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FRONT COVER BACKGROUND: The KwaZulu-Natel region of South Africa. That was the view I woke up to every morning while on a Safari......STC Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr.

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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



### Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr PGTC No. 126

Greetings to all!

As we have started a new year with a positive direction for 2019, I would first like to thank everyone in advance for any comments and suggestions that you may have. I would encourage everyone to have a positive attitude on the "New Direction" that the current top 5-line officers will be working on in the coming months and on how painful it doesn't have to be. A lot of important decisions will be discussed to move us forward as an

organization. We are taught as a Mason that "Time, Patience and Perseverance accomplishes all things"

In my travels in January, and as in the past, I have met lots of Tall Cedars with a positive outlook for our organization. At our visit to Lancaster Forest there was some encouraging interest from a couple of the Ladies present on opening a Cedarette group. "If it wasn't for my wife being a Cedarette, I wouldn't be hear." This was a comment from an actual Tall Cedar in my travels as a District Deputy. A Corp of Cedarettes could enhance any Forest; just ask someone from a Forest that has the support of the Cedarettes. Encourage, don't discourage. Gentlemen we need all the help we can get. Most of the Forests that are having open meetings are being successful with the women in attendance.

Midwinter this year had low attendance but ask anyone that attended if they had a good time. The only negatives I heard was "the eggs were cold", "scrapple was not cooked properly", and "there was no espresso". We had breakout sessions for the GTC, SDGTC & JDGTC, Scribes and Treasurers, District Deputies and the Foundation. Could they use improvement, of course, but without your input we do not know what needs to be improved. Please contact me or your District Deputy with any comments. I am almost always available to talk, just keep it positive. The Midwinter Conference should be attended by every Officer of the Forest. Without being educated as an Officer of your Forest, you have no viable complaint.

As we as Masons travel around, we should always carry a petition for the Tall Cedars. Most other Masons have never heard of the Tall Cedars. The growth and expansion of the Tall Cedars depends on all of us. Share what we have as Tall Cedars with the rest of our Masonic Brothers. It's not a secret anymore. There is a petition in the back of this Digest.

Convention is coming up. Plan on attending and visiting other Tall Cedar Masons in the FUN, FROLIC and FELLOWSHIP we as Tall Cedars enjoy.

Fraternally,

ESLIE G. METCALF, JR.

### SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



### William W. Martz PGTC No. 95



Greetings Fellow Sidonians,

This time of the year is a great time for reflection - both an opportunity to remember the past and to look forward to the future while sitting inside looking at the snow. (Do you miss it, my Southern brothers?). Working with Past Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison, the other officers, and all of you, we made 2018 a year to remember. I would like to thank all of you for your warm welcome and kindnesses extended to me as I traveled around the Cedar Kingdom this year and last. I have enjoyed your fellowship as I attended meetings, dinner, memorial services, and installations. Recent highlights include first time visits to Richmond Forest No. 66 and Har-Ce Forest No. 142; repeat visits to Hagerstown Forest No. 95 and Frederick Forest No. 132, and the Midwinter Conference in Ocean City, MD. As always, good programs, good ritualistic work, good food, all combine to create good will among fellow Cedars.

As I stated in previous editions of the Cedar Digest, I would like to share my version of the "ABC's" with each of you 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 need to recruit - to expose more Freemasons to our great organization. We need to retain our members; our goal should be no demits or suspensions. We need to reactivate absent members – if you who haven't attended a meeting in a while to come out and enjoy the friendship with your fellow Sidonians. We need to reconcile any differences among ourselves; brotherhood is not just a slogan.

We have established task forces to look forward and propose new, more efficient, and cost effective ways to manage our organization and investments. We have made the difficult decision to transition away from a full-time office administrator and shift some of the tasks to the Scribe, Treasurer, and the individual committees. 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; we all enjoy doing something well, so share those blessings with others – within your Masonic family, within you church, within your community. Make it a point to perform a random act of kindness, no matter how small, daily. Exhibit your Cedar compassion by helping, aiding, and assisting your neighbors.

C is for Charity: I continue to be impressed by our focus on our charitable cause. We continue to raise significant funds for the Tall Cedars Foundation in support of the muscular dystrophy research, In addition, 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 a Supreme Tall Cedar officer, and I look forward to continuing to work for all of you this year and next.

Cedarly, William W. Martz

### JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



J. Eric Becker PGTC No. 13



As I sit here thinking about what kind of words of wisdom I can write, I realize there is nothing I can say that has not been said over and over before. So, as I start my year as Junior Deputy STC, I think back at what I have done the last 20 years in cedars. I think how the past supreme tall cedars that I have worked for and worked with were guiding me to this venture. They saw something in me that I had not yet seen in myself. Now that I am here I understand what they saw. Now its my job to show them and everyone else they were right, by continuing to guide this great organization into the future. To those of you who know me, know that fun frolic and fellowship are what I am all about. While fun and frolic go hand in hand, fellowship is what allows this great organization to continue. Our blue lodges are where we must continue to find our next members. If you are not attending your lodges how do you expect cedarism to grow? Growth of your forest and cedarism is every tall cedars responsibility equally. Please help and do your equal share. That's all we can ask for, no more no less. The friendships that you make in Tall cedars last a lifetime. Remember this is one organization where you can bring your family and they can enjoy cedarism along with you!

### SUPREME SCRIBE



# Robert T. Hahn PGTC No. 61



I am privileged to serve Tall Cedars as Supreme Scribe and work closely with the elected officers. Membership will again be a priority this year for each of us.

We need to make some changes in order to make it easier for the Forest Scribes to do their work and increase attendance.

I hosted a seminar for the Scribes at Midwinter and will have a video copy on the website in the Scribe's area soon. I will email all the Scribes when the video is available. Please look at the video. It will explain some of the changes we are planning.

One of the items I am working on is better communication between the Forest Scribes and the Supreme Office.

In order to increase attendance at our meetings we need to keep all our members informed. I am recommending the Forest Scribes send their notices and a list of meetings for the year to all the Scribes, the Director and District Deputies in their region. Also please email a copy to me. If you have any special event planned, please keep everyone informed.

I will be providing a mailing list of all the scribes in the kingdom, watch your email. If you do not have an email address listed or its not correct in the Roster Book, send it to me at bob@ TallCedars.org. If you wish to add anyone to this list send the information to me.

Don't forget your White Book has a section titled "Guidelines for Scribes" which may be of help when you have questions.

Gun Raffle tickets are available through your Forest.

Thanks

Bob Hahn, Supreme Scribe & Webmaster

### SUPREME TREASURER



# Brian Van Scyoc PGTC No. 145



Brothers, fraternal greetings from the desk of the Supreme Treasurer.

I want to begin by thanking PSTC Robert E. Saul for filling in as acting Supreme Treasurer last year. And also thanks for the insight, guidance and knowledge that he has imparted to me over the past year and I am sure will continue to do so in the coming years.

As you have heard there is some transition coming to the Supreme Forest office. That said the work of the Supreme Forest still needs to continue and the elected officers are working on a transition plan for the Supreme Forest office.

Remember that the budget presented by the Senior Deputy STC is only a roadmap for the coming year. There will be some changes made as we progress through the year and new data is available. I will continue with PSTC Robert E. Saul's initiative on presenting the budget and actual expense of the Supreme Forest to the Board of Directors and members in the Tall Cedars kingdom. This is part of a new initiative of transparency of the finances of the Supreme Forest, to try and eliminate confusion about how your funds are spent at the Supreme Forest level. Our biggest issues are still to find ways to increase income and reduce expenses. As the Supreme Treasurer and chairman of the Finance Committee I will do my best to uphold the charge of being the fiduciary responsibility of the Supreme Forest and you the members.

### TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

RICHARD G. FEESER, PGTC No. 49 - 2013

The Tall Cedar Foundation is a subsidiary of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, which deals directly with our national charitable objective, endeavoring through medical research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases.

Beginning in 1951, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon became the first organization to offer continuing financial assistance to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The purpose of the Tall Cedar Foundation is to initiate and stimulate means of raising monies to support our charitable objective. At the beginning of each year, the Supreme Tall Cedar and the Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors set goals for the year. The Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors, through the Tall Cedar Foundation Trustees for each District, works together with each Forest to raise the funds to meet those goals. Funds raised throughout the year are paid into the Tall Cedar Foundation. At the end of the year, our total contribution is forwarded to MDA. We participate in the Rose Sales, Shamrock Sales, Pancake Jamborees, MDA Summer Camp, Canister Program, Car Shows, Local Telethons, Muscle Walks and many other fund-raising activities.

In 2019 we will be striving to increase our yearly fund-raising efforts thus increasing our yearly contribution toward medical research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases.

To this end we are asking each Forest for a renewed commitment in raising funds for our charity. We need Forest to become more active in our R O S E day promotions; Canister campaigns; local Muscle Walks and other various activities.

Our Foundation Goal is to raise \$ 500,000. In 2019, at Convention we will be announcing a major activity that will product a large portion of this amount and with the concerted efforts of all of our Forests, I & our Foundation Board of Directors and Districts Trustees are confident we can reach this GOAL.

# **SUPREME CHAPLAIN**REV. RICHARD M. BARNER.

My Dear Tall Cedars,

"Oh, for the simple life!"

The psalmist said, "The Lord preserves the simple". That is a timely word to both his generation and ours. In a society that is highly mechanized and complicated, in which everything runs by the computer and the clock, in which people hardly have time to enjoy the finer things of life, we need simplicity.

Far too many of us are living life-styles that are too complicated for our own good. Husbands and wives have no time for each other. Parents and children wave at one another in passing; if they are still speaking. Neighbors don't know the names of neighbors. We're just too busy. I heard of a man who one morning used two shaving brushes instead of one and saved seventeen seconds. Next morning, he used two razors instead of one and saved additional seconds. On the third morning, he lost two minutes patching up his chin, which had been sliced by two razors. The simple life – that is what we need. We need to take time to smell the roses or to pet a dog. We need time to be alone with God and reflect on His love and goodness. We need to simplify life so that we can enjoy it more. How is your schedule today?

Let's reflect on this devotional as we look forward to Convention time.

### 2019 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



# TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2019 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR RYKER LYONS



STC Metcalf with Ryker

Ryker was born March 26th, 2012 and in 2013, he was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Seaford, Delaware is home to Ryker, his parents Mary (Brooke) and Aaron, and big sisters Kiersten and Camber.

Presently in first grade, Ryker was the 2018 Greater Maryland Youth Ambassador for MDA. He is also active in Special Olympics, Little League, and the University of Delaware's Blue Gold Football Game. He loves cars, trucks, heavy equipment, sharks, and is an especially big fan of everything Scooby Doo!

Shy at first, this young man warms up quickly and loves being in the spot light. We feel very sure and fortunate to have Ryker represent the Tall Cedars and the Tall Cedar Foundation.

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

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### CANDIDATES FOR SUPREME FOREST OFFICE

### At The 2019 Convention

OFFICE	CANDIDATE
Supreme Tall Cedar	William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95
SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	Open
JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR	Joseph S. Russell, PGTC No. 212 Dennis W. Ewing, PGTC No. 45
Supreme Scribe	Robert T. Hahn, GTC No. 61
Supreme Treasurer	Brian Van Scyoc, PGTC No. 145
Supreme Director:	
REGION No. 1	Alex J. Dueñas, PGTC No. 66
REGION No. 2	Michael A. Youse, PGTC No. 49
REGION No. 5	OPEN
Region No. 6	OPEN
REGION No. 8	Irvin R. Hopkins, PGTC No. 205
REGION No. 10	OPEN
Region No. 11	William L. Greene, PGTC No. 130

### ~ **NOTE** ~

To be nominated from the floor, Article VII, A, 3 of the Supreme Forest Constitution reads as follows:

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 TALL CEDAR



### WILLIAM W. MARTZ PGTC No. 95

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

I retired in 2010 after a forty-year career in computer and information technology for Mack Trucks. I am the proud father of two daughters, Cynthia and Elizabeth, a granddaughter Kelli, and a grandson Noah. I married my wife Linda in 1985; thereafter our combined family includes Linda's son Sean and his wife Jennifer. We have lived just east of Waynesboro, PA since 1998.

As a member of Waynesboro Evangelical Lutheran Church, I have 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.

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

I am a member of the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association, the Waynesboro Studio Art Club, and the Gettysburg Community Chorus.

My Masonic journey began in 2004 when I was initiated into Acacia Lodge No. 586, Waynesboro, PA. I am a member of George Washington Chapter No. 176, George Washington Council No. 66, where I serve as Recorder/Treasurer, 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. I am a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. I am currently serving as Treasurer of the Franklin County High Twelve Club. I am 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. I am a member of Zembo Shrine and I am currently serving as President of the Franklin County Shrine Club.

I am a member of Hagerstown Forest No. 95, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, where I served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2011 and 2012. I am a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation. I am Secretary-Treasurer of the District Twenty-One Officers and Past Officers Association. I chaired the 2014 Committee for PSTC Barry Sheaffer. I served two years as Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District Twenty-One, three years as Supreme Director for Region Three, and I am currently serving as Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. I would like the opportunity to use my experiences to further serve the Tall Cedars by becoming your next Supreme Tall Cedar.

### 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 Roxbury, New Jersey where I lived for 30 years before moving out to Liberty, Missouri 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, am a Past Grand Tall Cedar of Harry S Truman Forest No.212 in Kansas City, MO. I was appointed District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District #17 in 2015, appointed as Supreme Director of Region 10 in 2016, and then elected to and currently serve the kingdom in that same position.

In the Masonic family, I am Past Master of Rising Sun Lodge #13, Past Patron of Barry Chapter #369, Order of the Eastern Star, Past High Priest of Liberty Chapter #3, Past Illustrious Master of Council #50 Cryptic Masons, and Past Commander of Commandery #6 Knights Templar York Rite Bodies. I served as the Assistant Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri in 2017.

I am a Past President of the Amateur Radio Club and a Lieutenant in the Provost Marshall at Ararat Shrine as well as a member of the Knight Masons, York Rite Sovereign College, Red Cross of Constantine, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

I work for Ferrellgas, LP in Liberty, MO as their facilities maintenance supervisor, own a small engine repair service, and serve the city of Liberty as a Vice Chair of its Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee.

I also enjoy the weather and meteorology. I have my amateur radio General license, am a certified storm spotter, and member of the Northland Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group.

I also enjoy playing horseshoes and am an active member of the National Horseshoe Pitchers Association of America, Missouri Horseshoe Pitchers Association, and the Heart of America Horseshoe Pitching club.

I was recognized by the Masonic Home of Missouri as the Masonic Home Representative of the Year for 2012-2013, honored with being recognized as the Grand Tall Cedar of the Year in 2015, received the Distinguished Chapter Gold level award my year as High Priest (2016-2017), received the Honor Commandery award for my year as Commander (2017-2018), and received the Grand Lodge of Missouri's Honor Lodge with Distinction award my year as Worshipful Master (2016-2017).

Thank you again for your consideration in voting for me and I hope to serve you as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2020.

### CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



# DENNIS W. EWING PGTC No. 45

Graduated from Dundalk High School and attended University of Kentucky on a cross country scholarship. Withdrew from college and enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Viet Nam era.

