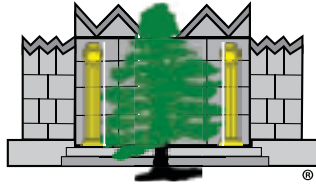


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consideration. We apologize, but due to space constraints
we are not able to publish every submission we receive.

On the Cover: Bruce Neubauer Sr. being installed as
Supreme Tall Cedar for 2026 being installed by his
Son/Aide Adam Neubauer and escorted by his Grand
Daughter Steffanie.

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Past Supreme Tall Cedar Michael Youse PGTC No. 49

Dear Cedar Community,

As my term concluded on December 31st, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunities and support I have received during my tenure. It has been a remarkable year, and I extend my sincere appreciation to everyone in the Kingdom for their unwavering support and assistance.

Our year commenced with the annual wreath-laying ceremony held in March at Mount Vernon. The event was well attended and supported by numerous Masonic jurisdictions. Throughout the spring, numerous fraternal visits were made, including visits to youth groups, some Grand Lodges, and other related fraternal organizations.

I visited numerous forests throughout the year. The summer months were marked by numerous picnics, dinners, and special events hosted by the Forests. Our convention was held in September and was attended by a large number of individuals. I believe we had a productive session, and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie provided by our hospitality suites.

The year concluded with numerous visits and installations. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers for the 2026 term.

I would like to express my gratitude to my officers, committee members, and district deputies for their unwavering dedication throughout the year. Your support was invaluable. I particularly commend Cynthia for an exceptional job in maintaining the office and supporting our members' needs. To the Board of Directors, I extend my sincere thanks for your tireless efforts to enhance our organization. I will cherish the memories of working with everyone as my six-year tenure on the Board concludes.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to Bruce and Adam Neubauer, our esteemed Supreme Tall Cedar and his aide, for their invaluable contributions to our Kingdom. Their collaborative efforts, as evidenced by our frequent conversations and travels, have provided us with invaluable insights and motivated us to develop innovative solutions to enhance the Tall Cedars.

I am confident that our Kingdom is in capable hands for the upcoming year and eagerly anticipate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

It is important to recognize that the year's accomplishments were the collective efforts of all members, not the sole responsibility of any individual. I was honored to serve as your esteemed Supreme Tall Cedar in 2025 and eagerly anticipate our future as a Kingdom. I will gladly provide any assistance I can to ensure the continued success of our endeavors.

Once again, I extend my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your support for both me and Supreme Tall Cedar Neubauer is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mike Youse

Past Supreme Tall Cedar





Supreme Tall Cedar Bruce Neubauer PGTC No. 77

To all Tall Cedar Families and Friends:

My name is Bruce Neubauer Sr. I am your Supreme Tall Cedar for 2026

It is my honor to serve as the Supreme Tall Cedar. I would like to thank you for making my dream of many years come true. I am looking forward to working with every Forest in the Cedar Kingdom. I am going to try to attend as many activities as possible. Please send me an invitation in advance of when you are having your event. It doesn't matter whether it is a special stated meeting or a Grand Tall Ball, know that they are all important. Let me know as early as possible, as my calendar is filling up rather quickly

Please don't hesitate to call, text, or email with any problems or questions you may have. I am old school so I will most likely call you back. I will text or email you first to make sure it is a convenient time to call. If you have any ideas on how to make meetings more exciting, please let me know.

This year is the 250 th anniversary of our country. For many years, the Tall Cedars have honored Brother George Washington with a Wreath Laying at the George Washington Tomb. This is located at Mt. Vernon, VA. This year will be no different. The Wreath Laying will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2026. After the Wreath Laying you will be able to explore the Estate and Mansion. Complimentary tickets are available. There will be a flier with all the details.

I am very excited about working with the 2026 slate of Supreme Officers. The Supreme Line and Directors have one goal, to make sure the Tall Cedar Forests have everything they need to move forward with Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship.

This year STC Mike Youse has done a lot of traveling around the Kingdom. Mike also had a very successful convention this year in Gettysburg in September. We had more room nights than we have had in recent history. Many of the Forests took advantage of the pool side hospitality rooms. Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship were absolutely running wild. This year we introduced a new event. The Chuck a Duck Event. You talk about an ice breaker. My committee and I rented the ducks. On the first day everyone was a little confused about what to do. We rented all the ducks and at 9:00 pm everyone came together and tossed their duck at the target which was a big duck. The three closest to the big duck won a prize. Everyone at the event had a great time. The convention was a great success. The 2026 convention will also be a great success with your support, so mark your calendar now for September 30-October 3, 2026.

As you know we have a new and exciting direction for the Foundation. For 75 years, we have supported MDA. Our foundation was chartered the same year that Jerry Lewis started the telethon. It is always important to support research. About 3 years ago, the Tall Cedars Foundation decided to fill a need that was not fulfilled by any of the other entities affiliated with Muscular Dystrophy. We were made aware that there were children and adults afflicted with MD were enduring many different situations with no immediate help available. They may need to get a procedure but cannot afford the treatment. The family might need a ramp to get into the house but have no money to get it built. This is the mission of the Tall Cedar Foundation. We must get our message out to the public so that they know we are here to help.

We all must work together to help our organization grow. We all like to talk about the things we enjoy, this is no different, talk about Tall Cedars, make people interested, invite them to your meetings or other functions. They will ask you for a petition.

Cedarly,

Bruce Neubauer STC 2026

Sr. Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Jerry Richards PGTC No. 21

Greetings Fellow Cedars,

What a great year it's been! First off I'd like to thank my fellow cedars for showing their support and electing me as Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for the ensuing year.

Thank you for all of the invitations to all of the events throughout the realm. My wife, Jean and I enjoyed meeting everyone at the different forests and appreciate the hospitality shown to us. I will be back on the road again this year so if your forest is having a special event, let me know and I will try to add it to my calendar where possible.

It was great to see two new forests open up this year. Buffalo Forest No. 92 and Slatington Forest No. 226 are open for business. The kingdom is growing. Let's keep it going.

One of my questions to everyone is What made you decide to join Tall Cedars? What makes you keep coming back? How can we keep that initial excitement of fun, frolic and fellowship alive so that we may share it with our new members around the realm. So I'm asking, when you see me, please let me know.

Congratulations to Past Supreme Tall Cedar Mike Youse on a fantastic convention in Gettysburg. Attendance was the best we've had in the past few years and the Fun Frolic and Fellowship was at an all time high in the hospitality area. Convention for 2026 will again be at the Eisenhower Hotel and after searching around at different locations and finding nothing to fit our needs, I have decided that I too will be going back to Gettysburg for my convention in September 2027. More information to follow.

I would sincerely like to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, notes and well wishes during the last few months after my unexpected surgery. It really meant a lot to me and my family. It brightened my day, lifted my spirits and helped with my healing. That may have put me down for a couple months but now I'm back better than ever and ready to go!

I'd like to wish Supreme Tall Cedar Bruce Neubauer the best of luck in 2026 and offer him my full support and look forward to having a fantastic year. I'm also looking forward to working with the new Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Roberto Sanchez as he progresses through the line.

Remember, the Supreme Officers are here to help you. Do not hesitate to contact me, the supreme office or any other Supreme Officer with any questions, concerns or problems that your forest may be having. We are here for you!

Yours in Cedarism,

Jerry Richards

Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar

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Jr. Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Roberto M. Sanchez PGTC No. 12

A Message of Gratitude and Vision:

I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the members of Tall Cedars of Lebanon International for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as your Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. I am deeply honored by your trust, and I accept this responsibility with humility, enthusiasm, and a strong commitment to service.

