



# The Cedar Digest

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### Supreme Tall Cedar, William W. Martz, PGTC No. 95

Greetings Brothers and Fellow Sidonians,

It is an honor and privilege to serve you as Supreme Tall Cedar. It is my hope that we, working together, can have a positive impact on our fraternity this year. Too often we focus on what we perceive as problems and fail to devote sufficient efforts to moving the organization forward.

At our Mid-Winter Conference in Gettysburg, I said that I want to concentrate on a few key areas in 2020. We need to strengthen our means and frequency of communications. We need to improve our public relations. We need to grow the size of the kingdom; both in overall membership and in the number of Forests.

To improve communications between the members, between the Forests, and with the Supreme Forest, I have restarted the practice of distributing a message to the membership each month through the District Deputy STCs. I am trying to let you, the members, know of the happenings around the kingdom. I hope that visitation between Forests will increase if we are more aware of the events happening near (and not so near) us. I also encourage each member and Forest to share their ideas – let your neighbor Cedars know what is working for you.

We need to share our message with fellow Masons and with our communities in general. We need to market ourselves.

We have a great story to tell. Our relationship with the Muscular Dystrophy Association is one that has

been beneficial to both organizations. Of course our fundraising for MDA research has been great; likewise adopting the MDA as our charitable cause has given our fraternity a focus and a purpose. And the adoption of ambassadors at both the Forest and the Supreme level has cultivated many individual relationships.

I challenge each of you to support our charitable cause in any way that you are able. I encourage your Forest to invite Lex Kishbaugh, our Goodwill Ambassador, to an event this year. Help your Forest to raise money to send a child to MDA camp. Solicit a donation for a rose. Purchase a 2020 MDA bear. (The design is great this year, if I don't mind saying so myself.) Participate in the "dine out/eat out" night and or respond to the appeal letter later this year. The Tall Cedar Foundation donations to research are really making a difference!

We all agree that membership is the lifeblood of any organization. We have had to adapt to a declining membership. We have reduced expenses. We have changed the focus of our investments to generate more income. Recent studies by Masonic and non-Masonic organizations predict a leveling off of membership decline and some even suggest an upswing in the future. But we should not just be complacent and wait for improvement. We must work to grow, both in numbers of members within existing Forests and by adding new Forests. We must also aggressively work on retention. We must stop losing members to demits and non-payment of dues. We must offer interesting programs to the members; not just another meeting to

attend. Each of us became a Mason and a Tall Cedar to better ourselves.

Let's have some fun, frolic, and fellowship while bettering our Lodges, our Forests, and our communities. With your help we can make a difference this year!

Cedarly and Fraternally

William W. Martz

### Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, J. Eric Becker, PGTC No. 13

Greetings Tall Cedars, Cedaretttes and Friends of Cedarism.

As I begin my Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar year, I cannot believe how fast my year as Junior went by. Now I'm finding my year as Senior flying by just as fast. As the year has begun, I am pleased to say that your Supreme line is working well together. I would like to welcome Karen to the Supreme office she has been very busy cleaning

and organizing the office to be efficient in helping the Forests. As for me, my plans for Midwinter and Convention for 2021 are in progress and I am getting my event dates lined up and getting officers in place. I want to thank PSTC Dick Feeser and PSTC Bud Willard for all their help in organizing these functions for the enjoyment of all. I look forward to working with Joe Russell, the Board of Directors and our new Junior Deputy. I am bringing back the fun frolic and fellowship as it used to be a time ago. Just ask any 25 plus year member and he will have plenty of great stories to share. Lets bring back the real fun, fun creates happiness and happiness creates fun. Happy Cedars make happy Forests, and happy Forest will thrive and help expand the kingdom. I challenge each and everyone who reads this whether a

Cedar or Cedarette to go out and make your Forest a happy Forest. Catch the

Eric Becker Senior Deputy STC

spirit of happiness. God bless and see you soon.



Greetings Cedar Kingdom!

I thank and praise God first and foremost for the great opportunity He has given me to serve as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for 2020.

I would like to congratulate my fellow Supreme Forest line officers Bill Martz, Supreme Tall Cedar; J. Eric Becker, Senior Deputy STC; Bob Hahn, Supreme Scribe; Brian Van Syoc, Supreme Treasurer. Also, congratulations to the

2020 Board of Directors, Foundation Chairman and Directors, appointed officers, and constituent Forest officers. My hope is that together we will do great things this year to positively promote Tall Cedars, our charity MDA, and to help raise funds to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy.

To the Cedar Kingdom, I say thank you for electing me as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. As the journey begins to 2022 this is not only my journey but OUR journey. This is a team effort, and I am asking each and every Cedar and Cedarette to do their part. As we all know, this is one of the BEST organizations you could ever join, so let's go out and enthusiastically promote Tall Cedars every chance we get.

Midwinter 2020 in Gettysburg was a great success and I thank STC Bill and First Lady Linda for their great hospitality. Those in attendance truly showed our love for Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship from beginning to end. Let's take that excitement and keep it going all through 2020.

Cedarly,

Joseph S Russell

Junior Deputy STC

### Supreme Scribe, Robert T. Hahn, GTC No. 61

Brother Cedars,

We had a great Midswinter and a lot of Tall Cedar events and activities are coming up throughout the Cedar Kingdom. The Convention, the Cash Raffle in July, and the many District and Forest activities. Hopefully that you were able to

attend some of these functions. We need more members to spread the word how much Fun,

Frolic, and Fellowship we have to get more members involved.

As you noticed, we redesigned the Cedar Digest. Karen and I have put a lot of thought and time into the new design. Let us know what you think. The Roster Book has also been redesigned, it's now a larger format and easer to read.

I would like to thank the Forests who sent in information about their activities.

There is a new area for the Forest Scribes to get the necessary forms. We are redesigning some of the forms to make it easer. You will be receiving email update information, be sure we have your correct email address.

There was a Scribes training session at the Midwinter Conference. A recording of the session is available in the new Scribes section on our web site.

And don't forget to send in your dues and assessments, we are still missing some.

Robert T. Hahn, GTC Supreme Scribe

### Supreme Treasurer, Brian K. Van Scyoc, PGTC No. 145

Fraternal Greeting Brothers,

Just a, not so quick, note from the desk of the Supreme Treasurer.

First I would like to say congratulations to PSTC Les Metcalf, Jr. on your year and wish you the best of luck and I know we will continue to see you being active around the Cedar Kingdom. Secondly, congratulations to the Supreme Officers, Directors and Foundation Board, both new and returning brothers. I am looking forward to working with all of the brothers in the coming year.

If you were able to attend the Midwinter session in Gettysburg, PA, in spite of the weather, we shared some fun, frolic and fellowship. The training sessions were well attended and discussed important information with Forest officers in attendance. Also, STC William Martz presented his vision for 2020 and the various events coming up in 2020, I hope to see you at them.

We at the Supreme office are still working on the transition and Karen Wenrich has been a great addition to the office. Last year was a good year for the Supreme Forest financially. But, there is still room for improvement and the Supreme office is continuing to look for ways to improve the communication with the individual Forests, increase our revenue and reduce costs.

Finally, it was good to hear the news from MDA regarding the treatments that are being tested and approved. This is due in part to our organization and each and every one of our members. You will hear that acquiring new members is an important issue, so I encourage you to talk to that brother sitting next to you in Lodge about Tall Cedars and what the organization is about. You can find information on the website about our organization and tailor your own 60 second promotional.

Fraternally,

Brian K. Van Scyoc, PGTC, Supreme Treasurer

### Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Richard Barner, JDGTC No. 210

#### Cedars,

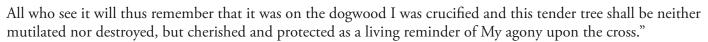
As our Forests plan for their Spring Programs, choose topics that are unique and interesting.

When your Supreme Chaplain looks towards Spring of 2020, I found a topic written by an unknown author. Please read it and you decide. It's entitled ...

