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& FIRST LADY DIANE**



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JOHN E. SHOOP



“Working on the Line to Gain”

Greetings my brother Masons and fellow Tall Cedars. The year is moving very quickly and much has happened since the last communication in the spring edition of the Digest. Since the Mid Winter Conference held in Gettysburg, we have been from Mount Vernon to Montana doing Cedar things, promoting our fraternity.

The Mount Vernon wreath laying experience was one that as a Mason, a former military person, and a Tall Cedar, words cannot express. The weather was perfect with bright blue skies with plenty of sun with a mild breeze. To stand in the tomb of our departed Brother Mason George Washington while placing the wreath with MWB Jessie Villarreal - Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia; MWB Stephen J. Ponzillo, III - Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, RW Past Grand Master Lee Ferguson - Grand Master of Masons of the District of Columbia is a feeling like I have never experienced before. It made me proud to say I am a Mason, a Tall Cedar, and an American. I thank all who came out to participate and make this a very special event for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Special thanks are owed to DDSTC Tom Donnaud and RWPGM & PGTC Lee Ferguson for

all of their efforts in making this year's event successful.

The Convention at Wildwood was attended by more voting members this year than in past years. Perhaps that could be attributed to the legislation that was being proposed, or perhaps it was because there is just a little more interest in the fun, frolic, and fellowship associated with our fraternity. I prefer to think of the latter. This year we were blessed by having the following Grand Masters in attendance: MW R. William Morris - Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; MW John Bednash - Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and a member of Brandywine Forest #20; MW Steven J. Ponzillo, III - Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and a member of Baltimore Forest #45; and RW Thomas K. Sturgeon - Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and a member of Wa-Cha-Gree Forest #149. Also, I am delighted to say that we made two new Cedars at our convention; RW Deputy Grand Master Jay Smith of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania became a member of Lancaster Forest #27, and RW Junior Grand Warden Ray Dietz of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania became a member of Pittsburgh Forest #160. We consider it an honor to have men of such distinction as members and attendees of our fraternity. I would be remiss if I did not take time to thank all of those who made this year's event successful. First, I need to thank SDSTC Harvey Willard for he and his committee's

efforts; Jim Moore and Jay Stanton for their help in chauffeuring the people to and from the Convention Center; Scott Schall, Parade Features chairperson and his committee; Greg Dimoff and the 2011 Committee and their efforts in having the Hughesville and Newport HS marching bands in our parade; the individual forests of the kingdom and their affiliated units, Jan Stanton our administrator, whose efforts go unnoticed as most of what she does is behind the scenes; and finally, to my Lady Diane, who was so helpful, keeping me focused, even when my patience was getting shorter like the burning wick on a candle, as the convention encroached ever so closer day by day.

Since the Annual Sessions the schedule has not become any less intense. Recently I returned from the Grand Lodge of Montana, where we and other appendant bodies were received as distinguished guests. I had the pleasure to represent and speak about our fraternity during the 145th Communication session Friday afternoon. Publicly I need to thank Brother John Mangan, MW Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Montana and the RW Grand Officers for inviting me to his Grand Lodge communication held in Miles City, Montana and giving me this opportunity. Ronald Barndt, my aide, and I were welcomed by the Past Grand Masters of Montana and the visiting GL jurisdictions represented at this Communication, where we had an opportunity to promote the Tall Cedars

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME TALL CEDAR (CONTD)

of Lebanon, telling them who and what we are about as a appendant body of the Grand Lodges.

This year we had our first ever Regional Get-togethers. The success of these events cannot be measured by how many people attended the events, but more over by the fellowship they promoted within the fraternity. My idea was never to have a meeting, but to have an interaction of the brother Cedars and their ladies, hoping that this will “spill over” into our other appendant bodies within Free Masonry. We all complain about what Free Masonry used to be in “the good ol’ days”. What we fail to realize is that we have been the undoing of the “good ol’ days” by our inaction and our apathy towards our fraternities, beginning with our maternal parent, the Blue Lodges. We seem to forget about attending our lodges and looking for new members for our fraternities, not just the TCL. We complain about the meetings and what we get out of them and their lack of interest, but we never seem to want to help to strengthen the organizations. It is what I have said before my brothers, change is the constant in the equation, and WE are the variable. Never forget my brothers, at the altar we all took the same obligation to attend and obey all lawful signs and summons from a lodge of Master Masons as our hands rested upon the Holy Bible, square, and compass. Likewise, in our charge given by the DDSTC, we are told as Tall Cedars you will only get out of it, what you put into it. Let us renew and meet our obligation as Masons and as Tall Cedars, thereby promoting growth in both bodies.

On September 17, 2011 the Tall Cedars of Lebanon will hold an MDA Benefit in Mars, Pennsylvania. This is

in lieu of a STC Ball. I feel our charity is more deserving of recognition and attention than myself and have opted for this form of publicity for our fraternity. This is the first ever such benefit held by the Supreme Forest. Please keep \$100 of your forest’s annual MDA contribution for this very worthwhile cause. If the individual forest officers or members/representative will not be present to present the donation, then please see that you Regional Foundation Director has your contribution to bring with him to Mars. All donations given will be credited to the individual forests for award purposes. The money collected that evening will be donated in the name of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon to our most worthy charity. Please plan on attending this event showcasing the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Accordingly, I want to make all of you aware of the Special Session I have called to be held at Gettysburg during our Mid Winter Conference. This becomes necessary as I failed as your STC, to include two pieces of legislation (by-laws) that were to have appeared in the Cedar Digest for your consideration and voting approval/disapproval at the Annual Sessions in Wildwood this past May. The one very important by-law is the definition of how delegates (Green Hats) can be selected, and how many delegates each forest will have. With your approval, the Green Hat vote/representation will come to fruition at next year’s Annual Sessions. The other by-law is a house-keeping by-law that our Parliamentarian found that needs to be “cleaned up” clarifying by-laws/proposals. The Special Session is advertised in this edition of the Digest and will occur at 11:15 A.M. convened by our STC elect, Harvey Willard. Plan on attending the

session to vote for this by-law, which is supported by me, the STC elect, the SDSTC elect, and the JDSTC elect.

Finally, let me say what a pleasure it has been for me personally to serve the Kingdom in this position. The hospitalities and courtesies extended to Diane, my aides, their wives, and me by you have been beyond words. I would be remiss if I did not mention our Ambassador, Colin Studlack and his family and say thank you for being our 2011 MD Goodwill Ambassador. I say thanks to you the Studlacks, Phyllis and Van Jodon for your tireless efforts in working with Colin and his family. You along with all of our preceding ambassadors are a true inspiration for us as Tall Cedars, as we raise funds for MD research. Thank you to the PSTCs for all of your help and wisdom as I “prepped” for this journey. Please remember my aide, our Supreme Chaplain, the Reverend Gerald Wagner and his wife Pat, keeping them in our prayers as he battles this serious illness that has sidelined him.

I wish much and continued success to our incoming 2012 STC Harvey Willard and lady Nancy, SDSTC Dick Feeser and lady Pat, and JDSTC Barry Sheaffer and lady Suzanne. I ask each of you Tall Cedars to support them as you have supported me and previous leaders of our fraternity.

In closing, as I said at the Mid Winter Conference, “Tonight we launch, but where shall we anchor?”

May God bless each and every one of you, this fraternity, and these United States of America!

Thank you!
John, STC 2011

MESSAGE FROM THE FIRST LADY



FIRST LADY DIANE

I enjoyed meeting as many of you as possible in our Cedar Kingdom, always showing enthusiasm and efforts to raise money for the Tall Cedar Foundation. It has made me proud to be a part of our charitable giving. Thanks to all of you who have supported John and me during our Cedar journey. I am looking forward to visiting more Forests and meeting more people of the Kingdom. So many of you have made us feel welcome at the Cedar functions. I am grateful to our 2011 Committee for all their endeavors to make Midwinter in Gettysburg and Convention in Wildwood successes. Thanks to Natalie and Brian Fritz for the fantastic hospitality room treats for the past three years. I thank all the ladies who served as Color Guard for our lunch and brunch. I so appreciate the donation to the Tall Cedar Foundation that the Color Guard made in my behalf. What an honor for me! Thanks also to all the ladies of the Forests who donated the door prizes for the Convention "Brunch at the Beach."

I am very thankful to have Pat Wagner and JoAnne Barndt as my Aides. We have been great traveling companions with lots of laughs and inspirational conversations. Their loyal support is welcomed and appreciated.

Appreciation also goes to Van and Phyllis Jodon for traveling to Cedar functions with our Goodwill Ambassador of 2011, Colin Studlack and his family.

Jan Stanton has been very helpful with many suggestions during this year. Her years of knowledge and experience is outstanding.

Special wishes for successful years and safe traveling to Bud and Nancy Willard, Dick and Pat Feeser and Barry and Suzanne Sheaffer.

This year's MDA Telethon in Las Vegas will be the last with Jerry Lewis. It is a special privilege for John and me to represent The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America at this historic event.

Three years ago John asked Jerry Wagner to be his Aide. At the same time Jerry was Supreme Chaplain. Since that time I have listened to all the good things he has preached, I have read the good things he has written in the Cedar Digest and am grateful for all the good prayers he has prayed for each of us. Thank you Pastor Wagner.

I end my message with a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: "You can never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late."

Sincerely,
Diane



HARVEY "BUD" WILLARD



"We are the Few, the Proud, the Tall Cedar"

What Happens After the Renaissance?

Over two (2) years ago, we were re-introduced to the term "Renaissance". The re-introduction took me back many years to my early college days. I asked myself was the renaissance a rebirth? Is it an extension of the medieval period? How does it relate to Tall Cedars?

This being said and avoiding a history lesson, I determined that the period that followed the Renaissance was a period of continuous learning that happened gradually. Intellectual, ideological, and technology made a clear break from the past.

I, then, reviewed what we have accomplished. The 2010 – 2011 Renaissance proved to be important to Freemasons and Tall Cedars. The

new period, knowing that we wanted to conform, provided an opportunity for Tall Cedars to plan for what happens after the Renaissance.

Conformity means change and we all view change in our own way. Some are "OK" with change, others want to be opposed. In business, one must change to stay ahead of the competition. Your leaders are faced with offering intelligent change and yet to conform to our principles of "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship".

In 2012, I expect to continue the build-up of our organization. The past years, as a simple argument, we saw a rise in individualism. My Brothers,

◆ I am an individual and a sensitive, caring Tall Cedar.

◆ I do not support change just to make change.

◆ I support growth in continuous learning.