Tall Cedars has long stood as a symbol of fellowship, charity, and tradition. Our Order is built not only on history, but on the dedication of members who believe in its future. I am grateful to be given the opportunity to contribute to that future and to work alongside our leadership and membership to strengthen and expand our mission.

As we look ahead, I am especially excited about the opportunities before us to grow Tall Cedars on an international scale. Our values transcend borders, and there is great potential to cultivate new groves, strengthen existing ones, and rekindle

engagement where interest already exists. Through thoughtful outreach, collaboration with Masonic bodies, and a renewed focus on mentorship and education, we can ensure that Tall Cedars continues to thrive for generations to come.

Growth is not simply about numbers—it is about relevance, connection, and purpose. By embracing fresh ideas while honoring our traditions, we can present Tall Cedars as a vibrant and welcoming organization for both seasoned members and those newly discovering our fraternity. Supporting charitable endeavors, enhancing communication across jurisdictions, and encouraging active participation will be key pillars of this effort.

I also look forward to serving and advancing the progressive line in the coming years. Continuity of leadership is essential to long-term success, and I am committed to learning from those who have served before me while preparing to serve effectively in the roles ahead. Together, we can build momentum that carries our Order forward with clarity and unity.

Thank you once again for your support and confidence. I am proud to stand with you, to serve you, and to work toward a stronger, more connected Tall Cedars of Lebanon International.

Fraternally & Cedarly,

Roberto M. Sanchez, PGTC

Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar (Elect)

Supreme Historian

Supreme Director, Region 12

Supreme Treasurer Robert J. Thomas PGTC No. 50

Brother Cedars,

It's my privilege to be able to serve as your Supreme Treasurer. It is especially good to be in this position with the rest of the outstanding leadership serving here in the Supreme Forest. Congratulations to Mike Youse for a great year as Supreme Tall Cedar. Not only did he run a great convention, but he also made many visits and worked to promote Cedarism.

Also, congratulations to Bruce Neubauer, our 2026 Supreme Tall Cedar. He brings the kingdom some fresh new ideas, but also intends to really illustrate the concept of visiting other Forests. The board decided to replace our Cedar1 van (which was over 10 years old), and this has already been done. So, Bruce has all the tools he needs and is dying to get out to the Forests. He is promoting our Tall Cedar Bears rather heavily. So, if you end up meeting Bruce in his travels, you will probably end up leaving with a bear....or two.

A shout to the Tall Cedar Foundation to all the new things they are doing. Please read the article in this Digest to understand the full scope of what they have already done and what they are working on in the future.

And to our members. You are involved in what I feel is a hidden gem of Freemasonry. We really exemplify fun, frolic, and fellowship. Isn't that something we should be sharing with our fellow Masonic brothers? Invite them to open meetings or public Cedar events. What harm can it do? I don't think any of our Forests have that many members that they couldn't use a few more. Attempt to do this, and we can make the whole organization stronger. Do you have a membership chairman in your Forest? Try to get Lodge notices from the Lodges in your area, find and contact them, and introduce them to this great organization.

If we work hard enough, we will be successful in 2026 and beyond.

Cederly,

Bob Thomas,

Supreme Treasurer





Supreme Scribe Mark Brumaghim PSTC No. 43

Tall Cedars and Ladies,

As I sit here in front of the computer and struggle about what to write it occurred to me that I wrote 10 articles a year for 3 years for the Cedar Bark while going through the line in the Harrisburg Forrest, 2 articles a year for 3 years in the Cedar Digest while going through the Supreme Line and so far as the Supreme Scribe 2 articles a year for 2 years. I am starting to run out of things to write about. There, I have more than I did 15 minutes ago.

2025 was a busy year. S.D. Jim Walmer and I along with our wives visited almost all the Forests in Region 3, some of them multiple times. We also made visits outside of Region 3. In August I traveled to Buffalo N.Y. where a group of Supreme Officers reopened Buffalo Forest No. 92 which was closed since the 1930's. This year we again held a Groupable seminar at Convention and it was well attended. Hopefully the

attendees learned things about Groupable and we were able to help them. I would like to thank Scott Koons, Scribe of the Quitapahilla Forest # 25, for his assistance. Also, for the first time in many years the Supreme Forest held a DDSTC seminar at the Convention. It was planned and presented by PSTC George Lyter who did an excellent job. Thank you, George.

In a little more than a month Mike Youse, our Supreme Tall Cedar, will be leaving office and can look back on a year well done, I hope he had fun along the way. I enjoyed working with both Mike and Linda and I suspect they will be taking a well-earned rest at their home in Florida.

I look forward to working with the 2026 Supreme Tall Cedar, Bruce Neubauer. In past years Bruce and I served together as Supreme Directors on the Supreme Board of Directors and worked well together, I am certain that will continue.

Sue and I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a healthy and happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Mark

New Supreme Directors



Robert McGinnis



Brandin Schrum



Salomon Lahana



Julio Martinez



Brian Zeppa

Supreme Chief Clown Harris R. Asbeil

I am honored to be the new Supreme Chief Clown. Following Crabby, I have some big clown shoes to fill. I view this Change of Command (flashback to my Army days) as an opportunity to reinvigorate Tall Cedar Clowns.

The current focus of the Tall Cedar Foundation is to connect directly with MD children and their families, and I would be thrilled if clowning becomes an integral part of our efforts. Clowns are generally recognized as ambassadors of goodwill. When we get the opportunity to go out and meet the public, clowns can connect with children of all ages and give the Cedars an opening to increase awareness of our charity and find opportunities in the local communities to help families in need.

I am fortunate to have a wonderful committee, consisting of Rob Brinkley, Matt Brodeur, and Linda Gevinson, all experienced clowns. I want to update my records, so I kindly request that all Forests with a clown unit or clown members contact me by email: harrisasbeil6@gmail.com. I would also like any Forest that wants to start a clown unit to contact me.

Many of you are already clowns -- let's just make it official! Remember, clowning is open to Cedars AND Cedarettes. With the help of my committee, I am more than happy to help start the ball rolling. Let's have some fun, frolic, and fellowship through clowning.

Fraternally & Cedarly,

Harris R. Asbeil

Supreme Chief Clown




From the Foundation Chairman

The Tall Cedars Foundation remains committed to fulfilling its mission **“to provide relief for children and families affected by muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases and partner with organizations sharing similar goals.”** We continue to see how our efforts in helping children and families is having a positive impact on the communities in which our members live. Our strategic partnerships with non-profits that share a similar mission of helping families and advancing research toward a cure continue to bear fruit, and these would not be possible without your faithful support. Every donation, whether from individuals or forests, will make a significant difference in the lives of children and families by helping your Tall Cedars Foundation fulfil its mission.



We've continued to see a rise in members purchasing a life membership or upgrading their life membership level. It's great to see the colorful new pins adorning our members' pyramids. We hope you wear it with a deep sense of pride and know that you are continuing to help us make a difference. Through your generous contributions, lives are being changed, and research is being funded—thereby allowing these kids and families to lead more fruitful and blessed lives.

Our mission continues...


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MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY RELIEF FUND (MDRF) GRANTS

The Tall Cedars Foundation grant process is continually ongoing. Forests are encouraged to identify families in their local communities who could benefit from one of our MDRF grants. The forests, through their MD chairmen or committees, work with families to complete a short application form. The Foundation Board reviews each application and makes funding decisions monthly. Families may apply for grants of up to \$5,000 per year. If needed, a process also exists for a second \$5,000 grant per year. These grants can be used to support various expenses, including travel costs for their child's treatments, costs to attend summer camp, specific equipment needed for their child, home accessibility renovations, and many other related expenses. We encourage forests to reach out to us and discuss the needs of their local families so we can determine the best way to support them!

