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The greatest of these is Charity



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AND FIRST LADY BARBARA**



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By Ketron

A RESOLUTION

to honor and commend James R. Morrison, Jr., upon being named
Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those citizens who have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is James R. Morrison, Jr., who was recently elected as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison was born in Nashville to James and Ethel Morrison, and he traveled throughout much of Europe and the Far East as the young son of a military family. After graduating from a two-year college in Nashville, he and his new wife, Barbara, moved to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he began his career in law enforcement before moving back to Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, having joined the Masonry in 1979, James Morrison became a chartered life member of Tennessee Forest No. 195 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America in 1998, believing in the organization's cause of bonding the many branches of Freemasonry in fellowship and helping to find a cure for and assist those living with neuromuscular diseases; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, James Morrison has fully dedicated his time and abilities to the organization's cause, which has led him to be named Grand Tall Cedar of Tennessee Forest No. 195, District Deputy of District 16, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and most recently, Supreme Tall Cedar; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 and 2017, as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar and Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Mr. Morrison traveled throughout the Cedar Kingdom, meeting with its many Forest Members and discussing new and innovative ways to encourage membership growth; and

WHEREAS, in this pursuit, James Morrison was a part of the Supreme Team that instituted Alabama State Forest No. 218. He also attended the Conference of Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina; the South Eastern Grand Masters Conference in Pigeon Forge; and the Cave Degree in Kingston. He was also a part of meetings with Burlington Forest No. 207, Mark Twain Forest No. 202, Ozark Forest No. 211, and Harry S. Truman Forest No. 212; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morrison is a member of the Shrine Oasis of Nashville Desert of Tennessee, the Tennessee Lodge of Research, the Scottish Rite, of which he is a Knight of Commander Court of Honor, and many other Masonic organizations; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, James Morrison served as Worshipful Master of his first Lodge in 2004 and of another from 2007 through 2012; and

WHEREAS, it is his work with the Tall Cedars in pursuit of a cure for and prevention of neuromuscular diseases of which he is most proud; and

WHEREAS, James Morrison is a credit to not only the members of his Lodge but to the entire Tall Cedars of Lebanon organization, and his election as the Supreme Tall Cedar is well deserved. In the Tall Cedars' 115-year history, it is the first time that a Supreme Tall Cedar has not come from the Northern States; and

WHEREAS, it is wholly fitting that the members of this General Assembly applaud Mr. Morrison for his outstanding service in this highly regarded charitable organization; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend James R. Morrison, Jr., upon being named Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all his future endeavors.

Adopted: March 5, 2018

Senator Bill Ketron

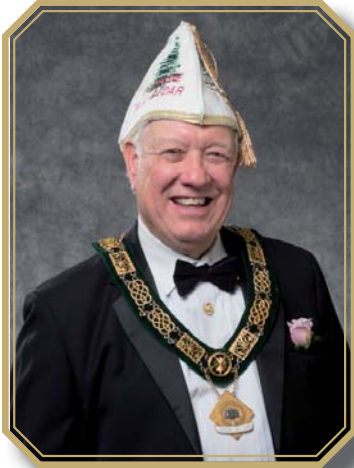


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Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



James R. Morrison, Jr.



Wow, what a great year I have had so far. I could not have had a more interesting and productive year than what I have had. The Forests I have personally visited this year have received Barbara and me with open arms.

I must say that we had a very good Convention in Wildwood this year. It was filled with good fellowship and Brotherly Love. The entertainment at the banquet was outstanding and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you Bud, and your Committee for a job well done!

I took a trip to the MDA Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois several months ago with Barbara and two of our grandchildren. We were received very warmly. I discussed several topics with them about how both of our organizations can work together to move forward. They are in the process of moving their headquarters to the South side of Chicago. I want to visit them again the next time I'm in that area to see their new offices and talk with them again.

Our Board of Directors will be making decisions that require attention during the last half of this year. They are looking out for the good of our fraternity in making decisions that will enable us to move ahead in coming years.

As I start to close out the year with the ending of my term as your Supreme Tall Cedar, I will be going to the Grand Lodge Sessions in Missouri, Illinois, Georgia, Alabama and Ohio. I will be assisting the Forest and their members in those states spreading the word about our fraternity. Hopefully this will lead to an increase in membership.

There is still much work to be done before the end of the year, and that work will be accomplished by our working together.

As I have said often before, "Thank you my Brothers for allowing me to serve and represent our fraternity as your Supreme Tall Cedar. "

Cedarly, in Brotherly Love

James R. Morrison, STC

Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar



Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr.



WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME is one of my favorite things to hear when visiting a Forest. Another is a petition being read out. We have a lot to offer as Tall Cedars and especially Master Masons. This year I have learned several things; one of them is commitment. Some of you may know that I assumed being Worshipful Master of my Blue Lodge this year, again for the fifth time. I was not committed for this as I am just a fill in for the next Worshipful Master. This has not worked out so well for the Lodge. The current line officers are not advancing or learning the work. My Lodge Brethren knew about my commitment to the Tall Cedars and were going to fill in as needed. You might be asking yourself...What does this have to do with Tall Cedars? It has everything to do. Where do we get new members for the Tall Cedars? Blue Lodge. Most of us are members of other collateral bodies of Masonry, Shrine, Scottish Rite, York Rite, etc. Without a number of committed members, where would these organizations be? With the commitment and a positive attitude, we can make Tall Cedars grow.

The current financial situation of the Supreme Forest is less than just ok. The Supreme Forest runs off the per capita tax that each member pays in their dues. The last time per capita was raised was in 2013 & 2014. Between the years of 2013 and 2017 we lost 1,601 members with a total loss of revenue of \$78,617.00. The costs of doing business stays the same. The Supreme Forest office was sold in 2015 and we are saving money not having expenses like real estate taxes, maintenance and other expenditures that come with owning a building. At the present time our Board of Directors is looking into our investments and a better way of utilizing them for an income stream. The Board is also looking into other ways of cutting costs and none of you want to see some of the proposals that are being discussed. I know a lot of us would like to keep the current per capita tax at \$17.00 a year but the numbers do not lie. If we continue on the present course.....well I will let you make that assumption.

We have two choices,

- 1) Raise per capita tax. Plan would include raising current per capita and an increase every year based on total membership net loss. A net gain no increase.
- 2) Nothing, just let it work out. This is actually being done at the present time with no positive outcome.

