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February 19, 1966

at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of

transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

STEWART H. MASENHEIMER, Grand Tall Cedar

Attest:

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YE GRAND TALL SEZ:
Brother Cedars:

Conducting my first Forest meeting as Grand Tall Cedar on January 8, 1966 was indeed a thrill and a pleasure, adding to the pleasure of the evening was our first new member of 1966, Brother Robert Osner. I wish to extend a hearty welcome to Bob and hope to see him and his wife Maggie at all our activities. Thanks to Charlie Carroll and his clowns for the fun they mustered up for us. I hope to see lots more of this at all our meetings.



Our February meeting on the 19th will be a short business meeting closing about 9:15 and re-opening again about 9:30 with some very fine entertainment followed by some good food. All are invited for this open meeting so bring ladies and friends.

Montgomery Forest was well represented at Atlantic City for the Area Conference and I am sure we all came away with some good information for our Forest. I think every one attending had a fine time, most of us stayed at the Galaxie Motel, which will be our home for Convention. We were visited by most of the Forests in District #20 and were very glad to welcome them, you may all come back in May.

Remember, get your tickets for our February Dance on the 12th and our Anniversary Dinner Dance on March 26th. These dances, etc., are planned for you, the members -- so come and bring your friends with you. See you at our next meeting.

Cedarly, *Bud*

He was standing in the museum, gazing at a portrait of "Spring", a pretty girl dressed only in a few strategically placed green leaves, when his wife caught up with him.

"Well," she snapped, "Are you waiting for - autumn?"

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FROM THE SENIOR DEPUTY

Brother Cedars:

We had a wonderful Area Conference, and as usual Montgomery Forest was well represented. The Conference was really well organized the committee is to be congratulated. All pertinent business was taken care of in an expeditious manner.

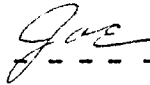
Fellows, next month will be Sidonian competition night at Nor-Va Forest. The meeting is to be held at Arlington Masonic Temple at Arlington Blvd. (Rt. 50) and South George Mason Drive in Arlington, Va, on February 18th. Let's all attend and give Don Manley and his cohorts a boost. You know it is real nice to have a bunch of friendly faces on the side lines.

Our March meeting is Master Mason night. Let's not forget that from the Blue Lodges, we get our new saplings. In order exist as a Forest, we need infusions of new saplings. You have only to point to your own experiences in Cedarism to enthuse these Brothers. We need them and I sincerely believe we have something for them. Long lasting friendships, good fellows and Yes - Fun, Frolic and Fellowship. Those three words do a better job of explaining what we have to offer than reams of words written by me. Yes, and tell them about our Charitable Objective - Muscular Dystrophy, there is no greater reward, in this life at least, than doing for those less fortunate than ourselves.

"There but for the Grace of God go I."

Fellows, we as a Forest have a lot to offer, - make our good Brothers in the Blue Lodge aware of it.

Cedarly,



SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the Officers and members of Montgomery Forest goes out to the family of Ira B. Tice, Sr., and particularly to his son, Tall Cedar Ira B. Tice, Jr., a member of Montgomery Forest. Brother Tice's Father died this week and was buried in New Jersey.

THE JUNIOR DEPUTY

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Brother Cedars:

Needless to say, Area Conference 1966 was a big success, thanks in a very large part to Bud and Gin. They are a great Host and Hostess.

This being the first officer's meeting I've attended, I feel I got a great deal out of it. One very important point that was made is something we are all aware of, but something we sometimes overlook. That is where our Saps come from -- our Blue Lodges. I mention this now because on March 19th we are having our Master Mason's Night and its not too soon to start handing out invitations. For the first time (I think) this meeting will be open to Master Masons and wives, which should increase our chances 100% of getting some new members from this meeting. We will never get a better chance than this to increase our members substantially.

Now I'll get back to the foot bath and aspirins so I can get well by Convention in May.....

