer to the children in the Sisters' care.



Gift sacks for the children



The Sisters are always grateful for the prayers and support from the Arcanian family.

NEW YORK BENOITS

The Benoits enjoyed a trip to New York City, visiting an array of famous sites, including Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Museum of Natural History, the Statue of Liberty, and Empire State Building, plus seeing the Harry Potter Show on Broadway and trekking to the Bronx Zoo!

Harry, Teddy, Hazel and Meredith had a spectacular time and can't wait for a return visit! Each had a favorite site; Meredith, who is 13, remarked on the majesty of the Statue of Liberty as being such an iconic symbol of freedom and one we should all be proud of as a country. With lots to see and do in NYC, the family is sure to plan another exciting venture in the future!



CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER CORNER

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer weather with friends and family, along with making connections within your local community. The summer season is a perfect time to plan or attend an event that helps bring existing and potential members together to benefit the community. Summer is truly a time to cherish. Here in the Northeast, we can get a fair share of cold and snowy weather, so the summer months are always anticipated and when we can enjoy being out and about in the communities more.

In this Bulletin you'll see the many wonderful members who won college scholarships, ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 and from what I've been told by the scholarship judge, we had some very impressive applications submitted. I'm proud to say they are our members. I was

also pleased to have the opportunity to directly congratulate a few of the winners, which is something I love to do each year! We have bright young members who will be attending college and trade schools this fall and who have expressed their desire to continue to make Royal Arcanum proud through their accomplishments, not only in the classroom but in the communities, too!

Through the first half of 2023 we have continued to see an increase in first year life insurance premium of over 15% compared to 2022, and to a level where we aim to surpass our 2022 first year premium by the end of the 3rd quarter this year. We are in process of launching an e-application which will streamline the application process by reducing the overall time it takes for an applicant and agent to complete an

application and have it reviewed by the underwriting department.

The Executive Committee and Senior Management are always striving to implement effective ways to communicate with our members and to offer the best possible benefits we can as a Society. Please reach out if there is a



benefit that you would like Royal Arcanum to consider. I also hope that you follow our Face Book or LinkedIn pages; we add content on current happenings and other informative news. Also, if you have not subscribed to our monthly newsletter, please e-mail:



info@royalarcanum.com to be added.

Thank you for being part of the Royal Arcanum family and for supporting our Society as a policyholder.

Sincerely,

Nicholas G. Benoit

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas G. Benoit'.

Chief Operations Officer
nbenoit@royalarcanum.com

SAN JOSE COUNCIL

The members of San Jose Council #2384 and the Grand Council of California met on April 30, 2023 and presented a donation of \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley. This project was organized through the efforts of council members Chic Cannon and Joanie Francis.

The non-profit youth development organization was founded in 1944. Currently there are 35 clubs serving

over 5000 youths in Santa Clara County. The goal of the organization is to aid at-risk youths, ages 6 to 18 years old.

The mission of the Boys and Girls Club is to: Provide safe and fun places for kids to grow and thrive; deliver engaging programs focused on academics, health and leadership; and offer trained staff who guide, coach and motivate kids to be successful in their lives.



SUMMER FAMILY FUN IDEAS

The top summer activities can vary depending on personal preferences and the location you are in. However, here are some popular summer activities that many people enjoy:

- * **Going to the Beach**
- * **Hiking and Nature Walks**
- * **Camping**
- * **Water Sports**
- * **Outdoor Sports**
- * **Barbecues and Picnics**
- * **Music Festivals and Concerts**
- * **Outdoor Movie Nights**
- * **Gardening**

Remember, these activities are just suggestions, and you can always tailor your summer experience based on your interests and the resources available in your area.



IN MEMORIAM: PAUL F. D'EMILIO , ESQ.

The Supreme Council is sad to announce that Brother Paul F. D'Emilio, Esq. passed from this life on June 19, 2023. Paul was a talented individual, dedicated to his faith, family, friends, and fraternity. He graduated Villanova University in 1968 and its School of Law in 1972. He served his country in the United States Army Reserve.

