

# CHIPS...

*From The Foresters  
Tree*

*Spring 2016*

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## *Letter from the High Chief Ranger*



Brother and Sister  
Foresters,

A New Year and a new  
beginning...time to  
clean house and work  
on those New Year's  
Resolutions and the

Office Staff and Executive Board have been doing just that. Our year end activities were quite successful and well attended. HIS Mike Powers arranged our Annual Day of Reflection at St. Joseph's Retreat House in Milton. The grounds and facilities were quite conducive to spiritual meditation.

There was also ample time for discussion and reflection before an afternoon Mass. The Foresters were well represented, yet hopefully next year more will join in.

December's Family Day and Christmas Party topped off our yearly events. HC Kathy Niermeyer did an outstanding job pulling it all together. There was an abundance of food, appetizers to buffet. Mr. Twister enthralled the children with magic and balloon creations while Stephanie Fiano painted faces prior to Santa's arrival. There was an overflow crowd and many excited faces when Santa finally arrived. After distributing his gifts he led the roomful in singing Christmas songs. A word of well deserved thanks also goes to our HST John Anderson who coordinated much of the Society's activities.

With this New Year, we look forward to our Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Breakfast which is being arranged by HOS Julie Powers. The tentative date is Sunday, April 17th at St. Patrick's Parish in Stoneham. Further details are listed in this issue of CHIPS. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us. Remember that the Foresters are your organization.

On the business side, although final operational approvals rest with the Executive Board, sub-committees play a vital role before any recommendations are forwarded to the Executive Board. The Management Oversight Committee (MOC) and Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) have been addressing many issues such as Fraternal Events Coordinator responsibilities, Staff Job Descriptions, Director and Officer Insurance requirements, Risk Management, Sales Growth, Budgeting/Auditing, and Constitutional Amendment considerations. During each of our monthly meetings the MOC and SPC discusses and forwards recommendations for consideration and/or action on these types of issues to the Executive Board. As you can see, your society works for you and the work is anything but routine.

In closing, I thank you for your continued loyalty and support to your Society and a wish that the New Year brings you much good health and happiness.

Peace,  
Jerome F. Ryan  
High Chief Ranger



# Annual Memorial Mass & Communion Brunch

HOS Julianne Powers and the members of Lapanto Court #142 cordially invite all Foresters, friends and family to come together on the occasion of our Annual Memorial Mass and Communion Brunch on **Sunday, April 17, 2016 commencing with 12:00 P.M. Mass at St. Patrick's Parish, 71 Central Street, Stoneham, MA.**

Following Holy Mass, a **Brunch Menu will be served at Fusilli's Cucina, 107 Main Street, Reading, MA.**

A donation of \$10.00 per person is suggested. Children, age 12 and under, are free.

We are most pleased and honored to have Deacon Frank Dello Russo, as our Guest Speaker for this special and private occasion.

**For Brunch Reservations** – please use Reservation Form on Website or contact Headquarters **as soon as possible**, with your reservation information. **Please reply by April 8, 2016**

Tel: 1-800-282-2263

Fax: 781-848-0311

Email: [mail@catholicforesters.org](mailto:mail@catholicforesters.org)

Website: <http://catholicforesters.org/events-calendar>

Please consider bringing gently used eyeglasses to be donated to **Eyes of Hope Program** for those in need

## CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS

**APRIL 1, 2016**

### **CONVENTION CALL**

SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2016  
**TO ALL SUBORDINATE COURTS OF THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS:**  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 1, OF THE CONSTITUTION, THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DOES THIS FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2016 CALL UPON ALL DULY ELECTED DELEGATES OF EACH SUBORDINATE COURT TO ASSEMBLE IN THE **ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS** TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY, JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2016 AT THE **SEA CREST BEACH HOTEL**, NORTH FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS TO BE OPENED IN DUE FORM AT **9:00 A.M.**

CREDENTIALS WILL BE FORWARDED TO EACH ELECTED DELEGATE AND MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.  
**PER ORDER OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS**

JEROME F. RYAN

**HIGH CHIEF RANGER**

JOHN F. ANDERSON, JR.