Worked at Bethlehem Steel, Sparrows Point Md and retired as the Leader in the Structural Division. For the past 7 years have worked in the maintenance division of Baltimore Revenue Authority at Rocky Point Golf Course.

My wife Mary and I have been married for 49 years. Since the day that I was raised at Patapsco No. 183, Mary and I have put freemasonry in the forefront of our time outside of home. She is a current dual member of Baltimore No. 45 and Annapolis No. 126 and served 2 years as the President of the Cedarettes. Mary is also a member of the Daughters of the Nile. Our oldest grandson Doc, is a Master Mason and our youngest grandson Deklan is a member of the Stephan J Ponzillo Jr. DeMolay Chapter. Our granddaughter Maryemma is past Honored Queen of Bethel No. 35 and in 2017 was Miss Congeniality of Maryland Jobs Daughters. Mary and I are also members of Eastern Star Highland Chapter No. 33.

I am the Past Worshipful Master of Patapsco Lodge No. 183 and Warren Lodge No. 51. At Warren Lodge I am the current Marshall and Chairman of the Membership Retention Committee.

Currently I am serving as District Deputy of Districts 14 and 20, Regional Director of Region 2, Co-Chairman of Baltimore No. 45 Pancake Breakfast held in November. I am a member of the Tall Cedars Golf Club and for the past 2 years have been the President of OPO Association for Districts 14 and 20.

In addition to the Tall Cedars, currently I serve as the Deputy Grand Lecturer and Grand Chaplain of the York Rite Chapters of Maryland. Conductor of the Council for Hiram Council #5 and am also a member of Jerusalem Council No. 21. In Crusade Commandery No. 5, I hold the position of Senior Warden. Involvement in other masonic bodies include Knights of Mecca, Past Masters Association and Baltimore Boumi Temple.

Non masonic achievements include being state fastpitch champion for 13 consecutive years until I retired in 1992. I am the winningest fastpitch pitcher in the history of Maryland. I was pitching consultant to James Madison University, University of West Virginia, University of Virginia and Towson State University from 1977 to 1981. Was hired as Head Coach at Dundalk Community College in 1982 and held that position until 1997.

Inducted into Greater Dundalk Sports Hall of Fame in 1991, Maryland State Hall of Fame Fastpitch Softball in 2002, had plaque unveiled at the United States National Fastpitch Hall of Fame in 2005 and inducted into the Central Atlantic Hall of fame "Boys of Summer" in 2010. Member of Maryland Professional Duckpin Bowling Association and during 30 years of competition was part of setting 5 world records.

It truly is an honor to submit my name for consideration and look forward to serving as your next Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

### CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME SCRIBE



# ROBERT T. HAHN PGTC No. 61

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the elected office of Supreme Scribe. I was born in 1948 in Philadelphia. I lived in Bethlehem, PA then moved to Hellertown, PA where I spent most of my youth. I graduated from Hellertown High School 1n 1966. I attended college in Nebraska and New York City. I graduated from Germain School of Photography where I studied Photo Journalism and Graphics Arts. I later went back to

college to study Computer Science.

I began my Masonic career when I joined H. Stanley Goodwin Lodge No. 648 in 1985, and served as Master in 1993. I was Hight Priest of Ezra Royal Arch Chapter in 1990, Thrice Illustrious Master of Bethlehem Council No 36 in 1996. I served as Commander in Bethlehem Commandery in 1994 and 1995. I am a member to the Valley of Allentown since 1987, received the Meritorious Service Award and served as photographer for more than 20 years. I am a recipient of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Appointed in The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania as Grand Principal Sojourner. Served at treasurer of the Bethlehem Temple Association. I joined Bethlehem Forest No. 61 in 1990 and am serving as Grand Tall Cedar since 2016. I am currently the photographer for the Supreme Forest and maintain the computers and network at the supreme office. I also serve on the computer committee. I am currently serving as Supreme Scribe. I currently live in Bethlehem, PA with my wife Terri of 38 years. I am a member of Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem.

I have been a professional photographer since 1972, specializing in corporate and industrial photography. I am a member of the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP). I am an Olympus certified underwater photography instructor, a PADI Master Instructor and DAN Instructor. I am semi-retired, I remain active by teaching scuba diving and underwater photography.

My goal as Supreme Scribe is to improve communication through the Cedar Kingdom and work with the Forest Scribes to make their job easier.

### CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



### BRIAN VAN SCYOC PGTC No. 145

I was raised in Shippensburg, PA and graduated from Shippensburg Area Senior High School. I attended Shippensburg University before enlisting in the U. S. Army and was stationed in Fort Benning, GA and deployed to Somalia during the United Nation operation, after which I was honorably discharged. I was raised a Mason in June of 2010 at Orrstown Lodge #262,

in Orrstown, PA, where I served as Worshipful Master in 2013 and 2014 and am still active as a lodge instructor. I am a member of Valley Forest #145, in Shippensburg, PA, which I have been a member since October of 2010 and I served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2015 and 2017. In the Forest I am Degree Master and portray King Hiram in the Royal Court. Also, I am a member of the Zembo Shrine in Harrisburg, PA and also Legion of Honor, where I serve as Adjutant. Also, I am a member of the Ancient Accept Scottish Rite in the Valley of Harrisburg and the Shippensburg Scottish Rite Club, where I served as Secretary/Treasurer.

In 2019 I was elected to Supreme Treasurer of Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Professionally, I returned to school and graduated from Globe University in St. Paul, MN with a Bachelors degree in Accounting and Business Administration. I have been employed in management for distribution companies in the Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN area and then as a Controller for an exterior remodeling company in St. Paul, MN. Currently, I am employed as a Controller for a construction/excavation/civil engineering company located in Harrisburg, PA. Also, I volunteer as treasurer for several youth sports programs and other community activities. And I currently serve on various non-profit boards of directors as the treasurer.

I look forward to continuing to serve as Supreme Treasurer in 2020 and to work on the Supreme Forest transition plan.



# ALEX J. DUEÑAS PGTC NO. 66

It is with great pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Supreme Director Region No. 1.

My wife Kathryn and I have been married for 20 beautiful years. We live in Staten Island, NY with our two children. Our

son Jeremy is an Eagle Scout currently pursuing a BFA in Communication Design. Our daughter Michaela is a high school student exploring the performing and fine arts. My first outlet for service beyond myself was when I became a member of the Boy Scouts of America. My devotion to Scouting came full circle when I was awarded the George E. Meany Award in recognition for my service to Scouting while working in the HVAC field as a proud union member of Steamfitters Local No. 638.

My Masonic journey began in New York City where I was raised at Beacon Light Lodge No. 701. In addition to my Blue Lodge, I am a 32nd Degree Mason of Scottish Rite Valley of New York, York Rite member of Tyrian Chapter No. 219, Cryptic member of Flatbush Council No. 80, Knights Templar member of Commandry Bay Ridge No. 79, Shriner member of Mecca No. 1, Grotto member of Azim No. 7, and Order of the Eastern Star member of Huguenot Chapter No. 88 where I am the outgoing Worthy Patron.

Though I have been - and continue to be - involved in various branches of our fraternal brotherhood, the Tall Cedars of Lebanon is where I found my passion for fellowship. I joined Richmond Forest No. 66 and immediately felt a calling to the charity work of our great organization. After years of fun, frolic and fellowship, I was elected to serve as my forest's Grand Tall Cedar in 2016. Following my year of diligent service, I was appointed Supreme Foundation Trustee for District No. 6 where I served for two years. After my region's Supreme Director stepped down, I was appointed to my current role as Supreme Director of Region No. 1 for which I am now seeking election.