A respected attorney and member of the community, Paul practiced law in Pennsylvania for most of his adult life. He served on the Parish Council of St. Dorothy's Church, Havertown. He had been 9th Ward Commissioner and Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission for Haverford Township, Delaware County, PA. He served as President of the Optimist Club of Havertown and was a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor of Optimist International. Paul served on the Board of Directors and Law Committee of the NFCA (AFA) and was a member of the Association of Fraternal Benefit Counsel. He was a member of the Sons of Italy, a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, and built houses as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. Service was ingrained to his core!

Brother D'Emilio enrolled into Royal Arcanum's Integrity Council #586, Philadelphia in 1974. From

1990 until his passing, he served as Chairman/Member of the Supreme Council Committee on Laws and in 2016 was awarded Life Membership in the Supreme Council. Paul's commitment to the attributes of the Society was constant. He enrolled many family members and friends and achieved the Founders' Ring of Distinction with Diamond, the highest award that the Society bestows. For the past 27 years Brother D'Emilio served as Legal Counsel for the Royal Arcanum; his wisdom, experience and approachability were greatly appreciated, especially by members of the Executive Committee and Home Office Associates, with whom he closely worked. He was extremely knowledgeable in the business and fraternal operations of the Society and could name/quote the sections of the 170-page Constitution and Laws in an instant! He was gifted with a brilliant mind and as bright a personality!

Paul and his beloved wife, Lorraine, married in 1974. Their union was blessed with three children; they were a 100% Royal Arcanum family. Their generosity of heart was always expressed through the Society's charitable

programs and for a multitude of causes sponsored on all council levels. Each year, Paul, as a 'Secret Santa' contributed a holiday gift in honor of the Royal Arcanum to a charity designated by the Fraternal Department.

Following Lorraine's death in 2010, as a way to honor her memory and to help women afflicted with GYN cancers, Paul formed the Lorraine J. D'Emilio Foundation with the purpose of offering hope and providing support, in a variety of uplifting ways, to patients as they battle illness. Paul took great pleasure in reconnecting with Arcanians at Sessions and Mini Vacations. He would often "light up the room," playing piano in the meeting space or hotel lobby. He was quite a chef and a master of Italian cuisine, yet a refreshing ice cream topped his list of favorite foods! He delighted in the adventures of travel and then winding down to watch M*A*S*H reruns on television. Paul truly lived and loved life to the fullest!

Brother D'Emilio is survived by his beloved children, Michelle (Jamie) Welsh, Angela Urso, Matthew (Katie) D'Emilio Esq., eight grandchildren, companion Rosanne Kozlow, and a host of friends throughout the Supreme Council.

The Royal Arcanum officers and members were honored to have called Paul "Brother" and are grateful for his unparalleled service. He was a stellar leader and bonafide friend whose legacy can be carried forth in our Society through service to others and to community, today and *Into the Future*.



Paul F. D'Emilio
1946-2023

"Those we hold closest in our hearts never leave us...they live on in the kindness they have shared and the love they brought into our lives." -Isabel Norton, author

May he rest in eternal peace.

IN MEMORIAM: AGNES M. RADECKI

The jurisdiction of Maryland sadly reports that Sister Agnes M. Radecki passed away on April 16, 2023. A member of Carrollton Council #257 in Baltimore, Sister Radecki served the subordinate council and was elected to serve as the Grand Regent of the jurisdiction of Maryland-D.C.-Virginia. For many years she and her husband Joseph Sr. greatly assisted in the planning of the east coast jurisdictional spring frolic which welcomed many grand and subordinate council members from Massachusetts to Florida for the annual weekend gala that was held at a New Jersey shore resort.

from 1976 through 1986, and from 1990 through 2002. She and Joe enjoyed the fraternal family reunions that were hosted at the Supreme Council Sessions and Mini Vacations and the opportunity to share fellowship with the Arcanians at lovely venues throughout the USA and Canada.

