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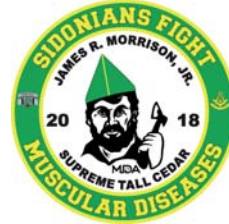


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Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



James R. Morrison, Jr.



Wow! Wasn't Midwinter Conference at Pigeon Forge a great way to start our Cedar year? There were members, spouses, visitors and guests from nearly every state in the Cedar Kingdom. From the feedback I received, much fun, frolic and fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

To each attendee, I sincerely thank you for your participation. By being present you were part of a historical event, that of having installed the first Supreme Tall Cedar from one of the "southern" states. As Masons and Tall Cedars we have celebrated this event together.

Recently, an individual told me that I expected a great renaissance in Cedarism. I may have huge expectations but I believe we may be on a new path. I also believe that a significant increase in membership is achievable. The Board of Directors recently made a commitment to examine our westward expansion. We have heard from members-at-large and non-cedars who have expressed a desire to establish Forests in their respective Masonic jurisdictions. These requests are being reviewed and considered by the Extension Committee.

As always, we should remember our philanthropic obligation, which define us as Cedars. Our Goodwill Ambassador, Dalton Al-Chokhachi, is a brave and delightful young man who struggles each day with the neuromuscular effects of MD. You can follow him on Facebook and he and his family plan to attend our Convention in May at Wildwood, NJ. If you would like a visit from him and his family, please contact Dave Werner at 717-870-3292.

In closing, I would again like to thank each of you for your encouragement and support. Please find elsewhere in this Digest, a letter from Don Saylor, our oldest living Past Supreme Tall Cedar, having served the Cedar kingdom in 1970. Although he was unable to attend Midwinter Conference, his plan was to be present and address the Cedar body. At the young age of 90, he continues to express passion for Cedarism.

See you at Convention in May!

Cedarly, in Brotherly Love

James R. Morrison, STC

Message from Donald E. Saylor PSTC 1970

January 2, 2018

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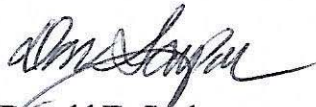
First let me congratulate you for achieving this awesome position, as it is not to be taken lightly, for it requires a great deal of time, energy and good judgment in order to succeed. The future of our great fraternity rests wholly on your shoulders if we are to survive.

Be reminded of the advise given by Thomas K. Sturgeon, P.C.M. of Pa. who said, "we must recognize that to change nothing is to do nothing and to do nothing is a guaranteed avenue to failure."

Recent heart health problems will not permit me to attend the mid winter conference and your installation as I had hoped.

Please convey my warm fraternal greetings to everyone and my wish for a successful year.

Cedarly,



Donald E. Saylor
PSTC 1970

SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr



Midwinter Conference is finished in Tennessee. If you did not attend, you missed a good event. As always, in my travels around the Cedar Kingdom, your reception is great. Susie and I like attending the Ladies Nights and special Forest events. If you would like me or any other Supreme Forest Officer to attend an event you are having, an invite is always welcome. The Supreme Forest has a website with a list of events that you can add to. If your calendar for the year is not posted, get it posted.

I know you all get tired of hearing about membership. Membership and retention of current members is very important. If every Forest would increase their current membership by 10% or even 5%, there would be more members that could help out and enjoy what Tall Cedars has to offer.

POSITIVE THINKING and a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** are very important for the success in every aspect of our lives. I need you to do something for me, yes you. Start your day with a positive attitude, the first person that says something negative thank them and let them know that they have ruined your day. I want you to do one more thing for me and for your benefit. We all have a Bible hiding somewhere in our house. Proverbs has 30 chapters, one for every day of the month. Read one chapter every day and repeat. King Solomon was the wisest and richest man that ever lived. Some of that wisdom might rub off on you and make for a more richer life.

JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



William W. Martz



Greetings Fellow Sidonians,

It is January, just after our 2018 Midwinter Conference, as I write my first message to you as Junior Deputy STC. Now is a time to both reflect on the past and to look forward to the future. So I offer a belated “Happy New Year” to you and yours! I also would like to thank each and every one of you for your help in supporting your Forest, the Supreme Forest, and the Tall Cedar Foundation. The Midwinter Conference was a great success. We honored those leaders who made a difference in 2017. We thanked “Little Mark” for his year as our Goodwill Ambassador for MD – he was a great representative for the Tall Cedars and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. We welcomed this year’s Goodwill Ambassador, Dalton Al-Chokhachi, and his parents David and Stacie. Who was not moved by his mother’s remarks as she passionately told of Dalton’s illness, the reaction of others, and the support the Masonic fraternity has given their family? We installed James R. Morrison, Jr. as Supreme Tall Cedar, Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr. as Senior Deputy STC, as well as new and returning Officers, Directors, District Deputies, and Foundation Officers, Directors, and Trustees. Congratulations and thanks to all! We had good attendance, productive Supreme Forest and TC Foundation Board meetings, an informative general session, great banquets, and most importantly, much fun, frolic, and fellowship.

Looking forward, I will be learning and relearning my “ABC’s” during my three year journey in the Supreme line. I challenge each of you to join me in focusing on the following points:

A is for Advancement: We need to ensure the long-term viability of Tall Cedars by addressing the administrative issues of membership and finances. It is less important to look back and talk of the way things were as to look forward and think of ways to do things more efficiently and cost effectively. STC James Morrison, Jr. has made expansion of the Cedar Kingdom north, south, and west as one of his major goals in 2018. The SF Board of Directors has endorsed this goal. We need to work together to support this goal. At the same time, we need to grow the existing Forests. I would like those of you who haven’t attended a meeting in a while to come out and enjoy the friendship with your fellow Cedars and the satisfaction of working for a good cause. Rediscover why you became a Cedar in the first place!

B is for Blessings: We are each blessed in various ways. Some members are very good with ritual, some are not; some are hard workers, some less so; some are musical, some can’t carry a tune; some are leaders, some prefer to follow; some are financial wizards, some don’t like to balance a checkbook; some are detail oriented; some are not. Find a place where you can help your Forest - be it as an officer, a member of a color guard, a fundraiser for the Foundation, a clown, etc. On a wider scale, we have a responsibility to share our talents with others and help make our communities, our nation, our world a better place for all.

C is for Charity: We need to stay focused on our charitable cause – helping to find a cure for neuromuscular diseases. The Tall Cedars have supported the Muscular Dystrophy Association from the beginning. Our contributions, along with many others, have helped the medical community make great progress in combating this family of diseases. Research first identified the biological factors impacting the muscles and nerves, then the genetic causes of these diseases, and now we are experiencing significant advances with drugs to reduce the severity of symptoms, to stop the progression of the disease, and to cure some variations of the disease. With everyone’s help we can raise even more for the Tall Cedar Foundation in 2018.

In closing, it is an honor and privilege to serve you as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. Working together with Supreme Tall Cedar James R. Morrison, Jr., Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., and all of you, we can make 2018 a year to remember.

SUPREME TREASURER



Robert E. Saul PSTC

In 2014/2015, PSTC Barry Sheaffer and I realized that budgets developed by the Senior Deputy STC were essentially “meaningless”. They were meaningless because they were developed many months in advance of their implementation. They need to be published in the Spring edition of the Cedar Digest and approved by the membership at Convention in May.

