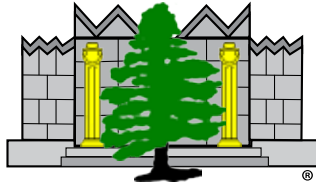


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On the Cover

2024 Officers
Michael Youse, PGTC No. 49
James R. Marion, PGTC No. 209
Bruce E. Neubauer Sr., PGTC No. 77

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2024 Convention and Annual Session
Thursday September 19 - Sunday September 21
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

New email addresses

Effective January 1, 2024 email addresses will be.
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Supreme Tall Cedar David Manter PGTC No. 124

Brothers All,

First and foremost, I want to thank the Cedar Kingdom for allowing me the opportunity to serve as Supreme Tall Cedar in 2023

As with any organization that is moving forward, you are going to have your ups and downs. We had some setbacks in the office. I did not know that we had a telephone system that would go down multiple times a day and did not record a voice message. I did not know that we had a printer copier that did not work, and the lease had expired months ago. These items were discovered the 2nd week in January. We had an administrative assistant that left abruptly and without any notice on March 24, 2023.

All these situations were resolved. Not necessarily in a timely manner, but they were resolved. None of these issues could have been resolved without the help of our members. I would indeed like to send a special thank you to PSTC Mark Brumaghim for stepping up to take over the day-to-day operations in the Supreme Forest Office. Not only did he fill that void, but he did so on Monday, March 27, 2023 so there was no gap in the service that the Supreme Forest offered.

The next huge hurdle was hiring someone to replace our office assistant. I have always believed you should surround yourself with people that are smarter than you. Enter Darryl Hamm. Darryl has extensive knowledge of the inner workings of Human Relations. Very shortly after being appointed to the position of Supreme Forest Human Relations Director with Board approval he began his search for a replacement. The interviewing committee consisted of Jim Potts, the Foundation Chairman, Darryl Hamm and myself. We interviewed several candidates that day. After the interviews, we made a unanimous decision to hire Cinthya Figueroa. This was an extremely good decision.

The Tall Cedar Foundation has changed direction and has already made an impact in the lives of those in need. What a great job they have done.

The Kingdom has become very active, there were several well-organized activities throughout the year. Membership is moving forward. There were several new Key Club members and several that were awarded new numbers for their keys.

No one person and no one administrator will ever make all the changes that you would like to make in one year. I have had the honor of working with James Marion, and Michael Youse. We have exchanged ideas and worked together all year. I have no doubt that the two of them along with Bruce Neubauer will make significant progress next year. Support the Tall Cedars do what you can and attend as many functions as possible. There are a lot of great memories that can be made just travelling to and from an event.

I want to wish our incoming Supreme Officers the best of luck for next year and years to come. I also want to thank Bob Hahn and Brian VanScyoc for the past five years of service to The Tall Cedars.

May you all have the happiest of Holidays.

Love ya Brothers



2023 STC



Supreme Tall Cedar Elect James R. Marion PGTC No. 209



Cedars all,

I extend my sincere gratitude to the membership for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me as the Supreme Tall Cedar for the year 2024. The support that you have given me is greatly appreciated and will be cherished forever. I have and will continue to perform my duties for the betterment of Tall Cedars.

Throughout the past year, I have undertaken monthly visits across the Cedar Kingdom, except for August. In the forthcoming year, I am readily available for visits to help support your forest or for anything else that you may need assistance with. If you would like to request a forest visit, please contact me as early as possible, as the schedule for the year does fill up quickly.

We have a great team of Supreme Forest officers for next year that are diligently working hard to continue with making the Tall Cedars viable for the next 100 years and beyond. We can only do this one step at a time. We are making good sensible changes that will allow us to grow by planning for the future while still embracing our traditions. Adapting to the evolving times is imperative, and we are steadfast in our commitment to not be left behind.

Our office assistant, Cyntha, is exceeding in all aspects of her duties. We have had nothing but good feedback when she has been asked to perform any task. She gets busy at times with requests, however always gets the task finished in a timely manner. She is responsible for requests from all forest members, the Supreme Forest and the Tall Cedar Foundation. Cyntha has proven to be an invaluable asset to the Cedar Kingdom. She has daily leadership by our Human Resources Director and Office Manager, Darryl Hamm. I want to personally thank Darryl for stepping up and offering his assistance when we needed the expertise of an experienced Human Resources Director. While all the elected officers have their respective jobs to perform, these two keep the office in order and running smoothly.

While some Forests struggle with membership challenges, others are thriving. As of this writing, the Cedar Kingdom has 212 new members for this year. Regrettably, we have witnessed the loss of 273 members.

In pursuit of expansion, this year we have chartered a new forest in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In January 2024, we will be chartering a new forest in Indiana (Ironwood 224) and in April 2024, a new forest in London, England.

