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AND FIRST LADY PAT**



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Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



RICHARD G. "DICK" FEESER



WOW, what a fantastic experience and just unbelievable the reception Pat & I have been receiving as we have traveled throughout our CEDAR Kingdom. We have been truly blessed to meet so many of our Cedars and the ladies who always greet us with just the warmest of hospitality. Just as wonderful is the opportunity of meeting so many new Tall Cedars as they are initiated and learning of their Masonic experiences. We have also been able to visit with many Forests that have not seen a Supreme Tall Cedar in some time and what a thrill it is to be able to communicate with them, devise plans & goals for them to improve their

individual Forests as well as work with them in growing the memberships of the Forest so that there will be a Forest there for years to come!!

In July Pat & I attended the Grottoes of North America Supreme Sessions in Nashville, TN at the invitation of Grand Monarch David Rebmann. What a wonderful few days we enjoyed; and much to our surprise; we renewed our friendships with many Tall Cedars and their ladies that were in attendance as members and leaders of the Grotto.

I also attended the DeMolay International Sessions and was able to share with the leadership of every other appendant Body as well as our young men of DeMolay. What a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas as well as

view these young men as they provide leadership for their organization.

Since our Convention in Wildwood, NJ we also held a very successful Mid West Mini-Vention, not necessarily in numbers but in the amount of ideas and education that was exchanged. Also we generated interest in another Masonic Jurisdiction for our Cedar organization. We actually had Cedars from 5 Grand Masonic Jurisdictions; 3 Tall Cedar Regions; 3 Tall Cedar Districts and 6 different Forests represented. Just a great time of education and exchange of ideas for the growth and management of their Forests. Many thanks from those who attended to our Supreme Forest for coming to their area!!

Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar (Contd)

I was also able to attend a Low Vale Degree in Hancock, MD as our 21st. District Tall Cedar Degree team did an excellent Master Mason Degree conferral. Just a fantastic very professional presentation in front of almost 100 Master Masons!!

As I prepare this article I am leaving for the taping of the MDA "Show of Strength" Telethon which this year will be a 2 hour prime time broadcast on all ABC Stations aired on Sunday – September 1, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 p m.

These are exciting times for our CEDAR Kingdom as many of our Forests are adding many new members to join together with them in experiencing great Tall Cedar fun, frolic and fellowship. Many Forests are planning on large ceremonials in the fall. Many Forests officers are planning for the smooth transition of leadership into the 2014 year.

Now here is some good news for our total CEDAR Kingdom

to become totally enthralled with. Here is a list of Charter presentations or the Institution and Chartering of entirely New Forests scheduled:

~ Ozark Forest No. 211 / Charter presentation is scheduled for September 5, 2013

~ Institution & Chartering? Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 for September 21, 2013

~ Institution & Charter West Tennessee Forest No. 213 October 12, 2013 (65 New Cedars now!!)

Also I want to share other areas that New Forests are in the process of organizing: Fort Worth, Texas; Steubenville, Ohio; Turkey Creek, Florida; Paducah, Kentucky; Savannah, Georgia; Re-Chartering of West Palm Beach, Florida & Bronx, New York.

CEDARS there is so much interest in our organization that we need each of you to share this same enthusiasm

with the members of your local Blue Lodges and other Masonic organizations to grow all of our existing Forests.

To all of my aides: Charlie and Janie Long, Gerald Dawson, John Sanders and Bob Fralley; all of my appointed officers and committees, my District Deputies STC, our Foundation Directors and Trustees, and my Supreme Board and Line Officers, I want to express to each of you a very sincere and heartfelt thank you for all that each of you have contributed to improving and growing our CEDAR Kingdom!!

To the membership and Ladies of our CEDAR Kingdom there are no words that can come close to being able to express our heartfelt appreciation and thanks for this opportunity you have given Pat and I. This is truly a journey of a lifetime.

CEDARLY
Richard "Dick" Feeser, STC

Message from The First Lady



FIRST LADY PAT FEESER

What a wonderful year it has been. I have totally enjoyed traveling with Dick as we have visited various regions of our Cedar Kingdom. Everyone has been so gracious and made us feel at home among good friends.

The Mini – Mid Winter held in Florida was so special. All of the Florida Forests were represented and many of the Ladies attended with their Cedars. To all of the attendees, my heartfelt thanks. I enjoyed our talks and your enthusiasm. Special thanks go to our Northern friends who attended with us, PSTC Jim & Shirley Reed, our aides Charles & Jani Long and our Supreme Director of Music Howard “Bud” & Ann Hamilton. Your support was greatly appreciated!!

We continued our travels with visits to Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts and far Northern Pennsylvania. Your warm reception &

determination to grow & improve your Forests was very heart warming. Dick & I look forward to returning to Welcome your new members.

How special were our trips to Tennessee. We accepted an invitation to attend the **GROTTO** Supreme Sessions. It was a lot of fun and very informative. The “CAVE Degree” in Kingston, TN was of course, just for the men, but I enjoyed meeting and talking with the Cedars and their Ladies from across the country. Although the spring Miniventure was held in Kentucky where there are no Forests, many Cedars from Tennessee as well as other Midwest areas attended. I look forward to returning in the fall when Dick plans to charter the New Forest in western Tennessee.

I thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Atlanta, GA for the Region 9 Joint Ceremonial. The hospitality and friendship extended to Dick & I by both the Georgia & South Carolina Forests were exceptional. You really went out of your way to show me a good time with the Ladies while the men conducted

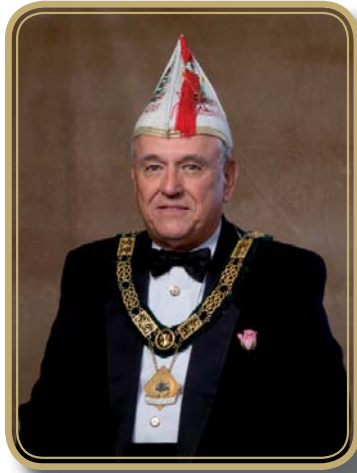
their business. Thank You!!

We just returned from this Year’s taping of the **MDA “Show of Strength”** telethon in Los Angeles. It was a special privilege for Dick and I to represent the CEDAR Family. It was an honor meeting with the MDA executives, staff & many MDA families. And what great musical talent I saw!!

I would certainly be remiss if I didn’t thank Gareth Diem, Harvey “Bud” Willard and our aides Charles & Jani Long for all you did to make our Midwinter and Convention so successful. I’ve heard so many positive comments about how smoothly everything ran and how much they enjoyed themselves. Your dedication and expertise were Greatly appreciated.

In closing, I want to thank all of the wonderful Cedars and Ladies I have met. You have all made me welcome and concerned yourselves with my comfort while Dick attended to Cedar business. I have been honored to be the First Lady and look forward to the rest of our year.

SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Brother Cedars

March 18, 1902, the Supreme Lodge of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States of America became a non-profit corporation in the state of New Jersey. For over 111 years the Tall Cedars of Lebanon has offered Masonic brethren "fun, frolic and fellowship". We have recently begun our second century of Masonic brotherhood and our earliest Forests have been celebrating their centennial anniversaries. What a proud time for any organization when they can claim to have existed one hundred or more years. During all those years a lot of events occurred having both positive and negative impacts on our fraternity. While Glassboro Forest Number 1 continues to operate, not all of the succeeding Forests have survived. When you stop to think about it, it is sad that so many Forests have gone by the wayside.

There is a brighter side when you consider the number of requests being received to form a new Forest. It seems there is a new request arriving weekly.

Barry L. Sheaffer



While that is good news, it also brings new challenges that must be addressed. Many of the new Forest requests are in Masonic Jurisdictions where we have no existing Forests. Expansion into new jurisdictions requires permission from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction and additional support from the Supreme Forest in the form of DDSTCs and Supreme Directors. These positions are difficult to fill when there are no experienced individuals available. With new members and officers eager to be Tall Cedars and no experienced hand to lead them; the path for creating and sustaining a successful Forest is a challenge for all involved. In the twenty-first century the use of electronic communications along with patience and understanding, will help to solidify these new Forests.