OR... And this is not a choice, because we are all motivated and positive Tall Cedars and care about what we have done and still do for our MD Children and want to make a difference and share Tall Cedars with the rest of Masonry, get new members. Spread the word; stop keeping Tall Cedars a secret.

Midwinter is approaching; please make every effort to attend. There will be breakout sessions for the GTC, SDGTC and JDGTC, Scribes and Treasurers, District Deputies, Tall Cedar Foundation, Clowns, all men, women, children, and Rangers. See information in this digest to make reservations.

In 2019 it will be a year of transparency. I will let the membership know what your Board of Directors is doing and ask for your help when it is needed. The District Deputies will have information of what is going on in and around the Cedar Kingdom. I will visit any Forest that invites me if my schedule can make it happen. A challenge I have to each and every Forest is if you have 8 or more new members coming into your Forest for initiation, I will make it my objective to be there. If you have any questions for me, call or email me anytime 443-756-8979 or supremetc2019@gmail.com.

JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



William W. Martz



Greetings Fellow Sidonians,

I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome and kindnesses extended to Linda and me as we traveled around the Cedar Kingdom this year. The Midwinter Conference in Tennessee was an opportunity to meet many Cedars who don't normally travel to the east coast. The Supreme Bowling Tournament in Pennsylvania was loads of fun – I even knocked a few pins down. I enjoyed the chance to visit with some of my southern friends and make new southern friends during the Regional event in Atlanta, Georgia. The ritualistic work and the stage and props were very, very impressive. I understand the Mid-East Regional event was also a great success. As I write this note, I am looking forward to joining with my Philadelphia-area Cedars in September and then attending another great Regional event in Ohio. In addition, there were many opportunities to break bread with my brothers at various Forest events. Good programs, good works, good food, all combine to create good will among fellow Cedars.

As I stated in the spring edition of the Cedar Digest, I will be relearning my “ABC’s” during my three year journey in the Supreme line. I continue to challenge each of you to join me in focusing on the following points:

A is for Advancement: The Supreme Forest Board of Directors has recognized the need to ensure the long-term viability of the Tall Cedars by addressing the administrative issues of membership and finances. We need to expand the Cedar Kingdom and at the same time we need to grow the existing Forests. We have established task forces to look forward and propose new, more efficient, and cost effective ways to manage our organization and investments. We need to work together to support the future changes needed to protect the viability of the Cedars.

B is for Blessings: We are each blessed in various ways, so share those blessings with others – perform random acts of kindness. Exhibit your Masonic compassion by helping, aiding, and assisting your neighbors.

C is for Charity: I have been impressed by our focus on our charitable cause. Not only have we as individuals and as members of our Forests continued to raise funds for the Tall Cedars Foundation in support of the Muscular Dystrophy Association, many Forests have adopted a local MD ambassador and/or sent one or more children to MDA camps.

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve you as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. Working together with Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Les Metcalf, and all of you, we have made 2018 a year to remember. I look forward to finishing this year and working with Les and incoming Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Eric Becker in 2019. Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Cedarly,
William W. Martz

SUPREME TREASURER



Robert E. Saul PSTC

It has been said that if we are going to survive the potential financial hardships of the future, we need to start planning now. Unfortunately, our three primary sources of income are membership fees (53.2%), Foundation administrative fees (15.7%), and interest/dividend income on investments (15.5%), the remainder coming from miscellaneous sources. Since we have seen a 4% decrease in membership annually for a number of years, we have likewise seen a significant decrease in income. We are also at the mercy of the market, as rates move up or down. Having

made these remarks, it becomes quite apparent that something needs to be done. At the March Board meeting, an investment committee was appointed to work with our financial advisor, Todd Pauliny. The Board was also put to task to contain costs and decrease spending. At the time of this writing, plans are being implemented to fulfill these obligations. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Acting Supreme Treasurer. Your incoming Supreme Treasurer, Brian VanScyoc, will be a great asset to the Supreme Forest line and the Tall Cedars organization.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN REV. EDDIE D.D. MILLER

As I am experiencing the heat of July, it is difficult to realize that, as happens every year, summer will eventually fade away to the beauty of a colorful fall and Old Man Winter will then follow! We often do not like change no matter whether it happens with or without our input!

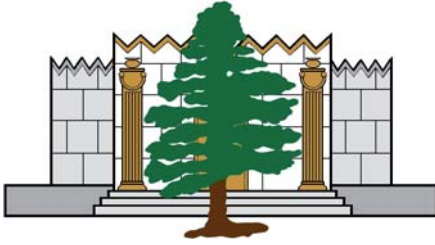
I am made aware of this as I review scripture and how the disciples of Jesus were not happy when they began to understand what He had been trying to tell them about the big change that was coming! We get used to our friends, jobs, families and everything else staying the same! In John 14, Jesus told his followers it was time for Him to leave so that God's will could be fulfilled. They thought that Jesus would stay with them during the changes and they could count on Him to become the king! What a surprise that was for them when He told them He wouldn't be there and their lives would forever be changed!

Every year as we wrap up our summer convention and part our ways, we know that the seasons must change for our coming together again as Tall Cedars. The season, place and reason for being there is different but must occur to prepare us for all that takes place in the warmth of summer. As Tall Cedars, the weather i.e. the time of the year, has nothing to do with our continuous feeling of brotherhood that should always been within us! Some of the seasons we enjoy less than the others, but each has its opportunities of fun, frolic and fellowship until we meet again!

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you as we gather in our local forests and our winter conference in Ocean City, Maryland!

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

2018 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2018 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR DALTON AL-CHOKHACHI



Dalton with STC James R. Morrison, Jr.

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

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

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

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

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

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**SUPREME FOREST
OF THE
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2019**



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

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ELIGIBILITY RULES:

The Applicant must:

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

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

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reminding you to register for the 2019 Midwinter Conference

2019 SCHEDULES

Fellow Cedars,

I'm Al Tynan, along with Harris Asbeil, we're aides to the incoming 2019 Supreme Tall Cedar Les Metcalf. We would appreciate if all incoming 2019 Grand Tall Cedars would send us a copy of their agendas and events for the upcoming year. This would allow Les and us plan his visits to various forests. You can email your agendas to gerrytynan@comcast.net. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

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We're requesting all Forests of the Kingdom send us a list of your officers who are attending the 2019 Conference. This will permit us to plan the breakout sessions for the various officers. It also will provide us to have the correct information for the various offices. Please send the lists to gerrytynan@comcast.net. We appreciate your assistance.



