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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



Curtis R. Beam, Sr.



Hello Brother Cedars,

I hope you are bearing thru this winter and getting ready for spring. I know I am looking forward to warmer weather. As you know the Groundhog forecasted an early spring. Well let's hope so. Our forecast for Cedarism is a little more accurate. Our future is starting to look brighter, we are growing in places like Alabama and Forests in the south. Where we need to work are in the Forests that have been established. We need to embrace the new ways of communicating; maybe change can be a good thing. There is an old saying and it goes something like this "When I was Grand Tall Cedar we did it this way". I have even caught myself saying it. We need to change this and think of ways to improve and attract the new generation of masons to our fraternity just as the Blue Lodges are doing. We also need to attend our Blue Lodge to help those grow as well. When I go to a Forest that is struggling for members, I always ask "How is the Blue Lodge doing?" and the response that I usually get back is, "I haven't been there in a while" or "I don't regularly attend". We need to build one to build the other. As a Lodge secretary I know that we all have the same problems and we need to work together to change and bring in the younger members. We need to keep them interested and involved not just numbers. Well enough of the soapbox.

I hope to see everyone at convention in Wildwood. We are working hard to make this event enjoyable for all. From the Theme party to the Parade and the Luncheons in between there is something for all to see and enjoy. Don't forget to catch up with those you don't get to see all year.

Lastly, I would like to thank every Cedar for giving me this opportunity to be your Supreme Tall Cedar for 2016. I hope to do a good job and also meet as many of you that is possible.

Cedarly,  
Curtis R Beam, Sr.



# SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Mark Brumaghim



Tall Cedars,

Spring is here which means our annual convention is just around the corner. I am excited about this year's convention because we will have some opposed offices to vote on. Also there will be some constitution and by-law changes to vote on. The one I am most excited about is the change that will allow all members in good standing to vote at convention.

A study done recently for the Supreme Board of Directors confirmed what many members have been saying for a while, which is our membership numbers have been declining as has our attendance at convention. According to the study, in 2010 we had an attendance at convention of 665 registered attendees. There was a steady decline until 2015 when we had 508 registered attendees. Our total organizational membership numbers reflect the same type of decline. Recently we had a Supreme Tall Cedar who throughout his year kept saying change is good, and if what you are doing isn't working then try something else. I am certain there will be some members that will speak out against the change and will argue they had to be a Forest officer in order to get a vote at convention so why shouldn't everyone. **GENTLEMEN WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING IS NO LONGER WORKING. WE MUST CHANGE IF WE WANT TO GROW THE ORGANIZATION.** Cedars, to secure the future of Cedarism I encourage you to vote in favor of this change.

Sue and I look forward to seeing everyone at convention renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Fraternally,  
Mark

# JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## James R. Morrison, Jr.

Tall Cedars

I don't have much to say since I just started in my position. The weather has been bad in the last month and half so traveling has been limited.

I would like to thank the brothers for the opportunity to serve as their Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2016. I could not think of any other position that I could enjoy having at this time in my Masonic career.

The Mid Winter Conference was very enjoyable and my wife Barbara and I had a very good time. Barbara and I would like to

congratulate the Supreme Tall Cedar, Brother Curtis R. Beam and Lady Margie along with Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Mark Brumaghim and Lady Sue, on their advancement. We look forward to working with them this year.

Cedarly,

James R. Morrison Jr

## SUPREME SCRIBE



## Dennis R. McClanahan

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate PSTC Robert E. Saul and his Officers, both Elected and Appointed, for an outstanding year. We have experienced many worthwhile changes, one of which was a new location for the Supreme Forest Office. I congratulate all the Officers for 2016 as well. I am privileged to serve as Supreme Scribe for 2016 and would like to thank all for your support. Membership will again be a priority this year for each of us. If you haven't attended and supported you Blue Lodges for a while, I encourage you to get involved. You will not only enjoy the fellowship of your Brothers, but will also be able to "Spread the Word" of the

Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Brothers, lead by example. If they see that you are interested, and involved in the Fraternity it is a very good possibility that they will be interested as well. This is "OUR" best way to gain new members into "OUR" Great Fraternity.

Dennis McClanahan  
Supreme Scribe

# TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM W. WARD, SR.



“MDA is the real deal. It is supporting patients, supporting physicians, supporting researchers and, supporting legislation on Capitol Hill so research can move forward for families.”

On Jan. 29, 2016 at Carnegie Hall in New York City, MDA showcased its new branding and goals for the future.

This was done with an hour and a half show that was live streamed over the internet on their website. That show can be seen by you by going on their website MDA.ORG, and going to the box outlined in yellow that says “watch the webcast”. It is a well done show, and easy to watch. Well worth the time that it takes.

That is the new logo above, and it is part of the rebranding, along with a very interesting message from Jerry Lewis in the middle of the show. There are some very humorous and some very touching moments that I think every Tall Cedar should take the time to see.

To sum it up we are looking at a more streamlined organization, with some very solid goals, and a good future plan that we should embrace and continue to fund through our foundation.

That being said I am happy to report that we contributed \$226,000.00 to MDA for 2015. Please keep up the good work, and try to get more this year. We will be sending out an appeal letter again this year, and if every member donated at least \$10.00, along with our other fund-raising, we would be over \$300 thousand to give to MDA.

These are very exciting times for MDA, and they are very close to being able to improve the lives of those afflicted with certain types of MD. The FDA is about to approve several drugs that show great promise.

They need our support, just as much as we need the fellowship that we have when out there raising the money for MDA.

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN

REV. EDDIE D.D. MILLER

Brethren of Cedarism,

Having been at the Midwinter Conference and experienced a record-breaking blizzard, while there, the year started with memories to carry me for a while. Although many were unable to attend the conference due to the blizzard, the spirit of Cedarism was very evident with fellowship seen everywhere as well as so much fun and frolic that the rap of the gavel was needed to put us "in order"!

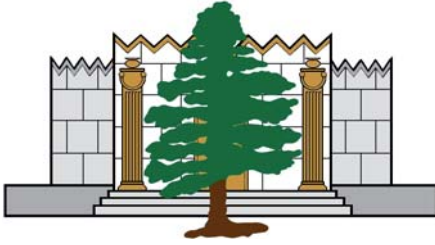
The spirituality of Cedarism was as visible as always through its rituals and the meeting of new and old friends sharing things that are important. In the midst of the storm, the 23rd Psalm came to mind for me as I watched the waves and listened to the howling wind. In a world that is full of sounds and disconcerting imagery, John 14 reminds us that Jesus wishes us "Peace".

As we consider the year ahead for our Forests, much planning for members to see one another and work side by side in projects accomplishes much to build the spirit of Cedarism. Many persons can be helped in our local areas as well as through our main emphasis on Muscular Dystrophy. When we plan to be active, it gives us all a chance to go far beyond what a single member can do with even the best of intentions. The twelve Disciples were able to convert a world, what can you see us doing because our membership numbers are many times the total of the twelve?

Fraternally,

Rev. Eddie D. D. Miller, Supreme Chaplain

## 2016 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



### TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2016 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR SHELBY VANVLIET



(L-R): Supreme Tall Cedar Curtis R. Beam and Shelby VanVliet

Shelby was born on December 14th 1999. At the age of three she was diagnosed with Congenital Muscular Dystrophy at the Good Shephard in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Hellertown, Pennsylvania is home to Shelby, her parents Linda VanVliet and Ryan Hartnett and big brother Devan.

