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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar



## Robert E. Saul



Since Midwinter Conference is fresh in my mind, I will first make a few comments about this event.

From Friday's theme party and dinner through Saturday's conference, ladies and men's luncheons, officer installation and dinner to Sunday's church service, everything seemed to run flawlessly. The Princess Royale Hotel personnel were extremely accommodating and there was no snow.

Congratulations to Del Zeiders and John Almacy upon being re-elected and installed as Supreme Scribe and Supreme Treasurer, respectively. Also, congratulations to Curt Beam as he continues in the Supreme line as Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar and Mark Brumaghim as he enters the Supreme line as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. May prosperity be with each of you.

I would like to thank my son Robert for chairing the 2015 Midwinter Conference. Unless you have been involved in planning such an event, one

can only imagine the attention to detail such an event requires. Thank you Bob.

I would like to thank my wife Mary and my daughter-in-law Abby for spending endless hours preparing for the ladies luncheon and the Friday night theme party. To my Brothers and friends, PSTC's Dick Feeser and Gareth Diem and PGTC Dave Manter, thank you for sharing your talents in co-chairing this conference.

To the Rangers of Harrisburg, Quittapahilla and Evergreen Forests, thank you so much for your time and commitment when being called upon for service to the Supreme Forest.

To each and every appointed Supreme Forest officer, thank you for assuming this responsibility, and I pledge you my support. I would ask that each of you take your commitment seriously and perform the requirements of your office to the best of your ability.

To the Past Supreme Tall Cedars who have so graciously stood behind and supported my efforts. I thank you. Many of you have offered constructive criticism and advice. I have

listened and I have heard.

Thank you to the Grand Lodge Officers of all Grand jurisdictions for taking the time to participate and supporting the activities of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

And yes, thanks to JJ, Jeanna, McKenna, Victoria, and Lauren, (Magyar) our Goodwill Ambassador for taking the time out of their busy schedules to spend the Midwinter weekend with us. We hope your stay was a memorable one.

Finally, to my friend, Brother and mentor, PSTC Barry Sheaffer, I can't thank you enough for soliciting my thoughts and advice on many of your decision making matters. It was indeed and will continue to be my pleasure to work with you. And, a heartfelt thanks goes to Suzanne for opening her home to me.

I am asking each District Deputy to please submit your District's schedule of events/agenda to Bob Hahn so that they may be placed on the Website. This is a simple means of communicating what is going on in your Forests. Don't keep your meetings and events a secret.

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# Message from The Supreme Tall Cedar (Contd)

I am somewhat surprised that there are no Constitution or by-law additions or changes proposed for Convention this year. This may be a first for me since initially attending Convention 10 years ago. Must I assume that everything is running like a "well oiled" machine?

As Grand Tall Cedars have planned their year, I hope they have included the Masonic Youth Groups in some of their activities. These young people are eager to help, but don't expect them to come and ask you. If you want and need help, seek their assistance and support. They are also an excellent resource for your Forest meetings. I would also ask you to support their activities throughout the year.

The annual Tall Cedars Scholarship program deadline is quickly approaching. A \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded to 3 candidates. The deadline for applications is March 1st, with the award being made in April. In the recent past, only a few applications have been received. These scholarships are not just for the Masonic youth groups. For qualifications and specific criteria, go to the Tall Cedar website at [www.tallcedars.org](http://www.tallcedars.org) under "Links and News" and download the application.

The following are some of the comments I offered in closing our Midwinter conference on Saturday night:

As I sat in anticipation of my installation, so many things came to mind, namely, my early days as a Freemason, my time in the Blue Lodge chairs, my affiliation with numerous concordant Masonic bodies and since the year 2000, my membership and affiliation

as a Tall Cedar. Little did I know that my years spent as a Respiratory Therapist would come full circle. During my early years as a Therapist I treated patients with neuromuscular diseases, primarily, ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease, Guillain Barre' syndrome, traumatic spine and brain injuries and yes, the residual effects of those afflicted with polio. I'm sure some of you or many of you remember that large, noisy, life support tank commonly known as an "iron lung". In the 50's and 60's, not a lot was known let alone done about Muscular Dystrophy. What a difference 60 plus years has made.

PSTC Barry Sheaffer and I have spoken of change. Imagine what life would be like for those afflicted with MD if change had not occurred. Time heals all things and with time comes change. Change is inevitable. We, as Tall Cedars, must embrace change. While resisting the inevitable, progress will pass you by. To quote Wayne Dyer, "if you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change". We recently made changes to portions of the ritual. We also made resolution changes. Some have asked why we don't let well enough alone. Well my Brothers, some things just become obsolete while others require change to improve or enhance the outcome. If we don't change our position today, I assure you, that when we, as the older members become inactive, those changes will occur. We must also then consider what will happen in the interim.

I recently listened to a middle aged minister who came to a church with low member attendance. He knew he had to

reach out to young people if he was to be successful in this new position. He visited the local YMCA and consulted with several young men. What he learned very quickly was that he had to communicate his message in a new way. No more phone calls, voice mails newspapers articles, or billboards, etc. If he was to reach out to this generation, he would need to learn to communicate through e-mail, texting, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, My Space and other forms of social media. Thus the change began and over time, his congregation grew. Although this may be an over simplification, it represents what can and will happen. Don't sell yourself short. Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world, for indeed, that's all who ever have.

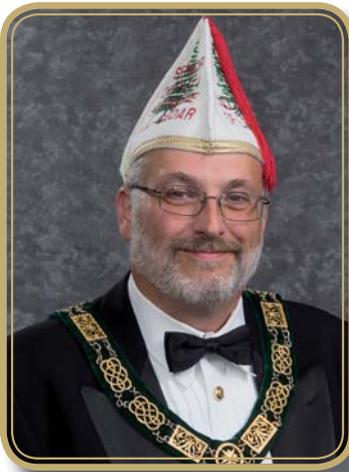
In conclusion, I would ask each of you as officers, past officers, and executive committee members of your constituent Forests to listen carefully to younger members and consider their comments and proposals. They are our future and they will change things, like it or not.

God Bless each of you.

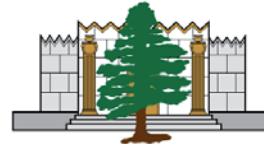
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Bob

# SENIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## Curtis R. Beam, Sr



My Brothers Tall Cedar,

First I would like to congratulate Robert Saul on being elected and installed as our Supreme Tall Cedar. We have worked together this past year and I believe he will be a great benefit for the Cedar Kingdom. I would also like to congratulate and thank him for a very well run and fun Mid-winter.

I would also like to congratulate Mark Brumaghim on becoming Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Delvin Zeiders as Supreme Scribe,

and John Almacny as Supreme Treasurer. I know that they will be doing a good job and look forward to working with them over the next year.

I would like to thank Barry Sheaffer, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, for the excellent job he did last year. It was a pleasure working with him and traveling with him and his wife Suzanne.

As I have traveled around the Kingdom this last year, I have noticed that a lot of Forests have the same problems but they also have successful events and meetings. This is why we need to start communicating with each other. What works for one Forest doesn't necessarily work for another, but that same idea

can be adjusted to work for that Forest. Remember Brothers that we are in this together.

That is why Midwinter and Convention are important events. It is a time when we are all together to socialize and discuss Cedarism. So please try to attend Convention to meet and mingle with other Cedars from far and wide.

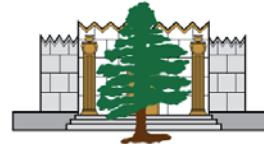
We also need to keep working on membership not only to bring in new members but in keeping the ones we already have. We need to show our members that even if they can't make a meeting they still matter to us.

Cedarly,  
Curtis R. Beam, SDSTC

# JUNIOR DEPUTY SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## Mark Brumaghim



First of all I would like to express my appreciation for being allowed to serve as the Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for 2015. I look forward to working with the other line officers and Board of Directors in trying to solve some of the issues facing our great organization.

Two of the most pressing issues are membership and finances. During 2015 I will be traveling around the Cedar Kingdom and talking about ways we can increase our membership numbers. I do not mean just getting members for the sake of boosting our numbers, I mean recruiting members that will be active in our Forests and take leadership roles. Today we have Forests in the Kingdom that are on the verge of closing or just barely hanging on because nobody will step up to take a leadership position.

The second issue we are facing is financial. Recently the membership approved a dues increase with the understanding that the Board of Directors would take a serious look at cutting expenses. I personally believe the Board could do more in this area. If you feel as I do, I would encourage each and every one of you to stop and talk with your Supreme Director about what action the Board of Directors has taken in cutting finances and what he as your representative is doing to assist in the effort.

Recently I was watching the morning news when I heard a phrase that will likely become a campaign slogan in the near future “the courage to lead, the wisdom to listen.” I thought about it and I feel it is the perfect slogan for the Tall Cedars. We need leaders that have the courage to make the right financial decisions to stabilize our organization, the wisdom to listen to the older

members and understand they have an important role to play but also listen to the younger members and understand they have fresh new ideas that will work if given a chance.

In closing, I would like to say I look forward to traveling around the Cedar Kingdom and meeting all of you. I also encourage you to talk to me about your thoughts and ideas on how our organization can be improved and revitalized. I believe all members should have a say in how the organization is run.

Cedarly,  
Mark Brumaghim

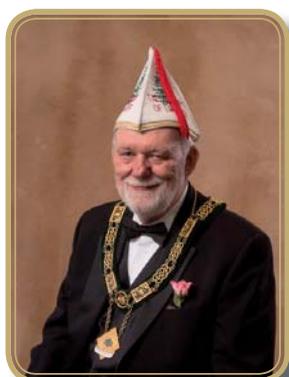
## SUPREME SCRIBE



Delvin L. Zeiders

Congratulations to Past Supreme Tall Cedar Barry Sheaffer, first of all. It has been an honor to be part of your Team. We have noted that Tall Cedarism is alive and growing in certain areas of the United States. How about your area? Bro. Feeser, PSTC, has noted numerous areas where Masonic Brethren are anxious to hear more about opportunities to Petition for Membership, and even to consider becoming part of a new Tall Cedar Forest in their particular geographical area where no Forest now currently exists. I'm sure each of us are proud to be part of the opportunity we have in the effort to stamp out the terrible diseases that deprive children of leading normal lives. Each new Tall Cedar Forest, each new Tall Cedar Member enhances that opportunity to serve. Always carry a new petition, always be prepared to respond to an opportunity to be proud of your Tall Cedar membership and what it is committed to do for children that need that support.

## SUPREME TREASURER



John M. Almacy

Hope all who attended Midwinter had a good time. I saw much Fun, Frolic and Fellowship going around. Look forward to seeing many of you at Wildwood!