New Blue Lodge members do not seem to be joining appendant bodies as in the past. We recognize the need to articulate the benefits of Tall Cedars to new masons. I urge each of you to have your compelling 5-minute elevator speech ready for prospective new members with the excitement that you have for Cedarism and help us get new members.

The upcoming 2024 STC trip will be in conjunction with the Chartering of the new forest in London, England. This will be a memorable experience for all of us to watch the chartering of a new forest in a historic country. Please read the information in this digest and contact me with your interest in going. I have a preliminary list of around 30 and remember, you do not have to be a Tall Cedar to go on this trip. This trip is an independent journey without the constraints of a structured tour company. You can come and go as you please and are not required to stay together as a group.

I am excited to tell you that our 2024 convention has been approved and we are going to Gettysburg, PA. Save the dates. September 19-21, 2024. The prices are great, and we will have the whole indoor pool area for Tall Cedars only with 20 rooms available poolside for hospitality! The fun will be nonstop all weekend. If your forest would like to reserve a poolside hospitality room, you must contact me for those reservations. This will be the fun, frolic and fellowship of the past. Saturday we will have a memorial service at the State of Pennsylvania monument at the Gettysburg Battlefields. After that you can explore our nation's history for the day on the historic battlefields of Gettysburg or do a walking tour in the downtown district. The famous Friend to Friend Memorial is just across the street from downtown. This will be a great convention incorporated with a great American destination for a family vacation.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the board members and the new committee members for stepping up with the continued dedication that they have for the Tall Cedars. We must continue to move forward one step at a time while we embrace our traditions and plan for the future.

Sincerely and cedarly,

Jim Marion

**Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Elect
Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar
Michael Youse, PGTC No. 49**

Greetings Fellow Cedars,

We are about to embark on a new year and are excited to see what this year has in store for us. We continue to spread Cedarism and look forward to adding a Forest in the UK this spring. We also look to add forests in the states as well strengthening our forests already in existence. Our membership is our strength, and we appreciate the support and zeal of our members.

It was great seeing all our Brother Cedars, Cedarettes and families taking part in the convention this year. We finally accomplished getting our bylaws and constitutional changes voted on. Next year we look to move the venue and hope to have a fantastic showing from our membership.

A new group of officers was elected for 2024 and we look forward to working with them. A new Supreme Scribe (Marc Brumaghim, PSTC), Supreme Treasurer (Bob Thomas) as well as our new JDSTC Bruce Neubauer were elected. I'd like to thank Brother Bob Hahn for his years of devotion, hard work, and extras he has given to the Supreme Forest and Tall Cedars during his Supreme Scribe tenure. Likewise, Brother Brian Van Scyoc has served as Supreme Treasurer for the past few years and is deserving of our thanks and gratitude for his service to our Supreme Forest. I thank our Junior Past STC Dave Manter for his leadership throughout 2023. We have added new forests internationally and promoted Cedarism in North America as well. His devotion and loyalty to Tall Cedars has enabled him to make the decisions necessary to promote the good of the fraternity.

Now onto 2024! Our new STC Jim Marion has some exciting things planned for us. We look forward to his leadership this coming year and taking Tall Cedars to a new level. Please have some fun, frolic and fellowship while participating in local forest and supreme forest events. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible during my travels.

Cedarly,

Mike Youse

SDSTC Elect



Supreme Scribe Robert T. Hahn, GTC No. 61

Brother Cedars,

Thank you for your support, over the last five years, to make my time as Supreme Scribe successful.

We have gone through a lot of changes in the last five years.

We have opened forests in Mexico, El Salvador, and Brazil.

We implemented a new membership system, Groupable. There were a few issues early on, they have been corrected, now things are moving along thanks to the Forest Scribes who are using the system.

I will be continuing as the Supreme Forest photographer and Art Director of the Cedar Digest.

I have a new role as the publishing coordinator for the Supreme Forest which includes designing and overseeing the printing of our publications.

Are you interested in writing articles for the Cedar Digest? I need members to write articles for the digest. They can be any subject that relates to masonry.

James Malone will continue moving forward with our email system and cloud storage. He will also be working on a new website.

I wish my successor, Mark Brumaghim the best of luck and the Supreme officers a good year.

Fraternally,

Bob Hahn, Supreme Scribe



Supreme Treasurer Brian Van Scyoc, PGTC No. 145

Fraternal Greeting Brothers,

Looking back at the year, I did not imagine that I would be writing my last message as the Supreme Treasurer this year. However, other commitments have forced me to call my tenure to a halt. I would not be able to devote the time to properly fulfill the duties of the position. It has been an enjoyable experience for the last five years to serve the Cedar Kingdom and meeting as many of you as possible. I may be stepping out of one position, but I will continue to assist the incoming officers as needed.

