



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: Susan Mary Pereira

2. Court Name/Number^A: 1515

3. Membership Date^B: 10/15/1958

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? ☒ Yes ☐ No

5. Are you a citizen of the United States? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Current Address: 36199 Howard Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331

7. Marital status: Married

7a. Spouse name: Thomas J. Pereira

8. Have you ever been separated or divorced? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes", explain below.

9. Email: Susano@Plotnikcpa.com

^A According to Section 13 of the *Constitution and Bylaws*, "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."

^B According to Section 13 of the *Constitution and Bylaws*, "A High Court officer or trustee/director candidate must have been a member in good standing for two full years before nomination."

SECTION B: EDUCATION, COURT EXPERIENCE

School Name	City/State	Graduate	Degree/Certificate
1. High: Chippewa Valley High School	Clinton Twp. MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Diploma
2. College: Oakland University	Rochester, MI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Bachelor of Science
2a. If you received a college education, provide your field of study and major:	Field of study Business	Major Accounting	
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.

High Court Trustee 1/1/2013 - Present
Michigan Jurisdiction VCR 2004-2013
Michigan Jurisdiction Trustee 1996-2004
Court 1515 VCR 2015 - Present
Court 1515 Trustee 2014, Recording Secretary 2003 - 2013, Financial Secretary 1999 - 2003

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.

Plotnik, Feinberg & Associates, PC Certified Public Accountant

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

Corporate accounting primarily for small and medium sized businesses.
Individual Income Tax preparation for corporate clients and individuals.

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

I have worked for Plotnik, Feinberg & Associates, PC since 1990.

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

Certified Public Accountant

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

None

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 have been a High Court Trustee since 2013. I have the experience necessary to fulfill the obligations required of a Trustee. My 44 years as a CPA enables me to understand the financial aspects of COF. I was raised in a COF family so fraternalism has always been a part of my life.

COF has undergone many changes since I've been on the Board. But there are many more issues that need to be addressed. 2025 - 2028 would be my last term on the Board. I would like to continue to work with the Board as we move ahead and implement the changes that will make COF stronger financially and an advocate of fraternalism.



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SECTION D: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF FRATERNAL BENEFIT SYSTEM OPERATIONS

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| 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.

I want what is best for COF as an organization.

I am able to look at the "big picture."

Willing to address sensitive issues.

Able to "speak up" but also able to listen to all sides.

Not afraid to make changes.

Able to take the time when at home or work to meet / talk / Zoom on COF matters.

Have organized and participated in Feeding God's Children events.

Understand the concept of compromise.

Ability to accept the consensus of the majority.

Will endorse Board decisions.

Can draw on my personal COF experiences while considering opinions of others.

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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>Our mission states "We are a trusted, century-old Catholic fraternal insurance society dedicated to providing our members with financial security and opportunities for spiritual, social and charitable growth."</p> <p>So how do I support our mission? I believe we need to continue to increase sales to ensure our continued growth. We can all participate in our growth is by supporting our agents. But COF is also a fraternal society meaning we support both social and religious activities. As a life long member of COF, I remember the Christmas parties, picnics and family outings. But these kinds of activities aren't relevant to all of our current members. For those courts that still have these activities and they are well attended, great, keep it up. But for those courts with dwindling membership and lack of interest, we need to find new programs to renew their interest. In all likelihood this means change. I would like to be a part of this change.</p>	



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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: Susan Mary Pereira

Full Legal Signature

Date

5/13/24

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



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NOMINATION PETITION FOR OFFICE

Please print clearly.

I, Susan Mary Pereira, 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

Susan M. Pereira

Date

5/13/24