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Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



Mark Brumaghim



Tall Cedars and Ladies,

First let me say what a pleasure and honor it is to serve as the Supreme Tall Cedar for 2017. I look forward to working with all the Supreme Forest Officers and Constituent Forest Officers. I hope we can start the organization on a path of growth so that we can begin to increase our membership numbers and get our members more active in

the organization.

Speaking of membership, our membership numbers have been in a steady decline for many years. We must start working immediately if we are to reverse this trend. There is only so much the Supreme Forest can do to increase membership. We can have incentive programs such as the Growing Greener Program or the Key Club. We can supply our members with the tools they need to recruit new members such as pocket petitions and pamphlets. But the bulk of the effort to recruit new members must come from the membership. As you all know, we must get our members from the Blue Lodges. Some of the things our members can do is to give a Tall Cedar talk in your Blue Lodge. At the Mid-Winter Conference all attendees were supplied with a sample of a Tall Cedar program that can be used to put on a program in your Blue Lodge. Feel free to share that program with other Tall Cedars that were not able to attend the Mid-Winter Conference. If your masonic jurisdiction has one day classes or Scottish Rite reunions, ask if you would be allowed to have a table at the event so that you can talk with the attendees about the Tall Cedars. If you are a Grand Tall Cedar or you are going through the line in your Forest, think about the kind of activities or programs you are going to have for your year. Maybe try thinking outside the box and try to have programs, events or entertainment that will appeal to all ages. Younger members may not be able to attend a Tall Cedar meeting or event if they have to pay for a babysitter for their children. Make your meetings and events family friendly. And lastly develop a mentoring program for your Forest. Too many times we are first line signers on a petition and then we forget about the sapling. Make the new member feel welcome, invite him and his family to be your guest at one of your Forest's functions. If we make him feel welcome, we are more likely to retain him as a member.

The Mid-Winter conference is behind us and I hope everyone had a good time. Sue and I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in May. Sue will be hosting a ladies' luncheon and I will be hosting a men's luncheon on Friday of convention. Instead of the theme dinner on Thursday evening we will be having an ice cream sundae social. We will be bringing back the closing dinner on Saturday evening at a cost of \$15.00 per person, what a bargain. And of course, there will be the usual events such as the vendor tables, the parade on Saturday morning and the church service. So please plan on attending all the events to get the most out of your convention experience

The last thing I want to talk about is the 2017 Supreme Tall Cedar Trip. It will be a cruise to the Caribbean on the Anthem of the Seas. We will be stopping in Bermuda, Puerto Rico, St. Marten and Labadie. It should be a lot of fun so don't miss out on it, be sure to sign up. The dates are June 8-17, 2017.

Fraternally,
Mark

SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



James R. Morrison, Jr.



I enjoyed being Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar last year. It was a very rewarding time. Working with the Supreme Tall Cedar, Curtis Beam, Senior Deputy, Mark Brumaghim, and the Board of Directors has been interesting to say the least. Working together to come up with ideas to grow membership was an issue that was very important.

I traveled last year throughout the Cedar Kingdom and I met with the Forest members to find out what they needed. I encouraged them to continue to grow their membership. I let them know that they were an important part of the Cedar Kingdom and that we would help them in any way that we could.

June 26 of last year, I was part of the Supreme Team that instituted Alabama State Forest No. 218. All of the Brothers were very excited to be members of this Forest and they look forward to being a part of our organization.

July 22 of last year, I attended the Conference of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina. It was very well attended by their members. They had a Royal Court and Prologue team and I did the Secret work for the new members. The Brothers were very enthusiastic about their meeting.

I also attended the South Eastern Grand Masters Conference in Pigeon Forge Tennessee. Our table was set up and information was given out to the Grand Masters and Brothers.

On August 20th last year I attended the Cave Degree in Kingston Tennessee along with the Supreme Tall Cedar and other Forest Members from the Northern part of our Cedar Kingdom. This was also the meeting time for Burlington Forest No. 207.

On September 25th of last year I attended the District meeting of Mark Twain Forest No. 202, Ozark Forest No. 211, and Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212 in Columbia, Missouri. During this time they also had their Grand Lodge Communication. We set up a table for Tall Cedars to give information out to the Brothers. As always it was well received.

October 14th and 15th I attended the Grand Lodge of Ohio communication with Board Member Clayton Weber and Foundation Director Duane Vanone in Sandusky Ohio. A table was set up and we had a great response from the Brothers.

In closing, 2016 was a good year for me being your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. I believe we should always take the opportunity when afforded to us to attend a Masonic function to promote our great fraternity known as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. This will help us grow our membership.

I would like to thank Curtis Beam and his lady Margie for a great 2016 year and for working with me on several projects. Congratulations to Leslie Metcalf for being elected Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and to our now Supreme Tall Cedar, Mark Brumaghim and his wife Sue on becoming our first lady for 2017.

Finally, thank you Brothers for letting me be your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for 2016.

JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr.



Brother Cedars,

WELCOME should be the first word we hear when entering a Forest meeting. A warm welcome sets the mood for members and visitors alike. A member that has been away from the Forest or

Lodge does not need to answer the question, where have you been? We should all be happy that they are there. In my travels to other Forest and Lodges, I see this all too often and sometimes it makes for an uncomfortable situation. How do we expect to have the Fun, Frolic and Fellowship when someone is left out just because no one knows you or them? Cedarism promotes sociability; we should have all learned this when we became a Tall Cedar. There are so many times that we bring new members in and never see them again. Ask yourself the question, WHY?

As our Supreme Tall Cedar is traveling around, he is promoting membership, which is very important. Mentorship should be the next thing. What do we do with new members? Do you/we contact them, engage them in conversation or are we just pushing them to get in line? One suggestion is to have a “Know your Tall Cedar Night”. This is not my idea, I was in a Lodge and the Master of the Lodge (who was new to Masonry) paired everyone up for about a half hour and we asked questions of one another on just about anything; life, work, family etc. It was very informative. We learned something about everybody in the room when we gave a report on the person we interviewed. Has anyone done this yet? Ideas are started by learning and doing. Do yourself a favor; bring your idea to life, take an active role in your Forest. Demise is evident but growth is potential. Let’s roll up our sleeves and work together to “Make Cedarism Great Again” (Mark Brumaghim STC 2017).

Fraternally,
Les Metcalf, Jr.

SUPREME SCRIBE



Robert V. Bachman

It's Spring here in Atlanta. This past week saw a temperature of 74, so now is the time to get things started. Yesterday I went out in the yard and sure enough those tiny yard weeds have started and the garden, it needs real help. Such is life, and life of being a Tall Cedar. At last month's Directors meeting we heard that financially we are doing okay but unless we change some things there are clouds on the horizon. It's just like the yard or garden, improvements don't just happen, they depend on someone to get them started. You know, someone to put down fertilizer, till the ground and sow those seeds.

The problem I speak of is membership! Correction just doesn't happen; it takes someone to take action. The temperature may rise, spring rains may make the soil ready for planting, but unless I get off the couch nothing will happen. Just like preparing my yard or

garden, having beautiful green grass or tasty tomatoes, I've got to take the first step to get it started. So what will it be?

I'm working to get Tall Cedars recognized in the community. Today it's working on origination, tomorrow it's carrying out the plan and finally it's realizing a successful MD fund raiser.

What is your plan in this New Year?

In Tall Cedarism, Bob

SUPREME CHAPLAIN

REV. EDDIE D.D. MILLER

As I write my thoughts, we are in the midst of winter with its cold and snowy weather. It is beautiful, at times, but also treacherous. As human beings, we try to find the best in "things" and other human beings. As Tall Cedars, we are by design and heart, Masons! Years ago I was told a Mason is a "good" man who has a desire to become "better". As Tall Cedars, we are those "better" men who bring our time, talents and resources together and work toward common causes, locally and on the Supreme level. However, to achieve this, there is a cost!

In Psalm 25 we are reminded of the process to become "better" when it says, "Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me of your paths: guide me in your truth and teach me for you are God my Savior and my hope is in you all day long".

The Psalmist tells us when we are with God he teaches and guides us the way we should be going! Even in the fellowship of Cedarism, we are still tempted to be a "lone ranger" in doing what lies ahead of us. When we know that we can depend on one another and that we have been learning from the same instructor, our path ahead is one of hope for success!

By its very nature, Cedarism is a group activity beginning as "saplings" and growing up to be "Tall" Cedars in the Forest, things of beauty and strength. In your local Forests, be the better man you have been trained to be; helping those in need; counselling the weak; comforting those who have lost loved ones and guiding those who are following you!

If we are all to experience the fruits of "fun, frolic and fellowship" then we must be the fraternity that sees its members of being there for one another much as one who found leaning against another in the woods to remain upright.

May your year together be a time of being intentional in what we have been given in life, appreciating and using our moment in time. As I attended at mid-winter I also looked forward to continue experiencing your being at Convention as well with your smiles, handshakes and fellowship.

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

TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM W. WARD, SR.



My brother Tall Cedars, I have great news and good news that I want to pass along to you. I received a letter from Tracy Denton, National Director/Organizational Partnerships MDA. This letter is addressed to me, but it is really to all of you.

Dear Bill,

We have some exciting news to share with you!!! The FDA has approved Spinraza for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy (SMA)!

Following the accelerated approval in September of Exondys 51 for the treatment of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, today's news marks yet another solid step forward — one of turning promise into progress that we hope will encourage more industry partners to move into the neuromuscular disease space, inspire innovation and drive the development of treatments and cures not only to fight SMA and DMD, but other muscle-debilitating diseases as well. Decades of MDA fundraising underlie this development, all made possible by the steadfast support of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon!!