And looking back even farther, there have been some changes over the years (and I believe they are for the better). The Cedar Kingdom survived a pandemic, which brought the members together in new ways. The Kingdom has expanded domestically and internationally. And the Kingdom has developed new ways to assist those that are suffering from neuromuscular diseases.

As always, I would like to say congratulations to STC David Manter on his year as Supreme Tall Cedar and wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors. And, congratulations to the Supreme Officers, Directors and Foundation Board members, both new and returning brothers. I wish you the best of luck for your term of office.

Brothers and ladies, I hope that I will continue to see you at the various events around this great Kingdom.

In signing off, I wish you a Happy Holidays and a safe and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally,
Brian K. Van Scyoc, PGTC
Supreme Treasurer



Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Elect Bruce E. Neubauer Sr., PGTC No. 77



Greetings Cedars all,

I want to thank the members of the Cedar Kingdom for allowing me to hold an office in the Supreme Line. I have been a member since 1970 and I want to give back to the Tall Cedars a little of what the Tall Cedars has done for me and my family.

I was very excited when I returned from the Convention in Ocean City this year. This was the true meaning of Fun Frolic and Fellowship. This convention was very high energy from start to finish. I cannot wait to assist our newly Elected Supreme Tall Cedar and Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in continuing to move Tall Cedars forward with high energy and excitement. If you enjoyed this year's convention, Just wait for the convention in 2024.

I have three mottos I live by, 1- CAN DO, This was the motto of the Navy SEABEES. There is no project or issue that cannot be solved if you work together. 2. Every Day is a good day, just some are better than others. To me as long as my eyes open in the morning this is going to be a great day, no matter what might happen. 3. Do not worry about things you have no control over. This is the hardest and maybe the most important. I remember when I was much younger, I would get angry if I wanted to go outside and it was raining. Now that I think about it, it was

wasted energy because when I calmed down it was still raining.

In taking this position my goal is to assist you the members in knowing that you are the voice of the Tall Cedars and I will be available for you to give me your suggestions, comments and Ideas. I will also listen to complaints and issues. To continue to make this organization stronger we must work together.

I am so excited about the direction the Tall Cedars are going with our charity. To be able to assist children with MD achieve a better quality of life by offering limited grants to assist making sure the child afflicted with MD has what they need to improve their quality of life . This is one of the most exciting projects we as Tall Cedars can get involved in.

In closing I want to thank my late wife Bonnie for encouraging me to follow my dream and become an officer in the Tall Cedars.

Cedarly
Bruce Neubauer

Supreme Scribe Elect Mark Brumaghim, PSTC



Tall Cedars and Ladies,

It has been seven years since I have written an article for the Cedar Digest, so please bear with me, I'm a little out of practice. As many of you know, this is not my first rodeo being in the Supreme Line. For those of you that have been a Tall Cedar for less than seven years, I served as the Supreme Tall Cedar in 2017.

I believe I bring assets to the office of Supreme Scribe and the Supreme Board of Directors. While serving as an Aide to a Supreme Tall Cedar, Supreme Director for Region Three, going through the Supreme Line and finally fulfilling the duties of the Ex-Officio member of the Board, I spent more than 10 years attending Board meetings. This gives me a unique perspective of the organization and a level of experience on the Board that is unequalled by many other Board members currently serving on the Board. Also, I reside close to the Supreme office and I have had many opportunities over the years to visit with the previous administrative employees during business hours which has given me the opportunity to learn in general terms many of the operations of the Supreme Office.

As the Supreme Scribe, I have set some goals that I hope to achieve over the next three years. The most important goal is communication. During my travels around the Cedar Kingdom, I have heard many complaints about communications between the Constituent Forest Officers and the Supreme Officers and the Supreme Office. To be fair, these complaints have been a two-way street. As the Supreme Scribe, I will make myself available to help anyone that I can. My name, email address and phone number will be in the roster book and in Groupable. If the issue is beyond my skill set, I will make every effort to put the member in touch with the person that can help them. I believe that effective communication goes both up and down the chain of command (to use military terms). Another goal I have set for myself is to publish an Annual Proceedings Report for 2023. Our Constitution requires the Supreme Office to do this every year and it requires the Supreme Line Officers to write a report covering their year and to submit it for publishing in the Annual Proceedings Report. Unfortunately, the last one to be completed was for 2017. I believe if the leaders of our organization expect the Constituent Forests and the Members to follow our organization's rules, then the Supreme Office should follow them as well and lead by example. During my three years of going through the Supreme Line, I traveled and visited as many Forests as I could while still working fulltime. I am now retired and want to visit as many of the Forests as I can, focusing on those Forests that have not had a visit from a Supreme Line Officer in a long time. I don't have my official email address yet, but as soon as it is set up, I will send out a mass email to the Cedar Kingdom. And lastly, you can expect me to talk about recruitment and retention of members. I believe this is our most urgent issue. I am certain as 2024 and beyond progresses I will come up with other goals and ideas, but for the time being this will be my focus.