The Story of the Dogwood

According to an ancient legend the dogwood tree, because of its hardness, was chosen for use in the cross at the crucifixion. The legend runs that the dogwood was overwhelmingly distressed at being doomed to such a terrible purpose and that the Savior sensing this distress made to the tree this promise:

"Never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. Henceforth it shall be slender and bent and twisted and its blossoms shall be in the shape of a cross – two long and two short petals and in the center of the outer edge of each petal, there shall be nail prints, brown with rust and stained with blood, and the center of the flower shall be a crown of thorns.



Look closely at the dogwood when you see one next. Is the symbolism not miraculous indeed?

Until we meet again Cedars, continue with fun, frolic, and fellowship.

Rev. Richard M. Barner, Supreme Chaplain

# **Supreme Forest Directors**



Front row left to right: Kathryn Dueñas, Linda Youse, Carol Snyder, JoanneWolf, Sandy Marion Back row left to right: Alex J. Dueñas, Michael A. Youse, Richard D. Snyde, Pa ul L. Wolf, Robert M. Polander, Jr., Duane J. Vanone, Irvin R. Hopkins, James R. Marion,

### Tall Cedar Foundation Chairman, James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149

Hello every Tall Cedar and Mason, From the mda.org website-

**Duchenne muscular dystrophy** (**DMD**) is the most common form of muscular dystrophy. It is a genetic disorder characterized by progressive weakness and degeneration of the skeletal muscles that control movement.

Duchenne affects approximately 1 in 5,000 live male births. It is estimated that about 20,000 children are diagnosed with Duchenne globally each year.

DMD is classified as a dystrophinopathy, a **muscle disease** that results from the **deficiency of a protein called dystrophin.** 

There is no cure for DMD, but medications and therapy can help manage some symptoms and potentially slow the course of the disease. DMD is one of ten muscular dystrophies in focus by MDA. As our charitable goal of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon we strive to provide funds for the research to eliminate this and all muscular dystrophies.

Those with neuromuscular diseases need your help. Help in the way of donations from Rose programs, muscle walks, Night Out dinners, charitable donations, and estate planning gifts.

Communication is key. As we attend our Forest meetings and the many other Lodge and Appendant bodies, we need to emphasize the need for help. Local newspapers, television, and radio stations are a resource for getting out the word. Social media in many forms is a modern method of communication. Take the time to talk to someone about muscular dystrophy. I'll be talking to you through further communications and educational summaries of more MDs in the coming months.

Thank You For Your Time And Commitment!

### **Tall Cedar Foundation**



Front row left to right: Mary Saul. Leslie Potts, Beverly Williams, Martha Walmer, Janet Gratz, Jane Derosh, Debra Manter Back row left to right: Bob Saul, Jim Potts, "Crabby" Williams, Jim Walmer, Jim Erlinger, Bruce Gratz, Walter Manhart, Jim Flanigan, Clayton Weber, Dave Manter

### Karen Wenrich - Office Assistant



Since January's weather didn't cooperate and I wasn't able to attend Midwinter as planned to meet you all in person, let me take the opportunity here to introduce myself.

I have been married to my husband, Mick, for 36 years. I enjoy sewing and doing crafts, collecting teddy bears, baking, searching for painted rocks with my granddaughters, and taking care of our three kitty-cats. We are blessed to have a beautiful family. We have two children, whom we are extremely proud of, and three beautiful granddaughters that are the lights of our life. Jamie, and her husband Lance, are the parents of Harper (4) and Lila (2). Our son Brian, and his wife Samantha, are the parents of Lauren (4).

My Masonic affiliation began at age 14 when I joined Mechanicsburg Assembly #167 (Mechanicsburg, PA), International Order of the Rainbow Girls. At the time, it was a large assembly with more than 300 members, and I was very active until I received majority in 1976. Rainbow has always held a special place in my heart and, as you'll see below, I've remained active as an adult volunteer for several years.

I joined Astro Chapter #380 Order of the Eastern Star in 1997, and am now a member of Hershey Chapter #580 OES. My father is a member of Lowther Manor Lodge #781 F.&A.M and a member of the Valley of Harrisburg Consistory. Our daughter is a majority member of Harrisburg Assembly #85 and served PA Rainbow as Grand Worthy Advisor in 2003-2004. Our son was a member of Elizabethtown Chapter, Order of DeMolay.

Previously, I worked for Pennsylvania National Insurance Co., where I was a commercial lines underwriter when I left in 1984 to start our family. I loved being a stay-at-home mom, raising my kids full time until they entered high school. At that time, I returned to work — first, part-time in our local hospital where I registered patients at the Emergency Room, and then as the full-time office administrator for our church for 13 years.

I have served Rainbow in many different capacities because I feel the youth should always be our focus — not just because they help grow our Masonic bodies, but because they are our world's future. The Masonic organization teaches strong, moral leadership and I am compelled to help spread these valuable lessons and mold and mentor the girls any way I am able. Below is a list of some of the ways I've stayed active within the organization over the years, but perhaps my most honored moment is when I was selected by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Masonic Youth Foundation as a HODEGOS Award Recipient in 2015.

- Advisory Board Member, Mechanicsburg #167 (1978-1982)
- Mother Advisor, Harrisburg Assembly #85 (1999-2005)
- Advisory Board Member, Harrisburg Assembly #85 (1999-2007)
- Pennsylvania Grand Deputy of Rainbow Volunteers for the Masonic Village in Elizabethtown (2001-2006)
- District Deputy for PA Rainbow (2002-2007)
- Gown Director for PA Rainbow (2007-present)
- Gown Coordinator for Supreme Assembly, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (2008-present)
- Senior Grand Executive for PA Rainbow (2015-present)

I'm very excited to be able to continue to serve our Masonic brotherhood and look forward to getting the opportunity to meet you all in person soon. Until then, please call the office and say hi!

### 2020 Tall Cedars of Lebanon Goodwill Ambassador

# William Alexander "Lex" Kishbaugh



Lex was born on October 13, 2005; he was diagnosed in vitro with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He lives in Felton, Pennsylvania with his parents Jodi and Steve Kishbaugh and his siblings Evan (11 years old) and Bryson (16 years old). Two grown sisters, Brenda and Nicki, also live nearby.

Lex is home schooled and is working at the sixth-grade level. He is the Harley-Davidson Youth Ambassador for MDA and has participated in the H-D Ride for Life, as well as motorcycle festivals and rallies. He is also an active fan of Super Star Wrestling.

Lex loves to visit zoos and play arcade games at Dutch Wonderland and other amusement parks

Lex would like to be a chef. His favorite recipe is one for bacon-

chocolate chip cookies. He also likes to make and eat pizza and lasagna.

Lex loves to share his story and talk about muscular dystrophy. We are positive Lex will be a great Goodwill Ambassador for the Tall Cedar Foundation.

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

Brian Hoffman, PGTC No. 30 96 Chinquapin Trail, Delta, PA 17314

Cell: 717-887-1133 or Email: bhoffman@bcps.k12.md.us

# **Candidates For Supreme Forest Office**

#### Office

Supreme Tall Cedar

Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar

Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar

Supreme Scribe

Supreme Treasurer

#### Supreme Director:

Region No. 3

Region No. 4

Region No. 5

Region No. 9

Region No. 10

#### Candidate

J. Eric Becker, PGTC No. 13

Joseph S. Russell, PGTC No. 212

David W. Manter, Sr., PGTC No. 124

Robert T. Hahn, GTC No. 61

Brian Van Scyoc, PGTC No. 145

James O. Walmer, PGTC No. 43

Steven L. Gee, PGTC No. 210

Paul L. Wolf, PGTC No. 14

B. Christy Blaine, Jr., PGTC No. 217

James R. Marion, PGTC No. 209

#### 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**

I was born in Long Branch NJ on June 7, 1959. I graduated from North Hunterdon Regional High School. I have been married to my wife Sue for 33 years and have two children, Amanda, 31, and Jeff, 29. I also have one grandchild Everett who is my other great joy. I live in Hunterdon County NJ and stay active in my community.

I am the owner of Station Auto Repair and Tire Center for the past 32 years.

