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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



## RICHARD G. "DICK" FEESER



**T**hank you for placing your confidence in electing me as your Supreme Tall Cedar. I am deeply honored and pledge to you that I will do all within my power to advance Tall Cedarism and keep our fraternity prosperous and growing. Really looking forward to seeing many of you as Pat and I travel throughout our Cedar Kingdom in 2013.

As we begin a New Year I hope that each of you will become involved in many of the new programs we will offer as we endeavor to enhance the visibility of our Cedar Kingdom and to provide more service to our communities we serve. I want to challenge each Tall Cedar to share their Cedar membership with other Brother Master Masons so

they too can enjoy our Fun, Frolic and Fellowship.

Also if you have an opportunity please greet our New MDA Goodwill Ambassador "Aly" Fisher. She is just a delightful young lady that you'll instantly fall in love with!!

I also want to thank PSTC Gareth Diem and his committee for all of the work they did to provide each of you attending our Ocean City, MD Midwinter Conference. It was just one of the best experiences we have ever had. Also THANKS to Robert Monroe and his Seminole Forest No. 193 for putting together our very first ever SOUTHERN Mini - MIDWINTER CONFERENCE in Deland, FL. This is an opportunity for a number of our Cedar membership to participate in a Supreme Forest function without having to travel north several hundreds of

miles.

Likewise, this year we will be holding a Mid West Mini - Vention / CONFERENCE in Paducah Lodge No. 127; 2340 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003 on Saturday – June 8, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. This will be an opportunity for a number of our Cedar membership located in the Central and Mid West regions of the United States to participate in a Supreme Forest function.

As I write this article I want you to know that we are moving forward with great success in planning a fantastic Supreme Convention for all Cedars, their ladies and families. In this issue you will find flyers on all of the different activities we have planned and hope that you will join us in each event.

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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar (Contd)

This year I have appointed a new committee known as the Convention Parade Participation committee. They are working very diligently, and I promise you that our 2013 Convention Parade will be larger than in recent years. However, what would be even better is if each of our Forests will take the opportunity to become involved. There are many ways to become involve from participating in a unit or maybe a Forest Float or just riding in a vehicle in the parade. Please come out and join in the Fun of Participation!!

Another new committee this year is our Forest Revitalization Committee. Under its chairman PSS John "Jack" Gahres; 671 State Route 147; Dalmatia, PA 17017 / Phone 570-758-6391 the committee is available to work with Forests that may be struggling with membership growth, leadership challenges or whatever. They will talk with you and suggest to your Forest different ideas for the enhancement of your Forest.

Our 2013 Membership Committee under the capable Leadership of Gregory Dimoff is very actively involved with suggestions and ideas for Membership

Growth & Retention. They have already put together a "Top 30" Ideas listing which should be of help to all Forests. What is really needed is for each Forest to send Greg the name of your membership Comm. Chairperson or individual so that the committee can maintain constant contact with your Forest and offer assistance when needed.

Contact info for Greg: Gregory Dimoff; 111 w. Ridge St.; Mount Union, PA 17066 / email: greg.dimoff@fci.com / Phone 814-542-9726

On September 14, 2013 we will be holding our Supreme Forest M D Children Recognition Banquet @ the Hilton Garden Inn; Dover, DE 5:30 p m. We are asking Forest from our eastern US to bring their M D Children to this event where the entire evening will be for us (Tall Cedars) to meet each of them as they tell us about themselves. This should be a Fun as well as very educational event. Hope your Forest will participate in this event!!

Well as you can see we are really off and running with a planned format of Ideas however without the Leadership provided last year

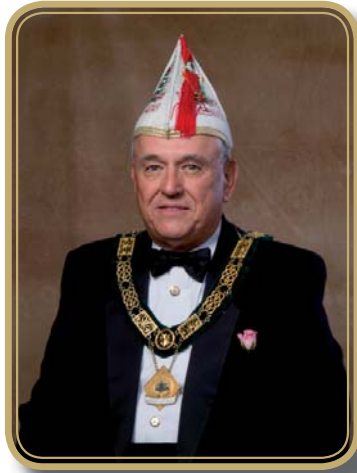
by our now PSTC Harvey "Bud" Willard and FFL Nancy much of our efforts thus far would have been less successful so on behalf of our entire Cedar Kingdom I want to say a tremendous THANK You to both of you and my wish is that your memories of 2012 will definitely be the highlight of your Masonic experiences.

In closing my wish for every Tall Cedar is that each of you will be become active in the programs, Fund raising (especially for our Charity of Muscular Dystrophy research) and activities of your Forest. Also I challenge each Tall Cedar to share his membership by inviting a Master Mason to become part of our great fraternity known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America and thereby giving them the opportunities we provide of Fun, Frolic and Fellowship.

As we Let Freedom Ring this coming year may God add a Blessing to each endeavor we undertake, and ***may this be your best year ever as a Tall Cedar.***

Richard G. "Dick" Feeser  
Supreme Tall Cedar 2013

# SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Once again I wish to express my deep gratitude for allowing me the honor to serve our fraternity. As the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar I will continue to work for the enhancement of this fine organization. I am eager to continue the work to strengthen our fraternity and ask that you join with me in this labor of love.

Our struggle over financial issues continues to bring many challenges to the Board of Directors. While it will not insure the solvency of the fraternity we are nearing the critical point where the need to increase the membership cannot be ignored. This is one of the most laborious tasks we face, but it is a step in the right direction if we hope to sustain the Tall Cedars of Lebanon well into the future. Member-

## Barry L. Sheaffer



ship has been declining and we need to increase our efforts to add to the membership rolls. We are at a critical crossroads and every new member is necessary to sustain the longevity of our fraternity. This is a task that does not rest on any one individual's shoulders, but is the responsibility of each and every member. New members can only come from one place and that is our Blue Lodges. We need to make contact with all members of our individual lodges and ask them to join with us in the "fun, frolic, and fellowship" found through the Cedar Kingdom. Keep a petition at the ready and get involved in the recruiting process.

I had the distinct pleasure of meeting many of you for the first time during the past year. I look forward to meeting and talking with all of you as I travel throughout the Kingdom during the coming months.

The Annual Convention in Wildwood, New Jersey in early May will provide an opportunity to meet and enjoy the "fun, frolic and fellowship" of the fraternity.

Since the formation of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon over one hundred and ten years ago our fraternity has proclaimed "fun, frolic, and fellowship" as our great teachings. For more than sixty of those years we have been diligent in supporting the efforts to find a cure for neuromuscular diseases. We are here today because of our belief in ourselves, our ability to enrich the search for a cure, and to maintain our fraternity. BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE.

Fraternally  
Barry L. Sheaffer  
Senior Deputy  
Supreme Tall Cedar

# JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Congratulations to Brother Dick Feeser upon being installed as Supreme Tall Cedar for 2013. What a great Midwinter Conference! From hotel accommodations, installation, food and seminars to the culmination of a great weekend with the Church service on Sunday, one can only say that Dick and his committee had an extremely successful Midwinter Conference.

Also, congratulations to Barry Sheaffer, not only for being installed as Senior Deputy STC, but also as the recipient of the John S. Broughton award.

To Larry Donis, upon your re-election and installation as Supreme Treasurer and Del Zeiders, upon your election and installation as Supreme Scribe, I congratulate you and wish you much success in the

## Robert Saul



coming year.

To past STC Bud Willard, congratulations on a very active and successful 2012. Your efforts, contributions and involvement in DeMolay have helped promote Freemasonry in general and Cedarism in particular.

And to each of you who voted for me as your Junior Deputy STC, I extend to you a heartfelt thanks. I look forward to working with Dick, Barry and the Supreme Forest Board of Directors.

It has been said that as time passes, change is inevitable. And so it goes without saying, that Cedarism will also experience change. The Supreme Forest Line Officers and Board of Directors are being faced with challenges and decisions never before encountered. I would ask each of you to consider any and all proposed changes with an open mind. Our ultimate survival as a Fraternity could depend on

these decisions.

As I sat at a recent Board meeting and listened to the Directors report on constituent Forest installations, I was encouraged to hear that most Forests have a full line of officers. There are however, a few exceptions. Once again, our answer is membership. Many older members have served their respective Forests and believe that it is now the responsibility of the younger members to get involved. A Master Mason will only join and participate if we “ask” them to become members of our great Fraternity. Our Blue Lodges are absolutely full of worthy Master Masons who have never been approached. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in May at Convention in Wildwood.

Cedarly and Fraternally,  
Bob Saul

# SUPREME SCRIBE



Delvin L. Zeiders

First of all, congratulations to Bro. Harvey Bud Willard for a tremendous year as the Supreme Tall Cedar. I am looking forward to your continuing leadership as you continue to serve Tall Cedarism and the Fraternity in general. Congratulations also to Bro. William Klinefelter for your four years of service as the Supreme Scribe and also for your service to Cedarism in general. I would also like to congratulate all of the Supreme Forest Officers who were elected,

and especially to our new Supreme Tall Cedar Bro. Richard Feeser. It will be my pleasure to serve as a member of the Team.

Lastly and certainly far from the least, my special thanks to the Brethren for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Supreme Scribe for this year. I look forward to continuing in this capacity for the next year also as I'm sure it will be a learning curve for me. It was a pleasure getting to know many of the Forest Scribes during the Seminar we held during the Mid Winter Conference and I'm looking forward to getting to know more of you in the future.

Delvin "Del" Zeiders, Supreme Scribe

# SUPREME TREASURER



Larry Donis

GREETINGS FELLOW CEDARS:

First, I would like to thank PSTC Bud and First Lady Nancy for the great year of 2012.

PSTC Bud championed the youth of Masonry as our future leaders. We experienced the outstanding work of the DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters.

Moving forward for 2013 we must get behind STC Dick and First Lady Pat as they promote Tall Cedarism during the year.

As our economy is recovering and we struggle with loss of Fundraising Projects and increased cost to operate our Supreme Forest, the Board must take a hard look at expenses and curtail all unnecessary spending. I have taken a personal step to remit the Treasurer's Salary for 2013.