I firmly believe that everything great about our organization can be found in every single forest. As I've seen throughout our region time and time again, it brings me great joy to see our member's energy bringing us all together. This truly is an exciting and rewarding way to serve the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and I look forward to continuing to serve the forests of Region No. 1!



# MICHAEL A. YOUSE PGTC No. 49

#### **EDUCATION:**

Graduate of Schuylkill Valley High School Penn State University, Business Administration.

#### **EMPLOYMENT:**

General Manager Groff Tractor Greenwood, DE, 1997-present, Heitzman Equipment sales manager 1990-1996, Marc Finberg CPA 1988-1989, American Materials Handling Office manager and comptroller 1980-1988

#### **MASONIC:**

Raised Wicomico Lodge #91 2005, Worshipful Master 2010-2012, current Lodge Secretary. President of Masonic Temple Foundation. Past RW Junior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Maryland 2017. Vice President of Board of Grand Inspectors, Southeast Region. Member of Grand Lodge Youth committee.

#### **MASONIC AFFILIATIONS:**

Current GTC of Evergreen Forest #49.

Scottish Rite, KCCH in 2017.

York Rite member Chapter, Council and Commandery. York Rite College.

Boumi Shrine, Secretary Children's Aid Fund.

Eastern Star, Worthy Patron 2015 & 2017, Grand Representative to Florida, chapter Trustee.

DeMolay, Salisbury, Chapter Advisor and Chairman of the Board.

International Order of Rainbow Girls, State Executive Board member.

Wicomico County Past Master's Association, Past President and current Secretary.

Member of Royal Order of Scotland.

#### **PERSONAL:**

Married to Linda for 41 years, two children and three grandchildren



# IRWIN R. HOPKINS PGTC NO. 205

Married to Jo Ann who has been my love and my inspiration for 46 years. We have a son, Kevin R. Hopkins, who was a United States Marine Sergeant and serves as a Corporal in the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office in Florida. Kevin married Tricia (nee Dodge). We have two lovely grandchildren, Mackenzie Renee and Aiden Roderick.

#### WORK HISTORY:

2013- Present - Courier at Charlotte State Bank & Trust in Charlotte County, Florida.

2017- Present - Worldwide Distributor & Executive Member of Young Living Essential Oils.

#### MASONIC HISTORY:

967 Overlea Chapter, Order of DeMolay, Baltimore County, Maryland.

983 Member of Concordia Lodge # 13 A.F. & A.M. In Baltimore City, Maryland.

1983 York Rite Mason: Baltimore Chapter #40, Concordia Council #1, & Crusade Commandery #5)

1984 Received the Super Excellent Master Degree

1983 Life Member of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Valley of Baltimore, Orient of Maryland.

1983-2012 Member of Boumi Temple, Baltimore, Maryland.

2012 Present - Member of Sahib Temple, Sarasota, Florida.

1998 Life Member of BALTIMORE FOREST # 45 Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

1998 Grand Tall Cedar of BALTIMORE FOREST #45.

1998 Emerald Award from the Tall Cedar Foundation for Baltimore Forest #45

1998 Recipient of the William Burrows Memorial Award

1999 Tall Cedar of the Year in Baltimore Forest #45

1999 District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, District 14.

1987-1988 Worshipful Master of Concordia Lodge # 13 A.F. & A.M. .

1991 Right Worshipful Senior Grand Stewart of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Maryland.

1992-1997 Secretary of Concordia Lodge #13 A.F. & A.M.

2000-2001 Florida Editor for the Cedar Digest publication.

1991-1999 Past Dad & Ritual Advisor of Nelson J. Briggs Chapter, Order of DeMolay. They won the Old South Ritual Tournament in 1997 traveling to New Orleans, La., Kansas City, Mo., & Cleveland, Ohio. I received Chevalier & the Cross of Honor from DeMolay International.

2007 Charter Member of TAMIAMI FOREST #205, Fort Myers, Florida.

2007 Dual member of Englewood Masonic Lodge #360 F. & A.M. in Englewood,

Florida & Concordia Lodge #13 A.F. & A.M. In Baltimore, Maryland.

2008 Grand Tall Cedar of TAMIAMI FOREST #205.

2008 Poster Child Award from the Tall Cedar Foundation for Tamiami Forest #205.

2008 | Ist First Place Scrapbook (Class I)

2008 2nd Place Misc. Mobile Unit in the 2008 Parade in Wildwood, New Jersey

2009 Tall Cedar of the Year" Tamiami Forest #205

2010 Ist Place Publication Award (Class I) Editor Tamiami Forest #205.

2010 Member of the Tuxedo Marching Unit for Tamiami Forest #205 Ist Place in Wildwood, N.J.

2011 Member of the Tuxedo Marching Unit for Tamiami Forest #205 Ist Place in Wildwood, N. J.

2011 Ist Place Publication Award (Class I) Editor Tamiami Forest #205.

2009-2012 District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, District 26.

2010 Englewood Shrine Club of Sahib Shriners.

2013 Recipient of the Supreme Tall Cedar Award.

2016 Grand Tall Cedar of Tamiami Forest #205

2017-2018 President of the Englewood Shrine Club.

2017 Shriner Hillybilly Clan #78

2018 Treasurer of Tamiami Forest #205.

2018 Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors for Region #8

#### OTHER COMMUNITY INTEREST:

Fraternal Order of Police, Eagles, Elks, Moose, Turtles, Charlotte Co. Music Club, Fundraising for V.F.W. & AmVets, United Methodist Children's Home, Riverside Methodist Camp, Gulf Coast Emmaus, Kairos Prison Ministry, Head Trustee of Gulf Cove U.M.C., Singing with the Praise Team of Gulf Cove U.M.C., M.D.A. Lock Ups & Summer Camps.

#### **EDUCATION**

1968-1971 Graduate of Overlea High School in Baltimore County, Maryland.

1971 Attended American University 4400 Massachusetts Ave. in N/W Washington, D.C.

1974 Graduate of the Maryland Criminal Justice Academy in Rockville, Maryland.

1974-1995 Attended a variety of Community Colleges in Maryland obtaining knowledge for career development.

1995 Obtained National and Maryland Real Estate Licenses.

2000 Graduate of the 82nd South-West Florida Criminal Justice Academy obtaining the "Top Gun" Award of the class. Presided as Class Chaplin during Graduation ceremonies.



# WILLIAM L. GREENE PGTC NO. 130

Brothers all. I am submitting myself as a candidate for Supreme Director, Region No. II. I am a member of Laurel Forest No. I30, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America in Connecticut, served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2004 and 2005 and presently as Scribe.

My Masonic career began on November 12, 1983 when I was raised as a Master Mason in Uriel Lodge No. 24 of Merrow Connecticut. He served Uriel Lodge as Master in 1987 and 1992. I'm a dual member of Ionic Lodge No. 110 of North Windham Connecticut and served as Master in 1990, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2000 and 2009 and now serve as Treasurer. I received the Master's Achievement Award from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for each of the nine years served as Worshipful Master. I am also a Charter Member of Ashlar Lodge No. 332 of Wallingford, a Past Right Worshipful Master of the 9th District Actual Past Masters Association and Past President of the 9th Masonic District Blue Lodge Council and now serve as Secretary/Treasurer for many years. In 1991 he was named as Mason of the Year for the Ninth Masonic District by the Blue Lodge Council. I'm an honorary member of Hiram Lodge No. 18 of Sandy Hook, Connecticut

and an Honorary Member of Moriah Lodge No. 15 of Brooklyn, Connecticut.