Predeceased by Joe Sr., Sister Radecki is survived by their six children and their spouses, fourteen grandchildren, and thirty-three great-grandchildren. The Royal Arcanum is grateful for her dedicated service to her council and to the Society.



Agnes M. Radecki
1929-2023

Sister Agnes proudly served as a representative to the Supreme Council

May she rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM: BLANCHE VICINANZA

The Grand Council of Florida sadly reports that Sister Blanche Vicinanza passed away on March 26, 2023. Originally enrolled into Williamsbridge Council #1416, New York, she later transferred to Sun Coast Council #2376, Florida when she and her husband, Edward moved to the Sunshine State. Blanche served in several officers of the subordinate councils and was a DSA recipient.

trekked hundreds of miles across the Supreme Council jurisdiction promoting the *Trailblazer* campaign and meeting fraternal brothers and sisters in the grand councils.

Predeceased by Edward, Sister Vicinanza is survived by their three children and their spouses, and five grandchildren. The Royal Arcanum is very appreciative of Sister Vicinanza's active role in the Society and for her service in our fraternal councils.



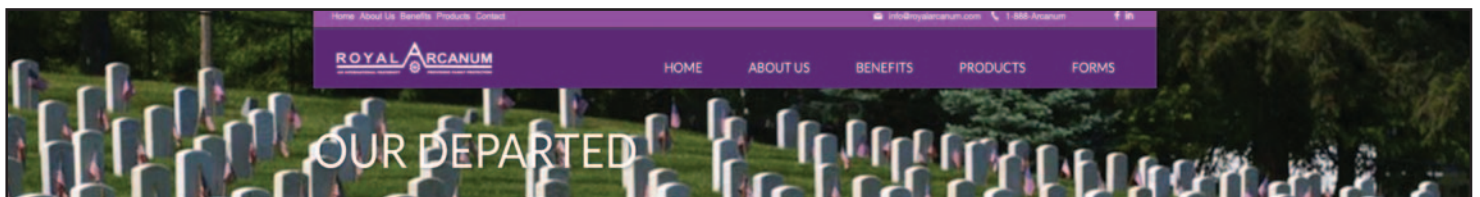
Blanche Vicinanza
1928-2023

Many of the Arcanians will recall Sister Blanche as our Society's "First Lady" when Edward served as Supreme Regent from 1992 through 1994. Together they

May she rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM WEBSITE LISTING

For a complete listing of our departed brothers and sisters, please visit <http://www.royalarcanum.com/memoriam.html>



DIME A DAY DRIVE

This invitation is extended to members and friends who would like to participate in our ***Into the Future*** savings campaign for a wonderful charitable cause.

The Fraternal Department's "Dime a Day" Drive (for 350 days) is in progress and will continue through October 26, 2023, with the objective of each participant "saving" \$35. These savings will be converted into a check and sent to the Royal Arcanum Office to be added to those of other participants. When tallied on November 16, 2023, the total amount collected from the "Dime a Day" Drive will be donated to "Honor Your Service to America"; a 501 (c)(3)



charity that was founded by a disabled veteran. The organization's mission is to honor, support and encourage deployed troops with care packages from home. Laurie Wise Simms, a member of Merritt Council #1974 and a US veteran, serves as secretary of the organization.

A random drawing of all participant names will also be conducted at the RA Boston Office in November. Two winners will be selected, with each receiving a \$150 monetary award as an appreciation gift for taking part and helping to send holiday cheer to the troops.

CEREAL BOX CAMPAIGN

Whether it be Rice Krispies, Life, Cheerios, Raisin Bran, or another, most of us probably have a favorite cereal to enjoy for breakfast, afternoon munching, or even a late-night snack. Cereal grain crops grow in greater quantities and provide more food energy worldwide than any other type of crop. Over time, such abundance led to dozens of brands and flavors of the nutrition staple being developed. Most homes usually keep a box or two of the quick energizing treat on a kitchen shelf or in a pantry. However, food insecurity is rising across the globe; the choices we have are not as easily accessible to all. How can we help?