The first proposed versus actual budget was developed in 2015. The Supreme Forest Board of Directors approved a resolution allowing the proposed budget to be updated and revised at the December Board meeting. This affords an opportunity to use current up to date information and not data that is nearly a year old. With some “tweaking” over the past three years, the budget has become a useful roadmap in day to day operations and in predicting our financial future.

With the aid of the monthly financial report and a realistic budget, the Board can clearly see the need to decrease or control expenses and where possible increase income.

As Supreme Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, I have a fiduciary responsibility to the Supreme Forest in general and the membership in particular. I will strive to uphold that charge.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN REV. EDDIE D.D. MILLER

As I begin my fourth year as Supreme Chaplain, each year has held new opportunities in being a part of Tall Cedarism! Those opportunities have begun with the Midwinter Conference. It is there that we receive our new Supreme Tall Cedar with his dreams and visions for the Kingdom! For me, it is in meeting and then working with them that encouragement and excitement go hand-in-hand. Unlike the unpredictable weather for this event each year, our vision of finding a cure for MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IS SOLID!

Spending time with other Cedars and their families has always provided good fellowship. As in Luke 4, Jesus preached about being there for the poor and suffering of this world. When we as a conference were introduced to Dalton, our 2018 Goodwill Ambassador, I was uplifted hearing his mother thank us for so completely being there for them providing their needed support! As Cedars, we stand with each Goodwill Ambassador each year.

In I Corinthians 12, the Apostle Paul writes how we need each other in order to be complete! Not one of us is greater nor lesser than another. We are known both by our gifts and graces that we have been given. In this, we as Cedars can rejoice and make our slogan of FUN, FROLIC and FELLOWSHIP truly come alive! Let us lift up our brothers in Cedarism and allow it to be the best it can!

Fraternally yours,
Rev. Eddie D. D. Miller, Supreme Chaplain

TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM W. WARD, SR.

MDA SUMMER CAMP

As Tall Cedars we are all connected to MDA. The following email was directed to me, but it is for all of our members. Many of you have gone to and participated in an MDA camp, and had the time of your life working with the kids.

I hope this email finds you well. It may still be January, but we are already looking forward to MDA's most anticipated week of the year: MDA Summer Camp. It's because of your continued financial support that MDA is able to provide this unparalleled experience at no cost to families.

Because you are so invested in MDA's Summer Camp program, I wanted you to be among the first to hear about some exciting camp enhancements that will strengthen the program in 2018 and for years to come.

- For the first time, MDA families will have the flexibility to choose a Summer Camp location that is the best and most convenient for them – even if the camp is outside their community. This new flexibility will allow parents and guardians to make a camp decision that is best for their family.
- Over the past 6 months, we've consulted camp and disability industry experts to evaluate each camp location to ensure each is best in class. In some instances, we have contracted with new camp locations which offer better facilities, more accessibility, greater on-site activities, stronger programming and even upgraded meals.
- In order to continue offering the highest-quality and safest camper experience possible, we may merge some MDA camps in 2018 – resulting in fewer camp locations. All children currently registered with the Association, however, will continue to have access to an MDA summer camp. And, we look forward to onboarding additional camps, where possible, in 2019.
- Volunteers have long been, and always will be, the foundation of the MDA summer camp experience. That will not change. Moving forward, however, MDA will also use some full-time camp experts to help ease some of the volunteer workload and allow for more specialized camp activities geared toward the children we serve.
- Finally, using feedback from parents, volunteers, staff and camp experts, the age eligibility for MDA campers will be changed to include children between the ages of 8 and 17. All campers must also be registered with the Association and have a neuromuscular condition covered by MDA. (Campers who have attended MDA camp previously and are still under age 8 are welcome to apply to attend camp in 2018.)

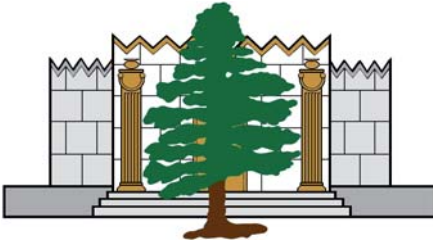
Your local MDA team looks forward to sharing more details as they become available, and work on new ways that you can be an important part of the camp experience. We need your help now more than ever.

I can't thank you enough for your dedication and support of MDA. It is because of people like you and amazing companies, organizations and communities, that MDA continues to thrive and can improve our programming – like this – so that we can be in service to our families in the best way possible.

If you have any questions about Summer Camp, please let your local MDA team know.
Best wishes, Karen Alexander, Executive Vice President, Chief Philanthropy Officer

Please try to get to your local MDA camp and help for one day. You will get a big reward in your heart. When you receive the Foundation's Annual Appeal letter, please be generous.

2018 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2018 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR DALTON AL-CHOKHACHI



Dalton with STC James R. Morrison, Jr.

Dalton was born on August 5th, 2004. At the age of six, he was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Cordova, Tennessee is home to Dalton, his parents Stacie and David, his sister Marissa, and three pets; a dog, a pig, and a chicken!

Homeschooled by his mom, Dalton is in 7th grade. He may be shy at first, but once he gets to know you, you'll be entertained by his pleasant personality. Wait until you hear his jokes!

In the words of his mother, "He is so amazing, brave and strong! He is my Hero!"

We feel sure that Dalton and his family will be wonderful representatives for the Tall Cedar Foundation.

To request Dalton's attendance at a Forest function, contact:

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CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TALL CEDAR



LESLIE G. METCALF, JR. PGTC No. 126

Born and raised in Baltimore Maryland. Graduated from Woodlawn Senior High. Started working for a plumber last year of high school. Enlisted and served in USMC and USMCR until being Honorably Discharged in 1991. He has attended college on and off. Presently the CEO of Metcalf Plumbing Service LLC. He is also an avid hunter and has traveled abroad on hunting trips.

Married to Susie for over 32 years and have three daughters, Mallory 29, Lauren 26, and Rebecca 23. They have 2 grandchildren Isaac Hill and Cora Foster. They have lived in the same house in Baltimore County for the past 27 years. They are members of Melville Chapel United Methodist Church in Elkridge Maryland.

Les joined the Masonic order in 1999. Worshipful Master in 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2018.

He became a Scottish Rite Mason in 2000, received KCCH in 2004 and was Commander of the Council of Kadosh in 2005. He served on various degree teams until 2013.

Joined the York Rite in 2007 with his father and brother, and in 2008 he was appointed to be on the Grand Line of Maryland as the Grand Standard Bearer. He joined the Boumi Temple Shrine and Knights of Mecca. Les became a member of the York Rite College No. 58 and joined Annapolis Forest No. 126 Tall Cedars, where he served as GTC in 2012.

In 2013 appointed by Dick Feeser to be Supreme Preceptor and served until the end of 2016.

In 2014 appointed as District Deputy for District 14 by STC Barry Sheaffer and served until 2016, during which time he was president of OPO for District 14. Served as JDSTC in 2017 and SDSTC 2018.

After joining the Tall Cedars I realized we were not just another club. What we do for MDA is important and every Forest should educate themselves on this horrible disease. It is important that we all get to our Blue Lodges and encourage Master Masons to join our great fraternity. I would like the opportunity to serve the Tall Cedars by becoming your Supreme Tall Cedar in 2019.

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR DEPUTY STC



WILLIAM W. MARTZ PGTC No. 95

I was born into a military family on May 8, 1948, in Washington, DC. My family lived in various locations prior to my dad's retirement when we settled in the Hagerstown, MD area. I am a 1966 graduate of South Hagerstown High School and in 1970 I graduated with honors in mathematics and religion/philosophy from Shepherd College (now University), West Virginia.

