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Greetings American Academy of Chefs Fellows!

Greetings, fellows, friends, and colleagues:

"Over the river and through the woods 🎵🎵🎵..."

It's officially November complete with wind, rain, and even snow in some areas. For those of us in the Northeast, it's the beginning of much "colder" weather. We have other colleagues, however, who find this to be the beginning of much "cooler" weather and perhaps will even take the opportunity to spend some time at their local golf courses. No matter what the weather conditions are where you live, the holiday season is certainly approaching quickly for all of us.

It's been a very busy fall for Chef Rico and I. We have traveled to meetings and dinners on behalf of the Academy of Chefs and worked with our regional directors and chapter officers by way of offering advice and reviewing applications for induction into the Academy. These events took place in Los Angeles, Boston, and Chicago. In each instance, we were greeted with warm hospitality, great food, and, of course, fine wines. At these gatherings, we were pleased to honor some very deserving fellows and ACF Chefs, as well as have our pictures taken with those in attendance.

In other news, I would like to take this opportunity to wish ACF Culinary Team USA the best of luck as they travel to Luxembourg for the Culinary World Cup. This will be most of the team's first foray into International Competition. Needless to say, we are rooting for them!

The process of planning our regional dinners is progressing nicely. Michel Bouit, Rico, and I have been in contact with our hosts for this year's events and all of them are very excited and looking forward to us joining them for, what I'm sure will be, some incredible cuisine.

Speaking of Academy dinners, once again this year you will have an opportunity to attend a unique dinner in Orlando before the National Convention. Although we can only do one "*Dinner of the Century*," this year's dinner theme is going to include the ACF's 90th Birthday. It will still be hosted by the Academy Honorary Board of Trustees and the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs Foundation. Chef Reimund Pitz, CEC, CCE, AAC, ACF Culinary

Team USA, and the committee are in the planning stages of an event that will include ACF, AAC and Chaîne des Rôtisseurs members from all over the country coming together for an outstanding dinner and fundraiser for the Chaîne Foundation and the ACFEF. Stay tuned for more information!

It's also that time of year when we ask for your annual donation. Many of you opt to pay your annual ACF dues at this time of year anyway, so why not piggyback your tax-deductible donations with your payment? It would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have donated so far, especially all of the fellows who donated and pledged during our annual meeting in New Orleans. It was truly amazing! In fact, our "Inspire" account grew and our operating fund is at the highest it has been in many, many years. We continue to improve our scholarship accounts as well. Thank you, one and all!

We continue to sell "Inspire" this holiday season. It makes a great gift, and we do need to sell the remaining stock. All of the proceeds benefit the ACF Culinary Youth Team 2020 by way of providing travel expenses to the Culinary Olympics (2020). By selling a few more editions, we can reach our goal and help the Culinary USA Team and our organization's future. Currently, we have surpassed the threshold for an endowment fund, which will provide funds for many years to come, and we are working very closely with our financial team on the best way to invest these funds. We certainly look forward to being able to assist the culinary team and their future efforts.

For now, grab a chair, enjoy time spent with family and friends, and Happy Holidays!

Mark

*Mark Wright, CEC®, AAC®
Chair, American Academy of Chefs*

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In the Spotlight!

The ACF Epicurean Club of Boston held the 124th Annual President's Ball on November 4th, 2018 where Chef Mark Wright, CEC, AAC, was presented the distinguished Leadership Award.



The Culinary Professionals of Chicagoland & The American Academy of Chefs gathered on November 10, 2018 to attend the 37th Annual Gala dinner Honoring Chef John Draz, CEC, CCE, CRC.





We recognize and appreciate your service to the American Academy of Chefs!

Nominations for AAC Office 2019-2021

This is a formal notice advising you that nominations for the AAC elected offices of Chair and Vice-Chair, for the term 2019-2021, are being taken. All nominees must file a nomination letter with the AAC National Office by **Dec. 1st, 2018** signed by the nominating AAC Fellow, and include a statement that the nominee is willing to serve, also signed by the nominee. For in-depth details view the AAC policies and procedures or [click here](#).

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A successful application for acceptance as an AAC Fellow will serve as the culmination of years of involvement in the grand profession, and as an ACF member.

An Academy Fellow must request an application for an individual potential inductee by sending an email to academy@acfchefs.org. There is a nonrefundable \$50 application fee that must be paid before the application is sent. For a list of current requirements, please visit the website or [click here](#).

Application deadline is Dec. 1, 2018

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