A fraternal goal of the Supreme Regent's campaign is to help feeding the hungry programs and charitable

organizations that provide nutritional support to those in need. Maria is calling upon RA councils and members to stock the shelves with contributions of cereal '***Into the Future!***' She invites everyone to purchase a box or two and donate them to a charity of your choice. If every Arcanian bought just one item, we'd have a donation of more than 20,000

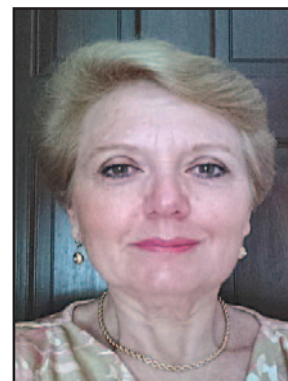
boxes to help neighbors who are struggling. Remember! It's the thought and not the size of the gift that matters!

Please share your efforts by emailing: info@royalarcanum.com. A short message such as: "2 boxes to the Community Cares Closet in (town) from members (names)" is all that's needed for the Supreme Regent's tally! We hope to hear from you!

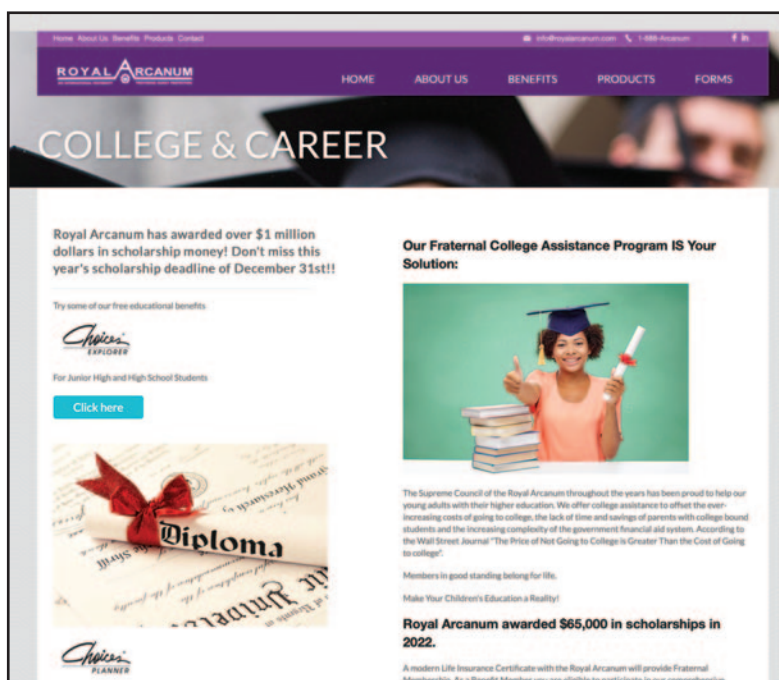
As they walk *Into the Future*, I congratulate all of the 2023 scholarship winners that are featured in this Bulletin. This year the Royal Arcanum awarded nearly \$60,000 in scholarships. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the winners that sent us thank you letters. We always appreciate and enjoy hearing from our Juniors. It was a pleasure reading all of the thank you notes. Please note that the scholarship winners must submit their tuition bill (including their student ID) every year in order for the funds to be sent to their colleges. Many thanks to our Home Office staff for the excellent job in coordinating the scholarship program and for collecting all the information from the candidates. Thank you to our independent judge, who is not affiliated with our Society, and makes the final decisions on the winners. It is my hope that every eligible Junior who has a Royal Arcanum policy takes advantage of our scholarships and grants. There will be increases to some of the awards for the 2024 program.