An outgoing 10th grader, Shelby plays the French horn in the school band and is on the Debate Team. She loves science, animals, and being with her friends. She also sings in her church choir and plays wheelchair hockey.

She appears to be quiet at first but only because she has a very quiet voice due to her disease. She has spoken to many groups through MDA and has appeared on a number of MDA telethons. We feel sure she will be a wonderful Goodwill Ambassador.

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

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# CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME FOREST OFFICE

## AT THE 2016 CONVENTION

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>
SUPREME TALL CEDAR	Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43
SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	James R. Morrison, Jr., PGTC No. 195
JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	William W. Ward, Jr., PGTC No. 4 Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., PGTC No. 126
SUPREME SCRIBE	Robert V. Bachman, PGTC No. 181
SUPREME TREASURER	John M. Almacy, PGTC No. 132
SUPREME DIRECTOR:	
REGION NO. 1	VACANT
REGION NO. 5	David W. Manter, Sr., PGTC No. 124
REGION NO. 6	James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149
REGION NO. 10	Joseph S. Russell, PGTC No. 212



# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## MARK BRUMAGHIM PGTC No. 43

### **MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS**

**Harrisburg- Snyder Lodge #629 F&AM of Pennsylvania**

**Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Harrisburg**

**The Capital Area Scottish Rite Club**

### **Tall Cedars of Lebanon Harrisburg Forest #43 - Grand Tall Cedar 2009**

Harrisburg Forest Ranger Unit

Harrisburg Forest Clown Unit

Harrisburg Forest Golf Unit

Supreme Forest Key Club

### **Aide to the 2010 Supreme Tall Cedar**

### **Supreme Director for Region #3**

Chairman of the Supreme Forest Expense Cutting Committee

Member of the Supreme Forest Special Activities Fund Committee

Member of the Supreme Forest Computer Committee

Supreme Forest Judge of Elections

### **MASONIC AWARDS:**

2009 Grand Tall Cedar of the Year Award..... 2009 Scrapbook Award-First Place

2009 Publication Award-First Place      2010 Tall Cedar of the Year Award

### **BIOGRAPHY**

My wife, Sue, and I have been married for 37 years; we have no children and enjoy traveling. Sue works for a payroll company in their Tax Department. We are members of the St. Thomas United Church of Christ where we serve as greeters and ushers. Other offices I have held are Chapter Director for the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter K in the Harrisburg area. I have been a Mason since 2004 and have been active in my Lodge, the Valley of Harrisburg, where I have participated in degree work. I have been most active in the Tall Cedars serving as Grand Tall Cedar of Harrisburg Forest #43 in 2009 and Aide to Supreme Tall Cedar Harry "Hap" Horgan from 2008-2010. I served as the Supreme Director for Region #3 from 2012-2014. I am currently serving as the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

## CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR DEPUTY STC



### JAMES R. MORRISON JR. PGTC No. 195

#### PERSONAL HISTORY

I was born in Nashville Tennessee to my Mother Ethel Morrison. My Father, James R. Morrison, was a career U.S. Army Soldier. We traveled extensively in Europe and the Far East. After I graduated from a two year college in Nashville Tennessee, I married my wife Barbara and we moved to Fayetteville North Carolina where I started my Career in Law Enforcement. We later moved back to Tennessee and I continued working in Law Enforcement in Rutherford County. I have been married 42 years, raised a son and daughter and have four grandchildren that live close by.

I joined Masonry in 1979. When I retired, I started to put all my time in Masonry, achieving several honors. I became Worshipful Master of my first Lodge in 2004, and another in 2007 through 2012. I belong to the Scottish Rite, with the honor of being a KCCH, (Knight of Commander Court of Honor), the Shrine Oasis of Nashville Desert of Tennessee, and the Tennessee Lodge of Research and Many Masonic Clubs.

My time started with the Tall Cedars in 1998 when Tennessee Forest #195 was chartered and I became a Chartered Life Member. I became Grand Tall Cedar of my Forest in 2006. In 2011 I was appointed by Supreme Tall Cedar John Shoop to be his District Deputy of District 16. I was honored to be chosen District Deputy of the year for 2011. In 2013 I was appointed as Provisional Supreme Director for Region 10.

Since 1998 I have put a lot of effort into working with the Tall Cedars believing in what we stand for, to find a cure for and prevention of Muscular Diseases while working with M.D.A. I believe we as Cedars have the best organization you can belong to. I would like the opportunity to be a part of the growing of Cedarism in the future by continuing to do my part as your Senior Deputy STC.

## CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



### WILLIAM W. WARD JR. PGTC No. 4

Brother Cedars,

I am PM of Gothic Fraternal Lodge #270, PGTC of Trenton Forest #4 and currently the Supreme Director of Region #1. I am running for the office of Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar for 2017.

First, a little about myself and my family. I am a retired police officer from Hamilton Twp. Police Dept. My wife, JoAnn and I are going on 24 years of marriage.

We have four sons, Scott, William III, Cody and Jeremy. William III is PMC of Capitol Chapter DeMolay and is also a Chevalier. Cody is a two time PMC of Medford Chapter and Jeremy is also a member of Medford Chapter. I have had the good fortune to have raised William and Cody as Master Masons in

Gothic Fraternal #270 and soon to be Tall Cedars! Scott is engaged and the three others are all in college.

As for me, I was GTC in 2008. I became a trustee for the Foundation for two years. I then served as a Foundation Director of Region #1 for three years. I am currently in my third year as Supreme Director of Region #1. I also served as Parade Chairman.

I am running for the position of Junior Deputy STC because I believe I can keep this organization heading in the right direction. My past experiences through my job, my Lodge, my Forest and being involved in both the Foundation and the Board have given me the knowledge and the confidence to grow and lead this great Fraternity. Thank you in advance for your consideration

# CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



## LESLIE G. METCALF JR. (LES) PGTC NO. 126

I am the second child of 4 to Leslie Metcalf Sr. (retired Methodist minister) and Katherine Metcalf (retired RN) in Baltimore MD. Graduated Woodlawn Senior High. Started working for a plumbing contractor last year of high school until joining USMC and USMCR until 1991 when I was Honorably Discharged. I attended community college on and off. I have been in the plumbing field for over 35 years and currently am the CEO of Metcalf Plumbing Service, LLC. I have been hunting since 15 years old and still enjoy it today.

My wife Susie and I have been married for over 30 years and have three daughters, Mallory 27, Lauren 24, and Rebecca 21. We also recently became grandparents to Isaac Locke Hill (Mallory's son). We have lived in the same house in Baltimore County MD for over 25 years. We are members of Melville Chapel United Methodist Church in Elkridge MD.

I joined the Masonic order in 1999. Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2010 of Waverly Lodge 152 in Elkridge MD. Worshipful Master of Sincerity Lodge 181 in Odenton MD in 2008. Secretary of Waverly in 2007-2009.

Became a member of Valley of Baltimore Scottish Rite 2000. Received KCCH in 2004 and became Commander of Council of Kadosh in 2005. I served on various degree teams until 2013.

My father, brother and I became members of the York Rite in 2007.

In 2008 I was appointed to the Grand Line of Maryland as Grand Standard Bearer. Appointed as a Grand Inspector in 2008-2009.

