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TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON

SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND

PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States, and the specific authority bestowed by Blanket Authority issued by the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, under date of 17 December, 1949, I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134, to be held in the Kensington Junior High School, Kensington Parkway, Kensington, Maryland, at 7:30 p.m., on January 25, 1950, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

Given under my Hand and Seal this First day of January, nineteen hundred and fifty.

ATTEST:

Don A. Smith
Scribe

Wm. Homer Carroll, Sr.,
Grand Tall Cedar

James G. Reese, P.G.T.C.
District Representative

From the Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to each and every one of you for the honor and privilege of serving Montgomery Forest 134 as Senior Deputy Grand Tall for the ensuing year.

Our Grand Tall Cedar has planned an excellent program for 1950, a program, which, if carried out, will do much for Cedarism in general and Montgomery Forest in particular. Your officers, elected and appointed are working diligently and harmoniously toward this goal, and with the continued help and assistance of the membership of Montgomery Forest No. 134 will make 1950 a year long to be remembered.

Geo. T. Heilman, S.D.G.T.C.

Divine Worship

Approximately forty-five members of Montgomery Forest No. 134, together with our District Representative "Jim-

mie" Reese attended in a body "Divine Worship" at the Marvin Memorial Methodist Church, Four Corners, Silver Spring, Md., on January 8, 1950. Those present met in the Sunday School Room and marched into the church proper, headed by Grand Tall Cedar W. Homer Carroll. Seats were reserved in the front of the Church.

Reverend Marion S. Michael welcomed the Tall Cedars of Lebanon and praised the worthiness of our organization. His sermon "Faith in the Bible" was inspiring and everyone seemed to have gained something spiritually from his wonderful talk.

Sympathy

The officers and members of Montgomery Forest extend to Brother William R. Maddox their deepest sympathy on the death of his beloved wife.

Now that the "Echo" is printed, the Editor must have all material in his hands not later than the 8th of the month.

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Meet Our New Grand Tall Cedar

by

J. Dwight Cook, J.D.G.T.C.

I believe every organization should know the background of its officers, and it is with this thought in mind that we plan each month, through the medium of THE ECHO, to give our members data concerning the merits, both inside and outside of the Forest, of our elective and appointive officers, as well as those members who really buckle down and work for the benefit of our Forest. The purpose is not for the glorification of anyone, but the recognition of those who honestly strive and show concrete evidence of their efforts in helping promote the many activities of our Forest.

Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we initiate this column by honoring our new Grand Tall Cedar. I can find no record of his birth, but I am sure he was born, somewhere, sometime, and it must have been around the turn of the century. Anyway, he has a lovely and charming wife and three fine children. His son Don is a member of our Forest. His daughter Brearley is Honored Queen of the local Bethel of the Job's Daughters.

Willie Homer, as he is usually called, was retired from the U. S. Coast Guard, in the grade of commander, after more than thirty years of service; is Past Commander Admiral Robert E. Peary Ship, and Past Department Commander, Department Number One, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Past Chairman, Veterans

Joint Committee; graduate of Columbus University Law School and president of his class; Past Master of two Masonic Lodges; Chairman, Advisory Council, Silver Spring Chapter, Order of DeMolay and organizer of the chapter; Deputy for Montgomery County to Member of Grand Council, Order of DeMolay for Maryland; is a member of Chesapeake Consistory, Scottish Rite; Almas Temple of the Shrine; Montgomery Commandery, Knights Templar; Eureka-Naval Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, A. F. & A. M., Elks, Moose, Silver Spring Optimist Club, Traffic Club of Washington, Retired Officers Association, Army Transportation Association and Cissel-Saxon Post, American Legion; and the organizer and Secretary of the Montgomery Fellowship Club.

As a Tall Cedar, he was our First Preceptor and organized the cast of the Royal Court and Prolog, and our Rangers: takes the part of King in the exemplification of our ritualistic work: designed the scenery and equipment for degree work, and the Memorial Altar soon to be dedicated: and edited and mimeographed our first Forest Paper, which he labeled "Echoes of Montgomery Forest," now known as the Echo. As a result of his efforts, and the devotion and hearty support of the members of the Royal Court and Prolog, Montgomery Forest is tops in Cedardom in exemplifying the degree work. He works hard for our Forest. Let us show our appreciation by giving him our wholehearted support during 1950.