We have valuable information on our website, www.royalarcanum.com, to assist our students with programs, such as Choices Explorer, and Choices Planner. The website provides information about admission requirements, tuition expenses, financial aid programs, and much more. If you need additional information, you can also contact the Home Office at 1-888-ARCANUM. Postal cards will be mailed out in the fall to Juniors in their senior year who are planning on going to college in September 2024 as a reminder for them to apply for scholarships. The deadline for applications is December 31, 2023.

In our “Junior Department News and Views” column in the Spring Bulletin, you’ll read about information and an application for our “Youth of the Year Award Program” designed to recognize our Junior members that distinguish themselves with leadership and volunteerism within their councils and communities. Winners will receive a \$300 award. Applications must be



**Junior Department Director
Errica Conforto**



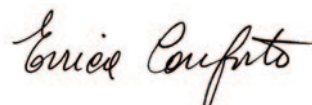
postmarked by November 30, 2023. Please check the rules for eligibility.

Our writing program for our Juniors who like to write short stories, poems, or essays is still available to our young members. Winning entries will be published in the Royal Arcanum Bulletin, along with their photo. Winners receive a trophy, award certificate, and a \$25 gift card. Please

encourage our youth to participate in this program.

Congratulations, again to our scholarship winners! I wish everyone a great summer with family and friends.

Fraternally yours in VMC,



Errica Conforto
Junior Director

SUMMER WORD SEARCH



Find all the words from the word list (ignore spaces and dashes):

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| AUGUST | HOT |
| BEE | JULY |
| BUTTERFLY | JUNE |
| FOLIAGE | MIDSUMMER |
| FRESH FRUIT | SUN |
| GREEN GRASS | VACATION |
| HOLIDAYS | WILDFLOWERS |
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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:

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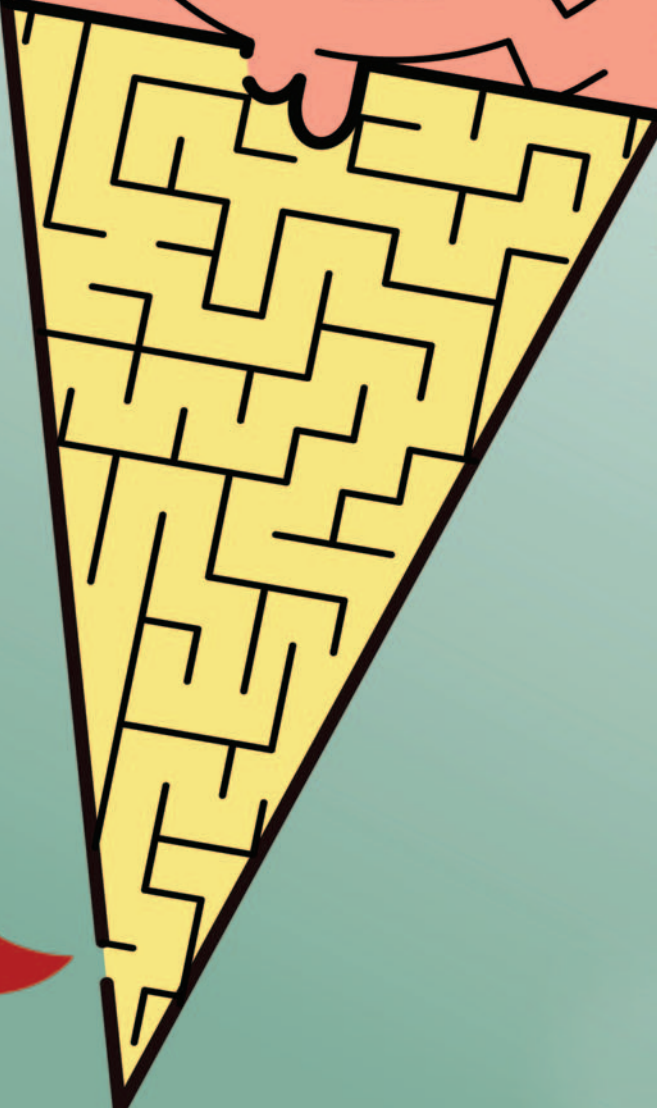
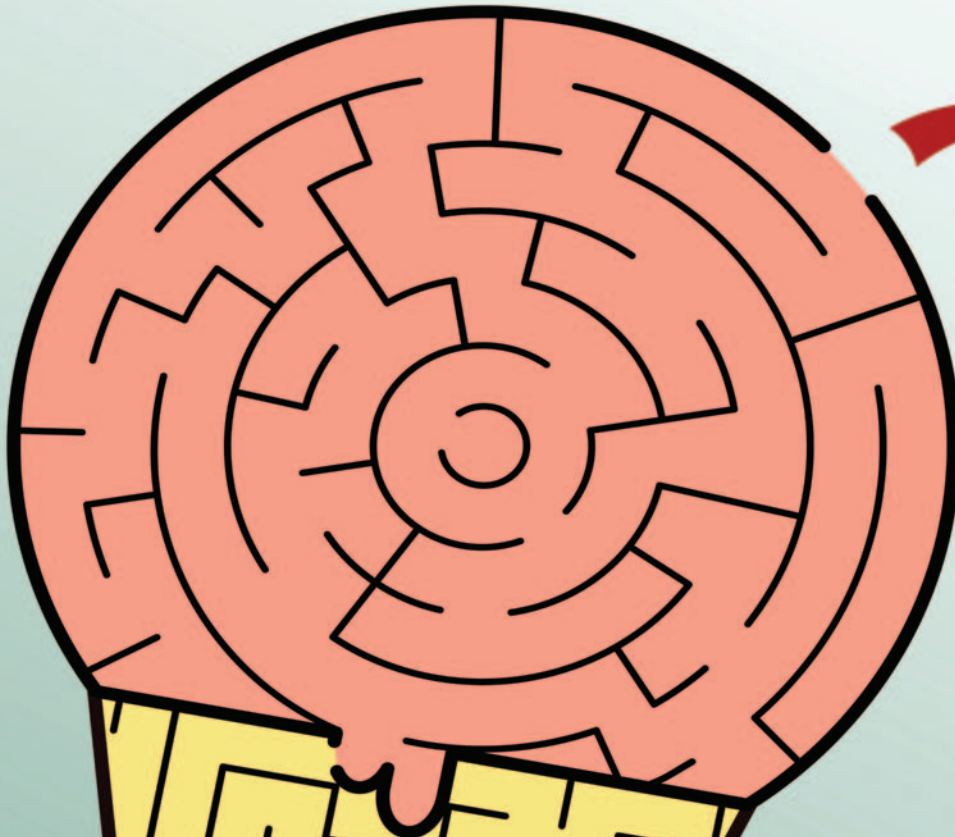
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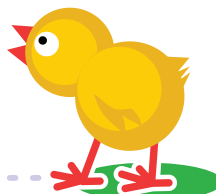
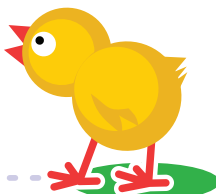
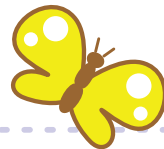
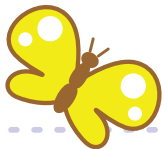
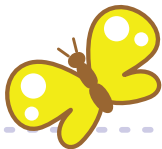
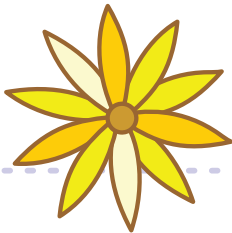
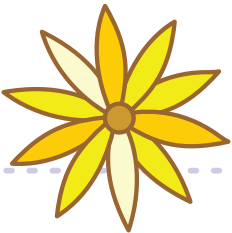
**PLEASE SEND ALL ANSWERS TO:
JUNIOR DEPARTMENT, ROYAL ARCANUM,
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OR EMAIL YOUR ENTRY AND ADDRESS TO
INFO@ROYALARCANUM.COM**