I will close by saying I look forward to working with the Supreme Line Officers, the Supreme Board of Directors and all the Members of the Cedar Kingdom.

Fraternally,

Mark Brumaghim

New Supreme Directors



Randy D. Etzweiler
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Extension Report

Cedars all,
Your committee consists of
SDSTC Jim Marion
2022 PSTC Joe Russell
2017 PSTC Mark Brumaghim
Region 1 director Alex Duenas
Roberto Sanchez Region 10 director, as the Chairman

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon have permission to have forest in only 21 of the 50 states. Some Grand Lodges will give you permission and some Grand lodges will put you on the next years agenda for their annual communications.

We are on the agenda for the 2024 Grand lodge communications for these states. Maine, Arkansas, Oregon, Hawaii, Alaska, and Texas. We have received a NO from these states, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Colorado, and Utah.

We have not received a response from these states as of today. Vermont, Louisiana, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Montana, and Arizona.

There have been communications with these states, and we are still working with them. California, New Mexico, Mississippi.

We have a Yes, with an approval letter in the supreme forest office for the state of, Oklahoma. Also, the state of North Carolina has said yes, but no approval letter is at the supreme forest office as of today.

We are still working on getting recognition with the states That have yet to respond to us. We must be very cautious with these Grand lodges to have them embrace us and not alienate us.

Moving outside the United States we are getting request for new forest from around the world. The list is long, but we are being cautious and going slow as to not make mistakes. The list includes Ecuador, Paraguay, United Kingdom, Lebanon, Australia and others.

As you know by now, last year we have opened a forest in Mexico City, Mexico. We opened a forest in San Salvador, El Salvador. Over Fathers day weekend this year, we chartered a Forest in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil. The positive responses that we have all received is practically indescribable. While there we made many connections for new forest request along with countries telling us that their masonic membership numbers simply can not support us.

Our extension plans are to continue within the United States but also plan for the future outside of the United States. The world is hungry for masonic bodies, and we cannot miss this opportunity for membership and worldwide recognition.

This is the report of your extension committee.

Roberto Sanchez, PGTC



Annual Meeting Convention 2023



Matthew Thompson, Junior Grand Warden Right Worshipful The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Delaware



Frederick A. Spicer Most Worshipful Grand Master The Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland



Board of Directors



Foundation Board Members



Michael Hallman



Larry A. Derr Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania becoming a Tall Cedar



Bud Willard & Dave Manter



Color Guard Presenting the Colors



Recipients of the Broughton Award



Roberto M. Sanchez receiving the Broughton Award

Awards Banquet



Members enjoying the awards dinner



Howard M. Beardsley with wreath



Current and Former First Ladies



James O. Walmer with his cat tail



The ones that did not win



Clown competition winners



Clown Jamboree

Clown Jamboree at Convention



Tall Cedars



of Lebanon

Wreath Laying Ceremony

*At the tomb of W. Brother George Washington
Mt. Vernon. Virginia*

Sunday - March 10, 2024

Assemble inside the Main Gate at 10:25 A.M.

Start lining up at 10:50 A.M.

Procession to the tomb at 11:00 A.M.

Participants include The **Supreme Tall Cedar** and the invited **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 **9:00 AM** for a free 1-hour tour.*

Very worthwhile & interesting!!

Hotel is available: *Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA
PH#703-960-2000*

*For more information contact Howard M. Beardsley @
443-243-4328 or beardsleyhoward@gmail.com*

Annual Convention 2024

Annual Convention
September 19-21, 2024
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania



Pennsylvania Monument

Aspire/Eisenhower Convention Center.
Aspire rooms- \$133.00 per night.
Eisenhower rooms- \$123.00 per night.
Free hot breakfast buffet included 7-10am
The entire indoor pool area will be ours for
FUN, FROLIC & FELLOWSHIP
Closed to the public!
Hospitality rooms for all forests will have ground floor
rooms into the pool area.
There will be a Memorial Service at the
Pennsylvania Monument. (Sat.)
Then, explore the Gettysburg battlefields

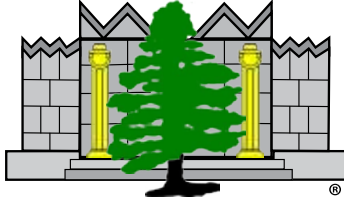


Aspire Convention Center



Eisenhower Convention Center





60th Annual Supreme Forest Bowling Tournament

Hold the Dates April 27-28, 2024



The 2023 was successful and we hope to expand well beyond the six teams represented last year.