The Supreme Board continues its cost cutting measures as well as other avenues to enhance the financial status of the Organization. That, coupled with the 2014 per-capita assessment and the fact that the investments are doing well, the financial condition of the Supreme Forest is improving but still not in the black. With the 2015 per-capita assessment increase, along with stringent oversight by the Supreme Board we're hopeful, barring any unforeseen expenditures, that we'll see the numbers in the black, for the first time in many years. STC Bob Saul is starting to rule with an iron hand and I'm looking forward to 2015!

## TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

WILLIAM W. WARD, SR.

As I sit down to write this article I am hard pressed to write an upbeat story. This year, 2014, has not been a good year for the Tall Cedar Foundation. We are way behind in monies turned in for MDA, and I am not sure whether it is because the Forests are slow in turning it in, or they have not put forth the effort to raise the money.

I understand that we are an aging fraternity and our numbers are dwindling. We still need to live up to the fact that we have a national charitable objective, and we need to put forth the effort to do our best. We need to promote our charitable work, and realize that when we do it, we all get a feeling of joy in the accomplishment. Working together on a fund raising project promotes brotherhood, and brings us all closer together.

We also need to use the tools we have at our disposal to the fullest extent. This past year not one Forest outside of District 11 invited our Goodwill Ambassador to any event or meeting. On a more positive note, the Dine Out program is gaining momentum and doing better each year. This is one of the best ways to earn money for MDA without a lot of manpower, and digging into our own pockets. If your Forest has not tried it, contact a Forest that has to see how it works. We would like to see them during Tall Cedar Week (week of March 18th), but any time during the year is good, and several times a year is better.

As you may or may not know, 2015 was supposed to be the last year for the Holy Bears. Since 2016 will be the 65th year that we have been associated with MDA, and us being their longest corporate sponsor, we are going to have a 65th Anniversary Edition of the Holy Bears. We have been busy behind the scene working with MDA to get out information to the Forests in a timely fashion, and a coordinated list of Forest Scribes and the MDA offices that is their point of contact.

We are still encouraging Forest to get involved with the Muscle Walks in their area. Even if you do not participate in the walking, you are encouraged to take part in the operation, and to set up a table or display to promote Cedarism.

Our 2015 GWA is Lauren Magyar from Montgomery, PA. She will be available for requests for her attendance through Walter Manhart, PSS. Phone 570-622-5584 or email [wmanhart31@comcast.net](mailto:wmanhart31@comcast.net)

## SUPREME CHAPLAIN

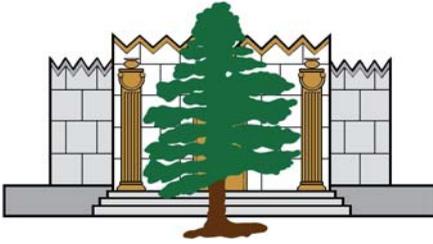
REV. EDDIE D.D. MILLER

I would like to introduce myself as the new Supreme Chaplain. I am Rev. Eddie D. D. Miller and a member of York Forest 30. I have been a Tall Cedar for several years and recently was elected as Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of my local Forest. I've pastored churches for forty years and during that time I was a hospice chaplain for 11 years and a chaplain at various nursing homes for 7 years. My family consists of my wife, Cheryl, three children and nine grandchildren.

I have been a part of the Masonic family for 37 years as a member of Zeredatha 451 in York, PA and the Harrisburg Consistory. Masonry has always been a source of both moral and spiritual strength in my character. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon has allowed me to extend my growth through its motto of "fun, frolic and fellowship".

Spirituality gives us the opportunity of knowing that we can stand as men of good character and with the support of a Supreme Being. I am looking forward to having opportunities to experience fellowship with all that I meet and have met through the recent Midwinter conference and the upcoming convention.

## 2015 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR



### TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON 2015 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

## LAUREN MAGYAR



Lauren was born on June 17th 2003. At the age of three, she was diagnosed with Ullich CMD at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Montgomery, Pennsylvania is home to Lauren, her parents Jeanna & JJ (John), sisters McKenna and Victoria and her dogs Remington and Cooper.

A compassionate and caring sixth grader, her favorite subjects are Art, Music and lunch!! Her interests include baking, swimming, dolls, and drawing. She loves animals, especially horses. Her favorite television shows are Cake Boss and 19 Kids & Counting. She also enjoys watching the Yankees.

Sometimes shy and sometimes silly, Lauren is fun and outgoing. She has been involved in many MDA activities including the Williamsport Lock-up, Shamrock Sales at Lowes and the Muscle Walk. We feel sure she will be a wonderful Goodwill Ambassador.

To request Lauren's attendance at a Forest function, contact Tall Cedar Foundation Director Walter Manhart at 2048 Elk Avenue, Pottsville, PA, Phone - 570-622-5584, or E-mail - [wmanhart31@comcast.net](mailto:wmanhart31@comcast.net)

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# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TALL CEDAR



## CURTIS R. BEAM, SR. PGTC NO. 35

Curt was born on July 29th 1963 in Easton, Pa. He graduated from Easton Area High School in 1981. He attended Northampton Area Community College studying Design Engineering. He runs his own contracting and home repair business. Before starting his own business he worked for Bushkill Park for over 25 years. Curt started as a ring boy in the merry go round at the age of 14 working his way up to head maintenance manager and park manager until it closed in 2005. He was also a licensed ride inspector for the state of PA.

Curt married Margie in 1983. They have 3 children, 2 boys and 1 girl. Curt Jr. age 30 married to Amanda, Tom age 27, and Jenny age 21. He also has a grandson, Ben that turned 4 in January 2015. Curt is the oldest of 6, he has 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Curt grew up in Easton where he lives today. He and his wife are of the Lutheran faith.

Presently Curt is starting his term as Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, having served as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2014, and before that 4 years as a Supreme Director of Region #5. He also has been District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar of District #8. He belongs to Easton Forest #35 where he has served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2006 and 2007 and is presently a Trustee and Chief Sidonian. Curt also was a Marching Ranger for the Forest where he has been President and Vice-President. Curt has received Cedar of the Year of his Forest in the years 2009 and again in 2011. Curt is a member of O.P.O. of District #8, where he is a Past President (2011). Curt has also received The Tall Cedar Award in the Year 2008. Curt is a member of Easton Lodge #152 where he is a Past Master (2006) and is still very active in the lodge as a ritual instructor and is the assistant secretary. He received Mason of the Year in 2007. Curt is also a member of Lehigh Consistory. Curt also belongs to Rajah Shrine and Forks of the Delaware Shrine club where he served as 2nd Vice-President. Curt has recently become a member of the Masonic Kilties of New Jersey.

# CANDIDATE FOR SENIOR DEPUTY STC



## MARK BRUMAGHIM PGTC No. 43

### **MASONIC MEMBERSHIPS:**

William S. Snyder Lodge #756 F&AM of Pennsylvania  
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Harrisburg  
The Capital Area Scottish Rite Club

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

- Harrisburg Forest Ranger Unit
- Harrisburg Forest Golf Unit
- Harrisburg Forest Clown Unit
- Supreme Forest Key Club

### **Aide to the 2010 Supreme Tall Cedar Supreme Director for Region #3**

Chairman of the Supreme Forest Expense Cutting Committee  
Member of the Supreme Forest Special Activities Fund Committee  
Member of the Supreme Forest Computer Committee  
Supreme Forest Judge of Elections

### **MASONIC AWARDS:**

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

### **BIOGRAPHY:**

I served in the Air Force as a Security Policeman from 1978-1982 when I was honorably discharged. After a two year break in service, I enlisted in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard where I served from 1984 until 1992 as a Heavy Equipment Operator in the 193rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

I am now a retired Lower Paxton Township Police Department Detective, after 26 years of service. A week after I retired I accepted a position as a Special Agent with the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. My wife, Sue, and I have been married for 36 years; we have no children and enjoy traveling. Sue works for a payroll company in their Tax Department. We are members of the St. Thomas United Church of Christ where we serve as greeters and ushers. Other offices I have held are Chapter Director for the Gold Wing Road Riders Association, Chapter K in the Harrisburg area and two terms as President of the Greater Harrisburg Area Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 78. I have been a Mason since 2004 and have been active in my Lodge, the Valley of Harrisburg, where I have participated in degree work. I have been most active in the Tall Cedars serving as Grand Tall Cedar of Harrisburg Forest #43 in 2009 and Aide to Supreme Tall Cedar Harry "Hap" Horgan from 2008-2010. I served as the Supreme Director for Region #3 from 2012-2014. I am currently serving as the Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

# CANDIDATE FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY STC



**JAMES R. MORRISON, JR.**  
**PGTC No. 195**

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

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

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

Since 1998 I have put a lot of effort into working with the Tall Cedars believing in what we stand for, to find a cure for and prevention of muscular diseases while working with M.D.A. I believe we as Cedars have the best organization you can belong to and would like the opportunity to be a part of the growing of Cedarism in the future by becoming your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME SCRIBE



## DENNIS MCCLANAHAN PGTC No. 95

### **MASONIC RECORD**

#### **Member:**

Acacia Lodge #586, Waynesboro, PA since 1989  
Worshipful Master - 1996  
Trustee 2005 - 2010  
Worshipful Master – 2012  
Representative to Grand Lodge 1997 and 2013

#### **Member:**

Hagerstown Forest # 95, Tall Cedars of Lebanon since 1991  
Grand Tall Cedar 1993  
District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002  
Supreme Director Region #3/Tall Cedar Foundation Director Region #3, 2004, 2005

#### **Member:**

Harrisburg Consistory since 1990  
Steward, Membership Committee  
Assisted with Honor Guard and Degree Work  
Past Most Wise Master Chapter of Rose Croix May 2004 - May 2005  
Coroneted a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and made an Honorary Member of Supreme Council:  
August 20, 2013 in Washington, DC  
Member and Past President South Penn Scottish Rite Club 2001, 2002, 2003 .....  
Currently Assistant Principal 3rd Masonic District School of Instruction

#### **Member:**

Zembo Shrine  
Past Member and Past Director Waynesboro Shrine Club  
Past Director Franklin County Shrine Club

#### **Honors Conferred:**

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Key Club Life Member 1991  
Tall Cedar Award 2001

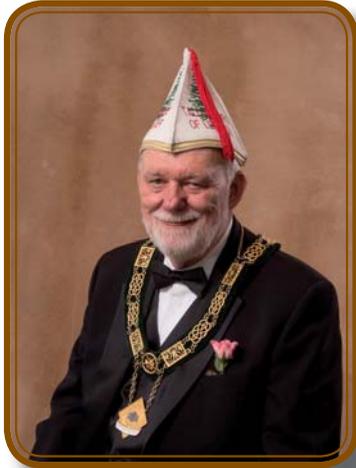
#### **Membership's :**

- Eagles Club Inc. Waynesboro, Pa.
- Moose Lodge # 1191 Waynesboro, Pa.
- Waynesboro Community Concert Association
- Antietam Historical Society

**Community Activities:** Assisted with Fund Raisers for MD thru Jack Gaughn Real Estate Office in Waynesboro, Pa. (Note : My wife's former employer). Also, United Way Food Drive thru Jack Gaughn in Waynesboro, Pa.