Using its Muscular Dystrophy Relief Fund, the Foundation is also committed to supporting research that can help launch the careers of clinical researchers focused on developing therapeutics and a cure for muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular diseases. Grants supported by the Foundation are awarded to non-profit organizations with direct relationships with these clinical researchers at some of the world's leading medical schools. Every few months, a non-profit organization with direct ties to research initiatives provides a brief presentation to the Foundation Board. The Board then considers their efforts and needs and awards them a grant. The Board will then work with that organization on a joint press release and follow up with them throughout the year to learn about the advancements that have been made.



MDRF GRANT SNAPSHOT

More than \$150,000 has been awarded since 2023!

Delaware

- Spicer Dietsch (Evergreen #49) – repairs to the home residence bedroom and making a bathroom more handicap-accessible
- Riker Lyons (Evergreen #49) – assistance with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van
- Bentley Hart Baumann (Evergreen #49) – repairs to flooring, back porch deck and construction of a wheelchair ramp at the home residence

Florida

- Elsie Claire Sauls (Blackwater #220) – assistance with travel costs for specialized treatments
- Noah Scarafilie (Suncoast #165) – repairs to the family's wheelchair accessible van

Maryland

- Olivia Calvert (Annapolis #126) – assistance with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van

Indiana

- Leslie Brown (Adoniram #209) – purchase of a specialized wheelchair

Pennsylvania

- Lucas Smith (Harrisburg #43) – assistance with travel costs for specialized treatments and the purchase of a specialized apparatus for in-home therapy
- Ahmani Manning (York #30) – transfer and title of a donated wheelchair accessible van
- Claire Menke (Evergreen #49) – assistance with the purchase of a wheel-chair accessible van

El Salvador

- Miguel Angel Hernandez Garcia (El Salvador #222) – assistance with travel costs for specialized treatments



Non-Profit Foundations

- Shriner’s International
- Philadelphia Shriner’s Hospital
- Strongest Hearts
- Parent Project MD
- Michael’s Cause

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

Before 2025, the Life Membership program had a single level of recognition, which was achieved through a one-time gift of \$75 from a Tall Cedar. In 2025, the Board approved two program changes, outlined below. All current Life Members begin with the cumulative gift of their initial enrollment (i.e., \$75 or \$100, depending on when they purchased their Life Membership). As members make additional gifts, these are tracked, and when a new gift milestone is reached, they are presented with a certificate and a pin for their pyramid. The pin denoting your highest giving level is worn on the pyramid.

Life Membership Levels

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
			
\$100	\$250	\$500	\$1000
Cumulative Gift	Cumulative Gift	Cumulative Gift	Cumulative Gift

BECOME A LIFE MEMBER TODAY



ENROLLING IS EASY!

“PUT A PIN ON YOUR PYRAMID”

Simply download and complete the “Life Membership Form” on the Foundation website at <https://tallcedarfoundation.org/life/>

Once you’ve completed the form, print it off and mail a check (*payable to the Tall Cedars Foundation*) to the Supreme Forest office.

Please specify in the memo line that this is for a Life Membership.

Life memberships count toward overall forest donations for the purpose of the annual giving level award programs.

An easy goal: Every forest adds one Life Member (or has a member increase their level) per year.

MARKETING KIT UNDER DEVELOPMENT

As I mentioned in my address to the Kingdom at Convention, several brothers have asked for assistance in identifying families to help. The Foundation’s long-range goal is to have each forest in the kingdom adopt one MD family. When you choose to adopt and support a family, you become eligible for the Dick Feeser Family Support Award (specific information about this program was recently sent via Groupable and is also available on the website). Furthermore, your forest becomes the conduit for that family to apply for an MDRF grant!

We recognize it might not be easy to find a family. You may have asked around, spoken about it at Masonic lodge meetings, and still struggle to identify a family. Here are a few strategies to help identify a family. Remember, my brothers, we’re Masons and Tall Cedars – and we’re here to help!

In response to this, your Foundation is developing a simple postcard-sized brochure you can distribute. The card will briefly explain who the Freemasons and the Tall Cedars are and share our commitment to helping families and children affected by muscular dystrophy or related neuromuscular disorders. The brochure will let them know we have a grant process and provide examples of the kinds of things our donations support. There will also be a space on the card for EACH FOREST to put their specific contact information. Provide the name, email address, and phone number of a brother the family can reach out to. This brother will be the key point of contact between the forest and the family and will coordinate the grant request process on behalf of the family and your forest.

We will ship these to the Forest Scribes along with some stickers on which this information can be written or printed and affixed to the space on the form designated for the local contact information. We ask that the forests enter their local information on the stickers, affix them to the brochures, and then distribute the brochures to their membership.

WHERE SHOULD YOU DISTRIBUTE THESE BROCHURES?

- **Masonic lodges (of course).** We want our brother Masons to know what we're up to, which may also help drive membership into the Tall Cedars!
- **Schools** – talk to the nurses or guidance counselors in the elementary, middle, and high schools. They cannot give you a name (because of HIPPA laws), but if you give them a few of these brochures and ask they give them to the families of kids with MD, that is something they can do. The family then can choose to reach out to you if they need assistance.
- **Doctor's offices** – Talk to the nurse next time you're visiting your Primary Care physician. Leave a few brochures with them, as they would also be able to connect with doctors in their practice who might see children with MD and could provide the family with your brochure the next time they see the patient.
- **Neurologists /Neuromuscular specialists** – Some of the bigger communities and hospitals may have doctors who specialize in neurological or neuromuscular diseases. These are the doctors who provide the specific MD diagnosis for the child. These doctors may also have relationships with MD patients and can be a valuable asset in helping spread the word if you were to give them a few brochures.
- **Physical therapists** – MD kids undergo A LOT of physical therapy. If you can find physical therapists who specialize in pediatrics, even better! Find the local physical therapists in your community and pay them a visit with a few brochures in hand. They may have some of the more regular contact with MD patients, and can serve as an excellent conduit to connect a family with your forest.



When you have the brochures ready to go, make an event out of distributing them. Divide the brothers into small teams of two or three. Have these teams visit the various locations—divide and conquer—to make the most efficient use of everyone's time and efforts. Then meet up afterward for coffee and fellowship to discuss and debrief how the effort went! You might be surprised how a few days of effort might result in a new relationship between a family in need and your forest!



Have you picked up the 2026 Foundation Bear?

Our Supreme Tall Cedar Neubauer has them on his visits, or you can purchase them from the Store on the Tall Cedars Foundation website (www.tallcedarfoundation.org).

2026 Convention Packets & Voting Credentials

Greetings from the desk of the credential committee chair for the 2026 International Tall Cedars Convention in Gettysburg, PA October 1-4th. Last year we saw a much-improved process to get your registration packets and also your voting credentials for the business meeting. We decided to make a few more subtle changes to streamline the process even more and have all of the ground work done prior to the business meeting at convention. Registration and credentials tables will be in the **LOBBY** again this year, NOT outside the business meeting hall.

Helpful steps to follow:

1. Pick up registration packets in the front lobby as early as possible to avoid the rush.
2. Pick up your voting credentials as soon as you get your registration paperwork. Next to the convention registration table will be the **CREDENTIALS** Table for your convenience.
3. **KNOW YOUR REGION.** Signs will be posted with your forest name and number under your **REGION**.
4. Have your **current dues card** ready in order for the credentials team to verify your status.
5. Download Groupable Passport on your phone and install. This will provide your dues card electronically.



