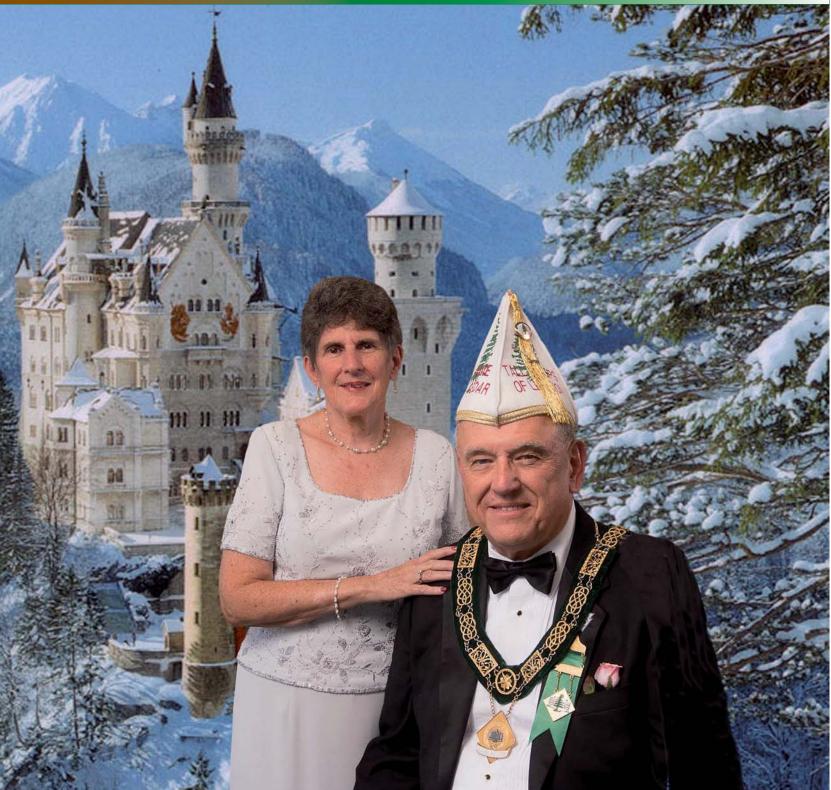
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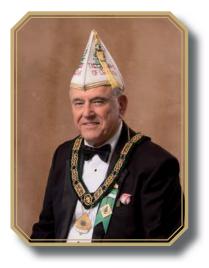
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## Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



"Believe and Achieve" has been the theme for this year. We are a fraternity within a fraternity. Before we were made a Tall Cedar of Lebanon each of us were made a Mason within our Lodge. As a Master Mason we represent a brotherhood that is a unique segment of our society. As Tall Cedars of Lebanon we represent a unique segment of Freemasonry Brotherhood. However, as Freemasons and Tall Cedars of Lebanon. we demonstrate a belief in the tenets taught in the Lodge and those imparted by the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of "fun, frolic and fellowship". Continued belief in those principles will achieve and secure their existence for many more years.

For sixty-three years the Tall Cedars of Lebanon have

## BARRY L. SHEAFFER



been supporting research by the Muscular Dystrophy Association to find a cure for neuromuscular diseases. Since becoming the first organization to sign-on as a MDA supporter in 1951the Tall Cedars have never wavered on that objective. Each and every Tall Cedar of Lebanon can be proud of the efforts of his brothers and himself towards finding that elusive cure. As Tall Cedars of Lebanon we know we are making a difference in the lives of those who have been stricken with these debilitating afflictions. It is a belief that one more dollar will bring us closer to meeting the objective that has kept this fraternity focused for the past sixtythree years. It is a solid belief that the Tall Cedars of Lebanon will be standing tall when that objective is achieved.

Throughout our lives

each of us has set personal goals to measure our individual successes. Even though the road to success may have been rough or curved beyond imagination, we never lost faith that we would reach the next plateau. It is belief in ourselves that sustained us when the light at the end of the tunnel grew dim. It is belief that we are each capable of making a difference in our own lives that has brought us to where we are today. The future of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon is dependent upon each of us to remain cognizant of those beliefs when it comes to our fraternity. The future success of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon is up to you, for there can be no S CCESS without YOU.

Throughout the year you have heard the message of the need to change.

## Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar (Contd)

The missive is real, stating it in simple terms, if your Forest is not growing its membership and/or attendance at your meetings is not increasing, then you need to make changes. There is no "cookbook" methodology for change that will fit every Forest or every situation. We all know that to ignore the obvious will not improve the existing state of affairs. Change calls for initiative to try a new way of solving problems and analysis when the results are not as expected. Change requires refinement and adjustment as all "trial and error" techniques demand.

To continue thinking everything will improve without change is pure folly. Embrace and support change within your Forest with a belief that improvement can be achieved.

Welcome to the members of two new Forests of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon Kingdom this year. Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 in Des Plaines, Illinois and Hudson Valley Forest No. 215 in Saugerties, New York. Each of these new Forests was formed by the initiative of a member to expand and enhance the Kingdom. There is ample area throughout the Kingdom for further expansion. 2014 has been filled with "fun, frolic and fellowship", with even more to come during

the remaining months. The most difficult task has been scheduling the many events hosted by the Forests of the Kingdom. No matter how hard you try, it is just impossible to visit everywhere you would like to. With multiple events often planned on the same date it is difficult to choose which one to attend. No matter how many Forests you attend there are always some that you just can't get on the schedule.

Working closely with Robert Saul, SDSTC and Curt Beam, JDSTC this year has been a distinct pleasure. Delvin Zeiders, Supreme Scribe and John Almacy, Supreme Treasurer are certainly valuable assets to our fraternity. The Supreme Directors were always willing to discuss the issues and to make decisions for the betterment of the fraternity. Thank you to each and every one of these gentlemen for their service. Janis Stanton, Director of Administration is the glue that holds this fraternity together. No matter how remote the question may seem she always has a way to find the answer. Without question she is a valuable asset to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

It would be difficult for the Supreme Forest to function without the cooperation and dedication of the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedars and all of the many Committee Chairmen and Committee Members. This group of approximately 180 individuals deserves a thank you for all of their efforts to sustain our fraternity.

In closing I want to thank the 2014 Committee for all of their support and assistance. They are a great group of Tall Cedars and wives who were always willing to make everything work. To Brother Bill Martz, chairman of the committee, and his wife Linda. thank you for all of your effort in making 2014 a successful year. Thank you to my Aide Brother Rick Hossman and his wife Cindy for their support to both Suzanne and me. They have traveled with us to many of the events, and were always there to give us much needed support. I wish to extend a special thank you to my wife Suzanne who has been a rock of support for these past three years, and for all of the miles we traveled visiting Forests throughout the Tall Cedar Kingdom, especially those long rides through western Virginia. To all of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and wives and families, thank you for the opportunity to serve.

