




CANDIDATE RESUME

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the High Court, membership of the High Court will be restricted to only one member from any family.¹

Office Sought: High Court Trustee		
SECTION A: PERSONAL PROFILE		
1. Full Legal Name: Ronald Joseph Freund		
2. Court Name/Number ^A : St. Mary Ct. 594		
3. Membership Date ^B : 02/01/1961		
4. Are you a Catholic Order of Foresters member in good standing and a practicing Roman Catholic in union with Rome as defined in the Order's Constitution and Bylaws? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
5. Are you a citizen of the United States? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
6. Current Address: 4806 W. Glenbrook Trail, McHenry, IL. 60050		
7. Marital status: Married	7a. Spouse name: Patricia S. Freund	
8. Have you ever been separated or divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", explain below.		
9. Email: rpfreund@yahoo.com		
<p>^A According to Section 13 of the <i>Constitution and Bylaws</i>, "No more than one High Court member may be a member of the same local court. No more than two High Court members may come from the same jurisdiction."</p> <p>^B According to Section 13 of the <i>Constitution and Bylaws</i>, "A High Court officer or trustee/director candidate must have been a member in good standing for two full years before nomination."</p>		
SECTION B: EDUCATION, COURT EXPERIENCE		
School Name	City/State	Graduate Degree/Certificate
1. High: McHenry Community HS, McHenry, IL.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. College: Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No BS
2a. If you received a college education, provide your field of study and major:	Field of study Business	Major Business Management
3. Other:		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. List prior Catholic Order of Foresters offices held, including all jurisdiction/state and/or local court titles and dates. Attach additional paper for more space.		
Vice High Chief Ranger (08/2023 - present), High Court Trustee (2015-2023) , State Court Trustee (2012-2015), Chief Ranger Ct. 594 (1999-2001), Treasurer Ct. 594 (1997-1998)		

¹Family is defined as parent, child, grandchild, grandparent, sibling, and in-laws of any of the previous individuals.



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SECTION C: PROFESSIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

1a. Provide name of your current employer and occupation.

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1b. Provide a brief narrative of your current occupational role and responsibilities.

Currently I am a Territory Sales Manager for Toro lawn and garden products. Responsible for a \$15 Million territory in the greater Chicagoland market. Interacting with retail owners and managers in various dealerhips. I am also responsible for reporting activities and results to my management team and corporate Toro.

1c. List your employment history for the last five (5) years.

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2. List all current professional, occupational and/or vocational licenses you hold.

N/A

3. Provide details of any affiliation or association you (or your spouse) have with another insurer or fraternal organization.

N/A

4. Briefly state why you are qualified for the position you seek. Why would you be an asset to the Order? Use additional paper for more space.

I am an experienced professional with a strong background in general business and sales. I am adept at developing programs and plans with my customers that consistently achieve established goals. My role requires me to be proactive as well as a problem solver. I've established a reputation for building strong relationships and earning their trust through consistent reliability, attentive service and transparent communication.

Through my COF experiences in the local, State Court and High Court positions, I have a clear understanding of the fraternal workings as well as the insurance business side of the order. I am committed to nurturing an environment of openness, respect and support to strengthen our community and organization.



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SECTION D: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF FRATERNAL BENEFIT SYSTEM OPERATIONS	
1. Do you possess a general knowledge of the Fraternal Benefit System?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Do you possess a general knowledge of the Order's fraternal workings?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Do you possess a general insurance management knowledge?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Do you possess a general investment management knowledge?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
5. Are you free to travel on the Order's business?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Do you have the time to devote to completing the orientation and educational training as required by the High Court?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Do you understand that failure to comply with all orientation and educational training as required by the High Court within twelve (12) months of taking office will result in the forfeiture of your elected High Court position?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Do you have a valid Driver's License?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9. Are you prepared to devote the necessary time to fulfilling your responsibility as a High Court Trustee?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
10. Are you familiar with COF's life insurance and products?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
11. Are you familiar with the core characteristics, key competencies, and desired experiences required by the High Court?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. Do you possess one (1) or more of the characteristics, key competencies, and desired experiences as set forth by the High Court?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
13. List all characteristics, key competencies, and desired experiences that you possess.	
<p>I am a strong communicator, both written and verbal. I excel at building strong relationships with my colleagues, customers and community members, fostering trust and collaboration. I demonstrate leadership qualities , including the ability to inspire and motivate others and drive teams toward common goals. I actively engage in discussions and seek feedback and perspectives from others. I have a track record of delivering results and achieving established goals. I can analyze complex situations, identify opportunities, and formulate plans to resolve issues and achieve goals. My involvement with the COF organization is both a challenging and enriching experience.</p>	