Assisted with Church Maintenance at the Wayne Heights Brethren Church. (Former member)  
Served on Church Hospitality Committee  
Member of Church Official Board  
Participated in the Easter Program, The Living Last Supper at the Waynesboro Church of the Brethren: 2011 and 2014  
Volunteer at The Lunch Place in Waynesboro, PA

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME TREASURER



## JOHN M. ALMACNY PGTC No. 132

Born in Bensheim, Germany in 1946, John is the son of an Army Sergeant and has lived in many areas of the United States and Germany. The first in his family to attend college, John graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970 and became licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. By 1972 he was operating his own CPA firm. John has continued his practice of tax and accounting services in Montgomery County, Maryland ever since. This year, after tax season, John and his wife, Terri (also a CPA) moved their offices to Frederick County where they reside to cut down on their daily commute.

Professionally, John is not only a CPA, but also a Certified Financial Planner and Registered Investment Advisor. His accounting and tax skills have kept his business growing for over 40 years. John is the proud father of a son and has two grandchildren. He and Terri were married in 2000 and he has been an active step-father to her three children and now shares another grandchild with her. John's father was a Master Mason, although John knew little about Masonry when his father passed in 1997. His marriage to Terri brought an active Masonic life to the family and in 2006 he became a Master Mason in Columbia Lodge #58, Frederick, MD. He was attracted to Tall Cedars after hearing of their Fun, Frolic and Fellowship and most importantly, that they support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. John was looking for an organization that made a difference to those in need, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon fit the bill! He has served his Forest for two years as Grand Tall Cedar and is currently serving his third year as Treasurer.

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

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

## CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 4



### VAN M. JODON PGTC NO. 129

I was born on July 24, 1947 in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. I graduated from Bellefonte Area High School in 1965 and received an Degree from PSU, Williamsport in 1967.

I served in the US Navy for four years , May, 1968 – February, 1972, with two tours in Vietnam.

I married Phyllis “Rider” Jodon on June 20, 1970 , and we have one son, Christopher, born on August 23, 1972, and one daughter, Angelique, born on June 9, 1975. We have four amazing and wonderful grandchildren.

My wife, Phyllis, and I are members of Grace United Methodist Church in Centre Hall, where we are very active with many things. I volunteer at our Food and Fuel Bank to benefit our community. I have served as a Cub Scout leader, a Scoutmaster for ten years, served on the District Committee for over 20 years, and am currently serving on Troop # 20 committee. I have also served on the Council Camping Committee for over 15 years. I have received the District Award of Merit and am Vigil Honor Order of the Arrow. I have served as Little League coach, president of Centre Hall-Potter Recreation Authority, am currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Penns Valley Medical Center and have been since 1994. I am presently the Treasurer for the Centre Hall Businessmen's Association and have been for two years.

I became a Master Mason on January 13, 1992 at Old Fort Lodge #537, Centre Hall, PA. I became a Tall Cedar and joined Centre Forest #129 in State College, April, 1992. I was elected and served as Grand Tall Cedar in 2000, 2010, and 2011. I have served as Trustee for the Forest. I was appointed Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee for District #18 in 2008. I was then appointed Foundation Director for Region 4 in 2009 and served until 2012. I was elected as Supreme Director Region #4 in 2012 and am currently serving out that term.

I retired in July 2009, as Environmental Services Director at the Oaks Retirement Village. Phyllis and I presently live in Centre Hall, PA, where we have lived for over 30 years,

If you vote for me it would be my honor to continue to serve you to the best of my abilities.

## CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION NO. 7



### CLAYTON E. WEBER PGTC No. 172

I was born August 28, 1945 in Kenton, Ohio. I received a B.S. in Accounting for Tiffin University in 1979.

I married my wife Linda on July 30, 1965 and have three girls Shrei, Amy and Laurie. Have two grandsons David and Nathaniel and a son-in-law William Birth.

I have worked 17 years as Assistant Controller for International Car Co. and after the plant was closed moved into the public sector and received my Certified Public Accounting license in 1985. Owned my own business from 1988 till I retired in 2013.

I was raised a Master Mason October 10th 1995 in Magnolia Lodge #20 in Columbus, Ohio. I served as Master of the Lodge for two years 2003 and 2004. I have served as the Lodge Treasurer since 2004 to the present. I am a Scottish Rite Mason of the Valley of Columbus NMJ. Served as Treasurer of the Valley from 2002 to 2008. Received the Meritorious Service Award in 2014 from the Ohio Council of Deliberation. I also am a member of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio ( York-Temple Chapter 155), Grand Council Royal & Select Masons of Ohio (York Council 115), Columbus Commandery No. 69. I also belong to Aladdin Shrine of Columbus, Ohio having received the Meritorious Service award in 2000. I joined Franklin Forest No. 172 October 2nd 2009. I became Grand Tall Cedar in 2010 and now serve the Forest as its Scribe/Treasurer. I became Supreme Director of Region #7 after Robert Neff stepped down in 2013.

# CANDIDATE FOR SUPREME DIRECTOR REGION No. 9



## ROBERT V. BACHMAN PGTC No. 181

It is with pleasure that I submit myself as a candidate for election to the office of Supreme Director Region #9

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

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

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

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

# *2014 Awards*

## **BROUGHTON AWARD**

Donald O. Freeze Jr., PGTC York Forest No. 30

## **GRAND TALL CEDAR OF THE YEAR**

Glenn W. Henry, Lancaster Forest No. 27

## **DISTRICT DEPUTY STC OF THE YEAR**

S. Jesse Miller, Jr., PGTC Spring City Forest No. 34, District No. 10

## **TALL CEDAR AWARDS**

James R. Morrison Jr., PGTC Tennessee Forest No. 195,  
Supreme Director Provisional Region No. 11

Paul Romer, GTC Annapolis Forest No. 126

## **FOUNDATION TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR**

James A. Murphy, PGTC Baltimore Forest No. 45, District No. 14

## **FOREST MD CHAIRMAN OF THE YEAR**

Selwyn Morgan, PGTC Warren County Forest No. 14

# 2014 TALL CEDAR FOUNDATION AWARDS

## ROSE AWARD

WA-CHA-GREE NO. 149  
James R. Flanigan, GTC

## CANISTER AWARDS

WARREN COUNTY NO. 14  
Ralph P. Bryant, GTC

NEVERSINK NO. 32  
Alan Hattendorf, GTC

## 2014 DIAMOND AWARDS

ATLANTIC CITY NO. 11  
Matthew R. Macready, GTC

SUNCOAST NO. 165  
Kenneth W. Minton, GTC

BRANDYWINE NO. 20  
Charles T. Berry, Sr., GTC

ERIEZ NO. 175  
James M. Bowers, GTC

QUITTAPAHILLA NO. 25  
Edwin M. McQuate, GTC

TENNESSEE NO. 195  
David A. Will, GTC

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

TAMIAMI NO. 205  
Walter Curll, GTC

CENTRE NO. 129  
Wayne A. Foust, GTC

PALMETTO NO. 206  
Richard W. Sealy, GTC

FREDERICK NO. 132  
John L. Merson, GTC

OZARK NO. 211  
Keith A. Jones, GTC

SHENANDOAH NO. 150  
Frank R. Bradley, GTC

## EMERALD AWARD

ASBURY PARK NO.18  
Keith A. Hammer, GTC

SHAWNEE NO. 167  
Erle W. Sipe, GTC

LANCASTER NO. 27  
Glenn W. Henry, GTC

FRANKLIN NO. 172  
Duane J. Vanone, GTC

EASTERN SHO' NO. 53  
Arthur W. Holley, GTC

WHITE PINE NO. 191  
Steve J. Eliopoulos

BETHLEHEM NO. 61  
Donald L. Vroom, Sr., GTC

SPACE COAST NO. 196  
Charles E. Gruff, Sr., GTC

CHIEF LOGAN NO. 131  
Dennis R. Eppers, GTC

SUSQUEHANNA NO. 199  
David H. Aungst, GTC

ROCHESTER NO. 133  
Cyril R. White, GTC

ADONIRAM NO. 209  
James R. Marion, GTC

VALLEY NO. 145  
Kurt M. Schaich, GTC

NORTHERN ILLINOIS NO. 214  
John H. Brandenburg, GTC

### **JERRY LEWIS AWARD**

GLASSBORO NO. 1  
Michael A. DeSalis, Sr., GTC

TRENTON NO. 4  
Patrick C. Weisgerber, Jr., GTC

YORK NO. 30  
Scott A. Smeltzer, GTC

HARRISBURG NO. 43  
Eric J. Frank, GTC

MASSASOIT NO. 91  
Paul N. Douthwright

MILLERSBURG NO. 125  
Russell H. Snyder, GTC

NEPA NO. 137  
Michael P. Hughes, GTC

NEPTUNE NO. 141  
Denis M. Barad, GTC

GEORGIA STATE NO. 181  
Joseph D. Morrison, GTC

### **SUPREME TALL CEDAR AWARD**

NEVERSINK NO. 32  
Alan Hattendorf, GTC

BALTIMORE NO. 45  
George B. Little, GTC

MARINERS NO. 147  
Jeremy B. Utt, GTC

NORTHWEST NO. 187  
Paul S. Kelly, GTC

WEST TENNESSEE NO. 213  
Joey D. McKnight, GTC

### **POSTER CHILD AWARD**

WARREN COUNTY NO. 14  
Ralph P. Bryant, GTC

PENN NO. 21  
Walter H. Beddow, GTC

NORRISTOWN NO. 31  
William R. Keller, GTC

EVERGREEN NO. 49  
Howard R. Hamilton, GTC

SCHUYLKILL NO. 50  
Zane P. Rist, GTC

CHESAPEAKE NO. 115  
G. Matthew Phillips, GTC

NUTMEG NO. 116  
David C. Toomey, Jr., GTC

ANNAPOLIS NO. 126  
Paul Romer, GTC

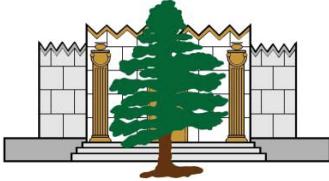
MONTGOMERY NO. 134  
Christopher A. Anderia, GTC

PRINCE GEORGES NO. 139  
Marshall H. Gevinson, GTC

HAR-CE NO. 142  
Vernon Miller, Jr., GTC

WA-CHA-GREE NO. 149  
James R. Flanigan, GTC

# PROPOSED SUPREME FOREST CONSTITUTION & BY-LAW CHANGES



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

*Email: [tclsf@comcast.net](mailto:tclsf@comcast.net) • Website: [www.tallcedars.org](http://www.tallcedars.org) • Our Charity – Muscular Dystrophy Research*

Date: February 2015  
To: Supreme Forest Members  
From: Delvin L. Zeiders, Supreme Scribe  
Subject: Supreme Forest Constitution & By-law Changes

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No proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Forest were received by the Supreme Forest Office. Changes to the Supreme Forest By-laws may be proposed from the floor of the Supreme Forest Session. See Article XII, A, 2, of the Supreme Forest By-laws.