◆ I support unity and strength!!!!

Finally, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to lead your organization in 2012. We will start 2012, with some unfinished business. Our STC, Brother Shoop has called for a "Special Session" at Mid-Winter. Please support the meeting.

"Good Enough is not Good Enough"

Harvey Willard, SDSTC

JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



RICHARD G. "DICK" FEESER



I am deeply honored to be able to serve our CEDAR Kingdom as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. I thank you for your vote of confidence in electing me as your Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for 2012 and I pledge my continued efforts to work with each Forest and its members to accomplish your goals of making your Forests larger, more serviceable to your community, greater fun for its membership and administratively stronger.

I am thrilled to be working together with our S T C John Shoop especially as he emphasizes "Growing Greener" and our S D S T C "Bud" Willard as we jointly work together to grow the business of Tall CEDAR-ISM.

There have been a number of exciting events / happenings so far this year. In Maryland our Most Worshipful Grand Master

Stephen J. Ponzillo, III held a State Wide Masonic OPEN HOUSE where Tall CEDARS were represented at many of the Lodges. The day proved to be very successful with several hundreds of petitions for New Masons turned in. We also had another Very Successful & exciting Supreme Convention & Parade. Many thanks to SDSTC "Bud" Willard, Chairman and his committee.

Looking forward we are again going to participate in the GRAND SLAM LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES PARADE in Williamsport, PA on Wednesday – August 17, 2011. We will meet at the Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Building @ 4:30 p m and be shuttled to the parade formation site. Plans are to have a flatbed trailer for us to ride on through the Parade. Also the Baltimore Forest No 45 Color

Guard is planning on being there as are some Clowns and hopefully maybe even some motorized units. Dress for CEDARS will be appropriate golf shirts (Tall Cedar preferred) and khaki pants. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our organization to between 40,000 & 70,000 folks from around the world as well as television coverage to the central PA viewing audience.

I'm looking forward to seeing many old friends and making many new acquaintances & friends as I travel over these next 3 years to many of your areas. I also hope to see a large number of you at our upcoming M D A Benefit Banquet in Pittsburgh in September as well as our Mid Winter Conference in Gettysburg, PA next January.

Fraternally & Cedarly
Richard G. "Dick" Feeser

SUPREME SCRIBE



William Klinefelter



It has been a year of changes for the Board. The heating system needed replaced, all of the lighting in the office was updated and a new locking system was installed at the office, plus a new display at the George Washington National Memorial. A new laptop was purchased for Jan and the computer was updated. Hopefully we have met all the changes with no other problems to be met for this year.

The convention was without too

many problems. The weather was cool and rainy at the onset, but the sun came out, bright for the parade. At the General Session we were honored to initiate two new members into Tall Cedars. The RWDGM Jay W Smith, with a Life Membership in Lancater Forest # 27 and a Cedar at Site to RWJGW Raymond T Dietz, in Pittsburgh Forest #160. To all the newly elected officers, I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Hopefully with less problems then the Board had to overcome this past year.

One item that did not make the ballot for this year's convention, will be acted upon at Midwinter Conference, that being the Green Hat eligibility for voting rights. A Special Session is being called for by the STC Shoop to be held at the 2012 Midwinter Con-

ference. The proposal is found in this edition of the Cedar Digest.

With this article to the Cedar Digest there is still six months left for the year. The Line Officers will still have Regional Ladies Nights to attend, the Gun Raffle has not happened, and the summer has just started. By the time you receive this edition of the Cedar Digest, the Gun Raffle winners will be listed and fall will be just ahead. The Holidays will be on the horizon, so to each and everyone, Jean and I extend our greetings. that you have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

In closing I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who made it possible for me to be your Supreme Scribe for the year of 2012. I look forward to serving the Supreme Forest, once again.

Bill Klinefelter

SUPREME TREASURER



Jerome R. Yost, Sr.



I feel we have had a good start into the new year. Our Mid-Winter conference in Gettysburg overall was a success, but we could have done better in some areas. I do believe most people had an enjoyable time.

I have been aware that fewer of our brothers have been traveling this year. I do understand, with the cost of gas it has become less attractive to travel. It is disappointing to go to a meeting and sometimes there is not enough brothers to really have a meeting. Let's at least try to get to your meetings that are close to where you live.

We had what I think was a successful Convention in Wildwood. However, here again I think we were missing a large number of brothers who did not come to convention, for who knows what reasons. We should have had

more brothers at the annual meeting to take part in the business that we had to take care of. I do think overall the convention was a lot of fun, frolic and fellowship.

I am looking forward to the Gun Raffle at the Gratz Fairgrounds, July 23rd. It looks like it will be a success this year and we have planned some changes from last years great raffle. Looking to see more of you at the Gun Raffle.

Cedarly
Jerome R. Yost Sr.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Reverend Gerald D. Wagner



Jerry and Pat Wagner

For many years we have enjoyed the words of wisdom and wit provided by our Supreme Chaplain in this magazine, at the Mid Winter Conference, and the Annual Sessions. Recently our brother, the Reverend Gerald Wagner, has become seriously ill, causing him to become less visible in our Masonic family.

The concern for him by our brothers and sisters has been overwhelming. What we need are your continued prayers for him and his family. Jerry has not lost his sense of humor and continues to be that “upbeat” person he has always been when interacting with others.

Personally, I can not express what he has meant to me as my aide and brother over the past three years as we journeyed throughout the Kingdom, and the sadness I have felt when he told me about his illness.

Please pray for him and send him cards. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from each and every one of us in the Cedar Kingdom.

John
STC



FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

This year, we will be presenting Jerry with \$364,000 at the Las Vegas Telethon. Hopefully, with the economy gaining strength and perhaps gaining new members who believe in our charity, we will be able to get more contributions this coming year.

This year the telethon has undergone a complete change with it being aired on Sunday night before Labor Day on the East Coast 6 to 12 PM instead of a two day event as in the past.

The Foundation sent out an appeal letter to solicit your help in providing funds for research to help eradicate muscular diseases. We will appreciate your response to the appeal letter.

Top 10 recent research developments accomplished via MDA funding.

- 1) MDA funded the testing of an experimental antisense RNA molecule to reduce levels of abnormal SOD1 in patients with familial ALS. MDA has funded the research through to early stage human clinical trials.
- 2) MDA funded two large studies at Repligen Corp. that have led to the development of a potential treatment for Friedreich ataxia (FA). The company is awaiting FDA approval for clinical trials to proceed in individuals with FA.
- 3) A MDA funded gene therapy trial recently showed posi-

tive results for limb girdle muscular dystrophy type 2D (LGMD2D) following direct injection into muscle. MDA is now funding the next level of studies to improve delivery to entire limbs.

- 4) MDA is funding research at ALS-TDI testing immune modulation in an ALS mouse model, which has shown early success.
- 5) MDA is funding Acceleron Pharma to test the experimental drug ACE-031, which is designed to strengthen muscles, in children with DMD.
- 6) The MDA-funded concept of exon skipping for DMD is now in clinical trials being conducted by GlaxoSmithKline and Prosensa. The trial is designed to enroll 180 patients from up to 18 countries.
- 7) MDA funded research resulted in clarification of the role of the DUX4 gene in FSHD.
- 8) MDA funded research at Stanford University resulted in production of a new mouse model for DMD that is more representative of the human condition than in the current mdx mouse model. This will be a very useful resource for preclinical testing of experimental therapies.
- 9) Research supported by MDA resulted in the development

of flow charts to guide genetic testing for the various subtypes of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT), streamlining the testing procedure and reducing cost.

- 10) Pediatric cardiologists and other experts at an MDA-sponsored meeting exchanged information and refined studies regarding the heart in DMD and BMD Jan 2011. Cardiomyopathy is a serious complication of DMD as individuals grow older.

The Wii purchased for the entertainment of the Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador and past Goodwill Ambassadors continues to be a big hit at convention. Our Goodwill Ambassador Colin and past Ambassadors, their parents and siblings thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

As the Chairman of the Foundation, I thank Brother Van Jodon, TCF Director Region 4 for the outstanding job he performs as the escort for our Goodwill Ambassador Colin during 2011.

Bear program manager, Walter Manhart has 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 bears for sale. If you need any of these bears, please contact him, your Trustee or Director. The 2012 Bears will be available for purchase before the December holidays.

Cedarly, Norman L. Clark,
Chairman, Tall Cedar Foundation



Welcome to the Eternal Forest

All members of all forests are equally important in the Cedar Kingdom. Our ladies, without whose support, we could not function, are just as important. Some members and some ladies due to what they have done for us have become known well outside of their forest. We do have an annual memorial service but sadly, it is attended by only a small fraction of the Kingdom and so many do not learn of the passing of these our friends. Therefore, I would like to start this regular entry in the Cedar Digest so that all in the Kingdom can know of a friend that has passed and the works they have done. Please contact the Public Relations Committee to add a friend.

Susan "Stitches" Doman
(Main Line Forest #153)

Stitches became associated with the Tall Cedars almost forty years ago when her husband Whiskers (aka John Doman) joined. She was always there to help in our cause. She was also there to help nurture the Tall Cedar clowns. She would not only give them ideas about costuming, but would also make items for them to wear. At Rose Sales, parades and other events, she was there to support the rest of the cast or to step in and give that "Motherly Touch of Love" that she never ran out of. In those of us whose lives were touched by Stitches, there is now a void that can't quite be filled with the wonderful memories she left behind.



2011
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
GOODWILL AMBASSADOR
COLIN STUDLACK

Colin was born on August 6th 2004. At the age of five he was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Pottsville, Pennsylvania is home to Colin, his parents Cindy and John, and his little sister Sara. John is a member of Schuylkill Forest No. 50.

A kindergartener, Colin loves to collect marbles, playing with his Hot Wheels cars, and watching Scooby-Doo. He enjoys art and science.

Colin may be shy at first but once he's comfortable he'll give you a big smile and maybe a "high-five"! We're sure he will be a great Ambassador for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

To request Colin's attendance at a Forest function, contact Tall Cedar Foundation Director Van Jodon at PO Box 3, Centre Hall, PA 16828, phone # (814) 364-1993 or e-mail at prjodon@comcast.net.

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The Tall Cedars of Lebanon and other appendant bodies were received by the RW Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of PA, Thomas K. Sturgeon at Herndon Lodge on March 8, 2011 during his visit to the Lodge for their Annual Seafood Night.