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GRAND TALL'S MESSAGE

Brother Tall Cedars:

What will 1950 have in store for our Forest? What are we, as individuals, going to do for its growth and betterment? What are we willing to do or give in exchange for real fellowship? Only you, and I, can answer these questions. What will the answer be?

Your Grand Tall has been greatly encouraged by phone calls and letters, as well as by personal contact, indicating the concurrence of members in the subject matter of the brochure promulgated by him at time of installation. The appeal contained therein has evidently not fallen on deaf ears. The response has been magnificent—members assuming tasks and entering upon them with a will and determination. My deepest appreciation, brethren, for the manner in which members have come forward and offered to assist in the Forest work. Will you not, too, join with these good brother Cedars and do your bit for our Forest?

The well attended and most harmonious Special Executive Meeting, on December 30th, was most inspiring and truly presages real teamwork and unity of purpose during 1950, and the years to follow. The wheels of the Forest have started turning, let us increase the tempo—full speed ahead, on the course which has been set. Bear in mind that only a failure beats a trial—we want no failures in our objectives, and there need be none if we honestly and seriously try. We want, and can have, those 600 members before the close of this Cedar Year.

Thanks again for the confidence reposed in electing me your Grand Tall. My best wishes for you and yours, and the Forest, for 1950.

Cedarly and sincerely,
"Willie Homer"
Wm. Homer Carroll, Sr.
Grand Tall Cedar

Band Rehearsal

Can you play a musical instrument or do you want to play a musical instrument? If your answer is "Yes," then we want you to contact Chester J. Petranek, the man in charge of music in our Forest. Chester is the Supervisor of Music in the public schools of Montgomery County.

Our BAND and musical groups such as the CHANTERS are just around the corner. NOTICE:—First band rehearsal

will be held on Friday, January 27, 1950, in the Chevy Chase High School cafeteria at 8 PM. Now if you have an instrument and can play at all, or if you can play and do not have an instrument, or if you want to play and can't play and you do not have an instrument,—COME OUT as everyone who is musically inclined is needed. Let us back this new enterprise and then we will have our own band in parades and ceremonials and will not be dependent on promises only.

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Well! we done did it. What do you think of our first printed edition of the Echo? Isn't it a swell way to start the New Year?

Elsewhere in the paper is a description of the First Dance of the year and also a report on the interest shown by the members on the Religious service on Sunday, January 8th. From these accounts, our Forest is definitely on its forward movement.

A "birdie" told me that at this writing, there are 15 saps waiting for initiation with

the Montgomery Forest of Tall Cedars. The day for this event is January 25—but wait—it will not only be a meeting night and initiation night—but also Ladies' Night. Yes! you can bring your wife or best girl. She will be entertained while the meeting is in progress and then dancing will follow. Keep Wednesday, January 25, 1950 open for the event.

I'll let you in on a secret, the Supreme Tall Cedar, Art Farmer, and his wife and Henry O. Schroeder, the Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, and his wife will be there. Mr. Schroeder is a member of Frederick Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. They will be the guests, to-



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gether with other members of the Supreme Forest and our Officers, of our Grand Tall W. Homer Carroll and his wife at a dinner at Mrs. K's Toll House Tavern prior to the meeting.

The schedule of events for our Forest for 1950 is full, so as the dates are announced mark your calendar and let us back our program 100 per cent.

Your Editor

Booster List

A section of our new "Echo" will be dedicated as a Booster List. One dollar will place your name in this column for the remainder of the year. This paper must be self supporting and your contribution will be appreciated.

Send your name with the "buck" to the Editor, Ernest C. Shaffer, 8713 Second Ave., Silver Spring, Md., Asst. Editor, Lowell Decker, 208 Philadelphia Ave., Takoma Park, Md., or to your officers.

It is regretted more than we can say that Bill Schmidt, our congenial Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar cannot be with us on the 25th. He has sent his regrets as well as a program of the Convention he is attending in Atlantic City, in an official capacity, from 22 to 30 January. We believe you Bill for we see your name in black and white as representing your firm at the convention of Canners, Grocers, Sugar and Food Brokers. We have asked Bill to say hello to the Boardwalk for us.