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

Registration Badges will be required at all social functions.

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

## **CREDENTIALS VALIDATION SCHEDULE**

Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Wildwood Convention Center, 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

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

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## PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

INCOME:	Membership Fees	\$170,000.00
	Management Fees	2,069.00
	Publication Fees	1,155.00
	Sales	5,040.00
	TCL Functions	48,300.00
	Interest Income	26,355.00
	TCF Fees	40,000.00
	Miscellaneous	1,575.00
	Fund Raising/Reserves	-
	Land/Building Rent	-
	Total:	\$294,494.00
EXPENSES:	Administrative Operations	\$88,560.00
	Building	44,000.00
	Appointed Officers	1,620.00
	District Deputies	4,860.00
	Committees	2,700.00
	Elected Officers	24,840.00
	Office	16,200.00
	Public Relations	11,880.00
	Publications	37,800.00
	Purchases for Resale	3,000.00
	TCL Functions	51,840.00
	Miscellaneous	2,160.00
	Total	\$289,460.00
	Excess Income over Expenses	\$5,034.00

**PROPOSED SESSION AGENDA FOR CONVENTION – 2015**

Wildwood Convention Center, Wildwood, New Jersey

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Opening at 8:30 A.M.

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

Opening

Introductions of Supreme Forest Board of Directors

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

Introduction of Distinguished Guests

Introduction of 2015 Goodwill Ambassador & family

Key Club recipients' recognition

Supreme Forest Memorial Service

Proposed Agenda

Present 2016 Budget

List Candidates and receive nominations

Report and voting on Convention Site

Voting on Supreme Forest Officers

Voting on changes to Constitution & By-laws

Committee Reports

Results of Election

**OTHER CONVENTION ACTIVITIES**

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

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Credentials & Convention Registration – Convention Center  
Vendor area Open – Convention Center

9:00 A.M.

Supreme Forest Board of Directors Meeting

Tall Cedar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 P.M.

Do You Believe in Magic? - Theme Party – Convention Center  
Doors open 6:00 P.M. - Ticket required

**Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Credentials & Convention Registration – Convention Center

8:30 – 4:00 P.M.

Vendor Area Open – Convention Center

Noon

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

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Men's Luncheon – Convention Center – Ticket required  
Doors open at 11:30 A.M.

6:30 P.M.

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

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 A.M.

Tree Planting, Cedar Park, Wildwood & New Jersey Avenues

10:00 A.M.

Parade start time

3:00 P.M.

Awards Presentations – Parade  
Publications & Scrapbooks  
Clown Competition

4:00 P.M.

Worship Service - Convention Center

## RECOMMENDED 2015 CONVENTION DRESS CODE

### Thursday, May 7th

Theme Party: Do You Believe in Magic? Informal – Come as You Are!  
SF Hospitality: Casual

### Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

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

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

SF Hospitality: Casual

### Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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

SF Hospitality: Casual

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



# 2015 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland

PSTC's in attendance



Jane and Don Knode  
PSTC 1999



Margie and Earl Myers  
PSTC 2002



Janet and Bill Shultz  
PSTC 2006



Jennie and Gareth Diem  
PSTC 2007



Judy and George Morgan  
PSTC 2008



Shirley and James Reed  
PSTC 2009



Diane and John Shoop  
PSTC 2011



Nancy and Bud Willard  
PSTC 2012



Pat and Richard Feeser  
PSTC 2013



Suzanne and Barry Sheaffer  
PSTC 2014

Arleen and Richard Baringer  
PSTC 1991  
Barry Stocker  
PSTC 2000  
Brenda and Raymond Vogel  
PSTC 2001  
Rose Ann and Harry Horgan  
PSTC 2010

PSTC's in attendance  
(No picture available)



Glenn W. Henry, Lancaster Forest No. 27,  
Grand Tall Cedar of the Year



# 2015 Midwinter Conference Ocean City, Maryland



**S. Jesse Miller, Jr., PGTC No. 34,  
District No. 10, DDSTC of the Year!**



**James R. Morrison, Jr.,  
PGTC No. 195, Supreme Director  
Provisional Region No. 11**



**Paul Romer, GTC of Annapolis Forest  
No. 126 receives 2014 Tall Cedar Award**



**Donald O. Freeze, Jr., PGTC No. 30,  
Broughton Award**



**MWGM of Delaware Dean Disharoon  
and his wife Teresa**



**RWPGM of Connecticut Bill Greene, SD  
Region 11; PGTC Laurel Forest No. 130  
and his wife Sandie**



**(L-R): Charlie Long (Member of Eastern Sho' Forest No. 53)  
Dog and the 2 Chickens are Frank Gray and Carl  
McDougal of Brandywine Forest No.20.**



**Timmons Family  
and Sacred Sounds Band**



**Aide to the STC Bob Aungst, PGTC  
Susquehanna Forest #199**



**FFL Judy Morgan and  
PSTC George Morgan**



**Scott Ingraham (Susquehanna Forest  
#199) sporting flannel and camo**



**Lady Dianna and GTC Ed Stumm, Lancaster Forest  
#27 (also Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge of PA)**

# TCL PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE REPORT

This cold, cold winter with all the snow makes it hard to think of that second weekend in May when the Tall Cedars travel to Wildwood, NJ for the annual Convention. It does, however, make us long for the coming Spring with the resurgence of growth and raising of spirits. Our annual Cedar calendars are marked far in advance for the upcoming Tall Cedar Convention in Wildwood, NJ. Your Parade Features Committee looks to capture this resurgence of growth and raising of spirit in the 2015 Tall Cedar Convention Parade. This year the Parade takes place Saturday May 9 at 10:00 AM and we need the help of the Tall Cedars and Ladies in every Forest.

After the rain out of 2013, we made a good showing in 2014. The weather was perfect and the brethren assembled for a fine parade the morning of May 10th. Out of the Cedar Kingdom's eleven Regions, five were represented and out of twenty-four Districts we were eleven strong. There were Color Guards, Tuxedo Units, Clowns, Motor Units, Rangers, Cedarettes, Floats, Masonic Youth and Marching Bands all joining in Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship to celebrate the hard work and fund raising activities to fight Muscular Dystrophy.

As I write this article we

stand just one hundred days until our next celebration Parade May 9, 2015. Many Forests have begun preparations for the Convention including the Parade. There is ample time to plan if we get started right now, but just a short time away if we don't. Let's show our Cedar spirit by participation in this year's Parade. The work of this committee functions mainly to facilitate ways for the Forests to take part in this great celebration. There is much work to do, permits to pull, etc. for the Parade to go on. We rely upon the District Deputies and Supreme Directors to get the word out, but we especially need the constituent Forest Officers and membership to embrace this event. Make note that Parade Registration forms will be available shortly and will be distributed to Forest Scribes. The deadline for registration this year is April 17.

That being said, we want you to participate. Please make every effort to submit the forms on time. At your next Forest meeting, call for a special convention committee to build a float, or encourage Forest Units to be part of this year's Parade. Let's make the 2015 edition for the Tall Cedar Convention Parade bigger and better and build upon that for the coming years. The Tall

Cedar Parade is a great tradition where we celebrate our collective efforts to fight muscular dystrophy. We are proud of the accomplishments but the real reason behind this public display is our caring and love for those stricken with a neuromuscular disease.

The Parade Features Committee wants to hear from you regarding any questions or concerns you have. We want to make this a memorable event for all. Additionally, there are many ways to help assure that the Parade will be a success, but none as important as being part of the Tall Cedar Parade celebration on May 9th. There's much to do and it's coming soon. Let's get started.

Yours in Cedarism,

**2015 PARADE FEATURES COMMITTEE**  
Bob Hopkins Trustee, PGTC  
York Forest No. 30  
717-840-9836  
srhopkins@verizon.net

Mike Couch GTC  
Harrisburg Forest No. 43

Thomas Keller PGTC  
Annapolis Forest No. 126

David Manter PGTC  
Pocono Forest No. 124

# ANNUAL LADIES OF CEDARISM LUNCHEON

## "LEAF THE LIGHT ON FOR A CURE"



Nancie English, Mary Saul, Abigail Saul



(L-R): Margie Beam, Sue Brumaghim, Catharine Zeiders, and Terri Almacy



# MEN'S LUNCHEON



# THEME PARTY

## Redneck/Hillbilly Revue



Rick Hossman Harrisburg  
Forest No. 43



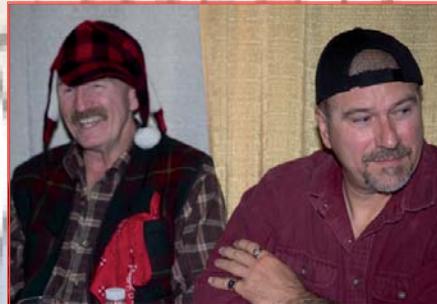
STC Bob



PSTC Dick Feeser Friday night



Marie Ponzilla, William Greene, RWPGM  
Connecticut, and Steve Ponzilla RWPGM of  
Maryland



Caroll Keefer, Supreme Sentinel, and Keith Erb  
better known as Ike & Mike, Mutt & Jeff, or  
Dad & son!



Brad Yoder, Juniata Valley #88 and his fiancé



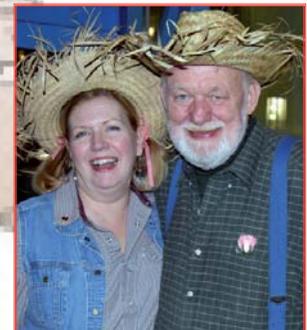
Patty Bryan



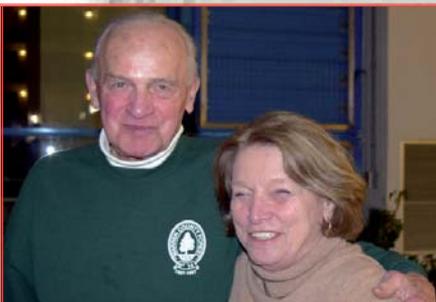
Cayden Saul enjoying the party with his  
Grandparents, STC Bob and Mary Saul



First Lady Mary and STC Bob Saul.



Lady Terri and John Almacy, ST  
at the theme dinner



PSTC Barry Stocker and lady



PGTC Easton Forest #35 Al Peters  
and his wife Luann



Deb and Ray Sheaffer (can you believe this was  
her Birthday and their night out on the town!)

**Tall Cedars**



**Of Lebanon**

# **WREATH LAYING** Ceremony

At the tomb of W. Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON  
Mt. Vernon, Virginia

**SUNDAY - MARCH 15, 2015**

ASSEMBLE inside the MAIN GATE at 1:30 P.M.

Start lining up at 1:50 P.M.