(L-R) RWGM Thomas K. Sturgeon and STC Shoop

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TCF District No. 14	Mackey, George	PGTC No. 45
TCF District No. 15	Moitozo, Frank	PGTC No. 91
TCF District No. 16	Wys, Earl	GTC No. 208
TCF District No. 17	McCandless, F. Herbert	PGTC No. 175
TCF District No. 18	Baker, Warren	JDGTC No. 129
TCF District No. 19	Reed, Carl L.	PGTC No. 149
TCF District No. 20	Campbell, F. Hamer, Jr.	Scribe No. 139
TCF District No. 21	Bryan, Harry	PGTC No. 95
TCF District No. 22	Isgett, Winfred	PGTC No. 170
TCF District No. 23	Piasecki, Fred	PGTC No. 196
TCF District No. 24	No District #24 at present	
TCF District No. 25	McLemori, Ralph	PGTC No. 171
TCF District No. 26	Abrens, Arthur	PGTC No. 165

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Awards	Beidel, Alan, Chm.	PGTC No. 145
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Awards	Corwell, Brian	PGTC No. 145
Bowling	Harman, George J., Chm.	JDGTC No. 88
Bowling	Harman, Mike	No. 88
Bowling	Snyder, Larry	No. 199
Bowling	Shrawder, Scott	No. 199
Building	Shultz, William F., Chm.	PSTC
Building	Balas, Michael	PGTC No. 43
Digest	Shoop, John, Chm.	PSTC
Digest	Henderson, Carol, Editor	
Digest	Gevinson, Marshall	PGTC No. 134
Convention	Willard, Richard, Chm.	PGTC No. 31
Convention	Manter, David	PGTC No. 124
Convention	Schall, R. Scott	PGTC No. 35
Convention	Horgan, Harry	PSTC
Credentials	Edwards, William E. , Chm.	PGTC No. 139
Credentials Liaison/Advisor	Vinch, Paul	PGTC No. 4
Credentials	Ondechek, Kenneth	SDGTC No. 20
Credentials	Hemphill, David	PGTC No. 20
Credentials	Urso, Vito A.	PGTC No. 149
Credentials	Cope, James	PGTC No. 21
Credentials	Travis, Albert	PGTC No. 43

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ExtensionAdvisor/Liaison	Leinbaugh, Lloyd	SD No. 9
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Finance	Rush, Charles L.	PGTC No. 61
Fraternal Relations	Myers, Earl T., Chm.	PSTC
Fraternal Relations	Freeze, Donald	PGTC No. 30
Fraternal Relations	Baringer, Richard	PSTC
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Membership	Dimoff, Gregory, Chm.	PGTC No. 88
Membership Liaison/Advisor	Neubauer, Bruce	SD No. 6
Membership	Feeser, Richard	PGTC No. 149
Membership	Ennis, William	PGTC No. 14
Membership	Zeiders, Delvin	PGTC No. 43
Midwinter	Diem, Gareth, Chm.	PSTC
Midwinter	Goodhart, Duane	PSTC
Midwinter	Corwell, Jacob R.	PSTC
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Parade Marshals	Bernodin, Adam	PGTC No. 50
Parade Marshals	Klinger, Dennis	PGTC No. 125
Parade Marshals	Decker, Kenneth	PGTC No. 35
Parade Marshals	Cressler, Samuel	PGTC No. 145
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Parliamentarian	Krupp, Matthew	No. 31
Photographer	Hahn, Bob	No.61
Policy/Manual/Ritual	Sheaffer, Barry	JDSTC
Policy/Manual/Ritual	Dimoff, Gregory	PGTC No. 88
Policy/Manual/Ritual	Reed, James	PSTC
Policy/Manual/Ritual	Saul, Robert	SD# 4
Policy-Manual/Ritual	Beam, Curtis	SD# 5
Policy-Manual/Ritual	Feeser, Richard	SDSTC
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Provost Guard	Corwell, Brian	PGTC No. 145
Provost Guard	Melvin, David	PGTC No. 49
Provost Guard	Crippin, John	PGTC No. 150
Provost Guard	Martens, Michael	PGTC No. 13
Provost Guard	Hopkins, Robert	GTC No. 30
Public Relations/Publicity	Lord, Charles, Chm.	PGTC No. 153
Public Relations/Publicity Liaison/Advisor	Beam, Curt	SD #5
Public Relations/Publicity	Gevinson, Marshall	PGTC No. 134

Registration	Rehrer, Paul , Chm.	PGTC No. 146
Registration	Lebish, Thomas J.	PGTC No. 31
Registration	Marley, Robert	PGTC No. 142
Registration	Wallis, Michael	PGTC No. 199
Scholarship	Cross, Ronald L., Chm.	PGTC No. 95
Scholarship	Lockbaum, Robert	PGTC No. 95
Scholarship	Hutcheson, Robert	No. 140
Scholarship	Rinehart, Richard	PGTC No. 132
Sessions Site	Willard, Richard	PGTC No. 31
Sessions Site	Feeser, Richard	SDSTC
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Special Activities Fund Committee	Willard, Richard	PGTC No. 31
Special Activities Fund Committee	John Shoop	PSTC
Special Activities Fund Committee	Reed, William	PGTC No 125
Special Aides to the STC	Becker, Eric	PGTC No. 139
Special Aides to the STC	Moore, James	PGTC No. 13
Special Aides to the STC	Strunk, Albert	PGTC No. 13
Special Aides to the STC	Ellis Updegraff	PSTC
Special Aides to the STC	Schall, R.Scott	PGTC No. 35
Special Aides to the STC	Lambert, Robert	PGTC No. 124
Special Aides to the STC	Saylor, Donald	
Tall Cedar Room	Clark, Norman	PGTC No. 134
	Perkins, Ronald	PGTC No.139
Transportation	Moore, James, Chm.	PGTC No. 13
Transportation	Beam, Thomas	PGTC No. 35
Web Master	Hahn, Bob	No. 61
Youth	Neubaurer, Bruce	PGTC No. 77
Royal Scots Pipers and Marching Unit:	Strunk, Albert , Chm.	PGTC No. 13
	Cohen, George - Piper	PGTC No. 13
	Welch, Jonathan - Piper	JDGTC No. 27
	Penley, Wayne - Piper	PGTC No. 45
	Smith, Donald,	SDGTC No. 30
	Ware, Charles	PGTC No. 95
	Becker, Eric	PGTC No. 13
	Bean, David	Trustee No.31
	Fuscia, Russell	SD No. 1
	Morgan, George	PSTC
	Miller, Jr., Samuel	PGTC No. 34
2012 Color Guard: Baltimore Forest No. 45	Little, George, Director	PGTC No. 45



This logo is in keeping with Bud's Scottish theme starting with the Luckenbooth Holyrood symbol and highlighting the Breast Cancer Awareness ribbon in the middle then circled by the strength of Cedarism belt. Luckenbooth Holyrood symbol meaning – Two Hearts intertwined for Love surrounded by a Crown for Loyalty.

**2012 Midwinter Conference
Annual Ladies of Cedarism Luncheon
January 14, 2012
The Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA
\$20.00 Per Person**

**Doors open at 11:30. Luncheon is at 12:00 Noon
Complete the form below.**

Make your check payable to: "2012 Committee".

Send to: Arlene Baringer

1845 California Road

Richlandtown, PA 18955

Deadline for reservations: December 30, 2011

2012 Midwinter Ladies Luncheon

Name _____ Forest No. _____

Enclosed is my check for # _____ tickets at \$20.00 each.

2012 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 13th – 15th 2012

Wyndham Gettysburg

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



Room Occupancy	*Friday night only	**Saturday night only	***Friday & Saturday nights
Single	\$159.00	\$169.00	\$326.00
Double	\$122.00	\$132.00	\$250.00
Triple	\$109.00	\$120.00	\$225.00
Quad	\$103.00	\$113.00	\$215.00
Children 4-11	\$ 38.30	\$ 56.70	\$ 95.00
Children 12-18	\$ 67.10	\$ 71.90	\$139.00

EP rates for early arrivals or late stays - \$75 + tax per night.

Hospitality Suites (sleeping Room w/ Parlor attached) – **limited availability**. For information call the Supreme Forest Office.

* Friday night only includes lodging, Friday's dinner & Saturday's breakfast.

** Saturday night only includes lodging, Saturday's Installation Banquet, and Sunday's breakfast.

*** Friday/Saturday package includes two nights lodging, Friday's dinner, Saturday's breakfast & Installation Banquet, & Sunday's breakfast. Telephone calls and other incidentals are not included in package and a deposit or credit card imprint is required for service.

SATURDAY'S BANQUET ONLY: \$65.00 PER PERSON (Includes Hospitality Hour)

Check-in Time: 3:00 PM

Check-out Time: Noon

FOR RESERVATIONS, COMPLETE THIS FORM (no phone calls) AND RETURN TO YOUR FOREST HOUSING CHAIRMAN.

NOTE: All reservations must be made through the Supreme Forest Office. Reservations must be accompanied by a deposit. This deposit will guarantee your reservation and will be applied only for the confirmed day of arrival. Credit cards are not acceptable for deposit. Reservation requests without deposits will be returned without action. PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. Reservations received after December 9th accepted on space available basis.

DEPOSIT: \$100.00 Per Person

Reservation deadline: **December 9th, 2011**

(Individuals will make Reservations directly through the Housing Chairman in their Forest)

Cancellations must be made by Friday, January 6, 2012 to avoid forfeiture of \$100.00 Per Person Deposit

TALL CEDARS 2012 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 12-15, 2012

Arrival ___/___/___

Departure Date ___/___/___

SHARING WITH (If Applicable)

*Name _____ Forest # _____ *Guest Name _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: (Circle) Single Double Triple Quad

ADULTS _____ # CHILDREN (4-11) _____ # CHILDREN (12-18): _____

Handicapped/Special Needs Request: _____

Enclosed is my check # _____ in the amount of \$100 **per person** room deposit. (Checks to be made payable to your Forest)

LADIES LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, January 14th 2012

Name: _____ Forest No. _____ # Reservations _____

Dietary restrictions? _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ reservations @ \$ 20.00/ each. (Deadline – December 20th 2011.