In 2008 I became a member of Boumi Temple and Knights of Mecca.

In 2008 I became a member of The York Rite College #58 in Maryland.

In 2008 I also joined Annapolis #126 Tall Cedars of Lebanon becoming GTC in 2012.

In 2013 I was appointed as Supreme Preceptor by PSTC Richard Feeser and am still serving in that capacity at the present time.

In 2014 I was appointed as District Deputy for district 14 by PSTC Barry Sheaffer and am still serving in that capacity at the present time.

I am also the current president of the OPO for District 14 since 2014.

After joining the Tall Cedars and seeing what we do in the support of M.D.A. I have committed myself to learning more about this horrible disease. I believe we can grow stronger through our educating of Master Masons and growing the Forests. I hope for change in the positive and would like to be part of the "Rebirth and Renewed growth of Tall Cedars". Educating existing and new members is what every Tall Cedar should strive for. I would like the opportunity to serve the Tall Cedars by becoming your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME SCRIBE



Robert V Bachman  
PGTC No. 181

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for election to the office of Supreme Scribe.

My Masonic journey began in Cheshire Connecticut where I was raised at Temple Lodge #16. Later I demitted to Palestine Lodge 486, in Atlanta, where I am today. In addition to my Blue Lodge, I am a KCCH member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Atlanta, 3 time past President of Cobb County Scottish Rite Association, Past Grand Tall Cedar of Georgia State Forest #181, Past District Deputy of District #5, Past Foundation Director Region 9 and current Supreme Director of Region #9.

My wife Janice, of 50 years, and I live in Roswell Georgia with three grown children and five grandchildren.

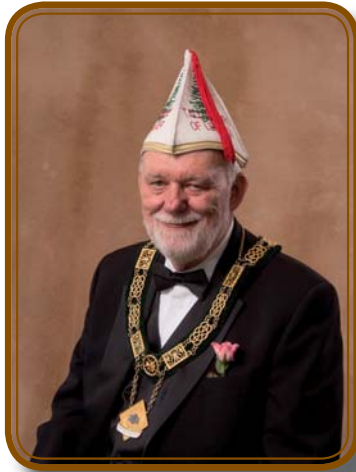
A graduate of Western Michigan University, with a degree in Industrial management, I have worked for Uniroyal and United Stationers where I was the Division Operations Manager for the Southeastern USA before owning and operating a printing business for fifteen years prior to retiring. Today I do real estate appraisal work.

Once again it is a honor to submit my name for consideration and look forward to the process ahead.

Sincerely,  
Robert V. Bachman



# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



John M. Almacy  
PGTC No. 132

Born in Bensheim, Germany in 1946, John is the son of an Army Sergeant and has lived in many areas of the United States and Germany. The first in his family to attend college, John graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970 and became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. By 1972 he was operating his own CPA firm. John continued his practice of tax and accounting services in Montgomery County, Maryland and later moved his office to Frederick County, Maryland.

Professionally, John is not only a CPA, but also a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor. His accounting and tax skills have kept his business growing for over 40 years. John is the proud father of a son and has two grandchildren. He and Terri were married in 2000 and he has been an active step-father to her three children and now shares another grandchild with her.

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

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

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

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO.5



## DAVID W. MANTER SR. PGTC NO. 124

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

I was born and raised in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. I graduated from Stroudsburg High School. I was active in scouting growing up earning my Eagle Scout in 1969.

I married my best friend on May 29, 1976. Her name is Debbi Anne. We will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this year. We raised 3 boys together, David, Michael and Benjamin. All three boys are married to great wives. My wife and I are fortunate enough to have 7 happy and healthy grandchildren.

I have worked in the construction field for over 40 years. The last 8 years have been on the inspection side of the trade. I am certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in multiple disciplines to inspect both residential and commercial projects.

### MASONIC INFORMATION:

I was raised to the degree of a Master Mason at Barger Lodge No. 325 on October 10, 1988. Through the tireless work of many I was able to learn the degree work and was fortunate enough to serve as Worshipful Master of Barger Lodge in 1995. I currently serve as Secretary of Barger Lodge, and continue to confer Degrees.

I belong to Monroe Royal Arch Chapter No. 281.

My journey in Cedarism began in 2005. I served as Grand Tall Cedar of Pocono Forest # 124 in 2011 and again in 2015. In 2012 and 2013 I served as Scribe for our Forest. I am also a Key Club Member. I am a Past President of District 8 OPO having served in 2015 and currently serving as Secretary. I have served on the Convention Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Midwinter Conference Committee and the Parade Features Committee in 2014 and 2015 and look forward to doing it again in 2016.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 6



## JAMES C. ERLINGER PGTC No. 149

I have served Cedarism for the last three years as Supreme Director of Region 6 and am respectfully submitting my name as a candidate for Supreme Director of Region 6 for the following three years. I am originally from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, but have lived in Washington, Pennsylvania for the last thirty-four years. I have been married to my wonderful wife, Donna Jean, for over thirty-six years. We have two grown sons, James Eugene and Michael Joseph. I enjoy the facets of our Brotherhood on many levels. I was raised a Master Mason in 2003 in Sunset Lodge No. 623 and served as its Worshipful Master in 2006 and 2012. I was awarded the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award in 2004. I have also served this Lodge as the Substitute Representative in the Grand Lodge for three years and Trustee for two years.

In other York Rite bodies, I am a Past High Priest of Washington Chapter No. 150 and Trustee and the Joshua Club; Past Eminent Commander of Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 3, Knight Preceptor and Illustrious Knight of the Triangle; the Roland C. Fisher Mark Lodge No. 401, and Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Washington Council No. 1 and Order of the Silver Trowel. I am a member of the Golden Triangle York Rite College No. 32, the Royal Order of Scotland, and a Knight Mason in Gateway to the West Council No. 5. I am a life member of Knights of the York Cross of Honour (KYCH), Keystone Priory No. 26. I am a 32° member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Coudersport, Pennsylvania where I have been singing Tenor II in the Consistory Choir for thirteen years and presently the Most Wise Master of a Chapter of Rose Croix, Coudersport Consistory.

I am a member of the Syria Shriners and its Motor Corps, the Knights of Mecca Past Masters, and Second Vice-President of Washington-Greene Caravan No. 2.

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

In Tall Cedars, I have twice been the Grand Tall Cedar of Wa-Cha-Gree Forest No. 149 and have served as its Housing and Rose Chairman for several years. I am a Tall Cedar Foundation Life Member, a Past District Deputy Supreme tall Cedar and presently Supreme Director of Region 6.

I have worked in the coal mining industry for over thirty-seven years; as regional electrical engineer for a major coal mine operator, for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources as its electrical engineer for equipment and substation approvals, and most recently the U. S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Approval and Certification Center, Quality Assurance and Materials Testing Division as its Team Leader.

I have been a member of the Boy Scouts of America in Laurel Highlands Council, Pittsburgh and Johnstown, PA for over forty-eight years, serving as an Eagle Scout and Vigil Honor, Order of the Arrow member, Greater Pittsburgh Council Board Member, District Vice Chairman, District Commissioner, Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and Laurel Highlands Council Member-at-Large. I was a Scoutmaster for the Junior Leader Training Conference and have been awarded the District Award of Merit and the Distinguished Commissioner Service Award.