Existing Forests also need support in their efforts to grow and expand their membership. We are all aware that many Masons reside near our existing Forests, but have never become Tall Cedars. Our teachings of "fun, frolic and fellowship" should be the impetus for each and every one of us to reach out to our Masonic Brethren and invite them to join us in our Forests. The recruitment of new members is not the responsibility of the

Forest officers alone, but is an incumbent duty for each and every one of us.

As we reflect on what some may call the "glory days" of the Tall Cedars there is no doubt that some things have changed. We are at a crossroads in our history and the path we choose for the future will determine what the future holds for our fraternity. We can sit back and enjoy what we have and watch it deteriorate or push forward with renewed purpose. No matter which direction we choose the one inevitable constant will be change. It is up to us to see that change for the good of the order remains paramount. Whether it is by expansion in new jurisdictions or increased membership in existing Forests the key to the future is increased membership.

I wish to take this time to thank you for allowing me to serve you in the coming year as your Supreme Tall Cedar. I look forward to working with my fellow officers and committees and in assisting them in strengthening our Fraternity. I am also enthused about meeting my fellow Tall Cedars in the coming months.

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Fraternally

Barry L. Sheaffer

Senior Deputy STC

JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Robert Saul



Brother Tall Cedars, I recently attended a Masonic meeting where a Brother asked me, “Do you ever get tired of hearing about the lack of membership in the various Masonic and/or appendant bodies? Of course, I had to say “yes” and he responded, “Then do something about it, the demise of the Fraternity is inevitable if you don’t do something about it”. As I contemplated his thought provoking remark, as simple as it was, I thought, how selfish of me not to invite every new Master Mason to join our Fraternity. Of 5 new members, 4 may decline but the fifth may say yes resulting in a new Tall Cedar. This is just the beginning and we cannot stop there. We must then get them involved through a mentoring process. Far too frequently, a member will join and he is left to fend for himself. If we don’t

provide something to stimulate his interest, we will lose him. This too, is our responsibility. This fall, the Districts in many jurisdictions will have one day classes. It is a golden opportunity to set up displays and reveal ourselves as the Fraternity of FUN, FROLIC AND FELLOWSHIP. As has been said so many times, the lifeblood of any organization is its membership. Please do your part and seek out new members. You can be one who “did something about it”.

Midwinter Conference and Convention have come and gone. Although these have become memories, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Supreme Tall Cedar, Dick Feeser for two tremendous events. His efforts and hard work have shown us that Cedarism is alive and well. Thank you, Dick and Pat.

And thank you once again to our Convention Chairman, PSTC Harvey “Bud” Willard for your unrelenting work to organize and mastermind a

great Convention. As it has been said repeatedly by our PSTC’s, “it all happened like clockwork”. Thank you Bud for your unselfish labor.

Congratulations to each of the new and re-elected Supreme Line officers and all those who accepted appointed offices. We certainly appreciate your commitment to our great Fraternity.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank Brian, Natalie, Stacey and family and the 2015 Committee for their commitment to help me with the hospitality evenings, sales and support at both the Midwinter Conference and the Convention. Your help and involvement is so much appreciated. I look forward to continuing our relationship.

God bless each of you and our great Fraternity.

Fraternally,
Bob Saul
Junior Deputy STC

SUPREME SCRIBE



Delvin L. Zeiders

While it may still be a learning process for me, it has been an honor working with the Team under the direction of our Supreme Tall Cedar, Bro. Richard G. Feeser. Tall Cedarism is alive and well. Don't hesitate to invite our Brother Masons to join with us.

Some of you attended the Seminar held for the Tall Cedar Forest Scribes. I hope you have been able to put some of the thoughts we discussed into action. I invite your questions and/or comments for the Tall Cedar Forests in general.

If another seminar is presented, I would like to utilize those ideas and questions you may have. As a side issue, all of the Forms you need are available on line at our web site. In addition, your White Book has a section listed as "Guidelines for Scribes" which will help you when you have questions. Found there also is the "Scribe Activity List" which lists what is to happen each month for your Forest.

Remember that new petitions are what will keep your Tall Cedar Forest young. In my opinion, one of your primary duties as the Forest Scribe, should be to remind your members and fellow Officers of it. Remember to follow up on all Demits. Don't just accept them without talking with the Brethren involved. Maybe it would be helpful to inquire what made them decide to join originally.

SUPREME TREASURER



Larry Donis

Hi All:

As this is my last article as Supreme Treasurer, I would like to thank PSTC's John Shoop, Bud Willard and STC Dick Feeser for their patience, help and discussions. I believe the Supreme Forest Board has realized that they must be ever watchful of expenses during a tough economy and also as we move toward the Mid-West; the need to stabilize and support existing Eastern Forests.

I offer a special thank-you to Jan for her administration of the Supreme Forest and for her help to me and Cedarism. I would also like to thank Robin for her help and travels throughout the Cedar Kingdom; during our travels we have seen Fun, Frolic and Fellowship in action. We have attended many Cedar, Masonic, DeMolay, Rainbow and Jobs Daughters functions from which we see these youth as our future Masonic leaders.

You will be reading this article after STC Dick Feeser's GWA Dinner and will know how my dream of forming a Charity to provide transportation expenses to those afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy has become Brian's Wheels Inc. We realize today as Abraham Lincoln did 150 years ago, that "No man stands so tall as when he stoops to help a child." Remember, we do it for the "Kids".

In the words of Brother Roy Rogers "Happy Trails to you, until we meet again"

PGTC #31 Larry Donis
Supreme Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE TALL CEDAR

FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN



Thanks to the efforts of the Forest's MD Chairmen, Tall Cedars and Cedarettes under the guidance of The Tall Cedar Trustees and Directors, \$305,000.00 will be awarded at this year's MDA telethon. This totals over \$19 million dollars since adopting MDA as our charitable cause in 1951.

A decrease in bear sales has prompted us to discontinue the Holy Bear Program at the close of 2015. PSTC Earl T. Myers, Jr. initiated this program in 2002. He, like many Tall Cedar families, has the entire collection. Keep this in mind as 2015 comes to the end of a 14 year run. Consider contacting Bear Chairman, Walter Manhart at 570-622-5584 or wmanhart31@comcast.net to complete your bear set. The Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors voted to distribute previous unsold stockpiled bears to local Police and Fire Departments. Forest MD Chairmen interested in participating in this program should make their request of 10 bears known to the TCF Trustee or Regional Director via Bear Chairman Manhart. At our May convention GWA Aly Fisher made our first donation of bears to the Wildwood Police Department.

Beginning 2016 the National Dine Out program will replace the Holy Bear program. Into its second year this program is a development in progress. As we work with and receive input from the participating restaurants we are learning this program will undoubtedly end up being a year round program. Friendlys' Family Restaurant, ice cream friendly, suggested we conduct "Eat Outs" during the warmer months. The original idea of this program was not limited to fund raising, but also to raise attention in our communities of our involvement with MDA Research. Many Forests followed our advice by presenting framed "Thank You" letters to the participating restaurants. This frame displayed on the wall of the restaurant achieved the aforementioned goal. Every Forest has an EIN number and we ask that you use the Forest's number. If a Forest Scribe does not know his Forest's EIN number, he should contact the Supreme Forest Office.

By now you have probably received my 2013 Appeal Letter. Research is expensive, (\$65.00 a minute) and really needs our help. It is never too late to flex your muscle and show your strength - something those afflicted with MD CAN NOT DO!