As Masons first and then Tall Cedars we need to attend and support our Blue Lodges. By maintaining an active relationship with our Blue Lodges, we will be able to grow Cedarism.

Our Supreme Forest must work together in a professional manner to "unite our entire Masonic Fraternity into one family working together".

In closing remember our National Charitable undertaking to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

Cedarly  
Larry Donis



# REPORT FROM THE TALL CEDAR

## FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN



Our contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Association this year will be approximately \$300,000.00. Since this is less than our previous year, our first challenge is to reverse this trend.

Some of our successful fund raisers last year included the following;

Rose Program	\$44,228.84
Bear Program	\$5,934.07
Canister Program	\$5,788.32
Eat Out Program	\$5,080.21..
Appeal Letter	\$20,814.35

Our National Eat Out Week Program will be held again this year, April 14-20. While this event raises some funds, it is also designed to make

our communities aware of our support of MDA and our commitment of finding a cure of neuromuscular diseases.

The Mid Winter Conference got us off to a good start and to what I hope will be a successful year of fund raising events. Those in attendance got to meet our new MDA liaison, Vicki Berkowitz, Division Director, out of the Philadelphia area. We all were impressed with her candor and her assurance that in the future, MDA will recognize the Tall Cedars for their support since 1951. She also provided a CD "Thanking the Tall Cedars" to each Forest to show to our members. High-lighting the Conference was the exchanging of gavels from 2012 Goodwill Ambassador Hunter Burk to this years' GWA, Aly Fisher. Kindly contact her escort, Tall Cedars Foundation Trustee, Franklin "Crabby" Williams to request Aly to be present at one of your Forest meetings or special event. Thanks to

STC Dick Feeser proceeds from the church goers contributed \$403.00 and the three auctioned Holy Bears raised another \$245.00 - all to MDA.

I want to thank Past TCF Chairman, Norm Clark for his dedication, leadership and help these past four years, a job well done, my Brother!

Norm closed the Conference by presenting "The Rose Award" to Warren County Forest - second year in a row! Congratulations. Receiving the Trustee of the Year Award went to Franklin "Crabby" Williams and the Forest MDA Chairman Award went to Walter Manhart.

Cedarly,  
Donald W. Erb, Chairman Tall Cedar Foundation





# REPORT FROM THE TALL CEDAR

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN

The Midwinter Session of the Tall Cedars was truly a good experience for all who attended. As your chaplain, I enjoyed the fellowship of many new friends and shared in the fun which was present throughout the weekend.

This is my second year as your Supreme Chaplain and I offer my thanks to Supreme Tall Cedar Richard Feeser for appointing me to that position for another year. My first year as your chaplain was a real learning experience and I hope to make 2013 a more productive year in the things I do for our organization.

One of the things that impressed me the most was the manner in which those present conducted themselves throughout the weekend. I visited a couple of the hospitality rooms and was greatly impressed by the food and variety of beverages offered at each location; I was more impressed by the conduct and behavior of those present. The entire weekend was a good family experience that was focused upon our desire to help overcome the tragedy of Muscular Dystrophy and assist those who suffer from its debilitating effects.

As an organization, the members of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon are doing an outstanding job through their efforts to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association while offering its members an opportunity to have fun and good wholesome fellowship while doing so. You are to be congratulated for your participation in and your support of our organization.

In closing, I want to thank all those who attended the worship service on Sunday morning as it was the closing of the weekend's activities. Those who attended the service shared in a meaningful experience.

Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr.  
Supreme Chaplain

# WHO WAS GERALD DAVID WAGNER???

Submitted By  
John E Shoop, PSTC



Gerald D Wagner was born on September 18, 1934 in the railroad town of Altoona, PA. After graduation from the Altoona Public School System he went on to college. First he graduated from Lycoming College, Drue University, and then the Shippensburg State Teachers College (Shippensburg University today) with a degree in communication, and lastly from the seminary. Eventually being ordained a minister, he served as a United Methodist Pastor for 58 years and was a current member of the Susquehanna Conference at the time of his passing.

During those years he served many churches throughout the state including Elimsport, Montandon, Freeland Parish, Patton, McConnellsburg Charge, Shippensburg, Avis Yoked Parish, and the Juniata Parish, retiring in 1996. Being one that was always busy and involved, Gerald continued the ministry from 2004 through 2012, serving the Picture Rocks Parish.

He and his lady Pat were married and celebrated 57 years of marriage. They had 5 children; two daughters (Elizabeth and Martha) and two sons (Bob and Bill), 10 grand- children and 22 great grand-children. He was preceded in death by a son, John T Wagner. Jerry enjoyed many activities including camping and sports, umpiring baseball and softball for more than 40 years. He was a husband, father, friend, and a Brother.

Masonically, he was a Worshipful Master, serving as Master of the Muncy Lodge #299, serving as a Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of PA for more than 30 years; Past High Priest of Warrior Run Chapter #246; Past Commander of Baldwin Commandery #11; DIM of Adoniram Council #22; Susquehanna Council Allied Masonic Degrees; Red Cross of Constantine; 33 degree member of the Valley of Williamsport, Scottish Rite; Royal Order of Scotland; and the Supreme Chaplain of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, serving as the Scribe of Susquehanna Forest #199 from institution until 2011.

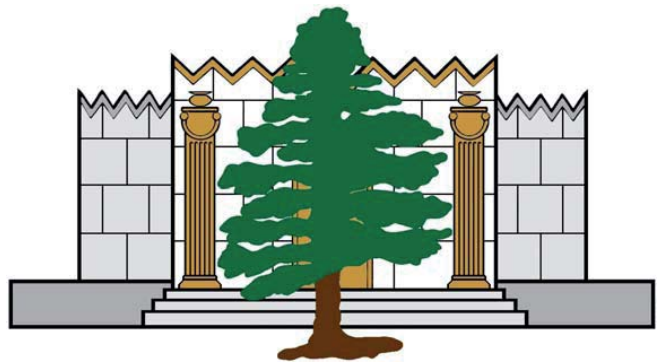
Yes, he touched many lives through personal, church, and the masonic bodies. Gerald will always be remembered as a parent, friend, reverend, aide, and a brother! I salute you as a former STC, and the impact you had on my life during our short tenure together. I am sure my remarks can be echoed by many of us! Hopefully this small window will have allowed all of you to know who Jerry Wagner was!

I am sure God would say “Well done, my good and faithful servant”.

# GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



*Aly with Supreme Tall Cedar Richard G. Feeser*



**2013**

**TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON  
GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**

**ALYSON BRYAN YUE FISHER**

Aly was born on April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1997 in Changsha, China, and arrived in the United States at nine months old. Now 15 years old, Aly was diagnosed with Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy at age three at A.I. DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware.

Aly lives at home in Lewes, Delaware with her parents Cecily Fisher and Loretta Higgins, her sister Emily, and her two dogs, Teddy and Porter.

As a high school sophomore, Aly likes to read, draw, and text! She is an active local MDA Ambassador for Safeway, Jiffy Lube, and Lowes and has raised thousands of dollars for her team, Aly's Cats, in the annual MDA Muscle Walk.

We are positive Aly will be a great Ambassador for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

To request Aly's attendance at a Forest function, contact Foundation Trustee Franklin H. "Crabby" Williams, 13799 Wilson Hill Rd., Georgetown, DE 19947, 302-337-0213 or fhwill7@gmail.com

# CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME FOREST OFFICE

## AT THE 2013 CONVENTION

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
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SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	Robert E. Saul, PGTC No. 199
JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	Curtis R. Beam, Sr., PGTC No. 35
SUPREME SCRIBE	Delvin L. Zeiders, PGTC No. 43
SUPREME TREASURER	Dwight J. Gerst, Sr., PGTC No. 30 John M. Almacny, PGTC No. 132
SUPREME DIRECTOR: REGION NO. 1	William W. Ward, Jr., PGTC No. 4
REGION NO. 2 (1 YEAR)	Allen Ray Wingate, Jr., Scribe No. 45
REGION NO. 6	James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149



# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## **BARRY L. SHEAFFER PGTC No. 43**

Barry was born September 5, 1943, in Mechanicsburg, PA. His family later moved to the Dillsburg, PA area where he has resided for over 65 years. He is a 1961 graduate of Northern York County High School and in 1975 received an Associate Degree in Business from the Pennsylvania State University. He is a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association. He served with the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and was Honorably Discharged in 1965. After a thirty-nine year career in computer and information technology he retired as the Director of Information Technology for the Pennsylvania State Treasury in 2004.

Barry is the proud father of three sons, Lt. Col. David V. Sheaffer, USA Retired, Lt. Col. Matthew A. Sheaffer, USA, and William L. Sheaffer. He has eight grandchildren. He and his wife Suzanne were married in 2006 thereby combining their families including her two daughters and two granddaughters.

He held public office as a member and president of the Dillsburg Borough Council and as a member of the Northern York County School District Board of Education. In 1999 he received a Governor's appointment as Emergency Management Coordinator for Dillsburg Borough; a position he no longer holds.

As a member of Saint Paul's Lutheran Church he has been a member and president of the Church Council as well as a member of various committees. He is currently president of the Northern High School Alumni Association and also serves as a member of the Dillsburg Center of New Hope Ministries' Advisory Council.

He holds membership in American Legion Post No. 26 and is an associate life member of South Mountain VFW Post No. 1669, both of Dillsburg.