This year's event will be held at the Suburban Bowlerama at 1945 S. Queen Street in York, PA.

York Forest No. 30 is pleased to host the tournament again this year.

Anyone who wants more information should contact Bob Hopkins, Bowling Committee Chairman at 717-368-9774, Nittanybob17@gmail.com

Come for the fun, frolic and fellowship!

Contact Bob Hopkins, PGTC No. 30, 717-368-9774, nittanybob17@gmail.com

Registration forms and rules for distribution to the Forest Scribes by the first of the year.



DB Jim Potts, Chairman Message

My Brother Cedars and Cedarettes -

Nonprofits live and die by the level of support received from dedicated supporters. I'm not being melodramatic.

As the TCF enters its 7th decade, I'm reminded the current attrition rate of nonprofit organizations is about one in three within their first ten years.

We are fortunate to have our loyal core of members who recognize the relentless efforts of the Tall Cedars as one of the bastions, leading the way towards helping Neuromuscular Patients. Your generosity has fortified us through thick and thin. Since 1951 your member contributions have always maintained a steady support level to those we're always seeking to help.

Donations in 2023 have started slowly this year. Of course, the most active support comes during the final three months of the year when folks plan their taxes and their philanthropic commitments. To promote our culture of giving, the TCF board of directors has recently pledged to donate an annual gift to fund the ongoing needs. Please add to this culture by giving what you can by December 31st. You can respond to this outreach by donating to the "Tall Cedars' Foundation" or take advantage of our secure donation portal at: www.tallcedarfoundation.org

We are grateful for your ongoing support, and hope that you will include the 501(c)(3) Tall Cedars Foundation on your list of worthy causes for your tax-deductible contributions in 2023. If you are age 70-1/2 or older and have a traditional IRA that requires you to make a required minimum distribution, you may be able to avoid taxes on an otherwise taxable distribution with a qualified charitable distribution. Check with your tax advisor to see how a QCD made to the TCF can benefit you and the children.

Thank you for helping us build a growing, strengthening culture of Cedarly giving to the TCF.

We are counting on your help...

DB Jim Potts, Chairman

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2024 Supreme Tall Cedar Trip, London England and Chartering of the new London Forest.

Preliminary schedule

While in London we will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Sutton. Approx. \$143.00 per night USD
Gibson Road, Sutton, SM12RF, UK
Pre-arranged with a block of rooms reserved.

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

Travel on your own to London, UK. Hotel is 30 minutes from the airport. Transportation information will come later.

Thursday, April 11th

Tour United Grand Lodge of England, Tour Mark Mason Hall, Tour Scottish Rite Head Quarters.

Friday, April 12th,

Tour England on the double-decker bus. Approx. \$50.00 Hop on and off as you would like.

Saturday, April 13th Chartering of the new London Forest. The evening banquet will be at the Sutton Masonic Hall, Sutton UK

Sunday, April 14th STC trip is officially over.

You can come and go at your pleasure for the rest of the week. However, if you stay the plan is, Boat trip to Westminster to Tower Bridge, Tower of London tour.

Monday, April 15th

Tour of Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Bath. Approx. \$181.00 USD

Tuesday, April 16th Travel to Edinburgh, Scotland on the bullet train. (4 hours) One-way ticket approx. \$120.00 US dollars. Hotels are not set yet.

Wednesday, April 17th

Tour the Roslyn Chapel.

Thursday, April 18th. On your own to tour Edinburgh. There are multiple tours for any interest from \$45.00 to \$125.00 USD. Hop on and off bus tour is only \$25.00. I will be going to the Loch Ness Monster Lake.

Friday, April 19th & Saturday, April 20th

Stay and tour Edinburgh and surrounding areas.

Saturday April 20th

Travel Home from Edinburgh or back to London, if you prefer.



York Forest No. 30 Gun Raffle



Pocono Forrest Degree in The Woods



District 8 DD John Inscho giving the secret work



Sully Morgan, Foundation Director Region 5



Jeffrey M. Wonderling, Right Worshipful Grand Master. Adam Neubauer Presenting



Jim Bennett Region 2 director presenting Pyramid to Steven Tucker Grand Master Delaware



Enjoying the Degree in The Woods



Members of Richmond Forest Joe Martelle, Ritchie Wolko and Alex Duenas



Pyramids & Roses



John Inscho, STC Dave Manter presenting a pyramid to his Son Michael Manter



Members of Warren County Forest with James Marion SDSTC

Rajah Shrine Instillation at Pocono Forrest Degree in The Woods



Jeff Wonderling Grand Master PA, Duane Dellecker Potente Rajah, Stephen Tucker Grand Master Delaware



