




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: Daniel Buksa		
2. Court Name/Number ^A : St. Mathias 102		
3. Membership Date ^B : 05.01.2006		
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: 10005 Ashwood Lane, Munster, IN 46321		
7. Marital status: Married	7a. Spouse name: Julie	
8. Have you ever been separated or divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes", explain below.		
9. Email: dbuksa@catholicforester.org		
<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: Bishop Noll Institut	Hammond, IN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No diploma
2. College: St. Leo College	St. Leo, FL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No B.A.
2a. If you received a college education, provide your field of study and major:	Field of study Political Science	Major Political Science
3. Other: Valparaiso University School of Law Valparaiso, IN		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No J.D.
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.		
Trustee, High Court, 2000-2004; Chief Ranger, Indiana High Court; Secretary, Northwest Indiana Association		

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



SECTION C: PROFESSIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND BUSINESS AFFILIATIONS

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

Academy of General Dentistry Public Affairs and Non-profit management

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

I am the Chief Public Affairs Officer for a 40,000 member professional society of general dentists. I oversee all advocacy areas, including Government Relations, Insurance Advocacy and Professional Relations. In addition, I am responsible for the association's governance/

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

Academy of General Dentistry (27 years)

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

Certified Association Executive (CAE)

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

Member, Knights of Columbus

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 confident that i have greatly contributed to the mission of COF over the course of the past four years as a Trustee member of the High Court. I have chaired the Compensation Committee and the Reinsurance Committee and served on the Governance Committee and the Risk Management Committee.



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>Governance background, legal background, public affairs background, governmental board/ commission background, experience on High Court, experience on Jurisdiction Court, Parish involvement, regulatory affairs, strategic management, non-profit management.</p>	

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14. Are you familiar with COF's mission?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
15. Do you support COF's mission?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
16. Describe in narrative form how you support COF's mission.	
<p>I am an active participant on the High Court, with special focus on parliamentary procedure. I fully understand and agree that COF's primary mission is the protection of Catholic families by providing competitive life insurance products. The fraternal aspect of the organization is equally important as it provides both an attraction to the organization for Catholic families, and helps retain members after they become insureds. On the local court level, I am pleased to participate in various Feeding God's Children initiatives, which not only contribute to the COF mission, but also provides support to my local community.</p>	



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: Daniel Buksa

Full Legal Signature



E-SIGNED by Daniel Buksa
 on 04/06/2024 19:16:21:21 CDT

Date

April 06, 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 July 8, 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 July 8, 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

David E. Huber

Date

7/17/2024




NOMINATION PETITION FOR OFFICE

Please print clearly.

I, Daniel Buksa, 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
 E-SIGNED by Daniel Buksa on 04/06/2024 19:17:03:03 CDT	April 06, 2024