Tall Cedar's commitment to MDA over the years by participating in events like Muscle Walks and Lock Ups has helped to fund MDA research that informed and supported development and testing of this new treatment option for our SMA families. We want to take this opportunity to express how grateful we are for that tremendous support.

Together we can keep the momentum moving and tip the scales toward progress. With your continued support we will lead the way — funding critical scientific research, facilitating clinical trial participation, and advocating for policies that help ensure that the drug development and regulatory review processes move as quickly and effectively as possible.

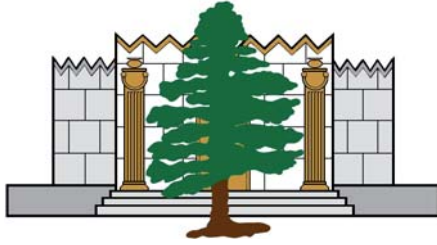
Read more about Spinraz, on MDA's blog

We appreciate your commitments to the fight for strength, independence and life, and are looking forward to the opportunity to partner with you for years to come. We are ever thankful for your leadership and support.

Thank you again! Tracy

*As you can see by this letter, what we do is really important, and is showing results. We need to support MDA more than ever now. Please take this great news, and make a difference by getting even more funds into the Foundation. We need to work even harder to raise the money to fund reserch. **For the year 2016, our donation to MDA totaled \$242,000.***

2017 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2017 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR MARK D. BRUCK



(L-R): Mark D. Bruck and Supreme Tall Cedar Mark Brumaghim

Mark was born on November 5th 2005 in Russia and at 13 months was adopted by Lisa and Keith Bruck. In 2007 he was diagnosed at the Johns Hopkins University with Congenital Myopathy and in 2015 with Rigid Spine Syndrome. He is able to walk but tires easily.

Gettysburg, Pennsylvania is home to Mark, his parents, older brother Joel, and younger brother Luke.

An outgoing 5th grader, Mark sings with the Intermediate Choir at school. He is also a three-year member of Dubbs Karate Academy where he earned his Brown Belt! Some of his favorite things are extreme weather, Star Wars, and animals, especially dogs. He would like to become a broadcast meteorologist when he grows up.

He has a soft voice, but loves to talk and won't hesitate to introduce himself to you. Don't be surprised if you see him start dancing when he hears the music! We feel sure he will be a wonderful Goodwill Ambassador.

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

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REGION No. 8	Bernard C. Schlenk, PGTC No. 193

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TALL CEDAR



JAMES R. MORRISON JR. PGTC No. 195

My Career started in Tall Cedars in 1997 when I was approached to join an appendant body of Masonry to get the required number of members to institute a Forest in Tennessee. In 1998 Tennessee Forest #195 was chartered and I became a chartered member.

During the following years I worked in the Blue Lodge advancing through the chairs and became Worshipful Master in 2004. During this time I attended Forest Meetings learning what Tall Cedars was about. In 2006 I became Grand Tall Cedar of Tennessee Forest 195. Since this time I have attended all of the Mid-Winter Conferences and the Conventions annually. Learning how the Supreme Forest operates. I have

learned that there is so much more to be done by growing our organization and working with our Masonic Brothers.

One of my goals is to work with the Muscular Dystrophy Association to raise money to help find a cure for and the prevention of muscular diseases that ravish the way of life of our friends.

I submit my name for the position of Supreme Tall Cedar for the year of 2018, because of all the accolades I have received and the accomplishments I have made in the appendant bodies of the Masonic organization. Therefore, I look forward to the challenge of my next endeavor in my Masonic Career.

CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR DEPUTY STC



LESLIE G. METCALF, JR. 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 31 years and have three daughters, Mallory 28, Lauren 25, and Rebecca 22. We have one Grandson, Isaac Locke Hill, Mallory and Jeremy Hill's son. We are members of Melville Chapel United Methodist Church in Elkridge MD.

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.

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

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

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

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

2013-2016 served as Supreme Preceptor for the Supreme Forest TCL.

2014-2016 served as District Deputy for district 14.

2014-2016 served as president of the OPO for District 14.

2016 elected as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar

I would like the opportunity to serve the Tall Cedars again by becoming your Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2018. See you in the woods...Forest.

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



JOSEPH S RUSSELL PGTC No. 212

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

I was born in June of 1975 in Shreveport, LA. Shortly after, my family moved to 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 and current Scribe of Harry S Truman Forest #212 in Kansas City, MO. I was appointed District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District #17 in 2015, appointed to Supreme Director of Region 10 for 2016, and finally elected to and currently serve the kingdom in that same position in 2017.

In the Masonic family, I am the Worshipful Master at Rising Sun Lodge #13 and charter member of Barry Daylight Lodge #17. I am a Past Patron of Barry Chapter #369, Order of the Eastern Star, High Priest of Liberty Chapter #3, Deputy Master of Council #50, and Captain General of Commandery #6 York Rite Bodies, a Noble and President of the Amateur Radio Club at Ararat Shrine Temple, 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 weather and meteorology and am a certified storm spotter and member of the Northland Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group.

I was recognized by the Masonic Home of Missouri as the Masonic Home Representative of the Year for 2013 and was honored with being recognized as the Grand Tall Cedar of the Year in 2015.

Thank you again for your consideration in voting for me and I hope to serve you as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2018.

CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



WILLIAM W. MARTZ PGTC No. 95

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

He retired in 2010 after a forty year career in computer and information technology for Mack Trucks.

Bill is the proud father of two daughters, Cynthia and Elizabeth, a granddaughter Kelli, and a grandson Noah. He married his wife Linda in 1985; thereafter their combined family includes her son Sean. He has lived just east of Waynesboro, PA since 1998.

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

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

Bill is a member of the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association and the Waynesboro Studio Art Club.

Bill's Masonic journey began in 2004 when he was initiated into Acacia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro, PA. Bill is a member of George Washington Chapter No. 176, George Washington Council No. 66, where he serves as Recorder, Continental Commandery No. 56, Good Samaritan Mark Lodge No. 139, Sovereign Council No. 103, Allied Masonic Degrees, and York Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, of the York Rite. He is a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He is currently serving as Treasurer of the Franklin County High Twelve Club. Bill is a member of Gettysburg Chapter No. 392, Order of the Eastern Star, and a past member, Secretary, and Patron of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 398. He is a member of Zembo Shrine and currently is serving as 1st Vice President of the Franklin County Shrine Club. Bill is a member of Hagerstown Forest No. 95, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where he served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2011 and 2012. He is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation. He is Secretary-Treasurer of the District Twenty-One Officers and Past Officers Association. He chaired the 2014 Committee for PSTC Barry Sheaffer. He served two years as Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District Twenty-One. He is in his third year serving as Supreme Director for Region Three. Bill would like the opportunity to use his experiences to further serve the Tall Cedars by becoming your next 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 reelection to the office of Supreme Scribe. I was elected to this office in May of 2016 for the calendar year of 2017.

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 Region #9, Past Foundation Director Region #5, and Supreme Director of Region #9.

My wife Janice, of 51 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. One again it is a honor to submit my name for consideration and look forward to the process ahead.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



Any member of the Supreme Forest is eligible to run. A candidate may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting at the time other nominations previously announced are made, provided a petition is filed with the Supreme Scribe, bearing the signatures of at least five (5) members of the Supreme Forest from each of four (4) Districts in one

(1) Region; except, in those situations where less than four (4) Districts compose a Region, such petition shall contain five (5) signatures from each District composing such a Region.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 2



HOWARD M. BEARDSLEY PGTC NO. 142

I was born and raised in Glasgow, Montana and became an Eagle Scout in 1969. Joined the US Army in 1973.

I was raised in Masonry in 1984 in Perseverance Lodge in southern Maryland and am a life member of DeMolay from my time in Germany in 1974-1976.

My wife and I were married in 1979 and we have three children and two grandchildren.

I served honorably for twenty-two years retiring as a Major in the US Army in 1997. I received multiple awards during my service including a Meritorious Service Medal, Five Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, the Master, Senior and Basic Explosive Ordnance Disposal Badges, Gold German Schützenschnur Marksmanship Award, Navy Unit Commendation Award, seven more 'ribbons/medals' and multiple letters of commendation and achievement over my service to this great country!

Leaving the service did not mean that I ended my service to our wonderful country and I continued my service as a contractor educating our First Responders in the hazards of Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNe) hazards from terrorists and others that meant to harm our country and her citizens. I became a certified subject matter expert on CBRNe, Incident Command, and HAZMAT and over the next four-five years provided that expertise in many of the major cities and states of our country including Alaska, Hawaii and Japan.

I joined the American Legion and have continued my membership from 1998 to the current date.

I was and am serving in multiple roles as a volunteer in First Aid, CPR and AED (American Red Cross and Emergency First Response), Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun training (NRA) as an instructor and later as an instructor trainer which I continue to this day.

My wife and I also serve in Boy Scouts in which she and I've served in multiple roles over the years and I now serve as a 'member at large' for Harford District in which they call me in as a volunteer with my chain saw or with my knowledge helping train future leaders within Boy Scouts.

I've received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for my service to Boy Scouts and to our Masonic youth in 2009.

I'm a life member of Stillwater Lodge No. 62 in Columbus, Montana and a Maryland Masonic Veteran.

I've served as GTC of Har-Ce Forest No. 142, District Deputy of District No. 14 (Received the Tall Cedar Award in 2014 from outgoing STC), currently serving as the Chaplain for Annapolis Forest No. 126 for the last two years and still in the position for my third year☺! Also Life member of Har-Ce Forest No. 142 and joined Elks in 2016.

I look forward to continuing my service within the Tall Cedar organization, its charity and its members that have brought me so much reward!!