PROCESSION to the TOMB at 2:00 P.M.

PARTICIPANTS include the **SUPREME TALL CEDAR**

And the **GRAND MASTERS** of Virginia, Maryland,  
Delaware, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia

### ***OTHER WREATH LAYING DAY ACTIVITY***

*This is also **Tall Cedar Day** at the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** in Alexandria, VA. All Tall Cedars, family members and friends can meet at the Memorial at **11:00 AM** for a free 1 hour tour. Very worthwhile & interesting!!*

*For more information contact **Richard G. "Dick" Feeser** @  
**800-369-8909** or [dfeeser@cbmove.com](mailto:dfeeser@cbmove.com)*



**SUPREME FOREST  
OF THE  
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON OF N.A.  
2015  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**



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

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**ELIGIBILITY RULES:**

The Applicant must:

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

**OFFICIAL RULES:**

1. Applications must be obtained from the Supreme Forest Office, 2609 N. Front St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.
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.

## AROUND THE DISTRICT 12



Sullivan Forest #210 and their new officers for 2015: (L-R): Larry Ward, GTC; Ray Bagley, SDGTC; and Mike Klinger, JDGTC.



Dottie Bennett receives the Gerry Wagner Memorial Award for 2014 on behalf of her departed husband. Gary Bennett was PM of Muncy Lodge #299, GTC of Susquehanna Forest #199, PHP of Warrior Run Chapter #246, Royal Arch Masons, and a member of the Valley of Williamsport. He dedicated many, many hours to masonry, but really loved the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.



(L-R) GTC Dave Augst Susquehanna Forest; daughter Kim Lowe; Dottie Bennett and son Scott



GTC Russell Snyder, Millersburg #125 accepts a check from Leonice Kessler, treasurer of the Millersburg Cheerettes



Millersburg Forest #125 Incoming officers for 2015 and their ladies; Serena Miller, Josh Decker (SDGTC), Randy Etzweiler (GTC), Lynne Carl, and Ron Weaver (JDGTC)



STC Barry Sheaffer addresses the members and their guests during the Installation at Millersburg Forest #125, Dec 20, 2014



Elvis entertains the First Lady at the Millersburg Installation Dec. 20, 2014



Shown with GTC Dave Augst, KJ Reimensnyder provided the entertainment at The Susquehanna Forest #199 Installation Dec. 17, 2015

## YORK FOREST NO. 30

York Forest No. 30 celebrated PGTC Night on January 5, 2015. There were 18 PGTC's in attendance. A great night for Cedarism as STC Bob Saul was in attendance to offer his congratulations and thanks for serving our fraternity as Masons and Cedars.



The year they served York Forest as the GTC is listed in brackets.

Back Row (L-R): Earl T. Myers, Jr, PSTC (1991); John R. Schmitt, Sr. (1993); Frank Davila (2007); David P. Werner (2012); Larry D. Potteiger (1981); Robert C. Hopkins (2010-11); Richard D. Snyder, DDSTC (2008); Scott A. Smeltzer (2013-14); Lonny L. Neiman (2005); Ted Cunningham (1975); David A. Auchey (2006)  
Front Row: Richard H. Naylor (1976); Robert H. Secrist (2004); Barre L. Shepp (2003); Robert W. Smith (1997;2001); Walter E. Goshorn (1999); Gordon R. "Skip" Heath, PDDSTC (1994); Jeff Fulton, II, GTC York #30

In addition the following were given their "First Line Signer's Coin" by PSTC Barry Sheaffer for sponsoring a new member this past year.



First Line Signers, (L-R): Jeff Fulton, GTC York #30; Scott Smeltzer, PGTC York #30; ; Gordon R. "Skip" Heath, Jr., PDDSTC; Ted Cunningham, PGTC York #30

## FIRST LINE SIGNER

As the 2014 Year began the Membership Committee, chaired by Gregory Dimoff, was asked to develop a program whereby the First-line Signer of a petition during the year would receive a Thank You gift for their Membership Recruitment. As often occurs during the development of a new program, the wheels of progress turned slowly. A coin was chosen as the gift item to be created and designs were discussed and presented to the Supreme Board of Directors for approval. Once this was completed, the search for a manufacturer was begun. Finally in early December the finished coins were delivered to

the Supreme Office.

Once they were received, I was able to begin to hand out the 2014 Membership Coin to First-line Signers. The Membership Committee and the District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedars are working with the Forest Scribes to compile lists of First-line Signers so they can soon receive their coin. If you were a First-line Signer please be patient and attend the meetings of your Forest so the DDSTC's can make the presentation to you.

As we all are very much aware, it is the responsibility of each Tall Cedar to assist in the growth of his Forest by recruiting new members. Hopefully the

new Membership Coin Program will continue into the future. The theme of the program is "One for One" referring to the fact that if you get a new member you will receive a coin. Only one coin per year will be rewarded but don't let that prevent you from recruiting multiple new members each year. Today is a good day to start your collection of Membership Coins.



## WHAT DO I KNOW?

I am certain that there are many Tall Cedars that read these articles and ask themselves, "What do I know that would help other Tall Cedars?" The Tall Cedars after all have been around for quite a while. We have been doing pancake breakfasts and rose sales for years. Who doesn't know how to do that? Well when you're right you couldn't be further from the truth. Let me ask you; are you the one they asked to be the supply guy? Was it because you always get the best deals? HOW do you get those deals? Was it a relationship you have had for years or is it a new one? How did you develop it? Did the owner of the wholesale outlet know someone with MD or did you invite him to a VIP day at a camp?

Are you the one in your Forest that brings in at least one petition each meeting? We need to clone you. I'm not sure if clones would pass the exam for freemasonry though so we need to know your secrets. When you are talking to a mason, what do you say to get him to submit a petition? How do you know to ask just one more time or stop and come back another time? Are there little tells that you can see that let you know who will sign and who won't?

Have you been visiting other Forests or just talking to them and found out that when you do the same type of event you do some things differently? Do you think your way is easier or better? Or do you think it should just be shared so the idea does not get lost?

All of these and more are reasons for an article in the Cedar Digest. Oh, right, you don't know where to send it. I'll spill a secret here. On the inside of the front cover on the left column you will find the information of our editor, Carol Henderson (who has been doing a fabulous job for us). What's that? You don't think you write that well? No problem. We have a fair ghost writing staff to help out on the Public Relations Committee. If you need help contacting them, your GTC or District Deputy both know how and will be happy to help.

It would be a terrible thing for the Tall Cedars to stop existing because we couldn't share our good ideas with each other.

## MDA SUMMER CAMP

Camp Maria,  
Leonardtown, MD

District 20 cooks breakfast annually for about 250 campers, aides, and their families.



## DRESS AND DECORUM FOR TALL CEDARS

Submitted by Bernard Schlenk SD No.8

Decorum has certain requirements, we as Tall Cedars must follow in order to conform to the character of our surroundings.

We have certain rules of acceptable behavior and dress, governing our social or professional group or situation. We refer to this as "Masonic Etiquette".

Can you imagine, if we all practice this etiquette each and every day, and governed ourselves in correct and polite behavior, according to what a gentlemen's standard is, but more importantly what a Tall Cedar standard is, think of what we can accomplish.

Let us start with how we dress for a Cedar Communication, because this says a lot about our Forest and us as Tall Cedars. The Supreme Forest has stated in our Ritual Book how we as Cedar Officers should dress for these communications. I know that we say that "it is the internal not the external qualifications" that we are looking for in a member, but

this speaks of his morality and character, and is not acceptable, to our appearance and dress habits.

The way we dress, expresses a degree of importance on that place we are attending, whether it is a department store, beach, work, a place of worship or a Tall Cedar meeting. Some of us place little or no importance on this matter. Maybe they have not put much thought on it. Maybe they like to push the envelope, to get attention. Maybe they think it's pretentious. Maybe no one has ever sat down with them and explained to them what the proper decorum and dress should be for a Forest or Lodge meeting.

Etiquette calls for us to look, dress and act as gentlemen at all times. It elevates our Forest and attracts men of similar thinking. It teaches us how to act and dress as gentlemen. Since not all of us have received formal training in that aspect, we can learn, by emulating those Brothers. How impressed

would you be to have a Brother say, "That you are a true Brother and a Gentleman".

If the Brother is interested in becoming a Forest Elected or Appointed Officer, he should not mind abiding by the Regulations as set forth by the Supreme Forest.

Dress Code is nothing new for our Fraternity and it still exists in many places around the world to the point where nothing but Formal Dress is acceptable. We have gotten so sloppy it has detracted from everything we do, from the way we dress, to the way we do our Ritual, and conduct our business. You see the pervasive attitude that infiltrates all we do, and thus we cannot see the forest for the trees.

Remember my Brothers you are the Forest.

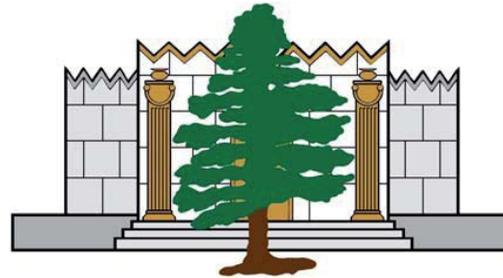
Excerpts from Masonic Discourses by MW Jorge Aladro PGM, Grand Lodge of Florida.



# 2015 Convention TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

The Wildwoods  
Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk  
Wildwood, NJ 08260



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

**Doors open @ 11:30 am**

**Luncheon @ Noon**

**Deadline for reservations is April 24, 2015**

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

**Robert E. Saul  
907 Spruce Street  
Montoursville, PA, 17754  
570-220-0350**

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## 2015 CONVENTION TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON MEN'S LUNCHEON

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

Enclosed is my check for: \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$24.00 each. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROBERT E. SAUL**



**ROBERT SAUL, STC 2015 TRIP**  
**Tall Cedar's Bahamas Cruise**  
**July 24, 2015 – July 31, 2015**  
**Royal Caribbean / Grandeur of the Seas**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT OF CALL</u>	<u>ARRIVE</u>	<u>DEPART</u>
7/24	Baltimore	4:00 pm	
7/25	Cruising		
7/26	Port Canaveral, Florida	10:30 am	9:30 pm
7/27	Nassau, Bahamas	1:00 pm	11:59 pm
7/28	CoCoCay, Bahamas	8:00 am	5:00 pm
7/29	Cruising		
7/30	Cruising		
7/31	Baltimore	7:00 am	

**PRICE IS PER PERSON BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

\$ 936.09 per person	Category M (inside)
\$1116.09 per person	Category I (ocean view)
\$1901.09 per person	Category D2 (balcony)

Rate includes cruise, port charges and taxes  
\*\* Trip Insurance is additional \*\*

**DEPOSIT \$250.00 PER PERSON DUE UPON BOOKING**

Final balance due by 5/3/2015

Price is subject to availability!