**HIGH SECRETARY~TREASURER**

## HONNOR ROLL OF DECEASED MEMBERS

### *Requiescat in Pace*

<u>Name</u>	<u>City &amp; State</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Ct</u>
John F. Murphy	Rockland, MA	4/1/15	43
June M. Driscoll	Lexington, MA	4/4/11	348
Joseph F. Burm, Jr.	Quincy, MA	11/27/15	4
Lisa A. Milso	Lexington, MA	12/24/15	77
John J. Belland, Jr.	Milford, MA	11/13/15	347
William H. Eyles	East Haven, CT	12/26/15	348
Patricia A. Stanley	Waterbury, CT	5/25/15	348
Germaine M. Smith	Middleboro, MA	12/6/15	165
Arlene C. Vuono	Wollaston, MA	12/4/15	102
Alice F. Drew	Torrington, CT	9/15/00	263
Joseph A. Cichon	Fall River, MA	1/19/16	165
Prof. Joseph J. Paul	Merrimack, MA	1/30/15	72
Anne Marie McArdle	Scituate, MA	1/16/16	322

*Memorial Masses have been said by High Chaplain*

*Reverend Richard A. Jakaubauskas*

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**Website for more information:**

**<http://catholicforesters.org/news>**

## **CHILDREN'S LIFE INSURANCE**

Yes, there is a need to insure our children for an untimely occurrence and/or for future educational funding.

We offer several insurance plans especially for children, i.e., Term to Age 25, Single Premium Whole Life and Twenty Year Payment Whole Life. All of our plans have competitive premium rates: **Some as low as \$28.00 per year.** **NOTE-** Only insured members are eligible for our Educational Grants and College Scholarships.

For more information, please contact our Sales Director Phil McNiff at Headquarters. Email: [phil@catholicforesters.org](mailto:phil@catholicforesters.org) / Tel: 1-800-282-2263

## **Convention Court Delegate & Delegate - At - Large Status**

The Constitution states, in addition to the present & past members of the Executive Board, Investment & Finance Boards, Chief Rangers & duly elected delegates of Subordinate Courts, there shall be at-large-delegates consisting of no more than 4% of the total adult membership in good standing elected by the membership.

If your Court has been inactive and / or not recently represented at The Annual Convention & you wish to attend & participate, you may be nominated & elected to serve as an at-large-delegate. Only adult benefit members in good standing shall be eligible to serve as at-large-delegates.

Please refer to the official At-Large-Delegate Nomination Ballot on Page 4 & follow the instructions for listing your write-in nominations & voting. **Please submit your completed Ballot to Headquarters no later than May 1, 2016.**



**SCHOLARSHIPS AND EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**  
**FOR COLLEGE FRESHMAN - ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017**

**Please submit your application on or before May 1, 2016**



We are pleased that the Society will again be offering **\$1,000.00** Educational Grants to eligible high school seniors who are chosen by our Scholarship Committee. Eligibility is limited to students who are insured members for the past year of the Foresters and entering college during the 2016-2017 Academic year. The Society also sponsors four (4) year Scholarships at the College of the Holy Cross, Emmanuel College, The Elms College and St. John's Seminary.

**Please see Application on Website: <http://catholicforesters.org/scholarship-information>.**

Money for our Scholarships/Grants and other charitable programs comes from the Major General William H. Harrison, Jr. Permanent Charity Fund, which is supported by dues and contributions of our members.

The Foresters has offered scholastic assistance since the Society was founded in 1879.

### **2015 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Proposed for Action at the One Hundred and Thirty Fifth Annual Convention of the Catholic Association of Foresters

Purpose of Amendment: The Succession Planning Committee has proposed the following amendment to the Constitution making the High Secretary-Treasurer an appointed position rather than a position which must be elected annually from the membership. This would allow the Society flexibility in filling the position from a larger body of qualified candidates as the Society would not be limited to looking within the membership for candidates. It would also facilitate the replacement of a High Secretary-Treasurer, and the position could be filled at any time and not just at the Annual Convention. Separation of the High Secretary-Treasurer position from the Executive Board would be consistent with the framework of the Society's Constitution in that the Executive Board oversees the High Secretary-Treasurer and sets policies, while the High Secretary-Treasurer's duties involve implementing those policies subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

*Article XII sections 1 and 7 and Article XIII, section 3 of the Constitution **Shall be amended to read as follows:***

