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—PROCLAMATION—

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States, I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134, to be held in the Takoma Park Masonic Temple, Maple and Carroll Streets, Takoma Park, on Saturday, December 15, 1951, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

Attest:
Don A. Smith,
Scribe

George T. Heilman
Grand Tall Cedar

James G. Reesr, P.G.T.C., No. 104
District Representative, District No. 20

COME OUT—ALL YOU CEDARS—WEAR YOUR PYRAMID—

FUN AT MARTINSBURG

On Saturday morning, December 1, we were greeted with one of the most beautiful days yet encountered this fall. Many members of our Forest took advantage and motored to Martinsburg, West Virginia to participate in the institution of Shenandoah Forest No. 150.

A great many Forests were represented, including Hagerstown which was out in full form with their fine band, rangers and degree team. Three large buses rolled in from York, Pennsylvania with an excellent band, rangers and Glee Club.

The color guard of Capitol Forest No. 104, as well as our own, made an excellent showing. They were followed in a colorful parade by their respective officers and members. An excellent dinner was served by a ladies church group which was followed by the institution ceremonies held in the large gymnasium of the Martinsburg High School. The place was packed and 165 new members put Shenandoah Forest off to a good start.

Hagerstown Forest put the degree work on in good form, with many Forests participating in the other activities. All in all, it was a beautiful day and a gala occasion for Cedarism. So Congratulations to the officers and members of Shenandoah Forest No. 150, may you enjoy many happy years of Cedarism.

It is very much regretted that this issue of the ECHO does not have any Art work as is usually done by our Scribe, Don Smith. Don's wife, Thelma, has been in the Washington Sanitarium for the past month with a back ailment. She has undergone two operations up to the present time and a third is scheduled as this paper is going to press.

We are all pulling for you Thelma, and when you get on your feet, we can count on Don.

WERE YOU A LOSER?

Many times through the Echo we have reminded some of our members about the good times they have missed by not attending some of our activities.

Well Brother, you certainly muffed one by not attending our Ladies' Night, November 24th, at the Bethesda Eomens Club. It was all free, the exense being borne by the Forest and Si, you helped pay for it. So if you didn't attend your are the loser.

Everyone really let their hair down, there were no wallflowers and no one sulking in the corner. It was really a hilarious event. The friendliness and sociability was just the very thing we have been striving for. All those present seemed eager to know when they might expect another such evening.

The superintendent of the building even commented on what a fine, friendly and joyous time everyone was having and was high in his praise of the manner in which everyone conducted themselves.

Were you a loser too?

We are pleased to welcome the following Brothers who were voted upon and made Cedars in the short form at our last meeting.

Ernest V. Rhodes

Everett H. Buck

Roy L. Clinard

Welcome to our midst. You are sure to have fun and frolic here. Just don't forget that you only get out of anything only that which you put into it.

The SCRIBE has advised me to pass on this information. He has a few 1951 dues cards that have not been lifted, also that he is accepting 1952 dues now. Better get yourself in good standing at once.

Come out to the next meeting and wear your pyramid

BOOSTER LIST FOR 1951

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This is the last issue of the Echo for the year 1951 and therefore starting with the New Year a new Booster List will be in the making. A dollar will put your name on the List for the entire year of 1952. How about starting the New Year by having the same list as above for a starter. Don Smith, your Scribe, or the Editor will take your money. DON'T wait until you are asked-----just VOLUNTEER.

Brother Manlein, Chairman of the blood bank at Takoma Lodge No. 29 is well pleased. It seems that Brother AL Kroll, Master of Kensington Lodge donated a pint of blood to Takoma Lodge blood bank. The pint given made the 100th pint. Nice going Al.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY IS OUR OBJECTIVE

ANCIENT AND MODERN CEDARISM

In the days of the Prophets, long before the advent of Christianity, men who believed in the Supreme Being and in the salvation of mankind after earthly life banded themselves together for a common purpose and cause, for their mutual enlightenment and betterment, and for their social enjoyment and benefit. Conspicuous among these early groups were guilds and organizations of builders and workers employed in the construction of King Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, as described in the Biblical account in the First Book of Kings of the Old Testament. There the hewers and cutters of stone used in constructing the Temple called themselves masons of various degrees according to the nature of the work performed in the hewing, cutting, testing and laying of the stone and other materials. According to legend, these men were the original founders and members of the great Masonic fraternity as it is known and constituted. In the building of Solomon's Temple, stone was not only used but also iron, copper, gold and other precious metals, and woods of great and lasting value including timbers of cedar wood from the forests of Lebanon. When an acute shortage of cedar timber and wood used in the construction of the Temple, of which Israel had but a limited supply developed, King Solomon sought the aid of his friend and ally, King Hiram of Tyre, in whose country, Lebanon, there were large and splendid forests of tall cedar trees. As shown in the Biblical account, King Hiram sent large forces of his workmen, who, together with many men from Israel, went forth into the forests of Lebanon, hewed and delivered to King Solomon sufficient cedar wood to fill his needs. Also, according to legend these cutters and hewers of cedar wood constituted the first group of men who, in modern times, call themselves Tall Cedars of Lebanon. They and their successors, bound together as such, are believed by many to have been continually engaged in cutting and hewing cedar wood throughout the ages, symbolically if not actually, although no definite written records have been found of their future activities prior to the (over)

year A. D. 1850.