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:**

John Shoop, PSTC

(570) 713-1476

Jeshoop1@ptd.net

# Do You Believe in Magic?



## 2015 TALL CEDARS CONVENTION THEME PARTY AND ENTERTAINMENT

Informal, Come as You Are!

Thursday, May 7, 2015  
@ 6:30 PM

The Wildwoods Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk  
Wildwood, New Jersey



**Buffet Dinner:** Sliced BBQ Brisket of Beef, Honey Dipped Chicken, Macaroni and Cheddar Cheese, Southern-Style Coleslaw, Succotash, Chopped Iceberg Salad, Cornbread Muffins, Peach Cobbler, Fresh Baked Rolls and Sweet Butter, Coffee and Unsweetened Iced Tea

**Price: \$31.00**

Complete the Form below and send to:

**Robert E. Saul, 907 Spruce Street, Montoursville, PA 17754**

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**2015 Tall Cedars Convention Theme Dinner**

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

Enclosed is my check for # \_\_\_\_\_ tickets @ \$31.00 each.

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Deadline is Friday, April 24, 2015**

# 2015 LADIES LUNCHEON

Please consider an individual \$5.00 Donation to the "Giving Tree"

## BUTTERFLIES

AND

## BUBBLES

## PARTY



### Annual Ladies of Cedarism Luncheon

The Wildwoods Convention Center

Friday, May 8, 2015

Doors open @ 11:30, Luncheon @ Noon

Deadline for Reservations is April 18, 2015

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

Abigail Saul  
907 Spruce Street  
Montoursville, PA 17756  
570-506-9210

A \$10 gift from each Forest would be appreciated.

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### 2015 CONVENTION LADIES LUNCHEON

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Number of Tickets) @ \$22.00 each

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

You may reach me at the following phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ROBERT SAUL**

# INSTITUTION OF FOREST NO. 215



Appointed Officers of Hudson Valley Forest No. 215 being installed



Hudson Valley Forest membership along with the Supreme Officers and visitors

During the November 2013 reunion of Valley of Harrisburg AASRM (PA), Harrisburg Forest was manning the Tall Cedars of Lebanon display table hoping to gain new members for the Forests in the Valley. I was approached by Eric Frank, at that time the SDGTC of Harrisburg Forest, and asked if I had time to speak to a young man from New York. I was then introduced to Dana-Thomas C Soule, a Master Mason from the Hudson Valley. He immediately proceeded to tell me that he wanted to be a Tall Cedar of Lebanon and wanted to start a Forest in his home area and the sooner the better. I don't think I have ever experienced such enthusiasm, other than when my sons were young and Christmas morning had finally arrived. I thanked him for his interest and told him I would make a telephone call to PSTC Harvey "Bud" Willard, the Extension Committee Chairman, and ask that he send a New Forest Packet to Brother Soule. In fact I asked Bud to please get the packet in the mail that day so Brother Soule would have it when he arrived home.

Having returned to Harrisburg the following month, I had the pleasure of seeing Brother Soule being made a Tall Cedar and members of Harrisburg Forest. He made good on the first part of his initial request, the forming of the new Forest took about seven more months. It was late summer of 2014 when I received a telephone call from our Director of Administration, Jan Stanton, telling me that she had received a completed request for a Dispensation to open a Forest in Saugerties, New York. That would make a total of three Forests in that jurisdiction.

A date agreeable to the Supreme Officers and the petitioners of the new Forest was set. An approximate drive of five hours from Harrisburg had us up early on the morning of Saturday, November 29, 2014. PSTC Willard and JDSTC (elect) Brumaghim and I began our trip to Saugerties at 6:00 AM. We were met there by SDSTC Saul, JDSTC Beam, Supreme Directors Becker and Green, and PSTC's Morgan and Reed. The officers were installed and the new Forest instituted with twenty-eight new Tall Cedars initiated that day and their list, at last glance, had a total of forty-one names (including the original twenty-eight). They are well on their way and I believe they will have their fifty member and their Charter before another year passes.

Brother Soule's enthusiasm seems to be contagious because I have never seen a group of men of all ages and backgrounds wanting to be a part of something as all of the brothers of Hudson Valley Forest. While this scenario began shortly before my year as Supreme Tall Cedar started, it will remain one of the most significant highlights of my term. One Brother with enthusiasm and determination made a change in lives of many Brothers and our Fraternity. He brought the "fun, frolic and fellowship" of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon to his home area and extended the Kingdom. As an individual and Brother he made a difference in many ways to many others.

Thank you Brother Dana-Thomas C Soule, GTC and all of the members of Hudson Valley Forest No. 215.

Believe and Achieve, Barry L Sheaffer, PSTC

# SUSQUEHANNA FOREST GOLF OUTING

On Saturday Sept, 13, 2014 Susquehanna Forest held their first ever Golf Outing to raise funds for the Forest to support Tall Cedar activities. The participation was great and all had a really great time of fun, frolic, and fellowship. The highlight of the tournament was the opportunity to win a car...and yes the car was a guaranteed prize and would be given away by having a hole in one on the par 3 7th hole, or if there were no holes-in one, then the closet to the pin.

(Photo to the right) David Reiner (DDGM#46, member of Sunbury Forest #65 and Susquehanna Forest #199) receives the keys for the winning golf shot from Gene Waldman (Susquehanna Forest #199), representing Murray Mazda of Muncy.



(L-R): Caroll Keefer (SS), Gene Waldman (Murray Mazda), David L. Reiner, Robert Saul (SDSTC), and Robert Aungst, Sr (PGTC, Tournament Chairman)



L-R) One of the prize winning foursomes (Tommy Waldman; Steve Saratowski; Gene Waldman; Tom Boyle.



(L-R) One of the prize winning foursomes (Dave Reiner, John Shoop, Dennis Shoop, Carey Latsha)



(L-R) One of the prize winning foursomes (Rob Gould; Dominic Cavallaro; Robert Holbrook; Darrin Feerrar)

## FOREST NO. 27

On October 21st the members of the Lancaster and Lebanon Quarterback Club donated \$500.00 to Lancaster Forest No. 27 Tall Cedars of Lebanon. This check, along with a matching check will be used to send Levi Hains to the Muscular Dystrophy Camp this summer for a week of fun, frolic and friendship.



Front Row (L-R): Mrs. Pearl Hains and her son Levi  
Back Row (L-R) Glen Henry GTC, Mike Clair, Ralph Ella Jr.  
Not in photo: Michael Glanville MDA/Foundation Rep and wife Pat

## MANCHESTER ROAD RACE



STC Barry addressing the evening before a spaghetti dinner. Seated to the right: James P Loersch, Treasure/Scribe, Nutmeg Forest No. 116



Manchester Road Race participants await the starting gun



( L-R): STC Barry L Sheaffer, Jay Moran, Mayor of Manchester CT, Cynthia Wadsworth Lorenzoni, Honorary Chairperson



(L-R): Barry Sheaffer, Jay Moran, Ben True, receiving Men's First Place TCL Plaque, and Cynthia Wadsworth Lorenzoni



(L-R): Barry Sheaffer, Jay Moran, Diane Nukuri-Johnson, receiving Ladies First Place TCL Plaque, and Cynthia Wadsworth Lorenzoni

# SUCCESSFUL COMPANY AND SUCCESSFUL FOREST - SAME THING?

Submitted by J.T. Sullivan, Scribe, Main Line #153

The CEO of any company is not a doer; he is a manager or leader. His function is to be sure all the employees, the doers, in the company are working together to a common objective, the success of the company. In a large company with thousands of employees, that could be his only function. In smaller operations, the CEO often must take off his leader hat and become a doer. This situation only causes a problem when the CEO forgets his major function

to be the leader.

How does this apply to the Grand Tall Cedar of a Forest? Most people in their lives outside the Tall Cedars are doers. They are usually good at it and proud of it. This many times translates within the Forest as the GTC trying to do everything. This results in some important functions being done well but other equally important functions falling by the wayside. By comparing a Forest to a successful company, we hope

to provide some insight on how to lead your Forest to greater success.

A successful company excels in all areas. They can be lumped into three segments: human resources, production, and communications. Before you say that it has to be more complicated than that, consider this. What else do you need; good people making a good product or service at the right price and telling everyone who should know about it.

## SAM ATKINSON, PSTC

Submitted by Helen Atkinson FFL



At Midwinter Conference many people asked about Sam. He is doing fairly good mentally, but physical disabilities have increased due to his Parkinson's Disease. He is in a Dallastown Nursing Home confined to a wheelchair. I go to see him twice a day for lunch and dinner. Sam said to tell everyone hello and to keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Cards may be mailed to:

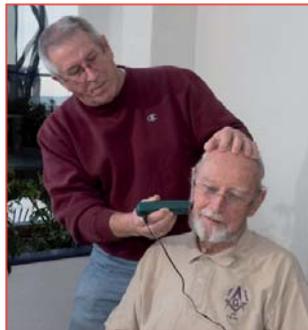
Sam Atkinson, PSTC  
124 Shetland Drive  
Red Lion, PA 17356

Foundation Chairman William Ward, Sr. opted to make some money for our most worthy charity by having his head and beard shaved completely. It should be noted that this was an extreme opportunity for some of our members to make their mark with our Chairman and PST Bill. We thank him for his efforts on behalf of MDA. It should be noted, this was a \$100 shave and cut!

This might be a very noble way of raising funds for our charity and our Forest, and depending on WHO might volunteer; we may be able to surpass the amount collected. Make this a challenge in your Forest, or any other method of raising funds for MDA. Thank you Bill for being such a great sport! Fun, frolic, and fellowship...May we never forget.



James Walmer, Region #3 Foundation Director takes his turn



PSTC John Shoop (Former Foundation Director Reg. #4) took his turn



A famous lady cutting Bill's beard



Chairman Ward displaying his newly created "do"

# 10 WAYS TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA FOR YOUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS



An article written by Suzan Czajkowski, MA, PCC

<http://thecomcoach.com>

January 20, 2015

When raising money for a charity or nonprofit organization, do you use social media to support your fundraising goals? If you do, are you getting the most out of how you use it? Social media is a powerful way to connect with potential donors, engage others so they feel involved with what you are doing, and promote your fundraising efforts to greater success.

Over the last 5 years, I participated in the Pan Mass Challenge (PMC), raising an average of \$5,456 per year and a grand total of \$27,280. Every single year that I participated in this ride, at least 85% of my fundraising came through Social Media — specifically, Facebook.

Though the type of fundraising I have in mind is through a sports-oriented event, the following list can be applied to any fundraising work.

Here are 10 ways that you can use Social Media to promote your fundraising efforts:

1. **Announce your fundraising challenge.** Let potential donors know what the challenge is and that it has begun. Make the launch of your fundraising challenge a big deal and leverage it to start your online campaign. (In other words, start as soon as you sign up even if the culminating event is months away.) Some donors like to get in on the ground floor; Give them that opportunity by letting them know that you are launching your challenge. Example: I'm in! I've registered for the 2015 Pan Mass Challenge and have set a goal to ride 188 miles and raise \$4,500 for Dana Farber. Want to be my first donor?