I served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut as Right Worshipful District Deputy in 1993 and 1994, and served on the Masonic Education Committee for many years and as Chairman of the Publicity and Public Relations Committee for several years. In 1999, I was appointed as Grand Junior Steward of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Connecticut filled all the Grand Lodge chairs serving as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Connecticut for 2007. I presently serve as a Grand Trustee. I am an honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Grand Orient of Haiti. I am the Grand Representative to Delaware from Connecticut.

In 2009, I was awarded the prestigious Luke A. Lockwood Award by Masonicare for outstanding service to Masonicare.

I'm a member of Royal Arch Masons serving as High Priest in 1989-90, 1991-92, and 2000-2001. I served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in Connecticut in 2001. A member of the Connecticut Convention of Anointed High Priests, serving as Most Excellent President in 1996-97; and am Grand Representative to Massachusetts.

I am a member of Royal and Select Masters, serving as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1996-97, and 1997-98, a member of the Connecticut Council of Anointed Kings (Order of the Silver Trowel), and Grand Representative to Kansas.

Knighted in St. John's Commandery No. 11 of North Windham, serving as Eminent Commander in 1991 and now serve as Treasurer. I was Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut for 20 years, retiring in April 2015, and a Life member of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. In 2000 I was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA. I'm a member and Past Knight Crusader of the East in the Connecticut Knights Crusaders of the Cross.

A member of the Connecticut York Rite College No. 17, and Connecticut Priory No. 28, Knights of the York Cross of Honor. A member of Connecticut Collage Masonic Societas Rosicruciana In Civitatibus Foeveratis; Nathan Hall Council No. 78, Allied Masonic Degrees; and a life member of The Masonic Veteran Association of Connecticut. Also a member in Apostles Tabernacle XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests serving as Very Eminent Preceptor in 2017.

A member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of Hartford and a Charter Member of the Nathan Hale Consistory and the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award (MSA); a Noble and Past Treasurer of Sphinx Temple, Shriners International. In addition I'm a member of the Sphinx False Alarmers and Past Commander of the Sphinx Legion of Honor

A prophet and Past Monarch in Hejaz Grotto of Wallingford, Connecticut.

A member of Mohawk Council No. 28, Knight Masons U.S.A.; and Nutmeg Order No. 17, Sword of Bunker Hill.

A member of the Order of Amaranth in North Windham, serving as Royal Patron, in 1989, 1990, 1993, 2003, 2005, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018 and served as Grand Royal Patron of the Grand Court of Connecticut in 1994-95.

A member of Climax Chapter No. 98 (now merged with Betty Putnam Chapter No. 106), Order of Eastern Star, having served as Worthy Patron in 1991-92. Bill was active in instituting Ashlar Chapter No. 116 in Wallingford (the first new Chapter in Connecticut for 65 years) serving as Charter Chaplain in 2011 and Worthy Patron in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 and 2018. He is presently Grand Representative of Georgia in Connecticut and Past Grand Representative of Wisconsin in Connecticut and as Grand Representative of Texas in Connecticut. Bill served as Grand Warder of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut 2016-2017.

A member of Rugged Cross Shrine No. 5, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem in Boscawen, New Hampshire and served as Watchman of Shepherds in 1992-93, and 1996-97 in Vashti Shrine No. 2 in Glastonbury prior to its merge with Rugged Cross Shrine.

Bill is the Regional Representative for National Sojourners Inc., and a member and past president of Hartford Chapter No. 56 National Sojourners and the Commander of William Ledyard Camp, Heroes of '76.

I enjoy working with the Masonic Youth groups in Connecticut. I served as Chairman the Advisory Board of Willimantic Assembly No. 26, International Order of the Rainbow for girls for 25 years and on the Advisory Board of Norwich Assembly No. 30 for several years and served as a Grand Deputy in Connecticut for three years. In 1990 I was presented with the "Grand Cross of Color" by the Supreme Assembly for Distinguished Services to the Order. I am also a past member of the State Executive Officer's Staff of the Order of DeMolay in Connecticut and was State Chapter Dad in 2009. I am holder of the DeMolay Appreciation Medal; the William Campbell Medal for distinguished DeMolay service; and Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. In 1998 I was awarded the "Service to Youth Award" from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

My hobbies include photography, hiking, camping, fishing, hunting, cooking, and traveling. My wife Sandie and he have visited all but one of the fifty states, six of the provinces of Canada, and have been to Mexico. We are members of National Camping Travelers (NCT), District 1, Chapter 6. In addition, they enjoy the Ballet, Ice Skating, and the theater, as well as Country Western music and Square Dancing. We also support endangered wildlife species programs.

### 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 2019

To: Supreme Forest Members

From: Robert T. Hahn, Supreme Scribe

Subject: Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

The following proposed change to the Supreme Forest has been properly submitted in accordance with the Supreme Forest Constitution and By-laws.

This proposed change will be acted on at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May 10th, 2019 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.

It is important for every Supreme Forest member 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 9<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

## PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION

#### 19-1 ARTICLE VI--ELECTED OFFICERS--THEIR DUTIES--VACANCIES

- B. Duties of elected officers
  - 7. Board of Directors
    - d. Meetings
      - (4) Electronic Meetings or Attendance at Meetings Electronically. Meetings of the Board as provided in this section may be conducted electronically, or attended electronically by some members, via an internet or other connection to a device that transmits and receives both an audio and visual signal. Such connection must provide the conditions and opportunity for simultaneous aural and visual communications so that all participating members can simultaneously hear and see each other, so that it is equivalent to being physically present at the place of the meeting. Members attending electronically shall be considered "present" within the meaning of subsection (2), above, for attendance, quorum and voting purposes. The notice of an electronic meeting must include the date and time of the meeting and an adequate description of how to participate in the electronic meeting. It will be the responsibility of the member wishing to attend the meeting electronically to have the equipment and software required for such participation. Electronic meetings shall be conducted pursuant to the Supreme Forest Constitution, the Supreme Forest Buy-laws, and Robert's Rules of Order, as if the members attending electronically were physically present. A member attending the meeting electronically may submit a written motion via e-mail to the other members in attendance. Only Board members may participate electronically in Board meetings.

### Signed by:

Richard Snyder, PGTC No. 30

Robert V. Bachman, PGTC No. 181

William L. Greene, PGTC No. 130

Albert A. Cass, PGTC No. 181

Bernard C. Schlenk, PGTC No. 193

Alex Dueñas, PGTC No. 66

William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95

### PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET

#### INCOME:

Foundation Fees	\$ 41,600.00
Investments	27,500.00
Membership Fees	128,100.00
Management Fees	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	5,000.00
Publication Fees	200.00
Sales	1,600.00
TCL Functions	25,000.00

Total \$ 230,500.00

#### **EXPENSES**:

Building	\$ 21,000.00
Administrative Operations	75,000.00
Appointed Officers	3,000.00
Committees	2,500.00
District Deputies	5,000.00
Elected Officers	25,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,500.00
Office	18,000.00
Publications	27,500.00
Public Relations	12,000.00
Purchase for Resale	3,000.00
TCL Functions	35,000.00

Total \$ 229,500.00

Excess Income over Expenses \$ 1,000.00



### SUPREME FOREST OF THE

# TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF N.A. 2020



### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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.

### 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.
- 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.



# 2019 Midwinter Conference Theme Party



STC Metcalf and Susie enjoying the Bluegrass at Midwinter



PSTC Bob Saul



Provost Keith Erb and Supreme Chaplain, Dick Barner



Sandie and Bill Greene enjoying the Bluegrass at Midwinter



JDSTC Eric Becker



Jeremy Johnson, Ike Horst, Ed Stumm



Russ Combs and his lovely wife



Jim and Don White



Gerry Tynan looking very Bluegrassy!



# 2019 Midwinter Conference Theme Party



Terry Almachy and Jake Cruze, with one peeping Les in the background!