Barry's Masonic journey began in 1985 when he was raised to a Master Mason in Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg, PA. He is a member of Steadfast Chapter No. 479, Order of the Eastern Star. Barry is a twenty-five year member of the Valley of Harrisburg Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and has been a member of the Harrisburg Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon since 1992. In 2002 he served Harrisburg Forest as Grand Tall Cedar. He is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation and the Tall Cedar Key Club. He is an active member of his Forest's Clown Unit and has served on various Forest committees. Barry served as Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District Eleven in 2005, 2006 and 2007 and Supreme Director for Region 3 from 2009 through 2011. He is currently serving as the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

# CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR DEPUTY STC



## **ROBERT E. SAUL, PGTC No. 199**

Born on November 21, 1945 in Lykens, PA. Graduated from East Lycoming High School in Hughesville, PA in 1963, joined the U.S. Navy and served on active duty until 1970. Graduated from the School of Cardiopulmonary Technology, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD in 1967. Upon discharge from the Navy, Bob spent the next 25 years organizing, developing and implementing Cardiopulmonary Departments in central PA community hospitals. In 1995, he became

President of Susquehanna Diagnostics, Inc. and most recently owned Nittany Ultrasound, Inc. He retired in December of 2012.

He served as a Board Member of the American Red Cross and is a 17gallon blood donor. He was on the Board of Trustees and a member of the Executive committee of the Lock Haven Federal Credit Union.

He has served as lecturer at Lock Haven University for the Physician's Assistant Master's Degree Program.

At his church, Phelps Chapel, he has served as Lay Leader, Trustee, Liturgist and Usher. Bob's Masonic history includes serving as Worshipful Master in 1983, 1990, and 2008. He has been a Trustee for 15 years and currently serves as chairman. He is a member of the Masonic Education committee and the lodge instruction committee. He is Chairman of his Blue Lodge building committee.

He is a member of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm and serves as treasurer. He is a Past Monarch of Zafar Grotto in South Williamsport, PA. He is a permanent contributing member of the Humanitarian Foundation, and a member of Irem Shrine and Clinton County Shrine Club.

He has been a member of the Scottish Rite for 34 years. He served as Assistant Chairman of the Board of Trustees and serves on the finance and investment committees. He is Orator in the Chapter of Rose Croix and serves as a cast member in the 31st and 32nd degrees. He also serves as Cast Director for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb.

Bob joined the Tall Cedars in 2000 and served as GTC in 2006. In 2008, he was appointed District Deputy of District #12 and served 4 years. In 2009, he received the District Deputy of the year award. He is currently Junior Deputy STC, and serves on the Policy and Ritual Committee. He is Past President of the District #12 Officers and Past Officers Association. He is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation and became a member of the Key Club in 2005. He served 3 years on the 2011 Committee.

Bob is married and has a son Bob (who is also a Cedar) and two daughters, Dawn and Raychel. He also has 4 grandsons. In addition to other interests, Bob and his wife, Mary own and operate a 70 site Campground in the pristine Valley of Pine Creek in Central PA.

# CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



## CURTIS R. BEAM, SR. PGTC NO. 35

Born on July 29th 1963 in Easton, PA. Graduated from Easton Area High School in 1981. He attended Northampton Area Community College studying Design Engineering. He runs his own contracting and home repair business. Before starting his own business he worked for Bushkill Park for close to 25 years. Starting as a ring boy in the merry go round at the age of 14 working his way up to

head maintenance manager and park manager until it closed

. Curt married Margie in 1983. They have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl. Curt Jr. age 29 married to Amanda, Tom age 26, and Jenny age 20. He also has a grandson that turns 1 in January 2011. Curt is the oldest of 6, he has 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Curt grew up in Easton where he lives today.

Presently Curt is Supreme Director of Region #5. He also has been District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District #8. He belongs to Easton Forest #35 where he has served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2006 and 2007 and is presently a Trustee. Curt also was a Marching Ranger for the Forest where he has been President and Vice-President. Curt is a member of O.P.O. of District #8, where he is presently President (2011). Curt is a member of Easton Lodge #152 where he is a Past Master (2006) and is still very active in the lodge as an instructor and assistant secretary. He received Mason of the Year in 2007. Curt is also a member of Lehigh Consistory. Curt at one time also belonged to Rajah Shrine and Forks of the Delaware Shrine club where he served as 2nd Vice-President.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME SCRIBE



## DELVIN L. ZEIDERS, PGTC NO. 43

### **MASONIC AFFILIATIONS:**

Robert Burns Lodge #464,  
Raised on March 3, 1969. Served  
as Worshipful Master in 1984.  
Then served as Representative to  
Grand Lodge.

District Deputy Grand Master,  
Second Masonic District, for the  
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania  
from 12/27/88 to 12/27/94.

Member of Scottish Rite  
Bodies in Harrisburg, PA as of  
November 1970. Past President  
Board of Trustee 1997 to 2001.  
Active in Degree Work on  
Stage. Director of Ritualistic  
Work from May of 1983 to Fall  
of 2009. Served as Chairman  
of Ritual for PA Council of  
Deliberation for 7 years. Past  
Thrice Potent Master, Harrisburg  
Lodge of Perfection 1984-85.

Coroneted a 33rd Degree  
Scottish Rite Mason, and  
made an Honorary Member  
of Supreme Council; 1986 in  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1979 I became a member of  
Perseverance Royal Arch Chapter  
#21, Harrisburg Council #7 and  
also Pilgrim Commandry #11 all  
in Harrisburg.

In April of 1982 I became a  
member of Forest #43, Tall  
Cedars of Lebanon. In 2007  
I began through the elected  
chairs and served as Grand  
Tall Cedar in 2010. For 2011  
I was appointed a member of  
the Membership Committee for  
Supreme Tall Cedars of North  
America.

Former member of Zembo  
Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in  
Harrisburg, having received my  
membership in 1983, and served  
for many years in the Zembo  
Color Guard.

Made a member of the Royal  
Order of Scotland in October of  
1983.

Member of Philalethes Society,  
1985.

Member of Trinity Conclave,  
Red Cross of Constantine, in  
1988, and served as Puissant  
Sovereign 2005/2006.

Became a member of Erin  
Council, May 7, 1988.

Member of Constance Council,  
Allied Masonic Degrees; serviced  
as Sovereign Master in 2000.  
Received the Red Branch of Erie  
in 2001.

Member of National Sojourners,  
Harrisburg Chapter #76 in June of  
1990 and then became a Member  
of Heroes of '76  
Harrisburg Chapter #76 in  
February of 1989.

Made a Fellow of the Grand

College of Rites of the United  
States of America on February  
18, 1989.

Received the DeMolay Legion  
of Honor on July 19, 2003.

### **PERSONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

Currently a member of the Sell  
Chapel at the Masonic Village  
in Elizabethtown, PA. In the  
past I have served as Chairman  
of Administrative Board, a  
member of Finance Committee,  
Adult Sunday School Teacher,  
tenor soloist in the Harrisburg  
area for many years, member  
of the Church Choir, as well as  
other positions. For seven years  
I was the Director of a traveling  
little theater group. I was also  
chairman of Religious Drama for  
the PA Council of Churches in  
Harrisburg.

Registered Professional  
Engineer. Retired as Chief  
Engineer with the Pennsylvania  
Energy Office.

Married to the former  
Elaine Groninger Hamilton  
on November 25, 1952; two  
Children, Six Grand Children and  
five Great Grandchildren.

### **MILITARY SERVICE**

Enlisted in the United States  
Army Security Agency, serving  
from November of 1952 to 1955,  
two years of which were spent in  
Europe. Discharged Honorably.



# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



## DWIGHT J. GERST, SR. PGTC NO. 30

I am currently serving as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District No. 11. I was Grand Tall Cedar of York Forest No. 30 in 2009. I worked for General Motors of Baltimore Md. For 30 years from 1966 to 1996. I am now retired. I served in the U.S. Army for Eight years from 1961 to 1968 and I was then Honorably Discharged as a SP-4. I was raised in Red Lion Lodge No 649 in April of 2001. I then joined the York Forest No 30 Tall Cedars in October of 2001.

### **MASONIC AFFILIATION :**

Raised in Red Lion Lodge No.649 in April of 2001. Joined the Tall Cedars in October 2001. Was Grand Tall Cedar in 2009.

I was president of the Square Club of York No.1052 in 2006. I am currently serving as Financial Secretary for the past two years.

I joined First Capital High Twelve Club in 2004. I am currently serving as Sergeant-at Arms and Head Steward. I was voted High Twelvain of the Year for 2010-2011. Joined Zembo Shrine in December of 2001. I am a life member of the Motorcycle touring unit.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



## JOHN M. ALMACY PGTC No. 132

Born in Bensheim, Germany in 1946, John is the son of an Army Sergeant and has lived in many areas of the United States and Germany. The first in his family to attend college, John graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970 and became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. By 1972 he was operating his own CPA firm. John has continued his practice of tax and accounting services in Montgomery County, Maryland ever since. This year, after tax season, John and his wife, Terri (also a CPA) will move their offices to Frederick County where they reside to cut down on their daily commute. Professionally, John is not only a CPA, but also a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor. His accounting and tax skills have kept his business growing for over 40 years. John is the proud father of a son and has two grandchildren. He and Terri were married in 2000 and he has been an active step-father to her three children and now shares another grandchild with her.

John's father was a Master Mason, although John knew little about Masonry when his father passed in 1997. His marriage to Terri brought an active Masonic life to the family and in 2006 he became a Master Mason in Columbia Lodge #58, Frederick, MD. He was attracted to Tall Cedars after hearing of their Fun, Frolic and Fellowship and most importantly, that they support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. John was looking for an organization that made a difference to those in need, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon fit the bill! He has served his Forest for two years as Grand Tall Cedar and is currently serving his second year as Treasurer.

John is also a 32 degree member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore, Jaques DeMolay Commandry, Enoch Chapter Royal Arch and Council, Ali Ghan Shrine in Cumberland, the Royal Order of Scotland, Frederick Shrine Club and the Order of the Eastern Star, PWP, Frederick Chapter.

John enjoys working with youth and has coached youth soccer at a highly competitive level in travel leagues for 30+ years. A sports enthusiast in his youth, John still enjoys tennis and golf. His other hobbies include reading and travel.