I retired in 2010 after a forty-year career in computer and information technology for Mack Trucks. I am the proud father of two daughters, Cynthia and Elizabeth, a granddaughter Kelli, and a grandson Noah. I married my wife Linda in 1985; thereafter our combined family includes Linda's son Sean and his wife Jennifer. We have lived just east of Waynesboro, PA since 1998.

As a member of Waynesboro Evangelical Lutheran Church, I have been a member and president of the Church Council, chairman of the Mutual Ministry committee, a member of various other committees and the cathedral choir.

I am past president of the Franklin-Fulton Chapter of Thrivent Financial. I currently serve as director of the Brown Bag Association, a supplemental food distribution service for mentally disadvantaged children and adults.

I am a member of the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association, the Waynesboro Studio Art Club, and the Gettysburg Community Chorus.

My Masonic journey began in 2004 when I was initiated into Acacia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro, PA. I am a member of George Washington Chapter No. 176, George Washington Council No. 66, where I serve as Recorder/Treasurer, Continental Commandery No. 56, Good Samaritan Mark Lodge No. 139, Sovereign Council No. 103, Allied Masonic Degrees, and York Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, of the York Rite. I am a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently serving as Treasurer of the Franklin County High Twelve Club. I am a member of Gettysburg Chapter No. 392, Order of the Eastern Star, and a past member, Secretary, and Patron of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 398. I am a member of Zembo Shrine and I am currently serving as President of the Franklin County Shrine Club.

I am a member of Hagerstown Forest No. 95, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where I served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2011 and 2012. I am a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation. I am Secretary-Treasurer of the District Twenty-One Officers and Past Officers Association. I chaired the 2014 Committee for PSTC Barry Sheaffer. I served two years as Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District Twenty-One, three years as Supreme Director for Region Three, and I am currently serving as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. I would like the opportunity to use my experiences to further serve the Tall Cedars by becoming your next Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



JOSEPH S. RUSSELL PGTC No. 212

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the elected office of Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

I was born in June of 1975 in Shreveport, LA. Shortly after, my family moved to Roxbury, New Jersey where I lived for 30 years before moving out to Liberty, Missouri in 2005 where I currently reside.

I graduated from the County College of Morris in 2002 with an Associate in Arts degree, completed the Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Program through the School of Forestry and Conservation, and have also received career diplomas in Motorcycle Repair and Small Engine Repair.

I became a Master Mason in March of 2011, am a Past Grand Tall Cedar of Harry S Truman Forest No.212 in Kansas City, MO, and am also a member of Mark Twain Forest No. 202 in St. Louis, MO. I was appointed District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District #17 in 2015, appointed as Supreme Director of Region 10 in 2016, and then elected to and currently serve the kingdom in that same position.

In the Masonic family, I am Past Master of Rising Sun Lodge #13, a member of Harry S Truman Lodge No. 1942, Past Patron of Barry Chapter #369, Order of the Eastern Star, Past High Priest of Liberty Chapter #3, Illustrious Master of Council #50 Cryptic Masons, and Commander of Commandery #6 Knights Templar York Rite Bodies. I am currently serving as the Assistant Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri. I am President of the Amateur Radio Club and Membership Director of Recruitment at Ararat Shrine as well as a member of the Knight Masons, York Rite Sovereign College, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

I work for Ferrellgas, LP, in Liberty, MO in facilities maintenance and serve the city of Liberty as a member of its Citizens Sales Tax Oversight Committee

I also enjoy the weather and meteorology. I have my amateur radio General license, am a certified storm spotter, and a member of the Northland Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group. I also enjoy playing horseshoes and am an active member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and the Heart of America Horseshoe Pitching Club.

I was recognized by the Masonic Home of Missouri as the Masonic Home Representative of the Year for 2012-2013, honored with being recognized as the Grand Tall Cedar of the Year in 2015, received the Distinguished Chapter Gold level Award my year as High Priest of Liberty Chapter #3 (2016-2017), and received the Grand Lodge of Missouri's Honor Lodge with Distinction and Bronze Ritual Awards my year as Worshipful Master (2016-2017).

Thank you again for your consideration in voting for me and I hope to serve you as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2019.

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



J. ERIC BECKER PGTC No. 13

In 2018 I served as the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District No. 8. I was District Deputy for District No. 6 for a total of 7 years. I was born in Long Branch NJ on June 7, 1959. I graduated from North Hunterdon Regional High School. I have been married to my wife Sue for thirty one years and we have 2 children. I have lived in Hunterdon County for most of my life and am an active member of the community. I am the owner of Station Auto Repair and Tire Center for the past thirty years.

I was raised to Master Mason in Host Lodge No. 6 in High Bridge NJ in 2000 and I am still an active member of various committees in the lodge. I was made a Distinguished White Apron Brother in 2010. I joined Tall Cedars in 2000. I am a member of the OPO of District No. 8. I was GTC of Hunterdon

County Forest in 2008 and 2010 and again in 2013, and enjoyed it very much. I was Grand Tall Cedar of the Year in 2010 and District Deputy of the Year in 2012. I was Supreme Director for Region No. 5 in 2014, 2015 and 2016. I would like to continue my progression up the Supreme line as the Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2019.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME SCRIBE



ROBERT T. HAHN GTC No. 61

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the elected office of Supreme Scribe. I was born in 1948 in Philadelphia. I lived in Bethlehem, PA, then moved to Hellertown, PA where I spent most of my youth. I graduated from Hellertown High School in 1966. I attended college in Nebraska and New York City. I graduated from Germain School of Photography where I studied Photo Journalism and Graphics Arts. I later went back to college to study Computer Science.

I began my Masonic career when I joined H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648 in 1985, and served as Master in 1993. I was High Priest of Ezra Royal Arch Chapter in 1990, Thrice Illustrious Master of Bethlehem Council No 36 in 1996. I served as Commander in Bethlehem Commandery in 1994 and 1995. I am a member of the Valley of Allentown since 1987, received the Meritorious Service

Award and served as photographer for more than 20 years. I am a recipient of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Appointed in The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as Grand Principal Sojourner. Served as Treasurer of the Bethlehem Temple Association. I joined Bethlehem Forest No. 61 in 1990 and have been serving as Grand Tall Cedar since 2016. I am currently the photographer for the Supreme Forest and maintain the computers and network at the Supreme Forest Office. I also serve on the Computer Committee.

I currently live in Bethlehem, PA with my wife Terri of 38 years. I am a member of Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

I have been a professional photographer since 1972, specializing in corporate and industrial photography. I am a member of the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP). I am an Olympus certified underwater photography instructor, a PADI Master Instructor and DAN Instructor. I am semi-retired, I remain active by teaching scuba diving and underwater photography.

My goal as Supreme Scribe is to improve communication through the Cedar Kingdom and work with the Forest Scribes to make their job easier.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION No. 4



JEREMY R. JOHNSON PGTC No. 131

Following my father and uncle, I was initiated into Freemasonry in Forrest Lodge No. 19 in Huntsville, Texas in 2006, and am a member of Irving Lodge No. 1218, Irving, Texas and Mountain Lodge No. 281 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. I was elected Worshipful Master of Mountain Lodge for the 2018 Masonic Year, and had the privilege of serving as the Almoner of Mountain Lodge during 2016 and 2017 Masonic years. I am also the 20th Masonic District Education Committee Chairman.