Make check payable to: **2012 Committee** and mail to: Arlene Baringer, 1845 California Road, Richlandtown, PA 18955

RESULTS FOR 33RD ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST CLOWN COMPETITION

INDIVIDUAL MAKE UP COMPETITIONS

1st Place Tall Cedars Whiteface
1st Place Cedarettes Whiteface
1st Place Tall Cedars Auguste
1st Place Cedarettes Auguste
1st Place Tall Cedars Character
2nd Place Tall Cedars Character
3rd Place Tall Cedars Character
1st Place Cedarettes Character
1st Place Tall Cedars Tramp / Hobo

Bill "Poobah" Ward
Marti "Jingles" Laudato
Frank "Crabby" Williams
Gerry "Giggles" Tynan
Edmund "Capt Salty" Radcliff
Dan "Stitches" Stokes
Don "Snoozo" Brown
Linda "Pixie" Gevinson
Earl "Tatters" Shaffer

Trenton Forest #4
Centre Forest #129
Evergreen Forest #49
Montgomery Forest #134
Evergreen Forest #49
Centre Forest #129
Tamiami Forest #205
Montgomery Forest #134
York Forest #30

GROUP SKITS

1st Place Cedarettes
1st Place Tall Cedars
2nd Place Tall Cedars
1st Place Mixed Skit
2nd Place Mixed Skit
3rd Place Mixed Skit

Montgomery Forest #134
Trenton Forest #4
Evergreen Forest #49
Prince Georges #139
York Forest #30
Centre Forest #129

"Fight of the Century"
"Let me have it!"
"Wee – Wee"
"Clown Bingo"
"The Great Mystic"
"Jack in the Box"

INDIVIDUAL SKITS

1st Place Cedarettes
1st Place Tall Cedars
2nd Place Tall Cedars

Joyce "Peaches" Schrum - York Forest #30
Don "Snoozo" Brown – Tamiami Forest #205
Earl "Tatters" Shaffer – York Forest #30

"The Men I sleep with"
"Golf Lessons"
"The Clown and the Apple"

22 clowns participated in the skits & 9 clowns were judged for makeup.

**Sunbury Forest No 65 TCL
Participates in MDA Lockup in Lewisburg, PA
April 19, 2011**



Front: John Gilligbauer, PGTC, Back Row: Reuel Whipple, Richard Radel

**Maryland Lodges Open House
April 2, 2011**



GTC George L. Mackley of Baltimore Forest No. 45 is setup in the Grand Lodge of Maryland Building where 10 Lodges meet.

TALL CEDAR WEEK

HARRISBURG FOREST NO. 43

On March 9, the Dauphin County Board of Game Commissioners issued a proclamation declaring the week of March 13-19 as Tall Cedars Week in Dauphin County. Participating in the proclamation presentation were (from left to right): Jack Ulsh, Past Trustee; Gerald D. Feaser Jr., Scribe; Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries; Dauphin County Commissioner George Hartwick; Larry Mummert, Trustee; Reilly Johnson, Harrisburg Forest #43 Goodwill Ambassador; David A. McDade, JDGTC; Warren C. Hillbish, GTC; Dauphin County Commissioner Jeffrey T. Haste, who is president of the Board and a member of Harrisburg Forest #43; and John W. Suhr, Treasurer.



GOVERNOR MARKELL OF DELAWARE

*presented the Forests in Delaware a Proclamation designating
March 13 -19, 2011 as Tall Cedar Week in Delaware.*



(L-R) James Miller, PGTC Brandywine Forest No. 20; Calvin Brundick, SDGTC Evergreen Forest No. 49; David Melvin, GTC Evergreen Forest No. 49; Governor Markell; Richard G. "Dick" Feaser JDSTC, PGTC No. 49; James A Massey, DDSTC, PGTC No. 53; Robert A. Fralley, PGTC Evergreen Forest No. 49 (Back Row) Andrew Partyka, JDGTC Evergreen Forest No. 49. Picture taken by Franklin H. Williams, PGTC Evergreen Forest No. 49

DELAWARE BROTHERHOOD NIGHT

*Tall Cedars was by far the Largest Appendant Body in attendance
and there were 36 of us!!*

On March 18, 2011 the MW Grand Master John Bednash and the Grand Lodge of Delaware hosted Brotherhood Night. This annual event sponsored by the GL of Delaware was attended by hundreds of Brother Masons from the neighboring jurisdictions and various appendant bodies of Masonry. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon were well represented and are proud of our fellow Cedar, John Bednash MWGM, who is a member of Brandywine Forest #20. Fun, frolic, and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended the event. We continue to wish Brother Bednash continued success as the MWGM of Delaware, and thank him for his recognition of our fraternity, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.



(L-R) Richard G. "Dick" Feeser, JDSTC; Harvey "Bud" Willard, SDSTC; Grand Master Bednash, Brandywine No. 20; John E. Shoop, STC; George A. Morgan, PSTC and James W. Reed; PSTC.

Also present (not in picture): Jerry Yost, ST; PSTC Pete Updegraff and PSTC Harry E. "Hap" Horgan; Supreme Directors: Russ Fuscia & Curtis Beam and several DDSTC.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Presentation of a 50 Year service certificate and pin to PSTC Ray Bosley by PSTC Ray Vogel at Baltimore Forest #45 on June 16, 2011.



L to R: Ray Vogel, Ray Bosley

PENN FOREST NO. 21 -- *Pancake Breakfast*

Penn Forest #21 Chester, Pennsylvania held a successful pancake breakfast on March 26, 2011 at Christ United Methodist Church in Brookhaven, Pennsylvania. Tall Cedars from Brandywine Forest #20 Wilmington, Delaware came up and helped in the kitchen. The Penn Forest ladies and Brandywine Cedarettes also sold novelty items and baked goods during the breakfast.



The photos depict folks enjoying a delicious breakfast of pancakes, french toast, eggs, and sausage.

Penn Forest holds a pancake breakfast every year in March and October. It is a lot of work, but a great time of fellowship.



TALL CEDARS AWARD A SCHOLARSHIP



Pictured to the left Sara Bacchetta, granddaughter of James Reed, Past Supreme Tall Cedar in 2009 received a scholarship from the Tall Cedars.

The two other scholarship winners are: Ryan J. Trittenback, grandson of deceased member Gilbert Trittenback of Easton Forest #35 and Robert M. Stover, III, grandson of Tall Cedar Robert M. Stover of York Forest #30.

PENN FOREST #21 AND BRANDYWINE FOREST #20

Enjoying Summer Convention at Wildwood, New Jersey.



Photographs include pre-parade activities.

The float of “Catch a Cure for MD”, which won First Place for the Brandywine Cedarettes.

The two Forests shared a hospitality room and plenty of Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship.

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT IS NOT JUST 'MAKING NEW MEMBERS'

The Membership statistics through the first four months of this year show that we are following the same trend as last year. The rate of net loss of members has slowed to a manageable level. As of the first of May, 2011, there were 82 new initiations, 8 affiliations and 12 reinstatements for a 102 gain in members. However, the loss side of the ledger showed a loss of 80 deceased and 22 suspensions for a net loss of 102. These figures indicate a Zero loss in membership.

Unfortunately, there is another category for loss in membership, i.e., Demits. So far in 2011, there have been 22 members decide that they no longer want to be part of our organization. The member who resigns from Tall Cedars is not normally a member with only one or two years of service that finds that he made a wrong choice when he decided to join our group, but rather a member with several years of service who just loses interest in being a Tall Cedar. Where have we, as an organization, failed to meet the needs and expectations or desires of these disgruntled members?

One might ask "what is our leadership doing to support membership development?" We are in the second year of the 'Growing Greener' campaign where a Brother Master Mason can become a member of a constituent forest for a fee of only \$25.00 and the cost of his pyramid is reimbursed to the forest through

the Special Activities Fund. This makes membership more attractive and affordable for new members. Legislation was presented and approved at the Annual Convention to provide representation to the forests that are not located geographically within the conventional Region/District model. Having Provisional Directors will help open the way for expansion of new forests.

There have been or will be informal regional get-togethers for each region. Not only do these social events provide an opportunity for the members within a region to meet and socialize with the Supreme Forest line officers but also for the members from each forest and district within the region to meet and greet each other. Hopefully, these gatherings will impress upon every member that they are part of an organization that extends beyond just their local forest or district.

Legislation amending the Constitution was presented and approved that provided for a Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest. This position has voting rights at every Supreme Forest Session. This so-called Green Hat position is intended to increase interest and participation at the sessions and to stimulate involvement at the constituent forest level. The full By-Laws amendment should be presented at the 2012 Mid-Winter session for approval.

Perhaps the more important

question is "what are we as rank and file Tall Cedars doing to develop our organization and make it more attractive?" Consider that we began 2011 with only 90 constituent forests, 55 of which had less than 100 members. Of all of the forests, 6 began the year without a reported Grand Tall Cedar and 20 more forests had less than a full officer corps. What message does this send to the membership?

Constituent forests must work to develop leadership within their members, plan social events to attract the entire family, and always promote the tenets of Tall Cedarism. These programs and events that help with membership development are intended to attract new members, give current members cause to maintain their membership and hopefully, help provide the personal enrichment for our entire membership that they were looking for when they became members.

All said and done, Membership Development is not the responsibility of some faceless committee, nor the burden of the Supreme Forest Officers but the responsibility of each and every one of us, Tall Cedars that are proud to be called Tall Cedar and proud to represent this great organization.

Gregory A. Dimoff, PGTC #88
Membership Chairman

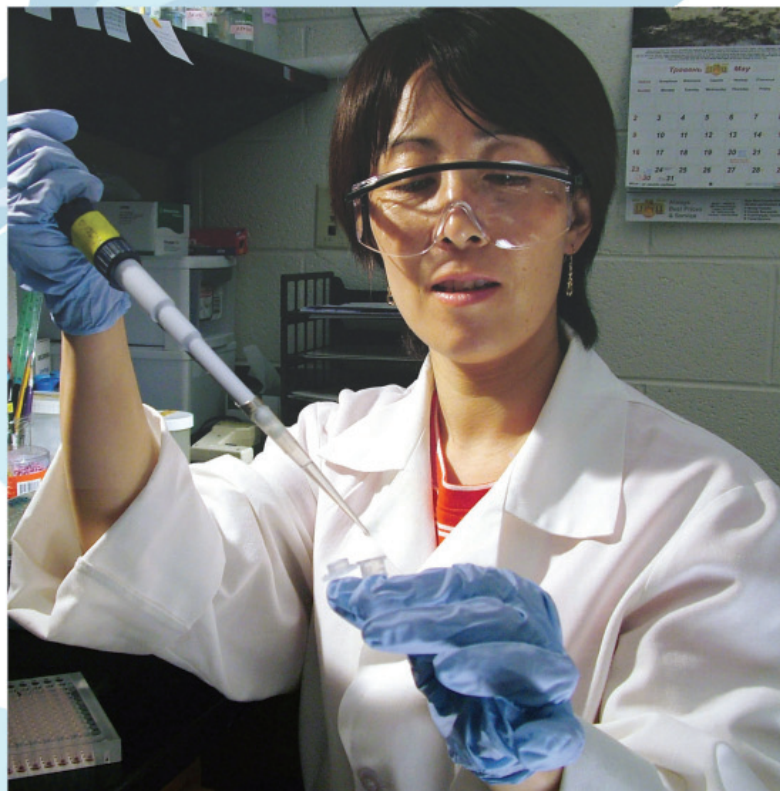
Speeding the Search for Cures in ALS

In ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease) the death of muscle-controlling motor neurons leads to generalized weakness and eventual paralysis. This devastating disease takes away mobility, independence and the ability to talk, swallow and breathe on your own — often within three to five years after diagnosis.