PSTC Albert H. Hensinger passed away late Winter of this year and as a final tribute in his memory he requested in lieu of flowers that contributions be sent to the local MDA office. We applaud his family for such a thoughtful act. Unfortunately, Bethlehem Forest lost the opportunity to receive award credits due to the way this matter was conducted. Should any Forest

in the future desire to set up a similar Memorial Gift Program, we suggest you follow these steps. Use your newsletter or meeting to explain that any Tall Cedar wishing to set up a Memorial Gifts as PSTC AL did, that the donations go directly to your Forest - Noted For "In Memory of ____ your Forest #", payable to: Tall Cedar Foundation. By conducting a Memorial gift in this manner everyone benefits - your Forest, Tall Cedar Foundation and MDA Research and most importantly it recognizes the Tall Cedar for his final opportunity to contribute to our charity.

Our Goodwill Ambassador, Aly Fisher, is still available to attend one of your Forest meetings. To invite Aly contact her escort, TCF Trustee, Franklin "Crabby" Williams at 302-337-0213 or fhwill7@gmail.com. I personally want to thank STC Dick Feeser for asking me to serve as your Tall Cedar Foundation Chairman, Past TCF Chairman Norm Clark and Bear Chairman and TCF Co-Chairman Walter Manhart for their support.

Cedarly,
Donald W. Erb, Chairman,
Tall Cedar Foundation



REPORT FROM THE TALL CEDAR

SUPREME CHAPLAIN



As the years pile up and our hair grows thinner and grayer, we often pause and reflect upon our lives, our accomplishments and our failures. We all have our regrets and we all have our feelings of success. Hopefully our successes outnumber our regrets.

One of the moments of success in my life was becoming a Mason. This event dramatically changed my life for the better. It put me in touch with a special caliber of men from many various backgrounds and greatly enriched my life.

There are many collateral groups within Masonry and each group has a special charity or field of labor. We who are Tall Cedars have chosen as our field of labor, to support the research into muscular dystrophy. Not only do we support research, but we also support the families of those who suffer from this crippling condition.

As Tall Cedars, we donate much of our time and resources to supporting those who are affected by MD. It seems to me that our purpose for existing is to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves. This attitude of helping others was quite apparent at our convention in Wildwood, NJ.

I would like to thank all those who took the time to attend our worship services. They were both well attended and the participation was outstanding. As I looked out over those who gathered for the services, I had the feeling that this is what America is all about; people helping people and worshiping God.

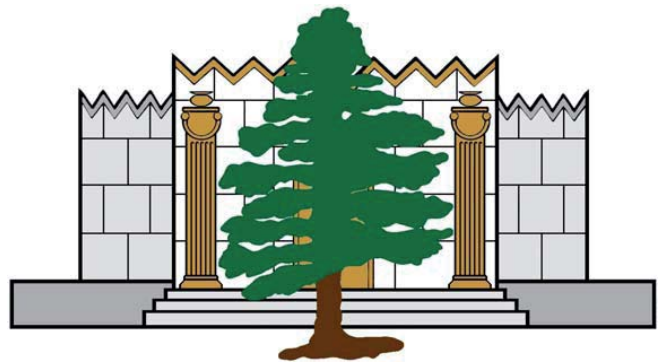
Until we meet again, "May God continue to bless you and your endeavors as Tall Cedars of Lebanon."

Leslie G. Metcalf, Sr.
Supreme Chaplain

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 2nd 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

MDA SUMMER CAMP



Camper Olivia Calvert with father Joe Calvert, (New Tall Cedar with Annapolis Forest No. 126) Clown “Crabby” Williams - PGTC Evergreen Forest No 49 and escort for Supreme Forest 2013 Goodwill Ambassador Aly Fisher and STC Dick Feeser on Opening Day of MDA Summer Camp at Camp Maria in Southern Maryland. Evergreen Forest members attend and Welcome the Children as they arrive and give them Balloons and also do “Face painting”.

We also supply all ingredients to make “Smores” for the Open evening campfire.

Camper- James Harvey arriving via a handicap vehicle at the Opening Day of MDA Summer Camp



Graduate camper AJ Pangratz on Opening Day of M D A Summer Camp

View of the Potomac River where the Children are able to go fishing and also boating during their week attending MDA Summer Camp





Neuromuscular Research Updates Highlights from 2nd Quarter 2013

▶ **ALS:**

- Good news for pockets of those with ALS—there is now a generic form of Riluzole, the only drug approved for ALS.
- Neuralstem Stem Cell Therapy trials will advance to a phase 2 trial with 15 participants in Wisconsin and Georgia. The treatment is aimed at preserving respiratory function and prolong the life of someone affected by ALS.
- Researchers have found that toxic misfolded proteins, TDP43, appear to spread throughout the body in four stages. This information helps researchers better understand the course of the disease and could lead to potential research avenues.
- Over 25 new genes have been discovered as the cause of sporadic ALS. This is good news as it opens up many leads for research and better understanding of the disease. In the past, we have only known the mutations associated with familial (or inherited through the family) ALS.

▶ **Duchenne and Becker Muscular Dystrophy:**

- Two exon skipping drugs, Drisapersen and Eteplirsen, continue to show positive results in participants in both trials. Specifically they are measuring the distance participants are able to walk in 6 minutes. Those on the drug have increased their distance. Representatives from both pharmaceutical companies plan to meet with the FDA to discuss next steps for these drugs and the approval process. Sarepta hopes that Eteplirsen will be placed on the accelerated track for approval from the FDA.
- Young boys with DMD (ages 0-3 years old) have been tracked on their progress in how they are meeting developmental milestones. Researchers have found that at a young age they are not meeting the standard milestones for sitting, talking, standing and walking. This is important because as treatments come out in the coming years, they will most likely be given as soon as a diagnosis is found. Up until this point, we did not have a way to measure their development compared to non affected children.

▶ **Spinal Muscular Atrophy:**

- Celecoxib, a non-steroid anti-inflammatory drug already on the market, has been shown to increase levels of the SMN protein, what is missing in those with SMA, in the heart in mice models. Although this drug is available, it is not recommended that those with SMA take this drug.

▶ **Myasthenia Gravis:**

- MDA is currently supporting 11 researchers who are looking at new treatments for MG that only impact the affected parts of the immune system while leaving the others in tact. This is important so that treatments are “kinder and gentler” to the patient.

▶ **Charcot-Marie-Tooth:**

- High dose ascorbic acid (vitamin C) was found not to be effective in CMT1A. However the trial itself helped to set the infrastructure to make future trials for CMT easier.

▶ **Facioscapulohumeral Muscular Dystrophy (FSHD):**

- Researchers developed a mouse model that more accurately mimics the symptoms and genetic causes of the disease. This will aid in researcher’s attempts to track the course of the disease, determine biomarkers and conduct more effective and meaningful research.

▶ **Myotubular Myopathy:**

- MDA has granted just over \$1.9 million dollars to Valerion Therapeutics who is testing a drug in mice that will replace myotubularin in cells which is missing in those with the diagnosis. The goal is further develop this drug so that it can be tested on patients with this diagnosis in the near future.

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2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 24th – 26th 2014
 Dover Downs Hotel & Casino
 Dover, Delaware

PACKAGE PLAN RATES PER ROOM

Room Occupancy	*Friday night only	**Saturday night only	***Friday & Saturday nights
Single	\$231.62	\$220.62	\$452.24
Double	\$285.52	\$263.52	\$549.04
Triple	\$339.42	\$306.42	\$645.84
Quad	\$393.32	\$349.32	\$742.64
Children 12& under	\$53.90	\$32.00	\$85.90

EP rates for early arrivals or late stays - \$177.72 inclusive per night.

Hospitality Room (not occupied for sleeping purposes) \$177.72/night



- * Friday night only includes lodging, Friday's dinner & Saturday's breakfast.
- ** Saturday night only includes lodging, Saturday's Installation Banquet, and Sunday's breakfast.
- *** Friday/Saturday package includes two nights lodging, Friday's dinner, Saturday's breakfast & Installation Banquet, & Sunday's breakfast.

