

Letter from the High Chief Ranger

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My dear sister and brother Foresters - the upcoming months usher in a time for memorable religious and festive family occasions, so near and dear to all of us.

The month of November commences with the Feast of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, a day to remember all departed souls, especially family, friends and, in a special way, our deceased Foresters. "May they all Rest in Peace".

The 11th brings us Veter-

ans Day, a day to salute and remember all our Veterans, especially those in hospitals and nursing homes, and to pray for the members of our Military serving and protecting our Nation here and overseas.

Thanksgiving Day comes on the 26th, a day for all family members to give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings and bountiful gifts. I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

On December 13th The Society will host our Annual Family Day Party at the Dedham Holiday Inn (see article on Page 3). Our High Conductor Kathy Niermeyer wants to see all of you there, as well as

your children and grandchildren, to enjoy the Spirit of Christmas.

December 25th, of course, is Christmas Day, a day to celebrate the birth of

Jesus. My very best wishes to each and every one of you for a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the day, wherever you may be.

The 31st ends the year 2009. The 1st of January, 2010 brings a brand new year and I pray God will bless us all with good health, a brighter economy and happiness. To all of you a "Happy and Healthy New Year".

Your High Chief,
Joseph J. Brady

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NEFC 85th Annual Meeting

On Saturday, 11/14/09 fraternalists representing 14 societies gathered for The 85th Annual Meeting of The New England Fraternal Congress at White's Restaurant and Conference Center, Westport, MA.

PHCR Janet A. King, NEFC President, presided

over the very ambitious and informative proceedings highlighted with patriotism, charity and fraternalism. National Fraternal Congress of America President & CEO Joseph J. Annotti was the Key Note Presenter. Normand J. Ouellette, USJB/CPLI was recognized as the NEFC

Fraternalist of the Year.

In addition to Janet, representing our Society were HCR Joseph J. Brady, PHCR Thomas J. King, HST John F. Anderson, Jr., HOS Sue Callahan and husband Dr. William Callahan and AHST William K. McLaughlin.



(L-R) Normand J. Ouellette, Janet A. King, Joseph J. Annotti

HONOR ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Court</u>
Marion D. Fettig	Westchester, NY	7/29/09	
Mario Olivieri	North Haven, CT	8/18/09	348
Salvatore J. Cause, Jr.	Somerville, MA	12/12/09	39
Catherine M. Peters	Marlborough, MA	5/13/09	159
Blanche J. Vesey	Nashua, NH	8/20/09	347
Millard Grimes	Boston, MA	4/29/09	77
Edna F. Donahue	Medford, MA	9/13/09	347
Alice M. Corneil	Princeton, IL	1/22/06	347
Francis B. Gilmore	Quincy, MA	9/26/09	145
Ellen M. Stafford	Lynn, MA	10/11/09	116
Albert E. Schwarz, Jr.	Huntington, CT	5/25/09	348

Memorial Masses have been said by High Chaplain Reverend Leonard M. Mullaney.

Santa's Gift Shoppe

We have available, free of charge, the following gift items from Santa's Bag:

- * **For Children:** Coloring/Activity Books from the Daughters of St. Paul- "The First Christmas", "God's Rules for Me" and "Learning My Prayers"
- * **For Adults-** Our 2010 Pocket Daily Calendar/ Appointment Book and Foresters Tote fabric Shopping Bags. (Great for food shopping/beach).

Please contact Headquarters to place your requests for any of the above items. Limited quantities available for Religious Education Classes.



Mystical Rose Court #266 Meeting & Auction

PHCR Claire M. Brassil hosted a meeting of Mystical Rose Court #266 at her home in Walpole, MA on Sunday, 9/20/09. Claire's sister, HIS Kathleen T. Hourihan assisted with the activities. Court members and invited guests enjoyed refreshments and participated in a fund raising auction to benefit The Society's Scholarship/Charity Fund.



(L-R) HIS Kathy Hourihan and invited members/guests

Editor's Note- Please advise Headquarters of your court's upcoming activities for proper recognition

Christmas Blessings and Remembrance

Our High Court Chaplain Rev. Leonard M. Mullaney will remember all our members and their families during his Christmas Masses. He sends his blessings to one and all.