I was raised a Master Mason in Host Lodge #6 in High Bridge NJ in 1999. I am still an active member and currently an officer and trustee in the lodge. I was made a Distinguished White Apron Brother in 2010. I joined Tall Cedars in 2000 and I am a member of District 8 OPO. I have been Grand Tall Cedar of Hunterdon County Forest #13 in 2008, 2010, and 2013 and am still a trustee and I enjoy it very much.

I was Grand Tall Cedar of the year in 2010. I have also been District Deputy for District #8 in 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2017. I was also District Deputy for District #6 in 2012 and 2013. I was District Deputy of the year in 2012. I was

Foundation Trustee in 2012 and 2013. I was Supreme Director for Region #5 in 2014 2015 and 2016. I am currently Senior Deputy STC and would like to continue my progression to Supreme Tall Cedar in 2021.

J. Eric Becker Senior Deputy STC

# **Candidate for Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar**

Born in June of 1975 in Shreveport, Louisiana, Joe is the youngest of three boys to Lyman and Bonnie Russell of St. Albans, West Virginia. He lived in Landing, New Jersey for 30 years before moving out to Liberty, Missouri in 2005 where he currently resides.

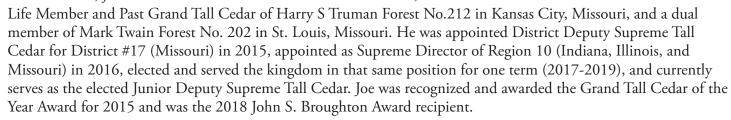
Joe graduated from the County College of Morris in 2002 with an Associate in Arts degree, completed the Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Program through the School of Forestry and Conservation, and also earned career diplomas in

Motorcycle Repair and Small Engine Repair.

Joe works in facilities management for Ferrellgas, LP in Liberty, Missouri and owns a small engine repair service.

He enjoys weather, meteorology, and helps his community through Amateur Radio and storm spotting while also serving as Vice Chair of the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee for the City of Liberty.

In Tall Cedars, Joe is a Life Member of the Tall Cedar Foundation, a Charter



Joe's Masonic journey began when he was raised in March of 2011 at Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, Missouri, where he is a Past Master and Life Member. He is also Past Patron of Barry Chapter No. 369 OES, Past President of the Amateur Radio Shrine Club at Ararat Shrine, Past High Priest of Liberty Chapter No. 3, Past Illustrious Master of Liberty Council No. 50 Cryptic Masons, Past Commander of Liberty Commandery No.6 Knights Templar, and a Life Member of all three York Rite Bodies. Joe served as the Assistant Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri in 2017, is a current Regional Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, and is the Excellent Recorder for the Order of the High Priesthood in Missouri. In June of 2019, Joe was inducted into the Knights of the York Court of Honour (KYCH) and is also a member of the Knight Masons, York Rite Sovereign College, Red Cross of Constantine, and Allied Masonic Degrees.

Joseph S Russell, PGTC No. 212 Junior Deputy STC



### **Candidate for Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar**

#### Why the Green Hat:



Why do I want to run for Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar? Because I still remember how excited I was to become a Tall Cedar. That's the reason for the Green Hat. The first time I ever had any association with the Tall Cedars I was made to feel very welcome. A lot of the Brothers and their Ladies will remember Bob Lambert. Bob stopped at the house and he told me that I wanted to be a Tall Cedar. Bob went on to explain that Pocono Forest needed help.I said, "OK, Bob", and and the rest of story is still playing out. We need to keep traditionalism intact but utilize modern technology to promote and expand the Cedar Kingdom. Let's all get excited and move the organization forward. I believe we are moving in the right direction after a few hiccups. We have only just begun, and I would like to help keep it moving one step at a time.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### Personal information:

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

I married my best friend on May 29, 1976. Her name is Debbi Anne. We will be celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary this year. We raised 3 boys together, David, Michael and Benjamin. All three boys are married to great wives. My wife and I are fortunate enough to have 9 happy and healthy grandchildren.

I have worked in the construction industry for over 40 years. The last 11 years have been on the inspection side of the trade. I am certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in multiple disciplines to inspect both residential and commercial projects. I am currently the SEO in many municipalities in Monroe County.

#### Masonic Information:

I was raised to the degree of a Master Mason at Barger Lodge No. 325 on October 10, 1988. Through the tireless efforts of many, I was able to learn the degree work and was fortunate enough to serve as Worshipful Master of Barger Lodge in 1995. I still confer degrees when called upon.

I belong to Monroe Royal Arch Chapter No. 281 and also a Noble at the Rajah Shrine.

My journey in Cedarism began in 2005. I served as Grand Tall Cedar of Pocono Forest # 124 in 2011 and again in 2015. In 2012 and 2013, I served as Scribe for our Forest. I am also a Key Club Member.

I am a Past President of District 8 OPO having served in 2015 and Served as the Secretary treasurer from 2015-2018.

I served as the Regional Director of Region 5 from 2017 through the spring of 2019. I resigned from the board for personal reasons.

I have served on the Convention Committee, the Credentials Committee, the Midwinter Conference and the Parade Features in 2014 - 2017.

I am currently serving as the Secretary for the Tall Cedar Foundation.

David W. Manter Sr. PGTC Pocono Forest No. 124

### **Candidate for Supreme Scribe**

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, moved to Hellertown, PA. I graduated from Hellertown High School in 1966. I attended college in Nebraska and New York City 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 High 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 of 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. I was appointed Grand Principal Sojourner in The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania. I served as Treasurer of the Bethlehem Temple Association.



I joined Bethlehem Forest No. 61 in 1990 and have been serving as Grand Tall Cedar since 2016. I am currently the photographer for the Supreme Forest. 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. My goal as Supreme Scribe is to improve communication through the Cedar Kingdom and work with the Forest Scribes to make their job easier.

Robert T. Hahn, GTC No. 61 Supreme Scribe



# **Candidate for Supreme Treasurer**

Fraternal greetings Brothers! I am again running for Supreme Treasurer for 2021.

If you go back and read my previous message you might note that this year will be my 10th anniversary as a Mason and a Tall Cedar. I am very gratefully for the opportunities I have had and the brothers I have met during these years.

As I am writing this and trying not to repeat myself in this bio and boring you, which is getting harder to do. The STC, Senior and Junior only have to do this for 3 years, but the Scribe and Treasurer can potentially have 5 years of filling this page and I hate to keep saying the same thing each time.

This year I figured I would focus on my interested outside of the Masonic fraternity and to let you know that I do not just stare at numbers all day. My first interest is history, and if you know me and the area I grew up in (south central Pennsylvania), you can probably guess that the area of history I study the most is the Civil War. My family has members that fought for the Union and I have a rumor of a family member that fought for the South and I am trying to confirm that rumor. Yes, I

tend to side with the southerners because of their commanders. If you want to waste a couple of hours at any Tall Cedar event I am attending, come over and start talking about the Civil War. I belong to several history organizations and attend as many Civil War events as possible and like to tour the battlefields.

My other time is spent with youth as a member of American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO). I used to coach, but with the other time commitments I switched to being a referee (yes, one of those zebras everyone hates) and instructing various management positions in the organization. I am currently serving as the referee administrator for the south central Pennsylvania area, which encompasses 11 different regions. In addition to overseeing the referees, I also train referees and update current referees on the changes in the laws of the game and investigate any issues with referee conduct.

Finally, I am very active with my church. I serve as an usher and greeter during Sunday morning services. I am active with the men's group as a past president and currently serve as fund raising and kitchen committee chairman. In addition to those jobs, I am chairman of the Emergency Management committee, where we are looking for ways to make the church safe and secure for the members.

I would appreciate your vote for Supreme Treasure at the convention and I hope to see you there and talk to you.

Brian Van Scyoc, PGTC No. 145 Supreme Treasurer

### **Supreme Directors**

### Candidate Region No. 3 James Walmer



It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for the office of Supreme Director of Region No. 3.

My Masonic journey began in 1981 when I was raised a Master Mason. I am a member of Brownstone Lodge No. 666, Hershey, PA. My other Masonic affiliations are a member of the Valley of Harrisburg, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a member of the Zembo Shrine and the Zembo Legion of Honor.