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 3



RICHARD SNYDER PGTC No. 30

Carrying on the tradition through several generations in the same family; Brother Richard D. Snyder praises his speculative Lewis status to his father – Richard E. Snyder. Like Rick’s dad, he too had presided twice as Worshipful Master of Riverside Lodge No. 503 F&AM. Along with Rick and his father being Past Masters, Rick proudly articulates having an additional three uncles who were Past Masters and of them one was a Past Grand Tall Cedar of York Forest. Rick is currently the Lodge Secretary. He had done nine years as Lodge Treasurer. He has been elected as Lodge Trustee and numerous times either rep or sub-rep in Grand Lodge. Along with the Secretary

task, Rick still is Lodge 503’s Youth Representative.

A member of the Craft since November of 1984, Rick reached the sublime Master Mason level in January, 1985. On Saint John the Evangelist day in 1988 he became Master of his Lodge. Prior to the leadership position at Riverside, Rick found himself active with York Forest No. 30 having joined the Kingdom in April, 1985. He had; immediately, gotten involved in their community outreach fundraisers and also became of member of the Forest’s Prologue and Royal Court team. From the start Rick has appreciated his Forest 30 membership because of their MDA fundraisers and family participation.

On family, Rick married his wife Carol in May, 1983. They are overjoyed parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Ashley and grandparents to Logan and Vivian. Son-in-laws Brad and Dan do complete the package.

Was it because having two daughters or that Masons sponsor and support the Masonic Youth, Rick; synonymously, became an Advisor to Riverside DeMolay at the time of taking “the East” of the Blue Lodge. Honored by his peers, Rick has been invested the Honorary Legion of Honor, achieved Guild of the Leather Apron and the Chapter Advisory core made him a Cross of Honor holder.

Daughters becoming members of Job’s Daughters started Rick on the journey of bethel opportunities and accolades. There are adult Leadership offices that; by law, must be filled by a Master Mason. You guessed it; Rick is a Past to them in the Jurisdiction of PA. Those not from the Keystone State may not have heard of this one – Hodegos. Greek to me, but Rick has earned.

Appendant bodies he is a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, York Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry and Square Club of York. Scottish Rite he works on the Stage Crew and the Square Club is a past president and currently the Financial Secretary. The 42nd Masonic District has seen Rick as their PMYF District Chairman and currently their Treasurer for the School of Instruction.

Does one seek the Office or does the Office seek the Candidate? Daughters having graduated and left “the nest”. Rick approached York Forest for consideration to be their JDGTC. Rick presided as GTC in 2008. That same year he took over “Editor” to their publication “Cedar Chips”. One and done was it for Rick on the TCF. Before accepting the DDSTC appointment in 2014, he was TCF Director and the year before that TCF Trustee. District 11 has an OPO and Rick has been Treasurer since going out as President in 2011.

As a member of Canadochly Lutheran, Rick has been a member and president (twice) of the Church Council. During the second term as president, the bylaws had to be redone and he had to work with Synod and his Call Committee in securing a new Pastor.

Of the twelve “allowed to attend” TCL Board of Directors’ meetings, Rick has attended 50 percent. Along with his full time job of Office Equipment technician / Service and Parts Manager, Rick also works a seasonal job for York Revolution – Atlantic League Professional Baseball. The duties at the Revs for him are press box, camera duties and promotional team.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 8



BERNARD C. SCHLENK PGTC No. 193

I would like to submit my name for re-election to the post of Supreme Director Region 8. I was born in Kentucky in 1932. Raised in the Kentucky State Children's Home, and adopted in 1939 by Henry and Mary Estelle Schlenk, and moved to Deland Florida.

In 1949 at the age of 17, with parent's consent I enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, served in Korea 1950-1951 with the First Marine Division, making the Inchon invasion and becoming "One of the Chosin Few" for surviving the Chosin Reservoir and the march to the sea. After Korea I was assigned to Parris Island where I was a Drill Instructor and trained Recruits. After Parris Island I served many years in the Far East, Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, attaining the rank of Master Sergeant. I was discharged from the Marine Corps in July 1959 and the same day entered the U.S. Army to attend their OCS Program. After graduation I served with the ASA and the 20th Engineer Battalion in Fort Devens, Massachusetts. I was then transferred to Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne. While at Fort Campbell I joined the Masonic Fraternity, Fort Campbell Lodge No. 946. In August 1965 my unit left for Vietnam, where I served with the First Air Cavalry Division and other units. I remained in Vietnam from August 1965 until February 1969, when I returned home and married Una. We had three children, a daughter Diane, and two boys, Robert and Henry. Both sons are Master Masons. Robert is a retired Army Master Sergeant, and Henry is a Tall Cedar, serving as Guide of Seminole Forest No. 193. Una and I were married for forty years before Cancer took her from me. After Vietnam I was assigned to the Army Language School in Fort Meyers, Virginia. Upon Graduation there, I was put in charge of the Department of Technical Operations at "The School of the Americas" in the Canal Zone, Panama. I remained there until my retirement in April of 1972.

After retiring from the Army, I worked for the East Volusia Mosquito Control District as an Inspector Supervisor for 25 years, retiring in 1997. In 1995, I was commissioned a "Kentucky Colonel", by the Governor of Kentucky.

Returning to Florida, after the Army, I demitted to St. John Lodge No. 37 in Deland, Florida. I was Elected Worshipful Master in 1978. In 1981, the Grand Master of Florida appointed me Worshipful Master of Landmark Lodge UD. The following year the new Grand Master of Florida appointed me Worshipful Master of Landmark Lodge No. 383. In 2000, I was finally elected Worshipful Master of Landmark No. 383, Deltona, Florida.

I was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for District 15 in 1992. Then appointed District Instructor in 2010 and 2011.

I've served many years as District, Zone and State Chairman of various committees. Fifteen years as District Committee Chairman for Perpetual Membership.

I began my Tall Cedar service when I joined Seminole Forest No. 193 Tall Cedars in 2000. Served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2003. Appointed DDSTC 2013-2014 and elected Supreme Director 2015

Now I would again like to ask you to re-elect me Supreme Director for Region 8.

2016 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, PGTC No. 134
District No. 20

TALL CEDAR AWARD

Edward J. Stumm, PGTC
Lancaster Forest No. 27

Jerry L. Brackett, PGTC No. 207
Foundation Director, Region No. 10

GRAND TALL CEDAR OF THE YEAR

Robert W. Masten, Jr.
Pocono Forest No. 124

DISTRICT DEPUTY STC OF THE YEAR

Walter H. Beddow, PGTC No. 21
District No. 2

IMPORTANCE OF THE RITUAL

Excerpts from Lecture by PGM Jorge Aladro, PGM Florida
Submitted by Bernard C. Schlenk
Supreme Director Region 8

Let us have an open discussion about "The Ritual". If you look at Albert MacKay, he defines Ritual as, "The mode of opening and closing a Forest, of conferring the Initiation of new Candidates, of the Installation of Forest Officers, and other duties that constitute a system of ceremonies which are called the RITUAL The Secret Work of the Ritual is esoteric, and is to be communicated only by oral instruction."

Cedars, more than any other group deal with the truth, Cedars deal in absolute truth, and any time we deviate from that we find ourselves in trouble, because only the truth will give us the strength, knowledge and wisdom to deal with any problem we may confront.

If you are an Officer of your Forest, you are expected to do your very best, to apply yourself, to know your capabilities, to know your weaknesses and your strength, to be a leader and to know your duties and responsibilities. Now the truth, "Do you know how to open and close the Forest?", "Do you know the speaking parts in the Degree work"? If you have answered no to either of these two questions, then

you need to begin reading your Supreme Forest Ritual Book and preparing yourself for the position that you've assumed.

Be the leader your Forest needs, inspire your members to higher goals, and lead them by example. Aspire to do better and you will start your Forest on the road to recovery. The greatest legacy a leader can leave his followers is, that he will not be missed because of his failures, but, that he would have made leaders capable of taking the reins of leadership and continue to progress without hesitation.

It is the duty of the Officers of the Forest to impart their knowledge of Cedarism to those less informed Cedars and strive for perfection day after day, even knowing that it will not be achieved. To teach the work, you need to build an environment where the Brothers are comfortable and it's conducive to learning. Praising those that do well in public and advising those who did not do well in private, build a rapport with the Forest, and create an atmosphere where the Brothers of the Forest can expect good degree work, this will create the peer pressure needed to do well.

There are many opportunities for an upcoming Officer to prove his mettle. We have schools of instruction, led by the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and each Forest should have an Instructor to educate the Brothers of the Forest in the necessary workings of the Forest. One of the items to be sought should be the Grand Tall Cedar Proficiency Certificate. Each Grand Tall Cedar can easily qualify for this card by attending the Schools of Instruction, reading the Written Work and learning our Ritual. These require a certain amount of memory work, but if you think back to your becoming a Master Mason there was a certain amount of memory work there you had to complete, and you successfully completed that.

If we are to continue to exist for the next hundred plus years, then we must seek out new Brothers for our Forest. Brothers who have the desires and abilities to be not only good Cedars but Great Cedars. Our membership is slipping, and our members are getting older.

So remember my Brothers, only you can bring our Forest back to the level we all desire.