Our STC elect is serving as Master of his lodge this year. Talk about a full plate!

2019 TALL CEDARS MIDWINTER CONFERENCE CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL

OCEANFRONT @ 10100 Coastal Hwy.; Ocean City MD 21842



January 10th – 13th, 2019

Reservations are to be made directly with the **CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL**. Call **1-800-638-2100** or **410-524-3535** and mention the Tall Cedars so you will be housed with the block of rooms reserved for the conference. Most major credit cards accepted.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS – December 13th. 2018

PACKAGE PLAN RATES PER PERSON

Room Occupancy	Friday night only	Saturday night only	Friday & Saturday nights
Single	\$ 175.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 336.00
Double	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 240.00
Triple	\$ 115.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 215.00
Quad	\$ 110.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 205.00

1 Night Package: Includes evening meal and the following morning Breakfast. *Tickets will be collected.*

2 Night Package: Includes 2 evening meals and the 2 following morning Breakfasts. *Tickets will be collected.*

EP rates for early arrivals or late stays - \$90.00 **+tax** per night.

Check in – 4:00 PM

Check-out – 11:00 AM

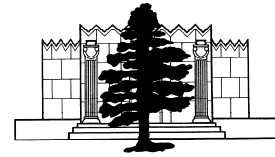
Children 3-18 Nothing additional for sleeping room; Meals: Hot Breakfast Buffets will be \$ 9.50 per child per breakfast; Dinners (Salad, Pasta or Chicken fingers, Vegetable, Starch, Dessert & Beverage) will be \$18.00 per child per dinner. **NOTE:** Ask for separate Children meal registration form!! *(If Needed)*

Children 18 & over will be considered an adult and the Double, Triple or Quad pricing will apply.

Commuter meal rates: Breakfasts per person \$ 20.00 inclusive/Dinners per person \$ 50.00 inclusive. Call PSTC Richard Feeser at **1-800-369-8909** to make reservations for Commuter meals.



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



2019 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

**DRESS CODE FOR
ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS
&
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Supreme Tall Cedar-elect Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., requests that the following Dress Code be adhered to at the 2019 Midwinter Conference:

Friday afternoon -	Casual Dress
Friday evening -	Casual Dress –Flannel shirts and blue jeans suggested Theme for the evening is Blue Jeans and Blue Grass
Saturday Session -	Elected and Appointed Officers - Black Tuxedo, plain white shirt/PSTC Dress General Membership – Dress casual (no jeans)
Saturday Seminars -	Elected and Appointed Officers - Black Tuxedo, plain white shirt/PSTC Dress General Membership – Dress casual (no jeans)
Saturday evening -	Elected & Appointed Officers - Black Tuxedo, plain white Shirt Ladies participating in the Installation Ceremony - formal gown or Cocktail dress. General Membership – Coat & tie Ladies – dress slacks or dress

Jewels and pyramids are required for Saturday’s Session and Installation.

**2019 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE
TALL CEDARS of LEBANON
MEN'S LUNCHEON**



Saturday Jan. 12th, 2019

**CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL
10100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD**

**All Tall Cedars are invited to join the
Supreme Forest Officers
for a Sandwich Buffet Lunch**

&

Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship

DOORS OPEN @ 11:30 AM - LUNCHEON @NOON

Deadline for reservations is December 20, 2018

Please complete the form below and send to:

Al Tynan

5552 Dolores Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21227

410-242-6978

2019 Midwinter Men's Luncheon

NAME(s) _____ Forest Name and # _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ tickets @ \$20 per person. Total \$ _____

Phone # _____ Email: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2019 COMMITTEE



Supreme Tall Cedar 2019 Cruise

9 Night Canada and New England

(Baltimore Roundtrip)

Aboard the Grandeur of the Seas

OCTOBER 3 – 12, 2019

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

CRUISE PRICING INCLUDES:

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

A LIMITED NUMBER OF CABINS AVAILABLE AT THESE PRICES

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

***\$150 per person deposit of which \$50 is non refundable**

Book by April 1, 2019 for guaranteed group pricing & amenities above

Trying to decide what to do first:

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

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

Nancy & Bill Shirey

TEL: 410.465.6263

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



Grandeur of the Seas

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

2019 ANNUAL

LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

ANCHORS AWAY

Hosted by Annapolis Forest Cedarettes

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE ANCHOR JEWELRY

CLARION RESORT FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL

10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12th, 2019

DOORS OPEN 11:30 AM LUNCHEON @ NOON

Vegetable soup

Chicken salad croissant with chips

Cheesecake & Beverages

ENTERTAINMENT

Deadline for reservations December 20, 2018

Send Reservations to:

Gerry Tynan

5552 Dolores Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21227

410-242-6978



2019 MIDWINTER LADIES LUNCHEON

NAME: _____ Forest No. _____

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

Any special dietary needs? _____

Phone # _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO 2019 COMMITTEE

LADIES LUNCHEON - WILDWOOD NJ 2018



Front Row (L-R): Linda Martz, FL Barbara Morrison, and Susie Metcalf
 Back Row (L-R): Mary Saul, Jan Bachman, and Donna Erlinger



Helen Atkinson presenting
 Sue Brumaghim her FFL pin.



FORMER FIRST LADIES
 Front Row Seated (L-R): Suzanne Sheaffer, Judy Morgan, Sue Brumaghim, Diane Shoop
 Back Row (L-R): Jennie Diem, Arlene Baringer, Pat Corwell, Helen Atkinson, Margie Beam, Nancy Willard,
 Brenda Vogel, Mary Saul, Margie Myers and Carrie Lyter



ANNUAL SESSION 2018

New Jersey WILDWOODS™



Baltimore Forest presented the colors to start the General Session.



Brian Hoffman, aka, Tinkers the clown making remarks during the sessions..



Joe Alfonso, MDA addressing the assembly.



RWPGM of PA Jay Smith making remarks to the assembly.