My York Rite journey began in San Jacinto Chapter and Huntsville Council in Huntsville, Texas in 2006, and I serve as High Priest of Mountain Chapter No. 181 and Thrice Illustrious Master of Mountain Council No. 9 in Altoona, Pennsylvania for the 2018 Masonic Year as well as an officer in Mountain Commandery No.10, Altoona, Pennsylvania. I was initiated into Laurel Ridge Chapter No.67, Allied Masonic Degrees where I serve as Junior Warden and Conemaugh Gap College, No. 34 York Rite College in Johnstown, Pennsylvania in 2017. I was initiated into Ashcom Quarry Assemblage of The Worshipful Society of Free Masons, Rough Masons, Wallers, Slaters, Paviers, Plaisterers and Bricklayers (The Operatives) in Everett, Pennsylvania in 2016.

My brother and I made the decision to follow our father in membership in The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Dallas, Texas and were created Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret in 2013. I became a member of the Valley of Altoona, Pennsylvania in 2014 and currently serve as an officer in the Lodge of Perfection as well as the Valley's Director of Work. I had the privilege of filling the role of Charter Venerable Master of the Altoona Clan of the Knights of Saint Andrew. The Valley saw fit to bestow upon me the Meritorious Service Award in July of 2017.

I joined Chief Logan Forest No. 131, Tall Cedars of Lebanon in 2014, had the privilege of serving as Grand Tall Cedar in 2017, and was subsequently appointed as District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District No. 18 beginning in 2018.

I attended the University of Texas and the Pennsylvania State University and currently work as a Statistical Analyst for Sheetz in Claysburg, PA. My wife Catherine and I were married in July 2017 and we currently reside in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania with our English springer spaniel, Peanut.

The two greatest experiences in my Masonic career were having the privilege of raising my older brother in Irving Lodge in 2013 and being installed as Worshipful Master of Mountain Lodge. I would like to serve on the Board of Directors and help guide the Cedar Kingdom into a new era of prosperity and growth.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION No. 7



DUANE J. VANONE PGTC No. 172

I was Born February 1, 1949 in Cleveland, Ohio. I graduated from Mayfield High school in 1968, Mayfield Village, Ohio . Then graduated from DeVry in Oct 1969 in Chicago, Illinois.

I worked at Western Electric from Oct 1969 to Aug 1982 in Cleveland, Ohio.

I was in the U.S. Army from March 1970 to March 1972, stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska. The Defense Information System Agency from Oct 1987 to Dec 2010 in Columbus, Ohio.

- ◇ Raised Master Mason on June 13, 2009
- ◇ Aladdin Shrine of Columbus October 24, 2009.
- ◇ Valley of Columbus Scottish Rite, November 14, 2009.
- ◇ Joined Franklin Forest 172 on March 2010 and became Grand Tall Cedar in 2011.
- ◇ Tall Cedar Foundation Director for Region 7 from 2014 to present.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION No. 9



ALBERT A. CASS PGTC No. 181

Members of the Supreme Forest and brothers all. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as a Supreme Director this past year. The fulfillment of these duties is a great responsibility and a learning experience as well. I have always had a passion for our fraternity, its charity and what it represents to our communities.

My home Forest is Georgia #181 where I served in all the line positions preparing me for the role of GTC in 2007. My appointment as Trustee in 2007 started me on the path toward my term as a Foundation Director in which capacity I served until 2017 when I was appointed Supreme Director of Region 9.

My Masonic journey began with my initiation as a DeMolay in 1954. I learned valuable leadership lessons which would serve to guide me in life. After a successful term as Master Councilor, I was awarded the degree of Chevalier. I was also active in Boy Scouts and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the same year. This experience provided another set of life values which served me in life as well.

I was raised as a Master Mason in Palestine Lodge #486 in 2000. After serving in various line officer positions, I became Worshipful Master in 2005. I am a member of Scottish Rite Valley of Atlanta and participated in the Scottish Rite Guard, later serving as Venerable Master of Kadosh. I was president of the Scottish Rite Association of Cobb County and currently serve as treasurer of the KCCH.

Always seeking more light, I joined all York Rite bodies, Eastern Star and the Shrine where I participate in the Knights of Mecca which supports degree work in the Blue Lodges. I am also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters.

All of these Masonic activities came after earning a BA from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from the Duke Fuqua School of Business. My career path included management positions in sales, marketing, and finance at Ford Division of Ford Motor Co. for twenty years prior to becoming National Sales Manager of Leasing and Rental for Chrysler Corp.

Numerous corporate transfers led me to Atlanta where I became a financial advisor for the Edward Jones Co. for the past 26 years. I recently retired and found new time to devote to Tall Cedars in my current position as Supreme Director of Region No. 9.

PROPOSED SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW CHANGES



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

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

Date: February 2018
To: Supreme Forest Members
From: Robert V. Bachman, Supreme Scribe
Subject: Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

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 116th Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May 11th 2018 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 10th - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 11th - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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**PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE
SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS**

Regarding Proposed Changes 18-1 & 18-6, please note the following:

Whereas:

- The position of Constituent Forest Delegate has been over-ridden by approval of amendments to the Constitution and By-laws at the 2017 Annual Convention.
- Thus, as of January 1, 2018, all members in good standing of a Constituent Forest will have voice and vote on all proposed actions at an Annual Convention except voting in Supreme Officer Elections.
- Those Constituent Forest Delegates who successfully served in accordance with the Supreme Forest By-laws for three (3) continuous years are members of the Supreme Forest based on those years of service.

Considering the above statements, amendment 18-1 becomes a housekeeping function to preserve the Supreme Forest membership these men have earned and 18-6 is to remove all other reference to Constituent Forest Delegates from the Supreme Forest Constitution and By-laws.

Regarding Proposed Changes 18-2, 3, 4, 5, 7, & 8: These proposed changes are intended to end the scheduling of a Midwinter Conference immediately after the Midwinter Conference of 2020. These proposed amendments need to be approved at the Annual Convention in 2018 and will be effective January 1st, 2021.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

18-1 ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Supreme Forest shall consist of:

5. any member, in good standing, of a Constituent Forest ~~currently serving~~ having successfully served for three (3) continuous years as a Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest ~~(as defined in Article IX, Section D of the By laws of the Supreme Forest) or any member after having successfully served for three (3) continuous years as Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest.~~

Signed by:

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18-2 ARTICLE VI--ELECTED OFFICERS--THEIR DUTIES--VACANCIES

B. Duties of elected officers

1. Supreme Tall Cedar shall:

1. at the ~~midwinter conference~~ Annual Convention immediately following his term as Supreme Tall Cedar, as Immediate Past Supreme Tall Cedar, make a report of the official acts and decisions made and transpired during his term as Supreme Tall Cedar. He may, at his discretion, make such recommendations, as he may deem appropriate for the betterment of the Order. This report shall be provided in writing, not later than the 15th day of January following his term of office and shall be printed in the Proceedings. (This amendment to become effective on January 1, 2021.)

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18-3 ARTICLE VI--ELECTED OFFICERS--THEIR DUTIES--VACANCIES

B. Duties of elected officers

7. Board of Directors

d. Meetings

- (1) Meetings of the Board shall be held at a time and place designated by the Supreme Tall Cedar with the approval of the Board ~~during the Midwinter Conference in January, and the months of March, June, September, and December~~ quarterly, at the call of the Supreme Tall Cedar. (This amendment to become effective on January 2, 2021.)