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 2017
To: Supreme Forest Members
From: Robert V. Bachman, Supreme Scribe
Subject: Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

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

These proposed changes will be acted on at the 115th Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May 12th 2017 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 11th - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 12th - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION

17-1 ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Supreme Forest shall consist of:

5. any member, in good standing, of a Constituent Forest ~~currently serving 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:

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Raymond Bowkley, PGTC No. 13
James O. Walmer, GTC No. 43
William Ward, Jr., PGTC No. 4
Van Jodon, PGTC No. 129

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Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43
Harvey Willard, PGTC No. 31
Richard Feeser, PGTC No. 49

17-2 ARTICLE V--MEETINGS

A. Annual Meeting

4. Any member, in good standing of a Constituent Forest, shall be granted voice and vote on all business brought before the Annual Meeting except for the election of Supreme Forest Officers. Only members of the Supreme Forest will be eligible to vote on the selection of Supreme Forest Officers.

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17-3 ARTICLE VII--CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE AND ELECTION

A. Candidates

1. Any member of the Supreme Forest shall be eligible for Office.

- a. Any member of the Supreme Forest shall be eligible for Office, ~~provided, however, that the Supreme Tall Cedar any Past Supreme Tall Cedar,~~ having served his term shall not be eligible to hold another Elected office in the Supreme Forest for a period of three (3) years after his term had ended. A Past Supreme Tall Cedar ~~however he~~ may be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve in a vacated Office until a successor is elected and installed.

Signatures:

David McDade, PGTC No. 43
John W. Suhr, Treas. No. 43
James O. Walmer, GTC No. 43
James R. Hossman, Trustee No. 43
Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43
Gerard Bucko, SDGTC No. 43
Raymond J. Vogel, PGTC No. 45
George B. Little, PGTC No. 45

A. Ray Wingte, Scribe No. 45
William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95
Richard Snyder, PGTC No. 30
Leslie Keller, PGTC No. 25
Robert Kime, PGTC No. 25
Donald Ryland, PGTC No. 25
Donald Swisher, PGTC No. 25
Howard Buch, PGTC No. 25

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SUPREME FOREST BY-LAWS

17-4 ARTICLE III--COMMITTEES

B. Standing Committees

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

The Tall Cedar Display Committee shall be the Supreme Tall Cedar, Supreme Scribe, and Supreme Treasurer. They shall be responsible for oversight of the Tall Cedar Display which is in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Annually, the Committee shall submit a written report on the contents and condition of the display to the Supreme Forest Board of Directors. The report shall be published in the Supreme Forest Annual Proceedings.

Signatures:

Raymond J. Vogel, PGTC No. 45
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17-5 ARTICLE IX – CONSTITUENT FORESTS

C. Fees, Dues, Assessments

3. Per Capita Tax and Assessments

- c. On or before April 1st, ~~forty (\$40)~~ thirty (\$30) cents of the per capita tax shall be deposited in a special account to be known as the Tall Cedar ~~Room~~ Display account. This account, at no time, shall exceed ~~fifteen (\$15,000)~~ ten (\$10,000) thousand dollars. ~~Effective June 1, 1984.~~

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17-6 ARTICLE IX-CONSTITUENT FORESTS

C. Fees, Dues, Assessments

3. Per Capita Tax and Assessments

- e. A permanent fund will be established and maintained by the Supreme Treasurer in an investment account. Monies received from the sources listed below, excluding all Tall Cedar Foundation monies, must be deposited in this account. No monies may be withdrawn from this Account, except by action of the Supreme Forest, while in session. Interest or dividends from this fund shall be deposited in the Supreme Forest General Account. This FUND shall be known as the Tall Cedar Permanent Fund. Effective January 1st 2018, this fund may not exceed \$200,000.00.

Signatures:

Mark Brumaghim, PGTC No. 43
 Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., PGTC No. 126
 William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95
 Bernard C. Schlenk, PGTC No. 193
 Clayton E. Weber, PGTC No. 172

J. Eric Becker, PGTC No. 13
 James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149
 Robert V. Bachman, PGTC No. 181
 James R. Morrison, PGTC No. 195
 Curtis R. Beam, PGTC No. 35

17-7 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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17-8 ARTICLE IX—CONSTITUENT FORESTS

G. Miscellaneous Provisions

5. Tall Cedar ~~Room~~ Display

- a. The Tall Cedar ~~Room Display~~ shall ~~exist as a replica and public presentation of King Solomon's Temple. All Future components of the Tall Cedar Room shall be restricted to those items and illustrations which have been authentically documented as representative of the King Solomon era~~ consist of items of interest to the public to explain the history of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and its charitable objective.

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17-9 ARTICLE XI--SUPREME FOREST FUNDS

2. ~~Museum~~ Tall Cedar Display Fund

- a. Monies collected per paragraph IX, C, 3, c shall be place in this fund commonly referred to as the Tall Cedar ~~Room~~ Display Account.

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PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

INCOME:

Membership Fees	\$140,250.00
Management Fees	1,800.00
Publication Fees	150.00
Sales	1,000.00
TCL Functions	28,000.00
Interest Income	48,000.00
TCF Fees	40,000.00
Miscellaneous	500.00

Total: \$259,700.00

EXPENSES:

Administrative Operations	\$88,500.00
Building	23,000.00
Appointed Officers	2,500.00
District Deputies	3,200.00
Committees	2,800.00
Elected Officers	25,000.00
Office	19,500.00
Public Relations	15,000.00
Publications	21,000.00
Purchases for Resale	2,500.00
TCL Functions	35,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,300.00

Total 240,300.00

Excess Income over Expenses \$ 19,400.00

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CONVENTION - 2017

GENERAL SESSION

Friday, May 12th

Wildwood Convention Center

Opening at 8:30 A.M

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

OPEN SESSION:

Opening	Proposed Agenda
Introductions of Sup. Forest Board of Directors	Present 2018 Budget
Introduction of Past Supreme Forest Officers	List Candidates and receive nominations
Introduction of Distinguished Guests	Voting on Supreme Forest Officers & changes to
Introduction of 2017 Goodwill Ambassador	Constitution & By-laws
Key Club recipients' recognition	Committee Reports
Supreme Forest Memorial Service	Results of Election

OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES

Thursday, May 11th

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.	Credentials & Convention Registration Convention Center Vendor area Open – Convention Center
9:00 A.M.	Supreme Forest & Foundation Board of Directors Meetings
6:00 P.M.	Ice Cream Social – Convention Center - Doors open 5:30 P.M. - Ticket required

Friday, May 12th

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. Color Guard Competition Supreme Forest Clown Competition Color Guard Award Presentation
9:30 P.M.	Supreme Forest Hospitality - Adventurer Motor Inn

Saturday, May 13th

8:30 A.M.	Tree Planting - New York & Poplar Ave. Trolley leaves Adventurer Motor Inn at 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.	Parade start time
3:00 P.M.	Awards Presentations: Parade, Publications & Scrapbooks & Clown Competition
4:00 P.M.	Worship Service - Convention Center
6:30 P.M.	Closing Dinner – Convention Center - Ticket required - Doors open 5:30 P.M.
10:00 P.M.	Supreme Forest Hospitality - Adventurer Motor Inn

RECOMMENDED 2017 CONVENTION DRESS CODE

Thursday, May 11th

Ice Cream Social: Casual

SF Hospitality: Casual

Friday, May 12th

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

Evening Competitions: Casual

SF Hospitality: Casual

Saturday, May 13th

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

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

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

Closing Banquet Casual

SF Hospitality: Casual

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

Tribute to the 2017 Supreme Tall Cedar

Harrisburg Forest #43 TCL will be honoring
The 2017 Supreme Tall Cedar of North America

Mark Brumaghim & First Lady Sue



Saturday, March 25, 2017

Linglestown American Legion #272
505 North Mountain Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112

Officers Dress: Black Tux, Jewel, Pyramid

Social Hour 5:00 PM – Buffet Dinner 6:00 PM

Menu includes

Carved Beef Sirloin, Carved Baked Ham,
Almond Crusted Chicken Breast, Broiled Haddock,
Garden Salad, Baked Corn, Steamed Fresh Vegetable Medley,
Baked Macaroni & Cheese & Home Made Mashed Red Potatoes
Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade
Dessert; Pie & Cake

Price Per Person - \$25.00

Entertainment – Swing Street

For Tickets, send checks, payable to:
Harrisburg Forest #43 TCL

Send to:

Leonard Koons
7611 Lakeside Avenue
Harrisburg, PA 17112
Phone: (717) 652-4373

(Please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope)

Deadline for Reservations – March 15, 2017



2017 Midwinter Conference Lancaster, Pennsylvania



The rewards of being the STC



A happy SDSTC James
and Lady Barbara



JDSTC Les Metcalf being admired
by his Lady Suzy



Linda Weber, Clayton Weber, SD Region No. 7,
Diane Shoop (on loan), Bernard Schlenk, SD Region No. 8



STC Mark surrounded by his two favorite ladies;
FFL Rose Ann Horgan and First Lady Susie



Linda Martz, Bill Martz, SD Region No. 3,
Phyllis Jodon, Van Jodon, SD Region No. 4



Debbi Manter, Dave Manter, SD Region No. 5,
Donna Erlinger, Jim Erlinger, SD Region No. 6



2017 Midwinter Conference Lancaster, Pennsylvania



PSTC Curt Beam
giving his report for 2016



PGTC Bob Hopkins,
Parade Features Chairman



Joe Alfano, MDA
addressing the crowd



2016 GWA Shelby Van Vliet
and our 2017 GWA Mark Bruck



PGTC Scott Smeltzer
reporting on Membership



SS Bob Bachman and Lady Jan



Ladies Luncheon



Head Table: (L-R) Cheryl Miller, Jan Bachman, Suzanne Sheaffer, FL Sue Brumaghim, Barbara Morrison, Susie Metcalf