Hannah Gerowe, Miss International Jobs Daughters



Amy Wilike, Grand Worthy Advisor; Rainbow International



James L. Cain, SR; Imperial Grand Rabban, Shriners International

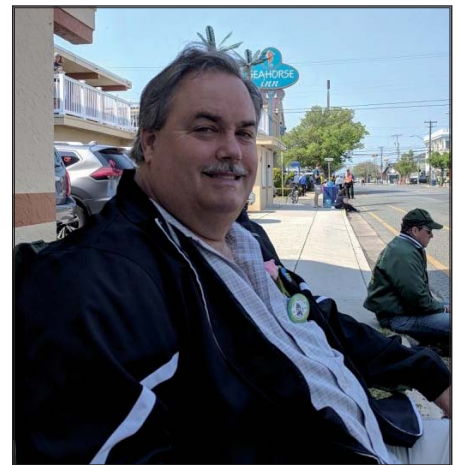
Jay W Smith, RWPGM of PA

Roger B. Quitanna, MWGM of New Jersey

PARADE



Clowns "Crabby" Williams and "Hobo" Bud Hamilton in "Clown Mobile" for Evergreen Forest No. 49



PGTC Bob Marley, Har-Ce Forest-No.142 enjoying the parade

PARADE



Evergreen Forest No. 49 MDA Float



116th ANNUAL CONVENTION PARADE WINNERS
May 12th, 2018
Wildwood, NJ

CLASSIC VEHICLE:

First Place: Quittapahilla Forest No. 25

TALL CEDAR CLOWN UNIT:

First Place: York Forest No. 30

Second Place: Harrisburg Forest No. 43

MDA FLOAT:

First Place: Evergreen Forest No. 49

Second Place: Annapolis Forest No. 126

MISCELLANEOUS MOBILE UNIT:

First Place: Evergreen Forest No. 49

Second Place: Annapolis Forest No. 126

MISCELLANEOUS MARCHING UNIT:

First Place: Juniata Valley Forest No. 88

Second Place: Trenton Forest No. 4

CEDARETTE MISCELLANEOUS MARCHING UNIT:

First Place: Annapolis Forest No. 126

Second Place: Baltimore Forest No. 45

MISCELLANEOUS FLOAT:

First Place: Glassboro Forest No. 1

Second Place: Trenton Forest No. 4

ORGANIZED TUXEDO UNIT:

First Place: Annapolis Forest No. 126

Second Place: District No. 21 Officers & Past Officers

COLOR GUARD:

First Place: Quittapahilla Forest No. 25

Second Place: Trenton Forest No. 4



2018 CLOWN COMPETITION

May 11th, 2018

Wildwood Convention Center
Wildwood, NJ

MAKEUP COMPETITION:

First Place: Keith "Stinky" Lypka
Glassboro Forest No. 1
Hobo Clown

Second Place: James Earle, Jr.
Glassboro Forest No. 1
Whiteface Clown

Third Place: Mark "Sparky" Tarmann
Glassboro Forest No. 1

MIXED SKIT:

First Place: York Forest No. 30

Second Place: Glassboro Forest No. 1

WOMEN'S SKIT:

First Place: York Forest No. 30

BALLOON COMPETITION:

SINGLE BALLOON:

First Place: Robert Smith, York Forest No. 30

Second Place: Harris Asbeil, Annapolis Forest No. 126

MULTI BALLOON:

First Place: Robert Smith, York Forest No. 30

Second Place: Harris Asbeil, Annapolis Forest No. 126



FOREST NO. 213 DEMOLAY PAST MASTER COUNSELOR

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

On March 30th, 2018, West Tennessee Forest #213 had the honor and privilege of presenting the DeMolay Past Master Counselor Meritorious Service Award to Joseph Nutzell.



(pictured L to R)
Bill Smith (Potentate Al-Chymia Shrine),
David Nutzell,
Dwayne Blair (Chief Rabban Al-Chymia Shrine) ,
Chaplain Mike Pruitt, GTC
Michael Schaefer, DDSTC
Tim Webster,
Joseph Nutzell, Scribe
Thomas Kerlin,
STC James Morrison, PGTC
Sean Hamilton, JDGTC
Charlie Woody.
(Front)
National Good Will Ambassador
Dalton Al-Chokachi

The award is given by DeMolay International and is sponsored and underwritten by The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon, North America.



GTC Michael Schaefer of West Tennessee Forest No.213 (he also happens to be the Western District Governor of Tennessee DeMolay) presented the award with the assistance of the forest officers.



It was a distinct honor to have in attendance our Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison. STC. Morrison, a Sr. DeMolay himself presented Joseph with one of the STC Knives.

FLORIDA DEMOLAY CONCLAVE: MASONIC YOUTH IN ACTION

Twice a year Florida DeMolay comes together to share in the brotherhood and excitement that is Conclave! Fellowship and fun abound at these Conclaves, and for someone who's never attended a Conclave before, they meet so many new friends and share in all new experiences. Every member has the opportunity to participate in sporting and ritual competitions, and even though there's only one Chapter that hoists trophies in each event, everyone's still a winner after its all over. Conclave is what every young man looks forward to, and after everyone leaves, we just get excited for the next one.

We hold our Mini-Conclave in January and our Summer Conclave in July. At Mini-Conclave, it's all about competition, whether it be sports or ritual. A little bit of something for everyone; from chess to football.

Summer Conclave allows the young men to bond over an extended period. With 5 days and 4 nights there's so much to do. Our Summer Conclave is our "Grand Showcase", where we handle all the business of Florida DeMolay, which includes the election and installation of our new State Officers for the year.

This July 21-25, 2018 starts the Centennial Year of DeMolay. We have many exciting and awesome things planned to celebrate our Centennial Year, and they all kick off at this Conclave! Everyone is welcome to attend, and your support is always appreciated! We have a "Can't Miss and Everyone is Invited" presentation of the play portion of our DeMolay Degree, which exemplifies the last Grand Master of the Knights Templar Jacques DeMolay's unmatched heroism and fidelity.

Check out our website: www.FLDeMolay.org for information about all the great things Florida DeMolay is doing!

VALLEY FOREST NO. 145

On August 10th Valley Forest inducted 14 new members. The special guest of honor was the RWGM of the Grand Lodge of PA, S. Eugene Herritt, and a member of Valley Forest. What an honor and privilege for the new members to have Brother Herritt in attendance.



