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Happy Thanksgiving



Letter from the High Chief Ranger

Dear Fellow Foresters,

I am honored to serve as High Chief Ranger and look forward to a productive and fulfilling year ahead with you and my fellow board members.

Thank you to Kathleen Niermeyer, JPHCR for a wonderful job with the CAOF Annual Convention this past June and for her years of service on the Executive Board. Kathy is a dedicated Forester and continues to serve on the Executive Board this year. Please note that the Joint Board met on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 9AM at CAOF Headquarters.

The Executive Board members have been diligently working on our upcoming CAOF events. The CAOF continues to provide activities for us to come together in celebration of our Fraternal organization. I ask all Foresters to make every effort to attend our Fraternal gatherings as follows:

Jim McGinty, HIS is exploring venues for our Day of Recollection and information will be provided to you at a later date.

Bill Redmond, HC is finalizing arrangements for the Annual Family Day Christmas Party at our beloved prior location at the Hilton Hotel in Dedham on Sunday, December 9, 2018 from 1 PM to 4 PM. The festivities include entertainment, luncheon and Christmas treats. Our special guest, Santa, will be stopping by with gifts for the children. (See notice on page 3 for more details).

Stephanie Fiano, HOS is working on the Annual Memorial Mass/Communion Brunch and information will be provided to you at a later date.

The 139th Annual Foresters Convention will be held at the Seacrest Beach Hotel at Old Silver Beach, North Falmouth, MA on June 7 – June 9, 2019. Christine Cunningham, HST and I continue to work on the details of which will be provided as we near the Convention date.

In closing, I ask that we pray for the families of Christine Cunningham, HST, who lost her parents over the summer, and Charles Wills, who recently lost his father, and for all of the deceased members of the CAOF.

May God Bless You,
Sue Callahan, HCR

Spiritual Letter from Fr. Richard Jakubauskas

The leaves will be falling soon, and branches trimmed. Let us continue to let go of our fears and irritations.

Praise God! Aren't we the lucky ones who were brought into this world by parents who had a deep love for life! They had a connection with God that was deep. By our Baptism and sacraments, they opened the doors to a more self-directed life.

In our growth, we sensed the inspiration of God to live a just and loving life. When we went off track, we understood more and more the personal, social, ecclesial and cosmic dimension of our wrong ways. We knew the hurt it put on others as our parents and what people thought of us. We came to understand we hurt Jesus Christ- all good and loving that gave us everything we need to be happy.

On a cosmic level, others saw what we do and could imitate us. When Adam and Eve crossed the line, life became hard. This happens to all who disregard God and others. The light and joy came from a place we could go. God's love left us priests to bring God's forgiveness to us. All of us who have experienced this, understand the beauty of being connected to all that is good, true, and beautiful in God's world. We make the world a better place when we can admit we've lost our way. The power that we receive from God helps us to relate to God and others with enthusiasm and aliveness, being grateful for everyday as a gift, a desire to be more in love with life and our Lord and to do as much good as we can.

God Love You,
Fr. Richard Jakubauskas

The Importance of Life Insurance

A life insurance policy is a key component of sound financial planning. The benefits of having life insurance are numerous. It can be used to:

- Protect your loved ones from financial catastrophe or a reduced lifestyle by replacing your income and/or paying off debt
- Pay final expenses
- Provide an inheritance for your heirs
- Pay for education or fund your retirement if the policy allows you to build cash value, which can be withdrawn or borrowed against
- Make planned charitable gifts

Wanted: CAOF Members in the Military Stationed Overseas

We would like to ship care packages to our CAOF members stationed overseas.

Let us know the members name, overseas address and any specific items they may need, and we will collect items at our meetings and functions.

CAOF is proud to support our members in the military!

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2018 FORESTER-OF-THE YEAR – Kathy Hourihan

The Forester of the year award is given every year in memory of James Michael Curley, Jr., a Forester, who died at the age of 23. He had compiled a brilliant record at Boston Latin School, Boston College and was an honor student at Harvard Law School at the time of his death in 1931.