2017 Midwinter Conference Lancaster, Pennsylvania

~~~ Opening Dinner ~~~



STC Mark addressing the order for the buffet line!



SD Dave Manter and his Lady Debbi



PSTC Barry Sheaffer and FFL Suzanne



SDSTC James and Lady Barbara. In the background is Norm Clark (Ensign, USN retired).



Supreme Preceptor Lynn Stahle with PSTC John Shoop and FFL Diane



Roy Orbison



Listening intently to the STC, wanting to know which table is going to be first to the buffet.



PSTC George Morgan leading the pledge of allegiance



**2017 Convention**  
**TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON**  
**MEN'S LUNCHEON**  
**Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**The Wildwoods  
Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk  
Wildwood, NJ 08260**

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

**Doors open @ 11:30 am**

**Luncheon @ Noon**

**Deadline for reservations is April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Please complete the form below and send to:**

**James O. Walmer  
1225 Meadow Lane  
Harrisburg, PA 17113  
717-939-0153**

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**2017 CONVENTION TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Forest No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2017 COMMITTEE**

# THE TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON

BY DAVID P. NEWCOMB

David is a Massachusetts Mason and former Tall Cedar.

*To Master Masons everywhere,  
We have some information,  
About an opportunity  
In another organization.*

*The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America  
Offers to Master Masons  
A place to enjoy a richer life  
Filled with fun and relaxation.*

*It is similar to many fraternities  
With ritualistic degrees,  
Referencing biblical stories  
Like the legend of Tall Cedar trees.*

*It started all the way back in time  
In eighteen forty three,  
When an creative Master Mason  
Created a Tall Cedar Degree.*

*King Solomon had to rely on help  
From King Tyre's Hewers of Wood,  
To prepare the Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
As only those Fellowcraft could.*

*It was brought to Pennsylvania  
Or New Jersey, as some believe.  
It was known as the Ancient and Honorable  
Rite of Humility.*

*The epitome of frivolity,  
"The Sidonian Degree" you'll get;  
Where bedlam may reign but the fun still remains,  
As the saplings are planted. You bet !!!*



*This Masonic organization  
Endeavors to find a cure,  
For severely dreadful diseases like  
Muscular Dystrophy, for sure.*

*For more than eight thousand members  
The priority of every one,  
Is for victims of neuromuscular disease  
To have their own "place in the sun."*

*Their creed - "Fun, Frolic and Fellowship,"  
For members, families and friends.  
Membership in this fraternity  
Has wonderful dividends.*

*Franklin Delano Roosevelt,  
Arnold Palmer, Gerald Ford,  
Tall Cedars names on our membership rolls.  
Will our future rolls have yours?*

*Tall Cedars all are gentlemen  
Whose goals are joy and laughter.  
Heed the call of the forest  
If these are what you're after.*

*Adorn yourself with a pyramid,  
The symbol of their troupe.  
Join in the mirth and merriment  
And enjoy this happy group.*

**2017 ANNUAL**  
**LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON**  
**A GARDEN PARTY**

**WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER**

**FRIDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM      LUNCHEON @ NOON**

*Classic Turkey Club*

*Fruit Cup, Chips,*

*Dessert & Beverage*

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**SEND RESERVATIONS TO:**

*Suzanne Sheaffer  
444 Woodland Drive  
Dillsburg, PA 17019  
717-432-5150*



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

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**2017 CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON**

**Name::** \_\_\_\_\_ **Forest #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my check for \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **@ \$20 per person.**

**Any special dietary needs?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 2017 COMMITTEE**

**2017 TALL CEDARS CONVENTION  
THE WILDWOODS CONVENTION CENTER  
4500 Boardwalk  
Wildwood, New Jersey**

**Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017  
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, SD No. 5  
4121 Fox Circle  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
570-350-9171  
dwmanter@ptd.net**

**2017**  
**TALL CEDARS CONVENTION**  
**CLOSING DINNER**

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Wildwood Convention Center

Social Time – 5:30 P.M.

Dinner – 6:00 P.M.

Entertainment to follow!!

Southern BBQ Buffet

\$15.00 per person

Dress Casual

(No ties or jackets!)

Deadline – April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

**2017 CONVENTION CLOSING DINNER**

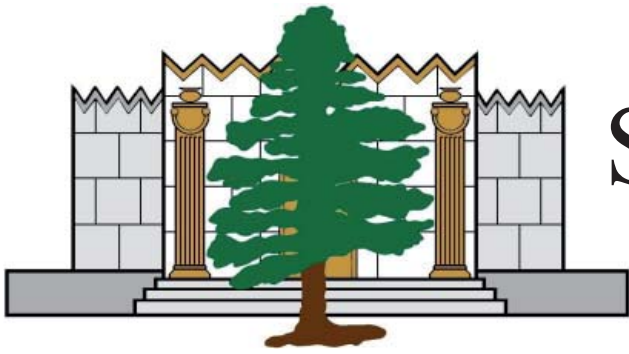
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Forest No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Any special dietary needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 2017 Committee & send to:

James O. Walmer  
1225 Meadow Lane  
Harrisburg, PA 17113  
717-939-0153

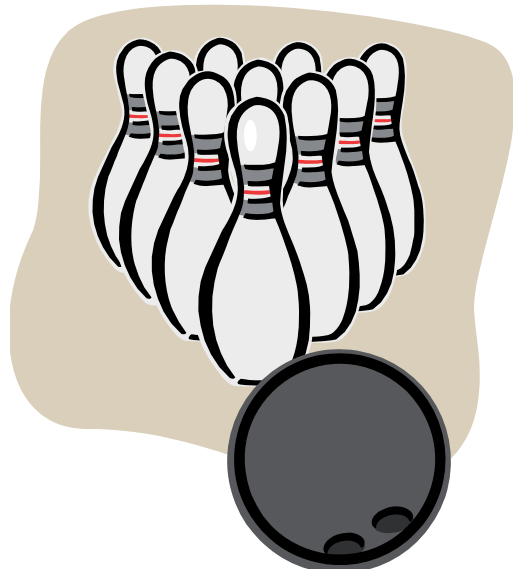


57<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Supreme Forest  
Bowling  
Tournament

*April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017*

Holiday Bowl  
181 Bowling Lane  
Altoona, PA

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



Contact Richard Brown, PGTC No. 131, 814-935-3827, [rbrown8390@msn.com](mailto:rbrown8390@msn.com)  
Deadline – April 15<sup>th</sup>

57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT  
Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
Holiday Bowl  
181 Bowling Lane  
Altoona, PA  
Souvenir Program & Booster Promotion

To all Tall Cedars in the Cedar Kingdom:

Cedarly Greetings,

In years past, your bowling committee has had the voluntary support of the Constituent Forests in promoting our Annual Bowling Tournament. The advertising in the souvenir program is one of the means. Many Forests purchase space in the program to express their support and indicate participation by their members. They also use it to publicize special events, or to identify their Forest Officers and supporting individuals.

Individual members may offer their support and receive recognition in the booster's section of the program. Booster names, at \$1.00 per name per line, will be listed in the program, and since this is a separate promotion, they will be listed in space other than advertising space, unless we are told otherwise. Thus, you will have two opportunities to publicize your Forest. Please remember to send us a complete list of all participating Tall Cedars. Please list all boosters on a separate sheet of paper. We would really appreciate your support in 2017.

Additionally, the souvenir program includes schedule and lane assignments for all events of the Tournament with space provided for individual score recording.

Advertising space prices for the 2017 Program will be:

|                     |           |                     |                                                   |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Back Cover - \$60   | 7 ½ X 4 ½ | Half Page - \$20    | 3 ¾ X 4 ½                                         |
| Inside Cover - \$50 | 7 ½ X 4 ½ | Quarter Page - \$10 | 1 7/8 X 4 ½                                       |
| Full Page - \$40    | 7 ½ X 4 ½ | Booster - \$1.00    | Please list all names on separate sheet of paper. |

Please fill in all information below and make checks payable to: Chief Logan Forest No. 131 and send to:

Richard Brown  
229 Calder Street  
Altoona, PA 16602

Company or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Authorized Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Any advertising or booster received after **April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017** is not guaranteed to be in the Program Booklet.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Deadline is **April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017**

## Tournament Rules

1. Tournament will be conducted according to rules governing tournaments of the United States Bowling Congress, and all participants must agree to be so governed.
2. Any applicant who has been refused membership in the United States Bowling Congress for good and sufficient reason is not eligible to participate.
3. Teams may be made up of 4 Tall Cedars, or 3 Tall Cedars and 1 Master Mason/DeMolay, or 2 Tall Cedars and 2 Master Masons/DeMolay. Each bowler must be certified as a member in good standing by the scribe of the entrant's Forest. An entrant who is unable to bowl may be replaced by a qualified Tall Cedar in accordance with USBC regulations and these rules. Youth bowlers may not receive cash prizes however gift cards will be substituted.
4. A bowler may bowl only once in each event.
5. All who bowl doubles must bowl singles and vice versa
6. Starting lanes and times will be assigned by tournament officials. All entries must bowl on lanes and at times assigned by these officers.
7. Tournament will be operated on a handicap basis of 90% of the difference between the individual average and 230 scratch.
8. A bowler's average as of January 1, 2017, must be for a total of twenty-one (21) games or more. If less than twenty-one games in a league, a bowler can add two or more leagues together to total the twenty-one games. Bowlers in more than one league must use the highest league average.
  - a. Average shall be certified by each entrant's league secretary.
  - b. Any bowler not having a league average shall be assigned an average commensurate with his ability, but not less than 150.
  - c. Bowlers who do not have a league average and have bowled in the Supreme Forest Bowling Tournaments, will be assigned an average compiled by averaging the last three (3) years bowled in a Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament.
9. Any bowler who reports a lower average than required, which changes his handicap classification, or who fails to report a prize of \$300.00 or more in any event in a tournament which has ended within the previous 12 month period, shall forfeit tournament entry fees and handicap prize winnings, Failure to use proper average, or to make corrections prior to completion of the first game of a series: Shall disqualify if submitted average is lower than actual average, or prize winnings will be based on submitted average if it is higher.
10. Tentative schedule of events (subject to change as required to accommodate all entrants):