My Tall Cedar experiences include being a Past Grand Tall Cedar and Past Trustee of Harrisburg Forest No. 43. I was honored to receive the 2017 Grand Tall Cedar of the Year award. I have served as an Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar in 2017 and I am serving as an Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar in 2020. Also I have served as a Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District No. 11 and I have been serving as the Tall Cedar Foundation Director for Region No. 3 since 2014. I served as escort for the 2014 Goodwill Ambassador. I am a Key Club Life Member.

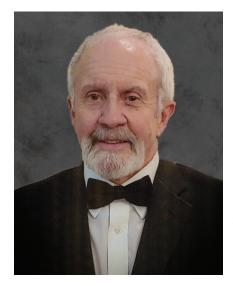
I am a veteran of the U. S. Army Signal Corps. I graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Business degree. I retired after a career with State

Farm, first as a claim representative for 5 years and then as a sole proprietor running an insurance and financial services agency for 38 years. I am a member of Saint Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Highspire, PA, and am currently serving as a member of the Cooperative Council. I am a member of the American Legion, Lawnton, PA, Post No. 998, the Hershey Region, Antique Automobile Club of America, and the Highspire Historical Society.

I have been married to my wife Martha for over 50 years. We are parents of one son and grandparents to four grandsons ages 7 to 17.

I feel with my business experience and varied roles that I have served in Tall Cedars and other Masonic bodies, I could be an asset to the Supreme Forest Board of Directors. I would be honored to have your vote.

# Candidate Region No. 4 Steve Gee, PGTC No. 210



My name is Steven L. Gee, I am 67 years old and I reside in Mansfield, Pa. with my wife Shalane. We have been married for nearly 28 years. I have 3 children and 3 grandchildren. I am retired but do work 2 days a week for the Housing Authority in Mansfield.

I joined Free Masonry in 2002 belonging to Friendship Lodge #247 of Mansfield.. I have served as W.M. of Friendship 4 different years, 2007,2010,2011,2012. I have been a DDGM for District 17 of the Grand Lodge of PA. for 4 years. I also am a dual member of Ossea Lodge #317 in Wellsboro, Pa. I served as MEHP of Tyoga RAC #194 and am a dual member with Troy RAC #261 in Troy, Pa. I am currently in my 6th year as DDGHP of the 15 th district of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of PA. I belong to many York Rite bodies including Northern Commandery 16 and currently serve as Eminent Commander, Northern Council AMD and just ended my year as Soverign Master, Northeastern YRC#102 where I currently serve as Governor, Eire Council Knight Masons where I currently serve as Excellent Chief, Williamsport Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine where I

currently serve as Senior General, Order of St. Thomas of Aeon, The Worshipful Society of Freemasons (Operatives) Ashcom Quarry, a past T.I.M. of Northern Council #24 Royal and Select Masons, Past Master of Ernest E. Lundy Mark Lodge #403, a member of Bloody Run Court#127 Captain of the Guards, Triple Triangle Conclave #26 Order of Pilgrim Prceptors Guard Preceptors, I am also a member of Council of Annointed Kings, and a past Grand Tall Cedar of Sullivan Forest #210, where I received the award of 2019 Key Club President for the 12 petitions I submitted. I am currently serving as Most Wise Master of the Williamsport Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Williamsport Scottish Rite. And I belong to the Zafar Grotto in Williamsport. I have also traveled to New York State to Cayuta-Elmira Chapter #42 where I received my Past Master Degree.

I love everything about Free Masonry and all the Masonic Bodies that I belong to and barring conflicts I do try to attend all the meetings that I can. I was recently appointed Supreme Director of Region 4, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, a position that I would like very much to be elected to in 2021.

### Candidate Region No. 5 Paul L. Wolf, PGTC No. 14



It is my honor to submit myself as a candidate for the office of Supreme Director Region Number 5.

I have been married to my wife Joanne for thirty-one years and we reside in Phillipsburg New Jersey. We have one son, Christopher.

I graduated Voorhees High School and have an associate degree in Criminal Justice from the Warren County Community College.

I am a retired police Sergeant with the Washington Township Police Department in New Jersey. I had the honor of being the President of our Local PBA NO. 280 for ten years and served on numerous sub-committees. I am currently employed as a part time police officer with the Phillipsburg Police Department.

I was raised in the Mansfield Masonic Lodge NO. 36 in 1995, and later joined the Warren County Tall Cedars NO. 14 where I served as the GTC in 2015 and 2017.

### Candidate Region No. 10 James R. Marion PGTC No. 209



It is my honor to submit myself as a candidate for the position of Supreme Director Region 10. I was born in Valparaiso, Indiana on a sunny August day in 1962. I have lived in Northwest Indiana my entire life and graduated from Portage High School in 1980. I attended Purdue University Calumet for two years and then to Indiana Vocational Technical College for two years. All this lead to my career at US Steel in Gary, Indiana where I have been employed for the last 25 years in the maintenance dept.

My masonic life started when I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in 2004 at ML McClelland Lodge #357 in Hobart, IN. I served as the Worshipful Master in the years 2009 and 2016 and currently serve as treasurer and trustee. I have also served on numerous committees for the Grand Lodge of Indiana. I am a Life member of Bannack Historic Lodge #3-7-77 located in Bannack, Montana. I am a proud member of the South Bend Scottish Rite where I was crowned with the 33rd degree on August 27th 2019. I am also a charter member and a Past Venerable Master of the Knights of Saint Andrew in South Bend, IN. I am currently the

Director of the Orak Shrine in Michigan City, IN and a member of the Motor Patrol and Sportsman's Club. I am also a current officer of Court 43 Royal Order of Jesters. I am also a member of the Valparaiso York Rite Bodies. I am a past Sovereign Master of Valparaiso Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD) #470 and Valparaiso Knight Masons. I am also a charter member of Frates Immortalis Chapter of Widows Sons. I served as the Worthy Patron of Hobart Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for numerous years. I am a Charter Member of Adoniram Forest 209 which was constituted on Oct, 10th 2010 in Hobart, IN. I have served as the treasurer, GTC and am currently the scribe. Yes, I'm still the scribe. I am also currently serving as your DDGTC for #24.

I would appreciate your vote of confidence as my goal is to continue to bring the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and there mission to all my masonic brothers wherever so dispersed.



# Candidate for Region No. 9 B. Chris Blaine, Jr. PGTC No. 217

Members of the Supreme Forest and brothers all:

To be a member of the Tall Cedars Of Lebanon is an honor and privilege. But more especially the membership brings fun, frolic and fellowship to masonic brothers. I originally joined Georgia State Forest in 2017 after having found my father's pyramid from the 1920s. Since then I moved my membership to the newly colonized Savannah Forest No. 217 and became a charter member. I subsequently served as a PGTC of newly formed and chartered Savannah Forest No. 217, and as a Supreme District No 4 Director this past year.

The trail in masonry and especially Tall Cedars has been a challenge and personally rewarding. It is my continuous hope that I have and will enact a favorable step forward.

In 1976 masonry found me in North Wilkesboro, NC. Having relocated to Savannah, Georgia in 1982, my masonic home became Coastal Day Light No.

750. I became Worshipful Master in 2018 after having served in all chairs and as Treasurer.

Soon there after, I affiliated with the Director's Staff of the Alee Shrine and became the President of this unit in 2020. For service above and beyond duty, the Potentate awarded me the Alee Shrine Potentate's Jewel.

In 2007 I joined the York Rite Bodies and eventually became the Illustrious Master of Georgia Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons in 2014. Simultaneously that year, I was chosen to become High Priest of Georgia Grand Council No. 2 Royal and Select Master and the Commander of Palestine Commandry No. 7, Knight, Order of the Temple. The Silver Trowel, and the Super Masters Degree soon followed. The years were an awesome obligation leading up to the top chair of all three bodies. In 2019 I was awarded the Knight of the York Cross of Honor in Priory No. 39.

In 1977 I was accepted into the Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite, Winston-Salem Consistory in the Valley of Winston-Salem, Orient of North Carolina. Upon my arrival in Savannah, Georgia, in 1982 I transferred membership to the Valley of Savannah, Orient of Georgia. Subsequently, I became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. I became a noble in the Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine of Alee Shrine.