The Foresters sent his death benefit to his legendary father, who served as Governor of Massachusetts, Congressman and Mayor of Boston for five terms. Mayor Curley sent the proceeds back to the Foresters and asked that we use the interest from the proceeds as an annual award to an outstanding Forester. This year's honor went to Kathy Hourihan of Mystical Rose Court.

Kathy was born into a Foresters family. Kathy's grandfather was a member of our Society in 1914 when it was known as the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, and as a youngster, she and her family were active in Holy Trinity Court and Holy Trinity Church in Boston.

Kathy exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism, as she has been a very active member of the Catholic Association of Foresters her whole life serving as

- Chief Ranger of Mystical Rose Court
- A member of the Society's Executive Board for 7 years, performing countless volunteer activities on behalf of our members
- High Chief Ranger of the Foresters from 2012 to 2013

Outside of the Foresters:

- Kathy and her sister, Claire Brassil, regularly played guitars and sang at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Boston
- Kathy was also a member of the Archdiocesan Choir
- In 1979 she and the choir members sang for the Pope on Boston Common during his historic visit to Boston
- Kathy was given a Papal Rosary and a commemorative medal to honor her participation in the Papal visit

Kathy Hourihan exemplifies the fraternity, unity and charity for which the Foresters stand.

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Annual Family Day Christmas Party

Date: Sunday, December 9, 2018

Time: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Place: Dedham Hilton Hotel

25 Allied Drive, Dedham, MA 02026

Santa will be providing gifts for all children 12 years old and under.

Family Day Party Reservation Form for Sunday, December 9, 2018

Deadline for reservation forms to be at Headquarters is

November 30, 2018

I/We will attend the Foresters/Annual Family Day Party

<u>List All Attendee's</u> (use additional sheet if needed) Name	Address	Phone # & Email Address	Write in: Member Certificate# OR Non-Member	Age & Gender (Children 12 and under)
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By attending this event, you allow the Catholic Association of Foresters to use your picture on our social media sites.

HONOR ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

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Name	City & State	Date	Ct
Maria F. Amaral	Somerville, MA	5/24/2018	347
Gladys M. Hey	Wellesley, MA	5/28/2017	122
Grace M. Marconi	Barre, MA	4/12/2018	347
Doris K. Fuller	Middleton, MA	6/17/2018	142
Holly A. Williams	Woodstock, CT	7/4/2018	347
Joshua B. Barrette	Oxford, MA	7/12/2018	347
Anthony F. DiGiacomo	Barefoot Bay, FL	06/28/2018	348
Maureen T. MacAlesse	Stoughton, MA	8/15/2018	155
John F. Flanagan	Roslindale, MA	6/14/2018	57
Teresa J. Collins	Scituate, MA	7/19/2018	183
Theresa C. Doherty	Charlestown, MA	8/7/2018	6
Charles J. Wills	Southampton, NJ	8/13/2018	165
Sophie M. Davis	Bridgeport, CT	6/22/2018	348
Morin L. Imelda	Mashpee, MA	8/30/2018	166

*Memorial Masses have been said by High Chaplain Reverend
Richard A. Jakubauskas*

50/50 Raffle Winner

Congratulations to **Pat Langis** for winning \$131.50 from our 50/50 raffle! The raffle was held during the Annual Convention. The remaining proceeds were donated to St. Joseph Parish.

2018 Scholarship Awards

Each year at our Convention the Society awards educational grants to students meeting certain criteria. This year we had eight winners:

- ❖ William DeGrenier
- ❖ Aleksandra Hatch
- ❖ Colleen McConnell
- ❖ Anthony Mirabilio
- ❖ Elizabeth O'Neil
- ❖ Maeve O'Neil
- ❖ Katherine Stanwood
- ❖ Katherine Tracy

Please join us in wishing our winners the best of luck as they start the next phase of their educational journey!

If you are a high school senior, please visit our website catholicforesters.org to see if you meet our eligibility requirements for one of our scholarships.

Pocket Calendars

We are sorry to announce we are **NO** longer offering Pocket Calendars.

SAVE THE DATE!

**139TH Annual
Convention
June 7-9, 2019
Sea Crest Beach
Hotel**

...And Have A Blessed New Year!

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