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HIGH SECRETARY-TREASURER

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To: All State and Local Court Recording Secretaries

Dear Officer:

As officers, the High Court provides you with certain protections. This letter summarizes Catholic Order of Foresters' (COF) supplied protections. These coverages, however, may be limited due to the applicable insurance policy's provisions. Various provisions restrict coverage. Protections are as follows:

**General Liability.** Provides liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage up to \$2,000,000 for each occurrence and medical expenses up to \$10,000 on any one person. All above entities, including youth events, are covered for meetings and functions.

Be aware that the policy does not cover intentional or criminal acts, contractual liability, complete liquor liability, or injury or damage arising from ownership or use of rented or owned buildings, autos, aircraft, watercraft or other property. The policy also excludes coverage for employment related practices, sexual abuse and molestation, and environmental hazards.

**Fidelity Bond.** Provides up to \$500,000 against acts of dishonesty. Local Court Chief Rangers, Financial Secretaries, and Treasurers are covered, as well as State Chief Rangers, State Secretaries and State Treasurers.

**The provided coverage is strictly for COF events and does not cover non-COF events sponsored by COF members at COF locations, nor does it cover any overnight youth activities. Perilous activities are also excluded from the provided coverage.**

**“PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDED THROUGH THE HIGH COURT DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY COVERAGE FOR CLAIMS DUE TO MATTERS BASED ON COVID-19. ANY COURT HOLDING EVENTS OR MEETINGS DURING THE PANDEMIC WILL BE SOLELY RESPONSIBLE TO DEAL WITH ANY CLAIMS BASED ON COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS.”**

Certificates of Insurance are automatically issued, if the Local Court has complied with the Rule of 5. If any location or activity requires a special certificate, the Court must supply the High Court with the name, address, activity, coverage dates, and any special instructions. Please allow two weeks for processing.

In keeping with coverage underwriting, the High Court has prepared a list of suggested court functions. If in doubt, contact the High Secretary-Treasurer.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Oligmueller  
High Secretary-Treasurer

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# Suggested Local Court Activities

## Fund Raising

- Aluminum can/recycle collection
- Arts and crafts sales
- Auctions
- Card party
- Chicken/spaghetti dinner
- Christmas tree/card/wreath sale
- Fish fry
- Pancake breakfast
- Pie/bakery sale
- Raffles (where permitted)
- Rummage sale
- Feeding God's Children

## Informative/Educational

- Arts and crafts classes
- Bus trips to museums, historical sites, etc.
- Dance instruction
- Drug awareness program
- Group tours
- Parades
- Service projects (walk for hunger, peace)

## Miscellaneous

- Award ceremonies/banquets
- Bingo parties
- Card parties
- Easter egg hunt
- Nature trips
- Movie parties
- Zoo trips

These are just some examples of approved Catholic Order of Foresters events. You are invited to create your own activities based on local interests, traditions, and needs. **Before** planning an event not listed above, please contact the Fraternal Department at 800-552-0145 or e-mail Judy James at [jjames@catholicforester.org](mailto:jjames@catholicforester.org) to determine if the event qualifies.

## Entertainment

- Amusement park
- Bicycle outing
- Bingo
- Christmas party
- Family bowling
- Father-son/mother-daughter meal
- Halloween party
- Ice cream social
- Las Vegas/Monte Carlo night
- Member appreciation night
- Picnic
- Pizza party
- Scavenger hunt
- Steak fry
- Style show/luncheon
- Treasure hunt
- Valentine's party

**All activities are paid at COF's discretion. Payment is not allowed for activities held during school hours.**

<b>Activities not covered by \$4 Youth Allowance</b>
Anniversary parties Sunday Mass Officer elections Weddings Memorial Mass Welcome Sunday Matching Funds events Restaurant/movie certificates Feeding God's Children Events Overnight Trips