2. **Thank your donors.** Write a brief social media post thanking individuals who donated to your cause. Different people donated all at once? Don't think everyone all at the same time! Rather, space them out over hours or even days.

3. **Tag the people you are talking to and about.** In Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, you can tag specific people and also organizations — so do so! People love to be recognized and it encourages others who know them to participate. Also, it can help to expand your reach (i.e. the number of people who see

your post) by connecting you to the people (and organizations) you tag.

Example from Facebook: *Thank you so much <name> for your generous donation to my Pan-Mass Challenge ride! 100% of your donation goes directly to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the fight against cancer!*

4. **Post updates about your fundraising progress.** This helps keep you and your readers focused on your goal. It's an opportunity to do a general thank you, or to express concern that time is ticking down and there's still so much more to go!

Example: *Half way there!!!! I've raised exactly half of my total goal of \$4,500 for the Pan Mass Challenge!*

5. **Talk about what you're doing for your part.** Keeping your audience informed about your progress can help them feel like they are along for the ride. Is this a sports-related fundraiser? Talk about how your training is progressing. Are you hosting an event or running a raffle? What have you done lately to move it along? In every case, sharing something you've learned along the way can be an inspiring and engaging message for your followers. Be sure to tag anyone you're training or working with to share the love and expand your reach! Examples: *22.5 miles cycling into the wind. Welcome to spring in New England! 9% climb — done. 39 miles to go. 42+ miles. Ice cream earned!! Today for lunch: 25 beautiful miles on the bike. What'd you have?*

6. **Educate your readers about your cause.** Who does it serve? What does it support or enable? What has the organization accomplished in the past? What, specifically, will the money you are raising go towards?

7. **Post about the donation program itself.** What percentage of donations will actually go to the charity? How many people are registered for the event? Who else is on your team? Sharing the impact of the program can be very powerful!

Example from the PMC: *100% of all donations raise for the PMC go directly to Dana Farber.*

8. **Post pictures.** Are you attending (or hosting) a fundraiser? Do you spend lots of time training for the event? Did you get a t-shirt? Are you hanging out with other people who are also involved? These are all opportunities for posting pictures!! Seeing what you are up to gives your readers a more tangible impression of what you are doing and what they are donating towards.

Want to take it one step further? Use some of these images for your profile and cover photos!

9. **Provide the donation link!** Obvious? Perhaps. But instrumental for collecting donations and easy to forget! If it's a long link, consider shortening it using bitly, where you can customize the link — and then use the same shortened, customized link for the duration of your fundraising efforts!

10. **Ask for donations.** Don't imply it. Don't assume it. Don't do it only once. Put your request out there clearly and often.

Examples: *Please donate now*

*Click on the link to donate*

*Please support this cause by donating now*

*Please help me get closer to my goal by*

*donating now*

A great place to post this request for donations is at the end of a post where you have thanked someone for a donation, or provided an update on your fundraising progress. Follow it up with the donation link, and you've got yourself a powerful post!!

I think it should be noted that you should not tie your entire fundraising effort to social media. Nothing beats reaching out personally by email or phone, and thank you cards are always better than thank you emails. That being said... **engaging social media fully throughout the duration of your fundraising window can give you better reach, a louder voice, and also help you feel supported by those who respond back online in addition to the donations they send you.**

## A MASONIC MILESTONE

Submitted by

Charles F. Lord Sr., PGTC Main Line #153



It has come to my attention a little bit late but one of our brethren has served our fraternity in a way that more of us should thank him for. Those

of us who know him have said thank you in our own way but maybe when you next go to lodge and the opening prayer is given, you can add a silent thank you that we have men that dedicate themselves to our fraternity this way. On March 13, 2014 Right Worshipful Grand Master Robert J. Bateman attended the Masonic Reunion in Tampa, Florida and presented PSTC Donald E. Saylor with his 60 year Masonic Service Award.

The award if you haven't seen it is a small pin the goes

on the lapel of your jacket. It will not yell at those he passes by at the works the wearer has accomplished. The least of his works being to help us to make our communities better for a period of 60 adult years. For Don, it went a little further than that. It started in Norristown, PA in Charity Lodge #190 in 1954. The next decade saw him become a member of all the York and Scottish Rite Bodies. 1970 saw him serving as the Supreme Tall Cedar. Don has not stopped serving our fraternity, just slowed down a little bit.

## THE STOLEN GAVEL



Grand Tall Cedar, what do you do to encourage visitors? In 1989 William Ward (who would become PST William Ward) was going to be Grand Tall Cedar of Trenton Forest #4. In those days of the distant past, and it feels like the distant past with the way membership is

going, traveling in groups to visit other Forests was common. This was true especially if you had to recover a gavel that had been "Stolen" from your Grand Tall Cedar. Brother Bill had an idea. He had a couple dozen gavels made up specifically for the purpose of being stolen. Most of them were. There was a lot of travel between Forests that year.

How many of those gavels

are still around in the Cedar Kingdom? If you have one, let the Digest editor know (info on the inside of the front cover) for the next issue.

Grand Tall Cedars of 2015, how many gavels could you get stolen from you? Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar you are next. Do I hear a challenge? Do we report it in the Spring Digest number stolen and greatest distance to stealing Forest? (No stealing at Convention or Midwinter) Anybody up for a little competition?

### **NOTICE:** TO ALL PAST SUPREME FOREST APPOINTED OFFICERS and ALL PAST FOUNDATION APPOINTED TRUSTEES:

A number of Appointed Officer, District Deputy STC and Foundation Trustee jewels are missing. If you have a jewel in your possession, please return it to:

Supreme Forest Office  
2609 N. Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

# WHY SHOULD I GO TO MIDWINTER?

Submitted by

Charles F. Lord Sr., PGTC Main Line #153

There have been many times I have heard the question asked, "Why should I go to midwinter?" There isn't any voting on anything. They still get to serve in the office they were voted into even if they can't make it don't they? There aren't any competitions there. We meet the new ambassador but other than that what is so special about it? I would have to take more time off from work. It is getting more expensive and I'm on a fixed income. (Retired people love that one but so are all the 25 year old salary employees like police, fire and military. Money can be a problem for most people.)

While thinking on this question, I remembered sitting with my guide waiting for my entered apprentice degree. He told me of a mason who went on vacation with his family only to find his hotel reservation lost and all the rooms in the city booked. He called the local lodge. A brother came, put his family up for their stay and showed them the city as the locals knew it not just as tourists would see it. He got to meet a friend he didn't know he had.

The answer to coming to mid-winter is easy. We are a

fraternity inside a fraternity. That doesn't mean just going to our local Forest meeting each month. That is important but it is more like extended family. You will be amazed at the friends you meet that you didn't know you had. Or the friends you meet at mid-winter that you find out you had been with somewhere together before. That is what happened to me this most recent mid-winter. It was recommended to me that I would really enjoy stopping in to talk to Ed Stumm, Grand Tall Cedar of Lancaster Forest #27. Midway through a very pleasant visit where we exchanged some good ideas, we found out we had both been at Spring City Forest #34 on the occasion of their initiating 19 new members. The memory of 19 new Tall Cedars was the key thing we both took away from our first meeting. We now both have a comfortable memory of talking at mid-winter where we got to re-meet.

You and your lady can see people that you will probably only get to see twice a year and become friends with them. You might even take back a good idea to your forest that will help it to raise funds or bring in new members. You might, well the

list is wide open if you are there to explore it. If you are not there, you lose it all. The worst thing is you will never know what you have lost. The man who is born blind will never miss seeing a sunset but the man who goes blind will have an emptiness inside is a line that can relate to our gathering.

The Tall Cedars is an organization. Yes we even have elections, rules, regulations and procedures that have to be followed. If you want to see, meet and talk to the men that will be running for offices in the next few years so that you will know who you are voting for, come to mid-winter. I guarantee they will be there. If you want to be appointed to a Supreme office or committee, the people that do that will see you there and be able to get to know you.

The end of my story is simple my brother. Did you give a petition to someone to become a mason that will become my friend that I didn't know I had? Or was the petition I just handed out for someone going to become your next best friend? Remember, we are here to help each other!

# IDEAS FOR WORSHIPFUL MASTERS

Written by by Chris Hodapp, PM  
Broad Ripple Lodge #643  
Originally published in 2002

I have received many requests for a copy of the posting I made on the Indiana Craft Mailing List.

So here are some of the things we have done over the last few years at Broad Ripple Lodge, some of which were started by PGM Roger Van Gorden, our Master in 2000. Bear in mind that most of these suggestions are not original.

Let me reiterate: our PMs and general membership have left us alone to have our way with the place, and the PMs and older members who regularly participate have been totally supportive of us. We have NOT had to deal with sideline insurrections over ANYTHING we have tried. I have heard horror stories from other Masters, and I am relieved to say I have none.

1. ALL Stated Meetings were Table Lodges for a year.

2. Redecorated Lobby and entry area. (Ratty furniture, no art, and accessories from when Truman was president make a terrible first impression on potential new members. If you think it's ugly, how will a new member see it? If you don't know, ASK YOUR WIFE!)

3. Landscaped front yard. (Ours was full of rocks and overgrown shrubs.). If your building looks tired, unkempt and decayed, what does that say about Freemasonry to a potential new member? What does it say about your own pride of membership?

4. Professionalized look of website and kept it up to date. If a potential member sees that your site is dated 1997 and none of the hyperlinks work, they'll move on.

5. Monthly Trestle Board with photos. Make Lodge look fun, and if they don't come, they're missing great experiences.

6. Stopped charging for meals, including Thanksgiving. Catered or convenience food rather than the same few brothers chained to the kitchen. They will burn out.

7. Added stereo system and big screen TV to dining room. (Football and basketball nights next year after Craft practice. Make Lodge a place to hang around in, not eat, meet and flee)

8. Purchased motorized stairclimbers to assist our older members (we have lots of steps)

9. Started Masonic Angel Fund for local kids (see our website for details)

10. Made \$100 donation to Masonic Home Foundation for every month a member (or members) died.

11. Poinsettias hand delivered to Lodge Widows at Christmastime by Master. They'll love you forever. Get them on your side and their grandson may join.

12. Started Annual Chili Cook-Off with permanent trophy at Lodge. The noisier the rivalry gets, the better. Encourage outlandish claims and bragging rights...

13. Presented Lifetime Achievement Award to older member 64 years a Mason who comes to every meeting and degree. These men built our Lodges. Acknowledge their achievements publicly.

14. Insisted on post-meeting gathering at local tavern for members, spouses, friends. Do NOT hang out in the parking lot of the Lodge \*\*\*\*\*ing after meetings. That's not how to forge new friendships.