SUMMERTIME MAZE

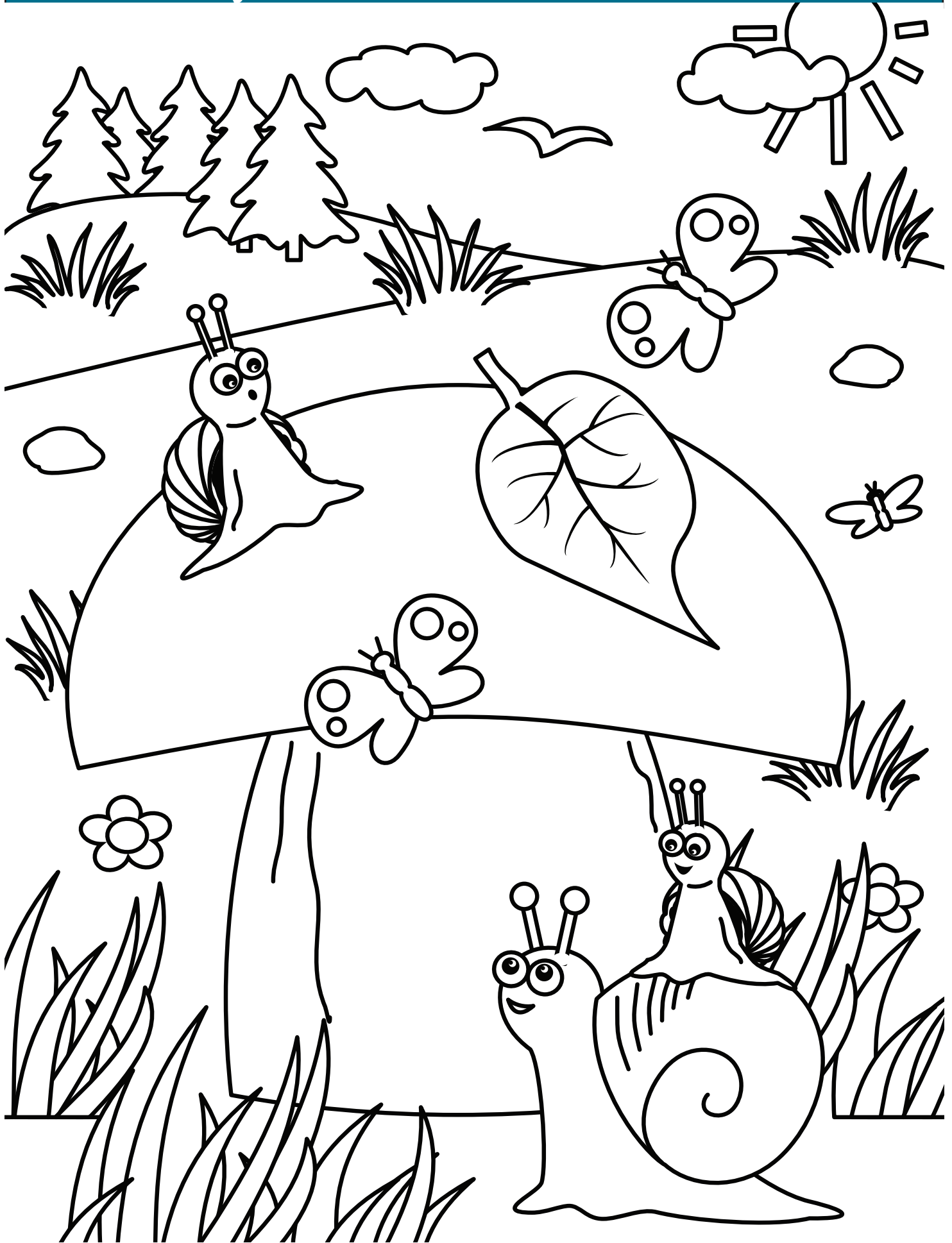


Find the path through the ice cream.

WHAT COMES NEXT?