May God bless.

In closing I ask each of you; Believe and Achieve.

Fraternally.



## Message from The First Lady



## FIRST LADY SUZANNE SHEAFFER

What an incredible year this is. I have met so many wonderful ladies totally dedicated to their Forest and Cedarette groups as well as working hard to raise funds for the Tall Cedar Foundation. My hat goes off to all of you! I am also grateful to our wonderful "2014" Committee, headed by Linda and Bill Martz, for all their hard work to make our Mid-Winter in

Dover and Convention in Wildwood successful. My two traveling companions, Cindy Hossman and Ruth DeFuge, have made the many miles we traveled together enjoyable and insightful. Plus the "behind-the-scenes" work they did for all the meetings and banquets. Thanks, you were my inspiration.

Our 2014 Goodwill Ambassador, Mary Kiehl and her parents, has been an absolute delight. Mary is always smiling and she is really enjoying her year as our "poster" girl. A big thank you to Jim and Martha Walmer for escorting Mary to many Tall Cedar functions. One of the many highlights of this year was our trip to the MDA Telethon in Hollywood, CA with Bill and Carol Ward. What an experience to meet the National Ambassadors. They are all so upbeat and enthusiastic about promoting MDA and emphasizing the need for research funds. It's also a REAL experience to see how the telethon is put together and to watch all the star performers connect with the MDA kids. They really care!

My special wishes go out to Bob and Mary Saul, Curt and Margie Beam, and Mark and Sue Brumaghim for successful years and safe travels. And most of all, enjoy your three years!

Last but not least I want to give a big thank you to Eric and Amy Jo Frank, Harrisburg Forest #43 and the Cedarettes for your support and encouragement throughout these past three years.

> Sincerely, Suzanne

## SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



As I recently read through Larry DiPietro's "The First 100 Years of Tall Cedars of Lebanon", I am reminded of the days, long before my membership, of the unrelenting enthusiasm and willingness to serve as officers of the Supreme and Constituent Forests. What has happened? Why are members reluctant to become involved? We currently have a membership of approximately 10,000 spread among 94 Forests. If each Forest has 8 officers and there are approximately 200 Supreme Forest appointments, my calculation is that there are between 900 and 1000 Cedars who are actively or semi-actively involved. That's ten percent or less. Many of you have served multiple terms for which you are to be commended. Without your commitment, many of our Forests may have gone dark. Now I am asking each of you who have not yet served in some capacity, to please "take

## Robert E. Saul



your turn". If you have not been approached, then you need to ask. This brings me to my second point. Forests need "new blood", which comes from new members. As Barry Sheaffer has said so many times, "If what you are doing is not increasing membership, then you need to change what you are doing". Today we live in a world of rapid change. The evidence is all around us. Winter becomes Spring, Spring becomes Summer, Summer becomes Fall, Fall becomes Winter, the young become old and the new become old. So change is inevitable. To quote George Bernard Shaw, "Progress is impossible without change and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything", and John F. Kennedy said it so well, "Change is the law of life. And to those who look to the past or present are certain to miss the future". So consider how constructive your meetings are. If your membership is increasing, you are probably also seeing change. If membership is dwindling, consider something

new. I recently entered on the Tall Cedar Website, a list of suggested speakers which should make your meetings more interesting. Take a moment to view it. Keep in mind, Fraternal change can be disruptive, but ultimately the change tends to improve harmony and increase membership.

I would like to congratulate Barry Sheaffer, STC and Bud Willard, PSTC on a well orchestrated 2014 Convention. Also, congratulations are in order for Curt Beam, Mark Brumaghim, Del Zeiders, and John Almacy on being elected Senior Deputy STC, Junior Deputy STC, Supreme Scribe and Supreme Treasurer, respectively. Also to three new Supreme Directors, Ray Wingate, Supreme Director, Region #2, William M. Martz, Supreme Director, Region #3 and Bernard Schlenk, Supreme Director, Region #8. In closing, have an enjoyable remainder of the summer, enjoy the Fall weather and take time to smell the roses.

Fraternally, Bob Saul, SDSTC

## JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Brother Cedars,

My year as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar has been a learning experience and a very enjoyable one. My wife and I have traveled and meet a lot of new people who we are glad to call friends. I enjoy listening to my fellow Cedars and am always learning new things from those discussions. I feel that we need to communicate better throughout the Cedar kingdom because what works in one area might also work somewhere else and sharing those ideas is important to all of us.

## Curtis R. Beam, Sr.



As we are starting to grow and expand by starting new Forests, we need to remember to grow and help our existing Forests. As I have traveled I have noticed a growth in membership in some areas where the brothers are active in their Blue Lodges and we need to remember that we have to attend and support our Blue Lodges in order to grow. We still have a long road ahead of us and we need to continue to work together as we grow our Kingdom.

We also need to keep supporting our Masonic youth organizations because they are our future. We have to become more desirable to the younger men of this country and as our Blue Lodges change to fill this need, so must we. But as we change we must also remember the traditions that have held us together all these years.

Well it's time to get off the soap box and congratulate Barry Sheaffer on his year as Supreme Tall Cedar. We have enjoyed traveling with Barry and his wife Suzanne. I also look forward to starting my year as your Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar and serving under Robert Saul as he starts his year as Supreme Tall Cedar.

## **SUPREME SCRIBE**



## Delvin L. Zeiders

It has been a pleasure to continue to work with the Team. Tall Cedars are alive, well and flourishing at least in some areas of our Kingdom. If this statement isn't true in your area, you are not doing it right. Never go anywhere without a Petition in your pocket, even if it is just to the store. You never know who will tell you "no one ever asked me to join". We need to be

proud to be a Mason and a Tall Cedar, so wear your pins and your cap. You can bet that someone will ask you about them. I hope all Forest Scribes have taken the time to carefully read the information sent to you that outlines each of the reports needed to be submitted along with the time table for submission.

## **SUPREME TREASURER**



## John M. Almacy

Congratulations to all who supported the 2014 Supreme Forest Gun Raffle. Considering we didn't have one last year and getting off to a late start this year, it was a huge success. As you may know, the profits go to the Special Activities fund which ultimately benefits the Forests in the Cedar Kingdom which then flows to each and every one of you. If you've never been to the drawing I suggest you put it on your calendar for next year. A good time was had by all (especially the person who won the 50/50 which was over \$1,400.00!).