Front Row: PGTC #30 Rick Snyder, SD No. 3, PGTC #27 Glenn Henry, DDSTC #11, SDGTC Gregory Hershey, Valley Forest No. 145, PGTC No.126 Les Metcalf, SDSTC, Brother S. Eugene Herritt, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Pennsylvania, Valley Forest No. 145, GTC Ike Horst, Valley Forest No. 145, PGTC No. 95 William Martz, JDSTC, JDGTC Ronald Harshman, Valley Forest No. 145, PGTC No. 27 Edward Stumm (Tyler of the Grand Lodge of PA)

Middle Row: Candidates/New Members - Lee Kaufman, Waynesboro, Larry Elliott, Shippensburg, Shawn Waters, Shade Gap, Andrew Creamer, Shippensburg, Carl Calder, Shippensburg, William Lloyd, Shippensburg, Jeff Miller, Newville

Back Row: Lloyd Bier, Newville, Bryan Ruth, Shippensburg, William Britton, Carlisle, Ronald Madison, Shippensburg, Austin Funk, Chambersburg, Matthew Hoch, Shippensburg, Tristan Breneman, Gardners

FOREST NO. 212 CHUCK A PUCK FUNDRAISER

On March 3, 2018, Harry S Truman Forest No.212 took part in a chuck-a-puck fundraiser with the Kansas City Mavericks hockey organization to help raise money and awareness for Tall Cedars and our charity, MDA. The Mavericks were great to work with, helped us promote this event to the fullest, and have even asked us to return again this upcoming season. The game even came right down to the the final seconds with a Mavericks goal and a WIN! .

We had a great group help participate in this venture including STC James Morrison, first lady Barbara, members of both Harry S Truman Forest #212 and Ozark Forest #211, Regional Director Joe Russell, our DDSTC Ed Choate, and Foundation Trustee Robert Willis along with Mavericks mascots Mac and Cheese.

It was a great night of fun, frolic, fellowship, and hockey by all that participated.



EVERGREEN FOREST NO. 49 MDA FAMILY PICNIC

July 29, 2018. We had over 125 folks in attendance including 2 of our Muscular Dystrophy Families and representation from the other 3 Forests in District No. 13. We also had our STC-Elect Les Metcalf and Lady Susie along with their aides Al and Jerry Tynan join us for the activities. A good time was had by all!!



2018 MDA SUMMER CAMP

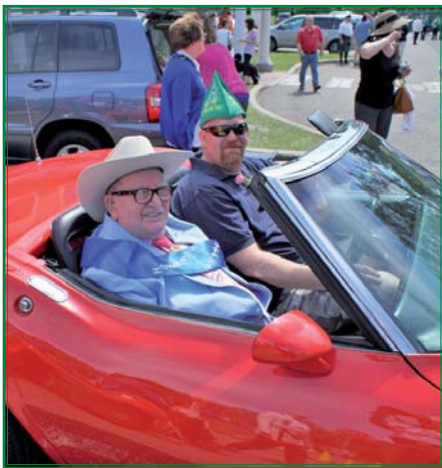
Open Day Picnic Luncheon on June 17, 2018 at Camp Fairlee outside of Chestertown, MD. We supplied, prepared and provided the Campers, Chaperones and Staff lunch for the day! Approximately 150 people participated in the day!



LAUREL FOREST NO. 130 WALLINGFORD, CONNECTICUT

Laurel Forest No. 130 has been working hard during the past year to bring in new members, grow the forest and promote Cedarism in Connecticut. The forest has added 17 new members, have petitions for a couple more to be initiated in the Fall and have participated in awareness programs such as making presentations at Masonic Lodges about our fraternity.

On June 9, 2018, at the annual Connecticut Grand Masters Day, the forest lead the parade and had a Tall Cedar Booth with information and roses. One of our members, Brother Jonathon Potter, owns several antique cars and drove them in the parade and had them on display for all to view for the rest of the day. His son, Brother Jeff Potter, drove the Parade Marshal, Brother George Smith, in his dad's antique Corvette and Brother Jonathon drove his Model T. Several Tall Cedars and their ladies marched in the parade with the banner. A fun and productive time was had by all that participated.



Brother Jeff Potter
Brother George Smith, Parade Marshal



FRONT ROW (L to R): Richard Cory,
Larry Brandolini, Ian Jones, Jim Currier
BACK ROW (Left to Right): Jeff Potter,
Teresa Ainsley, Robert Goff, DDSTC



Sandie Greene and Jonathan Potter



Jonathan Potter with Rainbow Girls



SUPREME DIRECTOR WILLIAM GREENE WITH MISS
GABBY DANA, GRAND CHARITY OF CT RAINBOW



DDSTC Robert Goff
with his Lady Teresa Ainsley

AROUND THE KINGDOM



Hagerstown Forest Officers with one PGTC, aka the aide to the JDSTC



On May 30th at the regular meeting, Ladies Night Susquehanna Forest inducted two new members. Assisting in the induction was JDSTC Bill Martz. (L-R): Front row; Vern Gamble, Lee Locke Back Row; JJ Magyar, JDGTC; Bill Martz, JDSTC; Keith Erb, GTC; Eric Stahley, SDGTC



Wreath Laying....



The Royal Court of Miss Jefferson County (West Virginia) Fair visit members of Shenandoah Forest No. 150, Martinsburg, WV at this year's County Fair.

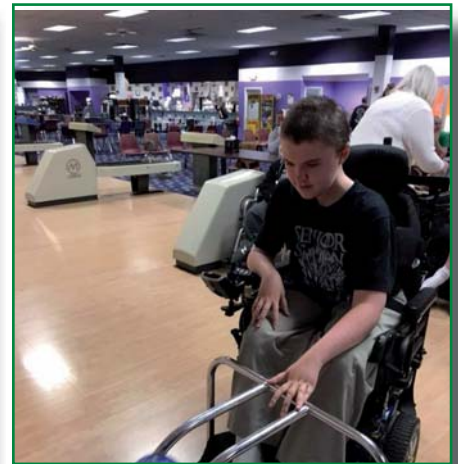
Members of the Forest were out in force letting the public know who the Tall Cedars are and their charitable work for MDA.