Durham, North Carolina is my birth home simply because that was where the train stopped as my mother began labor. Otherwise my parents have a long genealogical trail in Pennsylvania. I graduated from Georgia Military Academy, the University of Georgia, and University of North Carolina. I have been awarded 4 degrees and a Masters in Business Administration. I founded the social fraternity of Phi Gamma Delta which, not only became the best fraternity on campus but also within the realm of the international organization.

I have a plethora of hobbies. Everything seems to interest my attention. Some are the restoration of 1960s cars, boating, farming, Boy Scouts, and genealogy. I am an Eagle Scout and member of the elite Order of the Arrow. I am a passionate Protestant of the Presbyterian Church.

My wife, Sally, and I have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

### **2020 Annual Meeting and Convention Postponement**



#### Fellow Cedars,

Based on the continuing health crisis that we face as a nation, and the concerns that I and the officers of the Tall Cedars have for the safety of our members, I have decided to postpone the 2020 Annual Meeting and Convention that was to be held in Wildwood, NJ the second weekend in May. The executive committee and the Board of Directors have agreed with this decision.

The executive board and I became aware of additional facts that were not known during our Board meeting last in March.

The rate of infection of the coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to increase and health officials are now predicting a longer period of unsafe conditions.

New Jersey has now limited the size of groups meeting in public to 10 for the foreseeable future.

We also became aware that the cancellation period for reservations at the Adventurer hotel is 30 days for individuals, but 7 weeks for groups.

Based on the discussions at the Board meeting, after additional discussions with the executive committee, and per Article II - Annual Meeting, Section C, "... the time and place of the annual meeting shall be set by the Supreme Tall Cedar with advice and consent of the board of directors," I have made this difficult decision.

#### Let me be clear - this is a postponement, not a cancellation, per the By-Laws.

Once the national health crisis becomes more manageable, PSTC Bud Willard, Convention Chairman, will work with the Wildwood Convention Center and the Wildwood Hotel Association to arrange alternative dates. If Wildwood cannot accommodate the Tall Cedars we will then look for other places.

All members will have timely notice, in writing, when future plans have been finalized.

Please spread the word to those members who may not have email services.

If you have made hotel reservations, please call and cancel them as soon as possible.

God bless with hopes for continuing safety and health to all.

Sincerely and Fraternally

William Martz, STC

# **Midwinter - General Session Saturday**



Color Guard at Opening







Bud Willard, PSTC



Goodwill Ambassador 2019 passing the Gavel



Bill Martz, STC & Bernie Schlenk,, PSD



Bill Martz, STC & Jim Erlinger, PSD



Jim Erlinger, PSD & Bill Ward, PST



Goodwill Ambassador 2020



Midwinter Opening



2020 Goodwill Ambassador "Lex" Kishbaugh receiving Foundation Bear



John E. Shoop, PSTC



Supreme Chief Clown Brian Hoffman, PGTC



Earl Myers, PSTC



Members and Guests during open session



Supreme Tall Cedar William W. Martz, Jr. addressing members and guests



2019 Goodwill Ambassador Ryker Lyons and family

### Midwinter - Ladies' Lunch



Ladies Luncheon Head table, Sandra Barner, Terri Hahn, FL Linda Martz, Sue Becker, Suzanne Sheaffer



The twins, Elizabeth (Liz) Martz (l) and Cynthia (Cindy) Kerr



Former First Ladies: Patricia Corwell, Margie Myers, and Brenda Vogel



STC family and 2020 Committee Liz Martz, Cindy Kerr (partially hidden), Brenda Merson, Martha Walmer, Barbara Ware, Tammy Kendle (partially hidden), Jennifer Yeakle, and Elva Hurst (artist/entertainer).



Back Row left to right Margie Myers, Patricia Corwell, Arlene Baringer, Front Row: Judy Morgan, Helen Atkinson, Helen's daughter



Back Row: Barbara Morrison, Nancy Willard, Front Row: Mary Saul, Diane Shoop, Shirley Reed, Susie Metcalf





STC Bill addressing the ladies



Elva Hurst giving her talk

# Midwinter - Mardi Gras Theme Dinner



Chuck "Chuckles" Lord and Lyn



Dave Manter, Deborah and Linda Gevinson



Crazy Guys and Irv Hopkins



Marshall and Dixie Gavison



Diana Stumm and Elaine Erb



Ed and Diana Stumm



Mardi Gras Theme Dinner



Rick and Carol Snyder



Mike Velardi



The Grand Smoke Ed Stumm brought the warrant of constitution so he and fellow Cedar John Shoop could enjoy a smoke on the deck of the Wymdham.



Dave Manter and Joe Russell



Jane and Manny enjoying the moment



George and Judy Morgan

# Midwinter - Installation



Supreme Officer Installation



STC Martz and FL Linda being installed



Supreme Directors and their ladies being installed



Ryker Lyons receiving an award for being the 2019 TCF Ambassador



Trustee of the Year, Michael A. Youse, District No. 13



Grand Tall Cedar of the Year, Michael R. Vellardi



District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Glenn W. Henry, District No. 11



Tall Cedar Award, Russel Urffer, Jr. Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Harrisburg Forest No. 43



Tall Cedar Award, Walter Beddow, District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, District No. 2



PSTC Robert Saul making remarks after being selected for the 2019 John Broughton Award.



Basket Drawings



STC Martz and FL Linda and their family



Appointed officer being installed and their ladies



DDSTC's being installed and their ladies





TCF Board Directors being installed and their ladies



Officers and members enjoying dinner

# Around the Kingdom, Richmond Forest No. 66

This year at the 2020 Mid-Winter Conference of Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, Richmond Forest No. 66 joined together at the grave site of The Friend to Friend in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There, they honored the fallen brothers, with a wreath and a prayer service. We were honored to be joined by PSTC, Mark Brumaghim and SDSTC Eric Becker.

A special thanks to our PGTC Joseph L. Martelle, Sr. for planning and commemorating the wreath laying.



L to R: PGTC Raymond Bowkley, PSTC Mark Brumaghim, JDGTC Christopher R. Deats, SDGTC Thomas L. Payero, GTC Thomas R. Basich, District Deputy Michael Robles, SDSTC Eric Becker, PGTC Supreme Director Region 1 Alex Dueñas, PGTC Joseph L. Martelle



Wreath laid by Richmond Forest Number 66 Staten Island, New York



On March 31, 2019, TCL Richmond Forest 66 continued its goal on raising money for MDA research to find a cure for various forms of MD. This past year the forest donated a total of \$4,000.00 among 24 members in attendance to MD for research and development of new drugs to help combat these debilitating diseases. This is an event we help sponsor each year and it has become one of our staples of charity in the New York area.

# Around the Kingdom, Millersburg Forest No. 125



Cedars Ron Weaver and GTC Brian Leitzel



Millersburg Forest No. 125 Officers and ladies







# From Pitman to the White House

As reported previously in the Sentinel, Mahantongo Valley Tree Farm, located near Pitman, was selected to provide the Christmas Tree for the White House Blue Room.

First Lady Melania Trump received the tree – a Douglas fir standing more than 20 feet tall – in late November and thanked farm owners Larry and Joanne Snyder, who were accompanied by their children and grand-children to the White House. The brief ceremony included the delivery of the tree in a carriage; it had been trucked to the White House earlier in the month and placed in storage.

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Photos are available at *whitehouse.gov*. (Photos courtesy of the Pennsylvania Christmas Tree Growers Association).

Larry and Joanne Snyder at the Millersburg Forest Christmas party and Officer Installation

# Around the Kingdom, Evergreen Forest No. 49



Ryker Lyons-2019 Goodwill Ambassador and "Crabby" the Clown in the Clown Mobile. The Little Car Unit is being decorated for parading by members



The Richard G. Feeser, PSTC Award for service to our Evergreen Forest No.49 for 2019 was given to Franklin "Crabby" Williams by GTC Youse at our Installation Dinner! Congrats to "Crabby" for all of his efforts for our Evergreen Forest No. 49!