Grand Master Wonderling speaking with the Candidates for Rajah Shrine



Duane Dellecke, Stephen Tucker, Jeff Wonderling



David A Macdonough GTC Pocono Forest, Jim Marion SDSTC, Mike Youse JDSTC, Dave Manter STC, Duane Dellecker Potente Rajah Shrine, Stephen Tucker Grand Master Delaware, Jeff Wonderling GM Pennsylvania



Mike Youse welcoming new member Jay Terdman



Stephen Tucker welcoming Jay Terdman



Jeff Wonderling welcoming Jay Terdman David A Macdonough in the background



Duane Dellecker welcomes David A Macdonough ,Nyles Possinger. and Jay Terdman

Family Picnic



Evergreen Forest No. 49 Family Picnic



Grand Tall Cedar-Aaron & Picnic Chairman Preston getting ready to Chow Down



Workers & cooks who Prepared & Served our Picnic



Evergreen Forest No. 49 Family Picnic



Evergreen Forest No. 49 Members Receiving Sidonian Degree



Ole Dover Days Parade



Past Grand Master Dean Disharoon Receiving his P G M Pyramid

Preston L Rogers, Jr. 60 Year Membership Celebration!!



Hagerstown Forest No. 95 100th Anniversary

On September 16th Hagerstown Forest No. 95 celebrated their 100th Anniversary at the Williamsport Redmen Lodge in Williamsport MD



Suzanne & Barry Sheaffer, PSTC



Hagerstown Forest 100th Anniversary Cake



Members enjoying dinner



Bill Martz & Jeff Taylor, JDGTC



Members and Guests at Hagerstown Forest #95 100th Anniversary



Debbi Manter, Doris & Bob Masten



Jeff Taylor, JDGTC



Officers and Supreme Officers

Impeesa Forest No. 223

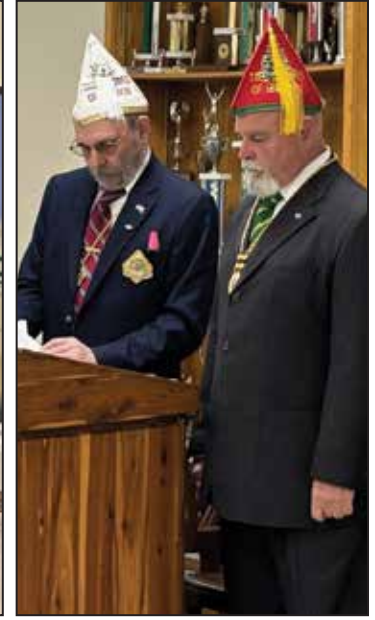
Our Newest Forest
Impeesa Forest No. 223
Centro - Rio de Janeiro Brazil



Trenton Forest No.4



Trenton Forest #4 - 2024 Officers



PSTC E. Becker installing new GTC Dale Walton Jr

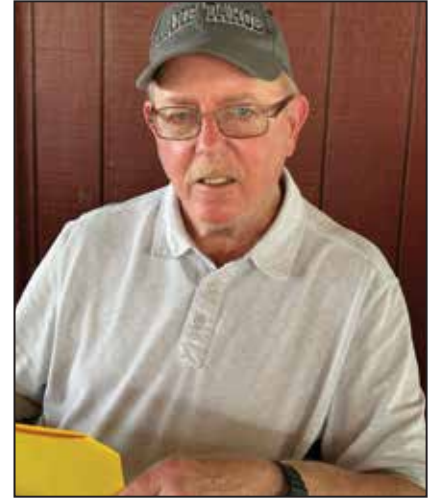
Algonquin Forest No. 140



Algonquin Forest #140 provided bears to be used and given to Jane's Place which serves trauma children.



Members of Algonquin Forest presented bluebird houses to the Cumberland City Council. Members present were GTC Dwight Metcalf



On July 8, 2023 Quittie Woods No. 25 had an appreciation picnic held at the Fredericksburg Park.

Howard Buch was the “man” in charge.

What a great time of fun, frolic, and fellowship the Cedars and their guests had while enjoying oysters on the half shell, steamed clams, and barbecued chicken.



Warren Harding Lawn Party

Temple Lodge No. 9 A.F.&A.M and Evergreen Forest No. 49

Celebrate President Warren G. Harding 100 Anniversary visit to Milford DE



Tall Cedars in attendance at Warren Harding Lawn Party



Grand Masters in attendance



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President Warren G. Harding & Florence



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Brethren with President & Mrs. Harding



Stephen Tucker
Grand Master of Delaware



Har-Ce Forest No. 142



At our Hawaiian night meeting we awarded two deserving high school graduates. The first ever GTC Pete Hicks Scholarship. GTC Pete Hicks was the GTC of Har-Ce Forest 142 in 2022 and passed away in July of that year, his commitment to the Tall Cedars and the communities of Harford and Cecil counties will continue via this scholarship. Congratulations Allison of Perryville High School and Samuel of Havre de Grace High School.