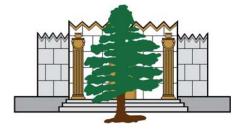
I'm sure they'll be putting that on their 2014 tax return, HA! The STC Barry and the Supreme Board continues its cost cutting measures as well as other avenues to enhance the financial status of the Organization. That, coupled with the per-capita assessment and the fact that the investments are doing well, the financial condition of the Supreme Forest is improving dramatically.

With the move of Mid-Winter back to Ocean City, MD the cost of attending will be far more affordable than last year. I hope that will allow more of you to attend and share in the Fun, Frolic and Fellowship. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Assistant Supreme Chaplain Donald R. Swisher

## God Said

I watch you from a distance I see you come and go. I see you in the sunshine And I see you in the snow. You are always in a hurry You always set a pace. God said life is a journey It never was a race. The days they come and go And you often rush them through. You don't take time to think "Oh" what did I say or do?" And as each day comes to an end And a new one gets its start. Keep God in your plan And also in your heart. It might be time to slow down And maybe change your style. Simply wipe away a frown And replace it with a smile. God will bless you and keep you He'll make his face shine upon you And be gracious unto you And he will give you peace.



## TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2014 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

## MARY LEWIS IRENE KIEHL



Mary with Supreme Tall Cedar Barry L. Sheaffer

Mary was born on May 17th 1999 and lives in Dover, Pennsylvania, with her parents Elizabeth and Christopher.

Her diagnosis of Congenital Muscular Dystrophy – Merosin Deficient was confirmed in 2011 at the Hershey Medical Center's MDA Clinic in Hershey, Pennsylvania. While she has never walked, aside from the diagnosis, she is in good general health.

A bright and spunky young lady, she attended public school through the 8th grade and is now a home schooled 9th grader. She is adaptable, bright, optimistic, confident, helpful, and to quote her mom, "She is the definition of resilience." She loves dogs and horses, and while she can't ride a horse, she loves spending time with them. She attends Bethany Church in Dover and sings in their Praise and Worship team. She has played in the Hosanna Ringers Bell Choir which is a part of Jessica & Friends. She is also a member of the York Homeschool Choir.

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

To request Mary's attendance at a Forest function contact:

Foundation Director James O. Walmer 1225 Meadow Lane Harrisburg, PA 17113 717-919-9935 - jomdwalmer@verizon.net.

## LET'S PUT "THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE"

#### Submitted by Charles F. Lord Sr. PGTC Main Line #153

In so many cases in our lodges we have a member propose a charity that we then attempt to find a community business to help us in a fundraiser. Let's look at this backwards. I was asked as a Tall Cedar Clown to create balloon figures at a restaurant for their "Kid's night." They were already selling shamrocks for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). MDA is the primary charity of the Tall Cedars so I felt good working there. I spoke to the general manager about how the Tall Cedars support MDA and some of the events there would be. Each year MDA has camps for

kids with MD and I invited him and some of his staff to attend a camp. Last year he attended with a couple others. They were so moved by the experience they asked to be one of the organizations that could cook a meal for the campers. Each meal through the week is made by different groups like local fire companies and stores. This year he brought some of his Red Robin (gourmet hamburgers) cooks and made hamburgers for the campers.

If we in our masonic bodies are the "Horse," let's look for a business that is supporting a charity we would like to support. Businesses are run by people, and people in general like to help when they can. They also like it when they can bring in others to help them in what they have chosen. The benefit to us is that the business has more contact with the general public than we as a Forest do. Your name will be seen by a larger percentage of the community and seen while you are helping the community. Forest contact information can be left with the business. The benefit to us is that even if we do not get queries about joining we can start reversing the poor image the public has of us from those "Secret Society" TV shows.

## **MDA SUMMER CAMP**

Harrisburg Forest #43 Day of MDA Camp on June 17, 2014. Our Forest makes hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. We take our classic cars, clowns, cooks and anyone else who wants to join in the fun.



## **MDA SUMMER CAMP**













## **MDA EVENT NASHVILLE, TN**



James Morrison Supreme Director of Region 10, Michael Tamez, Ambassador for Tennessee Forest No. 195 and Glenn Doolittle forest member all at the MDA event at Dave and Busters in Nashville Tennessee.

## **2014 NATIONAL GOODWILL AMBASSADOR**





5-29-14

## Dear Mr. Barry,

Thank you so much for coming to the MDA SOST taping in Hollywood. I hope you enjoyed yourself and had lots of fun, I know I did! your support of MDA for all these years mean so much to me and everyone fighting muscle disease. Thank you for everything you do for MDA all year long. If there is ever anything I can do for you just let me know. OREAGAN

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SESSION SITE: Richard G. Feeser, PSTC, Chm.

#### **SPECIAL ACTIVITY FUND:**

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SPECIAL AIDES TO THE STC: John E. Shoop, PSTC

#### **SUPREME OFFICE COMPUTER:**

Barry L. Sheaffer, STC, Chm. Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43 Gregory Erway, No. 43 Robert T. Hahn, No. 61 Janis E. Stanton, Supreme Forest Office

### SUPREME TRAVEL SPECIALIST:

James Shoop, Trustee No. 43

#### WEB MASTER

Robert T. Hahn, No. 61

#### YOUTH:

Bruce E. Neubauer, Sr., PGTC No. 77, Chm. Jerry O. Richards, Jr., SDGTC No. 21 Harvey Willard, Jr., PSTC

## TENTATIVE 2015 SUPREME FOREST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 9-11	Mid-Winter Conference, Ocean City, MD		
March 14	Supreme Forest Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA		
March 15	Wreath Laying Ceremony, Washington's Tomb, Mount Vernon, VA Visit the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, Alexandria, VA		
March 15 - 21	Tall Cedar Week		
April 5 – 11	National Dine Out Week		
April 25 – 26	Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament, Chambersburg, PA		
May 7	Supreme Forest Board Meeting, Wildwood, NJ		
May 7 – 10	Supreme Forest Convention, Wildwood, NJ		
June 27	Supreme Forest Gun Raffle and Cash Giveaway, Gratz, PA		
July 24 – 31	STC/Tall Cedar's Cruise, Bahamas, (out of Baltimore), Royal Caribbean/Grandeur of the Seas		
August 12	Grand Slam Parade, Williamsport, PA		
September 12	Supreme Forest Board Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA - Evening Activity TBA		
September 19	Autumn Days, Elizabethtown, PA		
December 12	Supreme Forest Board Meeting, Installation of Officers, PlaceTBA		

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### **2015 TALL CEDARS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**



## **Princess Royale Hotel & Conference Center**

(Every room is a suite containing Bedroom, Sitting Room & Kitchenette)

91st STREET, OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

## January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Reservations are to be made directly with the Princess Royale. Call 1-800-476-9253 or 410-524-7777 and mention the Tall Cedars so you will be housed with the block of rooms reserved for the conference. Most major credit cards accepted.

#### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS – DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 2014

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PACKAGE PLAN RATES <u>PER PERSON</u>					
Room Occupancy	Friday night only	Saturday night only	Friday & Saturday nights		
Single	\$ 149.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 298.00		
Double	\$ 107.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 214.00		
Triple	\$ 92.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 184.00		
Quad	\$ 85.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 170.00		

**1 Night Package**: Includes evening meal and the following morning Breakfast**2 Night Package**: Includes 2 evening meals and the 2 following morning Breakfasts

EP rates for early arrivals or late stays - \$89.89 inclusive per night.

**Children 3-11** Nothing additional for sleeping room; **Meals:** Hot Breakfast Buffets will be \$ 9.50 per child per meal; Dinners (Salad, Pasta or Chicken fingers, Vegetable, Starch, Dessert & Beverage will be \$18.00 per child per meal)

Children 12-17 will be considered an adult and the Double, Triple or Quad pricing will apply.

**Commuter meal rates:** Breakfasts per person \$ 21.00 inclusive/Dinners per person \$ 38.00 inclusive. Call Robert Saul at 570-220-0350 to make reservations for Commuter meals.

## **TENTATIVE CONFERENCE AGENDA**





2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE Princess Royale, Ocean City, Maryland January 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

#### **THURSDAY**

8:00 PM - Supreme Forest Hospitality

FRIDAY 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Vendor Tables Open – Caribbean Hall

9:00 AM - Tall Cedar Foundation Board Meeting

9:00AM - Supreme Forest Board Meeting

- 1:30 PM 4:00 PM Caribbean Hall Vendor Tables Open Pick up Ladies Luncheon Tickets
- 3:00 PM Installation Rehearsal "**ATRIUM**" Installation Committee & all Officers being installed should be in attendance with their lady.

5:00 PM - Supreme Forest Hospitality - Cash Bar

- 6:00 PM Dinner Red Neck/Hillbilly Revue Wear your Bibs 'n Flannels, boots or sandals, if desired or dress casual (no coat & tie)
- 9:00 PM 11:00 P.M. Supreme Forest Hospitality Caribbean Hall

#### <u>SATURDAY</u>

7:00 -9:00 AM - Buffet Breakfast

8:00 AM - Color Guard Rehearsal

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM - Credentials Validation (if needed)

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM: - Caribbean Hall Vendor Tables Open

**GENERAL SESSION:** 9:00 A.M. - Doors Open

9:15 A.M. - OPEN SESSION

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#### **SATURDAY** (continued)

#### CONVENE CLOSED SESSION

Men's Luncheon – Immediately following the Session (Advance reservation required.)

Noon – Ladies Luncheon - Doors open at 11:30 A.M. (Advance reservation required.)

#### 1:30 P M – SEMINARS:

Leadership Seminar - Grand Tall Cedars; Senior Deputy GTCs, Junior Deputy GTCs & District Deputies STC

Scribes & Treasurers

Tall Cedar Foundation

#### SATURDAY EVENING

3:30 PM - Photographs

5:00 PM - Hospitality Hour - Cash Bar - Caribbean Hall

Installation Banquet - Doors open 5:45 P.M. - "ATRIUM"

6:00 P.M. – Processional

6:15 PM - Invocation & Dinner Installation of Officers 2014 Of the Year Awards 2014 Broughton Award GWMNM Membership to STC Remarks – Robert E. Saul, STC Benediction

9:15 P.M. – 11:00 PM - Supreme Forest Hospitality - Caribbean Hall

#### **SUNDAY**

7:30 - 9:30 A.M. - Buffet Breakfast

9:30 A.M. - Worship Service

## ANNUAL SESSION 2014 WILDWOOD, NJ



PSTC James Reed is all "decked out" for the Red, White, and Blue Theme Party.



(L-R) Eric Frank, STC Barry Sheaffer, Linda Gevinson Chief Clown Eric presenting one of the Clown Awards to Linda Gevinson, Montgomery Forest



(L-R) PSTC Dick Feeser, PGTC Robert Aungst, Sr, STC Barry Sheaffer Presenting the Scrapbook Award to PGTC Bob Aungst of Susquehanna Forest #199.



(L-R); Dick Feeser, PSTC; Dave McDade, PGTC Harrisburg #43, Barry Sheaffer, STC Presenting the Scrapbook award to PGTC Dave McDade of Harrisburg Forest #43.



GTC Eric Frank of Harrisburg Forest #43 receives the Cedarette Marching Award from STC Sheaffer



(L-R) PSTC Dick Feeser, PSTC Gareth Diem, STC Barry Sheaffer PSTC Feeser and STC Sheaffer presents PSTC Gareth Diem with the award for the Lancaster Forest No. 27 publication



Can you spot the political incorrectness in this photo? And he thought no one noticed! (L-R): RWGM Bateman and Ed Stumm (Grand Tyler) in line at lunch in Wildwood.



The Cedar Kingdom welcomed new member (Cedarat-Sight) H. Richard Hoffman from Delaware as a member of our fraternity during the Annual Sessions. (L-R): PSTC Earl Myers, STC Barry Sheaffer, MWGM H. Richard Hoffman, and PSTC Gareth Diem



Our distingnished guests from PA Grand Lodge and their ladies. (I-R): Robert Bateman, RWGM; JoAnn Bateman; Cheryl Gamon; Tom Gamon, RWJGW; Mark Haines, RWGS; Karen Haines; S. Gene Heritt, RWSGW

## Annual Session 2014 Wildwood, NJ



STC Barry Sheaffer addressing the membership during the General Session.



Chris Lebaw from DeMolay International addressing the General Session.



Gerald Sharpe MWGM of NJ



H. Richard Hoffman MWGM of Delaware



Mark Haines RWGS of PA



Robert J. Bateman RWGM of PA



S. Gene Herritt RWSGW of PA



Anthony Montuori RW Deputy GN of NJ

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Tom Gamon RWJGW of PA





(L-R) PSTC George Morgan, 2008 Goodwill Ambassador Claire Menke, PSTC Richard Feeser, and FFL Judy Morgan enjoying the evening



(L-R): Bill Ward and his lady Carol enjoying the Celebrate America festivities



STC and FL Suzanne pose with family members at the Celebrate America Theme Dinner



Dorothy (aka Sara Studlack) on her way to OZ at the theme dinner



FL Suzanne addresses the audience at the Theme Party Dinner while the STC stands by listening intently!



Lady Barbara and Regional Director James Morrison enjoy the evening; and yes, that is a coonskin cap from Tennessee!



Mary Saul waves her flag as the crowds responds to Lee Greenwood's song "God Bless the USA"



Bob and Gail Aungst participating in the singing of God Bless the USA.