John is excited at the prospect of being able to work with the Supreme Forest.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 1



## WILLIAM W WARD, JR. PGTC NO. 4

### **MASONIC HISTORY:**

Raised 06/29/92 in Gothic Lodge #270  
Worshipful Master 2005

### **PAST APPENDANT MEMBER:**

Crescent Temple Shrine – Motorcycle Corps  
Scottish Rite

### **CURRENT MEMBER:**

Medford Lodge #178  
Trenton Forest #4 – GTC 2008  
Past Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee

### **A LITTLE ABOUT ME:**

I am a recent retiree of the Hamilton Twp. Police Dept and served for 25 years. My wife JoAnn and I are going on 21 years this June and have raised four boys. My step-son Scott is (28), William III (19), Cody (18) and Jeremy (16). My three boys are active in DeMolay. Billy is a Past Master Councilor and Chevalier in Capitol Chapter, Trenton, NJ. Cody is a two term PMC of Medford Chapter, Medford, NJ. Soon to be Masons and Tall Cedars!

I have dedicated my life to live and grow as a Mason. My heart is with the Tall Cedars! This great organization and what it stands for should be known by all Masons, and all Masons should have the opportunity to grow in Cedarism.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 2



## ALLEN RAY WINGATE, JR. SCRIBE NO. 45

I was born July 3rd, 1947 in Baltimore Maryland.

In 1969 I received a B.A. degree from Salisbury State University. The same year I married Paula, my wife of forty three years. We have been blessed with two sons, Sean and Brian, my daughter in-laws Michele and Brenda and three grandchildren, "the twins" Conner and Camryn and their younger brother Dylan.

In August of a very busy 1969, I began a career in retail management where I held local, district and regional assignments in human resources, operations ,and merchandising. I retired after 38 years in 2007.

I was raised a Master Mason June 19th,1999 in Corinthian Lodge #93, Maryland. April of 2000 I was initiated as a Tall Cedar in Baltimore Forest #45. I had the honor of serving as Worshipful Master of Corinthian Lodge #93 in 2007 and 2008, and currently serve as Secretary of the Lodge. Recently, I have been appointed as a Grand Inspector for the Grand Lodge of Maryland. As a Tall Cedar I have spent years as the Scribe /Treasurer for Baltimore Forest #45, Trustee for District 14 Tall Cedar Foundation and recently Director of Region #2 Tall Cedar Foundation.

I am a member of Calvary United Methodist Church and have served on their financial board.

I respectfully request your support allowing me to serve The Tall Cedars as Director of Region #2.

Thank you  
Ray Wingate



# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 6



## JAMES C. ERLINGER PGTC No. 149

I have served Cedarism for the last two years as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District 19 and am respectfully submitting my name as a candidate for Supreme Director of Region 6.

I am originally from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, but have lived in Washington, Pennsylvania for the last thirty-two years. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Donna Jean, for over thirty-three years. We have two grown sons, James E. and Michael J. (married to Darla). My Masonic experience has been a short one, but I enjoy the facets of

our Brotherhood on many levels.

I was raised a Master Mason in 2003 in Sunset Lodge No. 623 and served as its Worshipful Master in 2006. I am again Worshipful Master in 2012. I was awarded the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in 2004. I have also served this Lodge as the Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge for three years. In other York Rite bodies, I am a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 150 and Trustee and the Joshua Club; Past Eminent Commander of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Knight Preceptor and Illustrious Knight of the Triangle; the Roland C. Fisher Mark Lodge No. 401, and presently serving as Thrice Illustrious Master of Washington Council No. 1 and Order of the Silver Trowel. I am a member of the Golden Triangle York Rite College No. 32, the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Knight Mason in Gateway to the West Council No. 5.

I am a 32° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Coudersport, Pennsylvania where I have been singing Tenor II in the Consistory Choir for ten years. I am a member of the Syria Shriners and its Motor Corps, the Knights of Mecca Past Masters, and Washington-Greene Caravan No. 2.

I am a board member of the DeMolay, Joppa Chapter, in Washington, Pennsylvania.

In the Tall Cedars, I have been twice the Grand Tall Cedar of Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149 and have served as its Housing and Rose Chairman for several years. I am a Tall Cedar Foundation Life Member.

In my "spare time", I have worked in the coal mining industry for over thirty-five years; as regional electrical engineer for a major coal mine operator, for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources as its electrical engineer for equipment and substation approvals, and most recently the U. S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Approval and Certification Center, Quality Assurance and Materials Testing Division as its Team Leader. I have been a member of the Boy Scouts of America in Laurel Highlands, Johnstown and Greater Pittsburgh Councils for over forty-five years, serving as an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow member, Greater Pittsburgh Council Board Member, District Vice Chairman, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster and Merit Badge Counselor. I was a Scoutmaster for the Junior Leader Training Conference. I have been awarded the District Award of Merit and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

I also have served as Director (2005 and 2006), of the Harley Owners Group of Washington, Pennsylvania. I am presently Vice President of the Johnstown-Somerset Telephone Company (JSTC) Employees Federal Credit Union in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

PS: I've been a Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) since 1976, a past EMT Instructor, Paramedic, Volunteer firefighter, CPR and First Aid Instructor.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence for the Office of Supreme Director of Region 6 for 2014.

*2012 Awards presented at the  
2013 Midwinter Conference*

**JOHN S. BROUGHTON AWARD RECIPIENT**

*~ Barry L. Sheaffer ~*



**JOHN S. BROUGHTON AWARD**

This award is named after the first Supreme Tall Cedar. It is intended for the Tall Cedar who has by his unselfish service to his country, community, Freemasonry, and/or Tall Cedarism reflected favorably on the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

# KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

## TEMPLARY'S HIGHEST AWARD

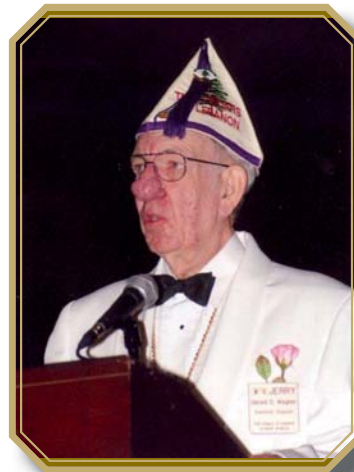
The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America presents the recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for the year 2012. These distinguished Sir Knights have demonstrated meritorious service and have been rewarded for it. The Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment state that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor "shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the order far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member."

This year the Grand Commanderies have selected only fifty-eight Sir Knights to receive the coveted Cross of Honor.

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America is privileged and proud to have two recipients of this prestigious award



Supreme Tall Cedar  
Richard G. "Dick" Feeser



The late  
Gerald David Wagner

# GRAND TALL CEDAR

## HOW WELL WILL YOU RUN YOUR FOREST?

Each year we select a new Supreme Tall Cedar to run our organization. We hope that he will have business sense to run our “Company” smoothly. Were you chosen as Grand Tall Cedar to run your Forest company smoothly? I call our Forests companies because we are in the business of raising funds for our charity. As kids many of us were members of secret clubs that had only two or three other members. Remember when the other members couldn't make the meeting and you are a club of one! Yes we are all tired of hearing the District Deputies talk about the decline in our membership. Unfortunately each year it becomes a more extreme problem. How are you going to deal with it in your Forest this year? My skill set does not include running a business. I am fairly good however, at finding information. There is a lot of information on running businesses on the Internet. I will share here some of the ideas I had seen and list the websites at the bottom of the article so you may see all the information later. Almost all of these sites will have links to similar sites. A veritable gold mine of ideas is out there. These are only ideas for you to use as you see fit. Please, if you have a good idea to share with other Forests let us know.

The Supreme Tall Cedar has established a new committee to help our Forests work better. Unless you expect to double your membership and raise \$1,000 per member, make use of them. If you do have that expectation, you will be drafted for that committee.

Social media is the “It” thing for staying in contact these days. Do you use it? Does your Forest use it? Are you stuck in the “Olden times” of mail and email? If you are using it

1. “Your content should be so good your followers say, 'Holy Smokes!'”
2. “Share other people's content” Other people have good ideas. MDA has a wealth of information on their webpage, Facebook page and in Quest, their magazine.
3. “Social media sites are not created equal” Twitter is not the best place to share pictures, try Facebook or instagram. You can tweet the address and what is new there.
4. “90% of Small Businesses Use Facebook, 69% Use Twitter”
5. “Social Media is Time Consuming – and Content Creation Most Time Consuming of All” Refer to #2.
6. “Social Media Is One Big Cocktail Party” Work the room (Facebook?)
7. “Listen First and Never Stop Listening” Always good advice
8. “Tell Don't Sell” People like stories not a hard sell
9. “Be Authentic and Transparent” You will earn trust
10. “Respond to Everybody” Take responsibility for the mistakes as well as the good things
11. “Be Valuable” People are more interested in their wants not yours
12. “Interact with your followers”
13. “Use discretion” Post NOTHING that will harm anyone or your brand
14. Not sure how to set up a Facebook page for your Forest? Link #5 is a course for setting up a business page. It is about 90 minutes of videos.
15. When you get hired for a job, you are told what is expected of you. Link #6 will refresh your mind on some things to tell prospective members. If they get blindsided, you may never see them again.
16. “Be the Customer: 10 Tips to Help Improve The Customer Experience” As the Grand Tall Cedar, you Forest members are your customers as well as the people you are trying to get donations from. How well do you serve them? Link #7
17. “The Employee-Motivation Checklist” Link #8 You are the boss. Right? Please don't fire people though.