Evergreen Forest No. 49 - Christmas Parade



Evergreen Forest No. 49 - Christmas Parade

# Around the Kingdom, Tuckahoe No. 216



(Left to Right) Tuckahoe Forest No. 216 – Frederick Smith and Barbara, Eastern Sho No. 53 Glynn R. Bridge and Gladys, Mike Pastuzyn and Denise

### Around the Kingdom, Suncoast Forest No. 165





Irvin R. Hopkins, Supreme Director of Florida with the newly installed Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, David R. McCallister. Dave was the Forest Chaplain and stepped up to fill the line for Suncoast Forest #165. The 2019 Grand Tall Cedar, Robert C. St. John, stepped down after serving the past three years as G.T.C.

# Around the Kingdom, Laurel Forest No. 130

#### **Forest Goodwill Ambassador**

In September 2019, Laurel Forest No. 130, Wallingford, Connecticut, adopted a Goodwill Ambassador for the Forest. His name is Dakota Fortier and has Congenital Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy and Autism. Dakota turned 15 on November 9, 2019. Dakota is present at most meetings of Laurel Forest.



Back: Mrs. Eleanor Carbonaro; J. Arthur Carbonaro, PGTC; Bruce Liebman; Eric Hoy, TCF Trustee, District #15; William Greene, Supreme Director, Region #11; Ian Jones, SDGTC; Richard Eppler, Trustee; Richard Cory, JDGTC; Michael Steinfeld, Guide; Lawrence Brandolini, GTC; Stanley Ostrinsky, TCF Director, Region #11. Center: Dakota Fortier; Amy Elliott, Dakota's Aunt Seated: Dale Elliott; Cheryl Elliott



Dakota Fortier

### Around the Kingdom, Harry S Truman Forest No. 212



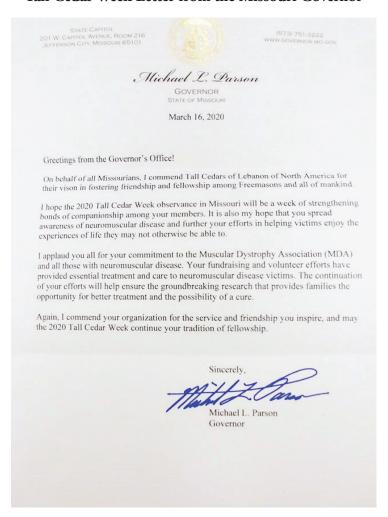
Harry S Truman Forest No. 212 was proud to host STC Les Metcalf, Jr. as he attended our annual meeting and installation of officers on November 17, 2019. STC Les assisted in initiating new Cedar Larry Walters, presented PGTC Dennis Spears with a Certificate of Contribution, and installed our 2020 officers. Fun, Frolic, and fellowship was had by all and the Forest thanks STC Les for attending and making the day special.



STC Les presents PGTC Dennis Spears with certificate of contribution.

MDA First Pitch at T-Bones Ball Game: (Left to Right) Dennis Spears, Carroll Iorg, Sizzle, Robert Walters, JDSTC Joe Russell.

#### Tall Cedar Week Letter from the Missouri Governor



# Around the Kingdom, Harrisburg Forest No. 145



# Wishes for Drew

On February 14, 2019, Valentine's Day, Steve and Vanessa Gunther received word that their seven-year-old son, Drew was diagnosed with a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy. Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) is a degenerative muscle wasting disease for which there is currently no cure. A diagnosis of DMD typically means being confined to a wheelchair by the early teen years and eventual breathing and heart issues. As one might expect that sort of news will traumatize a young family. Drew's Grandmother, Deborah Brown immediately went to work seeking help to cure her young grandson who, along with his parents and sister Brea live in suburban Harrisburg.

After contacting the MDA and Zembo Shriners, Deborah was told to contact the Tall Cedars. Those recommendations and a chance contact with Dawn Brink, a Harrisburg Forest Cedarette, led Deborah to Harrisburg Forest No. 43. Our Grand Tall Cedar, Russ Urffer gathered a committee of three additional Tall Cedars to meet with the family to assess the situation. The Cedars involved were Mark Brumaghim, PSTC, Jim Walmer, Tall Cedar Foundation Director for Region 3 and Gerry Bucko, PGTC and MDA Chairman for Harrisburg Forest No. 43. As a result, Harrisburg Forest No. 43 has adopted Drew as our MDA Ambassador.

Experimental therapies and drugs which show promise in treating DMD are not typically covered by insurance, and if a family is unable to afford to attend the trial or pay for the therapy, they are potentially missing out on life changing treatments. For their child.

Drew's medical expenses run about \$70,000 annually. Drew's father is a lawyer in Harrisburg specializing in employment law. Vanessa is a stay at home mother who must home school Drew because of his illness. Steve and Vanessa do their own fund raising through Wishes for Drew. Vanessa makes and sells special beaded jewelry and both seek funds from any source. Last November the Harrisburg Cedarettes contributed \$500 towards Drew's medical care and invited the Gunther family to be their guests at their December 3rd dinner meeting. At that time our Forest made available two pieces of equipment vital to Drew's care. One was a Maclaren Major Elite Transport Chair designed for special needs children. The second item is an Intellect Transport Ultrasound Unit and carry bag.

Many of us have met Drew and know that he is a happy, loving, energetic and funny little boy who brings joy to the Gunther family. His family must raise funds to meet Drew's medical expenses and they do so under the banner of Wishes For Drew. It is called Wishes for Drew because we all hope, pray and wish for a cure to Drew's condition. It is also called Wishes for Drew because of his fascination with blowing dandelion petals into the wind and making wishes on them. One day in particular, as Drew was looking over a field with dandelions ripe for a then 4-year-old boy to spread into the wind, he turned and said, "Mom, just look at all those wishes out there". Drew has many wishes right now; to run as fast as his friends, to be able to walk up and down the steps without difficulty, and to not get tired and cramped up so easily. Drew also has many wishes for the future which he will tell anyone who will listen; what car he wants to drive, what job he wants, or what activity he looks forward to doing with his dad when he is old enough. The goal for the Gunther's is to ensure that he has the best chance possible to realize as many of his dreams as possible.

Vanessa crafts beautiful beaded jewelry. She sells her products at every opportunity. The profits from her sales go to help cover Drew's medical care. Our Forest sponsored Vanessa and her mother, Deborah as vendors at our recent Mid-Winter conference in Gettysburg. They were able to sell nearly \$1,000 of handmade jewelry. Our Forest will continue to assist the Gunther family at every opportunity. They are planning on attending our annual convention in Wildwood, NJ as vendors and again, we will underwrite their expenses so that they can maximize the profits that will go to care for Drew.

There is no better evidence of the difference we can make then the heart-felt gratitude of a mother for the modest help we have been able to provide for her son. It is my hope as Grand Tall Cedar to continue to provide additional support to Drew and his family. THIS IS WHAT WE DO

# Manchester Road Race - November 28, 2019



Then SDSTC Bill Martz presenting TCF Certificate of Achievement to Manchester Road Race Secretary John (Jack) Leonard



Then SDSTC Bill Martz presenting TCF Certificate of Achievement to Tris Carta, Manchester Road Race President



SDSTC Bill Martz presenting 1st Place Women's Division Winner's Plaque to Edna Kiplaget. Looking on (L-R) are: Manchester Road Race Honorary Chairman John Gregorek and Mayor Jay.



SDSTC Bill Martz presenting 1st Place Men's Division Winner's Plaque to Eric Jenkins from Portland, OR. He finished the race in 21:19, with a 4:30 minute pace.



(L-R) Manchester Road Race Honorary Chairman John Gregorek, Mayor Jay Moran, 1st Place Men's Winner Eric Jenkins, and SDSTC Bill Martz.