|          |                                                       |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday | 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM – Team, Doubles and Singles events |
| Sunday   | 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM – Team, Doubles and Singles events  |
11. Each team will indicate on entry blank preferred time for bowling. Entries from distant points will be given preference as to time whenever possible. Minor events must bowl both doubles and singles.
12. All captains must report one hour before bowling.
13. All individuals must report prior to bowling the doubles event.
14. Teams must bowl in the order names are listed on entry blank. Substitutions may be made (see rule 3), but entry blank will not be processed without team listing, including doubles and singles.
15. Tournament committee reserves all rights to govern this event.
16. An appeal or protest must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Manager within 24 hours.
17. Entries must be received by **April 15<sup>th</sup> 2017**.

***Please Join 2017 Supreme Tall Cedar Mark Brumaghim  
and First Lady Sue on a 10 day Eastern Caribbean  
Cruise aboard the Anthem of the Seas  
June 8 to 17, 2017***



Cruise Itinerary: Cape Liberty, New Jersey; Kings Wharf, Bermuda; Phillipsburg, St. Maarten; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Labadee, Haiti; Cape Liberty, New Jersey.

Included Features: Roundtrip Bus transfer from Harrisburg to Cape Liberty, Nine Night Caribbean Cruise, Baggage Handling, Driver Gratuity, Onboard Welcome Reception, Group Leader, Pre-Trip Meeting, Onboard Meals and Entertainment (Specialty Restaurants have Nominal Fees)

Price per Person (Based on double occupancy)

Superior Ocean View with Balcony - \$2,239.00

Large Ocean View - \$2,119.00

Interior with Virtual Balcony - \$1,889.00



Deposit of \$250.00 per person or \$500.00 per Cabin due at time of booking

Final payment due by February 24, 2017

For more information, contact Candace MacAdam at 717-657-2244, ext. 2721





SUPREME FOREST  
TALL CEDARS  
OF  
LEBANON  
OF  
NORTH AMERICA



2017 SPORTSMEN'S & CASH GIVEAWAY

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

SATURDAY JULY 29<sup>th</sup> 2017

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.

Winners 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.

COME JOIN THE FUN, FROLIC & FELLOWSHIP

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Must have ticket and be over 21 to enter Fairgrounds!



*2017 CONVENTION*

*TALL CEDARS*

*ICE CREAM SOCIAL*

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2017

6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

Wildwood Convention Center

4501 Boardwalk

Wildwood, NJ

Make Your Own Sundae

Ice Cream and all the toppings!

Mystery Entertainment

\$6.00 per person

Deadline for reservations: April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

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2017 CONVENTION ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Forest # \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$6.00 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: 2017 Committee & send to:

PSTC Harvey Willard, Jr.  
46 N. Danbury Circle  
East Fallowfield, PA 19320  
610-383-7838

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

*The 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Tall Cedar Clown Competition*

*Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Convention Center, Wildwood New Jersey*



*Balloon Competition*

*Makeup Competition to include:*

*White Face*

*Auguste*

*Hobo / Tramp*

*Character*

*Skit Competition to include:*

*Individual Skits*

*Group Skits*

*For information contact:*

*Eric "Bouncy Bobber" Frank*

*236 E. Glenn Rd.*

*Hershey, PA 17033*

*717-533-5985 home*

*bouncybobber@gmail.com*

*Come join the fun, frolic and fellowship*

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

## Registration form

Please Type or Print Legibly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Group** Tall Cedars \_\_\_\_\_ Tall Cedar Ladies \_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Skit \_\_\_\_\_

(\$15.00 Entry Fee per Category) or (\$20.00 Entry Fee day of Competition)

| Category        | Tall Cedar | Tall Cedar Ladies | Mixed Skit |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Whiteface       |            |                   |            |
| Auguste         |            |                   |            |
| Hobo /Tramp     |            |                   |            |
| Character       |            |                   |            |
| Individual Skit |            |                   |            |
| Group Skit      |            |                   |            |

I **will / will not** participate in the Balloon Competition. (\$15.00 Entry Fee or \$20.00 day of competition)

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

Please make checks payable to: Eric Frank

Sent fees & registration form to:

Eric "Bouncy Bobber" Frank  
236 E. Glenn Rd.  
Hershey, PA 17033-2126

**Please return no later than April 22, 2017.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Competition will be held at the Convention Center on Friday, May 12 @ approximately 7 p.m. Doors will open at 3 p.m. for participating clowns for makeup. At 5 p.m. the doors will open for the public. The Drill Competition will start at 6:30 p.m. with the clown skits to follow.

## THE MIDWINTER CLOWN CLASS

With all the other good reasons for attending Midwinter, Matthew Zucal of Richmond Forest #66 wants to start a clown unit for his forest. He and his fiancée, Jenny, along with some of the young guns from Richmond 66 were introduced to me. Now for those of you that know me, you know I am never without balloons. You also know that when talking about clowning I may keep going on almost forever (or so it seems). So we just hijacked a corner of the Supreme Hospitality Room and had a class on the introduction to clowning with emphasis on balloons.

Making balloon figures is an art form that some people become good at, some have a natural talent for and some do not have it in their skill set. Almost everyone likes balloons. There are some though who are very nervous about the possibility that it may break while they are nearby. There are many more of these people than you would think. These people naturally tend to stay away from balloons. Jenny is one of those people with a natural talent for making balloon figures but is also very nervous that it will break. We Tall Cedars are very lucky that she is also the kind of person that put aside her nervousness so she could learn a skill that will help us support our charity. I see Richmond Forest's Rose Sale going much higher with her helping.

Your forest can increase its fun and FUNdraising by having a clown unit too. You can even increase your Rose Sale income by making balloons without being in costume. If you have any thoughts of raising more money with this tool contact Eric "Bouncy Bobber" Frank, our Supreme Chief Clown.

## NOVA SCOTIA CRUISE LAST SEPTEMBER

Curt's Cruise Crew



## Donate money to the Tall Cedars Foundation when you shop online

Since 1984, when the username “Mrs Snowball, 72” became the first online home shopper, Ecommerce or online/internet shopping has evolved to become a standard and safe way to purchase everything from clothing and home décor to groceries and pharmaceuticals.

Today we are hard pressed to find anyone who hasn’t purchased something from the online bookstore now known as Amazon.com. They even sell a piece of hardware known as the “Echo” which you speak to, and a virtual personal assistant named “Alexa” answers your questions, plays your music, controls smart devices, and will purchase items and ship them to you directly from an Amazon warehouse. Often times shipped within 2-days **FOR FREE** if you have a Prime (membership) account.



This is not meant to be an advertisement for Amazon, and I highly recommend also supporting small and local businesses where you can get the personal attention and service not found by an online or so called “big box” store. The bottom line however, is in today’s information age an ever growing majority of millennials through baby boomers are doing more and more shopping online.

You may at this point be asking why any of this matters. How does it pertain to Tall Cedars in general and the Tall Cedars Foundation in particular as the heading suggested? If you have visited our website ([www.tallcedars.org](http://www.tallcedars.org)) you will find three quarters of the way down the page a yellow box with a link to AmazonSmile (<https://smile.amazon.com>). This link will take you to a website with all the same products Amazon has to offer but with a major enhancement. When you use this site as opposed to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) you won’t be just purchasing items available on Amazon, you could be purchasing items that Amazon will donate .5% of the purchase price to your selected charity.

If all of this seems daunting, do not fear for it’s a lot easier than it sounds. Here are some steps for accessing Amazon Smile and setting it up for future use.



1. Click on the link referenced above, or type smile.amazon.com into your web browser.
2. Enter your Amazon.com login information. If you are a first time Amazon user click the words “create an account” below the “sign in using our secure server” button. Follow the instructions to create a new account.
3. You should see the AmazonSmile logo to the left of the Amazon search box, and the Tall Cedars Foundation will be listed as the charity you are supporting beneath the search box.



4. Add the webpage to your bookmarks/favorites.
5. Begin purchasing items you would normally purchase from Amazon.com and let the Tall Cedars Foundation reap the rewards.
6. Share how to do so with friends and family.

If all of this seems like too much, ask a friend or family member to assist you. If you still need assistance, call PGTC Josh Brown at 717-316-0078. He will be more than glad to help you make every Amazon purchase support the TCF and MDA.

We should be using every tool available to raise money and awareness for MDA. I can’t think of one better than purchasing items to be shipped to my home I was going to be purchasing anyway and afterward that company donates to my charity.