Telephone calls and other incidentals are not included in package and a deposit or credit card imprint is required for service.

SATURDAY'S BANQUET ONLY: \$30.00 PER PERSON

Check-in Time: 4:00 PM

Check-out Time: Noon

FOR RESERVATIONS, COMPLETE THIS FORM (no phone calls) AND RETURN TO YOUR FOREST HOUSING CHAIRMAN or if no Housing Chairman, return to the Supreme Forest Office, 2609 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

NOTE: All reservations must be made through the Supreme Forest Office. Reservations must be accompanied by a deposit. This deposit will guarantee your reservation and will be applied only for the confirmed day of arrival. Credit cards are not acceptable for deposit. Reservation requests without deposits will be returned without action. PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY. **Reservations received after December 7th accepted on space available basis.**

DEPOSIT: \$100.00/Room

*Reservation deadline: **December 13th, 2013***

***Cancellations** must be made 24 hours prior to reserved arrival date. Less than 24 hours will result in loss of deposit.*

TALL CEDARS 2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE January 24-26, 2014

Arrival: ____/____/____ Departure Date: ____/____/____ SHARING WITH (If Applicable)

Name _____ Forest # ____ Guest Name _____

ROOM OCCUPANCY: (Circle) Single Double Triple Quad

ADULTS _____ # CHILDREN (12 & under) _____

Handicapped/Special Needs Request: _____

Enclosed is my check # ____ in the amount of \$100 **per room** deposit.
 Checks to be made payable to Supreme Forest TCL

TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA

2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

January 24th – 26th 2014
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino
Dover, Delaware



THURSDAY

8:00 P.M. - Supreme Forest Hospitality – Ballroom A

FRIDAY

8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. - Vendor Tables Open
Ballroom Round Pre Function

9:00 A.M. - Tall Cedar Foundation Board Meeting
Silver Lake Room

9:00 A.M. - Supreme Forest Board Meeting
Chesapeake Room

1:30 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. – Ballroom Round Pre Function

Credentials Validation (*if needed!*)
Pick up Banquet Table assignments, and the
Ladies' & Men's Luncheon Tickets at the
Supreme Forest Desk

3:00 P.M. - Installation Rehearsal – Ballroom B&C
Installation Committee & all Officers being installed
should be in attendance with their lady.

5:30 P.M. - Supreme Forest Hospitality – Cash Bar
Ballroom Round

6:30 P.M. – Buffet Dinner – Ballroom B&C

9:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. - Supreme Forest Hospitality
Ballroom A

SATURDAY

7:00 -9:00 A.M. - Buffet Breakfast – Ballroom B

8:00 A.M. - Color Guard Rehearsal - Ballroom C

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. – Credentials Validation (*if needed*)

9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. - Ballroom Round
Vendor Tables Open
Pick up Banquet Table assignments at the
Supreme Forest Desk

GENERAL SESSION - Ballroom C

9:00 A.M. - Doors Open

9:15 A.M. - OPEN SESSION

BRIEF RECESS

CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

11:00 A.M. – SPECIAL SUPREME FOREST MEETING (*if needed!*)

Noon – Luncheons - Doors open at 11:30 A..M.
Ladies' Luncheon – Ballroom A
Men's Luncheon – Ballroom B
Past Supreme Tall Cedars – Kent Room

1:30 P.M. – SEMINARS:

Grand Tall Cedars, Senior Deputy GTC
& Junior Deputy GTC Chesapeake Room

District Deputies STC Diamond Room 1

Scribes, Treasurers, & Forest Trustees Diamond Room 2

Tall Cedar Foundation Diamond Room 3

Units, Clowns & Color Guard Silver Lake

SATURDAY EVENING

3:30 P.M. – Photographs – Ballroom Square Pre Function

4:00 P.M. - Hospitality Hour - Cash Bar – Ballroom Round

Installation Banquet – Doors open 4:45 P.M. – Ballroom B&C

5:00 P.M. – Processional

5:30 P.M. - Invocation & Dinner
Installation of Officers
2013 Of the Year Awards
2013 Broughton Award
Presentations
Remarks – Barry L. Sheaffer, STC
Benediction

9:00 P.M. – 11:00 P.M. - Supreme Forest Hospitality – Ballroom A

SUNDAY

7:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. - Buffet Breakfast – Ballroom B&C

10:00 A.M. - Worship Service – Ballroom A

2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
ANNUAL LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

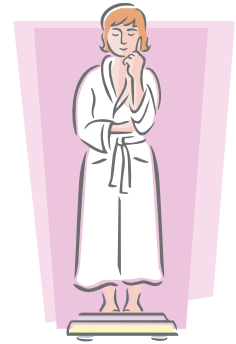
JANUARY 25, 2014

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1131 N DUPONT HIGHWAY
DOVER DE 19901



**COME JOIN OUR OLD FASHION
PAJAMA PARTY**

Wear your favorite Granny flannel
nightgown/pajamas and most comfortable
slippers. (Night Caps optional)



DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS DECEMBER 27, 2013

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND TO:

CINDY HOSSMAN
970 SILVER LAKE RD
LEWISBERRY PA 17339-9716
717-938-8850

DOORS OPEN 11:30 A.M.

LUNCHEON AT NOON

2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE LADIES LUNCHEON

Name _____

Forest No. _____

Enclosed is my check for: _____ Tickets at \$20.00 each

Special dietary needs: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2014 COMMITTEE

2014 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON LUNCHEON



JANUARY 25, 2014

DOVER DOWNS HOTEL AND CASINO
1131 N DUPONT HIGHWAY
DOVER DE 19901

ALL TALL CEDARS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN WITH THE SUPRME FOREST OFFICERS FOR LUNCH

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS DECEMBER 27, 2013

COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SEND TO:

William Martz
383 S OLLER AVE
WAYNESBORO PA 17268-3824
717-765-0077

DOORS OPEN 11:30 A.M.

LUNCHEON AT NOON

2014 MIDWINTER TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON LUNCHEON

Name _____ Forest No. _____

Enclosed is my check for: _____ Tickets at \$20.00 each

Special dietary needs: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2014 COMMITTEE

54TH ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT



APRIL 26 & 27, 2014

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Hosted by Valley Forest No. 145

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ANNUAL SESSION 2013
WILDWOOD, NJ

THURSDAY NIGHT HOEDOWN



MWPGM Ray Vanden Berghe and MWGM Barry Hughes



STC Feeser listening to a yarn about prospecting for gold...and believing the story!



Distinguished looking "Cowboy"; DDSTC Jerry Brackett, PGTC Burlington #207

Regional Director James Morrison and Lady Barbra promenading.



John Almacy and his wife Terry sharing a laugh.



One of the "Cowgirls" at the Hoedown, Diane Shoop



STC Feeser and Lady Pat at the opening of Theme Night



Colin and John Studlack enjoying a "father, son moment" at the Hoedown.

ANNUAL SESSION 2013 WILDWOOD, NJ



MWGM Barry Hughes,
addressing the Tall Cedars.



DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

(L-R): Gearl Raynes, MWGM West VA; Barry Hughes, MWGM Delaware; Gerald Sharpe, Deputy Grand Master NJ; Jay Smith, RWGM PA; Bob Bateman, RWDGM PA; Ray Vanden Berghe, MSA North America, MWPGM NJ; Andrew Prescott, International Master Councilor/DeMolay



Distinguished guests
Dave Rebmann and wife Liz
Grand Monarch,
Grottoes of North America



MWGM of West Virginia,
Gearl Raynes addressing the
Annual Sessions after being introduced.
Brother Raynes is a member of
Shenandoah Forest #150



RWGM of PA, Jay Smith
addressing the Annual Session
after being introduced.
Brother Smith is a member of
Lancaster Forest #27

ANNUAL SESSION 2013
WILDWOOD, NJ

CLOSING BANQUET



STC Feeser thanks outgoing Supreme Clown, Albert Miller, PSD Region IV, for his service to the Kingdom and introduces, Eric Frank, SDGTC Harrisburg Forest #43, as the Supreme Clown beginning 2014.