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14. Are you familiar with COF's mission?

Yes No

15. Do you support COF's mission?

Yes No

16. Describe in narrative form how you support COF's mission.

I align my daily routines and decisions with the overarching values of our organization. I engage with my colleagues across departments and functions, fostering a collaborative environment where we work together, leveraging our collective expertise, to achieve our goals. I strive for excellence in my professional and personal life, continually working to learn and grow. I participate in Feeding God's Children events, church events for fundraising, social gatherings, celebrations and offer assistance where I can. I try to get others involved in the COF organization, particularly by engaging our youth to ensure the continued support and growth of COF.

I've been a member of the High Court since 2015 and I appreciate the opportunity to continue to work with COF.



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SECTION E: AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

I attest the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I voluntarily authorize Catholic Order of Foresters to verify any information deemed necessary and to contact any individuals, schools, organizations, or investigative agencies.

This resume and accompanying photograph may be reproduced and distributed to the Catholic Order of Foresters Nominating/Election Committee, High Court officers and accredited National Convention delegates.

I further understand that all candidates are permitted to prepare a video, not to extend longer than three (3) minutes in length, that will be posted online to the catholicforester.org website. The video, which must be submitted by the deadline, may be accessible for viewing by Catholic Order of Foresters members, High Court officers and accredited National Convention delegates, and other visitors to the website.

Full Legal Name: Ronald Joseph Freund

Full Legal Signature

Date

05/11/2024

CANDIDATE VIDEO

You may create and submit an optional video of yourself, not to extend longer than 3 minutes in length, that will be posted to the catholicforester.org website.

Your video must be submitted by June 3, 2024, to be reviewed for compliance with the stated 3-minute time length.

All posted videos may be accessible for viewing by Catholic Order of Foresters members, High Court officers and accredited National Convention delegates, and other visitors to the Catholic Order of Foresters' website.

To submit your video, please visit and click the hyperlink at catholicforester.org/2024-convention-landing-page.

CANDIDATE PHOTO

Please attach or upload a 3 x 5-inch or 4 x 7-inch digital professional photos of yourself by June 3, 2024. Your submitted photo will be placed on the first page of the Candidate Resume and may be used on the Catholic Order of Foresters' website and other Convention and Order-related materials.

To submit your photo, attach it when submitting this application. To submit your photo at a later date, visit and click the hyperlink at catholicforester.org/2024-convention-landing-page.

NOMINATING/ELECTION COMMITTEE CANDIDATE APPROVAL

Signature

Date

7/17/2024



SECTION F: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Use this space to provide additional information.

4. (continued)-

As a life-long member, my family and I have always been active in COF. I know the importance of continuing the traditions and community involvement of COF. I am committed to advocating for the voices and needs of all members.

While I enjoy the fraternal and social activities and events, it's clear that we must progress and adjust course to ensure we maintain a healthy and thriving organization.



NOMINATION PETITION FOR OFFICE

Please print clearly.

I, Ronald Joseph Freund, hereby file my nomination petition for the
 Candidate's Full Legal Name
 office of High Court Trustee with the Catholic Order of Foresters.
 Office Name

A copy of my resume is attached.

CANDIDATE CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all information contained in my Candidate Resume and Nomination Petition for Office form is true, complete, and to the best of my knowledge correct.

Candidate's Full Legal Signature

Date

05/11/2024