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From Our Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

I wish to sincerely thank the members of the Forest for electing and installing me Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar for 1950. It is with great pride that I accept the honor and I should like to repeat a statement I made while serving as Chief Frolicer last year. "If our Forest is to show progress it will not be through the efforts of any one man or group, but by the unified efforts of all the members who comprise it. Everyone has an equal opportunity to serve the Forest in some capacity and an equal chance to do his best."

Our meetings should be joyous sessions where occasional irritations and the inevitable discouragements are far outweighed by the sheer pleasure of service, fellowship, and the satisfaction of helping build a better Forest.

Our members should feel that goals are achieved not through what we gain as individuals but by what we give through service to the Forest.

We should be optimistic, realizing that while progress often comes slowly, it nevertheless does come, making us proud of our accomplishments, but still challenging us for greater things.

We have won recognition throughout the various Forests and have been commended by the Supreme Forest for our portrayal of the Royal Court. Let us continue undaunted, let us regard each other with respect and work harmoniously for the benefit of all.

It is with deep humility I pledge my loyalty, my honest efforts, and my best service to the work of the Forest. I shall endeavor to serve with fairness and tolerance for the rights of all members.

J. Dwight Cook, J.D.G.T.C.

From the Treasurer

It is not enough merely to express appreciation or thanks in words. The old adage of "Action speaks louder than words" is as good now as it ever was.

Therefore, it is the wish of all the officers, that every member be allowed freedom of opinion and action that he may fervently present and zealously carry out his part in this organization of brothers.

We expect a good year. Financially we are in good shape. If we can increase the "workers," this forest will benefit immensely both in finances and in those other aims of Cedarism—fellowship, fun and frolic.

For myself, I greatly appreciate the opportunity to serve the coming year, and in keeping with the above, say "thanks."

Cedarly
Everett B. Terry, Treas.

Letters

From Brother E. H. Wilkinson in Asheville, N. C.,—we quote a portion thereof: "I have just received, and read from cover to cover, your latest bulletin containing "inaugural address" and the proposed "doings." Allow me to congratulate you on a splendid presentation of your "case" and the proposed objectives of your "reign." Would that I could be there and actively help you attain them.—My nature is not to be just a "dues paying member" but circumstances make me one just the same, and in view of the good times and fellowship I've had in the Forest, as well as being a charter member, I want to help Cedarism and especially Montgomery Forest by continuing membership. Who knows, I might even get to tangle with a Crab or Oyster come next July 9th. Editors Note—Ed is taking an ad in our Bulletin re his motor court now that we have started printing our bulletin THE ECHO. Ed's place is Florida Court, Asheville, N. C., one mile east of center on highway U. S. 70 and 74. Oh, yes, Ed states a welcome sign is out for any of you Cedars down in that ere territory. Thanks Ed.

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Cedarism-Montgomery Going Forward

Take a looksee. Eb'n and Ely stated that the number at our square dance was the largest they had ever played or called for. Elsewhere a report of the number at Divine Service on the 8th is recorded. Monday, January 9th, more than forty of our members attended Installation Ceremonies at Silver Spring Lodge No. 215, and your Grand Tall was welcomed by both the outgoing and the incoming Worshipful Master. Homer also assisted in the Ceremonies. This is the first time Montgomery Forest has been so honored.

On the 10th, your Grand Tall, accompanied by forty four (44) members of your Forest, and two members of Capitol Forest No. 104, attended the installation of our Trustee, Brother Orville J. Montgomery, as Worshipful Master of Kensington Lodge No. 198. The Cedars assembled in the banquet hall, wearing their pyramids, and after being formed in procession by our Marshall George Angel, marched into the lodge. Pyramids were removed at the door and held in left hand while saluting the East.

After Brother Montgomery had installed his officers in the most efficient and impressive manner we have ever witnessed, without aid of a Masonic Manual, from memory if you please which was truly an innovation, he wel-

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comed your Grand Tall, who in turn Heilman, J.D.G.T. Cook, Treasurer Ter-introduced the following officers S.D.G.T. ry, Guide Hindman, Preceptor Alcorn, Trustees Montgomery and Fitzgerald, Executive Committee Members Daymude and Eccleston, Chief Ranger Hardesty, Chief Frolicer Geedy, Chief Sidonian Jones, Marshall Angel, Sentinel Gerstn-nyer, Historian Britt, Aide to G.T. Thompson, Ass't Sidonian Deegen and the remainder of the members enmasse.