I also have served as Director (2005 and 2006), of the Harley Owners Group of Washington, Pennsylvania. I am presently Vice President of the Johnstown-Somerset Telephone Company (JSTC) Employees Federal Credit Union in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. I've been a Pennsylvania Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) since 1976, a past EMT Instructor, Paramedic, Volunteer firefighter, CPR and First Aid Instructor. I would appreciate your vote of confidence for the Office of Supreme Director of Region 6 for 2016.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 10



## JOSEPH S. RUSSELL PGTC NO. 212

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Supreme Director Region No.10.

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

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

I became a Master Mason in March of 2011. I am a Past Grand Tall Cedar of Harry S Truman Forest #212 in Kansas City, MO (2015). I was appointed District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District #17 in 2015 and have been appointed and am currently serving the Supreme Forest as the Supreme Director of Region No. 10 for 2016.

In my Masonic life, I am the Senior Warden at Rising Sun Lodge #13 a charter member and Marshall of Barry Daylight Lodge #17. I am Worthy Patron of Barry Chapter #369, Order of the Eastern Star, Member of Liberty Chapter #3, Council #50, and Commandery #6 York Rite Bodies, a Noble and member of the Amateur Radio Club at Ararat Shrine, as well as a member of other appendant bodies.

I work for Ferrellgas, LP in Liberty, MO as their facilities maintenance person. I also enjoy the ham radio, weather, and meteorology and am a certified storm spotter and member of the Northland Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group.

In 2013, I was recognized by the Masonic Home of Missouri as the 2012-2013 Masonic Home Representative of the Year.

Thank you again for your consideration in voting for me and I hope to continue to be able to serve as your Supreme Director Region No. 10 in an elected capacity.



# 2015 Awards

FOREST MD CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR:

Selwyn S. Morgan, Jr., PGTC  
Warren County Forest No. 14

FOUNDATION TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR:

A. Romain Tweedy, GTC No. 134  
District No. 20

TALL CEDAR AWARD:

Robert L. Aungst, Sr., PGTC No. 199  
Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar

Jeffrey A. Fulton, II, GTC  
York Forest No. 30

Stanley H. Ostrinsky, PGTC  
Nutmeg Forest No. 116

GRAND TALL CEDAR OF THE YEAR:

Joseph S. Russell  
Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212

DISTRICT DEPUTY STC OF THE YEAR:

David Melvin, PGTC No. 49  
District No. 13

BROUGHTON AWARD:

Richard G. Feeser, PGTC No. 49  
Past Supreme Tall Cedar

# 2015 TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION AWARDS

## **ROSE AWARD**

NORRISTOWN NO. 31  
Jack McGranahan, GTC

## **LAUREN E. MAGYAR COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Evergreen Forest No. 49  
Brian D. Birch, GTC

## **CANISTER AWARDS**

NEVERSINK NO. 32  
Edward A. VanHorn, GTC

BALTIMORE NO. 45  
Dennis W. Ewing, GTC

SCHUYLKILL NO. 50  
Robert A. Engleman, GTC

## **2015 DIAMOND AWARDS**

ATLANTIC CITY NO. 11  
Franklin Thibault, GTC

QUITTAHILLA NO. 25  
James Porterfield, GTC

SO-RA-BO NO. 48  
Michael J. Hlatke, III, GTC

FREDERICK NO. 132  
Forrest J. Miller, GTC

SHENANDOAH NO. 150  
Gregory A. Amlin, GTC

MAIN LINE NO. 153  
Brian W. Plotts, GTC

WHITE PINE NO. 191  
Howard H. Crumit, Jr., GTC

PALMETTO NO. 206  
Abram C. Flora, IV, GTC

WEST TENNESSEE NO. 213  
Tommy L. Foster, GTC

## **EMERALD AWARD**

BRANDYWINE NO. 20  
Edward Binasiewicz, GTC

LANCASTER NO. 27  
Edward J. Stumm, GTC

YORK NO. 30  
Jeffrey A. Fulton, II, GTC

HARRISBURG NO. 43  
Robert D. Herman, Jr., Acting GTC

EASTERN SHO' NO. 53  
Donald Smith, GTC

BETHLEHEM NO. 61  
George A. Morgan, Jr., GTC

POCONO NO. 124  
David W. Manter, GTC

CHIEF LOGAN NO. 131  
Robert A. Verbonitz, GTC

VALLEY NO. 145  
Brian Van Scyoc, GTC

SHAWNEE NO. 167  
M. Troy Claycomb, GTC

GEORGIA STATE NO. 181  
Carl J. Gamel, GTC

OHIO NORTHERN NO. 188  
Lynn L. Basinger, GTC

SEMINOLE NO. 193  
David A. Davis, GTC

## **JERRY LEWIS AWARD**

**SCHUYLKILL NO. 50**

**Robert A. Engleman, GTC**

**MILLERSBURG NO. 125**

**Randy D. Etzweiler, GTC**

**ROCHESTER NO. 133**

**Rob Russo, GTC**

**NEPA NO. 137**

**Michael P. Hughes, GTC**

**TENNESSEE NO. 195**

**John C. Spencer, GTC**

**SUSQUEHANNA NO. 199**

**Charles A. Knarr, Jr., GTC**

**ADONIRAM NO. 209**

**David W. Miller, GTC**

## **SUPREME TALL CEDAR AWARD**

**TRENTON NO. 4**

**Christopher A. Bonelli, GTC**

**WARREN COUNTY NO. 14**

**Paul L. Wolf, GTC**

**NORRISTOWN NO. 31**

**Jack McGranahan, GTC**

**BALTIMORE NO. 45**

**Dennis W. Ewing, GTC**

**MASSASOIT NO. 91**

**Robert T. Goff, GTC**

**ANNAPOLIS NO. 126**

**Paul Romer, GTC**

## **POSTER CHILD AWARD**

**PENN NO. 21**

**Jerry O. Richards, Jr., GTC**

**NEVERSINK NO. 32**

**Edward A. VanHorn, GTC**

**EVERGREEN NO. 49**

**Brian D. Birch, GTC**

**CHESAPEAKE NO. 115**

**Stanley R. Flaggs, Sr., GTC**

**NUTMEG NO. 116**

**James E. Hammitt, GTC**

**MONTGOMERY NO. 134**

**A. Romain Tweedy, GTC**

**PRINCE GEORGES NO. 139**

**Phillippe A. Williams, GTC**

**HAR-CE NO. 142**

**Vernon Miller, Jr., GTC**

**MARINERS NO. 147**

**Jeremy B. Utt, GTC**

**WA-CHA-GREE NO. 149**

**Thomas G. Sertik GTC**

**THREE RIVERS NO. 174**

**Robert E. Lindsey, GTC**

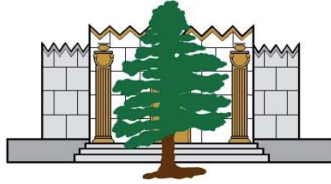
**NORTHERN ILLINOIS NO. 214**

**John H. Brandenburg, GTC**

**HUDSON VALLEY NO. 215**

**Dana-Thomas C. Soule, GTC**

# PROPOSED SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW CHANGES



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

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

Date: February 2016  
To: Supreme Forest Members  
From: Dennis R. McClanahan, Supreme Scribe  
Subject: Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

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

These proposed changes will be acted on at the 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 in Wildwood, New Jersey.

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

Registration Badges will be required at all social functions.