Har-Ce Forest 142 – Rose Sale at Looney’s Pub in Bel Air MD.
Thank you for all you do for the MDA families like ours, we appreciated you! Lora S. Pangrantz.
(DGTC Dave Spangler and GTC Charles J. White and his wife Joanna White)

Warren County Forest No. 14

Warren County Forest No.14 Rose Program raised \$8,300 at the Warren NJ County Fair.



James Barber, Paul Wolf, Region 5 Director and David Manter, STC



James Cronce & Paul Wolf, Region 5 Director

103rd Job's Daughters International Supreme Session PA Jurisdictional Job's Daughters Rally

Brothers and Ladies, again I would like to report on some traveling I did the end of July and again the end of August. Like last year, I was honored to represent The Tall Cedars of Lebanon at the 103rd Job's Daughters International Supreme Session at the end of July, this year it was in Middleton, WI. I was honored to be included in the Formal Opening and closing ceremony and gave remarks on behalf of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon along with other distinguished guests.

From Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning, I attended installations, meetings and visited the various exhibits displayed while talking to the young ladies and bethel guardians. My purpose was to introduce as many of the attendees to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. And I had the opportunity to reconnect with friends from the previous session and make new friends from the various jurisdictions of Job's Daughters. The young ladies, as always, did an amazing job conducting their meetings and a good time was had by those attending the session.

I spread as much fun, frolic and fellowship as I could among the attendees. And distributed even more roses during my talks with the young ladies and guardians. The pyramid continues to be of interest to those attending and was a great conversation starter about the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and our charitable objective. With the approval of the STC, I presented the Supreme Bethel with a 24" foundation bear and again the incoming and outgoing Supreme Bethel Honored Queen and Miss International Job's Daughter with the smaller foundation bear.

Then again, at the end of August, I was honored to attend the PA Jurisdictional Job's Daughters Rally at Patton Campus in Elizabethtown. I participated in the formal opening on Friday and again gave remarks regarding the Tall Cedars of Lebanon with the various other visiting dignitaries. During the festivities, I was again talking to the young ladies, bethel guardians and members of the other visiting appendant bodies. Saturday morning was the installation of the PA Jurisdictional Bethel officers and guardians. And the witness of excellent degree work by the installing officers. It was an honor to be able to attend these ceremonies and continue to spread the fun, frolic and fellowship of Tall Cedars of Lebanon among the ladies and visitors.

Once again, I encourage you, if one of the Masonic youth organizations are in your area, to contact them and get to know them. Attend their meetings or invite them to one of your functions and get to know these amazing young people.

Brian K. Van Scyoc
Supreme Treasurer



PA Jurisdictional Associate Guardian, PA Jurisdictional Guardian and myself



California Bethel Guardians



PA Miss Job's Daughters, myself and PA Jurisdictional Honored Queen



Supreme Bethel Honored Queen and Miss International Job's Daughter



Supreme Bethel Associate Guardian, Supreme Bethel Guardian and myself



Presenting the Foundation Bear to the Supreme Bethel officers

March Madness Sweepstake

Brothers, the Supreme Forest is holding a sweepstake to replace the gun raffle. The sweepstakes will be based upon the popular men's NCAA Tournament or March Madness. The benefit is to be split between the Special Activities account and the general fund. The sweepstake is operated by Fundcrazr and you can view their website at www.fundcrazr.com for more information on the organization.

The tickets will be sent to the Forest by the request of the Grand Tall Cedar or Scribe. An email will be sent to the officers to request tickets to sell when they are available in December. As an incentive to the Forest to participate in the sweepstake, \$1.00 of each ticket sold by members of the Forest are to be kept by the Forest. The Forest will only need to submit \$9.00 for each ticket sold to the Supreme Forest.

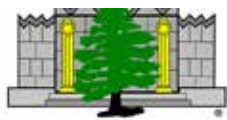
The sweepstake will run from the middle of December through the middle of March (all tickets need to be returned to the Supreme Forest and postmarked by March 16, 2024). Each ticket is a \$10 donation and will have four (4) teams on each ticket. The team names will be concealed by a scratch off covering and will only be revealed after the purchaser of the ticket scratches off the covering. If one of the teams does not make the tournament, a replacement team will be substituted for that team. The replacement team name will be available on the sweepstake's website after selection Sunday March 17, 2024.