(Left to Right): Brylee Durso - Little Miss Jefferson County Fair, Wayne Welty - SDGTC, Jordan Schneider - Junior Miss Jefferson County Fair, Valerie Reynolds - Miss Jefferson County Fair, Ray Hedrick - Scribe

ANNAPOLIS FOREST NO. 126

Annapolis Forest was blessed with the opportunity to sponsor two events this year for our local MDA office. The first one was a Valentines Day Social. Kids from all over the area were invited to join in. Guests went to different stations. Some of the activities were cupcake decorating, candy making and a photo booth. Some of our "older" kids got a little caught up in the Fun and FROLIC.

Our second event was a bowling party at a local alley. Bowling and Pizza..what a way to spend a Saturday.



MD fund raising event was a success again this year. PGT Paul Romer and Forest ambassadors Olivia Calvert show off their talent. Forest ambassadors Kourtney Rivers is proud of her painting and hopes to auction it off to raise money for MD Research.



Annapolis Cedarettes are always hands on . Cedarettes Carolyn Hopke, Rachel Culver and Gerry Tynan work every year with MDA to help with the local Muscle Walk.

Cedars and Cedarettes stop for a photo shot after a day of Fun Frolic and Fellowship with the MDA staff and the families that it supports.



GT Joe Calvert welcome members of the Odenton Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls and the Bowie -Collington Chapter of DeMolay at our Youth Night in April. Each year these young men and women come and show us what they have been taught. They explain what they are hoping to achieve and the causes they are working for. It is an inspiring event.



ANNAPOLIS FOREST NO. 126

PGT Charlie McKnew did a wonderful job building this amazing float for the Tall Cedar Parade and the Cedarettes Mobile Unit was decorated in Annapolis' nautical theme. Both took 1st place along with our Marching Units.



Shown in photo below: Al and Gerry Tynan, Doug Stadler, Judy Wilson, Jackie Debar, Robin and Paul Romer, Joe, Raquel and Annapolis Ambassador Olivia Calvert, Howard and Connie Beardsley, Les and Susie Metcalf, Don and Marian White, Harris and Shirl Asbeil



Members of Region 2 join together for some Fun, Frolic and Fellowship with a purpose. They together host, prepare, and serve a cook out dinner to welcome the incoming MD campers and counselors at Camp Fairlee.

Ba Ba Loo (aka PGT Harris Asbeil) came to add smiles to the campers day with some balloon art.



AROUND THE KINGDOM



Nine new Tall Cedars is quite an accomplishment. The Cedar kingdom is alive and well in the South. Scribe Roger Gregory, PGTC, worked hard to make this happen by sending petitions with all communications. GTC Robert Bean did a great job of presiding over this event. This class gives them positive growth for the year.



Baltimore Forest was asked to present the colors for the Grand Lodge of Maryland. A great honor for the Forest.
(L-R): George Little; Ray Wingate; Mike Tumminello
Ray Vogel, PSTC



Sullivan Forest No. 205 and their new members that were inducted on April 30.

In Memoriam



Ellis P. Updegraff, Jr.
Supreme Tall Cedar 2003
Entered the Eternal Forest on June 21st, 2018

GOODWILL AMBASSADOR DALTON AL-CHOKHACHI

Dalton was in New York City for an appearance on the TV show Impractical Jokers and will be on the NBC Today Show if time permits.

This is something that was on his bucket list. He stayed at the Marriot Marquee Hotel in New York on Time Square, all expenses paid.



Evergreen Forest No. 49 Labor Day Weekend - R O S E Promotion at Redners Markets in Georgetown, DE Milford, DE and North Dover, DE raised over \$1,975.00



David Melvin, PDDSTC presenting Store Manager Jeff Huber with MDA Thank you certificate



Bud Hamilton, Jeff Huber, Jerry Heeg, Arron Lyons with his son (MDA child) Ryker and Clown "Pixie" — Linda Gevinson

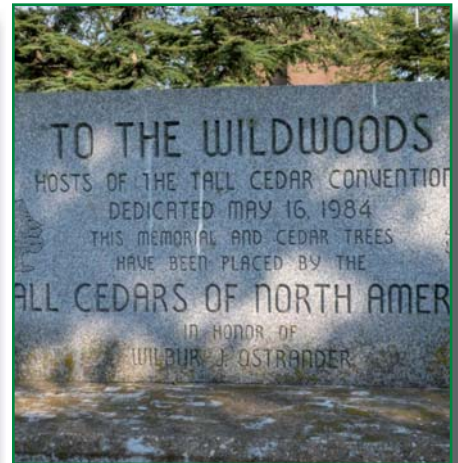


Jim Bennett, PSTC Dick Feeser and PGTC John Doerfler, Sr..