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The Former First Ladies had a Get-together luncheon at The Lobster House during the convention. Here they are assembled in front of the restaurant.

(L-R): Rose Ann Horgan, Margie Myers, Diane Shoop, Nancy Willard, Judy Morgan, Shirley Reed, Helen Atkinson, Pat Feeser, Arlene Baringer, Jennie Diem, and Janet Shultz

## **2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**



TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON JANUARY 10, 2015

**Princess Royale Hotel & Conference Center** 9100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842



## We welcome all Tall Cedars to join the Supreme Forest Officers for lunch.

Doors open @ 11:30 am

Luncheon @ Noon

**Deadline for reservations is December 8, 2014** 

Please complete the form below and send to: Robert E. Saul 907 Spruce Street Montoursville, PA, 17754 570-220-0350

2015 MIDWINTER TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON LUNCHEON				
Name	Forest No			
Enclosed is my check for: tickets at \$24.00 each.				
Special dietary needs:				
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROBERT E. SAUL				

## **2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**

2015 Midwinter Conference

## ANNUAL LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

JANUARY 10, 2015



## "LEAF THE LIGHT ON FOR A CURE"

## Princess Royale Hotel & Conference Center 9100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842

Please anticipate a **giving tree** on which we ask you to consider *leafing* a \$5 donation for which you will receive a ticket towards a raffle prize.

Dress is casual for our soup, salad and Italian lunch buffet.

Doors open @ 11:30 am Luncheon @ Noon

**Deadline for reservations is December 8, 2014** 

Please complete the form below and send to:

Abigail Saul 907 Spruce Street Montoursville, PA, 17754 570-506-9210

2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE LADIES LUNCHEON				
Name	Forest No			
Enclosed is my check for: tickets at \$26.00 each				
Special dietary needs:				
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROBERT E. SAUL				

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO HARRISBURG FOREST #43 MEMBERS WHO HAVE ATTAINTED MILESTONES IN 2015

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Name	Initiated
John A. Murray, Jr.	May 4, 1955
Harold H. Arnold	May 4, 1955
Charles D. Jacobs	May 4, 1955
Clarence E. Hollinger	May 4, 1955
Niles L. Gross	May 4, 1955
Nelson L. Hoachlander, Jr.	November 8, 1955
John R. Frazier	November 8, 1955
Lee N. Whitaker, PGTC	November 8, 1955

#### **60-Year Members**

#### **50-Year Members**

Initiated		
April 23, 1965		
October 25, 1965		
October 25, 1965		
October 25, 1965		
October 25, 1965		

#### **25-Year Members**

Name	Initiated
R. Edward Baumgardner	May 23, 1990
Mark K. McCracken	May 23, 1990
John W. Myers	May 23, 1990
Kenneth W. Snyder	May 23, 1990
Solomon M. Becker	May 23, 1990
David E. Evans	May 23, 1990
James E. Murray, Jr.	May 23, 1990
Arthur L. Dinger	May 23, 1990
Darwin G. Chilcote	May 23, 1990
Daniel W. McClain	May 23, 1990
George H. Judy	May 23, 1990
Louis M. Waleff	December 11, 1990
Stanley S. Black, Jr.	December 11, 1990

#### 2014 SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT WINNERS / PRIZE LIST

Place Name	Scr Total	Hdcp	Total	Forest
Team - Handicap 1 Chief Logan Brown	2080	750	2830	Chief Logan Forest #131
2 Valley #2	2377	333	2710	Valley Forest #145
3 Chief Logan Blue	1845			Chief Logan Forest #131
4 York Pyramids	1957	726	2683	York Forest #30
Team - Scratch				
1 Chief Logan Black	2253			Chief Logan Forest #131
2 Juniata Valley #88 Team 2	2161		2101	Juniata Valley Forest #88
Doubles - Handicap	4400	070	4 4 9 9	
1 Harry Hileman / Galen Claar 2 Joe Barnes / Jeff Leonard	1190 1030			Chief Logan Forest #131 Juniata Valley Forest #88
3 Janson Robertson / Ty Clouser	993			Chief Logan Forest #131
4 Kenton Campbell / Tim Lightner	1131			Chief Logan Forest #131
5 Jerry Graham / Larry McIntire	927			Chief Logan Forest #131
6 Lou Dehoff / Mark Shafer	1067	288	1355	York Forest #30
7 Mike Husson / Will Wible	997	351	1348	York Forest #30
Doubles - Scratch				
1 Carl Argenbright / Marvin Miller	1231			Valley Forest #145
2 Randy Rotz / Brady Mowers	1117			Valley Forest #145
3 Tony Reasner / Richard Witmer	1106		1106	Valley Forest #145
Singles - Handicap				
1 Bob Hopkins	645	126		York Forest #30
2 Keith Rhodes 3 Ken Renninger	569 581	192 165		Chief Logan Forest #131 Juniata Valley Forest #88
4 Galen Claar	604	123		Chief Logan Forest #131
5 Randy Rotz	598	129		Valley Forest #145
6 Bill bottenfield	517	207		Chief Logan Forest #131
7 Les Zimmerman	560	156	716	Juniata Valley Forest #88
8 Sam Cornwell	481	219		York Forest #30
9 Tim Lightner	603	96		Chief Logan Forest #131
10 Kenton Campbell 11 Carl Argenbright	559 596	138 87		Chief Logan Forest #131 Valley Forest #145
12 Jerry Graham	464	216		Chief Logan Forest #131
13 Jim Paul	439	237		Chief Logan Forest #131
14 Dave Peterson	599	66		Juniata Valley Forest #88
Singels - Scratch				
1 Marvin Miller	651		651	Valley Forest #145
2 Matt Gladfelter	610			Juniata Valley Forest #88
3 Doug Hoffman	606		606	Chief Logan Forest #131
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1 Galen Claar				Chief Logan Forest #131
2 Ken Renninger 3 Marvin Miller				Juniata Valley Forest #88 Valley Forest #145
4 Kenton Campbell				Chief Logan Forest #131
5 Dick Brown				Chief Logan Forest #131
6 Bill bottenfield			2071	Chief Logan Forest #131
7 Keith Rhodes				Chief Logan Forest #131
8 Les Zimmerman				Juniata Valley Forest #88
9 Larry McIntire			2046	Chief Logan Forest #131

## MARCH STATED MEETING OF HARRISBURG FOREST NO. 43

At the March Stated Meeting of Harrisburg Forest No. 43, Brother Robin L Hartman, Worshipful Master of Eureka-West Shore Lodge No. 302 was made a Tall Cedar along with other members of that Lodge. The photograph below shows Harrisburg Forest members of Eureka-West Shore Lodge who were in attendance.