We know that the mad rush at convention registration and at the credentials table can be frustrating. By taking these few steps to get your dues card electronically prior to getting to the convention and by registering as soon as you get to convention, we will be able to make this process much more enjoyable for you as well as for the credentials committee.

Invite other Cedars and their families to this year's convention. Enjoy Gettysburg and enjoy the fraternal spirit of Cedarism.

Fraternaly yours,

WM. Bruce Mulligan

Supreme District Deputy District 14

Convention Credentials Chairman



2026

**TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**



October 1 – 4, 2026

EISENHOWER HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER 2634
EMMITSBURG ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

Room Rates per night:

Eisenhower \$144.00 + taxes

**Reservations are built in the system Call
717-334-8121 to start reserving rooms**



All reservations must be made by September 1st



**Bed removal requests must be made at time of booking.
\$35 / bed and \$50 if you wait**

Note: Party Rooms will be around pool

Convention 2025 Recap

This year's convention in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was a resounding success, drawing 319 registered attendees. Many Forests contributed to the vibrant atmosphere with outstanding Hospitality Suites, creating a warm and welcoming environment for all.

The fellowship among members and the inviting venue made for a truly memorable experience. Friday featured the General Session, followed by a well-attended Installation Banquet. The Sojourners delivered an inspiring "Building the Flag" presentation, leading into the installation of our 2026 officers.

Saturday began with the always-entertaining Clown Competition, followed by Schuylkill Forest's impressive Coal Cracker Degree. The afternoon offered a variety of breakout sessions. Before the Saturday Banquet, youth groups gave heartfelt presentations, and the Tall Cedars proudly presented the DeMolay PMC-MSA award.

The evening concluded with a dance in the ballroom and, of course, more time to enjoy the phenomenal Hospitality Suites.

Looking ahead, we're excited to return to Gettysburg in 2026, once again at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center, from October 1st to 4th. Supreme Tall Cedar Bruce Neubauer has an exciting lineup of activities planned. If you haven't attended a convention recently, now is the perfect time to reconnect. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a fantastic weekend and support your Supreme Forest!



Installation



General Session Room 3



Broughton Award Winner David W. Manter



General Session East



Duck Toss



Hospitality Rooms



Coal Cracker Degree



Hospitality Rooms

Spotlight: Mike Pompura

Every forest has tall cedars that never seek recognition but deserve it.

In Westmoreland Forest, we have one of these special Cedars. For many years, this member has always gone out every year and donated many toys to the Toys for Tots.

In 2023, after a catastrophe in the Smoky Mountains, I was asked to coordinate a drive to gather all kinds of dry goods and food to take to the region. During this time, this Cedar drove his Motor Home and Trailer to Dollywood and donated the goods. In November of 2023, he organized a toy drive and was able to bring it to this region as well. Most recently, he brought 40 2025 bears to this region for charity.

This Tall Cedar's name is Mike Pompura. He is a member of Westmoreland Forest 77. At the 2024 Convention, Jim Marion presented Mike with the Tall Cedar of the Year Award.

Mike, thank you for all you do for humankind.



Indiana Wheel Chair Presentation

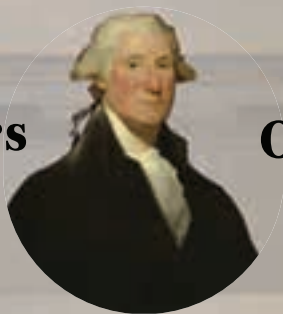
Brothers, I want to share something deeply meaningful from my own experience. I, Elliot Hartsough—a member of Tall Cedar Forest Adoniram #209 and an Officer of Glen Park Lodge #732—met Leslie Kneisley, a 61-year-old woman who has lived with muscular dystrophy her entire life and is also legally deaf and blind, through a manager at my workplace, Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville, IN. Service has always been a part of my family's identity: my mother serves our community as an Episcopal priest, and my grandfather on my father's side not only founded the crisis center in West Lafayette, IN, but also served as a hostage negotiator for the Indianapolis Police Department during the 1990s. Several other relatives have long been dedicated members of the League of Women Voters. With a family rooted so deeply in public service, I see myself as simply doing my part.

Leslie's story is both heartbreaking and humbling. Though none of her children inherited her disease, she has faced unimaginable challenges. After losing her husband in 2019, the government seized nearly all of her assets when she had to be placed on medical assistance. The nursing home where she lived then banned electric-powered wheelchairs because their batteries would die in the hallways, leaving her with

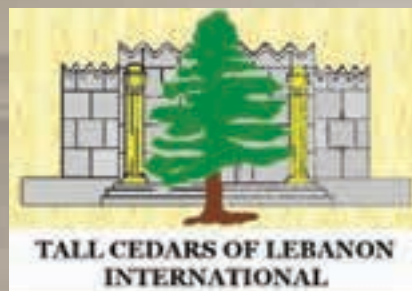
almost no independence. When Jim Marion and I found her, she was pushing herself around with two toes—both covered in blisters—and she had been wearing her daughter Erika's old sneakers. Erika, who is 37 and the eldest of three, has been doing everything she can to care for her mother.

Thankfully, we are fortunate to have Jim Marion in our local forest, and his guidance and efforts were instrumental in helping secure the aid Leslie desperately needed. It's not every day that you have a Past Supreme Tall Cedar involved in a case like this, and his presence made a tremendous difference. Leslie is also the first person in the history of the Tall Cedars to receive aid above the age of 18. With the Foundation's approval of her prescription wheelchair, she finally regained comfortable and dignified mobility after years of struggle. We were also able to provide her with new sneakers, giving her relief and stability in her daily life. Each time I see her gratitude, I'm reminded of how fortunate many of us truly are. These experiences ground me, inspire me to manage my own finances responsibly, and continually reaffirm why I am committed to helping those who cannot help themselves."

Tall Cedars



Of Lebanon



WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

At the Tomb of W. Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON

**Mt. Vernon, Virginia
SUNDAY - MARCH 8,
2026**

Agenda:

- 1:00pm - Guest Arrival to the Ford Orientation Center
- 1:20pm - Group Pictures
- 1:35pm - Line up for Procession
- 1:45pm - Procession to Washington's Tomb (carts available for those in need)
- 2:00pm - Wreath Laying at the Tomb

2:15pm - Exploration of the Estate, Mansion Tours (complimentary tickets available)

Event Hotel:

Holiday Inn, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Fairfax, VA. 703-960-2000
(Mention Tall Cedars for group rate)