Mayor Jay Moran (left) with three local runners and then SDSTC Bill Martz

# **2019 Tall Cedar Foundation Awards**

Diamond Awards		Jerry Lewis Awards		The following system has been established to grant recognition to
No.	Amount	No.	Amount	Forests for their annual contribution to the Tall Cedar Foundation in support of our charitable undertaking. Awards are based on the total opening membership for the year, i.e., membership as of January 1st.
34	1,392.00	30	9,867.00	
88	3,660.00	14	6,619.50	
125	3,180.66	95	4,623.00	
77	2,010.00	25	4,490.00	
50	823.00	206	3,258.30	To qualify for an award, a Forest must contribute the amount listed by December 15th. Contributions received after the 15th deadline will be credited to the next year.
171	730.00	61	3,240.00	
215	700.00	1	2,796.00	
217	625.00	32	2,115.00	
189	605.00	134	1,925.00	Those Forests qualifying will be recognized at the Convention following the year in which the award is earned. A list of award winners will be published in the Cedar Digest.
144	570.00	150	1,566.00	
195	531.00	53	1,290.00	
165	350.00	132	1,254.00	
220	345.00	140	950.00	
202	315.00			1. Poster Child Award – To the Forest contributing \$45.00 per
48	295.00	STC Awards		
		No.	Amount	member or a total contribution of \$40,000.
Emerald Awards		4	5,533.66	<ol> <li>Supreme Tall Cedar Award – To</li> </ol>
No.	Amount	124	2,705.00	the Forest contributing \$35.00 per member or a total contribution of \$30,000.  3. Jerry Lewis Award – To the Forest contributing \$23.00 per member or a total contribution of \$20,000.00.
243	10,817.00	212	1,314.00	
145	4,800.00	205	1,215.00	
199	2,030.00	11	contributing \$2 ber or a total co \$20,000.00.  No. Amount 4. Emerald Awards	
149	1,875.00			
213	1,505.60	Poster Child Awards		
91	1,045.00	No.		4. Emerald Award – To the Forest
21	940.00	116	20,925.00	<ul> <li>contributing \$15.00 per member or a total contribution of \$15,000</li> <li>5. Diamond Award – To the Forest contributing \$9.00 per member or</li> </ul>
214	800.00	45	13,661.00	
211	000.00	49	13,103.08	
Canister Club Award Neversink Forest No. 32 1,000.00		142	5,783.00	a total contribution of \$10,000.00
		139	5,175.00	
		31	4,141.75	
		193	2,279.00	
		115	2,105.00	

# 2019 Awards presented at the 2020 Midwinter Conference

John S. Broughton Award Recipient
Robert E. Saul, PGTC



This award is named after the first Supreme Tall Cedar. It is intended for the Tall Cedar who has by his unselfish service to his country, community, Freemasonry, and or Tall Cedarism reflected favorably on the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America.

### Trustee of the Year

Michael A. Youse, District No. 13

# **District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar**

Glenn W. Henry, District No. 11

# **Grand Tall Cedar of the Year**

Michael R. Vellardi

### Tall Cedar Award

Russel Urffer, Jr. Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Harrisburg Forest No. 43

# **Tall Cedar Award**

Walter Beddow, District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, District No. 2

# **Tall Cedar Award**

Aaron Lyons, Evergreen Forest No. 49

# Oaky Doak award

David E. Melvin, PGTC Evergreen Forest No. 49

# **MDA Appreciation**

Ryker Lyons and his Family

Broughton Award
Joseph S. Russell PGTC No. 212



Grand Tall Cedar of The Year
Jerry C. Ogletree, Alabama State Forest No. 218

District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of The Year Glenn W. Henry, PGTC No. 27, District No. 11

Memorial Award Tall Cedar Foundation Harry E. Thoms, Jr., No. 31

# Trustee of The Year

Bruce M. Gratz, GTC No. 153, District No. 10 Donated By: Norristown Forest No. 31

# Tall Cedar Award 2018

Phillip D. Whisner, PGTC, Indiana Forest No. 189 John H. Brandenburg, PGTC, Northern Illinois Forest No. 214 Jeffery W. Meister, PGTC, Blackwater Forest No. 220

# Proposed 2021 Budget

Income	
Membership Fees	\$128,000
Management Fees	\$2,000
Publication Fees	\$500
Sales	\$3,000
TCL Functions	\$30,000
Interest Income	\$30,000
TCF Fees	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$500
Total	\$194,000
Expenses	
Administrative Operations	\$45,000
Building	\$20,000
Appointed Officers	\$2,000
District Deputies	\$4,000
Committees	\$2,000
Elected Officers	\$22,500
Office	\$20,000
Public Relations	\$12,500
Publications	\$30,000
Purchases for Resale	\$2,000
TCL Functions	\$30,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,000
Total	\$192,000
Net Income/Loss	\$2,000

## **Proposed Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes**



Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

Established 1902

Date:

To:

From:

Subject: Changes February 2020

Supreme Forest Members

Robert T. Hahn, Supreme Scribe

Proposed Supreme Forest Constitution and By-law

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

These proposed changes will be acted on at the 118th Annual Session of the Supreme Forest on May ?th 2020 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 and Delegate to have his credentials validated by the Credentials Committee so that he can vote in the annual election. Members who do not have a current dues card will not be issued Credentials.

Credentials Validation Schedule

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

#### 20-1 ARTICLE VI - ELECTED OFFICERS-THEIR DUTIES-VACANCIES

B. Duties of elected officers7. Board of DirectorsG. Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held quarterly at a time and place designated by the Supreme Tall Cedar with the approval of the Board during the Midwinter Conforence in January, and the months of March, June, September, and December.

Signed By: William W. Matz, PGTC #95, H. Lynn Stahle, PGTC #95, Robert Hahn SS, Richard D. Snyder, PGTC #30, Duane J. Vanone, PGTC #172, James C. Erlinger, PGTC #149, Jeremy R. Johnson, PGTC #131, Brian K. Van Scyoc, PGTC #145, Bernard C. Schlenk, PGTC #193 Region 8, William L. Greene, Region 11, Albert A. Cass, PGTC #181 Region 9, David Manter, PGTC #124 Region 10, J. Eric Becker, PGTC #13 JD-STC

#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION

#### 20-3 ARTICLE VI -- HEADGEAR

- B. Color and Trimmings
  - 25. Grand Master while in office Blue Pyramid (medium blue), Yellow Tassel, Gold Trimming, Yellow Lettering/Grand Master.
  - 26. Past Grand Master- Blue Pyramid (medium blue), White Tassel, Gold Trimming, Yellow Lettering/Past Grand Master.

(Proposed changes will be effective immediately upon approval)

Signed By: Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., PGTC #126, Raymond J. Vogel, Jr., PGTC #45, Michael Tumminello, PGTC #45, Alfred J. Tynon, #126, Harris R. Asbeil, PGTC #126, Vernon Miller Jr., #142, Hugh P. Standish, PGTC #142, Franklin H. Williams, PGTC #49, DDSTC #13, Mike Youse, GTC #49, Dennis W Ewing, PGTC #45, Richard G Feeser, PSTC #49

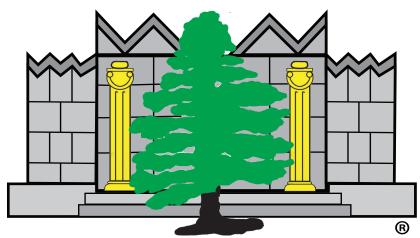
#### PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS

#### 20-2ARTICLE X- SUPREME FOREST CLUBS AND EVENTS

G. The Supreme Forest does hereby recognize the Cedarettes as an auxiliary group of women that support an individual Tall Cedar Forest. (This is only a recognition and does not imply any rites, responsibilities or privileges as a Tall Cedar).

(Proposed changes will be effective immediately upon approval.)