RWGM Jay Smith being escorted to his table by Provost Guard Robert Aungst, Jr., during introductions.



Supreme Scribe Delvin Zeiders being escorted to his table by Supreme Provost Marshal Alan Beidel, during introductions.



Keynote Speaker, Andrew Prescott, International Master Councilor, DeMolay International



"Crabby" Williams and our 2013 Goodwill Ambassador, Aly Fisher



Vicki Berkowitz, MDA Divisional Director, Muscular Dystrophy Association addresses the banquet guests

LADIES LUNCHEON



SUPREME GROTTO SESSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



CEDAR TREE PLANTING



Supreme Chaplain Metcalf asking for “Divine Intervention” and no rain for the parade; unfortunately, there were “showers of blessing”and no parade!

(L-R): Curt Beam, SD Region V; Larry Donis, ST; Del Zeiders, SS; Robert Saul, JDSTC; Barry Sheaffer, SDSTC; Dick Feeser, STC; Mayor Ernie, Wildwood; Les Metcalf, SC; Gerald E Piepiora, MWGM Maryland



(To the left) Cedar tree planting
STC Feeser and Lady Pat

(To the right) Mayor of Wildwood, NJ
Ernest "Ernie" Troiano;
STC Dick Feeser;
RWPGM of NJ, Ray Vanden Berghe;
MWGM of Maryland, Gerald E. Piepiora



CLOWN COMPETITION



Cedarette Clown winners posing
with our STC Dick Feeser



York displaying the “real “ Clown!



A musical competition...looking for the Cedar Idol!

DEGREE IN THE WOODS



On July 13, 2013 Pocono Forest 124 and Warren County 14 held their annual Degree in the Woods. It was a fun day for District 8 and we all enjoyed the PIG ROAST after the ceremonies.

Submitted by TCF Trustee Sully Morgan District 8

Those attending included: DDSTC J Eric Becker District 6, DDSTC William Ennis District 8, PSTC George Morgan, PSTC James Reed, SD # 5 Curt Beam, ST Larry Donis, PSTC Bud Willard, STC Dick Feeser (wearing green pyramid)

FRIEND TO FRIEND



May 27, 2013 SDSTC Barry L. Sheaffer and ST Larry Donis along with many other Tall Cedars attended the Friend to Friend re-dedication by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

RWGM Jay W. Smith held a re-dedication of the Masonic Memorial located at the Gettysburg National Battlefield Cemetery Annex.



On May 27, 2013 SDSTC Barry L. Sheaffer and ST Larry Donis along with Tall Cedars from Harrisburg, York, Bethlehem, Norristown, Lancaster, Valley, Hagerstown and Susquehanna participated in the Gettysburg Memorial Day Parade.

KAYLA CHOOSES MDA FOR SENIOR PROJECT



(L-R): Kayla Aungst, Ron Aungst, PGTC Susquehanna Forest #199 (father of Kayla), Brother Jay W. Smith, RWGM of PA, Richard G. Feeser, STC, Kayla's mom Michelle, Robert Saul, JDSTC, and Kayla's brother Nick

Kayla Aungst chose MDA as a senior project while completing her senior year at Central Mountain High School. Through her efforts, with little assistance of her family, she was able to raise \$4300 for MDA research. That check was presented to MDA representative, Vickie Berkowitz at this year's convention.

What an accomplishment by a young lady. She learned about the Tall Cedar Charity, MDA Research, through her father Ron, Grandfather, Robert Aungst, Sr, and her uncle, Robert Aungst, Jr. and chose this as her senior project.

Again, special congratulations are in order for her efforts. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the MDA people wish her much success and say thanks many times for her effort.

MD PATIENT – AMBASSADOR – MASON TALL CEDAR – FRIEND



Joshua M. Frable, was born in Reading PA in 1975 to Janet M. (Amy) and Charles "Pete" Frable. Family life changed when he was diagnosed with MD. Among the numerous visits to his "Medical Social Circle" he graduated from Wilson High School in 1994 and continued his education at the Hiram G. Andrews Center, Johnstown where he graduated in 1997.

Returning to Wilson High School, Josh worked as a teacher's aide for 15 years in the tech media department. Josh enjoyed his job and his role in helping children to learn. In his private life, Josh loved cooking, fishing, teaching and playing board games with his nieces. He was his nephew's biggest fan and proudly watched him play football games at Wilson High School. He also enjoyed spending time at his home away from home in Millsboro, DE.

His association with freemasonry began when Neversink Forest No. 32 selected him as an ambassador. His impression of the good of our fraternity strengthened as the men and women of Neversink became his extended family. He became a member of Masonic Lodge #660 in Reading and joined his family becoming a member of Neversink Forest #32, Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

On April 30, 2013 in The Reading Hospital and Medical Center our brother entered the Eternal Forest. Farewell my Brother.

ARE YOU READY?

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK LORD



I am a clown with the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. That is why I wear a yellow smiley face hat with pins on it from the Tall Cedars, other masonic bodies and charities that I have worked for. My lady and I stopped in a Red Robin we were passing to get something to eat. When we finished, the general manager came over to say he had seen all the pins I had and would I like another. Well that started a conversation that lasted

about an hour. We talked about clowning, the masonic organizations we belong to and the charities we support. The manager mentioned that his restaurant had sold the most shamrocks of the 19 in the corporation. When I asked if they had gone to the VIP day at the MDA Camp, he said he had not. He then got into talking about not being happy with the balloon guy. Further talking and Main Line Forest had been hired to provide a clown every Tuesday night.

That is a rather long lead in just to ask the question, "Are

you Ready"? Are you ready to talk about your fraternity? Tell others what we really are? Explain why you enjoy it so much and dedicate so much of your time to it? Answer someone's question, why should they join? Why should they provide financial support to our cause?

Are you ready to build our fraternity either with members or financial support? No I do not expect you to wear a yellow smiley hat but do you wear a ring, a pin, something to identify you as a member of our fraternity so they will know to ask you questions?

NEW MEMBERS

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK LORD

Are you one of the lucky forests that have been entering new Tall Cedars? Have they been enthusiastically active? Yes I know that most are not that young anymore! Have they started missing meetings more and more? Did they fail to pay dues this year? Where have they gone?

Grand Tall Cedar, there has never been more activities competing for your members time than today. If you are losing your new members, is it because you have nothing to interest them? Are you running your forest the same way the old timers tell you they used to do it? Is that why only the old timers come out?

First and foremost I want to thank those old timers. They did what was necessary to make the forest interesting and keep it going. If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have a fraternity to belong to and MDA

would be without our support. I challenge you to get them to remember how hard they fought to change what their old timers did so they could make the forest interesting. People, and yes brothers we are Masons and Tall Cedars but we are people, don't like change. As we age (gracefully????) we tend to dislike change even more. Ask your old timers to remember back ten or twenty years to when they fought to change how the forest operated. Not to remember how they changed it by why it was necessary to change it. Were they losing members and stagnating like you may be now?

I asked in the beginning if your new members were not returning. I guess if you said yes, your forest just isn't interesting. In today's world a person's time is an extremely valuable commodity. Stop wasting it. Be relevant to the world that

exists today. The Holy Bear program was wonderful. It stopped working so well and now it is being replaced by the Eat Out program. In like manner, many forests had bands or clown units or rangers or degree teams. The men wanted to socialize and do it only with the other men. From my perspective, today's men mostly want to socialize with their family. Look at your attendance. Is your Barnyard Bingo the most attended meeting? What is your most attended meeting? That is the night you made your forest INTERESTING. You need to do that more often. Not that specific event but things like it.