About 100 years ago Tall cedarism began to become active once more, and in widely separated parts of the United States where lodges of the Masonic fraternity flourished. Although no direct connection has ever existed between these two fraternities, membership in good standing in a recognized Masonic lodge has been, from the very beginning of modern Cedarism, and still is a necessary prerequisite for membership and participation in Tall Cedar activities. In the early days of the revival of Tall Cedarism, a degree was conferred on interested Master masons and the name Tall Cedar was applied to it and thenceforth used by those participating in many and various social gatherings of Masons who had received the Tall Cedar degree. This title indicated some form of fellowship and fun among Brother Masons on whom it was conferred. Many Masonic Lodges, which also had among their members Tall Cedars, would announce during or before the close of their meetings the holding on some future date of a special "Tall Cedar Night". On these nights a small fee or admission charge would be made for those attending to cover the expenses incurred during the evening. The amount varied in different localities. Those present who had not previously received the degree of Tall Cedar were the victims for the evening's entertainment. The form of the initiation then used depended almost entirely upon the imagination, originality and ingenuity of the degree team and the receipts obtained were spent to meet the expenses of the evening. There was not, in most instances, any definite form of organization between meetings, and no ritual was originally employed. The methods used and the program presented were as varied as the minds of men.

According to the records of the Supreme Historian of the Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, as now constituted, the first record of any real ritual for Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a manuscript dated 1864, written by Bro. William H. Adams, then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Penna. This ritual, as practiced by the Tall Cedars at that time, was called "THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE RITE OF HUMILITY"

It contains a most unique lecture and an explanation of the origin of the degree of Tall Cedar together with a short ritual and obligation. But nobody seems to know just how the Adam's version of the degree of Tall Cedar first came about or exactly when it started, according to the late Dr. Frank A. Stanger, Scribe of Glassboro Forest No. 1 of Woodbury, N.J., who was made a Tall Cedar in 1887 at Glassboro, the original home of Glassboro Forest, and who served as Scribe of that Forest after it was organized in 1901 until his death in 1930. In his history of the Forest, written in 1924, Bro. Stanger stated that back in the early fifties a Dr. Thomas J. Corson conferred the degree of Tall Cedar on most anyone he could get to submit to it. Dr. Corson is described as very dignified and impressive in appearance and as having a convincing, almost hypnotic manner which always impelled attention and respect. The degree then conferred is said to have been a burlesque and contained nothing but fun and nonsense so much so that it was delivered by Dr. Corson with a lasting impression on the mind of the candidate. Dr. Corson said that he himself received the degree in Philadelphia, but the eminent Dr. was known to be a deucedly original individual and the general idea seems to have prevailed that the degree as he conferred it all came out of his own head. Notwithstanding, Dr. Corson is definitely known to have conferred the degree as then delivered by him on many prominent Masons, including a former President of Princeton University and Past Grand Master of Masons in New Jersey, a partial list of which now exists in the records of the Supreme Forest. One of these, a Dr. Stevens of N. J., after the death of Dr. Corson in 1879, is said to have continued the good work for a number of years until his death.

From reports of those who received the degree from Dr. Stevens during his time, it is evident that his work was the real thing among the Tall Cedars who knew both him and Dr. Corson personally as well as Dr. Stanger and passed on the information to Dr. Stanger. It was Dr. Stevens who organized (see next page)

(cont'd from preceding page) the first regular degree team and later went with this team to many towns and cities in New Jersey and nearby States to "gladden the hearts" and "warm the bosoms" of his brethern. The Tall Cedar degree is said to have been given in the Glassboro Forest for many years prior to 1865 until 1880 whenever enough candidates could be secured. Also, for many years prior to 1880 the members of the Grand Lodge of Masons of N. J. are said to have conferred the degree on the evening of the first day's session at their annual meetings in Trenton. Masons who had already received the degree at a previous session would invite all their brother Masons they could find who were not so fortunate to meet them in a hotel room, and after relieving them of all their small change and smokes, would confer the degree upon them, after which all would retire to the first floor of the hotel and remain as long as the receipts lasted.