Signed By: Leslie G. Metcalf, Jr., PGTC #126, Raymond J. Vogel, Jr., PGTC #45, Michael Tumminello, PGTC #45, Alfred J. Tynan, #126, Franklin H. Williams, PGTC #49, DDSTC #13, Mike Youse, GTC #49, Dennis W Ewing, PGTC #45, Vernon Miller Jr., #142, Hugh P. Standish, PGTC #142, Richard G Feeser, PSTC #49



59th Annual
Supreme Forest
Bowling
Tournament



Contact Bob Hopkins, 717-368-9774, nittanybob17@gmail.com Deadline - April 10th, 2020

# 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Tall Cedars of Lebanon Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Hosted by York Forest No. 30

Entry fee is \$17.00 per man per event

Mail applications with check payable to:

York Forest No. 30

All Events is	\$2.00 additional	Send to: F	Bob Hopkins			
Prize Fee	\$6.75	2985 Broxton Lane				
(Prize fee retur	ned 100%)		17402-3824			
Bowling Fee	\$9.25	1011,111	1, 102 0021			
Expense Fee	\$1.00	Team event is \$68 per team (4 person teams)				
Entries close April 10th, 2020		Doubles event is \$34 per two people Singles event is \$17 per person All Events is an additional \$2.00 per person Total cost for one bowler to enter all 3 events & All Events is \$53				
Do not write in this space	Team Name					
Entry No	Captain's Name					
Date Rec'd	Address					
\$ Rec'd		State_				
	Home Phone	Work Phone	<u> </u>			
	•	aturday – 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM Sunday – 9  Roster for Team Event List bowlers in order of bowling			PM	
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Bowlers Name			Average	All	Events	
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Yes

#### 59th ANNUAL SUPREME FOREST BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America April 25th & 26th, 2020 Laser Alleys 3905 E. Market St. York, PA 17402 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 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> X 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
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: York Forest No. 30 and send to:

Bob Hopkins

2985 Broxton Lane

York, PA 17402-3824

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April 3 <sup>th,</sup> 2020 is not gu	aranteed to be in the Program	Booklet.
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Deadline is To Be Announced

#### **Tournament Rules**

- 1. Tournament will be conducted according to rules governing tournaments of the United States Bowling Congress, and all participants must agree to be so governed.
- 2. Any applicant who has been refused membership in the United States Bowling Congress for good and sufficient reason is not eligible to participate.
- 3. Teams may be made up of 4 Tall Cedars, or 3 Tall Cedars and 1 Master Mason/DeMolay, or 2 Tall Cedars and 2 Master Masons/DeMolay. Each bowler must be certified as a member in good standing by the scribe of the entrant's Forest. An entrant who is unable to bowl may be replaced by a qualified Tall Cedar in accordance with USBC regulations and these rules. Youth bowlers may not receive cash prizes however gift cards will be substituted.
- 4. Beginning 2020 Cedarettes, Jobs Daughters and Masonic Youth are encouraged to register for this event.
- 5. A bowler may bowl only once in each event.
- 6. All who bowl doubles must bowl singes and vice versa
- 7. Starting lanes and times will be assigned by tournament officials. All entries must bowl on lanes and at times assigned by these officers.
- 8. Tournament will be operated on a handicap basis of 90% of the difference between the individual average and 230 scratch.
- 9. A bowler's average as of January 1, 2020, 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.
  - 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.
  - 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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

- 12. 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.
- 13. All captains must report one hour before bowling.
- 14. All individuals must report prior to bowling the doubles event.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Tournament committee reserves all rights to govern this event.
- 17. An appeal or protest must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Manager within 24 hours.
- 18. Entries must be received by **To Be Announced.**

# Supreme Tall Cedar 2020 Cruise





# SUPREME TALL CEDAR'S **GROUP CRUISE**

Bill and Linda Martz cordially invite you to visit cathedrals and castles with them while exploring the Rhine River onboard Viking's newest longship, the Viking Ullur. The 8-day Rhine Getaway with its medieval towns, grand cathedrals and spectacular scenery, is no wonder why the Rhine is one of Europe's best-loved rivers.



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- port transfers if booking via Viking air
- Hosted v Na & Bill Shirey

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We look forward to exploring the Rhine River region with you!

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Call our travel agent coordinators: Nancy & Bill Shirey 410.465.6263 https://bit.ly/2G0r9i6

♣ Deposit: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to confirm a cabin. You are encouraged to send in deposits as soon.

↑ as possible to guarantee space. Space is not held without a \$500 per person deposit. Combinable with all Viking River Cruise promos, including reduced airfare.

\*Note: Viking reserves the right to correct errors and to change any and all fares, fees and surcharges at any time. Subject to availability and may not be combinable with any other offers. CST# 2052644-40

## Cash Raffle

Brother Cedars,

We are all aware of the pandemic circulating in the world and our country. With this is mind, it becomes necessary to hope for the best while planning for the worst when preparing for our Cash Raffle. We are planning on having the Cash Raffle in July, but we need to be cognizant of the possibility that we may not be able to hold this social event as planned.

We understand that the tickets sales are not moving briskly during this time of inactivity in our lives, both Masonically and socially. If the event would not occur due to the pandemic, we are still planning on holding the drawing on July 25, or later at a site to be determined. This will be determined by the Supreme STC and his officers.

Think safety as we go about our daily lives asking God to stretch his healing hand over the people of the world and the United states.



# Supreme Forest Tall Cedars Of Lebanon Of North America 2020 Cash Giveaway

Cash Prizes

Saturday July 25th, 2020

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.

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!



## A letter to the Kingdom from the Activities Committee

This year we are doing something new with our Cash Raffle. No longer is it being called a Gun Raffle; not all winners want a gun. This year winners will be given a check to buy what they want or to use the cash prize in what ever way they choose. No longer will one need to go to a designated store to redeem a coupon/card. These awards will be given to the winners on the day of the event IF they are present; otherwise a check will be mailed to the winner. Please note, on the tickets, the seller is responsible to **completely fill out the ticket legibly, i.e. name, address with zip code, and the person's phone number.** It is recommended that you ask the potential buyer to affix an address stamp/sticker to the stub being turned into our organization. Tickets that **DO NOT** have enough information will be deemed unacceptable and the prize **WILL NOT** be awarded.

Having said the above, this year you have an opportunity to help defray dues increases by selling these tickets. At the January Board meeting it was approved by the board to put 50% of the net proceeds into the General Fund and 50% into the Activities Fund as in the past. By helping support the General Fund we (The Cedars) are helping with the argument that we hear all to often about needing a dues increase. You (the Cedars) will be helping to fight this future need. We know it costs more every year, but now you can do your part in defraying future increases.

The other 50% of net proceeds will continue to fund the "Green Hat" initiative as well as providing funds to the individual Forests for Cedar connected events.

Finally, if we do not generate enough funds from this event this year, **it will BE discontinued**. My Brothers, this is a win, win for all of us; let's all do our part to make this a successful initiative.

If you have questions/concerns, you may contact me...phone/text (717-579-1034) or email (Jeshoop1@ptd.net). Thanks for your advanced support in making this endeavor a success!



# PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

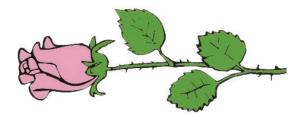
Forest No. \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby declare that I am a member in good s	tanding of a duly chartered M	Masonic Lodge, am voi	iched for as having the ne	ecessary qualifica
tions and am desirous of providing service to t				
the mysteries of the Order. I further declare that I have never previously a	upplied for the degree of Tall	Cedar, nor have I, to n	ny knowledge, been electe	ed or rejected by
any Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.				
If found eligible, I promise to cheerfully confo edicts of the Supreme Forest together with tho		ges, customs, regulation	ns and the Constitution, I	By-laws, and
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E-Mail:				
Date of Birth				
Marital Status Wife's name		Occupation		
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Supreme Forest Tall Cedars of Lebanon Of N.A. 4309 Linglestown Road, Suite 116 Harrisburg, PA 17112

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### The History of The Tall Cedar Rose

The main objective of the Tall Cedars is the fight against muscular dystrophy. One of our many fund-raising projects is the Rose Program. In 1979, the Rose Program was instituted as a new fundraiser for the Tall Cedars by Essex Forest No. 8. "Roses Against Muscular Dystrophy!" was accepted as a national program and offered for a donation on street corners and at special affairs of the Forests. This program remains much the same today.

Over the years, the Rose has become the signature of a Tall Cedar, and the Tall Cedars' purpose to find a cure for muscular dystrophy. We wear the rose as a reminder of our commitment to be there for the Kids to the end.

So, be proud when you wear this rose and join in the fun, frolic and fellowship of Tall Cedarism and the fight against muscular dystrophy.