Your new members' time is valuable. Do something to make them want to spend it with the Tall Cedars.

I'D LIKE TO KNOW

SUBMITTED BY CHUCK LORD

Communications are the key to the success of any organization of any size. The organization may be as small as only two people or as large as the government of a country and everything in between. The Tall Cedars use what is termed a, "Chain of Command," system. We are all familiar with it; Supreme Tall Cedar, District Deputies, Grand Tall Cedars and then us the general membership. In most cases this is also the line of communication both up and down and serves fairly well.

The letter from the Supreme Directors in the last Cedar Digest showed that sometimes we need something else. This in no way suggested that our Chain of Command system didn't work but only that sometimes something else is needed. In that case it was felt that every Tall Cedar needed the exact same information at the same time. Our District Deputies do an outstanding job. But if you, the individual Tall Cedar, happened to miss that meeting for whatever reason you would have been uninformed. When I was teaching in the Army, we

said there was no stupid question because if one person had that question it was probable that a classmate also had it. The Army limited our class size to eight. Brothers, our membership might be going down but the Cedar Kingdom is still a lot larger than eight people.

If you have a question about our organization please ask your Grand Tall Cedar and District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar first. Then either you or the District Deputy might feel the answer should be shared. Maybe the Supreme Forest wants to insure that all Tall Cedars get the same information at the same time like the Supreme Directors did in the last Cedar Digest. Maybe it is a question about publicizing an event of your forest. How do we deal with other masonic bodies? What is happening in our Scholarship program? Our District Deputies are not directly involved in those programs but Supreme Forest has committees established for them. Your question could be the spark that helps a brother on the other side of the Cedar Kingdom. While all the su-

preme committees can submit to the Cedar Digest, it would be a good idea to consolidate this information in the "I'd Like to Know" column.

Returning to the Supreme Directors' letter for a moment, they highlighted their perception that Supreme finances had problems. Our Supreme Tall Cedar sent through the District Deputies an information sheet about cost cutting procedures that have been implemented. Did you know that over the last couple years cuts have been made that will save about \$20,000 per year? This has been achieved by; using teleconferencing, increased use of email and the internet to reduce postage costs, installation of energy efficient equipment and reducing travel expenses. Money is something that everyone considers so I feel sure you will submit questions on our finances in the future. They can be sent to any member of the Public Relations Committee. Your Grand Tall Cedar or Scribe will have the contact information in his Roster of Constituent Forests.

KEEP YOUR 501C8 NON-PROFIT STATUS

All Forests must file a yearly 990 Form to keep your 501c8 non-profit status with the IRS.

DO YOU LOVE ME?

Submitted by Joseph Thomas Sullivan # 31
Public Relations Committee member

Do you say to your loved ones, "I told you once, I loved you. I'll let you know if anything changes."? You know how long you would have a happy loved one if you still do.

Does your Forest say the same thing to the people you want to reach for your meetings, socials, fund raisers or other events? Is your Forest philosophy, "Everyone knows me when we meet. They don't have to be told."? All Masons know they can join the Tall Cedars. Why remind them? Everyone knows our fundraiser is...

If you have to answer yes to these questions and similar ones, the answer to the following questions is obvious. Is attendance at your meetings falling off? Are you gaining new members? Are you raising enough money to operate your forest and fulfill your charitable objectives? The answer is NO!

To be a successful Forest, you have to change the answers to yes. The solution to the problem is as obvious as it is in the first paragraph. Tell them often that you do love them. They will love you back.

Now that the easy question is answered, the harder one comes. HOW? Just as you tell wives, children, parents, relatives and friends differently, a Forest has several different audiences to love. The "how" will vary for different kinds of members, potential members and participants in your fundraising among others.

Don't stop reading here because the HOW seems overwhelming. It is time to set priorities that can solve root problems. What is the situation in your Forest? What should be done first? What is your greatest need? You may find that solving one problem will make the others easier.

For example, you are a Forest with mostly elderly members with financial problems. The members no longer have the energy to run big fund raisers. The problem is not how to raise money with less work, but how to recruit younger members to work to revive your past proven successes. Do you recruit at all the lodges in your area, not just the one or two where your members are from? Do you demonstrate the "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship" that is our basis to them?

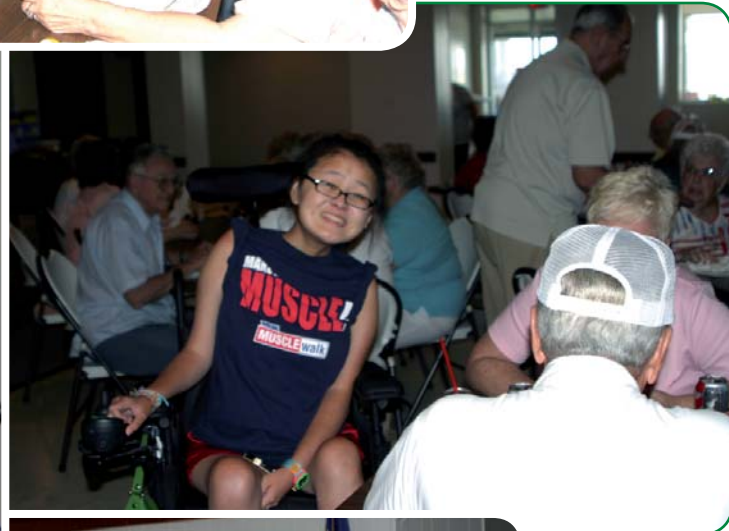
The other end of the spectrum is a Forest filled with young eager workers looking for a good time as well as fulfillment of working for a worthy cause. Keeping them entertained with exciting meetings and fun and games such as clown units and minicar groups. Don't let them fall into a rut as with the previous example.

Most Forests are not at these extremes. Many Forests may be taking some of their audiences lightly. Consider discussing this theme in your executive sessions. Do you need to act to avoid future problems?

This article has more questions than answers. If your Forest has found solutions, let us know. The Public Relations Committee would welcome them, and provide assistance in relaying that information to all Tall Cedars.

EVERGREEN FOREST #49

Picnic on August 4, 2013, with the participation of 3 Forests

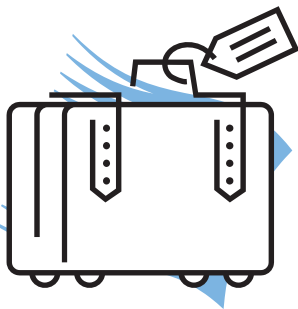


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**Join with Supreme Tall Cedar Barry and Lady Suzanne
on their 2014 Trip**

September 6 to 19, 2014

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For trip details and itinerary please contact:

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Trip is limited to the first 50 persons to sign up.

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Breakfast at Cracker Barrel is included the morning of departure.

HARRISBURG FOREST NO. 43



David A. McDade's Grand Tall Cedar day trip to St. Michael's and Tighman Island for 'A Crab Picken Good Time'. STC Dick Feeser and First Lady Pat joined GTC David A. McDade and Lady Debbie with members from Harrisburg Forest No.43 and the Harrisburg Travel Club. Trip coordinated by Jim Shoop, Past Trustee of Harrisburg Forest No. 43.



David A. McDade, Grand Tall Cedar, presenting a check and plaque from Harrisburg Forest No.43 to Donata Conover for being selected as Miss Job's Daughters of Pennsylvania.



STC Dick Feeser and First Lady Pat joined with GTC David A. McDade and Lady Debbie at the luncheon on Grand Tall Cedar day trip to St. Michael's and Tighman Island for 'A Crab Picken Good Time'.



June 19th Scholarship recognition to Megan at Harrisburg Forest No.43 Stated Meeting.