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUPREME FOREST BY-LAWS

18-4 ARTICLE III--COMMITTEES

B. Standing Committees

3. The Supreme Tall Cedar Corps, consisting of a member of the Board of Directors and not more than seventeen (17) members, is responsible to the Supreme Tall Cedar for special assistance as assigned. The committee may have subcommittees on: ~~Midwinter Conference~~, Provost Guard, Special Aides, Supreme Photographer and Supreme Forest Artist. (This amendment to become effective on January 1, 2021.)

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18-5 ARTICLE III--COMMITTEES

B. Standing Committees

14. ~~The Midwinter Conference Committee consisting of a Chairman and not more than six (6) members is responsible for the entire Midwinter Conference.~~

~~The Midwinter Conference Chairman may request, with the Supreme Tall Cedar's approval, that the Education Committee assist the Midwinter Committee in developing and implementing the various Seminars.~~

~~The Chairman of the Midwinter Conference, using the information in the Budget presentation by the Senior Deputy STC at the Annual Session, must work up an estimated budget for the Conference in the upcoming year.~~

~~This budget must be submitted along with a copy of all contracts and a list of all complimentary meals and rooms. This information must be sent to the Supreme Scribe prior to the Board of Directors Meeting in September. The Board will act on this information at the November meeting.~~

~~A complete report must be submitted to the Board of Directors within three (3) months after the Conference. (This will include a report on all items listed above and also expense accounts. (To become effective immediately.)~~

(This amendment to become effective on January 1, 2021.)

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18-6 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.~~
- ~~d. By law will become effective immediately upon the date of approval.~~

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18-7 ARTICLE IX--CONSTITUENT FORESTS

F. Meetings

4. Date

- b. No Constituent Forest stated, called or committee meetings shall be held on days during which the Supreme Forest ~~Midwinter Conference~~, Annual Meeting or special meetings are in session. (This amendment to become effective on January 1, 2021.)

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18-8 ARTICLE IX--CONSTITUENT FORESTS

F. Meetings

4. Date

- c. No Constituent Forest social functions shall be held on days during which the Supreme Forest ~~Midwinter Conference~~, Annual Meeting or special meetings are in session, except such as may be a portion of the Constituent Forest's activities at location of the ~~Midwinter Conference~~, or Annual Meeting or special meetings, and such Constituent Forest's social event, when so scheduled, shall not be held at a time which coincides with or conflicts with any Supreme Forest session.

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PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET

INCOME:

Foundation Fees	\$ 40,800.00
Interest Income	44,000.00
Membership Fees	135,750.00
Management Fees	1,950.00
Miscellaneous	750.00
Publication Fees	250.00
Sales	1,500.00
TCL Functions	<u>25,000.00</u>

Total: \$ 250,000.00

EXPENSES:

Building	\$ 21,000.00
Administrative Operations	93,000.00
Appointed Officers	3,000.00
Committees	2,500.00
District Deputies	3,500.00
Elected Officers	25,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,500.00
Office	18,000.00
Publications	27,500.00
Public Relations	12,000.00
Purchase for Resale	3,000.00
TCL Functions	<u>35,000.00</u>

Total 246,000.00

Excess Income over Expenses \$ 4,000.00

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CONVENTION - 2018

GENERAL SESSION

Friday, May 11th

Wildwood Convention Center

Opening at 8:30 A.M

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

OPEN SESSION:

Opening	Proposed Agenda
Introductions of Supreme Forest Board of Directors	Present 2019 Budget
Introduction of Past Supreme Forest Officers	List Candidates and receive nominations
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Voting on Supreme Forest Officers
Introduction of 2018 Goodwill Ambassador	Voting on changes to the Constitution & By-laws
Key Club recipients' recognition	Committee Reports
Supreme Forest Memorial Service	Results of Election

OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 10th

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

9:00 A.M. Supreme Forest & Foundation Board of Directors Meetings

Friday, May 11th

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

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

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

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Men's Luncheon Convention Center – Ticket required
Doors open as STC directs

6:30 P.M. Supreme Forest Clown Competition - Convention Center
Doors open at 5:00 P.M.

9:30 P.M. Supreme Forest Hospitality - Adventurer Motor Inn

Saturday, May 12th

8:30 A.M. Tree Planting – Location to be announced
Trolley leaves Adventurer Motor Inn at 8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. Parade start time

3:00 P.M. Awards Presentations: Parade, Publications & Scrapbooks & Clown Competition

4:00 P.M. Worship Service - Convention Center

6:00 P.M. Closing Dinner – Convention Center - Ticket required – Social Hour 5:30 P.M.

10:00 P.M. Supreme Forest Hospitality - Adventurer Motor Inn



2018 Midwinter Conference Pigeon Forge, Tennessee Opening Banquet



Richmond Forest No. 66



GTC Jerry Ogletree (Alabama State No. 218)
and Lady Delores



Annapolis Forest No. 126



Easton Forest No. 35



Jim Walmer showing JDSTC Martz how to use his "smart phone" as Lynn Stahle listens intently hoping to learn something new!



Janet Gratz, Bruce Gratz, STC Morrison
and PSTC Barry Stocker

2018 Midwinter Conference Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



Baltimore Forest presents the colors
(L-R): Ray Vogel, Eric Wiecech,
Ron Metzger and George Little



Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison
addressing the attendees



PSTC Mark Brumaghim
giving his report



Chief Clown Brian Hoffman, York Forest No. 30
discussing Clown Competition
for the upcoming Convention



DeMolay International: John Whitaker
making remarks



Chris Gibson being acknowledged
by PSTC Harvey Willard



Mark Bruck displays the plaque awarded to him for
being our 2017 Goodwill Ambassador



2018 GWA Dalton Al-Chokhachi
Dalton's mother Stacie and father David



An impassioned mother relates Dalton's story
to the members, ladies, and guests



2018 Midwinter Conference Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



RWDGM of Tennessee Dickie McKinney, Dave Reppert, Aide to the STC; and RWPGM of Tennessee K. I. Wright



Teresa Underwood, Executive Director, MDA Tennessee reporting on the progress of MDA research



RWDGM Dickie McKinney making remarks to the attendees



Award Winners 2017
(L-R): Rick Snyder, Glenn Henry, Dave McDade, Robert Wells, Mike "Hollywood" Robles, Jim Walmer



Men's Luncheon



STC James and Lady Barbara



SDSTC Les Metcalf and Susie



JDSTC Bill Martz and Linda

LADIES LUNCHEON



Head Table (L-R):Teresa Underwood, Executive Director, MDA Tennessee, Jan Bachman, Linda Martz, Barbara Morrison, Susie Metcalf, Donna Erlinger



First Lady Barbara Morrison addresses the attendees



Ladies Luncheon



Ladies Luncheon

THE MASONIC WIDOWS GUILD



The Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania Raymond Dietz recently announced a new program to reach out and extend a hand to provide fellowship, guidance and support to widows of Pennsylvania Masons and affirm that she is still a valued member of the Masonic Family. Thus the Masonic Widows Guild was formed. Membership in the Widows Guild is open to any widow whose husband was a Pennsylvania Mason. Group events are hosted throughout various locations for the purpose of building support groups for one another and to recognize Masonic widows with the Masonic Blue Slipper Pin and Personalized membership card.