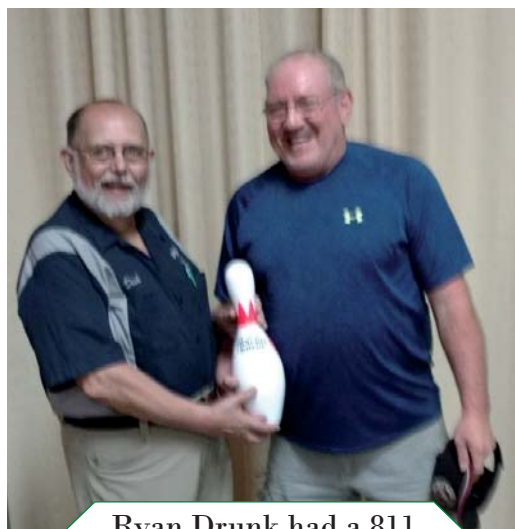
SPORTSMMEN CASH GIVE AWAY



TREE PLANTING



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

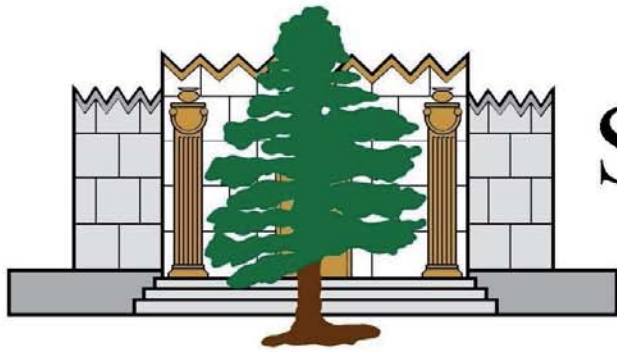


Ryan Drunk had a 811

BOWLING TOURNAMENT LEADER BOARD 2018

Event	Class	Name	Total	Place	Prize	Forest
Team	HCP	Chief Logan #2 Nomads	2867	1	\$ 80.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	HCP	Chief Logan #7 Ewers of Forest	2823	2	\$ 60.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	HCP	Chief Logan #6 The Spilitters	2798	3	\$ 50.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	HCP	Chief Logan #3 Quarry Men	2770	4	\$ 40.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	HCP	Chief Logan #8 Director Staff	2714	5	\$ 20.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	Scratch	Chief Logan #2 Nomads	2342	1	\$ 40.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	Scratch	Chief Logan #3 Qarry Men	2257	2	\$ 24.00	Chief Logan #131
Team	Scratch	Valley Forest #1 Dick Witmer	2237	3	\$ 20.00	Valley Forest #145
Team	Scratch	York #2 Sidonians	2197	4	\$ 12.00	York Forest #30
Doubles	HCP	Daugherty/Haas	1568	1	\$ 60.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	HCP	Kenton Campbell/R Smith	1471	2	\$ 50.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	HCP	Kelby leonord/Peterson	1442	3	\$ 40.00	Juniata Valley #88
Doubles	HCP	J Graham/Scott Dively	1413	4	\$ 35.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	HCP	Lightner/Hoffman	1410	5	\$ 25.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	HCP	Carper/Leo Graham	1404	6	\$ 20.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	HCP	Brown/J Campbell	1400	7	\$ 20.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Randy Druck	826	1	\$ 40.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Terry Schmuck	811	2	\$ 35.00	York #30
Singles	HCP	Cordy Chambers III	780	3	\$ 30.00	Valley Forest #145
Singles	HCP	Dave Haas	757	4	\$ 25.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Doug Hoffman	738	5	\$ 20.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Kenton Campbell	736	6	\$ 18.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Bob Hokins	734	7	\$ 16.00	York #30
Singles	HCP	Kenndy Renninger	712	8	\$ 14.00	Juniata Valley #88
Singles	HCP	Sam Corwell	711	9	\$ 12.00	York #30
Singles	HCP	Dick Swartz	710	10	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Bill Daugherty	705	11	\$ 5.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Kirk Latthero	701	12	\$ 5.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	HCP	Jason Robertson	700	13	\$ 5.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	Scratch	Lightner/Hoffman	1236	1	\$ 40.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	Scratch	Coons/Brenner	1218	2	\$ 30.00	York #30
Doubles	Scratch	Kelby Leonord/Peterson	1196	3	\$ 20.00	Juniata Valley #88
Doubles	Scratch	Hopkins/Schmuck	1184	4	\$ 20.00	York #30
Doubles	Scratch	J Graham/Scott Dively	1161	5	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
Doubles	Scratch	Carper/L Graham	1143	6	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	Scratch	Terry Schmuck	760	1	\$ 40.00	York #30
Singles	Scratch	Doug Hoffman	736	2	\$ 25.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	Scratch	Cordy Chambers	645	3	\$ 15.00	Valley Forest #145
Singles	Scratch	Kenton Campbell	643	4	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	Scratch	Randy Druck	607	5	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
Singles	Scratch	Bob Hopkins	599	6	\$ 10.00	York #30
All Events	HCP	Tetty Schmuck	2491	1	\$ 25.00	York #30
All Events	HCP	Dave Haas	2415	2	\$ 20.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Kenton Campbell	2218	3	\$ 15.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Doug Hoffman	2206	4	\$ 15.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Randy Druck	2191	5	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Bill Daugherty	2160	6	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Steve Dively	2159	7	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	John Campbell	2159	8	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131
All Events	HCP	Leo Graham	2152	9	\$ 10.00	Chief Logan #131

Total payout \$ 1,196.00



59th Annual
Supreme Forest
Bowling
Tournament

April 27th & 28th, 2019

Holiday Bowl
181 Bowling Lane
Altoona, PA

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



Contact Richard Brown, PGTC No. 131, 814-935-3827, rbrown8390@msn.com
Deadline – April 20th, 2019

59th ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

April 27th & 28th, 2019

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 2019.

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 2019 Program will be:

Back Cover - \$60	7 ½ X 4 ½	Half Page - \$20	3 ¼ 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 4th, 2019** is not guaranteed to be in the Program Booklet.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Deadline is **April 3rd, 2019**

**59th Annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament
April 27th & 28th, 2019
Hosted by
Chief Logan Forest No. 131**

<p>Entry fee is \$17.00 per man per event All Events is \$2.00 additional</p> <p>Prize Fee \$6.75 (Prize fee returned 100%)</p> <p>Bowling Fee \$9.25</p> <p>Expense Fee \$1.00</p> <p>Entries close April 20th, 2019</p>	<p>Mail applications with check payable to: Chief Logan Forest No. 131 Send to: Richard G. Brown 229 Calder Street Altoona, PA 16602</p> <p>Team event is \$68 per team (4 man teams)</p> <p>Doubles event is \$34 per two people</p> <p>Singles event is \$17 per person</p> <p>All Events is an additional \$2.00 per person</p> <p>Total cost for one bowler to enter all 3 events & All Events is \$53</p>
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<p>Do not write in this space</p> <p>Entry No _____</p> <p>Date Rec'd _____</p> <p>\$ Rec'd _____</p>	<p>Team Name _____</p> <p>Captain's Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____</p>
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Please circle preferred times
Team Event: Saturday – 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Sunday – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Doubles and Singles Events: Saturday – 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Sunday – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

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

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

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



*59th Annual
Supreme Forest
Bowling Tournament
Saturday Night Dinner
April 27th, 2019
Jethro's Italian Steak & Seafood
417 Parkview Lane, Altoona, PA*

*Dutch Treat
Order off the Menu
Bring your Lady &
Come for the Fun, Frolic & Fellowship
Complete the form below and return to:
Richard Brown, PGTC No. 131
229 Calder Street, Altoona, PA 16602
Deadline – April 20th, 2019*