Congratulations to Harrisburg Forest #43 Treasurer John W. Suhr, Worshipful Master of William S. Snyder Lodge #756

Pictured with his 2013 Officers at a recent Grand Lodge visit to Harrisburg.

CENTRE FOREST NO. 129 PICNIC



No its not Santa Claus in summer attire, but GTC Warren Baker addressing the crowd at the Centre Forest #129 picnic on July 20. The picnic was held at Phyllis and SD Region IV Van Jodon's home in Centre Hall. Everyone had a great time sharing in the fun, frolic, and fellowship.

Special thanks to Warren for serving as the auctioneer for the Foundation at the convention.

GRAND WORTHY ADVISOR TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON



Pictured to the left is Supreme Treasurer Larry Donis with Nikki Schafer, Grand Worthy Advisor of PA Rainbow for Girls. Brother Larry and his wife Robin attended the Testimonial Luncheon in honor of Ms. Schafer on June 1st at the Norristown Cedar Club.



HARRY S. TRUMAN FOREST NO. 212

Dear Fellow Cedars,

February 17, 2013, was a very busy, yet memorable day in Kansas City, MO. Not only was it the beginning of the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, it was also the installation and charter of Harry S. Truman Forest #212, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, Kansas City, Missouri.

To add to the importance of the day, we had Supreme Tall Cedar Richard "Dick" Feeser, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Barry Sheaffer, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Robert Saul, Supreme Treasurer Lawrence Donis, Supreme Director James Morrison, DDSTC Paul Kingsley, and the officers and members of Mark Twain Forest #202 in attendance. Supreme Tall Cedar Feeser commented to those present that this was the first time that he knew of that a new Forest was being installed and chartered at the same meeting.

We had our Kansas City MDA representative in attendance who explained to those present of the work of MDA in the Kansas City area and how excited she was to work with the new Forest.

Supreme Tall Cedar Feeser then proceeded to open the Supreme Forest and had the new Cedars initiated. Once that was done, he proceeded to install and charter the new Forest and its first elected and appointed officers. The first officers elected of Harry S. Truman Forest #212 were:

Grand Tall Cedar – MWB John Hess, PGM
Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar – WB Teddie Harrison
Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar -- RWB L. Leroy Salmon
Scribe – RWB Bobbie White
Treasurer – RWB William Bowser, PGTC

We then proceeded with the other business of the Forests and closed. It was a great and memorable day for all who were in attendance.

Fraternally,
Joseph Russell
Preceptor, Harry S Truman Forest #212



LDN News

the website of Lebanon Daily News

PHOTOS: Cedars of Lebanon standing tall

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(Submitted)

TOP: Robert H. Kime, Grand Tall Cedar of Quittapahilla Forest No. 25, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, presents a certificate of appreciation to Tricia Hoch, manager of Friendly's in Lebanon. On April 23, the restaurant donated 20 percent of the check of each patron who presented a special coupon. The proceeds were donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Association through the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

BOTTOM: Robert H. Kime, right, Grand Tall Cedar of Quittapahilla Forest No. 25, presents 50-year membership awards to, from left, Edward Ludwick, Dick Carroll, Allen Kapp and Bruce Kurtz. Also receiving 50-year membership awards, but not pictured, were Robert Ayers, Dale Hemperly, Alvin Lewis, Robert 'Pepper' Martin, Charles Miller, James Sholley,



(Submitted)

Clarence Starner and Edwin Zeller. The local lodge of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, chartered in 1912, is celebrating its 101st anniversary.

JOINT CEREMONIAL

July Joint Ceremonial held at the Atlanta Masonic Center hosted by Georgia State Forest # 181 Walter Waddell GTC and attended by Palmetto Forest # 206 of South Carolina, Dean Tollison GTC.

Meeting was attended by 48 Brethern and STC Dick Feeser. Jan Bachman took the ladies to a luncheon at the Swan House. A formal Prologue and Royal Court was performed following with a dinner at which awards were presented to the wives of departed Brothers Don Capper and George Bowen. Evenings ran late with fellowship and frolic at our hospitality suite hosted by Ruth Wellman.



CELEBRATING 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG



L-R: John Contic (Sr. Demolay from Parkton, MD – outside of Baltimore), Steve Turkel (Sr. DeMolay from Mt. Airy, MD), Eric Stahley, Susquehanna Forest #199, Bloomsburg, PA, J John Elbro, who emigrated from Plymouth, England.

NEVERSINK FOREST NO. 32



At our Annual Ladies' Night and Testimonial, PGTC Paul A. Triviets was presented by STC Richard Feeser a plaque from the members of Neversink Forest for his outstanding service and dedication in the Forest and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

HAR-CE FOREST NO. 142 ROSE SALE



Har-Ce Forest Muscular Dystrophy Chairman, Ed Faulkner with GTC Gregory Bruce and JDGTC Vernon Miller, presented Brenda and Russ Carmosino, owners of Aberdeen Golden Coral a "Certificate of Appreciation" for the successful Rose Sale fundraiser to benefit Muscular Dystrophy held at their restaurant on December 1st and 2nd

THE SIDONIANS

Submitted by Jack H. Speece
PGTC Chief Logan Forest No. 131

Sidon, also known as Zidon, (meaning Hunting) is a coastal city in northern Lebanon, about 15 miles south of Beirut, that sits along the Mediterranean Sea. Formerly it was a powerful city-state of Phoenicia and today it is known as Saida. This ancient seacoast was once a major trade center and believed to be one of the most ancient cities in the world. Sidon has been inhabited since 4000 BC. These people were renowned for their handiwork in wood, precious metals, purple, textiles, glassware, linens and perfumes. In the Book of Judges (3:3) they were known as being a quiet and secure people.

Sidon was the first son of Caan (grandson of Noah) and it was his ancestors who founded the city and later colonized the island of Tyre, which is located about 21 miles to the south. These Canaanites would later present one of the greatest obstacles against the expansion of the empire of Alexander the Great.

Although King David had been told by the prophet Nathan that he was not worthy to build a Holy Temple unto the Lord since he had been a man of war, and had imbrued his hands in the blood of his fellow man, this honor would fall upon his son, Solomon. King David, therefore, spent the remainder of his days in gathering together men and materials for building and adorning the temple.

King Hiram was a friend, close ally and admirer of King David. He ruled over all of Phoenicia, which was approximately the same boundary as that of Lebanon today, as well as Sidon. A long period of peace existed between Israel and Tyre. Hiram had previously provided King David with sufficient timber to build his beautiful manisons, known as the "Cedar of Palace." He was more than willing to assist Solomon in his stupendous undertaking of building a temple.

One of the many wives of King Solomon was a Sidonian and thus their form of idolatrous

worship found place in the land of Israel. According to Phoenician history, she was one of King Hiram's daughters.

When one looks at the building of King Solomon's Temple, focus is usually given to the masons who worked with stone to build the beautiful edifice. However, the interior of the temple was completely covered with cedar that was carved and inlaid with gold. This required the skilled work of numerous craftsmen with various skills besides those required for working in stone.

While the acropolis was being prepared on top of Mount Moriah to set the temple, there was a need for wood for various tools and preparations including scaffolding. King Hiram offered to provide all the materials needed for this noble cause. Solomon sent 30,000 men from the various tribes to Lebanon to assist the Sidonians in their labor. In I Kings 5:13-14 we learn that these men were sent 10,000 at a time and worked for one month after which they returned for a rest while the other two contingents each worked for a month.

The Sidonians were the finest hewers of wood and King Hiram called upon them to cut the timbers for the temple. They were clad in a peculiar costume that distinguished them from the other natives of the area. They had unique tools that aided in their craftsmanship. Only the giant or "Master" trees were cut, squared and finished into timbers for this sublime purpose.

