

## *L'Association des Familles D'Amours*

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### **The future of the D'Amours Family Association (DAFA), a reflection is required**

For a few months now, the DAFA Board of Directors has been discussing the future of the association on an ad hoc basis without getting to the bottom of the matter. However, it must be noted that the situation of the association deserves a little deeper reflection. Thus, at the last meeting of the Board held on October 1, the members have made reflection on the future of the association a formal point of discussion and have come to identify some observations and certain orientations that we share with you in this communication.

#### Findings:

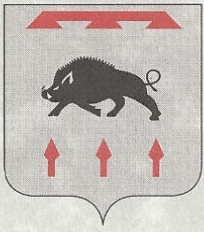
- Renewing, increasing and rejuvenating the membership of the association has become difficult;
- Member attendance at AGAs and gatherings is steadily declining;
- The liaison bulletin (Le Sanglier), which has been published faithfully on an annual basis for 26 years, is struggling to collect articles;
- The new rules governing the publication of personal information limit our work, particularly in relation to difficulties in obtaining information in genealogy;
- We have published two works major works in genealogy (Les familles D'Amours, 1651-2003 and Les descendants de Mathieu D'Amours et Marie Marsolet, 1651-2011);
- Association finances are healthy.

Of course, a great deal of work has been done over the years. A wealth of information about our family has been accumulated. It is clear that we do not want to lose anything.

How to preserve our treasures?

*« Férir jusqu'à mourir »*





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### **Board of Direction's Orientations for 2024:**

- The website is maintained;
- There will be no The Sanglier publication this year. However, if members feel like sharing their research and texts, we may publish them on the website;
- There will be no dues payable for 2024 however the list of new memberships and renewals will be kept up to date. Those who have already paid will be reimbursed;
- Where possible, current Board of Direction members will remain in place to continue reflection in partnership with members;
- At the next Annual General Meeting, without a gathering, Board members will receive comments and suggestions from members present (or by Zoom). During this meeting, the Board members will communicate their recommendations for the future of the Association. Decisions must then be taken in accordance with the will of the members

Thank you for your usual understanding and we leave you with a reflection of one of the members of our Board which sums up the situation of the Association:

"... we are prisoners of our motto: « Ferir jusqu'à mourir / *Battle to death* »... Like any social organization, our association tends to perpetuate itself. She seeks to intervene on her environment to modify it and thus find the means to grow and survive.

(Max D'Amours)

*« Ferir jusqu'à mourir »*