## WHERE CAN WE FIND YOU?

The world is in the midst of a revolution. It is nothing so old fashioned as fighting and mayhem. It is how people get their information. Media is going through a major change. You have all heard how newspapers are rapidly becoming a thing of the past because today's young people want things fast, convenient and now. The young men we need to join us don't know how to find out about us. If men can't find information about us online, well maybe we are just too old school for them. Below are the Facebook and websites that we should be sharing as wide and far as we can. If your forest has a site that is not on the list or you create one please, please, please email the link to our Webmaster Bob Hahn at bob@BobHahnPhoto.com so your site can be added to the Supreme Forest list of links.

- Supreme Forest: <https://www.facebook.com/TallCedars> <http://www.tallcedars.org/index.html>
- Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tall\\_Cedars\\_of\\_Lebanon](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tall_Cedars_of_Lebanon)
- MDA National: <https://www.facebook.com/MDANational/> <https://www.mda.org/>
- MDA TCF related & other things w/in District 11: <https://www.facebook.com/TCF-related-other-things-win-District-11-186951564738464/>
- Tall Cedar Clowns: <https://www.facebook.com/Tall-Cedar-Clowns-1481100978830879/>
- Missouri: <http://www.motallcedars.org/>
- Region 10: <https://www.facebook.com/Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-Region-No-10-1692861604276679/>
- TCL's D11 traveling gavel: <https://www.facebook.com/TCLs-D11-traveling-gavel-ive-UR-2-Visit-562924173843237/>
- Annapolis Forest No. 126: <http://www.annapolistallcedars.org/>
- Atlantic City Forest No. 11: <https://www.facebook.com/atlanticcityforestno.11/>
- Baltimore Forest No. 45: <https://www.facebook.com/BaltimoreForest45/> <http://baltimoreforest.org/>
- Burlington Forest No. 207: <http://union38.org/wordpress/burlington-forest-no-207/>
- Central IL Forest No. 208: <https://sites.google.com/site/tallcedarsforest208/home>
- Evergreen Forest No. 49: <https://www.facebook.com/EvergreenforestNo49>
- Frederick Forest No. 132: <https://www.facebook.com/Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-Frederick-Forest-132-1034498036580905/>
- Hagerstown Forest No. 95: <https://www.facebook.com/TCLHagerstown95/>
- Har-Ce Forest No. 142: <https://www.facebook.com/harceforest142/> <http://www.harceforest142.org/>
- Harrisburg Forest No. 43: <https://www.facebook.com/HarrisburgForest43TCL-330953313606590/> <http://www.harrisburgforest43tcl.org/>
- Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/243669365770383/> <http://www.motallcedars.org/Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-Harry-S-Truman-Forest-212-Officers.asp>
- Juniata Valley Forest No. 88: <https://www.facebook.com/juniatavalleyforest/>
- Lancaster Forest No. 27: <https://www.facebook.com/Lancaster-Forest-27-Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-146909438705428/> <http://www.lancasterforest27.org/> Website **NO LONGER ACTIVE**
- Mark Twain Forest No. 202: <http://www.motallcedars.org/Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-Mark-Twain-Forest-202-Officers.asp>
- Montgomery Forest No. 134: <http://www.mastermason.com/montgomerytallcedars/>
- Norristown Forest No. 31: <https://norristownforest.wordpress.com/>
- Northern Illinois Forest No. 214: <http://www.chicagotallcedars.org/>
- Ozark Forest No. 211: <http://www.motallcedars.org/Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-Ozark-Forest-211-Officers.asp>
- Prince George's Forest No. 139: <http://www.mastermason.com/District20/f139bb.htm> Last update 2002
- Pittsburgh Forest No. 160: <https://www.facebook.com/Pittsburgh-Forest-No-160-1464178333845525/>
- Pocono Forest No. 124: <https://www.facebook.com/Pocono-Forest-124-Tall-Cedars-of-Lebanon-272300962978973/> <http://poconoforest124.weebly.com/>
- Richmond Forest No. 66: <http://www.richmondforest66.org/> Last update 2015
- Sunbury Forest No. 65: <https://sites.google.com/site/sunbury65tcl/>
- Suncoast Forest No. 165: <https://www.facebook.com/SuncoastForest>
- Tennessee Forest No. 195: <http://tnmason.org/tcl195/index.htm>
- Trenton Forest No. 4: <https://www.facebook.com/Trenton-Forest-Tall-Cedars-4-1707481712803376/> <http://www.trentonforest4.org/> Website **NO LONGER ACTIVE**
- Valley Forest No. 145: <https://www.facebook.com/ValleyForest145/>
- West Tennessee Forest No. 213: <https://es-la.facebook.com/westtntallcedars/>
- York Forest No. 30: <https://www.facebook.com/YorkTCL> <http://tclYorkforest30.info/index.html>

## ASK JAN!

This has probably become the single easiest answer to any question about the Tall Cedars. Jan Stanton has been our Director of Administration for longer than most of us have been Tall Cedars. Because of that, she is the one person that has seen and experienced more of the workings of the Supreme Forrest than any Tall Cedar. She is the “Institutional Memory” of the Tall Cedars.

I was talking with Past Supreme Tall Cedar Barry Sheaffer at Midwinter and the subject of insurance came up and the vague memory of group rate policies for Tall Cedars. He could not remember the details and used what have become our magic words, “Ask Jan.” A reply to my email request was, as usual, rapidly in my inbox. Jan told me that the information packet available to new members includes this information. Do you remember this?

Our contact is Brother and Tall Cedar Bill Robinson of RKI (Robinson-Kramer, Inc.) the company that offers various insurance plans to the Tall Cedars. They offer these five group plans for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and can be reached at 1-800-336-3316.

1. Long Term Care Nursing Home Plan
2. Hospital Benefit Plan
3. Personal Travel Accident Insurance
4. Cancer Expense Protection Plan
5. Permanent Life Insurance Plan

## THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Are you the rugged outdoor type or do you like a little (lot) of comfort when you go camping? If you like some comfort with your camping, have we got a deal for you. And you will get to camp along with some of the Tall Cedars you would normally only see at Midwinter and Convention. We have a Tall Cedar RV group. We will generally have half a dozen trips each year to various locations. You already know about the fun of exploring new places and having the comforts of your own home at the same time. I want to invite you to try having all you like about that and doing it with your friends from the Tall Cedars. Here are a few pictures of a past gathering. We hope to see you at our next stop.

Gerald Pokorny, PSD Reg 8  
Tamiami Forest No. 205





## IT'S TIME FOR THE BALLOON

I don't want to sound like another one of those District Deputies that come to the meeting and always talk about declining membership. But our membership numbers have now reached a critical mass. In our case the explosion will not be outward but inward and will cause the disappearance of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America. What we have been doing is not working.

Everyone has heard about pushing the envelope and thinking outside the box, but that hasn't helped us so far. It's time for something new. I'm calling it "The Balloon." The box and the envelope have you considering limitations. Now think of a hot air balloon. It breaks free of the limitation of staying on the ground and goes with favorable winds. I want your ideas to float like the balloon. Don't ignore things that didn't work before. It just might not have been time for that idea. We have all heard of ideas and men that were before their time. Ray Krock was a little early but he kept with it and look where McDonalds is now.

Supreme Officers, District Deputies and even Grand Masters have told us that our only market is to go to lodges. I have been to a number of lodges myself to speak about the Tall Cedars. In my balloon I get to ask why? A man must be a Master Mason to be a Tall Cedar but does that mean I can't talk to a man about the Tall Cedars if he isn't a Master Mason? I suggest that it is a disservice to all by not talking to these men. At the MDA Muscle Walks and other MDA fundraisers there are many men there because they would like to help. We also have many Tall Cedars proudly wearing their pyramids. Nobody knows what those pyramids signify and we don't have a table or any way to let them know. Ask your MDA office for the group's contact information and speak to them. They already have an interest. Now I hear some of you out there saying they can't become Tall Cedars because they aren't Master Masons. Brother, someone guided you into the light; can it now be your turn as guide? If we do not support the foundation of our fraternity, our Blue Lodges, the entire family of masonic bodies will become only a lesson in history class.

*Where will your balloon take you?*

## DO ALL YOU CAN DO!

Years ago the Army had an ad campaign for Be All You Can Be. As Freemasons we are already working toward that goal. But are you doing all you can do while working toward that goal? The challenge is to, "Do All You Can Do"! Many of us are slightly past our prime and do not get out as much as we used to. How can we do more? I'm so glad you asked that question. All of us still buy things like clothes, replacement gadgets, books and all manner of things. In today's electronic world it is easy to go online and buy from the comfort of our homes. Anyone that buys online is familiar with Amazon.com.

### THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH FOR A TALL CEDAR!

Amazon has a charitable donation system in place. You do not need to change your shopping habits at all. Since Amazon has started this program about \$38 Million has been donated. More of that money could have gone to help our charity if you had only smiled. That's right, just smile. Instead of logging in to just amazon.com log into smile.amazon.com. That is it. The products you see are the same ones. The prices you pay are the same ones. You can smile while you shop because you are helping. The first time you log in you will be asked to choose a charity. We of course are recommending that you choose the Tall Cedar Foundation. Whenever you make a purchase after logging in to smile.amazon.com you will be shown how much has been donated to the designated charity by Amazon. Yes, Amazon makes the donation at ½ percent of the product price. And it isn't added to your cost.

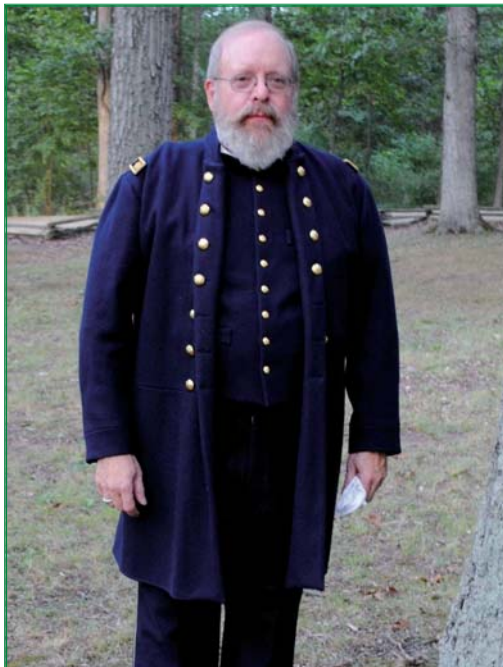
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## FUN AND FELLOWSHIP RETURN TO THE SUPREME FOREST

For the first time in a long time the gavel of the Supreme Forest has been absconded with. The gavel was not one of our normal gavels, but a special one that had been presented to our Supreme Tall Cedar. After learning that his gavel had started some "Travels" STC Mark offered that if the "Caretakers" could get more than \$100 it would go to the TCL Foundation. The goal was rapidly met on the "Underground Tall Cedar Green Market." Finding out how good a fundraiser this was becoming STC Mark signed the gavel. At last report the bidding has reached \$250.