The Blue Slipper Pin which is universally recognized among Masons, serves to identify the wearer as the widow of a Mason. If you know a widow who would be interested in receiving a Widow Blue Slipper Pin and becoming a member of the Widows Guild, please contact the Masonic Outreach Program in Elizabethtown at 1-800-462-7664 to find out when the next available event in your area will take place.



The Fall Luncheon for the Pennsylvania Masonic Widows was held in Carlisle, PA on November 2017

Centered receiving her Blue Slipper Pin from Joyce May, Director of Annual Fund Development is Rose Ann Horgan, Widow of Harry E. Horgan, Harrisburg-Snyder Lodge No. 629 and Past Grand Tall Cedar Harrisburg Forest No. 43 Tall Cedars of Lebanon & Past Supreme Tall of North America 2010. Pictured on Left, Alice Beers, Widow of Robert J. Beers, St. John's Lodge No. 250, Carlisle, PA and member of Harrisburg Forest No. 43 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Pictured on right, Alvin H. Blitz, Esq. Chief Gift Planning Officer for Masonic Charities

CLOSING BANQUET



TCF Trustees being installed



Appointed Officers being installed



District Deputies STC being installed

2017 Awards

BROUGHTON AWARD



William A. Klinefelter, PGTC No. 27
Past Supreme Scribe

DISTRICT DEPUTY STC OF THE YEAR

Richard Snyder, PGTC No. 30
District No. 11

GRAND TALL CEDAR OF THE YEAR

James O. Walmer
Harrisburg Forest No. 43

FOUNDATION TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

Glenn W. Henry, PGTC No. 27
District No. 11

FOREST MD CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR

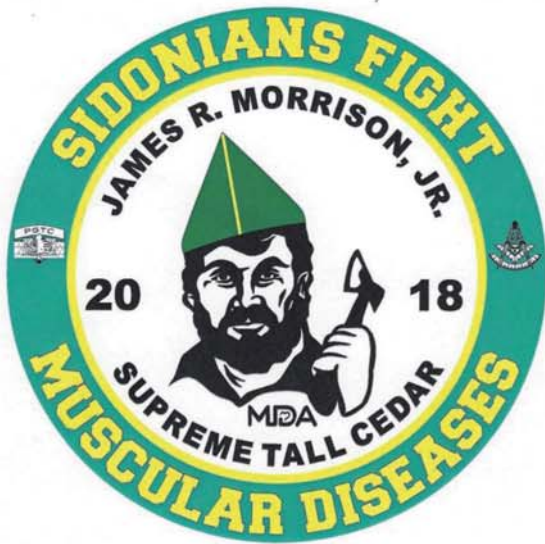
Edgar W. Faulkner, Jr., PGTC
Har-Ce Forest No. 142

TALL CEDAR AWARD

David A. McDade, PGTC No. 43
Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar

Michael Robles, GTC
Richmond Forest No. 66

Robert C. Willis, GTC
Ozark Forest No. 211



2018 Convention TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON

Friday, May 11th, 2018

The Wildwoods
Convention Center
4501 Boardwalk
Wildwood, NJ 08260

We welcome all Tall Cedars to join
the Supreme Forest Officers
for a Sandwich Buffet lunch.

Doors open @ 11:30 am

Luncheon @ Noon

Deadline for reservations is April 30th, 2018

Please complete the form below and send to:

PSTC Bud Willard
46 N. Danbury Circle
East Fallowfield, PA 19320
484-288-8502
stc.2012@comcast.net

2018 CONVENTION TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON

Name _____ Forest No. _____

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

Special dietary needs: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2018 COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED 2018 CONVENTION DRESS CODE

Friday, May 11th

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

Evening Competitions: Casual

SF Hospitality: Casual

Saturday, May 12th

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.

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

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

Closing Banquet Casual

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

2018 ANNUAL
LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON
ANGELS AMONG US

Wear you favorite Angel pin.

WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER

FRIDAY, MAY 11TH, 2018

DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM LUNCHEON @ NOON

*Smothered Chicken Breast grilled with shallots, red & green peppers & mushrooms, smothered with Provolone cheese and Alfredo Sauce, Rosemary Potatoes Salad, & vegetable
Dessert & Beverage*



DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 30th, 2018

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Donna Erlinger

11 Robin Drive

Washington, PA 15301

724-223-0737

“A \$10 GIFT FROM EACH FOREST IS APPRECIATED”



2018 CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON

Name:: _____ Forest # _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ @ \$24 per person.

Any special dietary needs? _____

Phone #: _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 2018 COMMITTEE

**2018 TALL CEDARS CONVENTION
THE WILDWOODS CONVENTION CENTER
4500 Boardwalk
Wildwood, New Jersey**

**Thursday, May 10th & Friday May 11th 2018
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

VENDOR APPLICATION

COMPANY NAME: _____

FOREST NAME _____ **OR** _____ **NO.** _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **State** _____ **ZIP** _____

E-mail: _____ **Phone No.** _____

Descriptions of items for sale: _____

of tables required _____ **Need 110 Power?** **No** **Yes**

PRICE: Forests/Cedarettes - No charge Other vendors - \$50.00/table****

****Vendor is responsible for the charges associated with having electricity.**

Complete this form and send to: **Ted Wallace
106 Reedville Road
Oxford, PA 19363
484-477-2291
ted.wallace64@gmail.com**

2018 TALL CEDARS CONVENTION CLOSING DINNER

Saturday, May 12th

Wildwood Convention Center

Social Time – 5:30 P.M.

Dinner – 6:00 P.M.

Tennessee BBQ Buffet

Entertainment

The Joey Vincent Show

\$15.00 per person

Dress Casual

(No ties or jackets!)

Deadline – April 30th, 2018

2018 CONVENTION CLOSING DINNER

Name _____ Forest No. _____

Enclosed is my check for: _____ tickets at \$15.00 each. Total \$ _____

Any special dietary needs? _____

Make checks payable to: 2018 Committee & send to:

PSTC Bud Willard
46 N. Danbury Circle
East Fallowfield, PA 19320
484-288-8502 or stc.2012@comcast.net



Supreme Tall Cedar 2019 Cruise

9 Night Canada and New England

(Baltimore Roundtrip)

Aboard the Grandeur of the Seas

OCTOBER 3 – 12, 2019

Sailing Baltimore to Boston, Portland, Bar Harbor, then to Canada in St John, New Brunswick and Halifax, Nova Scotia and back

CRUISE PRICING INCLUDES:

- Pre-paid Gratuities
- Travel Insurance
- Welcome Reception
- Farewell Reception
- \$50 on board credit per cabin
- Group Photo
- Customized Travel documents
- Luggage Tag holders
- Cabin key holder lanyards
- In cabin thank you gift

A LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS AVAILABLE AT THESE PRICES

Interior from	Ocean view from	Balcony from	Suite from
*\$1169pp	*\$1373pp	upon request	upon request

***\$150 per person deposit of which \$50 is non refundable
Book by April 1, 2019 for guaranteed group pricing & amenities above**

Trying to decide what to do first:

Catch a quick bite in the Windjammer, or learn a new game in the casino. Couples are sipping fruity umbrella drinks on the Lido deck by the pool and friends are relaxing in the adult only Serenity area. You may not want to leave the ship at all. But you definitely should, because there's all kinds of amazing things to do along the eastern seaboard.