#### **ARTICLE XII OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SECTION 1.** The Officers of the Society shall be the High Chief Ranger, High Vice Chief Ranger, High Conductor, High Inside Sentinel, High Outside Sentinel, all of whom shall be directors by virtue of office and shall constitute the Executive Board. The said officers shall be elected by Australian ballot at the Annual Convention and shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are duly elected. A majority of votes cast shall be necessary for election. If there is only one candidate for any such office, balloting shall be dispensed with and the High Secretary-Treasurer may be instructed to cast one ballot for such candidate by vote of the Convention. Any benefit member in good standing over 21 years of age who has been a member of the Society for at least one year shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board. Any voting member of the Executive Board who is absent from three consecutive meetings may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Executive Board, after notice and an opportunity to be heard at the next meeting. The **High Secretary-Treasurer**, High Medical Examiner and the High Chaplain shall be honorary non-voting members of the Executive Board and shall be delegates, with full voting authority at the Annual Convention.

**SECTION 7.** The Executive Board shall have the authority to employ, discharge and arrange salaries for the positions of High Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant High Secretary-Treasurer, who in the absence of the High Secretary-Treasurer shall perform all the duties of that office.

#### **ARTICLE XIII POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**SECTION 3.** The High Secretary-Treasurer **shall be a member of the Roman Catholic Church** and shall be the full time administrative officer and business manager of the Society charged with the duty of managing the business affairs of the Society subject to the supervision of the Executive Board. He shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be determined by the Annual Convention.

*The Committee on Constitution recommended favorable action on this proposed amendment.*

The Delegates to the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention approved the above amendment by a unanimous vote on June 20, 2015.

*136<sup>TH</sup> Annual Convention – Official Ballot*

*Delegate - At - Large*

<u>Nominees</u>	<u>Court #</u>	<u>Vote by X</u>
Helen M. Delaney, Needham, MA	287	_____
Matthew B. Delaney, NYC, NY	347	_____
Timothy H. Duff, Maynard, MA	353	_____
Theresa R. Goss, Roslindale, MA	347	_____
Joseph King, West Roxbury, MA	347	_____
Ann C. McGibbon, Andover, MA	352	_____
James T. McGinty, E. Weymouth, MA	347	_____
James R. Bowdring, Lexington, MA	347	_____
Nicole P. Michaud, New Bedford, MA	164	_____
Paula C. Plunkett, Brockton, MA	57	_____
Geraldine A. Pondelli, Wilmington, MA	352	_____
Gerry T. Keenan, Warwick, RI	350	_____
Michael J. Keenan, Warwick, RI	347	_____
Lisa J. Langis, Attleboro, MA	57	_____
Caroline E. Turner, Winchester, MA	164	_____
Patrick J. Turner, Winchester, MA	326	_____
Gregory Niermeyer, Tyngsboro, MA	326	_____
Matthew Niermeyer, Tyngsboro, MA	72	_____
Christopher M. Ryan, Haverhill, MA	347	_____
Jerome P. Ryan, Charlestown, MA	72	_____
Vivian S. Saulnier, Greenville, SC	72	_____
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**You may vote for all listed nominees and/or write in names of your choosing!**

*Please mail or fax your Ballot to Headquarters by 5/1/2016*

*136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention*

*June 24 – 26, 2015*

We are pleased to announce The Society will be returning to the Sea Crest Beach Hotel, North Falmouth, MA for our 136<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Delegate Banquet.

HCR Jerome R. Ryan is busy putting all the arrangements together. All the details and Reservation Forms will appear in the next issue of CHIPS.

All Delegates will be eligible for a full Double Room Occupancy Rate Credit while staying at the Sea Crest Beach Hotel.

Nominations are requested for all open Officers/Board positions and Delegates-At-Large. Please contact Headquarters concerning your delegate status and nominations.

Please Note – The deadline for submitting proposed Constitutional Amendments to Headquarters is April 25, 2016.

Please contact: High Secretary-Treasurer John F. Anderson, Jr. at Headquarters for any additional information. [johna@catholicforesters.org](mailto:johna@catholicforesters.org)



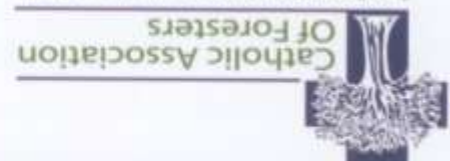
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Year of  
Mercy*

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