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

## **CREDENTIALS VALIDATION SCHEDULE**

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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**16-1 ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP**

A. Membership in the Supreme Forest shall consist of:

1. ~~all members of a constituent Forest in good standing and Members-at-Large in good standing, the current Grand Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, Treasurer, and Trustee of each Constituent Forest in good standing with the Supreme Forest.~~
2. ~~all Past Grand Tall Cedars of Constituent Forests who have completed a full term as a Grand Tall Cedar.~~
3. ~~any Constituent Forest member who has served the same Forest for a period totaling three (3) years in the offices of Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, Treasurer, and/or Trustee. Upon completion of three consecutive years of service in one or more of these positions prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, the member shall be granted membership in the Supreme Forest.~~
4. ~~any member of any Constituent Forest not otherwise a member of the Supreme Forest who holds a lawful proxy of either the current Grand Tall Cedar or the current Scribe of his Forest shall have powers of voice and vote; such powers shall be valid and limited solely for the meeting for which the proxy was issued. No person shall hold more than one (1) proxy.~~
5. ~~any member, in good standing, of a Constituent Forest currently serving as a Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest (as defined in Article IX, Section D of the By laws of the Supreme Forest) or any member after having successfully served for three (3) continuous years as Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest.~~

Signatures:

James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149  
James R. Morrison, PGTC No. 195  
Van M. Jodon, PGTC No. 129  
William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95

William W. Ward, Jr., PGTC No. 4  
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Bernard C. Schlenk, PGTC No. 193

**16-2 ARTICLE VI--ELECTED OFFICERS--THEIR DUTIES--VACANCIES**

B. Duties of elected officers

2. Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar shall:

- a. preside over the meetings of the Supreme Forest and the Board of Directors in the absence of the Supreme Tall Cedar, and perform such other acts as may be required by the Supreme Tall Cedar or the Board of Directors.
- b. make a written report to the Supreme Forest of the official acts completed during his term within two (2) months following the end of his term and such report shall be published in the Annual Proceedings.
- c. have the option to reopen and adjust the budget to reflect the current status of the fraternity for the ensuing year during the December Board of Directors meeting preceding his term as Supreme Tall Cedar with the approval of the Board of Directors.

7. Board of Directors

- a. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Supreme Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Treasurer and no less than eight (8) elected Directors and any lawfully appointed Provisional Supreme Directors.
- b. Term of Office
  - (1) Of the elected Directors of the Board (minimum of eight), the term shall be three (3) years and a member shall not be eligible to succeed himself after serving two (2) full three (3) year terms.
    - ~~(a)~~ Any appointed Provisional Supreme Directors shall serve the one (1) year term for which he was appointed, unless, reappointed by the succeeding Supreme Tall Cedar, ~~and only then, if less than six (6) successive years.~~
    - (b) In the third year of an appointed Provisional Supreme Director's term the Board of Directors shall determine to either make the position permanent or abolish the position may serve no more than three (3) one (1) year terms.
    - (d) The immediate Past Supreme Tall Cedar shall be an ex officio non-voting member and shall be granted all other rights and privileges due to the other members.

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**16-3 ARTICLE VIII--APPOINTED OFFICERS**

- A. All appointed officers of the Order shall be as stated in the By-laws and such appointments, in part, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. A list of such appointments shall be given to each member of the Board of Directors no later than ~~August 1st~~ the Board of Directors Meeting held in May preceding ~~proceeding~~ the date that the Supreme Tall Cedar Elect shall assume the Office of Supreme Tall Cedar. The Board of Directors shall pass upon such nominees when the list is presented at the Board of Directors Meeting ~~as soon as possible but no later than October 1st next~~. In case of emergency, or by special action of the Board of Directors, appointments may be presented at any meeting of the Board of Directors for their approval.

Signatures:

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

**16-4 ARTICLE IX--CONSTITUENT FORESTS**

D. Officers

~~12. Constituent Forest Delegate to the Supreme Forest~~

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

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**16-5 ARTICLE IX—CONSTITUENT FORESTS**

J. Dissolution of a Constituent Forest

- 1. Whenever a Constituent Forest is dissolved by surrender or revocation of its dispensation or charter, or otherwise, all dispensations, charters, books, papers, records, monies, (which will be held in escrow and returned upon reopening of the same Forest within twenty (20) years from date of closure), and other assets regardless of kind, character or nature, shall forthwith become the property of the Supreme Forest, and shall be immediately delivered and surrendered to it.

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## PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

INCOME:	Membership Fees	\$150,450.00
	Management Fees	1,800.00
	Publication Fees	500.00
	Sales	4,000.00
	TCL Functions	31,000.00
	Interest Income	35,000.00
	TCF Fees	40,000.00
	Miscellaneous	500.00
	Total:	\$263,250.00
EXPENSES:	Administrative Operations	\$88,500.00
	Building	15,000.00
	Appointed Officers	1,000.00
	District Deputies	5,300.00
	Committees	2,800.00
	Elected Officers	25,000.00
	Office	17,000.00
	Public Relations	15,000.00
	Publications	32,500.00
	Purchases for Resale	2,500.00
	TCL Functions	34,000.00
	Miscellaneous	1,800.00
	Total	\$240,400.00
Excess Income over Expenses		\$22,850.00



**Harrisburg Forest #43  
60-50-25 Year Members for 2016**

**60-Year Members**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiated</u></b>
Harold E. Pacey	May 5, 1956
Robert L. Bair	May 5, 1956
Robert M. Nye	May 5, 1956
Richard W. Ramsey	May 5, 1956
James Acri, Jr.	May 5, 1956
George R. Moad	May 5, 1956
William J. Albright, III	May 5, 1956
Robert W. Farver, PGTC	May 5, 1956
Richard K. Watson	November 13, 1956
John E. Rowan	November 13, 1956
Lester L. Blosser	November 13, 1956
Harry H. Barnes, PGTC	November 13, 1956
Charles E. Boyer	November 13, 1956
Frank J. Hughes	November 13, 1956

**50-Year Members**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiated</u></b>
Wallace B. Grissinger	May 15, 1966
Charles F. Gamber	May 15, 1966
Arthur G. Bruaw, Jr.	May 15, 1966
William B. Hawk	May 15, 1966
Robert A. Meck	November 5, 1966
Ross J. Smith	November 5, 1966
William R. Lick Jr.	November 5, 1966
Harry A. Dietz	November 5, 1966

**25-Year Members**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Initiated</u></b>
Paul R. Martini	May 22, 1991
David D. Anspach	May 22, 1991
Michael A. Balas, PGTC	May 22, 1991
Donald L. Meck	May 22, 1991
Wesley E. Ames	May 22, 1991
Robert D. Johnson	October 24, 1991



# 2016 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland



Presenting the colors...members of Easton Forest #35



Robert Saul giving his report for the 2015 year.



Supreme Clown Eric Frank giving his report for the upcoming 2016 Convention.



MDA spokesperson addressing the General Session.



The exchange of the gavel from 2015 Ambassador Lauren Magyar to 2016 Ambassador Shelby Van Vliet



SDSTC Mark Brumigham speaking to audience



PDDSTC Greg Dimoff giving the annual membership report



PSTC Dick Feeser accepts the 2015 Broughton Award from PSTC Robert Saul.