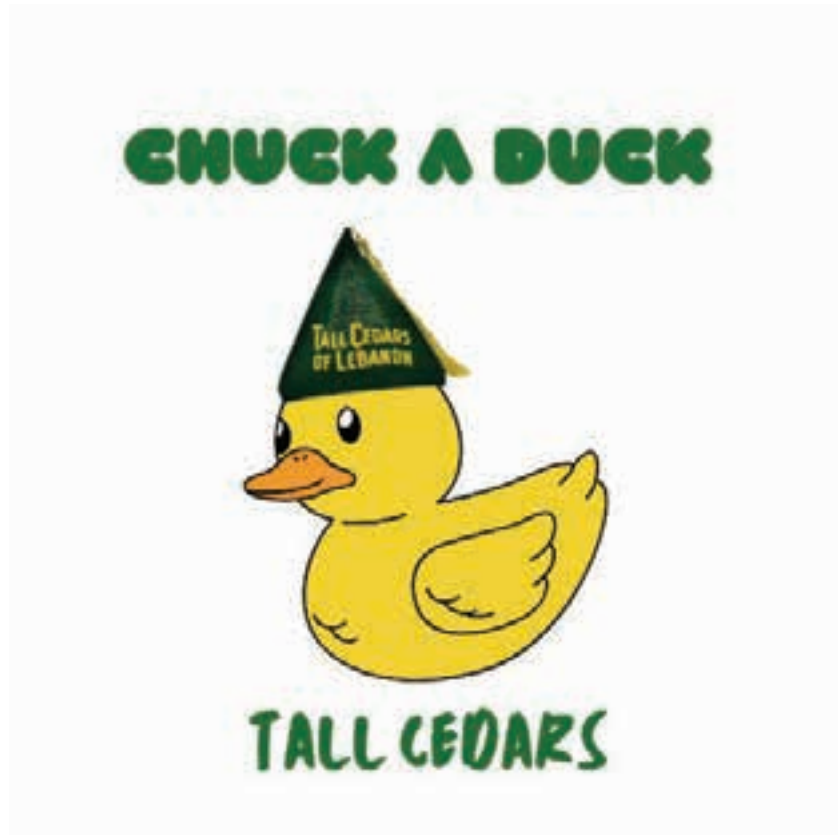


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2026 Convention Fundraiser



RENT a duck for \$5.00
Trust your luck and toss the duck.

**Closest 3 Ducks win monetary
Prizes**
2 special ducks will win as well

New Growth for the Tall Cedars of Lebanon

By Jeffrey A. Blayman

On a bright and beautiful Saturday morning in September the members of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon (TCL) gathered in the Scottish Rite building in Newington. Thanks to the generosity of the Valley of Hartford and the use of their magnificent theater those who attended were met with a portrayal of the Prologue and Royal Court Degree of the TCL which had not been seen LIVE in over 40 years!

Under the watchful eye of Brother Cedar Eric Hoy District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar for District 15 a number of local Forests came to initiate 17 new brothers. Members from Nutmeg Forest 116 of Glastonbury, Laurel Forest 130 of Wallingford and Massasoit Forest 91 of Attleboro, Massachusetts all came to participate in this unique and exciting opportunity.

Once everyone had arrived, the vote was taken to initiate new Cedars by the members and the seats of the auditorium filled with Pyramids (hats) of numerous colors as the curtains parted and the prologue began. A number of familiar faces assisted in the degree work including the illustrious brother Guy Whelchel from the Valley of Bridgeport who never ceases to amaze with his numerous portrayals throughout Connecticut.

After the work of the day was done, Grand Tall Cedar Eric Pogg and Scribe David LaFargue PGTC took the opportunity to address the assembled brethren to further discuss the organization and its impact. Although Cedarism has its origin in 1843 it was in 1951 that the foundation was founded in order to support children with muscular dystrophy with a mission to provide relief to children and their families affected by neuromuscular diseases in our local communities. It is this philanthropy in addition to the decree for Fun, Frolic and Fellowship that give the Tall Cedars of Lebanon their unique purpose. The work of the Forest is but only four meetings annually (3 dining out & 1 tiled) and thus is a welcome addition to any brothers Masonic schedule. For more information or to join a Forest near you please contact:

Bro. Cedar David LaFargue - Scribe Nutmeg 116

slafargue1@gmail.com or 860-402-7265



Har-Ce Forest #142

HarCe Forest #142 has a Man on a Mission... and he is working hard to get that mission accomplished. Ed Faulkner, a PGTC, is on a mission to raise as much money as possible for the Tall Cedars Foundation so that we can once and for all wipe out this horrible disease of Muscular Dystrophy.

Ed is known as HarCe's Can Man. He will search high and low to pick up aluminum cans and then takes them to the local recycler and gives the money to the forest to pass on to the Foundation. Ed gives a report at every meeting about the progress and he has really turned up the heat and gotten members, neighbors, and community folks to join the efforts.

This year, Ed has had a local American Legion start saving their cans for him as well. He now makes a regular stop there to pick up cans. Ed's presence at the Legion picking up the cans has made a difference as well. A conversation about his mission led a man to dig into his pocket and produce a cash donation in order to support Ed's efforts.

At a recent meeting, Ed presented a check for \$504.60 to HarCe Forest. That check represented a year of hard work, but more than that, a year of great love! Ed loves the children that we work to support and help. HarCe Forest is proud of Ed's efforts and his commitment to serving the children who have Muscular Dystrophy. This year's work met Ed's goal of \$500 and that is added to his other 2 years of work that netted \$159.30 and then \$212.60. Congratulations to HarCe Forest's Can Man, Ed Faulkner. Through his hard work and perseverance, \$876.50 has been raised. Great Job Ed!



Har-Ce Forest #142

Har-Ce Forest 142 has been trying some new things and we hope to be successful with them. We had our annual Memorial Service to start off the year. We are quite lucky that we didn't lose any of our Cedars this year however we did lose a few Cedarettes.

In February we went out to a local restaurant for our Ladies Night. There we also did a short form initiation to bring in a new member. Also that month the Forest went to a local Lodge and held a spaghetti dinner. The profits were much higher than expected and we put them to good use. We are looking to repeat this in the spring.

Some of our profits were given in a donation at our March meeting. At that meeting we held Master Mason and Strongest Hearts Foundation Night. This foundation is working on CRISPR Technology to cure Muscular Dystrophy. They are a local group working out of John Hopkins. <https://strongesthearts.love> is where you can see what strides they are making currently.

When May came around we held our Youth Night and voted on another new member. Local Masonic groups were invited and we

prepared for our 3rd annual PGTC Pete Hicks Memorial Scholarships. We presented one to a student in Harford County and another to a Cecil County public school senior.

This September we had a fun time at the Convention in Gettysburg and had a goodbye to summer meeting where we added another Cedar to the Forest. Also we had a Cedar be a plural member to help the Forest this winter.

We had our annual Barnyard Night in October. It's always fun to dress in flannel with our jeans and overalls.

After our elections in November we had a member of a local lodge give a presentation called "The Day the War Stopped." Our installation was a huge success thanks to SDSTC Neubauer who helped us out with it. He also informed us about ways we can help the Foundation. The Forest decided to hold a golf tournament and started planning for it in the spring. It has been a successful year and we have been planning and working on events for 2026.

By David Spangler PGTC 2024-2025 GTC 2026



El Salvador Forest #222

Wreath Laying at the Masonic Monument in El Salvador



Center: GTC Francisco Javier Rodríguez



Left to Right: GTC Francisco Javier Rodríguez, MGWM Ernesto Quiñonez also a Cedar.

Installation 2025



Front Row left to right: Jose Manuel "Manny" Lazo JDTC, Francisco Javier Rodríguez GTC, Eduardo Martell PGTC
Back Row, left to right: Alexander Ticas, Ernesto Muñoz, David Hernández

Wheelchair Donations



El Salvador Forest #222



Left to Right: GTC Francisco Javier Rodriguez, MGWM Ernesto Quiñonez also a Cedar.



Cedar left to right: David Hernandez and Edgar Araujo visiting and evaluating the request of especial need wheelchair for Daniel Serpas our little angel.



After the evaluation, Tall Cedars proceeded to purchased the proper wheelchair. The cost was around \$576.00

El Salvador Forest #222



Left to right: Cedar Albin Chavez, Cedar David Hernandez, Cedar Herbeth Franco, Cedar Edgar Araujo, Little ángel Daniel Serpas with his mother happy to receive the much needed wheelchair. Cedar Herbeth Franco also donated a new mattress for Daniel.