The outgoing Master was Brother Robert Bowman of this Forest, the newly installed Worshipful Master Montgomery, Secretary Floyd Funkhouser, Senior Deacon Leslie Foltz and Senior Steward Frank Heidick are members of Montgomery Forest. Brother Ralph Hayward who was installed as Worshipful Master of Pentalpha Lodge on Friday the 13th was also present.

After the ceremonies an excellent buffet supper was served by the ladies in the banquet hall. Many inquiries were made regarding the Cedars and petitions were handed out. Our Grand Tall announced that our Grand Master would attend the Forest meeting in Kensington on the 25th. Oh yes, your Grand Tall publicized our first band rehearsal on the 27th, and five brethren present, not Cedars but who are potential members, who are musicians stated they would attend the rehearsal.

Yes brother Cedars — Montgomery Forest is starting to roll, faces we have

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not seen for many a day are putting in their appearance—the interest is growing and truly as the members state we are going forward shoulder to shoulder, in real harmony, to build Cedarism and Montgomery Forest.

The Square Dance

Did you attend the square dance held at the Silver Spring Intermediate School on Saturday evening, January 7, 1950? It was the first social event of 1950 and was it a "WOW." The Rock Creek Promenaders provided their usual swell music. The floor was full but not crowded, approximately 125 couples enjoying the dance.

The uniformed bodies were well represented, their heads taking an active part, among them J. Myron Jones, Courtland Kramer, Oliver Hardesty, and Oran Geedy. Oran Geedy, our Chief Frolicer apparently has been on the ball—the date was advanced and the Forest had short notice of the big occasion. There will be more good times coming—watch for their announcement.

Beautiful and delicious cakes were donated by Mrs. George Angel, Mrs. George Werner, Mrs. W. Homer Carroll, Mrs. J. Myron Jones, and Mrs. George Heilman. These were given as door prizes intermittently during the evening and the recipients were Mrs. Lowell Decker, M. A. Snyder, William E. Tucker, Mrs. Sara Miner, and C. E. Durr.

There were 56 Cedars present at the dance. Some of the credit for the large attendance should go to J. Myron Jones, who brought 14 people and Edgar Smith who brought 16.

E. H. Wilkinson FLORIDA COURT

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Our Chaplain

Our Grand Tall has been very particular in selecting the appointed officers of this Forest for the year 1950. For Chaplain, Rev. Alonzo R. Pixley has been chosen and has taken over his assignment with plenty of vim and vigor. Rev. Pixley is a retired Baptist Minister, and well qualified for the position. Since his appointment he has spent many hours of work in visiting our sick, extending sympathy to those in distress and in deep sadness. We are overjoyed in having such a man to lead us in the Christian side of Cedarism.

Fifty-fifty Club

A 50-50 Club is being considered for Montgomery Forest for the year 1950. Come, see how it works. Every member of the Forest will be eligible to compete for the door prize each meeting, the only prerequisite is that you must be present to receive it. Are you lucky?

Starting with the February issue of the Echo, a running record will be kept of the names of Cedars and the number of initiates for which they were responsible. Let us first see your name on the list and then let us have the number behind your name increase.

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The Garden Club

The Garden Club of 1949, under the leadership of "Bob" Gerstmyer, terminated with the December meeting. "Bob," you have worked hard this past year so a million thanks to you.

On January 13, at 7:30 p. m., the installation of our Brother Tall Cedar of this Forest, Brother Ralph J. Hayward as Worshipful Master of Pentalpha Lodge No. 194 at the Masonic Temple, Gaithersburg, Maryland took place. Many Cedars were present.

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Freshman: "Blondes."

"Wung Nung," said the magistrate, "you are charged with conducting games of chance. Have you anything to say for yourself?"

"Yes, your honor," replied the Chinaman. "We no play game of chance. Cards all marked, dice all loaded, me win every time. No chance at all."

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