DDSTC Rick Snyder giving his report



Members listening to the speakers





# 2016 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland



PSTC Ray Vogel served as Master of Ceremonies



STC Beam addresses the Saturday Night gathering



STC presents FL Margie Beam a gift



STC Beam receives his STC pyramid from First Lady Margie.



Norristown Forest No. 31 PGTC Bruce Gratz, accepts the 2015 Rose Award for PGTC Jack McGranham



PSTC Robert Saul presented the Howard "Oakie" Doaks III Award to John Hamm for Selwyn Morgan, Warren County Forest 14.



PGTC Romain Tweedy, Montgomery Forest No. 134 accepts the Foundation Trustee of the Year Award from PSTC Robert Saul



Joseph Russell, 2015's GTC of Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212, is presented the GTC of the Year Award from PSTC Robert Saul.



David Melvin, DDSTC District #13 accepts the DDSTC of the Year Award from PSTC Robert Saul



Appointed officers being installed



Regional Directors Installation





# 2016 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland



L-R: SDSTC Mark Brumigham; STC Curt Beam; and JDSTC James Morrison preparing to be introduced at the General Sessions on Saturday morning



While some people were enjoying German Fest, others were too tired to enjoy!  
(L-R): Ray and Debbie Shaffer in the traditional "garb" while DDSTC Rick Snyder slept through the food, fun, and the fellowship!



Baltimore Forest ladies enjoying the hospitality with their men.



Baltimore Forest enjoying a little hospitality. Note the shirts...they look vaguely familiar!



Foundation Chairman Bill Ward, and PSTC Bob Saul making a presentation to our Goodwill Ambassador Lauren Magyar at the Midwinter Conference.



While the Mid-Atlantic states were experiencing their largest blizzard in history, the Ocean City beach was not spared from the effects of the Nor'easter! Pictures showing the beach and surf on Sunday morning!





# 2016 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland

## MEN'S LUNCHEON



The STC and the SDSTC communicating with one another, making sure we are on schedule!



A happy face at the men's luncheon, PSD #1 Russell Fuscia, Jr.

## LADIES LUNCHEON



Plenty of good food...Ladies' Luncheon



(L-R): Barbara Morrison (JDSTC's wife); FL Margie Beam; Robin Ennis, Aide to the FL



**TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CONVENTION – 2016**

Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey

Friday, May 6th

Opening at 8:30 A.M.

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

Opening

Introductions of Supreme Forest Board of Directors

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

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Introduction of 2016 Goodwill Ambassador & family

Key Club recipients' recognition

Supreme Forest Memorial Service

Proposed Agenda

Present 2017 Budget

List Candidates and receive nominations

Report and voting on Convention Site

Voting on Supreme Forest Officers

Voting on changes to Constitution & By-laws

Committee Reports

Results of Election

**OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:00 A.M.                      Supreme Forest Board of Directors Meeting

Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 P.M.                      “Band Stand” Theme Party – Convention Center  
Doors open 6:00 P.M. - Ticket required

**Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

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

6:30 P.M.                      Convention Center – Doors open at 5:00 P.M.  
Reception of Distinguished Guests  
Color Guard Competition  
Supreme Forest Clown Competition  
Color Guard Competition Awards

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M.                      Tree Planting, New York & Poplar Avenue

10:00 A.M.                      Parade start time

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

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

## RECOMMENDED 2016 CONVENTION DRESS CODE

### Thursday, May 5th

Theme Party: "Band Stand" – Come in your favorite "50s fashion!

SF Hospitality: Casual

### Friday, May 6th

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

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

SF Hospitality: Casual

### Saturday, May 7th

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

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

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

SF Hospitality: Casual

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



2016 ANNUAL LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**

WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER

DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM

WILDWOOD, NJ 08260

LUNCHEON @ NOON

**PASTA PRIMAVERA, SALAD W/CUCUMBER, CARROTS, TOMATO  
AND BALSAMIC DRESSING**

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 24, 2016

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:**

FFL SHIRLEY REED

908-439-2329

BOX 262, OLDWICK, NJ 08858

"A \$10 GIFT FROM EACH FOREST IS APPRECIATED"

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2016 CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FOREST NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

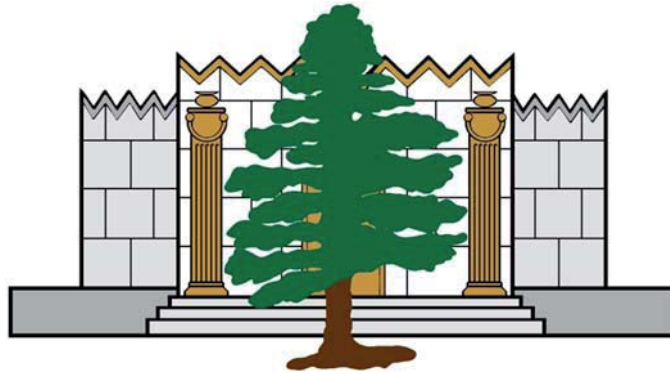
ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS @ \$ 24.00 each

ANY SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:

YOUR PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 2016 COMMITTEE 

# 2016 MEN'S LUNCHEON



TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF NORTH AMERICA

**FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**

WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER  
STC DIRECTS

DOORS OPEN AS

4501 BROADWALK  
AFTER PRAYER

LUNCHEON FOLLOWS

WILDWOOD, NJ 08260

ALL TALL CEDARS AND GUESTS WELCOME

*DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 24, 2016*

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:**

PSTC BUD WILLARD

610-888-7009

46 NORTH DANBURY CIRCLE

EAST FALLOWFIELD, PA 19320

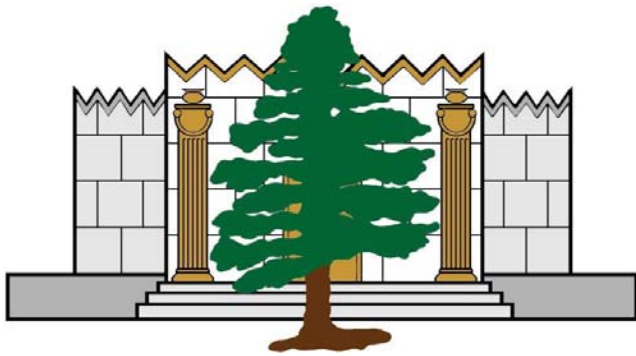
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**2016 CONVENTION MEN'S LUNCHEON**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FOREST NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \_\_\_\_\_ TICKETS @ \$ 24.00 **each**

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **2016 COMMITTEE**

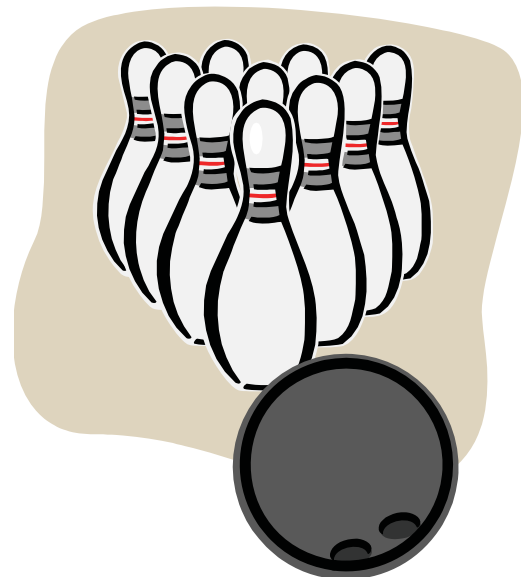


56<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Supreme Forest  
Bowling  
Tournament

