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Happy Thanksgiving



*Letter from the High
Chief Ranger*

Dear Foresters,

I hope this correspondence finds you all in good health and great spirits. Now that we are into fall, I'm sitting here wondering where the summer went. But I would like to inform you of a few things the organization has done.

Like everyone else around the world our office personnel worked from home in 2020. In June they returned to working in the office to try and bring back some normalcy to their routines. The Board members continued to meet monthly to conduct Association business.

I know it's been almost two years since we've had any of our regular activities, so I am pleased to announce that our Convention took place the weekend of October 15-17,

It saddens me to inform you that Past High Chief Ranger and Board member, William F. Redmond, passed away in May. In August, Caroline Turner was appointed to the Board with unanimous approval. I would like to take this time to publicly welcome her to the Board and thank her for stepping in to follow so many other Foresters who have gone through the ranks of leadership of this organization.

In signing off, I pray for your health and happiness. I hope we can eventually get to a more normal lifestyle and wish all of you the merriest and happiest of Holiday Seasons.

Sincerely,

Ronald Michaud, HCR

**Spiritual Letter from
Fr. Richard Jakubauskas**

Many of us may feel under duress and caged in with the Coronavirus pandemic limiting our way of life. At the beginning of the pandemic, in the spring of 2020, national news reports estimated some Americans were watching up to eight hours of television a day. In Massachusetts the alcoholic consumption rate was up 50%. It seems that people were trying to cope with their fears and frustrations.

The good news is that we belong to God. Those of us who have a good relationship with God can feel safer and have inner peace. As we desire to get closer to God through prayer, mass attendance, reception of the Eucharist and using the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we receive God's peace. We sense everything will be alright.

In a presentation given by Rev. Mitch Pacwa, he stated that The American Psychological Association's research reveals that people who go to church live longer, have stronger families, and have fewer heart attacks.

There is no time better than now to reach out to God to help you find your inner peace.

God love you,
Fr. Richard Jakubauskas

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Congratulations to PHCR Pat Langis

**She is celebrating 50 years as a
member.**



Christmas Party Cancelled

Sadly, due to the pandemic, Santa cannot make it to the party this year... but he will be mailing your gifts from the party to your home!

2021 Scholarship Awards

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

- ❖ Shane McNamara
- ❖ Ashlee Stec

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.

2021 Amendment to the Constitution

Proposed for Action at the 2021 Special Convention of the Catholic Association of Foresters

Purpose of Amendment: The Constitution requires that we hold a convention between May 1 and June 30 each year, (and special conventions can also be held). However, Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 176, which regulates fraternal benefit societies domiciled in Massachusetts, is much less restrictive. Chapter 176, section 3(a)(1) state that the convention shall be held at least once every four years and does not have any mandate as to the time of year.

The Executive Board proposed this amendment at its August 9, 2021, monthly meeting to relax the requirement of holding the convention between May 1 and June 30 of each year. For instance, the Convention could be held in the fall at about half the price of a convention held between May 1 and June 30 at the same location.

The Committee on Constitution recommend a favorable action at its September 29, 2021, meeting.

Proposed Amendment:

Article X, section 1, which currently reads as follows:

Article X
Society Convention

Section 1. The Society shall hold a Convention between May 1 and June 30 of each year. The Executive Board shall select the date and place of the Convention and shall notify subordinate Courts of the date and place selected at least sixty days before the Convention.

Shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Society shall hold a Convention each year. The Executive Board shall select the date and place of the Convention and shall notify subordinate Courts of the date and place selected at least sixty days before the Convention begins.

The delegates to the 2021 Special Convention approved the above amendment.

HONOR ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

Requiescat in Pace

<u>Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ct</u>
Arthur E. Freniere	Stow, MA	12/16/2020	354
Paul J. Rouleau	Clinton, CT	1/6/2021	350
Stephen M. Guido	Beverly, MA	1/15/2021	142
Laura E. LaPerche	Attleboro, MA	1/24/2021	165
Elizabeth A. Farnham	Warren, RI	2/3/2021	165
George E. Fitzgerald	Burlington, MA	3/1/2021	352
Marie R. Williams	Jupiter, FL	3/3/2021	349
Viola Vengal	Brockton, MA	3/18/2021	57
Christopher Camara	Fall River, MA	3/19/2021	165
Charles F. Robinson, Jr.	Bonita Springs, FL	3/31/2021	352
Rev. Raymond P. Luft	Wamen, RI	4/17/2021	350
Joan E. Hayes	Somerville, MA	4/20/2021	5
William F. Redmond	Peabody, MA	5/25/2021	347
Paul C. Atkinson	Fall River, MA	5/26/2021	165
Ethel B. Tolson	New Haven, CT	6/7/2021	350
Mary H. Favreau	Ft. Myers, FL	7/7/2021	5
Richard Alves	Silver Springs, FL	7/28/2021	350
Thelma J. Montgomery	Windham, NH	8/5/2021	347
Brett Gates	Beverly, MA	8/9/2021	347

<u>Name</u>	<u>City & State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ct</u>
Frances A. O'Connor	Andover, MA	8/20/2021	352
Vincent A. Nolin	Londonville, NY	8/21/2021	347
Kathleen Fennell	Mansfield, MA	9/19/2021	74

*Memorial Masses will be said by High Chaplain Reverend
Richard A. Jakubauskas*

**Congratulations to Tom King,
winner of our 50/50 Raffle.
The raffle was held at our Special Convention
in October. Proceeds are donated to the
St. Joseph Parish Food Pantry
North Brookfield, MA**

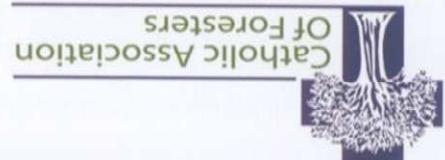
**2021 Forester of the Year
has been chosen and will be
announced at the
2022 Annual Convention.
Stay tuned!**

...And Have A Blessed New Year!

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