Front row (left to right) Robert M Couch, SDGTC, Robin L Hartman, WM, Paul Buckler, Glenn Haagen Back row: (left to right) Robert Bucher, Barry L Sheaffer, STC, Rick Hossman, Aide to STC, Gene McCaleb, Darren Smith

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOREST NO. 214 HAS 17 NEW INITIATES AND 2 AFFILIATES

Saturday June 28th 2014 Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 was Instituted by Supreme Tall Cedar Barry L Sheaffer and his Supreme Officers at the Great Escape Restaurant in Schiller Park Illinois. The Supreme Officers included Brother Bud Willard, PSTC, Robert Saul, SDSTC, Curtis Beam, JD-STC, Earl F. Wys DDSTC of District No. 24 and James Morrison SD of Provisional Region 10.



L-R: Senior Deputy GTC Joseph H. Santisteban, John H. Brandenburg, GTC, JDGTC Daniel J. Harper, and STC Barry L. Sheaffer



L-R:Senior DGTC Joseph H. Santisteban, John H. Brandenburg, GTC, JDGTC Daniel J. Harper and a 3 foot tall Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 Pyramid created by Twila L. Barlow. Mother of Fred L. Barlow GTC of Central Illinois Forest No. 208 and Sister of Earl F. Wys, D.D.S.T.C. of District No. 24 & P.G.T.C. of Central Illinois Forest No. 208 at Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 Institution.

## PENN FOREST NO. 21 SEMI ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Penn Forest 21 held a pancake breakfast on March 15, 2014 with Brandywine Forest 20 and Chester Pike DeMolay pitching in and helping. The Brandywine Cedarettes also sold bake goods that helped make the event a success. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and working for a good cause.



## TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON WEEK IN DAUPHIN COUNTY

Members of Harrisburg Forest #43 join with the Dauphin County Commissioners to receive a proclamation that declares the week of March 17-21, 2014, as "Tall Cedars of Lebanon Week in Dauphin County



L-R: Dauphin County Commissioner Mike Pries; Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick, III; Harold Bowers, Trustee; D. Larry Mummert, Trustee; James O. Walmer, Past Trustee and Tall Cedar Foundation Director for Region 3; GTC Eric J. Frank; Dauphin County Commissioner Jeffrey T. Haste, who is a member of Harrisburg Forest #43; and Gerald D. Feaser, Jr., Dauphin County Bureau of Registration and Elections Director, and Scribe of Harrisburg Forest #43.

## **MUSCLE WALK**



The muscle walk was held at the King of Prussia Mall, PA on March 30, 2014 with several hundred participants involved. The above photo is a presentation of a check for \$ 2,000.00 from our Evergreen Forest No. 49 towards the efforts of our Goodwill Ambassador Aly Fisher and her ALY CATS Team. The ALY CATS Team was the winner of the highest Team fundraiser with \$ 13,868.00 raised. The total raised for the entire walk was \$101,756.00.



Tall Cedars



**Of Lebanon** 

## WREATH LAYING Ceremony

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

## **SUNDAY - MARCH 15, 2015**

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 **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

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## **2015 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE**

## THEME PARTY Redneck/Hillbilly Revue

Press yer Bibs and Flannel 'n

Shine-up yer Boots 'n Sandals 'cuz we're havin' a

"REDNECK/HILLBILLY GATHERIN" Friday, January 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM

**Buffet Dinner with all the Fixins!** 

Come; Join us at the Princess Royal Hotel and Conference Center, in Ocean City, MD for a rootin'- tootin' good time!

**NOTE:** The price of dinner is included in your Conference Reservation fee. The price for dinner for all others wishing to attend is \$38.00/person. **Deadline is December 15, 2014.** 



Complete the Form below and send to: Robert E. Saul, 907 Spruce Street, Montoursville, PA 17754

## **2015 Midwinter Conference Theme Party**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Forest No.

Enclosed if my check for #\_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$38.00 each

Total enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ Deadline is December 15, 2014



ROBERT SAUL, STC ELECT 2015 TRIP Tall Cedar's Bahamas Cruise July 24, 2015 – July 31, 2015 Royal Caribbean / Grandeur of the Seas

DATE	PORT OF CALL	ARRIVE	DEPART
7/24	Baltimore	4:00 pm	
7/25	Cruising	1	
7/26	Port Canaveral, Florida	10:30 am	9:30 pm
7/27	Nassau, Bahamas	1:00 pm	11:59 pm
7/28	CoCoCay, Bahamas	8:00 am	5:00 pm
7/29	Cruising		
7/30	Cruising		
7/31	Baltimore	7:00 am	

#### **PRICE IS PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

\$ 936.09 per person	Category M (inside)
\$1116.09 per person	Category I (ocean view)
\$1901.09 per person	Category D2 (balcony)

Rate includes cruise, port charges and taxes \*\* Trip Insurance is additional \*\*

### **D**EPOSIT **\$250.00** PER PERSON DUE UPON BOOKING

Final balance due by 5/3/2015 Price is subject to availability!

#### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

John Shoop, PSTC (570) 713-1476 Jeshoop1@ptd.net

## SUPREME FOREST TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON SPORTSMEN CASH GIVEAWAY

## Saturday, August 23, 2014

١.	\$500 Cash	- 13632 Bob Baerman, Williamstown, NJ	Ted # I
2.	Remington 700 CDL Deluxe 300WM	- 04306 Jayne Lenig, Shomokin, PA	M D Drumbellen # 125
3.	Mossberg Sliver Reserve II 12 ga	- 13518 Brian Neiman, Kimberton, PA	L Dontis # I
4.	Ruger SR9G Semi-auto 9MM	- 19944 Dale Brumbach, Enola, PA	Haps # 43
5.	\$250 Cash	- 01343 Kory Foust, Orangeville, PA	Bill Shultz # 43
6.	Browning X-bolt 270WSM	- 05286 Kathy Danner, Manchester, PA	Holtzapple # 30
7.	CZ-USA 912 Semi-auto 12 ga	- 12675 Eckhard Both, Cherryhill, NJ	Mike Pino # 1
8.	Henry H004 Golden Boy 22 LR	- 07035 Paul Bohner, Shamoking, PA	M D Drumhella # 125
9.	Ruger LC9 9MM	- 115573 Russ Dalton, Ashland, PA	# 50
10.	\$250 Cash	- 13745 Leo Koury, Swarthmore, PA	James Farve # 1
11.	Tikka T3 Hunter 30-06	- 05478 Jeff Sonnon, Lebanon, PA	Jeff Sonnon # 25
12.	Thompson Center Bone Collector 50 cal	- 05199 C R Bohner, Lykens, PA	CR Bohner # 125
13.	Winchester SXP 12 ga	- 02774 Willam Brandt Jr, Lebanon, PA	#
14.	Taurus Judge 45 LC 410 ga	- 17816 Adam Rossino, Morrisville, PA	Michael Pylypiak # 4
15.	\$250 Cash	- 16803 Dan Trombly, Mechanicsburg, PA	Pell # 125
16.	Ruger HM77 Hawkeye 30-06	- 13513 Richard Hiltner, Pottstown, PA	L Donis # I
17.	Remington 11-87 Sportsman 12 ga	- 06523 Michael Fackler, Mechanicsburg, PA	Marlin Darr # 43
18.	Marlin 336W w Scope 30-30	- 10301 Eddie Thornton, Chincoteague, VA	Jeffries # 49
19.	Sig Sauer 1911-22 semi-auto p 22 LR	- 10331 J T Custis, Westover, MD	Jeffries # 49
20.	\$250 Cash	- 13665 Mike Both, Cherry Hill, NJ	Glassboro # I
21.	Ten Point Titan Extreme Crossbow	- 18779 Richard Folkenvoth, York, PA	Jimmy Jackson # 30
22.	Taurus Circuit Judge 45LC/410	- 00881 Andrew Babog, Ligonier, PA	Jay Shirey # 77
23.	Ruger Single 9/22 WMR 9 shot	- 00729 Stanley Weitzel, Millersville, PA	Glenn Henry # 27
24.	CVA Optima w/case&scope 50 cal	- 07566 Glenn Good, Rading, PA	Ed Van Horn # 32
25.	\$250 Cash	- 05251 Timothy Stough, York, PA	Donald Wallen # 30
26.	Tikka T3 Lite 7MM	- 05015 Sandra Drumheller, Halifax, PA	MD Dumheller # 125
27.	Benelli Nova 12 ga	- 09195 Ronald Jensen, ,	David Spangler # 142

## SUPREME FOREST TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON SPORTSMEN CASH GIVEAWAY

### Saturday, August 23, 2014

	28.	Sig Sauer P238/semi-auto 380	- 05831 Joseph Enders, Dauphin, PA	Feaser # 43
	29.	\$250 336W 30-30	- 07851 Patrick Donato, Harrisburg, PA	Bill Shultz # 43
	30.	Browning X-Bolt 300WM	- 0200 Jim Conbeer, Coal Township, PA	Gary Gaugler <b># 65</b>
	31.	FNH FNX-40 semi-auto 40S&W	- 04428 Robert Gates, Lykens, PA	JP # 125
	32.	Remington 700 ADL 223 Rem	- 04643 Carol Snyder, York, PA	Rick Snyder # 30
	33.	Savage Mod 16 FCSS 308 Win	- 00439 Wendi O'Connor, Jersey Shore, PA	#
	34.	\$250 Cash	- 05765 Tony Minnick, East Petersburg, PA	Sam Wyant # 43
	35.	Browning X-Bolt 270 Win	- 03880 Ron Barcavage Jr, Halifax, PA	Randy Etzwiler # 125
	36.	Remington 700 ADL 22-250	- 16891 Nancy Konen, Erie, PA	Dale Konen # 175
	37.	Browning BPS Hunter 12 ga	- 06667 Greg Styers, Shirmanstown, PA	Gene Mcaleb # 43
	38.	Ruger American 308 Win	- 14091 Wayne Christman, Royersford, PA	Ellis Updegraff # 31
	39.	\$250 Cash	- 01981 Carson Hoover, Selinsgrove, PA	Carson Hoover # 65
	40.	Browning A-Bolt 270 Win	- 06598 Mark Koppenhaver, Millersburg, PA	# 125
	41.	Remington 700 ADL 300WM	- 01388 Brandon Shultz, Berwick, PA	#
	42.	Remington 1100 20 ga	- 01058 Christophe Pyle, Warner Robins, GA	Pat Bongiorne # 149
	43.	Savage Axis XP 22-250	- 14037 Carol Miller, Lykens, PA	#
	44.	\$250 Cash	- 01055 Andy Chopp, Duncannon, PA	DDSTC 19 # 149
	45.	Ruger M77 Hawkeye 7MM-08	- 05796 Sam Weyant, Hershey, PA	Sam Weyant # 42
	46.	Tikka T3 Lite 308 Win	- 04817 Tamie Wolfe, Selinsgrove, PA	Dale Miller # 125
	47.	Benelli Montefeltro 12 ga	- 08434 Jim Szabo, Harrisburg, PA	#
	48.	Savage III Trophy Hunter 7MM	- 05305 Kathy Weidenhammer, Blandon, PA	Hopkins # 25
	49.	\$250 Cash	- 01190 Chris Rhody, Washington, PA	Don Stefl # 149
	50.	Ruger M77 Hawkeye 270 Win	- 09200 James Fairbanks, Poquoson, VA	Onks Sr # 147
	51.	Browning A-Bolt 243 Win	- 08813 Frank Dimarco, Tamaqua, PA	Harvey # 50
	52.	\$ 250 Cash	- 02175 Robert Saul, Montoursville, PA	# 199
	53.	\$ 2,000 Cash	- 11115 Steve Lukiewski, Ellicott City, MD	Ray Lewis # 45
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## **RAINBOW SUPREME ASSEMBLY**



The Rainbow Supreme Assembly was held at the Baltimore, MD Convention Center. Most everyone here are Tall Cedars and we all participated and help with the Main sessions on Tuesday – July 27, 2014. We received many thanks on behalf of the Adult leadership as this was the largest Delegation of Masons ever to attend their sessions. Also many of the Forests in Region 2 made monetary contributions towards the expenses of the Convention

**2014 MDA SHOW OF STRENGTH PREMIERE** 

Tall Cedars from four Forests in District Eleven were present for the 2014 MDA Show of Strength Premiere held on Wednesday, August 27th at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA.



Back row standing (L-R): Mike Glanville, PGTC of Lancaster Forest, Jack Ulsh, Past Trustee of Harrisburg Forest, Joe Alfano, Director of Harrisburg MDA office, Mark Brumaghim, SD Region 3 and David McDade, PGTC of Harrisburg Forest.

Front row standing (L-R): Shirley Hobart, Quittapahilla Forest, Barry Sheaffer, STC, Rick Hossman, Aide to the STC, Jim Walmer, Past Trustee Harrisburg Forest, Wally Rohrbach, PGTC of Harrisburg Forest

Front: Mary Kiehl, 2014 GWA and Rick Snyder, DDSTC, York Forest

## **BURLINGTON FOREST NO. 207**

### 43rd Annual Cave Degree



(L to R) George Morgan, PSTC; Barry Sheaffer, STC; Rory Byers, Cedar at Large from Western NC; Dick Feeser. PSTC, and James Morrison, Region 10 Supreme Director.