Second Donation

Talls Cedar of El Salvador 222 were able to help another little angel Ernesto with a special walker for his need.

Our Cedar Gilberto Rivera coordinated with our women Paramasonic organization Daughters of Acacia to deliver the walker, and medicine that our little angel needed. They walked and cross rivers to be able to complete the mission.



Harrisburg Forest #43

Located in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg Forest #43 was chartered on March 25, 1919. As one of the Kingdom's premier forests, it proudly boasts a vibrant membership of 319 dedicated members. The forest convenes quarterly at the call of the Grand Tall Cedar, balancing these meetings with a rich calendar of engaging activities.

The Cedarettes, guided by President Dawn Urffer, play an invaluable role, providing enthusiastic support in promoting and hosting numerous events that draw strong attendance from both members and the local community.

Throughout the year, the forest hosts a variety of events. In June, the Cedarettes organized a lively Fashion Show and basket raffle. July featured a welcoming picnic for members and guests, followed by a convivial Steak Night in August, celebrated for its excellent food and fellowship. Early September brought a communal potluck meal, while November was marked by a memorable trip to the American Music Theater, a tree planters' dinner, and a Veterans Recognition program. December rounded out the year with a festive Children's Christmas Party.

This year, the forest made a notable impression at the September convention in Gettysburg, where they truly pulled out all the stops with their hospitality suite. Grand Tall Cedar Darryl Hamm, Cedarettes Vice President Carol Palvekosky, and their dedicated committee orchestrated an exceptional suite experience. The food was exquisite, and the fellowship unmatched. Adding to the excitement, DJ and Karaoke host Rob Koller and his wife Evelyn energized the crowd with continuous music and spirited performances. Harrisburg Forest also proudly supports the Tall Cedar Foundation by sponsoring Lucas Smith, the Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child, whom they have adopted as one of the children they champion. The weekend's success was a testament to the forest's enthusiastic members and their outstanding hospitality.

In conclusion, Harrisburg Forest #43 remains a dynamic and thriving community. Thanks to the visionary leadership of current and past officers and the unwavering commitment of its members, the forest continues to flourish. Congratulations to Harrisburg Forest on a remarkably successful year.



Harrisburg Forest #43

Harrisburg Forest # 43 Happenings

June 18th 2025 Stated Meeting included a tribute to PGTCs and Initiation of New Members.



L to R: GTC Darryl Hamm 2025; PGTCs Harry Habecker 1979; George Schwarz 1987; Wallace Rohrbach 1994; Barry Sheaffer 2002; Eric Frank 2014; James Walmer 2017; Russel Urffer Jr 2020; James Manton 2021; Larry Palvekosky 2022; Christopher McGee 2023; Harold Bowers 2024 – At Podium SDGTC Stan Johnston

Westmoreland Forest #77

On September 6, 2025, members of Westmoreland Forest 77 visited Edward S. Topper to present him with his seventy-year Tall Cedar pin, as well as honor him with the organization's Military coin and pin. At 99, Brother Topper was recognized for his distinguished service and membership.

Brother Topper was excited that we came out to his home to honor him. He was telling us about his time in the military service. He told us how he enjoys reading the Cedar Digest and other publications.

At this presentation were Bill Pritz, Bill Yorty, and Adam Neubauer.



Hunterdon County Forest #13

On November 1st, Hunterdon County Forest celebrated twelve brothers who achieved 50 and 60 years of membership as a Tall Cedar. PSTC J. Eric Becker presented 50 and 60-year service pins and certificates to the brothers in attendance. Shown are J. Eric Becker, Jerry Sanservino, Robert Hagon, who received their 50-year pins and certificates, and Robert Housedorf, who received his 60-year pin and certificate.



Shenandoah Forest #150

Members of Shenandoah Forest 150, West Virginia's 1st & Only Forest, recently held their annual Christmas dinner and was honored to have some very important guests in attendance: Brother Michael Youse, STC and his wife, Linda, Brother Bruce Neubauer, SDSTC and his aide Adam. Also local officials from the surrounding district: John Sollenberger, DDSTC, Hagerstown Forest95, Brother Chris McClure, GTC Hagerstown Forest 150 and his wife, Lisa. And Mrs. Jay Synes, Head of WVU's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Martinsburg, seen holding a basket of homemade bears donated by the members of the Forest. It was a grand evening for those attending this annual event in order to thank the members of the Forest who have worked hard during the past year.



Mrs Jay Synes, Head of WVU's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, receives a check from Shenandoah Forest's GTC, Wayne Welty at the Forest's annual Christmas Dinner.



Pictured here is John Sollenberger DDSTC, Hagerstown Forest 95, Mike Youse, STC, Mrs. Jay Synes, Bruce Neubauer, SDSTC, Wayne Welty, GTC Shenandoah Forest 150, Raymond Hedrick, Scribe Shenandoah Forest.

Massasoit Forest #91

Fun, Frolic, & Holiday Spirit(s) at Massasoit Forest

By Massasoit Forest News

The December meeting of Massasoit Forest was a fun filled action packed evening of enjoyment for everyone!

Starting off with a vote to add 2 new candidates, and two affiliations/reinstatements, we then proceeded to initiate 3 new Members, including one that travelled all the way from Puerto Rico to join our order!

Welcome, welcome, welcome to Doug, Arthur, Andrew, Sam and Brian to the Massasoit Forest family, and a huge thank you to Supreme Director Bob Goff for exemplifying the initiation in short form in an exemplary manner!

Next, we recognized the visiting dignitaries which included, the DDST Eric Hoy who welcomed our new members and made his customary remarks, followed by Matt Brodeur TCF Director for Region 11, who briefly explained about the recent activities of the foundation.

Next to speak was Supreme Director Bob Goff who also welcomed the new members and explained the ongoings of the Supreme Forest.

Last to speak was the Grand Master of Rhode Island and Tall Cedar Rick Baccus, after he was escorted to the East, it was noted that his pyramid was not adequate for the esteemed office he now holds, and he was presented with a Grand Master's Pyramid before addressing the forest.

The meeting was closed and we went downstairs and had an exquisite meal with several charcuterie boards, fresh fruit, lamb, roast pork, and assorted pastries for dessert.

We welcomed MD Ambassador to Nutmeg Forest Dakota, and his parent Cheryle & Dale as our special guests for the evening.

After the meeting, the officers lined up to be installed as follows:

GRAND TALL CEDAR: Matt Brodeur P.G.T.C.

JUNIOR DEPUTY GTC: Vincenzo "Vin" Catrambrone

TREASURER: Anthony Scherma P.G.T.C.

ASST. TREASURER: Craig Rothman

SCRIBE: Keith Gobin P.G.T.C.

ASST. SCRIBE: Mark Stought

CHAPLAIN: Donald Valenti

GUIDE: Ed Dyer

PRECEPTOR: John Miranda

CHIEF SIDONIAN: Robert "Bob" Goff

TRUSTEE: Robert Goff

AIDE TO GRAND TALL CEDAR: Dino Valenti

DDSTC Eric Hoy conducted the Installation with the Assistance of Rick Baccus acting as Installing Marshal in an excellent manner.

Last but not least we had a Yankee swap with a variety of fantastic gifts which nobody wanted to exchange.

Massasoit Forest #91

A Journey of Fellowship & Dedication: Welcoming Dr. Brother Arthur Tolliver

By Massasoit Forest News

Several months ago, Dr. Brother Arthur Tolliver discovered Massasoit Forest through our social media page and website. Despite living more than 1,600 miles away, he was inspired to submit an application to join us—a testament to his remarkable commitment and enthusiasm for our organization.