We will not speculate how the gavel left the stage but it will be noted that the newer young Tall Cedars of Richmond Forest No. 66 seemed to really enjoy themselves. They had been told by the forest old timers how much fun they used to have at Midwinter and Convention. The Supreme Forest benefited greatly by the youthful exuberance these young men brought back to what had not quite turned into a standard stuffy meeting. Old timers, here is your task. Get some new younger members and fill their heads with some of the "Stunts" that made meetings fun and turn them loose (or almost loose). You might enjoy being there too just to watch them.

## AROUND THE KINGDOM



Acting ST Dennis McClanahan in period attire



Richard C Saylor, PSD Region 4, recently received an award for 66 years as a member of Juniata Valley Forest No. 88.

L-R: Van Jodon, SD Region 4, Richard C Saylor PSD Region 4 (66 year memembr of TCL), and Matthew S Teter, GTC.



Juniata Valley Forest No. 88 TCL, 2017 officers  
L-R: Kevin H Lindsey, SDGTC, Matthew S Teter, GTC  
and Dean A Sipe, JDGTC

## ANNAPOLIS FOREST NO. 126 CELEBRATES 70 YEARS

Annapolis Forest #126 has a long and proud tradition within the Supreme Forest. Under the direction of Supreme Tall Cedar Albert C. Hackenberger; over 1,500 Tall Cedars from Baltimore Forest #45, Hagerstown Forest #95, and Capitol Forest #104 participated in a parade through downtown Annapolis, MD to herald the inauguration of Annapolis Forest #126. John Smearman was installed as the first Grand Tall Cedar of a forest starting 270 members strong.



In celebration of this momentous event, Annapolis Forest #126 will be hosting a gala to mark our 70th Anniversary on April 22, 2017 at La Fontaine Bleue, 7514 S. Richie Highway, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. The event will take place from 2:00 – 6:00 PM with a buffet meal. Formal dress is requested and the cost is \$50 per person. Requests for formal invitations, RSVPs, or questions can be directed to Harris Asbeil, Annapolis Forest #126 Grand Tall Cedar, 410-869-2826 or Robin Romer, Annapolis Forest Cedarettes President, 443-254-5466.

## SEMINOLE FOREST NO. 193

### TALL CEDARS of LEBANON SPRING FESTIVAL/MINI-CONFERENCE

April 8, 2017 - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

ST JOHN LODGE No. 37  
2557 N. Spring Garden Ave  
DeLand Florida 32720

This will be an Open Meeting and all Tall Cedars are invited to attend and bring any Master Mason from your home Lodge to accompany you.

This, my Brothers, is an opportunity for you to gather and meet your Supreme Tall Cedar Mark Brumaghim, who will be down from Harrisburg. Also expected to attend will be our SDSTC James Morrison.

We have arranged for a candidate to be initiated; the Supreme Tall Cedar will do us the honor. Our STC has requested that this be a casual affair, however remember no SHORTS, or shower shoes. Forest Shirts are recommended.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided by Seminole Forest #193.

RSVP: Bernard C. Schlenk  
Email. bcschlenk@aol.com  
PH: 386-775-3574

Hotel arrangements must be made by the attendees. PH: 386-775-7444 List of local hotels:

Comfort Inn  
499 E. International Speedway Blvd.  
DeLand ,FL 32721  
PH: 386-736-3100

Holiday Inn Express  
1330 Saxon Blvd  
Orange City, 32753  
PH: 386-917-0004

Quality Inn  
4455 S. Volusia Ave.  
Orange City, FL 32763  
PH: 386-775-7444

# GEORGIA STATE FOREST NO. 181

**Dear Mr Wellman**

**Thank you for giving me my pool wheelchair. It's way easier on my Mom, Dad and myself. I am really thankful that Tall Cedars got it for me. I've spent the afternoon swimming and it wasn't a struggle to get in and out of the pool whenever I would like. This makes swimming and exercising so easy now. Thank you so very much! Mom took a couple of pictures while I was getting in the pool. Please share this with everyone that donated.**

**Love Hannah**



What else can you say, Hannah's note says it all. That's what being a Tall Cedar is all about. Congratulations to all who took part. What can we do next?

# In Memoriam



James J. Benson  
STC – 1998  
1923 - 2016

## NOTE FROM PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE

I want to thank Supreme Tall Cedar Mark Brumaghim for his support and trust with planning for this year's Convention Parade. The theme last year was "Plus One". For those of you attending the Tall Cedar Mid-Winter Conference in Lancaster, you learned that this year's theme echos the sentiment of our new President; Let's make Tall Cedars and the Convention Parade great again!

In 2016 the Committee surprised attendees of the Awards Ceremony with a Trophy and traveling plaque recognizing the Forest that displayed extraordinary efforts, precision, and enthusiasm. Last year's winner of the Convention Parade "Best In Show" Award was Trenton Forest No. 4. I have been told that Trenton intends to repeat. The rest of the Cedar Kingdom should take that as a direct challenge. Start planning your Forest's entries now. Add a float, marching unit, clown unit, Color Guard and more. Let's build on the success of the past and increase our numbers. Come one, come all. Even if your Forest numbers are down, there is a place in the Parade for you.

You should have received your event registration forms by now. Make every effort to complete and submit them right away. Deadline for submission is April 7. We will help answer any questions that you may have and appreciate any and all suggestions that would enhance the Parade experience.

An urgent call for help....we need at least two more Parade Marshals, one to guide Cedars and all line up for the procession. Many thanks to Craig of Baltimore Forest No. 45, who served last year and has graciously volunteered again for 2017. Those serving will be rewarded monetarily and many times over with the satisfaction of being part of the inner workings that make the Parade possible. Please contact me if interested in serving.

Encourage your Officers and membership to attend the Tall Cedar Convention and experience the Fun, Frolic and Fellowship that we all enjoy together celebrating our work to fight Muscular Dystrophy and neuromuscular diseases. So join us in May of 2017 as we strive to make the Parade great again. And the bands played on! Which Forest will claim the 2017 "Best-In-Show" Award? See you in May.

Cedarly,  
PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
Bob Hopkins PGTC York No. 30  
srhopkins@verizon.net



*Robert F. Richmond,  
Supreme Chief Ranger*

In a continuing effort to renew interest in the Color Guard Competition and Drill Teams we are going to give the following ideas a try. I have talked these things over with several Ranger teams and hope they will help. As always any suggestions or help will be considered and appreciated.

1. All Color Guards must be at least 4 persons, (two riflemen, the National Color and an organizational Flag). In the Color Guard competition, there should be no more than six persons, not counting a Color Guard Sergeant, you are not however limited to this number. In the parade, you may have as many as you like.
2. All Color Guards must perform a Salute or Present Arms. All military movements must be according to a military manual such as Army manual FM3-21-5 (FM 22-5). All competitions will be governed by the Royal Ranger Manual.
3. The time on the floor will be between one minute and thirty seconds minimum to three minutes, maximum.
4. A small part of the score will be for crowd appeal. Another part of the score will be for degree of difficulty. See Ranger Manual.
5. Judges will try to stay off the floor area so they are not a distraction to the participants.
6. No part of the Color Guard including their equipment may be placed outside the competition area until the unit exits the area and ends their performance.
7. Music will be optional. The Forest Chief Ranger will be responsible for seeing that their music is in the hands of the person playing the music prior to the start of the competition.

I would like to have as many units as possible in the Friday night program at convention. If your Forest is interested in participating or needs help getting a unit together please contact me as soon as possible.

Contact Information; E-mail, [bigdog265@verizon.net](mailto:bigdog265@verizon.net) Phone, (home) 717-533-5706 or (cell) 717-919-1417

Robert E. Richmond,

*Robert E. Richmond*

Supreme Chief Ranger



**SUPREME FOREST  
OF THE  
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2017**



**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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The Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America will award three \$1,000 Scholarships for a one-year period, to outstanding students who have been accepted to a college, university, junior college, community college or technical school on a full time basis. Previous recipients are not eligible.

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**ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

The Applicant must:

1. be a member in good standing of a DeMolay Chapter, Job's Daughter Bethel, Rainbow Assembly, or The Triangles in a state where a Tall Cedar Forest exists; or be the son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of a Tall Cedar in good standing.
2. be accepted at an accredited institution in any Associate, Baccalaureate Degree, Technical, or Vocational Program.
3. plan to attend on a full time basis.
4. be of sterling character and personal integrity.
5. provide proof of Masonic affiliation.
6. demonstrate leadership abilities.
7. submit an official school transcript.
8. participate in community service work.
9. submit not more than four (4) letters of recommendation.

**OFFICIAL RULES:**

1. Applications must be obtained from the Supreme Forest Office, 4309 Linglestown Rd., Suite 116, Harrisburg, PA 17112.
2. All applications must be submitted on forms provided by the Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon.
3. All components of the application (i.e. application, letters of recommendation, etc.) must be submitted in one package.
4. The Tall Cedars Scholarship Committee will judge applications. The names of all applicants will be confidential.
5. The awards are competitive and are based on merit.
6. The deadline for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, with the awards being made in April or May.
7. All Scholarship money will be paid directly to the applicant's college, university, technical or vocational school on the student's behalf.

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