The Timmons Family Band





A celebrity visitor

## Men's Luncheon





## 2019 Midwinter Conference Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel Ocean City, Maryland



Our emcee/master of ceremonies directing the rehearsal for Saturday night; Ray Vogel, PSTC, Baltimore Forest No. 45



Midwinter at the beach
This is what we woke up to on Saturday morning.



and this is what it looked like on Sunday morning...not too often that you see snow on the beach!.



Supreme Forest Board of Director's and Foundation Director's meeting



STC Metcalf looking very relaxed at the beginning of the General session



Supreme Preceptor Lynn Stahle enjoying the meeting



Members of Richmond Forest listening intently to the speaker



## 2019 Midwinter Conference Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel Ocean City, Maryland



PSTC in attendance; Earl Myers (2002); George Morgan (2008); Harvey Willard (2012); Barry Sheaffer (2014); Robert Saul (2015); Curt Beam (2016) Not in the picture; Ray Vogel (2001); James Reed (2009); John Shoop (2011), Dick Feeser (2013)



Members of the Baltimore Forest No. 45 Color Guard; (L-R): Ray Vogel, Ray Wingate, George Little



MWPGM of Maryland, Kostas Vourvoulas addresses the membership

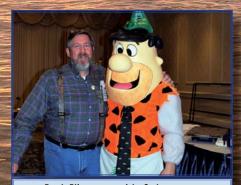


SDSTC Martz delivering remarks



Our Supreme
Chaplain
Richard Barner,
gave his first
message to
the Cedars
on Sunday.
The reception
received by
Brother Barner
from the
Tall Cedars

and their ladies was greatly appreciated. Brother Barner said he truly understands the fun, frolic, and fellowship aspect of the Cedars after attending his first Mid-Winter Conference.



Fred Flintstone with Cedar apron



Don White and the singing Cedarettes crooning to the tune of "You are my sunshine". A special I guest star appearance was made by Todd from Easton Forest No. 35.



DDSTC and JDSTC candidate Dennis Ewing and his lovely wife Mary

# Ladies Luncheon



Shirl Wicks Asbeil escorts First Lady Susie Metcalf



Shirl leads the ladies in prayer



FL Susie Metcalf hosted the ladies luncheon, the theme was Anchors Away



STC Metcalf addresses the ladies



2019 COMMITTEE
FRONT: Aide Gerry Tynan, First Lady Susie
Metcalf, Shirl Wicks Asbeil
BACK: Annapolis Cedarette President Debra
Malinowski, Marian White, Ann Edwards, Marilyn
Stadler, Anita Tenner, Mary Ewing



Former First Ladies: (L-R): seated Shirley Reed (2009); Nancy Willard (2012); Pat Corwell (1989); Margie Myers (2002)Standing (L-R): Judy Morgan (2009); Brenda Vogel (2001); Margie Beam (2016); Diane Shoop (2011); Suzanne Sheaffer (2014)



L-R): Gerry Tynan, Aide; Shirl Wicks Asbeil, Aide; First Lady Susie Metcalf; Linda Martz, SDSTC lady; Sue Becker, JDSTC lady; Terri Hahn, SS Lady.

### TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR CONVENTION 2019 117th Annual Tall Cedar Convention

WILDWOOD CONVENTION CENTER
MAY 8TH ---- MAY 12, 2019

 $\begin{array}{c} Headquarters\ Hotel-Adventurer\ Motor\ Inn\\ Ocean\ and\ Morning\ Glory\ Road,\ Wildwood\ Crest,\ NJ \end{array}$ 

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Wednesday, May 8th Deliveries to Convention Center — Contact Convention Chairman to schedule

Thursday, May 9th 7:30 AM Vendors unload — Ballroom Lobby

8:30 AM 4 PM Vendor & Registration areas open 9:00 AM Foundation Board Meeting — Room MR#1 Supreme Forest Board Meeting — Room MR#2

9:00 PM Supreme Forest Hospitality — Adventurer Motor Inn

Friday, May 10th 8:30 AM — 11.00 AM — Credentials and Registration — Convention Center

OPEN SESSION: 8:30 AM followed by GENERAL SESSION PROPOSED AGENDA

**OPENING** 

INTRODUCTIONS:

Board of Diredtors, Past SF Officers, Distiguished Guests, 2019 Goodwill Ambassador,

Key Club Recipients - recognition, Memorial Service

PRESENT 2020 BUDGET

LIST OF CANDIDATED AND RECEIVE NOMINATIONS

VOTING ON SF OFFIERS AND CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

COMMITTEE REPORTS
ELECTION RESULTS

Friday, May 10th continued

Noon — Ladies of Cedarism Luncheon — Convention Center — Ticket required Doors open at 11:30 AM

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Men's Luncheon, Convention Center, Ticket required

Doors open as STC directs

5:00 PM — Doors open for Clown Competition — Convention Center - Competition starts at 6:30 PM

9:00 PM — Supreme Forest Hospitality — Adventurer Motor Inn

Saturday, May 11th 8:30 AM — Cedar Tree Planting — Location to be announced

10:00 AM - Parade - See Map on inside convention book - back cover

4:00 PM — Worship Service — Convention Center

6:30 PM — Closing Dinner - Doors open at 5:30 PM — Ticket required -

Awards and entertainment

10:00 PM — Supreme Forest Hospitality — Adventurer Motor Inn

THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE THANKS YOU , IN ADVANCE, FOR YOUR ATTENDANCE

# 2019 CONVENTION TALL CEDARS of LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON





Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019
Wildwoods Convention Center
4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ 08260

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

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Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship
DOORS OPEN @ 11:45 AM - LUNCHEON @NOON

Deadline for reservations is April 25, 2019

Please complete the form below and send to:

Al Tynan 5552 Dolores Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227 410-242-6978

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### 2019 Convention Men's Luncheon

NAME(s)	Fore	Forest Name and #		
Any special Dietary needs?				
Enclosed is my check for	tickets @ \$21 per person.	Total \$		
Phone #	Email:			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2019 COMMITTEE

# 2019 CONVENTION RECOMMENDED DRESS CODE

Thursday, May 9th CASUAL AT ALL EVENTS BUT WEAR PYRAMIDS

Friday, May 10th Supreme Forest Session

Supreme Forest Officers – Tuxedo (white coat)

Supreme Forest Members – Business Casual (no jeans or T-shirts)

Officers and Members - WEAR PYRAMIDS

**EVENING EVENTS - CASUAL** 

Saturday, May 11th PARADE -

SF Elected and Appointed Officers, PSTC, DDSTC, Trustees, TCF Officers, and Fraternal Relations Guests – Tuxedo (white coat) for men and street length dress for ladies

**EVENING EVENTS** – Casual EXCEPT those participating in the events

BE PROUD
WEAR PYRAMIDS AT ALL CONVENTION EVENTS
EVEN WALKING ON THE BOARDS

### **2019 ANNUAL** LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

HOSTED BY ANNAPOLIS FOREST CEDARETTES

### STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER

Wildwood Convention Center

Wear your Red, White and Blue

Friday May 10, 2019

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 LUNCHEON @ NOON

Classic Turkey Club

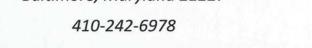
Fruit Cup, Chips

Apple Pie & Beverage

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS APRIL 20th, 2019

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

GERRY TYNAN 5552 Dolores Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21227





### 2019 CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON Name\_\_\_\_\_\_Forest #\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_@\$21.00 per person Any special Dietary needs?\_\_\_\_ Phone#

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: 2019 COMMITTEE

# 2019 CONVENTION TALL CEDARS of LEBANON



# CLOSING DINNER &

### **AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Saturday May 11th, 2019
Wildwoods Convention Center
4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ 08260

Casual Dress Social "Hour" @ 5:30 PM Dinner @ 6:00 PM

### **2019 Convention Closing Dinner**

NAME(s)	Fore	Forest Name and #		
Any special Dietary needs?				
Enclosed is my check for	tickets @ \$20 per person.	Total \$		
Phone #	Email:			

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2019 COMMITTEE





## 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.

### 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

	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

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

Nancy & Bill Shirey **TEL**: 410.465.6263

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



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.