JUNIOR SUMMER COLORING



COOK'S NOOK: ARTICHOKE QUICHE

We hope that our readers enjoy preparing this tasty recipe shared by Past Supreme Regent Errica Conforto. The quiche will soon become a favorite of family and friends!

1 (9-inch) pie crust
1 (12 oz.) pkg. frozen artichokes
salt and pepper [to taste]
2-3 garlic cloves, chopped
3 Tbs. olive oil
1/2 glass water
3 whole eggs plus 1 yolk for topping
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
3-4 Tbs. grated parmesan cheese (or 1/2 parmesan & 1/2 romano cheese)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a frying pan, saute frozen artichokes with olive oil, chopped garlic, and 1/2 glass of water for about 12-15 minutes (until tender). Add salt and pepper to taste. Remove pan from heat.

In a bowl, beat the 3 whole eggs. Add grated parmesan cheese, mozzarella, and artichokes. Combine the ingredients well and add salt and pepper to taste. Prick the pie crust with a fork and pour in the artichoke mixture. Then add the beaten egg yolk on top of the mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until lightly browned.



A WORD FROM THE SUPREME SECRETARY

SUMMER IS HERE!!!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As the weather warms up and family fun time begins, we must remember to be safe.

Our family recently volunteered with the New England Hemophilia Association in New Hampshire at Lake Winnepesaukee. It was a fun time for all who attended, but there was one thing on everyone's mind, and that was safety. The event welcomed toddlers though seniors and we had to ensure the safety of all.

Here are some helpful tips for your next outdoor adventure:

Water safety: Have life jackets for everyone on a boat and if you're on the shore, have floaties available.

Sunscreen: Use it to avoid sunburn and the risk of skin cancer. If you apply sunscreen (including the waterproof types) and then go in the water, make sure you reapply when you get out.

Walking in the woods: The activity can be both enjoyable and educational. Follow trails that are well-marked because if anyone in the group gets hurt, the emergency response time will be less. Wear proper footwear for support and comfort and bring along extra socks! When I was in the military, we went on many road marches and my extra socks and foot powder were a blessing for keeping my feet dry and blister free. Beware of unfamiliar plants (poison ivy, poison oak), insects and ticks! While sprays help keep the pests at bay, you should also check yourself. If you have a concern about the ingredients of some sprays, go on-line to find homemade sprays that work just as well.

Hydration: Water is key and staying hydrated helps to prevent heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Although beverages may be plentiful at a BBQ, a refreshing drink of H₂O will help maintain your water levels.



Shade: Take along an umbrella to provide some cover and relief. It will also offer some protection if a downpour occurs unexpectedly!

Charged cell phones: Many of us have experienced the dilemma of having a phone about to die and nowhere to charge it. As a preventive measure, we purchased some extra battery packs and charging cord and keep them in the car's glovebox for road trips. If power goes out (even in the winter), we can stay charged, too!

First Aid Kits: All of the useful items contained in the kit should be checked occasionally and those with expired dates replaced.

Food: Pack healthy, protein-rich snacks for your ventures.



Extra clothing: Be prepared for weather changes and the unexpected! A blanket for cool nights may also come in handy.

Maps: Although cell phones have GPS capabilities, a map will be useful if your cell phone dies or if you're in the mountains or remote area where GPS won't work.

These are some of the things that our family remembers to pack as we venture out for some fun in the sun. Hope you find the suggestions helpful. Even if you remain at home over the summer, have safety in mind and enjoy the time with your guests!

I wish everyone a happy and safe summer!

Yours in VMC,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Basa". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Wrap Up Your Summer Bucket List with Big Savings

As the end of summer approaches, make the most of end of season sales while setting yourself up for success for the months ahead. It's the perfect time to take one last trip, finish up work around the house, cross off adventures around your community, and make fond memories with family and friends. Thanks to your Supreme Council of the Royal Arcanum Discount Program, you can enjoy your time while saving money!

Finish Summer Strong

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