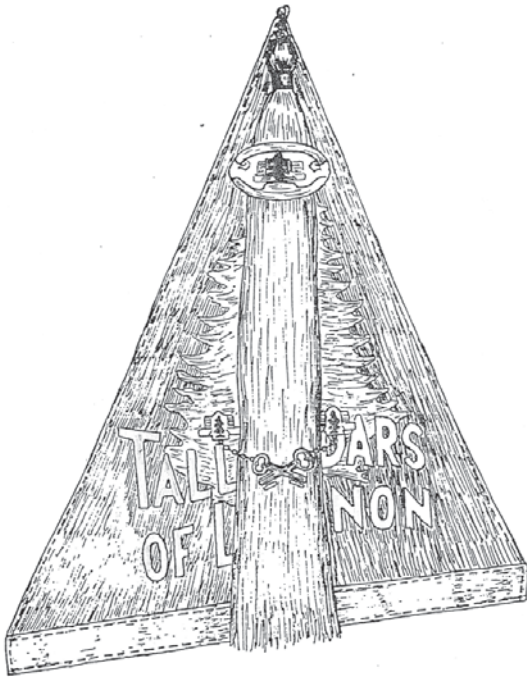
18. Causes & cause marketers must show impact”
19. “Provide clear and simple information on how money will be used”
20. “Show, don't just tell”
21. “8 Major Mistakes Entrepreneurs Will Make In 2013”
22. “NOT Doing Business Like its 1983” The best place to do business (fundraising) is Face to Face.
23. “Thinking You’re Good Enough As Is”
24. “How to reduce donor attrition in three minutes” Say THANK YOU. My gosh, that is easy.
25. “What Great Leaders Have That Good Leaders Don't” Link #13 was written by a former Navy SEAL. He has found that team training to be very helpful in business leadership.

**HOW GOOD A GRAND TALL CEDAR WILL YOU BE? THE NEXT QUESTION IS HOW GOOD A GRAND TALL CEDAR WILL YOU HELP THE NEXT GUY TO BE? THERE WILL BE A FUTURE WHEN YOU ARE A PAST.**

1. [http://www.entrepreneur.com/video/225051?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=237&utm\\_content=3983#](http://www.entrepreneur.com/video/225051?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=237&utm_content=3983#)
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8. <http://www.fastcompany.com/3002877/employee-motivation-checklist>
9. <http://www.linkedin.com/today/post/article/20121017163908-6200057-3-ways-causes-cause-marketers-must-show-impact>
10. [http://www.forbes.com/sites/groupthink/2013/01/15/8-major-mistakes-entrepreneurs-will-make-in-2013/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=222&utm\\_content=4207](http://www.forbes.com/sites/groupthink/2013/01/15/8-major-mistakes-entrepreneurs-will-make-in-2013/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=222&utm_content=4207)
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12. <http://www.fundraising123.org/>
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## THE ORIGIN OF THE PYRAMID

**I**t was at the Tenth Annual Session of the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States of America, held in Newark, New Jersey on February 12, 1912, that the official headgear of a Tall Cedar was adopted.



The requirements, previously agreed upon, were that the headgear must be uniform, taking no pattern after the headgear of any other organization and must be able to be folded to fit into a coat pocket. The result was a tri-cornered hat with a light green body, a still lighter green border and a green tassel. The lettering was to be in yellow, designating the Forest name and number on one side or panel, the words Tall Cedars of Lebanon on the other side or panel with the rear panel blank.

Thus was the Pyramid as it is known today, conceived and adopted. Many changes have been made over the years and Pyramids are now of many colors and types, signifying the type of service rendered by the wearer to his Forest and to the Supreme Forest during the present or past years.

The pyramid should be worn, as required, by all Tall Cedars, in the same manner as they would wear the Apron of a Master. Mason. Both proclaim the inner worth of the wearer.

HAROLD WETZLER. POTC NO. 37  
SUPREME HISTORIAN





# 2013 Midwinter Conference FRIDAY NIGHT LUAU



The Friday Night Luau  
(Aly Fisher, our Ambassador for 2013)



Three good looking ladies (L:R; Pat Corwell, Judy Morgan, Arleen Baringer) sharing a moment with PSTC George Morgan!



STC Dick Feeser being brief!



PSTC Harvey "Bud" Willard and his lady Nancy



MW Grandmasters Barry Hughes (Delaware) and Gerald E. Piepiora (Maryland) sharing a laugh at Midwinter.



Grumpy Old Men (L-R: Norm Clark and Don Erb) being consoled by our STC, Dick Feeser





# 2013 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland



Snow greeted the Tall Cedars on Friday morning at Ocean City, MD



Exchanging the colors at General Session



2012 TCF Chairman Norm Clark accepts a plaque from MDA Representative Vicki Berkowitz



STC Feeser addressing the ladies at their luncheon



Aly Fisher, her family, and STC Feeser



(L-R) Linda Gevinson and Janet Clark show off the Complete Collection of Holy Bears to be raffled off at Midwinter



(L-R) Terri Almacy, Sheila Myers, P.P. Montgomery Cedarettes, and Gerri Tynan, P.P. Annapolis Cedarettes and their Raffle baskets



The Feeser Family Portrait





# 2013 Midwinter Conference LADIES LUNCHEON



Hostesses at Ladies Luncheon



Goodwill Ambassador Table







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**BOARD NOTES**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Midwinter Conference  
January 18, 2013

**Building Maintenance:** The Supreme Forest Office is being rearranged to accommodate the items brought back from the Tall Cedar Room at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. The intent is to exhibit and utilize as much of the materials as possible.

**Membership:** Chm. Greg Dimoff noted that while our membership was commendable, it is not possible to override the losses by death and other similar losses.

**Revitalization Committee:** Chm. Jack Gahres reported that the Committee has received responses pointing out specific needs, and they are attempting to provide assistance.

**Financial Advisor Todd Pauliny of RBC Wealth Management:** Presented a detailed report which pointed out our dwindling financial condition, and indicated that drastic measures must be taken now.

**Barry L. Sheaffer, SDSTC:** Presented his budget for 2014. The Budget will be voted on at the Annual Session in May.

**Verbal Reports:** Remarks presented by the Directors, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Treasurer, JDSTC and the SDSTC.

**Comments by STC:** Events for 2013 mentioned, new Enhancements to Tall Cedar Website discussed, other items of interest for the members of the Board to share with the membership.

*Feb. 1, 2013*

# PROPOSED SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW CHANGES



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Date: February 2013  
To: Supreme Forest Members  
From: Delvin L. Zeiders, Supreme Scribe  
Subject: Proposed Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

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The following proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Forest have been properly submitted in accordance with the Supreme Forest Constitution and By-laws.

These proposed changes will be acted on at the 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 in Wildwood, New Jersey.

The Supreme Tall Cedar requests all Tall Cedars to wear their pyramids at all Supreme Forest Sessions.

Registration Badges will be required at all social functions.

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It is important for every Supreme Forest member & Delegate to have his credentials validated by the Credentials Committee so that he can vote in the annual election. Members who do not have a current dues card will not be issued Credentials.

### ***CREDENTIALS VALIDATION SCHEDULE***

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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## PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION

### 13-01 ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Supreme Forest shall consist of:

1. ~~all members of the Supreme Forest at the time of the adoption of the original constitution of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon in 1902 (Grandfather Clause).~~
2. the current Grand Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, ~~and~~ Treasurer and Trustee of each Constituent Forest in good standing with the Supreme Forest.
3. all Past Grand Tall Cedars of Constituent Forests who have completed a full term as a Grand Tall Cedar.
4. any Constituent Forest member who has served the same Forest for a period totaling ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years in the offices of Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, Treasurer, and/or Trustee. Upon completion of three consecutive years of service in one or more of those positions prior to January 1, 2012, the member shall be granted membership in the Supreme Forest.

#### Signatures:

Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43  
Eric J. Frank, SDGTC No. 43  
Robert E. Richmond, PGTC No. 25  
Frank Deaner, Treas. No. 25  
Leslie T. Keller, PGTC No. 25  
Robert H. Kime, GTC No. 25  
Ronald J. Oravic, PGTC No. 43  
PSTC Gareth Diem, PGTC No. 27  
Edward Lavallee, GTC No. 30

PSS William Klinefelter, PGTC No. 27  
James O. Walmer, PTR No. 43  
SDSTC Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43  
H.N. Scott VanZandt, PGTC No. 27  
Dwight Gerst, Sr., PGTC No. 30  
Michael Glanville, PGTC No. 27  
SS Delvin L. Zeiders, PGTC No. 43  
PSTC William F. Shultz, PGTC No. 43  
David A. McDade, GTC No. 43

### 13-02 ARTICLE IV -- POWERS OF THE SUPREME FOREST

A. Supreme Forest Law

2. The Constitution and By-laws of the Supreme Forest and of each Constituent Forest shall be compatible with, and in no way adverse to, or in conflict with the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and edicts of the Federal Government, State Government, Local Government, or Grand Lodge within which the Supreme Forest or the Constituent Forest is located

#### Signatures:

Charles E. Long, PGTC No. 53  
Wesley E. Townsend, PGTC No. 53  
David A. Holley, PGTC No. 134  
Donald O. Freeze, PGTC No. 30  
James A. Massey, PGTC No. 53  
John Burke, PGTC No. 53

James Bezold, GTC No. 53  
Donald R. Smith, PGTC No. 139  
David McDade, GTC No. 43  
Dwight Gerst, PGTC No. 30  
Robert Hopkiins, PGTC No. 30

**13-03 ARTICLE VI – ELECTED OFFICERS – THEIR DUTIES – VACANCIES**

B. Duties of elected officers

7. Board of Directors

- a. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Supreme Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Treasurer and no less than eight (8) elected Directors and any lawfully appointed Provisional Supreme Directors.

(1) The immediate Past Supreme Tall Cedar shall be an ex officio non-voting member and shall be granted all other rights and privileges due to the other members.