During multiple conversations, we discussed whether it might be possible for Dr. Brother Tolliver to find a forest closer to his home or even start a new forest himself. He emphasized that the spirit of Masonry and the quest for enlightenment are worth traveling long distances to pursue. His reasoning reflects a deep understanding of the values we hold dear.

On December 5th, Dr. Brother Tolliver, accompanied by his lady Jessica, journeyed by both air and land to join us for our December meeting. It was there that he was formally welcomed as a Tall Cedar, marking a significant milestone in his Masonic journey.

Both Dr. Brother Tolliver and Jessica thoroughly enjoyed the evening, with the only exception being the chilly weather. They expressed their excitement about returning for another visit when the weather is warmer, further strengthening the bonds of fellowship within our community.

Massasoit Forest's Banner Year for Membership

By Massasoit Forest News

HOW WE ACHIEVED OUTSTANDING GROWTH

This year, Massasoit Forest welcomed 15 new members and 2 affiliations. This accomplishment demonstrates that a strong program, dedicated leadership, and effective use of social media and marketing can lead to substantial growth for your forest.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, so here is our receipt for success which we encourage you to copy.

ENGAGING PROGRAMS

The foundation of our success is a vibrant program that includes interesting activities and guest speakers at our meetings. Rather than sticking to traditional business meetings and dinners, we invite speakers such as local historians or museum representatives. For example, our January meeting will feature an improvisation workshop. Upcoming events also include a talk about Dolly Madison, a presentation on the HMS Juno, a Ladies Night/ Mentalism show, and more.

FUN ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS

Providing enjoyable activities and outings that appeal to members is essential. Whether it's hockey, golf, shooting, theater, or another interest, we actively poll our membership to plan events that will draw participation. Planned outings include attending a hockey game and visiting a local theater for their annual revue.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Clear and consistent communication plays a major role in keeping members informed and engaged. We utilize Groupable, social media, text messages, and phone calls

to reach out to every member, check in, and offer fraternal support when needed. Even a simple call is appreciated, as it demonstrates care and our continued investment in each brother's well-being and success. We believe in truly being our brother's keepers.

COMMITTED OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

The dedication of our officers and members cannot be overstated. Their commitment is vital to the forest's success. At every event, our officers, members, and ladies work together to ensure everything runs smoothly. We are deeply grateful for their collective efforts.

MARKETING AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Using social media and marketing strategies helps keep our mission visible to both current and prospective members. You do not need to be a technology expert to use these tools effectively—sometimes you have to learn as you go. While some campaigns are more successful than others, the important thing is to keep our name and purpose present in the community. If you need assistance with creating a social media presence, page, or event poster, support is available from our forest and other members of our fraternity.

In summary, our organization will only thrive because of the dedication, creativity, and camaraderie of our members.

By embracing new ideas, supporting one another, and remaining active both in our programs and outreach, we continue to build a welcoming and dynamic community.

Together, we pave the way for lasting friendships and shared success. Let us look forward to the future with enthusiasm, knowing that our collective efforts will make a meaningful difference.

Evergreen Forest #49



Members and families of Evergreen Forest No. 49 participating in the Sea Witch Parade in Rehoboth Beach Delaware. This was only one of eight parades the Forest attended in 2025!



Evergreen Forest No. 49 held its summer picnic in July. Delaware's Grand Master, James R. Hanby Sr. and Brandywine Forest No. 20 member, was on hand to present the Grand Masters Certificate of Recognition to Preston L. Rogers and Samuel W. Warrington in celebration of their 100th Birthdays. Well over 125 Tall Cedars and family members were in attendance to also celebrate this milestone!

Evergreen Forest #49



Evergreen Forest No. 49 presents STC Youse with an outstanding service award for the great year he had in 2025. He is pictured with all of the Evergreen members attending the Forest Christmas Party and Installation of Officers. STC Youse also installed the incoming officer line for 2026. GTC Mike Mears, SDGTC Cohee & JDGTC Evans.



Pocono Forest #124



Warren Forest #14

Turkey Shoot / Fundraiser Raised \$2,000

Our Greatest Thanks and Appreciation to Walmart, Shoprite, and Weis Supermarket for their continued support in donation of prizes.



From the Left, Front Row: PGTC Paul Bryant, PGTC/Scribe Wilbur Ennis, PGTC Don Gaughn, SGTC Roger Watson, PGTC Robert Hill, PGTC Board of Dir #5 Paul Wolf, PGTC Foundation #5 Dir Sully Morgan, PGTC Michael Unangst, Christopher Laguna, PGTC James Cronic, GTC Michael O'rourke
From The Left Back Row: David Quick, Jeff Qucik, Jeff Bolmer

10 Week Drawing



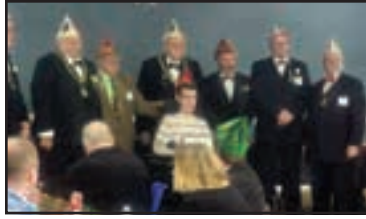
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Happenings Around the Forests



Hagerstown Forest #95



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Neptune Forest #141



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Adoniram Forest #209



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Schuylkill Forest #50



Schuylkill Forest #50



Happenings Around the Forests



TCL in Portland



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Trenton Forest #4



White Pine Forest #191



Nutmeg Forest #116



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Nutmeg Forest #116



Nutmeg Forest #116



Congratulations to Mike Youse

Congratulations to Mike Youse, PSTC, and Lady Linda; you should be proud of the achievements you made this year. The friendship and guidance that you gave STC Neubauer and me will last forever. From the long day trips to Bruce calling, you always answered.

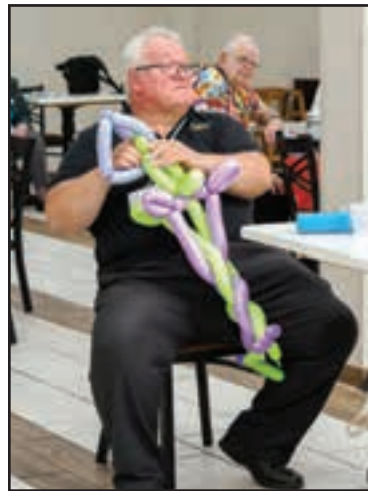
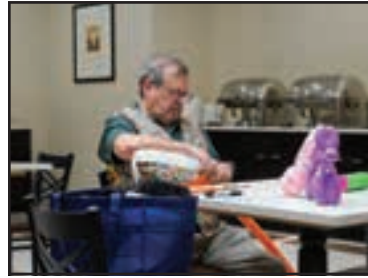
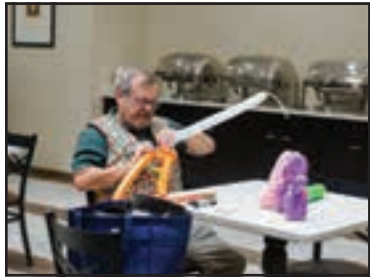
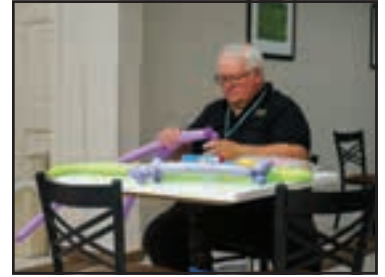
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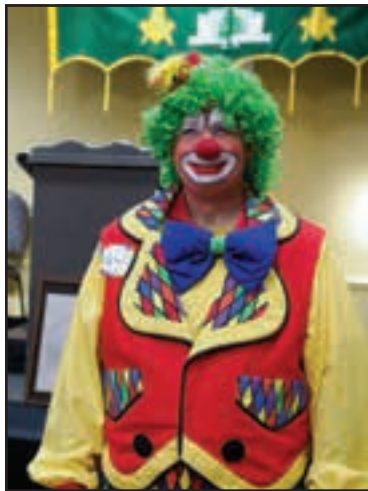
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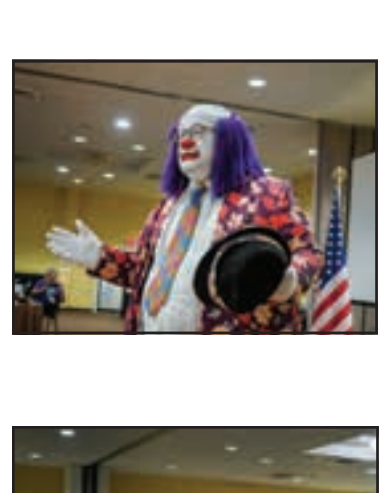
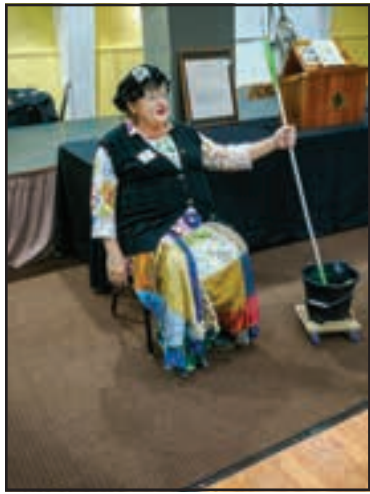