*April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

Lincoln Lanes  
Chambersburg, PA

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





**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Hosted by  
Valley Forest # 145**

<p><b>Entry fee is \$17.00 per man per event</b> All Events is \$2.00 additional</p> <p>Prize Fee           \$6.75 (Prize fee returned 100%)</p> <p>Bowling Fee        \$9.25</p> <p>Expense Fee        \$1.00</p> <p><b>Entries close April 16, 2016</b></p>	<p>Mail applications with check payable to: Valley Forest # 145 Send to: Dick Witmer, Tournament Manager 263 West Main Street, Fayetteville, Pa 17222 Phone Number: (717)352-3529</p> <p>Team event is \$68 per team (4 man teams)</p> <p>Doubles event is \$34 per two people</p> <p>Singles event is \$17 per person</p> <p>All Events is an additional \$2.00 per person</p> <p><b>Total cost for one bowler to enter all 3 events &amp; All Events is \$53</b></p>
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<p>Do not write in this space</p> <p>Entry No _____</p> <p>Date Rec'd _____</p> <p>\$ Rec'd _____</p>	<p>Team Name _____</p> <p>Captain's Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____</p>
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Please circle preferred times  
**Team Event:** Saturday – 10 AM, 1:30 PM    Sunday – 9 AM, 1 PM  
**Doubles and Singles Events:** Saturday – 10 AM, 1:30 PM    Sunday – 9 AM, 1 PM

**Roster for 4 man Team Event**  
List bowlers in order of bowling

#	Bowlers Name	Average	All	Events
1			Yes	No
2			Yes	No
3			Yes	No
4			Yes	No

**Roster for Doubles and Singles**  
List bowlers in order of bowling (must bowl both events)

#	Bowlers Name	Average	All	Events
1			Yes	No
2			Yes	No
3			Yes	No
4			Yes	No

# 2016 Tall Cedar Convention

## Band Stand Theme Party

1950's

Rock

'n'

Roll

Party



*Come in your favorite Kool '50's fashions*

*Blue jeans & white T-shirt*

*Poodle Skirt w/Cinched Belt*

*Bowling shirt, Capri pants*

*Saddle shoes, Varsity Sweater*

*Wigs:*

*Elvis, Marilyn Monroe*

*Pedal Pushers, Penny Loafers*

**Wildwood Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk - Wildwood, NJ**

**Thursday,  
6:30pm**

**May 5, 2016**



**\$31 per person**

**Make Checks to:  
2016 Committee**

**Deadline:  
April 24, 2016**

**Include:  
Your Name & Forest #  
Number of people in your party**

**Mail to:  
John Beam  
311 Third Street  
Easton, PA 19042**

### Menu

*Fried Chicken  
BBQ Beef*

*Au Gratin Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
MAC & Cheese  
Coleslaw*

*Iceberg Wedges  
Cornbread*

*Peach Cobbler*



# EVERGREEN FOREST NO. 49 CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

## AND DISTRICT NO. 13 JOINT INSTALLATION



STC Robert Saul bringing Greetings



Head Table



Forest Grand Tall Cedars exchanging Gavel



Gathered members & Guests



Gathered members & Guests



Milford Community Band/Orchestra  
(17 pc.)

## EVERGREEN FOREST NO. 49 ANNUAL FALL SPOUSES NIGHT

This event featured attendance by our STC Robert Saul; our DE Grand Master – Dean Disharoon; the 90th. Birthday celebration of one of our members – Sam Warrington; attendance by PSTC Gareth Diem, and also featured the presentation of the “William Burrows Memorial Award” to our Forest and PGTC Howard “Bud” Hamilton.



## LANCASTER FOREST NO 27

December 4, 2015 gathering of masons to celebrate the 100th birthday of Clyde R. Gamber PGTC of Lancaster Forest #27. Clyde was the Grand Tall Cedar in 1966



Photo of Clyde in 1966 from our Cedar Knot publication.



L-R: William Klinefelter, Past Supreme Scribe, Glenn W. Henry, PGTC, Clyde R. Gamber, PGTC, Tall Cedar Bruce H. Jackson, Brother Lloyd Hall

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOREST NO. 214

Tall Cedars of Lebanon put on a Miniature Golf Fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Saturday September 12th 2015, from 10am to 2 pm.

Fifty dollar sponsorship's were sold for each golf hole and \$2.00 from each ticket sold was given directly to the MDA. A grand total of \$1,004.03 was raised for the charity.

This fundraiser would not have been possible without all the time and effort put in by the Brothers of Forest No. 214 and the site donation by Craig Klatzco, the owner and operator of the Novelty Golf and Games, in Lincolnwood Illinois.



L-R: Dan Harper JGTC, John Harty Brandenburg GTC, Eric O'Phelan Treasurer, Joe Santisteban SDGTC and member Tom Grisham



## INSTITUTION OF TUCKAHOE FOREST NO. 216



Newly installed officers of Tuckahoe Forest No. 216  
Robert Sparks, GTC & STC Robert Saul



Newly instituted Tuckahoe Forest No. 216  
Members and guests on December 30, 2015. The new Forest is  
currently meeting in Temple Lodge No. 128 located in Denton, MD  
and will be in District #13; Region #2

## YORK FOREST NO. 30



Third Row: PGTC (2015) Jeffrey A Fulton, II

Back Row: PGTC (1991) Earl T Myers, Jr, PSTC; PGTC (2006) David A Auchey; PGTC (2002)  
Raymond M Sheaffer; PGTC (2010, 2011) Robert C. Hopkins; PGTC (2014) Scott A.  
Smeltzer; PGTC (2008) Richard D. Snyder; PGTC (2005) Lonnie L Neiman

Seated: PGTC (1994) Gordon R. Heath, Jr; PGTC (2012) David P Werner; PGTC (1981)  
Larry D. Potteiger; PGTC (2004) Robert H Secrist



# TCL PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE REPORT



I hope by now everyone has managed to dig out from the noreaster that made its way up the east coast during Midwinter celebrations. It's time to set our thoughts on Spring and the Tall Cedar Convention festivities.

First of all let me thank everyone who participated in the 2015 Parade. Last year the weather was perfect and the brethren assembled for a fine parade the morning of May 9th. Five of the Cedar Kingdom's Regions, and eleven Districts were represented. There were Color Guards, Tuxedo Units, Clowns, Motor Units, Rangers, Cedarettes, Floats, and Marching Bands all joining in Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship to celebrate the hard work and fund raising activities to fight Muscular Dystrophy.

We want to make this event more enjoyable and meaningful, and obviously increase our numbers both in Parade participants and spectators. There is a great need for your assistance. Calling all Sidonians! The Cedar Kingdom needs you to come out in force. A simple theme for this year's Parade is

**"Plus One". Let's get one more unit, one more Forest, one more Color Guard, one more Float; (Get the picture?), One more Marching Band, one more Ranger, one more Cedarette, one more Clown. Let's strive to increase participation from all Districts and**

**Regions.**

As for spectators, encourage more of your Forest membership to attend the convention and be part of the Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship. The Committee has discussed ways that the local residents can learn about the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and witness our yearly celebration. We have been in contact with the Greater Wildwood Area Chamber of Commerce and local High Schools that may wish to participate with individual Forests.