15. Regular dialogue with OES Matron. Kept them involved in our public events.

16. Sought out degree help from other Lodges. Liberal use of honorary memberships for regular visiting helpers.

17. If you are a young Master who does not know all ritual for all degrees, learn ONE of them well, and have your Wardens do the same for the other two. Performing a smaller number of parts well is more important than stumbling through many of them badly. Do NOT get pressured into doing more than you are able by the "In MY year you had to know all of these degrees"

crowd. If they know it all, ask THEM to take a part. Remember: a man gets to hear each of his degrees for the first time ONLY ONCE. If you can't do it properly with feeling and meaning, GET SOMEONE WHO CAN.

18. Joint Lodge picnic with other Lodges

19. Let a Lodge from a Temple that goes dark in summer hold Craft practice at our place. Joined in with them.

20. Dramatically expanded library. Write book reviews of new ones and promote it in your Trestle Board.

21. Started book exchange open to everyone in Lodge family. Bookshelf in the dining room.

22. Officers chairs left empty for two years rather than push new members into them immediately.

23. Make sure Lodge name is seen out in the community. Business cards, pins, jackets with S&C and Lodge name, who to contact for info on door of Lodge along with web address. If the building is closed, how will a new man find someone to ask?

24. Extend invitations to Prince Hall Lodges for visits. Current leadership within Prince Hall Masonry in Indiana requires that the PHA Lodge get permission to visit from their Grand master, so check with the Master of the PHA Lodge you contact for their latest rulings on this matter. (NOTE: In 2004, we assisted a group of PHA lodges with their annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the poor, and in 2005, we made Indiana Masonic history by conferring the Master Mason degree on two Prince Hall candidates.

25. Always keep petitions in your car. Let me say that again: Always keep petitions in your car.

26. If 200 members stay away, get new ones who won't! If only seven show up, have fun with each other.

27. Made up a new member's notebook, containing:  
- Introduction to Lodge etiquette  
- Lodge history

- List of Masonic websites, research, recommended book list
- Lodge directory of all members, their addresses and phone numbers.
- Introduction to Freemasonry for a Mason's lady
- List of all Lodge widows
- List of all Lodge Committees
- List of area lodges to visit
- Lodge By-Laws.
- Brochures from the York Rite, Scottish Rite & Shrine - not petitions from them (discourage joining them for 1 year).
- Our Lodge Masonic Angel Fund brochure
- The latest Lodge Trestle Board (newsletter)
- Three petitions and Grand Lodge Masonic brochures and DVD
- Masonic License Plate form

28. Freemasonry IS NOT RITUAL. If you can do all parts flawlessly, yet never have candidates and no one comes to meetings, how will the ritual save your Lodge?

29. Plan with your Wardens so there is continuity for years to come - stop reinventing the wheel every year. Do NOT hide good ideas from your Master so you can claim victory during your year. Do NOT pass on problems to the next Master. Solve them now!

One thing we shamelessly cribbed from another Lodge was to make the three newest members of the Lodge the Junior Warden's Committee, making them responsible for food and cleanup, in association with the Stewards. It rotates as you get new men in, instead of saddling the Stewards with the job for an entire year. If they like doing it, it develops camaraderie among the new guys. If they hate doing it, it encourages them to go out and get a new man to join. Our guys jumped in with vigor and tout themselves as the KFC (Knife and Fork Committee). They now meet together on Friday nights at area restaurants, and are promising restaurant reviews for the newsletter. Believing there are no small parts, only small actors, they have padded their parts and are having a ball. Be sure to buy them a knife and fork Mason tie clip.

Masonry isn't just about food

<grin>. These guys want knowledge, information, and STUFF! They are proud of their membership. They want medals, aprons, regalia, certificates, books, jewelry... Ours is a Craft with a long heritage, and they WANT things that will make their friends and family envious and - more important - curious about Masonry too. That's what first made THEM notice us to begin with. Don't think it's shallow to interest potential new members with a "made you look" brashness. Rings, jackets, license plates - all of these things attract attention and at least nudge men into asking what it's all about. Remember, I said INTEREST new members. It's up to your Lodge to get them through their degrees and keep them interested after that. The point is, they want their friends to join with them, and the "stuff" might get those friends to at least ask.

Upon raising, we give a new Master Mason a S&C lapel pin, a commemorative pin for our Lodge, an engraved pocket name badge, and a boxed set of miniature working tools. For a year on Masonic 'birthdays' we also passed out a small, brass trowel. These things don't cost much, but go a long way towards making a man feel that the Lodge is immediately investing in them.

I became an Entered Apprentice in November 1998, and was raised in March 1999. So it was with no little terror that I found myself installed in the East for the year 2001. We had lost 5 officers from the Line in 1999 for a variety of circumstances. A wise Past Master agreed to step in at the VERY last minute to be Master that year, but as 2000 wound to a close, the sentiment was that we should look into selling our building and closing, moving or merging. We were lucky to have seven guys come to Stated Meetings and we did virtually no degree work that year.

The most important thing our outgoing Master taught me was to stop dwelling on the numbers game. Our Lodge has regular income, a paid-for building and some assets. If 220 members never set foot in the place, didn't participate, didn't communicate, IT DIDN'T MATTER. If some of

the officer's chairs went unfilled, IT DIDN'T MATTER. What DID matter was that the little group of Masons who DID come had a good time with each other. We held every Stated Meeting as a Table Lodge, paid our bills, always had a great meal (paid for by the Lodge - no hat passing), maybe had a guest speaker, voted money to charities, and had a couple of hours of true fellowship. THAT was what was important. A year ago, we had seven guys who truly liked each other's company, who got along, who cared about what was going on in each other's lives, and maybe went for a beer afterwards. And the other 200 members were paying for us to have a great time and practice Freemasonry. What a deal!

My year, we raised eight men, all under 40 (and most under 30), had two more being voted on, three transferring in from out of state lodges, and more petitions on the way. Sure, we still need the help of brothers from other Lodges to help us put on degrees, but they come if we ask, and they have a good time with us. They come to our Lodge because we have new candidates all the time now, and why just practice when you can be conferring a degree?

We redecorated to make sure our Lodge no longer looks and smells like Grandma's front parlor. We had picnics and dinners and cook offs and events with other Lodges. We've tried hard to let young men know that their input is welcome and that we will change our activities to reflect what THEY want out of Lodge, instead of demanding that we adhere to the same annual events planned during the Coolidge Administration. We publish a monthly newsletter that doesn't look like it was surreptitiously Xeroxed after hours at work. In it, we thank those brothers who have helped or showed up or contributed because people like to see their name in print and like to be acknowledged for doing a good job. We try to keep our website up to date and looking fresh and professional, and it has become the electronic front door that so many of our newest members first knocked on. Those new members are enthusiastic and want to dive right into our activities and degree work -

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and we encourage them. They are telling their friends about Lodge and some of those friends are asking for petitions. And our post-meeting gatherings at the local watering hole have gotten larger and last a lot longer now.

My Senior Warden and I were too new at this to know the "way it's always been done in past" so we were willing to try whatever works. And guess what? Those same 200 members still stay home, don't participate, and don't communicate. But then, they didn't show up at meetings to vote down big expenditures, or veto by-law changes, or stop us from starting a Masonic Angel Fund, or any of the other things we did my year that I was told would cause heart attacks within the membership. So, those same 200 guys are now paying for 15 or 20 of us to have a good time. We had a full officer's line the next year, and some disappointed men who we didn't have chairs for. I don't know if we have truly turned our Lodge around in the long

term - only time will tell. But it's a far cry from the year before, and no one is talking about selling our building now.

Before I became Master, I was privately told to take my time, rock no boats, hide good ideas from the Master ahead of me, pass problems along to the Warden behind me, just learn my ritual, read my Blue Book rules, and I'd get along just fine. Otherwise, I risked insurrection and eternal damnation from the Old Guard. I was just too stupid to listen. As a Mason I may have been wet behind the ears, but I was smart enough to know that the only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

The ultimate point I'm making is that if you are disappointed by your Lodge and it is not living up to the lofty goals of the fraternity you thought you joined (as I morosely thought just a year ago), GET IN THERE AND CHANGE IT. Be the Master of your Lodge. Lead with a vision and MAKE IT STICK. If you enrage a lineup of cranky Past

Masters who are forcing your lodge to remain mired in the 19th century, what will they do? If you are afraid your lodge is shrinking and failing at its mission, yet you allow "buzzard's row" to keep you going down that same path year after year, you are doing a great disservice to your Lodge and those men who built it to begin with. The men who started your Lodge had ideas and strength and they were the leaders of your community. If they saw their Lodge losing members and failing now, I promise you they would not be complacent. They would try everything they could.

They would be Builders, Masters of their Craft. They would give their workmen good and wholesome instruction for their labor. Accept no less from yourself.

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Those who live by the sword are generally shot by those who were smart enough to evolve.

## WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR MEMBERSHIP LATELY?

Over the last dozen years or so, it seems the District Deputy comes in and says that we are in terrible trouble. Membership is still declining. It is really getting to be very annoying. Not so much because we have to sit there and listen to him say it but because it is true. So I have to ask you my brethren, "When was the last time you brought in a signed petition?" Oh, I'm sorry. I don't mean to your Forest. That would be nice. But I'm talking now about your home lodge. The very lodges that are the sound (not so much today) bedrock and foundation of our entire family of fraternal bodies. If we lose our blue lodges, we have no pool to draw membership from for our Forests.

We have all heard in our appendant bodies of men that became masons only so they could become members of this body or that one. This has continued for many years. Over the last decade or so there have been more and more voices raised telling us that we cannot

forget our blue lodges. As Tall Cedars, Amaranth, Shrine or whatever body, we need to work to help our blue lodge. I remember having a training class while on my road to the East. We were told that all the appendant bodies together would only get one in four of the newly raised masons. As a Tall Cedar I don't have any specific numbers to give you but I don't think any of you will dispute it if I say that the ones in four are not equitably distributed among all the bodies.

Now that we have you firmly committed to bringing in new masons, men that you will guide and mentor through the process, there is nothing at all that says you cannot tell them how much you like the Tall Cedars, after first supporting blue lodge. Yes, we really do want to get that firmly in their minds as the proper way for a Tall Cedar to work. You do it already don't you? Start bringing them to your Forest social events as soon as they start showing

an interest. They could even come to convention. Not to attend the closed sessions but all the other activities. And then, only after they are fully raised master masons will we say, "By the way, I have this petition for the Tall Cedars for you."

I know your Forest has regular master mason nights. Have you ever considered inviting your Grand Officers? Take my word for it, they really are master masons. If you give them a year or a year and a half, it is just possible they might actually be able to get it on their schedule. The dedication our Grand Officers put in for our benefit is unbelievable. If you talk to them though they will tell you they enjoy being there because masons are there and they want to support what masons do. Guys, we Tall Cedars are masons. If you come to convention and mid-winter you will see a lot of past, present and future Grand Officers attending with us and they are happy to be able to be there.

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**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015  
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**Descriptions of items for sale:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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