**Signatures:**

Gerald R. Dawson, Sr., PGTC No. 53  
John Burke, PGTC No. 53  
James A. Massey, PGTC No. 53  
Charles E. Long, PGTC No. 53  
James Bezold, GTC No. 53

M. Robert Wheatley, PGTC No. 49  
David McDade, GTC No. 43  
Dwight Gerst, PGTC No. 30  
Donald Freeze, PGTC No. 30  
Robert C. Hopkins, PGTC No. 30

**PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SUPREME FOREST BY-LAWS**

**13-04 ARTICLE III - - COMMITTEES**

B. Standing Committees

13. The Tall Cedar ~~Room Maintenance and Updating Exhibit~~ Committee, consisting of three (3) members, shall be responsible for the maintenance and updating of the Tall Cedar ~~Room~~ Exhibit ~~which is located in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Effective as of January 1, 1987, three (3) members shall be appointed; one for a term of three (3) years (1987, 1988, and 1989), one for an interim of two (2) years (1987, and 1988), and one for an interim term of one (1) year (1987). Each year one member shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Annually, the Committee shall submit a written report of its activities to the Supreme Forest Board of Directors and, for the enlightenment of the Fraternity at Large, said report shall be published in the Supreme Forest Proceedings. Committee Members shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years with one member being appointed each year. If a member is unable to complete the three (3) year term, a new member shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term.~~

a. Annually, the Committee shall submit a written report of its activities to the Supreme Forest Board of Directors and, for the enlightenment of the Fraternity-at-Large, said report shall be published in the Supreme Forest Proceedings.

b. The committee, in cooperation with the George Washington Masonic National Memorial personnel, shall maintain the exhibit in a manner that best demonstrates the history and activities of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon to the general public.

c. Items included in the exhibit shall be cataloged to show their origin and value for insurance purposes.

d. Donated and loaned items for the exhibit shall be so noted in the display.

**Signatures:**

STC Richard G. Feeser, PGTC No. 49  
Howard R. Hamilton, SDGTC No. 49  
James L. Ferguson, PGTC No. 49  
SDSTC Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43  
PSTC Harvey Willard, PGTC No. 31  
PSTC John E. Shoop, PGTC No. 199

PSD Albert Miller, PGTC No. 88  
PSTC William F. Shultz, PGTC No. 43  
PST Jerome Yost, Sr., PGTC No. 61  
PSD Walter J. Manhart, PGTC No. 50  
PSS William Klinefelter, PGTC No. 27  
ST Larry Donis, PGTC No. 31

**13-05 ARTICLE VII - - HEADGEAR**

B. Color and Trimmings

24. Grand Master while in office - Blue Pyramid (medium blue), Yellow Tassel, Gold Trimming, Yellow Lettering/Grand Master.

25. Past Grand Master - Blue Pyramid (medium blue), White Tassel, Gold Trimming, Yellow Lettering/Past Grand Master.

Signatures:

Franklin H. Williams, Jr., PGTC No. 49  
Kenneth L. White, PGTC No. 53  
William E. Dixon, PGTC No. 115  
Stanley R. Flaggs, PGTC No. 115  
George L. Phillips, GTC No. 115  
Wallace E. Dodson, PGTC No. 115  
Andrew Partyka, GTC No. 49  
David E. Melvin, PGTC No. 49  
Calvin L. Brundick, PGTC No. 49  
Gerald R. Dawson, Sr., PGTC No. 53  
Charles E. Long, PGTC No. 53  
Wesley E. Townsend, PGTC No. 53

Joseph Kucinski, PGTC No. 53  
James Bezold, GTC No. 53  
John Burke, PGTC No. 53  
David A. McDade, GTC No. 43  
Dwight J. Gerst, PGTC No. 30  
Donald Freeze, PGTC No. 30  
Robert Hopkins, PGTC No. 30  
William A. Graf, PGTC No. 115  
Clifford Collison, Jr., Scribe No. 115  
James A. Massey, PGTC No. 53  
David A. Holley, PGTC No. 134  
Norman P. Mills, PGTC No. 53

**13-06 ARTICLE IX - CONSTITUENT FORESTS**

C. Fees, Dues, Assessment

3. ~~All Constituent Forests shall pay into the treasury of the Supreme Forest ten dollars (\$10.00)~~ thirteen dollars (\$13.00) per capita tax based on its membership as of December 31, 2010 2013, seventeen dollars (\$17.00) on its membership as of 2014, twenty dollars (\$20.00) on its membership as of 2015, and subsequent years. Each Constituent Forest shall pay into the Treasury of the Supreme Forest the four dollars (\$4.00) for each new member initiated into the Forest, affiliated with the Forest, and for each reinstated member, such to be paid by the tenth (10th) day of the month, following the meeting at which such members are initiated, affiliated or reinstated.

Signatures:

STC Richard G. Feeser, PGTC No. 49  
SDSTC Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43  
JDSTC Robert Saul, PGTC No. 199  
SS. Delvin Zeiders, PGTC No. 43  
ST Larry Donis, PGTC No. 31  
Russell Fuscia, PGTC No. 1

James L. Ferguson, PGTC No. 49  
Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43  
Van Jodon, PGTC No. 129  
Curtis Beam, PGTC No. 35  
Gerald Pokorny, PS No. 205  
Robert Bachman, PGTC No. 181



**13-07 ARTICLE IX – CONSTITUENT FORESTS**

G. Miscellaneous Provisions

5. ~~The Tall Cedar Room~~

- a. ~~The Tall Cedar Room shall exist as a replica and public presentation of King Solomon's Temple. All future components of the Tall Cedar Room shall be restricted to those items and illustrations which have been authentically documented as representative of the King Solomon era.~~

**Signatures:**

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**CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME FOREST OFFICE**

- |                                                             |                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUPREME TALL CEDFAR:</b>                                 | <b>Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43</b>        |
| <b>SENIOR DEPUTY STC:</b>                                   | <b>Robert E. Saul, PGTC No. 199</b>          |
| <b>JUNIOR DEPUTY STC:</b>                                   | <b>Curtis R. Beam, Sr., PGTC No. 35</b>      |
| <b>SUPREME SCRIBE:</b>                                      | <b>Delvin L. Zeiders, PGTC No. 43</b>        |
| <b>SUPREME TREASURER:</b>                                   | <b>Dwight J. Gerst, Sr., PGTC No. 30</b>     |
|                                                             | <b>John M. Almacy, PGTC No. 132</b>          |
| <b>SUPREME DIRECTORS:</b>                                   |                                              |
| <b>REGION NO.1</b>                                          | <b>William W. Ward, Jr., PGTC No. 4</b>      |
| <b>REGION NO. 2 (1 year to complete SD Ferguson's term)</b> | <b>Allen Ray Wingate, Jr., Scribe No. 45</b> |
| <b>REGION NO. 6:</b>                                        | <b>James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149</b>       |

## PROPOSED 2014 BUDGET

### INCOME:

Membership Fees	\$115,000.00
Management Fees	8,000.00
Publication Fees	1,000.00
Sales	3,500.00
TCL Functions	5,000.00
Interest Income	30,000.00
Fundraising/Reserves	-
TCF Fees	40,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,200.00
Land/Building Rent	-
Total:	\$203,700.00

### EXPENSES:

Administrative Operations	\$71,500.00
Building	30,000.00
Appointed Officers	2,500.00
District Deputies	6,500.00
Committees	4,000.00
Elected Officers	15,000.00
Office	30,000.00
Public Relations	12,000.00
Publications	34,700.00
Purchases for Resale	3,000.00
TCL Functions	3,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Total	\$214,200.00

OTHER:      \*Investment Drawdown      \$10,500.00

\* Funds needed to balance the Budget

**PROPOSED SESSION AGENDA FOR CONVENTION – 2013**

Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Opening at 8:30 A.M.

Recess at approximately Noon & Reconvene at 1:00 P.M. if needed

Opening

Introductions of Supreme Forest Board of Directors

Introductions of Past Supreme Treasurers, Past Supreme Scribes, & Past Supreme Tall Cedars

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Introduction of 2013 Goodwill Ambassador & family

Key Club recipients' recognition

Supreme Forest Memorial Service

Proposed Agenda

Present 2014 Budget

List Candidates and receive nominations

Report and voting on Convention Site

Voting on Supreme Forest Officers

Voting on changes to Constitution & By-laws

Committee Reports

Results of Election

**OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.      Credentials & Convention Registration – Convention Center  
Vendor area Open – Convention Center

6:30 P.M.                      Western Hoedown Theme Party – Convention Center  
Doors open 6:00 P.M. - Ticket required

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.      Credentials & Convention Registration – Convention Center

8:30 – 4:00 P.M.              Vendor Area Open – Convention Center

11:30 A.M.                      Ladies of Cedarism Luncheon – Convention Center - Ticket required  
Doors open 11:00 A.M.

6:30 P.M.                      Convention Center  
Reception of Distinguished Guests  
Color Guard Competition  
Supreme Forest Clown Competition  
Color Guard Competition Awards

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M.                      Tree Planting, Cedar Park, Wildwood & New Jersey Avenues

10:00 A.M.                      Parade start time

5:15 P.M.                      Worship Service - Convention Center

6:30 P.M.                      Closing Banquet – Convention Center -  
Doors Open 5:30 P.M. – Ticket required  
Awards Presentations – Parade  
Publications & Scrapbooks  
Clown Competition

## RECOMMENDED 2013 CONVENTION DRESS CODE

### Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Western Hoedown Party: Casual – Wear your best Western Outfit

SF Hospitality: Casual

### Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Supreme Forest Session: Supreme Forest Officers – Tuxedo (white coat)  
Supreme Forest Members – Dress Casual (no jeans or T-shirts)

Evening Competitions: Elected & Appointed Officers, PSTC, DDSTC/Trustees, TCF Officers, and our Fraternal Relations Guests – Tuxedo (white coat) for the men and dresses for the ladies.

SF Hospitality: Casual

### Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Parade: SF Elected & Appointed Officers, PSTC, DDSTC/Trustees, TCF Officers, and our Fraternal Relations Guests – Tuxedo (white coat) for the men and street length dress for ladies.

Worship Service: Participating Supreme Forest Officers – Tuxedo (white coat).  
All others, Casual

Closing Banquet: Elected & Appointed Officers, PSTC, DDSTC/Trustees, TCF Officers, and our Fraternal Relations Guests – Tuxedo (white coat) for the men and dresses for the ladies.