Let's show our Cedar spirit by participation in this year's Parade. The work of this committee functions mainly to facilitate ways for the Forests to take part in this great celebration. There is much work to do, permits to pull, etc. for the Parade to go on. We rely upon the District Deputies and Supreme Directors to get the word out, but we especially need the constituent Forest Officers and membership to embrace this event. Make note that Parade Registration forms are now

available and will be distributed to Forest Scribes. The deadline for registration this year is March 25th.

Please make every effort to submit the forms on time, knowing that we will do everything possible to assure that all who wish to participate will be accommodated. At your next Forest meeting, call for a special convention committee to build a float, or encourage Forest Units to be part of this year's Parade. Let's make the 2016 edition for the Tall Cedar Convention Parade bigger and better and build upon that for the coming years. The committee appreciates your support and feedback as we attempt to improve the Parade experience for all.

There are other ways to help assure that the Parade will be a success, but none as important as your being part of the Tall Cedar celebration on May 7th. The Committee could use a few more Parade Marshalls to help during the Parade. If you are interested, please contact me or another Committee member. There's much to do and it's coming soon. Let's get it done "Plus One"!

Cedarly,

PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE

Bob Hopkins PGTC  
York No. 30, Chairman

David Manter PGTC  
Pocono No. 124

Thomas Keller PGTC  
Annapolis No. 126



# TCL 2015 PARADE PICTURES





# ANNAPOLIS FOREST# 126



Youth Night at Annapolis Forest. DeMolay, Jobs Daughters, and Rainbows Girls came and spoke about their life and Masonic involvement



GTC Paul Romer, SDGTC Roy Stevens, JDGTC Harris Asbeil, MD Chairman Joe Calvert, Showman Paul Letterman, Scribe Al Tynan, PSD Region II Don White and PDDSTC Howard Beardsley



JDGTC Harris Asbeil, MD Chairman. Joe Calvert, Scribe Al Tynan, Chaplain Howard Beardsley taking Hula lessons from Cedarette Gerry Tynan and professional performer Paul Letterman.



GTC Paul Romer got into a side car so Olivia Calvert could go for a motorcycle ride at MDA Camp Maria

## SUNCOAST FOREST NO. 165



Brother Kenneth Minton, PGTC Suncoast #165 in Tampa, Florida was installed at their meeting on Friday, January 29, 2016 by Bernard C. Schlenk PGTC #193 Supreme Director for Region #8. Brother Ken receive a salute from Tamiami Forest #205 Fly Swatter Brigade lead by Irv Hopkins, GTC. The meeting was attended by members of Harrisburg Forest #43, Baltimore Forest #45, Seminole Forest #193, & Tamiami Forest #205.

## 2015 GWA LAUREN MAGYAR



Walter "Manny" Manhart (Schuylkill Forest #50) and Lady Jane with our 2015 Goodwill Ambassador, Lauren Magyar, her sister Victoria, and her mother Jeanna



## SEMINOLE FOREST NO. 193



Seminole Forest #193 of Deland, Florida presented the Sidonian Degree at their February 6th, 2016 meeting. Florida now has about a half dozen new Sidonians. Regional Director #8 Bernie Schlenk conducted this Degree. The meeting was presided by Mike Hindley, Grand Tall Cedar. The meeting was attended by David Z. Eunice District Deputy# 27, Irvin R. Hopkins, G.T.C., Bill Bond, P.G.T.C., Scribe, & C.Cecil Raulerson, J.D.G.T.C. of Tamiami Forest #205. Also Brother Randal Burkett J.D.G.T.C. of River City #198 were visitors to Seminole Forest.

## TAMIAMI FOREST 205



Bill Bond, President of the Englewood Shrine Club and Irv Hopkins, Grand Tall Cedar of Tamiami Forest #205 present checks from the collateral bodies to support Englewood Lodge #360 F. & A.M. Elementary School Program. The local Newspaper published this photograph supporting Masonry.



Tamiami Forest No 205 installation 2016 Tall Cedars

On Valentine's Day Tamiami Forest No. 205 in Sunny Southwest Florida were entertained by the Hot Flashz dancers. Grand Tall Cedar, Irv Hopkins, and the officers, members and their families danced with the ladies. ALL the ladies received a red carnation including the dancers. Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship was everywhere at Tamiami Forest No. 205 on Valentine's Day.





## AROUND THE KINGDOM



Millersburg Forest No. 125, 50 year members were recognized by the forest at their September Sport Shirt Night held at the Gratz Fairgrounds

(L-R): Ed Schlegel, Bill Reed, Steve Witmer, Butch Holly, Jack Gahres, and Fritz Bowman



STC Saul and First Lady Mary showing one of the many gifts received from his forest, Susquehanna 199, at their office installation/Christmas Dinner on Dec.19, 2015



Evergreen Forest No. 49 member Bud Hamilton (Supreme Director of Music), Mrs. Hamilton, Linda and Marshall Gevinson went to Atlantic General Hospital in Berlin Maryland to visit staff and patients as Santa, Mrs. Santa and two Elves.

Hunterdon County Forest No. 13 held their Annual Benefit Ball and Tricky Tray for our beneficiary, Sara Gebert who is twenty years old. Sara cannot eat from her mouth, but uses a feeding tube since she was seventeen. The night started with one hour open bar, sitdown diner, dancing and tricky tray. The bar was open for beer, wine and soda all evening. After the tricky tray was finished, our Grand Tall Cedar Michael Marten presented Sara and her family with a check for \$7000.00 for some of her medical bills.

Each year our Benefit Ball is always held for a Hunderdon County resident who is in need of financial support. It is always held on the first Saturday in November.



The Englewood Shrine Club recently received a presentation by Warren C. Hillbish entitled "The Doolittle Raid and the Last Reunion" at a recent meeting in Englewood, FL. Shown in the picture from left to right is Bill Bond, President of the Englewood Shrine Club and Past Grand Tall Cedar of Tamiami Forest #205, the speaker, Warren C. Hillbish, member of the Hershey(PA) Shrine Club and Past Grand Tall Cedar of Harrisburg Forest #43 and Irv Hopkins, Vice President of the Englewood Shrine Club and Past Grand Tall Cedar of Baltimore Forest #45. With several Masonic bodies represented from many areas of the United States, once again the unity of the Masonic organization was on display and enjoyed by those in attendance.



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2016 SPORTSMEN'S & CASH GIVEAWAY

Cash Prizes, Merchandise Prizes, Rifles,  
Shotguns & Black Powder Packages

SATURDAY JULY 30<sup>th</sup> 2016

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

DONATION - \$10.00



To be held at  
Gratz Fairgrounds  
601 East Market Street, Route 25  
Gratz, Pennsylvania

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

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

Winner need not be present to win!



Merchandise prizes made available thru Gander Mountain

Proceeds to benefit the Supreme Forest Activities Fund.

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

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**2016 TALL CEDARS CONVENTION  
THE WILDWOODS CONVENTION CENTER  
4500 Boardwalk  
Wildwood, New Jersey**

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016  
8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

# **VENDOR APPLICATION**

**COMPANY NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

**FOREST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Descriptions of items for sale:** \_\_\_\_\_

**# of tables required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Need 110 Power?**  **No**  **Yes**

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

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

**Complete this form and send to:**      **David Manter, PGTC No. 124  
4121 Fox Circle  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
570-421-6937  
dwmanter@ptd.net**

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