Ready to book or need more information? Contact our travel coordinator at:

Nancy & Bill Shirey
TEL: 410.465.6263

<http://nshirey.dreamvacationsgroups.com/#/groups>



Grandeur of the Seas

Prices per person include cruise fare plus listed amenities, based on double occupancy & availability. Restrictions may apply. Prices & promos apply to new individual bookings, may change without notice, are capacity controlled, may not be combinable with other offers, & may be changed or withdrawn at any time.

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

will host

The 39th Annual Tall Cedar Clown Competition

Friday, May 11th, 2018

Convention Center, Wildwood New Jersey



Balloon Competition

Makeup Competition to include:

*White Face
Auguste
Hobo / Tramp
Character*

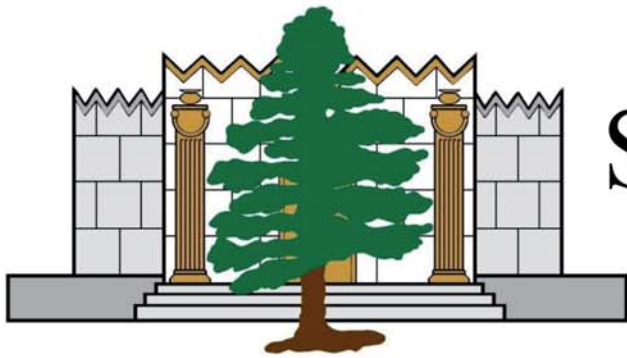
Skit Competition to include:

*Individual Skits
Group Skits*

For information contact:

*Brian Tinkers Hoffman
96 Chinquapin Trail
Delta, Pa 17314
717-887-1133
bhoffman@bcps.k12.md.us*

Come join the fun, frolic and fellowship

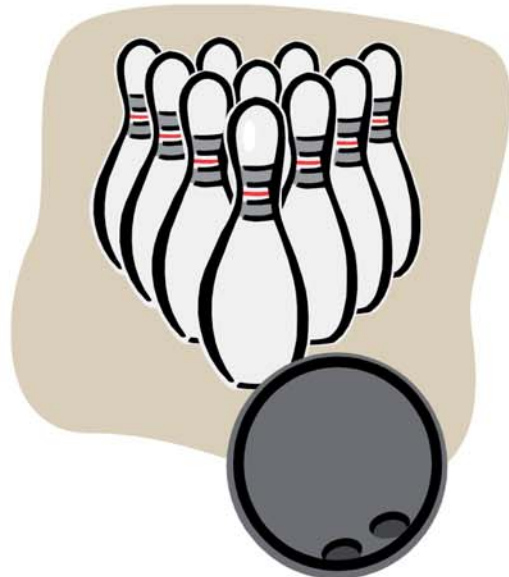


58th Annual
Supreme Forest
Bowling
Tournament

April 21st & 22nd, 2018

Holiday Bowl
181 Bowling Lane
Altoona, PA

**COME FOR
THE
FUN, FROLIC
AND
FELLOWSHIP!**



Contact Richard Brown, PGTC No. 131, 814-935-3827, rbrown8390@msn.com
Deadline – April 14th, 2018



***58th Annual
Supreme Forest
Bowling Tournament
Saturday Night Dinner
April 21st, 2018***

Jethro's Italian Steak & Seafood

417 Parkview Lane, Altoona, PA

Close to the Brookmeer Wine Tasting Bar

Dutch Treat

Order off the Menu

Bring your Lady &

Come for the Fun, Frolic & Fellowship

Complete the form below and return to:

Richard Brown, PGTC No. 131

229 Calder Street, Altoona, PA 16602

Deadline – April 14th, 2018

2018 Dutch Treat Bowling Dinner

Yes, I/we would like to attend. Please reserve # _____ seats.



Print Name: _____ Forest No. _____



SUPREME FOREST
TALL CEDARS
OF
LEBANON
OF
NORTH AMERICA



2018 SPORTSMEN'S & CASH GIVEAWAY

Cash Prizes and Gift Cards for Sporting Equipment

SATURDAY JULY 28th, 2018

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

DONATION - \$10.00

Gratz Fairgrounds
601 East Market Street, Route 25
Gratz, Pennsylvania

Various pull tab Small Games of Chance
50/50 Drawing
Grand Prize - \$2,000.00

Included in your donation, Food & Beverage items will be provided 11:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.



Merchandise Gift Cards made available thru Bass Pro Shops &
can be redeemed at either Bass Pro or Cabela's
Winners need not be present to win!

Proceeds to benefit the Supreme Forest Activities Fund.

Contact your District Deputy STC for tickets.
For each ticket sold, your Forest keeps \$1.00.

COME JOIN THE FUN, FROLIC & FELLOWSHIP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Must have ticket and be over 21 to enter Fairgrounds!

Tall Cedars



Of Lebanon

WREATH LAYING Ceremony

At the tomb of W. Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON
Mt. Vernon, Virginia

SUNDAY - MARCH 18, 2018

ASSEMBLE inside the MAIN GATE at 1:30 P.M.

Start lining up at 1:50 P.M.

PROCESSION to the TOMB at 2:00 P.M.

PARTICIPANTS include the **SUPREME TALL CEDAR**
and the invited **GRAND MASTERS** of Virginia, Maryland,
Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia

OTHER WREATH LAYING DAY ACTIVITY

*This is also Tall Cedar Day at the George Washington Masonic
National Memorial in Alexandria, VA. All Tall Cedars, family
members and friends can meet at the Memorial at 11:00 AM for a
free 1 hour tour. Very worthwhile & interesting!!*

*For more information contact Richard G. "Dick" Feeser @
800-369-8909 or dfeeser@cbmove.com*



**SUPREME FOREST
OF THE
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF N.A.
2019**



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, Rainbow Assembly, or The Triangles in a state where a Tall Cedar Forest exists; a Tall Cedar in good standing, 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, 4309 Linglestown Rd., Suite 116, Harrisburg, PA 17112.
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.

A NOTE FROM THE PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE

The Parade Features Committee wanted to take this opportunity to thank Supreme Tall Cedar, James R. Morrison, Jr. and Supreme Officers, Forest Officers, Members, Tall Cedars all for the trust and support for this year's Convention Parade Saturday May 12, 2018, stepping off at 10:00 AM sharp.

It's customary at this point to thank everyone that participated in last year's Parade, but wait, that nasty Nor'easter had its way with Greater Wildwood that day. It was a difficult decision for the Supreme Tall Cedar, Mark Brumaghim, PSTC Bud Willard, and the Committee to cancel the Parade, but it was the right decision.

The Committee is looking forward to this year already and is engaged with the Greater Wildwood Chamber of Commerce in search of ways to enhance the experience. There are ongoing discussions to make positive changes that the Tall Cedars will benefit from and improve the weekend Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship. In 2016, the Parade route was shortened by 2 blocks. It is also our hope that local residents will witness the Parade and high school bands will take part in the celebration. We encourage you to join us in 2018. It's never too early to start planning. If your Forest is a regular participant, thank you, and we hope you continue to be. If not a regular, consider getting involved. The traveling trophy was unveiled for Parade "Best-In-Show" with Trenton Forest No. 4 earning the award in 2016. I have been told that Trenton intends to repeat. Make your plans now to claim the Best-In-Show trophy for your Forest in this year's Parade.