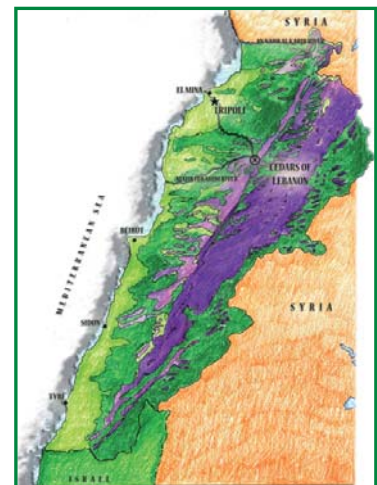
II Chronicles reports that in return for the services of the Sidonians, Solomon offered the following to King Hiram: "... I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measurers of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil."

The Cedars were obtained from the renowned forests of Mt. Lebanon. The timbers were

cut, hewn, finished, marked and numbered in the forest. There are two mountain streams, Nar el Kelb and Kadisha, that were used to float the wood about fifteen miles down to the sea. Kadisha is an ancient seaport about thirty-five miles north of the mouth of Nar el Kelb, a short distance north of Beyrouth. Once at the coast, the timbers were placed onto rafts or floats to be shipped down to Joppa, about one hundred and thirty miles south. The rafts were manned with skilled sailors. For greater safety, three rafts were tied together, one after the other, and equipped with oars and sails. This was a very hazardous undertaking in the rough seas of the Mediterranean.

At Joppa, the lumber had to be lifted twenty five feet up the rocky shore to the dock above. Here Solomon took possession of the timber and carried it by mules to Jerusalem, 35 miles away. The materials were stockpiled at the base of the temple site until the craftsmen working on the temple called for them.

It took over three years to cut and prepare the timber before it was sent to the temple site. Each piece was marked and numbered. The boards fit exactly in place when the construction of the temple commenced. The Sidonians are still regarded to this day as the foremost workers in wood.



SANFORD LODGE NO. 62



Sanford Florida, Sanford Lodge #62 of the 16th Masonic District holds the distinction of being the only lodge in the district to have four District Deputies and two District Instructors as active members of their lodge, Right Worshipful Thomas Turlington District Deputy Grand Master of the 16th Masonic District, Brother Patrick Velasquez District Deputy Eminent

Commander of the Knights Templar, Worshipful John Bowers District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch, Right Worshipful Bernard Schlenk District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of the 23rd District Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Right Worshipful Michael Hartman District 5 Instructor of the Royal Arch and Right Honorable Sebastian Guarneri District Instructor of the 16th Masonic District. On the first official visit of Right Worshipful Thomas Turlington to their lodge on Tuesday night July 2nd 2013 all were in attendance except Right Worshipful Michael Hartman who had suffered an injury to his leg earlier in the week and could not attend. Right Worshipful Turlington was received by 28 Master Masons, one State Committeemen and nine district committee men.

HARRISBURG FOREST NO. 43 TCL PAST GRAND TALL CEDAR RECOGNITION NIGHT



(Back row from left to right) PGTC Michael Balas 1997 – PGTC Benjamin Shaffer 1995
PGTC Wallace Rohrbach 1994 – PGTC George Schwarz 1987 – PGTC Donald Towsey 2000
PGTC Harry Habecker 1979 – PGTC Ray Mosser 1992

(Front row from left to right) PGTC Ronald Oravic 2005 – PGTC John Witmer 1981
PGTC 2002 Barry Sheaffer SDSTC – PGTC 1998 Harry Horgan PSTC – GTC David McDade 2013
PGTC 1993 William Shultz PSTC – PGTC 2010 Delvin Zeiders SS – PGTC 2009 Mark Brumaghim SD

SHAWNEE FOREST NO. 167

On June 24th SD Van Jodon presented 50 year membership certificates and pins to Clyde Shoemaker and Robert Dean Wright at Shawnee Forest's Annual Picnic. Congratulations are in order for this achievement.



(L-R); GTC Joe Teeter, Robert Wright, Clyde Shoemaker, SD Region IV Van Jodon

LANCASTER FOREST NO. 27 AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

STC Dick Feeser assisted Grand Tall Cedar Jonanthan Welch present scholarships at their July meeting.

Recipients are left to right: Heather Brotzman, Rebecca Yoder and Stephanie Brady.



TALL CEDAR WEEK



STC Feeser observing Governor Markel (DE) signing the proclamation declaring Tall Cedar Week in the state of Delaware.



L-R: STC Feeser and David L. Bonar, a member of Evergreen Forest No. 49, President of the Dover, DE City Council, and an appointee of Gov. Jack Markell.

MDA "SHOW OF STRENGTH" TELETHON TAPING

Submitted by Richard "Dick" Feeser, STC

LA, CA – CBS Studio #46

July 31, 2013 and August 1, 2013

WOW!!! There just doesn't seem to be appropriate words to explain what a fantastic event this was. I am just so proud that I had the opportunity to represent our Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. I can't begin to count how many times I explained what our organization is and who we are, or the countless number of times that I received thank-you's from so many of the heads of corporations and organizations congratulating us (Tall Cedars) on our six plus decades of continual sponsorship.

I actually had the opportunity to have dinner with the heads of ABC Television (The new media carrier for this year's telethon) The gentlemen I met were Scott Shelton, Director of Sales and Adam J Polcek, Vice President of ABC Full Circle Sales out of New York. I took this opportunity on behalf of our organization to express our thanks to them for being involved in the telecasting of this year's Telethon. They were very appreciative.

While there, I also had a brief meeting with the New President & CEO of the Muscular Dystrophy Association – Steven M. Derks. He is a real gentleman and professional. He had so many kind remarks and most generous compliments for our Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America and our six plus decades of continual sponsorship. He even made the

offer of coming to visit us to extend his personal thanks!!

Also all of the MDA staff folks there were constantly checking to see that we were well taken care of and that we didn't have any needs. (really made to feel like VIPs) I also had an opportunity to spend time chatting with two young ladies who actually are researchers and the recipients of research grants provided by the money we contribute!!

The cast of stars/performers was just amazing and the opportunity to meet, talk and share with the Muscular Dystrophy Children and their families was truly a once in a lifetime experience.

I have sheets of information on the children and families you will have a chance to hear from on the telethon and their amazing stories.

Brother Tall Cedars, thank you so much for this "once in a lifetime" honor that you have afforded Pat and me. Words cannot express our sincere gratitude.

Remember to tell all of your friends, families, neighbors, Brother Tall Cedars and your Brother Master Masons to please watch the MDA "Show of Strength" Telethon on Sunday evening, September 1, 2013 @ 9:00 pm and 8:00 pm central time.

ADDENDUM TO MDA "SHOW OF STRENGTH" TELETHON TAPING

In my general reporting of this event I mentioned meeting the heads of corporations and organizations that were present and sponsors of this year's MDA "Show of Strength" Telethon.

Here is the list of folks presented on stage that I had the opportunity of sharing with:

- ✦ Augie's Quest – Augie & Lynne Nieto
- ✦ Club Corp – Nicole Boyd
- ✦ DECA – Carter Christianson
- ✦ Jiffy Lube – Susan Blanchard
- ✦ Acosta – Dion Rasmussen
- ✦ Burger King – Vickie Westphal
- ✦ 7-Eleven – Iris Yost
- ✦ Harley-Davidson – Ken Ostermann
- ✦ Lowes – Dennis Knowles
- ✦ Safeway – Christy Duncan-Anderson
- ✦ Citgo – Boyle Dommert
- ✦ IAFF – President & several Firefighters

What a wonderful group of very talented professionals and just great being able to share our CEDAR story and commitment with them, but even more gratifying was their thanks and respect for the tremendous continual years of our sponsorship!!

On another note, I think if our DDSTC and Foundation Trustees would pass this information along to their Forest Officers they could probably approach any of these major corporations for the possibility of doing ROSE Day Promotions at their locations!!

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