For several years after 1880, the conferring of the Tall Cedar degree remained somewhat dormant. Then in 1887 Dr. Stevens and his degree team came to Glassboro and conferred the degree on 13 candidates, including Dr. Stanger and Bro. Frank W. Bowen. The latter immediately took up the work, acting as Grand Mogul with Dr. Stanger as Sec., the titles of the two officers of the local organization as they were then designated. Grand Mogul Bowen, who was later to become Supreme Tall Cedar for four years, conferred the Tall Cedar degree for many years thereafter on Masons who were also members of Glassboro Lodge No. 85, A.F. & A.M.

The first efforts toward effecting permanent organizations of the various local groups of Masons who had received the Tall Cedar degree into individual Forests and these Forests into a consolidated Supreme Forest was made at a meeting on March 29, 1901 in Glassboro, N. J. between Bro. Charles S. Wood, W. M. of Washington Pa. Lodge No. 59 of Masons of Penna, a Tall Cedar who had previously received the degree, and members of the Glassboro Lodge, who had also received the degree. Bro. Wood and a number of his brethern came to Glassboro to present Glassboro Lodge (Turn to next page

(from preceding page) with a set of resolutions of thanks from his lodge for attending the funeral of one of his members. While in Glassboro he suggested that the Tall Cedar degree be conferred on the Master Masons who accompanied him to Glassboro, and a date was set for the purpose. In the meantime a number of Masons from Glassboro and nearby towns in N. J. and Penna. who had previously enjoyed the Tall Cedar sessions at the annual communications of the Grand Lodge of N.J. at Trenton and later conceived the idea that the fun and enjoyment they had had at these annual sessions were too good a thing to be enjoyed but once a year and therefore had since begun to confer the degree on other Masons elsewhere whenever enough candidates could be secured, decided to join in with those Masons from Washington Lodge No. 59 at Glassboro and confer the Tall Cedar degree at the meeting set for May 21, 1901. At this meeting 54 Master Masons from nearby lodges conferred the degree of "Tall Cedar of Lebanon" on 53 Master Mason candidates from 10 different Masonic lodges. At the same meeting the suggestion was made that a permanent consolidated organization be formed of all those Master Masons who had theretofore received the degree of Tall Cedar. At the next meeting on August 24 of the same year a committee on permanent organization was appointed to make a report on the proposal to effect a consolidated supreme organization at another meeting during the same year. At this meeting held on November 16, 1901 the committee made its report and recommended the formation of a Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. The Supreme Forest has thus grown from the original few small groups of individual Forests in Glassboro and nearby towns and cities to over 130 subordinate Forests located in different States, during the 47 year period before the institution of Montgomery Forest No. 134. These Forests are numbered in the order in which they received their charters. Glassboro Forest was No. 1, and the number has steadily increased.

James R. Britt, Historian
Montgomery Forest No. 134
December 1951

YOUR GRAND TALL SEZ:



As my year as Grand Tall Cedar draws to a close, I want to thank all hands for their splendid cooperation. I want to thank P. G. T. C. Miner, Myron Jones, "Skeets Crabill and Dwight Cook for their work on Ladies' Night. Boys, you sure put on a real

party. Ask anyone who was there.

I want to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks as well as that of Montgomery Forest to our P. G. T. C. Comdr. William Homer Carroll for his generosity in presenting the Forest with that beautiful crown and scepter. Thank you, Willie.

Brethern, at our last meeting your Forest elected a group of officers to serve YOU for the year 1952 I speak frankly and sincerely when I say I don't believe any Forest anywhere has a finer group of officers than we have just elected. Your new officers have and are working hard on plans to make Montgomery Forest a better Forest, but to accomplish this objective every member must help. By help, I mean if you are asked to serve on a committee or do any job, do it, back up your officers.

Again, I want to thank every member for giving me a grand year, a year whose memories, I shall cherish always.

Cedarly,

George

It is nice to note that our new Trustee elect, Arthur R. Hart is getting around again. He says that he will have to take it a little easy, but we are back of you.

Our Grand Tall's Father has his good days and his bad ones. George, we can say you are a faithful son.

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It is the wish of the Supreme Forest that every member of Cedarism will contribute a dollar per year in the interest of Muscular Dystrophy, the National Objective of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States. Do your share.

OFFICERS

The following Officers were elected at the last meeting and will be installed at our regular meeting, Saturday, December 15, 1951.

Grand Tall Cedar	J. Dwight Cook
Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar	Orville J. Montgomery
Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar	J. Myron Jones
Scribe	Don A. Smith
Treasurer	Everett B. Terry
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Our present Grand Tall Cedar, George T. Heilman will come down off his perch, be a has been and allow the above new Officers take over the reins of Montgomery Forest No. 134. We will have four Past Grand Tall Cedars.



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