SF Hospitality: Casual

**Remember our Charity - Wear a Rose**  
**Members should wear their pyramids to all events**  
**Conventioneers must display their Registration Badge for all events & hospitality**

## LETTER FROM SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fellow Tall Cedars,

We have just returned from the mid-winter conference where the Supreme Board of Directors met. At the meeting the Financial Advisor for the Supreme Forest met with the Board and presented his report for 2012. The good news was that our investments made on average over 10% for the year. This is not bad in this economy. The bad news is due to increased expenses the Supreme Forest had to transfer a large sum of money from the reserve accounts to the general account to cover expenses such as building maintenance for the Supreme Office, taxes and insurance on the building, a much needed new computer program for the membership program as well as other necessary expenses. Some of these items were unforeseen when PSTC Willard presented his budget for 2012. Our Financial Advisor contributed the need for transferring the funds to the dwindling membership numbers resulting in a loss in dues revenue and increase in expenses. He closed his presentation by telling the Board of Directors that if revenues don't increase either by increasing membership numbers or a dues increase and if expenses are not cut the Supreme Forest will run out of money by 2017.

The Board discussed the problem and decided that there should be a two prong solution to the problem. The first part would be a graduated dues increase over three years. Dues for 2014 would be increased by three dollars, 2015 another three dollars and then the final year in 2016 the increase would be four dollars. The Board felt that it would not be fair to increase dues unless they would be willing to make a serious attempt at cutting expenses. To that end a committee was formed to look at ways to cut expenses. Line items that will be looked at would be the ownership of our building on Front Street in Harrisburg. The building is aging and is requiring more money each year to maintain while at the same time only a very small section of the building is used on a daily basis. Other items to be looked at by the committee is our continued involvement in the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Washington DC., the mid-winter conference, the December Board meeting/installation of officers as well as many other items. Suffice to say that the Board of Directors are committed to not allowing the burden to be placed only on the shoulders of our members but are committed to cutting Supreme Forest expenses so that we can continue as an organization to help raise money to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

A study of membership trends has shown that we would be approaching difficult times by 2017 if we don't increase the numbers. Likewise, an accounting projection based on five years of financial information was done in 2011 and pointed to the same results. At mid-winter we had the Financial Advisor verify what the other two exercises projected. When a dues increase amendment was proposed in 2012 it became evident that it would be met with overwhelming objection and the amendment was withdrawn from the proceedings. Today, we are faced with three different approaches to project the solvency of the fraternity and find ourselves in dire straits. If the proposed dues increase is defeated or withdrawn, the fraternity is destined to become nothing more than a memory. While increased membership is a key factor in maintaining the fraternity going forward it will not correct our financial situation. For over a hundred years this fraternity has ebbed and flowed its way to where we now find ourselves. It is incumbent upon each and every member to work towards increased membership and to support the efforts to return us to a level of financial stability.

Fraternally,  
Supreme Board of Directors



*The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America*

*will host*

*The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Tall Cedar Clown Competition*

*Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*Convention Center, Wildwood New Jersey*



*Balloon Competition*

*Makeup Competition to include:*

*White Face*

*Auguste*

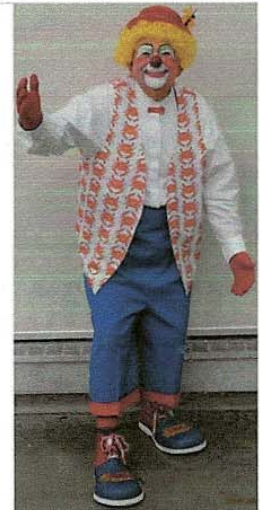
*Hobo / Tramp*

*Character*

*Skit Competition to include:*

*Individual Skits*

*Group Skits*



*For information contact:*

*Albert "Stoney" Miller*

*550 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street*

*Newport, PA 17074*

*717-567-6866 home*

*717-567-6402 work,*

*717-514-6444 cell*

*[amiller@sfpetersinc.com](mailto:amiller@sfpetersinc.com)*



*come join the fun, frolic and fellowship*

# 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Supreme Clown Competition

## Registration form

Please Type or Print Legibly

Forest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Clown: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Clown Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number most likely to answer: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

There are six (6) categories of competition. Circle the category (s) in which you will be competing:

### Tall Cedars

(\$10.00 Entry Fee per Category) or (\$15.00 Entry Fee day of Competition)

1. Whiteface
2. Auguste
3. Hobo / Tramp
4. Character
5. Individual Skit
6. Group Skit

### Tall Cedar Ladies

1. Whiteface
2. Auguste
3. Hobo / Tramp
4. Character
5. Individual Skit
6. Group Skit

Total Entry Fees: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Albert Miller

Send fees & registration form to:

Albert Miller  
550 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Newport, PA 17074

**Please return no later than May 3, 2013.**

I will / will not be participating in the Balloon Competition.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Competition will be held at the Convention Center on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ approximately 7 p.m. Doors will open at 3 p.m. for participating clowns for makeup. At 5 p.m. the doors will open for the public. The Drill Competition will start at 6:30 p.m. with the clown skits to follow.

# CHARITABLE DONATION



Past Grand Tall Cedar David Werner presenting check to Holly Smith from Blieler Care Cottage at the Pa Masonic Home. Left Deb Brockman PGTGC Lonny Neiman, Bob Smith, Scibe Donald Cook, and Missy Kilmer



As part of an ongoing effort to support charitable organizations, members of York Forest #30 Tall Cedars of Lebanon recently presented a donation to the American Cancer Society for the Relay for Life event. Past Grand Tall Cedar David Werner presents a check to Melissa Reedy of the ACS. Others, from left are Forest Scribe Donald Cook, Past Grand Tall Cedar Lonny Neiman.



## SHENANDOAH FOREST #150 INSTALLATION

The group "Country Ham " from Inwood, WV entertained the group of Cedars and their ladies at the Shenandoah Forest #150 Installation on December 13, 2012.



Steve Cramer and his lady



(L-R): Lil' Jimmy Wahler; Tubby; Handsome Dave Lasko; and Low Beam

## HAR-CE FOREST #142 OFFICER INSTALLATION

DECEMBER 28, 2012



(L-R): Robert Marley, PGTC; Herman Gonzalez, Immediate PGTC; Dick Feeser, STC elect; Don Knode, PSTC; Bud Willard, STC; Barry Sheaffer, SDSTC elect; Greg Bruce GTC; Vernon Miller JDGTC

# HATBORO PARADE



I recently heard the question posed, " *what does the Grand Lodge do?*" I just saw part of the answer. W.K. Bray Lodge in Hatboro has been participating in the Holiday Parade for the last few years. About a year ago they started coordinating with the Grand Lodge through the District Deputy to have the Right Worshipful Grand Master appear with them. On November 18, 2012, he and some of the other Grand Officers enjoyed a time of fellowship and parading with the Lodge. Bray Lodge had also put the word out, that any Masonic organization that would like to join them in the parade would be welcome. Members of Newtown, Southampton-Radiant Star, Hermann-Humboldt, Bristol and Doylestown Lodges accepted the invitation and many line officers were among those that came. They were also joined by the Supreme Tall Cedar Harvey "Bud" Willard and Supreme Treasurer Larry Donis. We were also joined by a couple of our ladies to represent our youth groups.

I am Chuckles the clown, a Past Master of Brotherhood Lodge number 126, and I have been pleased to march with Bray Lodge for the last few years. Grand Lodge has given me a dispensation for those years to also wear my apron while marching. This year, my apron represented the Tall Cedars. For the community this has allowed them to associate Masonry with more than just a bunch of guys in tuxedos. (Does your Forest march in parades? Do you have a community involvement where Tall Cedars could be demonstrated? Check through your District Deputy.) Doing a parade does not mean you have to walk. A pickup with chairs in the bed and inexpensive signs will work to get the word out that you are there! It was a day that I will remember for a long time. A high point for me was watching our Grand officers learn how to make balloon swords to pass out on the parade route. I thought I was going to be able to recruit a few of them as clowns!

In answer to the question then, our grand Lodge will help and support us to show the community that we are a part of them. For our new brethren, of whom there were a few, they got to see that our Grand officers were always willing to listen. We are after all brothers, some of us may be only for a couple years and others for over 40 years but still brothers. Bottom line, Grand line stands with us, "Shoulder to shoulder." And we have known for a long time that the Supreme line stands with us too.



## MAIN LINE WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBER

At our October Barnyard Bingo meeting, we welcomed a new member into our family. Melissa Young was born in July of 1997. At fifteen months old she presented with Spinal Muscular Dystrophy. At three years old she started her life in a wheelchair. Her life expectancy at that time was only another four years. She has two cats. Sometimes the will come



to the side of the shower with her. She has required lots of constant monitoring as additional problems with her respiration and heart developed. When she was younger, she would experience seizures. Her cats would come lay in bed with her about twenty minutes before the onset of a seizure. They would lay on the outside edge of the bed to help keep her from falling out of the bed when having a seizure.

Melissa attends William Tennent High School. She has an excellent record of all A's with only one B. She was also accepted into the Honors Spanish class. Her love of music had her join the school chorus. They are putting together a production of West Side Story where she will be one of the Jets. Team Melissa is expected to participate in the MDA Muscle walk at the King of Prussia Mall on March 17th. She has been the MDA Ambassador throughout Bucks County, PA.

Her mom Nancy and dad Don have been married twenty-six years. Don works with a company that builds and renovates movie theaters. When he had his second heart attack last year it put a great strain on family finances. A community fundraiser to help out is how Main Line was introduced to the family.

Why did I write about Main Line adopting a Forest ambassador? When we were discussing it, some of the members didn't know what a Forest ambassador would do. What does the Forest do? If we had those questions, other Forests that didn't have an ambassador might also be unsure. First of all, the Forest gets a new grandchild. Celebrate birthdays, holidays, picnics, group outings and anything else you can think of. As a Forest, you will become close with the ambassador you choose. Many of your members will start doing a little more. We all know that our work is important but when it comes home, well people just do a little more then. Every year we are told how to invite the Tall Cedar Foundation's Ambassador to an event. Your Forest ambassador can be considered to be an aide to the Foundation. You may be surprised at the difference having your ambassador can make at your rose sale or other fundraising events. There may even be an increase in your recruiting. Bottom line – everyone's life will become expanded and enriched.