L to R) Ray Lewis, Baltimore Forest No. 45; Barry Sheaffer, STC; 2 New Cedars initiated at this meeting; Dick Feeser. PSTC; James Morrison, Region 10 Supreme Director, and Rory Byers, Cedar at Large from Western NC

## **EVERGREEN FOREST NO. 49**

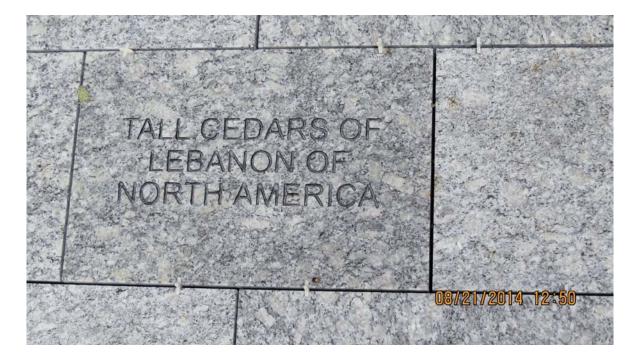


Annual Picnic on July 27 was attended by over 125 folks. Pictured here is 1 of our 3 Muscular Dystrophy Children - Ryker Lyons & his family in attendance. The Deputy Grand Master of DE – Dean Disharoon and his lady were also in attendance

## VETERANS MEMORIAL AT MASONIC VILLAGE

The Supreme Board of Directors approved the purchase of a paver for the new Veterans Memorial at the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown, PA earlier this year. The memorial will be dedicated on September 20, 2014 by Grand Master Robert Bateman. The details of the memorial were included in the Pennsylvania Mason earlier this year.





### **CEDAR RINGS**

#### Submitted by Charles F. Lord Sr., PGTC Main Line #153

When a Cedar Tree grows, it adds a new ring for each year. A lot can be found out about how good a year was for the tree by studying the rings. When the Cedar Kingdom grows, we add a ring of memories each year. When we study those rings we can learn what we have done right or wrong. We can learn what to do again and what not to or maybe just how to tweak something and make it work better. Every Tall Cedar has some of these memories and ideas. Please get them to the Public Relations Committee or Cedar Digest Committee. We want to share your input with the entire Cedar Kingdom.

I have had the privilege of talking with Don Saylor, the Senior Surviving Supreme Tall Cedar (1970). He has kept his eyes on our fraternity and spoke of some ideas he has that may serve to strengthen us. During his tenure in the Supreme Line, a long range plan was created. Five years later he was asked to evaluate the accomplishments. [ I have inserted some of my comments in this manner. ]

- 1. A new Cedar Digest was created. [In 2011 PSTC Ralph Horlbeck retired from the editorship of the Digest and Carol Henderson was brought on as the new editor and revised the look of our Digest.]
- 2. Gained good respect in the Grand Lodge jurisdictions where we operate.
- 3. Became recognized and represented at the George Washington National

Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA. [Due to our financial status our participation there is under review for the last couple of years.]

- 4. The organization governing structure has been changed. The Supreme Board of Directors was created to provide continuity in our leadership and a greater democratic voice for our members. With the exception of the fiscal responsibilities this board has failed. The men we elect to this board need proven records of accomplishments not just that they are popular.
- 5. Have an office with a meeting place for the board that we can be proud of.
- 6. Adopted a new logo.
- 7. Offering a group insurance program to members and their families.
- 8. Have a Promotion Committee that allows our members to travel and vacation at very reasonable rates.

In 2008, Don was again asked to reevaluate the fraternity's status along with PSTC Allen Shaffer (1969). It was almost forty years since the adoption of the Board of Directors concept to lead and provide continuity for us. The concept needs to be revisited as it has not operated in the manner intended. It appears to have become a "Training camp" for those wanting to seek higher office. We no longer need that cabinet to manage our affairs due to declining membership.

We should consider an advisory committee possibly augmented by PSTCs. A possible composition could be the five line officers, two members appointed by the STC and two members appointed by the PSTCs. Consideration should also be given to the idea of appointing a Tall Cedar as our Executive Secretary to run every day operations. [Jan Stanton for those that are unaware, has been with the Tall Cedars since 1982 and has been Administrative Director since 1985. She has provided invaluable assistance to everyone from "Green Hats" to Supreme Tall Cedars as well as being a wealth of "Institutional Memory" for us.]

With declining membership affecting all organizations we need to increase the interest and involvement of Supreme Forest members. Most members of the Supreme Forest have retired or are nearing that age and have fixed incomes. The cost of attending both mid-winter and convention has become prohibitive for them. They then lose interest and their voice is lost to our fraternity. Maybe it is time to consider combining them. Has it become time to consider an "Absentee Ballot" for these members?

Many Forests no longer have the units they used to have. Our parades have become shorter and shorter. Is it time to put them on the shelf until we grow stronger?

## **MILLERSBURG FOREST NO. 125 LADIES NIGHT**



The Reverend Nate Minnich, conductor of Men in Harmony, and Russell Snyder, GTC Millersburg Forest #125 at Ladies Night.



Men in Harmony provided the entertainment.

## **SUNBURY FOREST NO. 65**



PGTC Dick Radel of Sunbury Forest #65 models a new sun shading hat that he thinks could become the summer wear for the Cedars.

## ANNUAL SESSION 2014 - WILDWOOD, NJ LADIES LUNCHEON



(L-R): STC Sheaffer, Cindy Hossman, Aide to the FL, FL Suzanne Sheaffer, Mary Saul, Margie Beam, Catharine Zeiders, Terri Almacy

## JERRY WAGNER MEMORIAL AWARD



Susquehanna Forest has started an Annual Memorial Award in honor of our dear departed Brother Cedar Gerald D. Wagner, and will present this award to a deserving Cedar of Susquehanna Forest who goes above and beyond the values taught in Masonry and Tall Cedarism.



GTC David Aungst, Susquehanna Forest #199 (left) presents the first ever Jerry Wagner Memorial Award for 2013 to Brother Cedar Walter G. "Bud" Neidig.

## **AROUND THE KINGDOM**

#### HERNDON SEAFOOD NIGHT



RWGM Robert J Bateman, Evan Emala, and DDGM David L Reiner at the Herndon Seafood Night, suggesting to Evan to think about becoming a Cedar as he continues his Masonic Journey.

#### **CLOWN COMPETITION**



Clowns, Janet Clark, Franklin Williams, and Linda Gevinson

### TREE PLANTING IN WILDWOOD, NJ



Chris Fox, City Administrator, Wildwood, NJ and STC Sheaffer "turning the soil" in preparation for the tree planting.

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