Therapies and cures are desperately needed for ALS — and the sooner, the better. Your ongoing support will help us continue moving forward toward new discoveries.

Four Promising Compounds

MDA has awarded \$2 million to the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI) of Cambridge, Mass., to support the Institute's ongoing drug development research. The funding comes via Augie's Quest, MDA's "fast-track" ALS research fundraising initiative, and brings the total amount MDA has awarded to the nonprofit biotech since 2007 to more than \$23.4 million.



MDA awarded ALS TDI \$2 million in 2011 for continued drug development. The new grant brings the total amount awarded to the Institute by MDA to more than \$23.4 million since 2007.

This latest grant is supporting preclinical testing of four new compounds in the SOD1 mouse model of ALS. If successful, the experimental therapies are likely to advance to human clinical trials. ALS TDI also will use the MDA grant to expand its research program to include the TDP43 mouse model of the disease. (See "A New Mouse Model and a New Collaboration.")

Heat Shock Protein Therapy

Heat shock proteins (HSPs) are a class of naturally occurring proteins that help cells withstand various kinds of stress. An MDA grant totaling \$250,000 has been awarded to the biotech firm ALS Biopharma of Doylestown, Pa., to support testing in mice of two drug candidates based on heat shock protein 70 (HSP70).

Preliminary studies have demonstrated that mice treated with HSP70 experienced delayed symptom onset and improved survival time as compared to research mice treated with riluzole (Rilutek), the only drug currently approved for the treatment of ALS.

(ALS Biopharma researchers are using an ALS research mouse engineered to have a disease similar to the familial form of ALS that's caused by mutations in the SOD1 gene.)

If either version of the HSP70 biologic agent is found to be sufficiently safe and beneficial in mice, ALS Biopharma plans to move toward conducting clinical trials in people with ALS.

Blocking a Toxic Neurotransmitter

Excessive signaling by glutamate, a central nervous system neurotransmitter, may play a role in ALS and other neurodegenerative diseases. MDA's translational research program has awarded a grant totaling \$268,000 to biotech firm Glialogix, of Larkspur, Calif., to test the company's new experimental



treatment for ALS, GLX1112, a glutamate inhibitor that appears to block glutamate signaling in the brain and spinal cord.

The MDA grant is supporting an approximately year-long study to determine the safety and efficacy of GLX1112 in mice with an ALS-like disease.

Glialogix is collaborating on the study with the nonprofit biotech ALS TDI (which also is supported by MDA), and must meet certain milestones along the way: It must prove that the drug crosses the blood-brain barrier to reach the intended target; that it is working to remove excess glutamate from the nervous system; and that it is safe and well-tolerated in the mice.

At the end of the year, if all milestones are met, researchers at Glialogix plan to test the compound in more advanced animal research models and then, potentially, in people with ALS.

A New Mouse Model and a New Collaboration

MDA has partnered with the ALS Therapy Development Institute to fund the characterization of an important new tool in ALS research: the TDP43 research mouse model. Also funding ALS TDI in this work are the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation and the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration.

“Characterization” of the TDP43 mouse means observing and describing its characteristics, such as when and how it experiences disease onset,



ALS causes weakness of the voluntary muscles, eventually leading to paralysis. Only with the generous support of Research Leaders like you is MDA able to advance research efforts aimed at slowing and stopping this devastating disease.

and the rate at which the disease progresses. Such information enables researchers to improve the quality of preclinical testing of drugs that target TDP43 in animal models of ALS. This in turn is expected to translate into a higher success rate for these same drugs when they move to clinical trials in humans.

The TDP43 mouse carries a mutation in the gene for the TDP43 protein and was engineered by MDA-supported scientists.

MDA and the members of its collaborative team have set specific goals for the project:

- determination of the TDP43 mouse model's phenotype (the ways in which it exhibits the disease) to see how well it mimics human ALS;
- collection of disease-affected tissue samples;
- identification of key changes in gene activity that signify disease onset or progression; and
- analysis of similarities and differences between the TDP43 mouse, the more commonly used SOD1 mouse model, other models of neurodegeneration, and people currently living with ALS.

Progress has to start somewhere, and in neuromuscular disease research, mice are often the first to receive experimental treatments that have the potential to become therapies for humans.



CEDARS OF LEBANON

Jack H. Speece
GTC, Chief Logan 131



unknown, ca. 1900

The Cedars of Lebanon are considered to be the most majestic of all trees in the world, considered to be one of the seven natural wonders. On the mountains of Lebanon, they once stood as a mighty forest, tall and straight. They reached 130 feet in height and over 9 feet in diameter. However, a cedar growing alone can develop lower horizontal branches and become more sprawled. It is believed that this forest once covered the entire country. The light clear wood was sought after by all nations with its light color, great hardness, exquisite fragrance, and resistance to decay. Some considered it sacred and used it in the building of temples. The cedar is the national symbol of Lebanon and has been an important part of the nation's heritage. It is centermost on the Lebanese

flag and her Coat of Arms.

The famous cedars of Lebanon are referred to by scientists as *Cedrus libani*. They grow only on the tall mountains, at altitudes between 3,300 and 6,500 feet, above the line where most other vegetation dies. Man has made many uses of this timber over the centuries. Its pitch is used for reducing toothaches. Its sawdust has been found in the tombs of Pharaohs. It was also used to help preserve corpses. Snakes are said to avoid its presence. It is sought after as incense in various ceremonies. The Jews use it for circumcisions and healing leprosy. The wood was used to build ships, homes, palaces, railroad ties and as fuel.

Alphonse De Lamartine (1790-1869), the famous French poet and statesman, visited the

"Cedars of Solomon" while serving as a representative in Beirut. He described the event in his *Voyage en Orient*, published in Paris in 1843. Escorted by the Sheik of Eden they traveled for three hours by horseback, up the mountain and through the snow, to the Valley of the Saints. Here, waterfalls from the melting snow, were over a hundred feet high. Above the ice field is a half circle valley that contains the famous group of cedars dating back to the time of Solomon. Alphonse describes these trees as the most celebrated natural monuments in the whole universe.

The cedar is mentioned over 70 different times in the Old Testament. The cedars are referred to as being high and lofty, not unlike our pride and arrogance.

CEDARS OF LEBANON (CONTD.)

The Book of Kings describes how Solomon knew that he did not have men with the skills to hew the timber necessary for use in the temple. Therefore, he called upon King Hiram of Tyre to employ the Sidonians who had the necessary skills and convey the timber by sea in floats and hence to Jerusalem.

"And behold, I propose to build a house into the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spoke unto David my Father, saying, Thy son, whom will I set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build house unto my name. Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon, and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians."

This required fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains and threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens. In return,

Solomon gave to King Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil each year. So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees according to all his desire. The walls, floors and ceilings of the temple were all covered with cedar and were carved with knobs and open flowers; there was no stone seen.

The deforestation of Lebanon at the upper tributaries of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers is believed to have caused salinity problems in the Fertile Crescent. This resulted in clogging of the irrigation canals resulting in a decline in food production. Some say this is what led to the decline of the great Babylonian civilization.

Currently, the cedars remain as one of the main tourists attractions in Lebanon. Only twelve groves still remain in the country. The most famous are those in Becharri, Northern Lebanon, about 2 hours from Beirut. This grove of about 375 trees, known as the "Cedars of the Lord" stand in a sheltered glacial pocket on Mount Makmel. This is believed to be the oldest and largest of the

species at over 2,000 years old. A stone wall was built around the grove in 1876 by Queen Victoria to help give it protection from the ravages of goat herding. Each year the natives from the surrounding villages climb up to the grove and celebrate mass.

The demand for this beautiful wood has practically exhausted its entire supply. Man's appetite and greed has reduced the vast forests to a few mere secluded spots. The little remaining forests were used to produce a rich fuel for powering railroad engines during the war in Lebanon from 1914 to 1918. A reforestation program is currently underway to help bring back part of this natural wonder.

It is said that the snows no sooner begin to fall than the Cedars turn their branches to rise insensibly, gathering their points upward, forming, as it were, a pyramid or parasol. Assuming this new shape, they can sustain the immense weight of snow remaining upon them for so long. What finer example can we have to shape our own lives and live in harmony with others.

GRAND SLAM LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES PARADE

WILLIAMSPORT, PA

DATE: Wednesday – August 17, 2011

TIME: Formation: Meet @ Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite Building;
348 Market St, Williamsport, PA17701
(570) 323-6194 / 4:30 p m (Will be shuttled to Parade formation site!!)

PARADE MOVES 6:00 PM

DRESS: khaki pants and appropriate golf shirts

CONTACT: Wilmer Hall, RE Deputy Grand Commander,
Knights Templar of PA is the coordinating chair
(Patcheskt@windstream.com ; 570-204-9920).

****This is a stage like no other to show the world who the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America are with an estimated crowd of 40-70,000 people (from around the world) attending, plus a localized TV audience (Central, Southeastern, and Northeastern PA).*

We have secured a flat bed tractor trailer for the Tall Cedars to be transported through the parade!!!

We want to encourage participation by any of the following:

- ◆ Goodwill Ambassadors from various Forests
- ◆ Color Guard members from various Forests to make a combined Guard
- ◆ Clowns from various Forests
- ◆ Motorized units (individual or groups) from various Forests
- ◆ Tuxedo or Marching units from various Forests

MDA SUMMER CAMP FOREST #49



L to R: Charles Long – District 13 Foundation Trustee; Dick Feeser, JDSTC ; “Crabby”- Franklin H. Williams and Our Evergreen Forest No. 49 Goodwill Ambassador “ALY”



L to R: Dick Feeser, JDSTC; Cecily Fisher and Loretta Higgins – “ALY’s” Parents; Camp Counselor; “Crabby”- Franklin H. Williams and Our Evergreen Forest No. 49 Goodwill Ambassador “ALY”



IN HONOR OF PGTC DAVID CRANE



Brothers of Pocono Forest assisted by Cedars from District 8 and District 10, planted a cedar tree in honor of PGTC David Crane, Pocono Forest

THE MAKING OF JOSH FRABLE A MASON



Tall Cedars from Neversink Forest #32, Norristown Forest #31 and York Forest #30 assisted the Officers of Lodge #62, Reading, PA in the making of Josh Frable a Mason. Bro. Josh is a former Goodwill Ambassador of Neversink Forest.