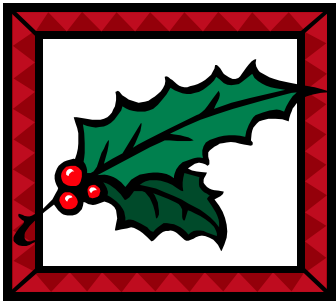
If you have a relative or friend you wish to be remembered in a special way at Christmas time, especially anyone confined at home, hospital or in a nursing home, please send us their name and address and we will send them a special Christmas Card from Father Mullaney and the Foresters.



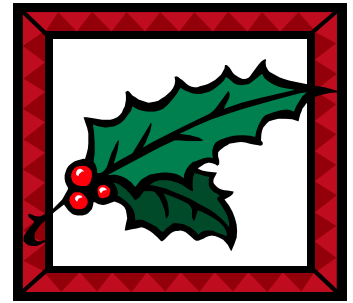
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

*May the presence and power of God from above, the joy and the wonder, His blessings and love...
May the hope of the season, the beauty and cheer...
May the promise of Christmas be yours through the Year.*

Executive Board Members



Catholic Association of Foresters Annual Christmas/Family Day Party



High Conductor Kathleen T. Niermeyer and the members of her Committee cordially extend an invitation to all Foresters and friends to attend our
Annual Family Day Party!

Date: Sunday, December 13, 2009

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Place: Dedham Holiday Inn – Terrace Ballroom
55 Ariadne Road, Dedham, MA 02026

There will be **Gifts** and **Entertainment** for the children. Your child will have their photo taken with **Santa!**
Refreshments will be served for both children and adults!

Directions – At the Junction of Routes 1 and I-95/Route128 (Exit 15-A), behind
Joe's All American Restaurant –Route 1- South.

Reservations – Please complete the form below and return it promptly or you may reserve by phoning
(781) 848-8221 (1-800-282-2263) or Fax us at (781) 848-0311.

The Deadline for Reservations is December 7, 2009.

When making reservations, be sure to include the names and ages of the children coming with you so that
Santa may choose a suitable gift. **(Children aged 12 and under only, please).**

There is no cost for this event. Our Email address is mail@catholicforesters.org

Family Day Party Reservation Form

I/We will attend the Foresters' Annual Family day Party with the following children:

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Children's Names	Age	Sex	Your Name:
			Address:
			Telephone:
			Total # of Adults attending:
			Total # of Children attending:

Mail to: Catholic Association of Foresters
182 Forbes Road, Suite 119
Braintree, Massachusetts 02184-2693
781-848-8221 or 1-800-282-2263
Fax: 781-848-0311

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING

The Christmas season is a time of giving and helping others. A great way for your family to experience the joys of the Christmas season is by volunteering together. Not only is it a chance for your family to grow closer through togetherness and a shared experience, but it is a fantastic way to give back to the less fortunate, the community and each other. Here are some ideas:

- * Visit people in nursing homes or hospitals.
- * Visit and give gifts to homeless shelters.
- * Take a senior citizen who is homebound to his or her family celebration.
- * Help a needy family by giving them food or gifts.
- * Make a commitment as a family to assist a local service group that needs some extra holiday help.
- * Organize a clothing or food drive in your neighborhood and donate the proceeds to a needy family.
- * Hold a gift drive for people who are otherwise forgotten during the holidays.
- * Sing carols or bake cookies for nursing home residents.
- * Decorate a nursing home's dining room, hallways and rooms for the holiday.
- * Organize games and/or a social at a children's hos-



Patricia Anderson's Holiday Cranberry Nut Cake Recipe

Mix cream, margarine and sugar together. Add eggs one at a time. Then mix in rest of ingredients except for whole cranberry sauce and 1/3 of walnuts. Once thoroughly mixed, pour mixture into a buttered Bunt cake pan, alternating a layer of batter and a layer of cranberry sauce, finishing with a batter layer. Top with remaining walnuts.

Bake at 350 for approximately 55 minutes.

1 Stick Margarine	2 Eggs
1 Cup Sugar	2 Cups Flour
1/2 Pint Sour Cream	1 tsp. Baking Soda
1 tsp. Baking Powder	1 tsp. Almond Extract
1 Can Chopped Walnuts	1 Small Can Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce
1/2 tsp. Salt	

TOPPING

1 Cup Confectionary Sugar	2 Tbls. Milk
1 tsp. Almond Extract	

Mix all three ingredients and drizzle over Cake when cool.
Holiday Option: add red and green cherries to the top of cake for decoration.