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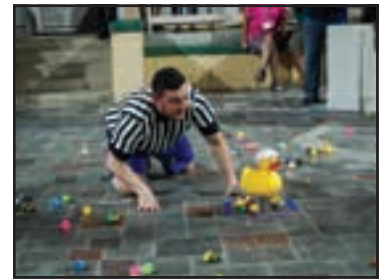






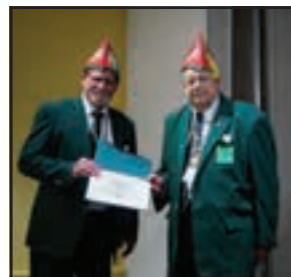


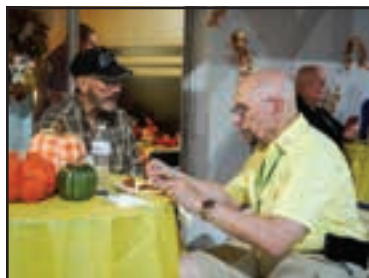






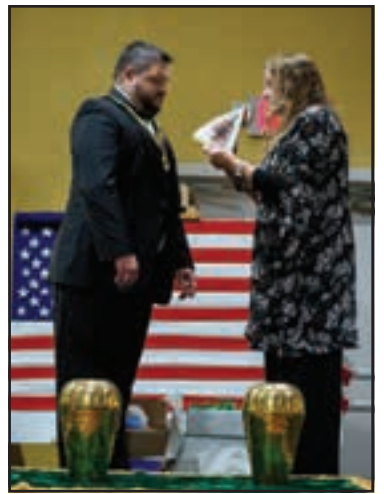




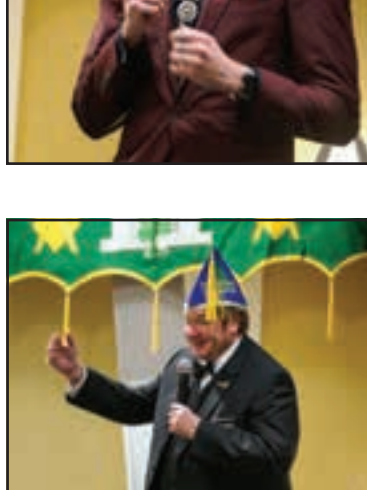
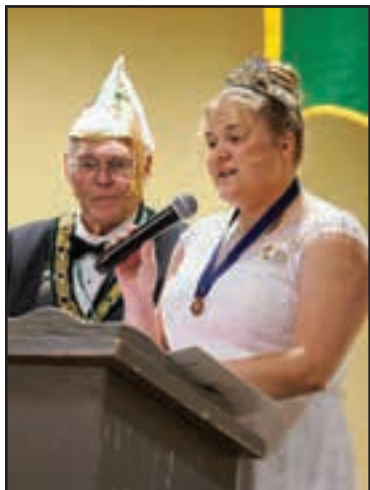
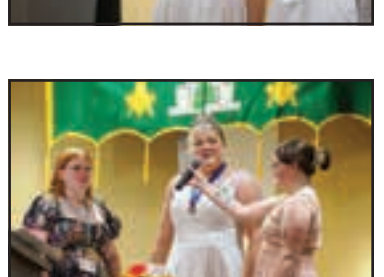
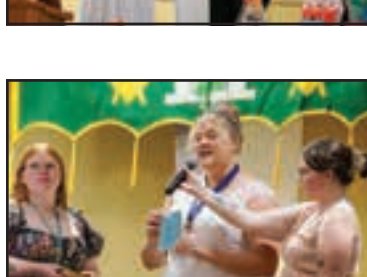
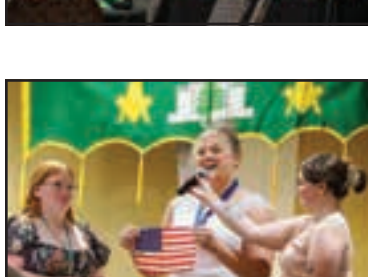


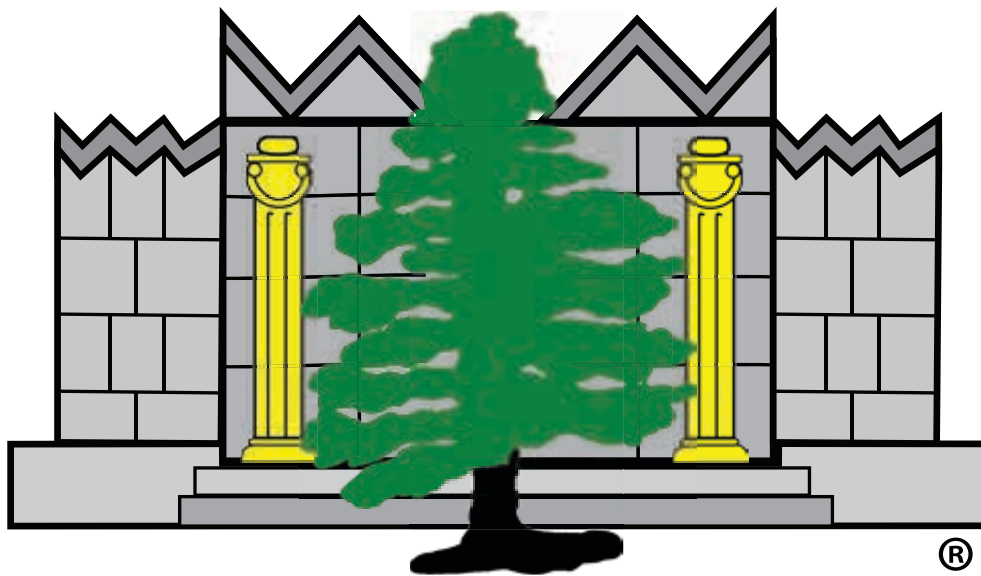














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2026 Educational Scholarships

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 selected candidates.

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.

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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.