NEW MEMBERS FOR SHAWNEE FOREST #167



(L-R) Front: Troy Claycomb, Joseph Kennedy, John Shoop,STC;
Gary Allison & Reuben Lafferty;
Back: Craig Baker, Susquehanna Forest #199; Dwayne Anders &
Timothy James, Susquehanna Forest #199.



(L-R) Officers of Shawnee Forest #167; Joe Teeter, JDGTC;
Ken Lingenfelter, Jr.,SDGTC; Marlin Wright, GTC; John Shoop, STC,
Roger Claycomb,PGTC; Robert Corle, Scribe & PGTC;
and Ronald Evans, PGTC.

TALL CEDAR FOREST #205 CAMPOUT APRIL 2011 IN NEW JERSEY



**2011 COLOR GUARD COMPETITION
MAY 6TH 2011
WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY
RAYMOND M. SHEAFFER - SUPREME CHIEF RANGER**

FIRST PLACE: Baltimore Forest No. 45 with 99.0 points
SECOND PLACE: Harrisburg Forest No. 43 with 97.75 points
THIRD PLACE: Quittapahilla Forest No. 25 with 95 points



“A DAY AT THE BALLPARK”



The Barnstormers mascot and Colin Studlack

On July 9, 2011 Lancaster Forest #27 held “A Day at the Ballpark” raising funds for our charity MDA. Thanks to the efforts of GTC Mike Glanville, members of Lancaster #27, and TCF Director of Region #3 Don Erb over \$1200 was raised for our charity. Special guest in attendance was Colin Studlack, our 2011 MDA Ambassador and his family. Also attending the event was TCF Chairman Norman Clark, TCF Director Region #4 Van Jodon, and many Cedars and their families. Lancaster #27 wishes to thank all who participated to make this a successful undertaking.



Colin awed by the fireworks after the game

From Basic to Clinical, MDA Research is Advancing in SMA

In spinal muscular atrophy, a short supply of the protein “SMN” (for “survival of motor neurons”) causes loss of muscle-controlling motor neurons in the spinal cord. This in turn causes weakness and, eventually, paralysis of voluntary muscles, including those involved in breathing. Usually, but not always, the more SMN protein that’s produced, the less severe the symptoms of the disease.

MDA is supporting SMA research at several stages — from basic mouse studies to experimental drug testing in

human clinical trials — and these studies are bearing fruit.

Trials Advance in Mice...

Scientists have found that newborn mice with a severe SMA-like disease that were injected with a synthetic “antisense” molecule produced four- to six-times higher levels of functional SMN protein in their spinal cords. They also developed bigger, more structurally sound muscles; demonstrated greater muscle strength and lived longer than untreated mice.

Antisense-based therapies work by targeting and changing, blocking or destroying faulty genetic instructions.

In SMA, scientists are using antisense to target the instructions that lead to inadequate SMN production.

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Make a muscle, make a difference: The outlook for children with SMA is better now than at any time in the past, thanks to more aggressive medical management of symptoms, and exciting research into causes and treatments.

Message from the President



Gerald C. Weinberg
President & CEO

With 2011 well under way and 2012 fast approaching, I’m reminded of that old adage about time flying when you’re having fun. At MDA, time never flies faster than when we’re making research progress.

In this latest issue of *Research Leaders Report*, you’ll read about a wealth of MDA-supported research findings in Becker, Duchenne and fascioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophies; myasthenia gravis; spinal muscular atrophy and ALS.

These findings — many of which already have advanced to the clinical trial stage — are creating a great deal of excitement here at MDA as we eagerly look forward to what 2012 will bring.

As always, it’s the support of Research Leaders like you that makes this progress — and eventual success — possible. As we continue to make medical advances, I want to take a moment to offer my heartfelt thanks for all you do to lead the fight against muscle diseases.



SMA Research

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If successful, antisense-based therapies have application for a number of other neuromuscular diseases in MDA's program.

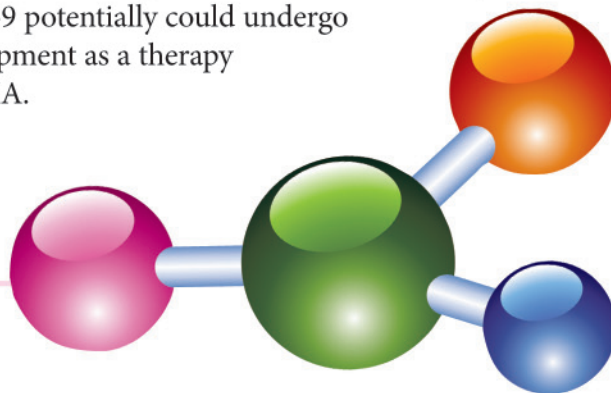
... and in Men

A \$1.4 million MDA grant to Repligen Corp., of Waltham, Mass., is helping advance an experimental SMA drug to human testing.

In preliminary studies in mice with an SMA-like disease, the drug RG3039 was found to increase levels of SMN protein. Researchers now plan to conduct

two phase 1 clinical trials to assess RG3039's safety and tolerability in humans. Simultaneous studies in research mice will enable scientists to further refine the drug.

If results from the phase 1 trials are favorable, RG3039 potentially could undergo development as a therapy for SMA.



BMD and DMD

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which potentially could hasten their advancement through the regulatory process prior to human clinical testing.

Fueling DMD Drug Testing

An MDA grant totaling nearly \$500,000 is supporting the development of RTC13, an experimental compound designed to treat a form of BMD/DMD caused by a "premature stop codon," or "nonsense mutation."

Affecting 5 percent to 15 percent of people with DMD/BMD, this type of mutation causes erroneous

genetic "stop signals" that interrupt the cell's protein-building process.

In studies involving mice with a DMD-like disease, RTC13 caused muscle cells to "read through" or "ignore" the erroneous stop signals in the dystrophin gene, enabling the mice to produce dystrophin protein without any apparent ill effects.

There is no question that remarkable research like this would not have been possible without the generous support of Research Leaders like you. With your help, it's simply a matter of "when," not "if," therapies will become available for these diseases.

Help Lead the Way to a Cure!

MDA Research Leaders are a special group of individuals who take a leadership position in the fight against muscular dystrophy and related diseases. As a member of Research Leaders, you'll receive members-only research updates and publications, plus exclusive recognition benefits.

Research Leaders make a tremendous difference — become a member today! To join, just send your membership gift of \$100 or more to: MDA Research Leaders, 3300 E. Sunrise Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718. If you would like more information about membership or benefits, contact our Research Leaders Coordinator at 888-435-7632 ext. 6186 or researchleaders@mdausa.org.





ORVAL J. SMITH CELEBRATES HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Linda Gevinson, Norm and Janet Clark helped Orval J. Smith celebrate his 100th Birthday

Orval was a Member of Temple Forest in Virginia and is now a member of Montgomery Forest #134



MONTGOMERY FOREST #134 IS PROUD TO SPONSOR JOSH JURACK TO MDA CAMP IN 2011

Josh Jurack receives his certificate from Marshall Gevinson GTC of Montgomery Forest #134 at MDA Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD.



MONTGOMERY FOREST #134 IS PROUD TO SPONSOR CARL PETTIT TO MDA CAMP IN 2011

Carl Pettit receives his certificate from Marshall Gevinson GTC of Montgomery Forest #134 at MDA Camp Maria in Leonardtown, MD.



THANK YOU TO THE CEDARS OF DISTRICT 20

Maureen M. Kiley, Health Care Services Coordinator for MDA leads the Kids in a Thank You to the Cedars of District 20 for putting on the Opening Day Bar B Q dinner (we fed 250 folks)

(L to R) Marshall Gevinson, Norm Clark, Royce Watson, and Tom Marraffa from Montgomery Forest.

SUPREME FOREST TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON SPORTSMAN CASH GIVEAWAY SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

1. \$1 ,000 Cash- 25248 Samantha Gorski, Millersburg, PA.
2. Browning X-Bolt Med 300WSM - 25289 Gene Lettich, Sacramento, PA
3. Remington 700 BDL 270 Win - 17114 Jay Reinke, Wyarno, WY
4. CZ 527 American 223 - 13482 Paul Spencer, Wilmington, DE
5. \$500 Cash - 25137 Bonita Deibler, Halifax, PA
6. Benelli Super Nova HD 12ga - 00163 Brian Seitz, Marriottsville, MD
7. Remington 700 VTR 308 Win - 16167 Nick Dimoff, Mount Union, PA
8. Remington 700 CDL 25-06 Re - 03426 Dan Grundon, Camp Hill, PA
9. Wicked Ridge Cross Bow - 02667 Dwayne Henderson, Edgewater, MD
10. \$500 Cash - 17897 Richard Teel, Easton, PA
11. Henry Golden Boy 22 WMR -.. 00788 Sara Blair, Shamokin, PA
12. Mossberg Silver Rsvr OIU 20 ga - 17160 Tim Creasy, Bloomsburg, PA
13. Stoeger Supreme SxS 12 ga - 04166 John Weaver, Tower City, PA
14. Remington 700 BDL 30-06 - 16594 Curt Beam, Easton, PA
15. \$500 Cash - 16786 Dave Miller, Shamokin, PA
16. Ruger HM77 Hawkeye 243 Win - 00596 Ryan Shoop, Millersburg, PA
17. Savage 10GXP3 wl Scope 223 - 17339 Kenneth Bickert, Nazareth, PA
18. Browning BPS Hunter 12 ga - 24846 Mary Osman, Dornsife, PA
19. Remington 11-87 Sportsman 12 ga - 17502 Tom Pursel, Easton, PA
20. \$500 Cash - 16652 Greg Rice, Selinsgrove, PA
21. Smith & Wesson BG380 380 ACP - 03899 John Fulton, Linden, PA
22. Thompson Center Icon 22-250 - 24986 Brad Daub, Tower City, PA
23. TC Omega SS/Syn 50 cal - 09274 Jeffrey Seifert, Wellsville, PA
24. Weatherby Vanguard 308 - 01771 John Brennan, Aristes, PA
25. \$500 Cash - 07628 Raymond Maurer, Harrisburg, PA
26. Remington 700 SPS 243 Win - 04863 David Martz, Herndon, PA
27. Browning Buckmark 22LR Pistol - 17960 Pearl Zuberka, Allentown, PA
28. Ruger HM77 Hawkeye 300WM - 04973 Lee Kapp, Elizabethville, PA
29. Savage 10GXP3 wl Scope 7mm-08 - 11291 William Gilbert, Conshohocken, PA
30. \$500 Cash -1. 0374 Jason Underwood, Joppa, MD
31. Browning BPS Hunter 12 ga - 04493 Don Kane, Muir, PA
32. Remington 700 BDL 243 Win - 25234 Renee Kissinger, Harrisburg, PA
33. Weatherby Vanguard 30-06 - 13212 Robert Dudley, Elizabethtown, PA
34. Remington 700 VLS 243 Win - 24109 Mark Aitken, ,
35. \$500 Cash -1. 633 Fred Crissman, Sunbury, PA