Look for more correspondence regarding the Parade and get those registration forms in on time. Let's build on last year's mantra to "Make the Convention Parade Great Again!"

An urgent call for help....we need at least two more Parade Marshals to line up for the procession. Those serving will be rewarded monetarily and many times over with the satisfaction of being part of the inner workings that make the Parade possible. Please contact me if interested in serving. As always, the Committee wants to accommodate any and all requests to make your Parade experience better. We welcome your comments and questions. Please contact a Committee member at your convenience.

Yours in Cedarism,
The Parade Features Committee

Bob Hopkins PGTC, Trustee, PGTC York No. 30 Chm.

Nittanybob17@gmail.com

BETHLEHEM FOREST NO. 61

George Morgan, PSTC, SDGTC of Bethlehem Forest No. 61 Tall Cedars of Lebanon presented a donation to the Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police.

The Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police (FBMP) seeks to promote public safety and security, improve civic pride, secure essential funding, and raise awareness of the Bethlehem Mounted Patrol Unit. Its purpose is to promote programs to provide a safe community environment for residents, workers, and visitors to Bethlehem.

It is intended to enhance and strengthen the services of the City's Mounted Patrol Unit and to enhance public awareness of the Unit, and promote civic spirit in support of public safety and security.



The Friends of the Bethlehem Mounted Police provide financial support through fund-raising to supplement City resources, and to meet the operating, program, and capital needs of the Unit. Also to promote a public-police partnership and increase public cooperation.

The majority of a mounted officer's job is being in the public. In addition to being an appropriate part of the historic district, both officer and mount act as Goodwill Ambassadors to the city. Adults and children alike are attracted to the presence of a horse in the parks and on the city streets. For some, it's a first-time encounter with a policeman, a horse or both. Our mounted officers are excellent representatives and take the time

for community outreach. They play a positive role in the quality of life and tourism in our thriving city and help people feel both protected and proud of Bethlehem.

The Bethlehem Police Department's Mounted Patrol Unit was restored to downtown Bethlehem in 2009 after a 63-year hiatus. The acquisition of Pharaoh, George, Asa, and Grey has provided the Bethlehem Police Department and the city with a valuable resource. The long-absent clip, clop of horses' hooves echo back to an early Bethlehem tradition, but represent a contemporary solution to present-day police work in a lively city.

DEMOLAY PAST MASTER COUNSELOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



On November 12, 2017 I had the Honor of presenting the DeMolay Past Master Counselor Meritorious Service Award to Brother Kevin E. Bartels.

This award is given by DeMolay International and is Sponsored & Underwritten by The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon, North America.

I would like to thank the Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of Richmond Forest No. 66, Kevin Flannery for accompanying and assisting in this endeavor.

I would also like to express my appreciation to M.: W.: Jeffery Williamson (Richmond Forest No. 66), Grand Master State of New York and R.: W.: William Sardone (Hudson Valley Forest No. 215), Deputy Grand Master State of New York for allowing me to present the award on behalf of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Cedarly,

Joseph M. Hummel, PGTC No. 66
District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar
District No. 6
Tall Cedars of Lebanon, North America

FUN, FROLIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Brought to you by Richmond Forest No. 66
By Kevin T. Flannery GTC



Richmond Forest always makes sure that a great time is had by all. During the Midwinter Conference, Christopher Deats hit the 50-50 and donated it back to the organization, and PSTC Mark Brumaghim won the Masonic decanter we raffled off.

The much-anticipated education classes were missing and being the new Grand Tall Cedar, I was looking forward to that, but when speaking to other Cedars, all stepped up with phone numbers to reach out for any help if needed. What an honor it was to hear from many Brothers, thanking me for bringing the Fun, Frolic, & Fellowship back to Cedarism. We were the talk of the Conference with our frolicking! If they didn't know who we were then, they know us now! Of course, our Forest shirts helped with that.

We handed out beer, moonshine, pins, and fellowship, talking to one another and sharing our knowledge with whomever was interested in listening. Many Brothers said they wanted to come visit Richmond Forest No. 66. Our doors are always open. I was also asked to keep doing what we do. Brothers are starting to enjoy Cedarism again. Some want it toned down; others are enjoying the ride, which we gladly offer. It was great having the officers of Richmond Forest there to support the fun and enjoyment. We had a wonderful time together and the more people who know of this, the better our numbers will be.

FUN, FROLIC AND FELLOWSHIP

Tall Cedar Night at The Blue Rocks Baseball Game June 16, 2017

The annual event was started by a former Tall Cedar of Brandywine Forest No. 20 in 2005. Every year the Forest brings underprivileged children to the game of which most were DeMolay boys. They were treated to an all you can eat, non-alcohol drinks and ice cream. The ballgame came next, plus fireworks at the conclusion.



Blue Rocks Mascot, Rocky Blue
visiting with a MDA attendee



Rocky visiting some of our group
while they were eating.



Chaparones

AROUND THE KINGDOM



LANCASTER FOREST NO. 27

Out going GTC Chris Gibson presented bibs as a gift to all of the attendees at his final meeting held at The Four Seasons.



MILLERSBURG FOREST NO. 125

On December 9 GTC Ron Weaver presented the 50 year membership award to PGTC Ross Spicher. Spicher is a member of Susquehanna Lodge No. 364 and has been active in the various Masonic bodies during his years of membership.

Congratulations Brother Spicher

EVERGREEN FOREST NO. 49



The 2017 Sea Witch Parade in Rehoboth Beach, DE. Local papers estimated the crowd at over 100,000. Great Day, beautiful weather and we were seen on several TV productions of the Parade

AROUND THE KINGDOM



Tuckahoe Forest GTC Rich Young receives GTC Certificate from SDSTC Les Metcalf



THANKS so much to all who worked the Dover Downs NASCAR Race Weekend ROSE Promotion.

It was a beautiful weekend and we were able to cover all 3 days.

Total raised for the weekend \$495.64



Our PGTC (aka, Grand Tyler of Grand Lodge of PA) Ed Stumm showing PGTC Chris Gibson some brotherly affection on their way to Midwinter.

Both men are members of Lancaster Forest No. 27

MEET THE EDITOR OF THE CEDAR DIGEST

I am pleased to announce that I will be attending the 2018 Tall Cedars Convention in Wildwood, NJ. My name is Carol Henderson, and it is my pleasure to be the Editor of The Cedar Digest. Over the past 7 years I have had many pleasant conversations with some of you during preparation of the Digest and the Convention Ad booklet.

I hope you will have some time to say hello to me at the Vendor area during this year's Convention. I look forward to meeting you in person.



SCHUYLKILL FOREST NO. 50

Schuykill Forest does a Coal Cracker Degree annually. The following are some pictures of last year's degree. It's a great night of fun, frolic, and fellowship.



The OJ Mine Boss, Walter Manhart provides the details of the job in the mine



Mine boss John Denchek preparing to receive the new miners



Wilmer Quick eagerly awaiting the new "miners"



The crowd watches as the new miners are exploring the mine!



PDDSTC Bob Thomas giving the charge to the candidates as they become "miners"!



Eric Stahley being the big "meanie" of the mine



The newly made "miners"

In Memoriam



Samuel T. Atkinson
Supreme Tall Cedar 1985
5/20/1938 – 9/15/2017



Jacob R. Corwell
Supreme Tall Cedar 1989
5/2/35 – 12/24/17

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