#### Deadline for reservations is April 25, 2019

Please complete the form below and send to:

Al Tynan

5552 Dolores Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21227

410-242-6978

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#### 2019 Ice Cream Social

NAME(s)	Fore	Forest Name and #		
Enclosed is my check for	tickets @ \$6 per person.	Total \$		
Phone #	Email:			

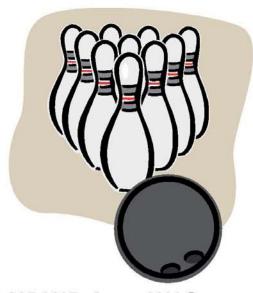
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO 2019 COMMITTEE



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

April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

# Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament Saturday Night Dinner April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 20<sup>th,</sup> 2019

2019 Dutch Treat Bowling Dinner

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

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Forest No. \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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 All Events Average 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
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#### 59th ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 al 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 ¾ X 4 ½
Inside Cover - \$50	7 ½ X 4 ½	Quarter Page - \$10	1 7/8 X 4 1/2
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:	<u>;                                    </u>		
Any advertising or booster receiv	ed after <b>April 4<sup>th,</sup> 2019</b> is not guarante	ed to be in the Program Boo	oklet.
Thank you in advance for your su	pport.		

Deadline is April 3rd, 2019

#### Tournament Rules

- 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 singes 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, 2019, 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.
  - 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 3rd, 2019.

# The Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

will host

The 40th Annual Tall Cedar Clown Competition

Friday, May 10th, 2019

Convention Center, Wildwood New Jersey

**Balloon Competition** 

Makeup Competition to include:

White Face Auguste Hobo / Tramp Character

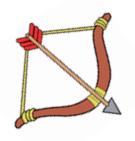
Skit Competition to include:

Individual Skits Group Skits

For information contact:

Brian Tinkers Hoffman 96 Chinquapin Trail Delta, Pa 17314 717-887-1133 bhoffman@bcps.k12.md.us

Come join the fun, frolic and fellowship



SUPREME FOREST
TALL CEDARS
OF
LEBANON
OF
NORTH AMERICA



# 2019 SPORTSMEN'S & CASH GIVEAWAY

# Cash Prizes and Gift Cards for Sporting Equipment SATURDAY JULY 27<sup>th,</sup> 2019



11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

**DONATION - \$10.00** 

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 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.





Merchandise Gift Cards made available thru Bass Pro Shops & can be redeemed at either Bass Pro or Cabela's Winners need not be present to win!

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!

#### STC METCALF VISITS HIS HOME FOREST







Forest Ambassador Kourtney Rivers along with mom and dad enjoyed the Food, Fun and Fellowship the event provided while Olivia Calvert sold her jewelry to the guests.

buy lunch and listen to music. It was a beautiful day and the event was a success.





September was Cedarette Appreciation and the ladies received a Crab Cake Dinner served by the Cedars.



PGT Harris Asbeil alone with Cedarettes Gladys Burgess and Cecilia (Ce Ce) Hanlon need some Rolaids after judging our Chili Cook Off in October. We had a record number of entries this year.





And the winners are. Ist place Al Tynan, 2nd Howard Beardsley and 3rd Robin Romer

In November we honored our Forest members who served in the armed forces and this year we also celebrated Don and Marian Whites 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Forest Ambassador Dalton Kalwa and his dad, TC Chris enjoyed the crabs at the Annual Crab Feast at Kurtz Beach.

# **MILLERSBURG FOREST NO. 125**



Officers for 2019

(L-R): JDGTC Cameron Snyder (girlfriend Heidi Coleman), GTC Joel Miller (wife Vanessa), SDGTC Brian Leitzel (wife Colleen), PGTC Bennett Boyer (wife Marissa)



A happy face, Ron Weaver, PGTC



More happy faces, Bill Decker and Randy Etzweiler enjoying the evening



GTC Bennett Boyer welcomes the Cedars and their ladies to the Annual Christmas Party and Officer Installation



Harold Engle (50 year recipient) and his lady Kathy



Robert Blosser (50 year recipient) and his lady Joan



Ken Sclegel (50 year recipient) and his lady Fern:

# **AROUND THE KINGDOM**

# Evergreen Forest No. 49 Christmas Parade







#### Fredrick Forest No. 132



December 2018, Supreme Forest Officers enjoying Fun, Frolic and Fellowship at the Installation of Officers

# Hagerstown Forest No. 95



(L-R): JDSTC Donald "Wolfie" Wolfensberger , DDSTC Josh Brown, GTC John Sollenberger, STC Les Metcalf, SDSTC Bill Martz, SDGTC Michael Starliper, SP and Aide to SDSTC H. Lynn Stahle.

#### Lancaster Forest No. 27

At the January meeting Grand Tall Cedar Pete Ruggieri welcomed Supreme Tall Cedar, Les Metcalf, Jr. It was a great meeting to start off the New Year.



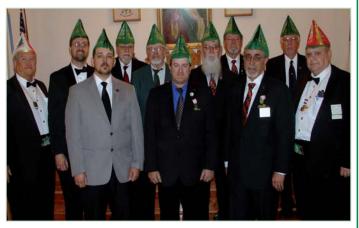
Supreme Visit to Lancaster Forest January 22, 2019. GTC Pete Ruggieri, STC Les Metcalf, Jr. SDGTC Ed McGrath, Jr..

# **AROUND THE KINGDOM**

#### Palmetto Forest No. 206

Palmetto Forest 206 in South Carolina conferred all degrees in costume on 9 candidates on Saturday, March 31, 2018.





Supreme Director Region 9 Al Cass, and GTC of Palmetto Forest welcome Charlie Smith, Billy Lawrence, Arthur Jordan, Paul Wilson, James Phillips, Jack Davis, Robert Jordan, Bryan Sprouse, and Brandon Crater.

We had 50 total in attendance including the candidates, the GTC of Alabama, Jerry Ogletree, and our Supreme Director Al Cass. They took their obligation on an altar of cedar wood!

#### Penn Forest No. 21

MDA Philadelphia invited Tall Cedar Forests to their MDA Holiday Party, Saturday, December 8th from 11:00 - 1:30 pm at Mobility Works, Cinnaminson, NJ. There was crafts, food and holiday fun for the families. The event was free of charge for all individuals registered with MDA and their family members. Tall Cedars from Main Line Forest No. 153 and Penn Forest No 21 attended and helped with





crafts, balloon making, and hosted a Bingo game which was a big hit. Everyone had great time.





# **AROUND THE KINGDOM**

#### Richmond Forest No. 66



# Sunbury Forest No. 65

On January 4, District 12 held their School of Instruction. A preschool breakfast was prepared for

all participants to enjoy before the instruction began.

The following forests were represented: Sunbury Forest No. 65, Susquehanna Forest No. 199, and Sullivan Forest No. 210. DDSTC (PSTC) Robert Saul instructed the members present in formalities, reception of guests, and conducting a business meeting; both open and closed sessions were rehearsed.



Robert Saul presenting information to the class



GTC DDGM District No. 17 Steve Gee listening to instruction.