36. Browning X-Bolt Med 270 Win - 05642 Dave Matheny, Latrobe, PA
37. Ruger HM77 Hawkeye 25-06 - 15986 Jeff Heffner, Dumont, NJ
38. Browning X-Bolt Med 30-06 - 19194 Jeff Carr, Towanda, PA
39. Remington 700 SPS 270 Win - 04922 Leonard Byle, Gratz, PA
40. \$500 Cash - 10999 Donald Knode, Forest Hill, MD
41. Savage 10GXP3 w/ Scope 7mm-08 - 07451 Michael Herb, Halifax, PA
42. Thompson Center Icon 243 Win - 08639 Joseph Davenport, Dubiostown, PA
43. TC Omega SS/Syn 50 cal - 11078 Tim McCoy, Carlisle, PA
44. Taurus Judge Revolver 45LC/410 ga - 17475 Kevin Shoemaker, Saylorsburg, PA
45. \$500 Cash - 17216 Steve Ehlman, Easton, PA
46. Mossberg Silver Rsvr O/U 20 ga - 03513 William Utz, Bloomsburg, PA
47. Remington 700 VLS 22-250 - 14115 John Hughes, Basking Ridge, NJ
48. CZ 452 17 HMR - 24203 Kathryn Darr, Mechanicsburg, PA
49. Thompsom Center Icon 308 Win - 15019 Curtis McConaughey, Mill Creek, PA
50. \$500 Cash - 05428 Frank Deaner, Lebanon, PA
51. CZ 452 17HMR - 13471 Garry Flowers, Bear, DE
52. Remington 11-87 Sportsman 12 ga - 05168 Loretta Wonchalk, Valley View, PA
53. Remington 700 SPS 30-06 - 25654 Tim Kleinfelter, Middletown, PA
54. Savage 10GXP3 w/Scope 22-250 - 25655 Tim Klienfelter, Middletown, PA
55. \$500 Cash - 08019 Ala Hawbaker, Port Matilda, PA
56. Ruger HM77 Hawkeye 7mm Rem - 04625 Matt Hinderliter, Pottsville, PA
57. Tikka T3 Hunter 300 WSM - 08873 Mario Pompei, Mahanoy City, PA
58. Remington 700 VTR 22-250 - 04611 Jack Bellas, Huntingdon Mills, PA
59. Ruger SR9, Semi Auto Pistol 9MM - 25676 Jeff Wadsworth
60. \$1,000 Cash - 10276 Paul Pistorio, Balitmore, MD
61. Tikka T3 308WIN - 01369 Charles Pengrin, Ringtown, PA
62. Benelli Super Nova 12 GA - 10806 Michael Holden, Bel Air, MD
63. \$3,000 Cash - 05424 Galen Kleinfelter, Jonestown, PA
64. Money Jar - Samuel Ebersol, Gratz, PA
65. 50/50 \$1,650 - Darlene Bower, Klingertown, PA
66. Gun Safe - Andy Studlack
67. Gun Safe - Randy Albright, Enola, PA



Committee Members Helpers



Ladies Helpers - Gun Raffle



**SUPREME FOREST
OF THE
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF N.A.
2011 & 2012
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



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The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America will award three \$1,000 Scholarships for a one-year period, to outstanding students who have been accepted to a college, university, junior college, community college or technical school on a full time basis. Previous recipients are not eligible.

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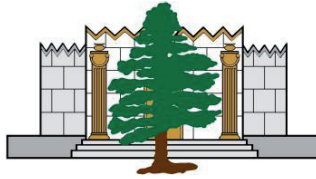
ELIGIBILITY RULES:

The Applicant must:

1. be a member in good standing of a DeMolay Chapter, Job's Daughter Bethel or Rainbow Assembly in a state where a Tall Cedar Forest exists; or be the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a Tall Cedar in good standing.
2. be accepted at an accredited institution in any Associate, Baccalaureate Degree, Technical, or Vocational Program.
3. plan to attend on a full time basis.
4. be of sterling character and personal integrity.
5. provide proof of Masonic affiliation.
6. demonstrate leadership abilities.
7. submit an official school transcript.
8. participate in community service work.
9. submit not more than four (4) letters of recommendation.

OFFICIAL RULES:

1. Applications must be obtained from the Supreme Forest Office, 2609 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.
2. All applications must be submitted on forms provided by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon.
3. All components of the application (i.e. application, letters of recommendation, etc.) must be submitted in one package.
4. The Tall Cedars Scholarship Committee will judge applications. The names of all applicants will be confidential.
5. The awards are competitive and are based on merit.
6. The deadline for applications is March 1st, with the awards being made in April or May.
7. All Scholarship money will be paid directly to the applicant's college, university, technical or vocational school on the student's behalf.



**SUPREME FOREST
OF THE
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
OF NORTH AMERICA**
Established 1902

Email: tclsf@verizon.net • Website: www.tallcedars.org • Our Charity – Muscular Dystrophy Research

DATE: AUGUST 1ST 2011
TO: MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME FOREST
FROM: JOHN E. SHOOP, SUPREME TALL CEDAR
SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUPREME FOREST MEETING

As Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, I am calling a Special Meeting of the Supreme Forest. The meeting will be held during the Midwinter Conference, Saturday, January 14th 2012 at 11:15 A.M. at the Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the Proposed By-law changes printed below. These changes were to be proposed at the last Annual Meeting, but were inadvertently omitted from the notice printed in the Digest.

Credentials can be validated between 1:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Friday, January 13th and between 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 14th in the in the Ballroom Foyer of the Wyndham.

Any Grand Tall Cedar or Scribe who wishes to vote by **proxy issued to a non-voting Tall Cedar** should request the proper form no later than December 15th 2011. It must be returned to the Supreme Forest Office no later than January 6th 2012.

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12-01 ARTICLE IX - - CONSTITUENT FORESTS

D. Officers

12. Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest

- a. The Delegate to the Supreme Forest will attend Supreme Forest sessions, offer his opinions on all items up for discussion, and in representing his Constituent Forest, vote on all measures brought up for consideration.
- b. Each Constituent Forest will have at least two (2) delegates to help represent them at Supreme Forest sessions. Forests with more than one hundred (100) members will have one (1) additional Delegate for every fifty (50) member increment greater than one hundred (100).
- c. The Constituent Forest Delegates will be selected by the Forests they represent, either by election or by appointment by the Grand Tall Cedar-elect for the subsequent Masonic year. Their terms of office will coincide with that of the Grand Tall Cedar.
- e. By-law will become effective immediately upon the date of approval.

Signatures:

John E. Shoop, PGTC No. 199
Gregory A. Dimoff, PGTC No. 88
George J. Harman, Jr., JDGTC No. 88
John E. Snyder, PGTC No. 88
Wayne Foust, PGTC No. 129
Paul R. Glick, PGTC No. 88
Nicholas Dimoff, PGTC No. 88
John T. Dimoff, PGTC No. 88
Rick Sunderland, PTR No. 88
George Lyter, PGTC No. 88
Fred Powell, PGTC No. 88
W. Michael Greaney, PGTC No. 88
Albert Miller, PGTC No. 88
Merrill Peterson, SDGTC No. 88
Terry Benner, PGTC No. 88

Wilbur Vanalman, PGTC No. 88
Ronald L. Barndt, PGTC No. 129
Richard W. Rinehart, PGTC No. 132
Shawn Winpigler, Sr., PGTC No. 132
John Douglas, Treas. No. 132
Charles Kennedy, PGTC No. 132
John Merson, PGTC No. 132
John Almacy, GTC No. 132
Barry Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43
Benjamin Shaffer, PGTC No. 43
Harry E. Horgan, PGTC No. 43
Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43
Ronald J. Oravic, PGTC No. 43
William F. Shultz, PGTC No. 43

12-02 ARTICLE XII - - AMENDMENTS

A. Procedures

1. Amendments to these By-laws shall be proposed in writing, signed by three (3) members of the Supreme Forest and sent to the Supreme Forest Office on or before January 1st.
 - a. Said proposed amendments shall be approved by the ~~Constitution and By-laws~~ Parliamentary Committee as to form, and lack of conflict with other sections of the Supreme Forest Constitution and By-laws, and a report shall be sent to the Supreme Forest Office.
 - b. ~~The proposed legislation shall be reviewed by the Jurisprudence Sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Committee whose duty it shall be to check the language thereof and its possible conflicts with other sections of the Supreme Forest Constitution and By-laws. The Committee shall thereafter certify it as to language and form and other necessary legislation in connection with it, to the Supreme Scribe not later than March 1st next preceding the Annual Session at which it will be considered.~~ The Supreme Scribe will forward a copy of each such certified proposition or resolution to every Constituent Forest before the first day of April next preceding the Annual Session of the Supreme Forest. Each such resolution shall include the name and Forest number of the person submitting it.

Signatures:

Thomas Johnson, Trustee No. 50
Loman Paul, PGTC No. 50
Bruce Chattin, PGTC No. 50
Wayne Faust, PGTC No. 129
William McElrath, SDGTC No. 88
Paul R. Glick, PGTC No. 88
Charles Brewer, Scribe No. 129
Lloyd Whistler, Jr., PGTC No. 88
Richard C. Saylor, PGTC No. 88
William Vanalman, Treas. No. 88
Ronald L. Barndt, PGTC No. 129
Duncan P. McIntyre, GTC No. 131
Kenneth Lingenfelter, JDGTC No. 167

Roger Claycomb, PGTC No. 167
Marlin Wright, GTC No. 167
Gregory Dimoff, PGTC No. 88
James W. Reed, PGTC No. 13
Robert C. Hopkins, GTC No. 30
Richard Altrichter, GTC No. 27
Gordon VanZandt, PGTC No. 27
J. Lamar Beam, PGTC No. 27
Delvin Zeiders, GTC No. 43
Walter J. Manhart, PGTC No. 50
James Gayeuski, PGTC No. 50
Robert Saul, PGTC No. 199

ANNUAL SESSIONS 2011 WILDWOOD, NJ

It was an honor to have the following distinguished guests present this year at the Annual Sessions.