2019 Dutch Treat Bowling Dinner

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



Print Name: _____ Forest No. _____

2018 SPORTSMEN'S & CASH GIVEAWAY WINNERS LIST

PRIZE #	PRIZE	TICKET #	WINNER	SOLD BY FOREST #
1	\$500	538	Peggy Schulz	50
2	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$270	708	Diane Stoudt	50
3	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$270	9087	Stan Bohensly	
4	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$340	2109	Bruce & Adam Neubauer	77
5	\$250	9874	Donna Collins	125
6	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$360	1956	Daniel Schroat	149
7	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$360	10023	Bruce Wiest	125
8	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$360	2034	Linda Schultz	149
9	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$360	4371	Larry Christman	125
10	\$250	11171	John Maus	125
11	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$380	9127	Bryan Reinert	43
12	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$350	9380	Beth Mummert	
13	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$385	1482	Josh Padilla	142
14	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$385	4316	Eddie Schreiber	125
15	\$250	700	Big Ed	50
16	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$400	8321	Walter Rump	210
17	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$400	5318	Alan Deeben	125
18	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$400	3987	Steve Weiss	27
19	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$430	5468	Danny Secrist	43
20	\$250.00	4423	Sheila Schreiner	125
21	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$430	9264	Elizabeth Hubler	43
22	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$430	4247	Larry Bowman	125
23	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$430	7097	Wayne Lenker	125
24	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$450	5206	Autumm Walden	125
25	\$250	6368	Clint Heywood	65
26	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$450	8852	Linda Oeliz	
27	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$450	807	Robert Dayson	50
28	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$495	8791	Leon Maurer	125
29	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$495	8695	Rusty Feidt	125
30	\$250	4789	Mike Taylor	218
31	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$540	9830	Lisa LaForme	43
32	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$565	4449	Patti Barry	125
33	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$565	719	Joe Riotto	50
34	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$565	1074	C. Bobrowicz	1
35	\$250	897	Jim Conbeer	
36	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$630	2864	Bob Trader	21
37	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$630	9183	Milt Taleff	43
38	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$630	2842	Walter Beddow	21
39	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$630	5338	Richard Mattern	125
40	\$250	9357	Devin Huntsinger	43
41	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$630	1507	Tim Liddick	142
42	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$720	3745	Jeff Henning	25
43	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$720	3950	Ike Horst	145
44	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$720	9376	A Plus Metal Roofing	43
45	\$250	9302	Stephanie Thurman	
46	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$765	7609	Jere Troutman	125
47	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$765	8220	Caroline Wallis	199
48	\$250	4572	Ryan Bateman	125
49	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$765	7815	Russell Snyder	125
50	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$810	5104	Jim Dunkle	125
51	Bass Pro Gift Card - \$810	794	Allen Johnson	50
52	\$250	3256	Thomas Guzowski	175
Grand Prize	\$2,000	8908	Joe Shuey	43

CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE OF TALL CEDARS

Declining membership and the subsequent impact on our finances has been a concern of the Board of Directors for the past few years. At the beginning of this year a “2028 Committee” was formed to investigate the situation and to make recommendations to the Board. After a careful review of our losses in membership over the last 9 years and projections that we will spend all of our monetary resources before the end of the decade, a review of the major budget items was undertaken. It was clear that we cannot continue with the status quo.

During a very insightful meeting of the Board of Directors in September concerning our financial outlook, it was determined that we can no longer spend our monies as before. The largest item (32% - 37%) within the budget is to fund the position of Director of Administration. It was decided that we can no longer afford to pay for the services of a full-time office administrator. It was further decided that we would transition those duties to the Scribe and Treasurer, with temporary office help as required. It is projected that it would take one year to make this transition. Thus the Board of Directors decided to eliminate the position of Director of Administration effective September 30, 2019.

Jan Stanton’s service in that position for the past 37 years has been valuable and much appreciated by the Tall Cedar Kingdom. Her commitment and dedication to Tall Cedars has been commendable. The tasks and activities that she performs have greatly benefited the operations of the Supreme Forest.

There will be some ‘growing pains’ for our organization as we continue to shrink in size from our membership losses, but this transition to a different way of doing things will ensure that the Tall Cedars continue as a robust, viable organization.

Fraternally,
James R. Morrison, Jr.
Supreme Tall Cedar

BOARD DECISION-GOOD OR BAD IT'S YOUR CALL

Let me start this article by saying I have always believed in transparency and that the membership has a right to know what our Supreme Board of Directors is doing. After all, we elected them and it is our money that we pay to the Supreme Forest through per capita that they spend.

On September 8, 2018, I attended a Board of Director's meeting in Horsham, Pennsylvania. At that meeting, after much discussion, the Board voted to eliminate the position of Office Administrator in the Supreme Office effective September 30, 2019. They made this decision even though they do not have a transition plan in place.

The transition plan that is on the table (but has not been approved by the Board at the time of this writing) would require the Supreme Scribe and the Supreme Treasurer to assume all the duties of the current Office Administrator, which are many and varied, including but not limited to the administrative duties of the Supreme Forest and the Tall Cedar Foundation. The transition plan is too complicated and involved to go into detail in this article. Suffice it to say everyone that I know outside of the Board that has seen it or everyone I have spoken to about it all say it won't work. The plan requires a big commitment of time and energy from the Supreme Scribe and Treasurer who are both volunteers not fulltime employees. In fact, the Supreme Treasurer is a younger man who works full time. The plan calls for additional stipends to be paid to the Supreme Scribe and Supreme Treasurer (I assume in addition to the annual stipends already paid to them, the plan does not detail this) to attend the Midwinter Conference and Annual Convention. It also allows for them to be paid a daily fee and mileage to train with the current administrator during the transition period. The most recent plan that I have seen does not plan for the manning of our office of which we are in year three of a ten year lease. These are just a few of the issues with the transition plan, as I stated earlier there are too many to go into detail.

This is all being done under the pretense of cutting costs. Let there be no doubt I am in favor of cutting costs but this is not the way to go about it. What I found to be ironic and hypocritical was at the same meeting the Board voted to increase annual expense reimbursement for the Supreme Tall Cedar and Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar without establishing any limits. It has been well established that the Tall Cedars are facing two serious issues - dwindling membership and financial security. These two issues are connected because as our membership decreases so does our income from per capita. Yes, we need to cut expenses but not at the expense of a dedicated employee of 37 years.

In closing I would ask, Board decision good or bad? I urge you to call or email the Supreme Tall Cedar or any of the line officers or Directors to express your opinion. ***IT'S YOUR CALL.***

Fraternally,
Mark Brumaghim, PSTC

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