The method of scoring for the sweepstakes is based on the number of points scored by the four (4) teams listed on the ticket. The points scored by each team is added together for every game played by those teams, whether the team wins or losses the game. Obviously the longer the team stays in the tournament the more points accumulated by that team to be included in the final scoring. The total prize pay out will be \$1,500.00, distributed as the following:

Highest Points	\$400.00	7th Highest	\$70.00
2nd Highest	\$250.00	8th Highest	\$60.00
3rd Highest	\$200.00	9th Highest	\$50.00
4th Highest	\$150.00	10th Highest	\$40.00
5th Highest	\$100.00	Lowest Points	\$60.00
6th Highest	\$80.00	2nd Lowest	\$40.00

In the event of a tie, the prizes would be combined and then split between the participants. And all prizes will be paid out after the final game on April 8, 2024.

For more information in the sweepstake by contacting the Supreme Forest and leaving you information for a return call.



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2024 Educational Scholarships

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon International will award five \$1,000 Scholarships for a one- year period according to the following criteria:

A. Awarded annually to a member in good standing of a Job's Daughters Bethel, a Rainbow Assembly, or a DeMolay Chapter in a jurisdiction where a Tall Cedar Forest exists, or be the son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a Tall Cedar in good standing. Previous recipients are not eligible. The jurisdictions where Tall Cedar Forests are located are as follows:

Brazil	El Salvador	Mexico	Quebec
Connecticut	Delaware	Florida	Georgia
Illinois	Indiana	Maryland	Massachusetts
Michigan	Missouri	Nebraska	New Jersey
New York	North Dakota	Ohio	Pennsylvania
South Carolina	Tennessee	Virginia	West Virginia

B. Each candidate must:

1. Be accepted, or completed the first year, at an accredited institution in any Associate Degree, Baccalaureate Degree, Technical or Vocation Program;
2. Plan to attend on a full-time basis;
3. Be of excellent character, personal integrity, leadership, and community involvement;
4. Provide two recommendations from school administrators, guidance counselors, and/or teachers;
5. Provide one personal reference;
6. Provide financial need information;
7. Complete a personal essay of no more than 1,000 words outlining why education is important to themselves;
8. Submit an official school transcript;
9. Complete the Masonic Affiliation form; and
10. Complete a photo/video release form.

C. Postmark deadline for all applications is March 25th, with the awards being made in April.

D. All scholarship monies will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning.

All components of the application are available through the Supreme Forest office (see contact information, above) and must be submitted in one package to the Scholarship Chairman at the above address.



PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP

_____ Forest No. _____

I hereby declare that I am a member in good standing of a duly chartered Masonic Lodge, am vouched for as having the necessary qualifications and am desirous of providing service to this Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, hereby offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of the Order.

I further declare that I have never previously applied for the degree of Tall Cedar, nor have I, to my knowledge, been elected or rejected by any Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

If found eligible, I promise to cheerfully conform to all the established usages, customs, regulations and the Constitution, By-laws, and edicts of the Supreme Forest together with those of this Forest.

Name in full (print) _____
First Middle Last

Place of residence _____

Telephone Nos. (Home) _____ (Cell) _____ (Work) _____

E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

Marital Status _____ Wife's name _____ Occupation _____

Name & Address of Employer _____

Master Mason Initiation Date: _____ I am a Master Mason and now a member of _____

Lodge No. _____, located at _____, State of _____

The fee of \$ _____ accompanies this petition. Hat Size _____ Signature _____
(sign name in full, no initials)

I usually sign my name thus _____ Dated at _____, this _____ day of _____, 20_____

VOUCHER CERTIFICATE

We hereby certify that we are well acquainted with the petitioner, that we have read the answers to the questions contained in the petition and believe them to be true and that each of us believes the petitioner to be morally qualified, of good character, and under the tongue of good repute and we cheerfully recommend him.

Signature Forest No. _____ Address _____

Signature Forest No. _____ Address _____

This petition must be in the Scribe's hand _____ days preceding Ceremonial, including initiation fee.

Pyramid and Annual Dues Payable at Ceremonial - Initiation Fee \$ _____ - Pyramid \$ _____ - Annual Dues \$ _____

Make checks payable to _____ Forest No. _____ Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

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The History of The Tall Cedar Rose

The main objective of the Tall Cedars is to support the fight against neuromuscular diseases.

One of our fundraising projects is the Rose Program. In 1979, the Rose Program was instituted as a new fundraiser for the Tall Cedars by Essex Forest No. 8. "Roses Against Muscular Dystrophy!" was accepted as a national program and offered for a donation on street corners and at special events of the Forests. This program remains much the same today.

Over the years, the Rose has become the signature of a Tall Cedar. We wear the rose as a reminder of our commitment to be there for the kids always. So, be proud when you wear this rose and join in the Fun, Frolic and Fellowship of Tall Cedarism, and the fight against neuromuscular diseases.