RAYMOND J. VANDEN BERGHE, SR
Right Worshipful Past Grand Master
of the GL of New Jersey;
Executive Commissioner Masonic Service
Association of North America



JOHN E. BEDNASH
MW Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Delaware



STEVEN J. PONZILLO, III
MW Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Maryland



THOMAS K. STURGEON
RW Grand Master
of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania



ANTHONY P. (TONY) WORDLOW
RW Past Grand Master
of the GL of California,
Past President of the George Washington
Masonic Memorial; GWMM Board member.



GEORGE D. SEGHERS
Executive Director George Washington
Masonic Memorial



**RWJGW RAY DIETZ
& RW DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
JAY W. SMITH;
GRAND LODGE OF PA**

ANNUAL SESSION 2011 - PARADE



Hughesville High School



HHS Silks



HHS Marching Spartans



Evergreen Forest #49



L-R) Bill Gower; Adam Bernodin;
John Studlack; Bob Thomas



Baltimore Forest Color Guard



Baltimore Forest Cedarettes



York Forest #30



Bill Ward



Neversink Forest #32



Norristown Forest #31



GL of PA Officers (L-R): Ray Dietz, RWJGW; Jay Smith, RWDGM; Thomas Sturgeon, RWGM; STC Shoop



Tamiami Forest #205

ANNUAL SESSION 2011 - GENERAL SESSION



2011 Committee: (L-R); Front row: Willie McElrath; JoAnne Barndt; Paul Glick; Gregg Dimoff
Back Row: Eric Berger; Jeff Harman; Merrill Peterson



Dignitaries: (L-R); RW Deputy Grand Master, Jay Smith, GL of PA; MWGM Steve Ponzillo III, GL of Maryland; STC Shoop; RWGM Thomas K. Sturgeon, GL of PA; RWJGW Ray Dietz, GL of PA



SDSTC Bud Willard receives an award from the Wildwood Convention Center



(L-R); Front row: Mike Hlatke, 1995; Bill Shultz, 2006; Gareth Diem, 2007; Jake Corwell, 1989; STC Shoop; George Morgan, 2008; Sam Atkinson, 1985; Harry Horgan, 2010; Dick Baringer, 1991;

Back Row: Perry Strauss, 1997; James Reed, 2009; Ray Vogel, 2001; Don Knode, 1999; Pete Updegraff, 2003; George Lyter, 1994; Earl Myers, 2002; Barry Stocker, 2000; Duane Goodhart, 1984



MWGM Steven Ponzillo III,
GL of Maryland,
addressing the membership during Session



STC Shoop; RWDeputy GM Jay Smith;
PSTC Gareth Diem; RWJGW Ray Dietz

WA-CHA-GREE FOREST #149 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Wa-Cha-Gree Forest #149 celebrated their 60th Anniversary on July 15, 2011 with a dinner at the South Franklin Township Municipal Building. Approximately 75 Cedars and their ladies attended this event. PSD Region #6 John Sanders was very instrumental in coordinating the event. Many of the PGTC's were in attendance as well as DDSTC #19, James Erlinger; TCF Director Region #6, Robert Polander; PSD Region #6, Frank Pryor; PSTC Harry Horgan, and STC John Shoop. The Forest is proud of their "claim to fame" as the home forest of the RWGM of the Grand

Lodge of PA, Thomas K. Sturgeon. Congratulations to Wa-Cha-Gree on achieving this milestone.



GTC/TCF Director #6
Robert Polander



Marianne and John Sanders
PSD Region #6



DDSTC #19
Jim Erlinger



(L-R) Donald Steff, SDGTC; John Sanders, PSD #6; Robert Polander, GTC/TCF Direct #6; STC Shoop; Jim Erlinger, DDSTC #19; Ron Barndt, PDDSTC #18, STC Aide



Supreme Tall Cedar John Shoop

invites you to the

Supreme Forest MD Benefit Dinner

Saturday, September 17th 2011

Four Points by Sheraton
Pittsburgh North
910 Sheraton Drive
Mars, PA 16046

Officers Dress – Tux, Pyramid & Jewel
All Others – Jacket & Tie

Social Hour 5:30 PM – Dinner 6:30 PM

Buffet Dinner

Price Per Person – \$38.00

**For overnight accommodations call the Four Points by Sheraton (888) 627-8175
Mention the Tall Cedars for the \$100.00 + tax per night rate
Must call by August 26th 2011 for the Tall Cedar rate.**

Make check payable to the “2011 Committee”
Mail to: PSD John Sanders, 286 Trinity Drive, Washington, PA 15301 (724) 225-8617

Deadline for Reservation – August 26th 2011

Supreme Tall Cedar MD Benefit Dinner

Name _____ Forest # _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

Number of Tickets _____ @\$38.00/ea. = \$ _____

11 NEW BROTHERS TAKE THE SIDONIAN DEGREE

11 New brothers wait to take the Sidonian degree
at 'the meeting in the woods' Pocono Forest #124 "



VALLEY FOREST #145 WINS BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Valley Forest #145 bowling team won the scratch team title during the Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament held at Faxon Lanes, Williamsport, PA April 9-10, 2011. The committee wishes to thank all who participated and invites all bowlers to bowl at the Supreme Forest Tournament to be held in Mount Union in 2012.



(L-R): Carl Angenbright; Tony Reasner;
Marvin Miller; and Richard Witner



Trenton Forest Bowling Team



York Forest Bowlers

GRAND LODGE OF MONTANA'S 145TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

On June 23-25, 2011 STC John Shoop and PGTC Ronald Barndt, his aide, attended the GL of Montana's 145th Annual Communication. MW Grand Master John Mangan invited STC Shoop to speak to the GL of Montana and other visiting jurisdictions about our fraternity. STC Shoop spoke to a crowd of approximately 350 Masons during the sessions on Friday afternoon. While in Montana, STC Shoop and his aide, Ron Barndt had a chance to interact with the GL officers from the surrounding area, promoting the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.



(L-R): Reid L. Gardiner, RW Grand Secretary; William L. Alexander, RW Deputy Grand Master; John Shoop, STC; John Mangan, MW Grand Master



(L-R): Mary Alice and John Mangan, MW Grand Master of Montana

IN ATTENDANCE WERE THE FOLLOWING JURISDICTIONS:

Brook Cunningham, MW Grand Master of Arizona
David "Skip" Owen, MW Grand Master of Idaho
Reed Mosley, MW Grand Master of Nevada
Lon Kvasager, MW Grand Master of North Dakota
John Farmer, MW Grand Master of Wyoming
Frank C. Baker, RW Deputy Grand Master of Utah
Jack Hantz, RW Sr. Grand Warden of South Dakota
Kevin Schwebel, RW Jr. Grand Warden of New Mexico
Mike Wick, RW Jr. Grand Warden of Oregon
Jack Levitt, MW Past Grand Master of California
Neil Neddermeyer, RW Past Grand Master of Minnesota
and Dean Skokan, RW Past Grand Master of Nebraska.

STC Shoop wishes to thank recently installed MW Grand Master Will Alexander, RW Past Grand Master John Mangan, and the GL of Montana officers for the hospitality extended to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon during our visit.

CONFERENCE OF GRAND MASTERS OF NORTH AMERICA

The Conference of Grand Masters of North America was hosted by the GL of Colorado and was held in Denver February 19-23, 2011. SDSTC Harvey Willard and STC John Shoop attended the event where they interacted and discussed our fraternity with many of the jurisdictions represented from around the world. This conference was attended by approximately 750 people, representing the Grand Lodges from all of the United States and many foreign countries. In addition to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon other appendant bodies were represented including Ancient & Accepted Scottish Right, Shriners, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.



(L-R): Harvey Willard, SDSTC; Thomas K. Sturgeon, RWGM of GL of PA; John Shoop, STC



(L-R) STC Shoop and MWGM John Mangen, GL of Montana



(L-R): Barry Rickert, MWGM of South Carolina; STC Shoop; and Thomas K. Sturgeon, RWGM of PA



(L-R): STC Shoop and William Koon, II, RE Grand Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of North America

AROUND THE KINGDOM



Centre Forest #129
(L-R) GTC Van Jodon; Victor Burns 25 Year member; STC Shoop



Shawnee Forest #167 June Picnic



Chief Logan Forest #131: Fifty Year award recipient
Marlin Myers, PGTC with (L) Lee Bollinger, DDSTC #18
and STC Shoop



Millersburg Forest #125
Pancake Crew



Harrisburg Forest #43 Fifty Year members



Valley Forest #145 Ladies Night
(L-R) Gerry Blackford, SDGTC;
John Shoop, STC; Sam Cressler, GTC



Schuylkill Forest #50 Tall Cedar Week Church Service
L-R) Bill Gower, Adam Bernodin, Brad Nolan; STC Shoop;
Wilmer Quick, & Bob Thomas

REGION #3'S GET-TOGETHER



MABEL JERKWATER
was the entertainment
on April 2, 2011 at
Region #3's Get-Together



DDSTC Ike Gerst being instructed on how to scrub baking pans by Mabel Jerkwater



TCF Direct Region #3 Don Erb being shown how to remove cupcakes from a baking pan by Mabel



Mike Murray and PGTC Daryl Van Syoc sporting their western attire



PSTC Duane Goodhart sporting his western wear and his new "do"



Hagerstown #95 GTC Bill Martz and his "cowgirl" Linda



DDSTC #21 Lynn Stahle looking in disbelief to a lesson on how to be a DDSTC by Mabel



PSTC Gareth Diem sporting his Stetson

LADIES OF CEDARISM BRUNCH MAY 6, 2011 IN WILDWOOD, NEW JERSEY

Ladies Honor Guard - Ladies Brunch



JoAnne Barndt, Aide to Lady Diane and Diane



Lady Nancy Willard and Jessie Bean



Lady Pat Feeser and Jani Long

Former First Ladies



JoAnne Barndt and Kelsey Harman;
Happy Faces!!!!



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