# MDA CAMP



L to R: Marilyn and Vito Urso, Bob Polander, Jr., Carl Reed, Jim and Donna Erlinger, Tom Gasmire, Marianne and John Sanders.

On August 8th, 2012, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, District 19, served a picnic dinner to the MDA kids and staff at the Pittsburgh area MDA Camp at Camp Kon-O-Kwee near Zelienople, PA. Drink boxes, hot dogs, baked beans, watermelons, corn-on-the-cob, and cookies were enjoyed by all.

The kids in their motorized chairs came through the chow line with smiles on their faces.

The Tall Cedars of District 19 have been sponsoring the VIP Day Dinner for over twenty-five years at the various MDA camps in southwestern Pennsylvania. The camps often have forty to a hundred campers for a week each August.



Cedars and family on the serving line with some of the campers

# DELAWARE RETURN DAY PARADE



Evergreen Forest No. 49 participating in the 200 Year Old Sussex County, DE Return Day Parade. Our unit consisting of Color Guard, Clown & Float took 2nd Place award of all the units participating.

L-R are Cal Brundick, GTC; David Melvin, Provost Guard; Dick Feeser, STC & James Massey, DDSTC  
Front is Clown "Crabby" Williams, Dist. # 13 Foundation Trustee.



# National Eat Out Week Sponsored by The Tall Cedars of Lebanon For Muscular Dystrophy

Join with us by eating at participating  
Restaurants during

**APRIL 14 - APRIL 20, 2013**

## Order a copy of the Roster Book

Mail the form below to: Supreme Forest TCL  
2609 North Front Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110

2013 ROSTER OF CONSTITUENT FORESTS

ORDER FORM

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Rosters at **\$2.00/each.**  
Qty.

Mail to: \_\_\_\_\_ Forest # \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP



# ELECTED OFFICERS

## DISTRICT # 8 O & PO ASSOCIATION 2013

PRESIDENT	JOHN P ZICKLER, PGTC NEPA #137
1st VICE PRESIDENT	RAYMOND E BOWKLEY, PGTC HUNTERDON COUNTY #13
2nd VICE PRESIDENT	DAVID W MANTER, PGTC POCONO # 124
SECRETARY	BARRY R STOCKER, PGTC/PSTC WARREN COUNTY #14
TREASURER	ALEXANDER P KUBAT, PGTC BETHLEHEM #61

### MEETS

Sunday, May 5, 2013, 9:00AM, Pre Convention Breakfast Meeting, TBA  
Friday, Oct 4, 2013, 8:00PM, Brownl Lynch Arner Legion Post Tatamy, PA  
Friday, Jan 3, 2014, 8:00PM Brownl Lynch Arner Legion Post, Tatamy, PA  
\* Dinner to precede the October and January meetings!



# Wine & Cheese Party

## 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ladies of Cedarism Luncheon

Wildwood Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk Wildwood, NJ  
Friday, May 10, 2013 11:30 AM

\$22 per Person  
Reservation Deadline:  
April 24, 2013

A \$10 gift from each Forest  
attending would be  
appreciated.



Make Checks Payable To: 2013 Committee  
Mail To: Jani Long  
12075 Coachman Lane  
Delmar, DE 19940

Include your Name, Forest # &  
Number of Ladies Attending.





# 2013 MID-WEST MINI-VENTION/CONFERENCE

## SUPREME FOREST TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

**2013 Mid West Mini - Vention / CONFERENCE**

**Saturday – June 8, 2013 @ 10:00 am**

**Paducah Lodge No. 127; 2340 Jackson Street, Paducah, KY 42003**

**To all Forests in Central and Mid West, U S A.**

**DESIRED ATTENDEES:** All TALL CEDARS & Ladies and Especially all Forest Officers as well as any Supreme Forest Officers and Committee persons living in that immediate area

### TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM Paducah Lodge No. 127 will be holding an “all you can eat”  
BREAKFAST
- 10:00 – Noon **O P E N I N G Ceremonies / Introductions / General Comments**  
Pro Log & Royal Court Ceremonial using the Tall Cedar Video. (It is our G O A L to have each Forest in this area to bring 3 - 5 New Candidates (or More) for initiation at this Ceremonial!!)
- Approx. 11:45 AM Secret Work will be completed in an area away from the General assembly
- Approx. 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Break for Restroom / smoke and refreshments
- 1:00 PM **Convening of GENERAL SESSION**
- ▲ Presentation on various Programs and Activities of the Supreme Forest.
  - ▲ Presentation on our Muscular Dystrophy Program
  - ▲ Presentation of Muscular Dystrophy Awards for 2012 ??
  - ▲ Presentation of Video from the Tall Cedar Parade in Wildwood, NJ
  - ▲ General discussion of how the Supreme Forest can assist with further growth in the area
- Approximately 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM Dismissal

**\*\*\* Please Register with Supreme Director - James Morrison; 6746 Longview Drive; Murfreesboro, TN 37129 / Phone: 615-459-5548; Cell 615-429-3570 or email: jim Morrison jr@att.net so we can have enough Handout Materials & Light refreshments for all!!**

## SPRING REUNION OF THE VALLEY OF HARRISBURG

The Illustrious Delvin L. Zeiders, 33°, has been selected as the Honored Guest at the Spring Reunion of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. The Spring Reunion will be held May 17 and 18, 2013.



Ill. Brother Zeiders joined the Valley of Harrisburg in November 1970 and has a distinguished record of service to the Valley including having served as a Trustee and also as Thrice Potent Master of the Harrisburg Lodge of Perfection. He was active in many roles in the degrees on stage and then served as Director of Ritualistic Work for 27 years. In 1986, Ill. Brother Zeiders was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° and made an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council.

Ill. Brother Zeiders is a member of the York Rite Bodies in Harrisburg, Zembo Shrine, Trinity Conclave – Red Cross of Constantine, Erin Council, Constance Council – AMD, National Sojourners, the Royal Order of Scotland and has received the Demolay Legion of Honor.

Ill. Brother Zeiders is a PGTC of Harrisburg Forest No. 43 and is now the Supreme Scribe of the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of North America.

The Valley of Harrisburg is delighted to name the Spring Reunion class the “Ill. Delvin L. Zeiders, 33° Spring Reunion Class”.

## FOREST #207 INSTALLATION

### NOVEMBER 10, 2012



2013 Officers of Burlington Forest No. 207 and District Deputy James Morrison.



Newly installed Grand Tall Cedar, George Kelly receiving the Tall Cedars apron from now Past Grand Tall Cedar Louis Devillon.





# Calling All Forests



Come One  
Come All  
to the annual

# Tall Cedar Convention Parade

Wildwood, New Jersey  
Saturday  
May 11, 2013

### 2013 Parade Goal:

100% participation of Forests

Spread the word throughout the Kingdom.

Questions, thoughts, concerns?  
contact Bob Hopkins  
srhopkins@verizon.net  
717-840-9836

### Thank You



### Parade Participation Committee

Bob Hopkins  
Ernie Cribari  
Dave Manter  
Ron Oravic  
Dave Werner



Let's paint the town in  
Cedarly  
fun, frolic, and fellowship  
just like in the good 'ol days  
of years gone by.



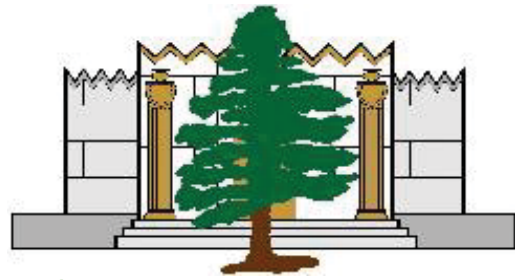
Come old or young  
Seasoned or new  
There is without doubt  
Something you can do.  
Walk. ride. or roll  
Clap. wave. or shout.  
Show the whole crowd  
What Cedars are about!

SHOW YOUR TALL  
CEDAR SPIRIT  
  
PARTICIPATE!

### Parade Categories

Tuxedo Unit  
Color Guard  
Drill Team  
Clowns  
Motor Unit  
Rangers  
Cedarettes  
Marching Band  
Float

# 2013 Tall Cedars Convention



## *Awards and Closing Dinner*

**Saturday, May 11, 2013 @ 6:30 PM**  
**Wildwood Convention Center**  
**4501 Boardwalk – Wildwood, NJ**



**\$27.50 per Person**

Reservation Deadline: April 24, 2013

Mail To: Supreme Forest  
2609 North Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110



### Menu

Stuffed Chicken Breast  
Smoked Gouda and Wild Rice  
Fresh Vegetables  
House Salad  
Cheese Cake

Make Checks Payable To:  
**Supreme Forest, TCL**

Send in bottom portion with payment.

Your Name & Forest Number:

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Your Address:

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Number of people in party: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2013 Tall Cedar Convention



## Western Hoedown Theme Party

Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2013  
6:30 P.M.

Wildwood Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ



\$30 Per Person

Western Fare:  
BBQ Thighs & Drumsticks  
Scallop Potatoes, Baked  
Beans  
Grilled Corn on the Cob  
Apple Cobbler

Make checks payable to:  
2013 Committee



Deadline: April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013  
Include Name, Forest #,  
& # in party

Mail to: Franklin H. Williams  
13799 Wilson Hill Rd.  
Georgetown, DE 19947





# WARREN COUNTY ROSE AWARDS

This is the second year in a row that Warren County #14 was presented the Rose Award.

Cedars get great exposure at the Warren County Farmers Fair, Phillipsburg Town Festival and local food markets.

You can tell they have fun selling the roses, spreading good cheer and meeting old friends.

Max, the golden retriever in the picture belongs to Mary and Sully Morgan. He accompanies them to the fair each year.

Submitted by:  
Sully Morgan, P.G.T.C  
Foundation Trustee



Warren County Cedars



Sully and Max



Mary Morgan and Max  
Past President Warren County Cedarette #14  
Present President Easton #35



(L-R) Sully Morgan,  
PGTC Foundation Trustee  
John Inscho, GTC

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Muscular Dystrophy*