Albert Churn and Marvin Long, Sunbury Forest



L-R): participants:

Front: Eric Stahley (SDGTC) and Wally Ruppert Susquehanna Forest

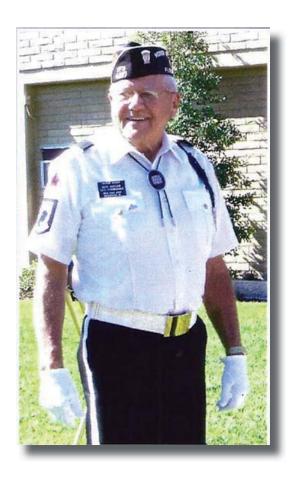
Middle: Marvin Long (JDGTC) and Albert Churn (GTC) Sunbury Forest

Back: John Gillibauer (PGTC), Ken Seay (SDGTC), Larry Conrad (Scribe),

and Dick Radel (Treasurer) Sunbury Forest

No. 66 and MW William M. Sardon, Grand Master of New York

#### WHERE ARE OUR PAST SUPREME TALL CEDARS?



# Don E. Saylor

Don was born on June 9, 1928, in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. He is the former Vice President of Commonwealth Federal Favings & Loan Association, in addition to being a licensed real estate broker. He nd hi wife Joyce had two children; David and Donna. He was a member of Norristown Forest No. 31 wherehewas Grand Tall Cedar in 1966, and was Director of the Prlogue and Royal Court. He served as Supreme Preceptor in 1967 and began his ranks of elective offices.

He was in the U.S. Army's Occupation Forces in Germany from 1950 to 1952. He was First Sargeant, "C" Company, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 43rd Infantry Division.

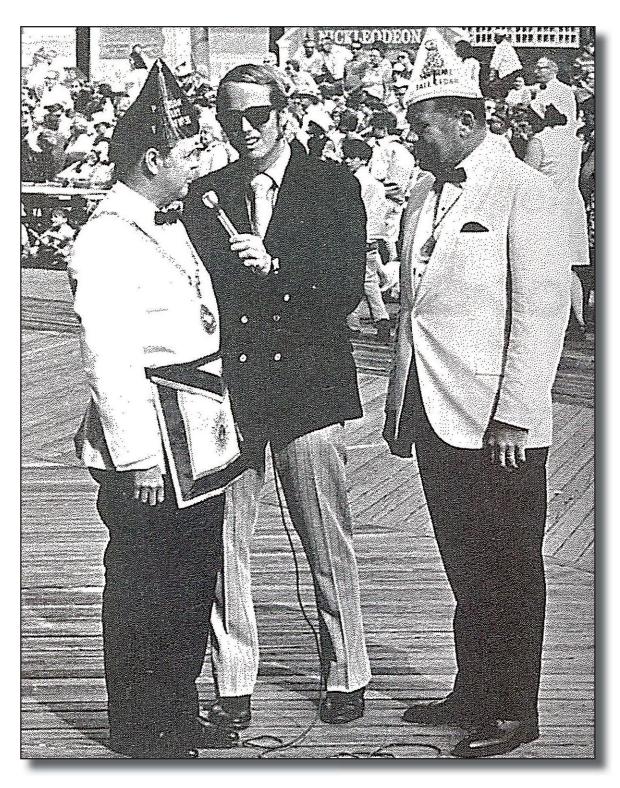
Don began his Masonic career in 1954 as a member of Charity Lodge No. 19 F&AM and then joined the York Rite Bodies of Chapter, Council and Commandery, the Valley of Allentown. On May 12, 1956, he was ordained as 32nd DegreeMason. He also

serviced as a member of the Plymouth Square Club and the Valley Forge High Twelve Club, The Central Montgomery County Board of Realtors and the American Savings & Loan Institute. He is a life member of the Natinal Charitable Objective Fund, and a member of officers and pastofficers, Association of District 10.

In 1970 Don was elected as Supreme Tall Cedar of the United States at the convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a masonic organization whose charitable objective is Muscular Dystrophy.

In 1997, after retiring from Anchor Savings Bank, he and Ann moved to Inverness from St. Petersburg, Florida. Shortly after, hejoined Eugene Quinn VFW Post 4337 and served on the House Committee. Don'sduty was to change the outside sign every Monday. Later, he was encouraged to oin the Honor Guard, commanded by Jim Black.

His first elected office ws as Senior Vice Commander under Commander Steve MeElveen. He was appointed House Committee Chairman and also served as Post Commander 2011 - 2012. Serving as Commander of the Honor Guard as enriched his life passionalely. Don is truly indebted to the members of this unit for entrusting him as its Commander.



STC Saylor (right) and Grand Master of NJ Edward Rainey are interviewed during live TV coverage of parade.

#### SAVANNAH FOREST NO. 217

Cedarism is a Masonic fraternity and social organization with roots beginning in 1843. The first Tall Cedar degree was conferred in Philadelphia in the year of 1846 and spread widely throughout Northern states. The organization was subsequently granted a charter on March 18, 1920 as the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, being derived from the fraternity of stone and wood masons employed in the construction of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem.

In 2007 members Savannah Masons petitioned for membership in the Georgia State No. 181 Forest of Tall Cedars. Several who had been admitted membership

began to consider the possibility of having a Savannah Forest. A few calls to District and Regional Directors provided the path for members to follow to become provisional Forest No. 217.

The colony was required to remit a \$250 chartering fee to the national office, to enlist no less than 50 Master Masons, adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, secure a place to hold regular meeting, and finally elect officers. Having fulfilled all requirements, on December 29, 2018, the Charter was granted to Savannah Forest No. 217 and presented by Supreme Tall Cedar James Morrison, Jr, Supreme Director Al Cass, and Richard Sealy District Director.





Bro Morrison and his officers with our Charter 0338 Bro Chris Blaine Pres. 2018 accepting Charter from Bro Morrison 0345 Charter members.



Officers were installed for 2019. They are: Grand Tall Cedar Bruce Mcnall, Senior Deputy Joey Jackson, Junior Deputy Darrell Reese, Secretary-Treasurer Clyde Griffin, Chaplain Donald Combs.

A gala celebration banquet was held at Howl' Hound Restaurant including 51 members and wives. Top of the Menu, surf and turf, was served, accompanied by a cash bar. Awards were presented: Most Valuable Member to Clyde Griffin, and to Past Presidents: Clyde Griffin and Ernest McCorkle by current Grand Tall Cedar Chris Blaine.



# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

			Forest No
I hereby declare that I am a member in good standing of a qualifications and am desirous of providing service to this mysteries of the Order.			
I further declare that I have never previously applied for the Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.	ne degree of T	all Cedar, nor have I, to	my knowledge, been elected or rejected by ar
If found eligible, I promise to cheerfully conform to all the of the Supreme Forest together with those of this Forest.	e established u	sages, customs, regulati	ons and the Constitution, By-laws, and edicts
Name in full (print) First		Middle	Last
Place of residence			
Telephone Nos. (Home)	(Cell)		(Work)
E-Mail:			
Date of Birth P	lace of Birth		
Marital Status Wife's name		Occupation	
Name & Address of Employer			
Master Mason Initiation Date: I am a			
Lodge No, located at			, State of
The fee of \$ accompanies this petition. Hat S	ize	Signature	(sign name in full, no initials)
I usually sign my name thus	<u> </u>	Dated at, this	day of, 20
We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the perbelieve them to be true and that each of us believes the perrepute and we cheerfully recommend him.	titioner, that w		
Signature	Forest No	Address	
Signature	Forest No	Address	
This petition must be in the Scribe's hand	_ days precedi	ng Ceremonial, includin	g initiation fee.
Pyramid and Annual Dues Payable at Ceremonial - Initiat	ion Fee \$	Pyramid \$	Annual Dues \$
Make checks payable to		Forest No	Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

#### SUPREME FOREST TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF N.A.

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