Cedarly, *Gin*

NEWS

A group of Tall Cedars from Montgomery Forest, including Butler, Quinn, Thompson, Engelhardt, Binnix, Rodgers and Dick Whiting made a visitation to Arminius Lodge #21 in the District to witness the installation of Brother Kranefeld as Master at their regular meeting in December. Otto Ruhling is a Past Master of the Lodge.

After a fitting program, the Lodge withdrew to the Bavarian Restaurant where the "Belly" Masons were well taken care of.

Our Junior Deputy says, "Just call me "Rover." Why? It appears that he has been christened "Deputy Dog" by his wife at his installation. Sounds appropriate. This leads to another angle -- the ever present type-writer case that the Junior Deputy carries is reputed to contain "RABIES" shots.

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CONVENTION NEWS

It may be later than you think. Convention time is here.

Rooms are now available at the "Galaxie Motel" located at Iowa and Pacific Avenues in Atlantic City. Rates - \$14.42 per night double; \$13.39 per night single and \$3.10 per night for extra persons in room. (Prices include tax)

All reservations MUST be made through your Convention Housing Chairman -- PGTC Orville C. Hockman, 9220 Glenville Rd., Silver Spring, Md., - Phone BE 9-4370. Reservations are for a minimum of two (2) nights but a check or cash - one night in advance must be paid on or before March 15th with the balance to be paid not later than May 1st to insure your place at Convention time. Rooms are going fast so get your word to Hockman without delay.

Mrs. "Deputy Dog" (see page 3) is known as "JIM-SHIRL" as that is the way that GTC "Bud" Masenheimer introduced her at Nor-Va Forest installation.

Correction!

Our MD Chairman, "Eddie Berardi gave an erroneous report for the last Echo. Our Junior Deputy did not go into the Ladies' room at Temple Forest -- it was the Ladies' room at Nor-Va.

MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

At the Area Conference dinner in Atlantic City, Montgomery Forest presented Hellen W. Milanese, the Director of Public Relations of the Institute for Muscle Disease, Inc. of New York with a Life Membership in the National Charitable Objective of the Tall Cedars, Muscular Dystrophy. It was the first such honor bestowed on her.

BOOSTER LIST

If your name does not appear on the printed list of Montgomery Forest Boosters, send your dollar to the Booster List Chairman, Alex DeSimone, or the Scribe or an Officer at once. You will get the ECHO.

The following letter was received from the Supreme Forest and is reprinted here for the information of all Tall Cedars. 5

December 1, 1965

To all Members of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon
and all Members of the Mystic Order of Veiled
Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (Grotto)

Dear Brethern:

Some few years ago, a suggestion was made that the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, combine their organizations into one. This suggestion was made because it was realized that our aims, ambitions and objectives, were practically identical, and that an organization combining the two Orders could be stronger and better in many ways than two separate organizations.

Nothing was done regarding this suggestion for several years; however, the idea never died and from time to time the subject was discussed among individuals.

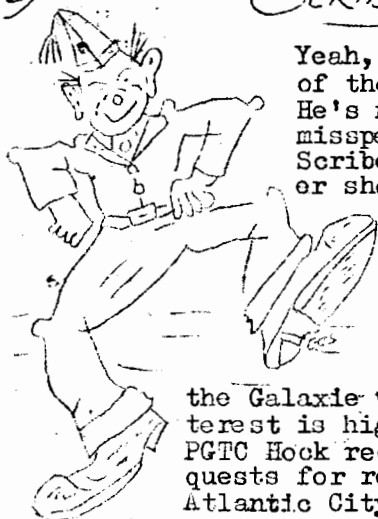
In October of 1964, several of the top ranking men of each organization came together for a short meeting to discuss the possibility of a merger. This resulted in another and larger meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio, in April of 1965, at which a goodly number of members from each organization were present. Many items were discussed regarding a possible merger and only three of these items caused any consternation. These three were a proposed head covering; the name for a combined organization, and the manner in which the Supreme Line Officers would be combined. Those in attendance left this meeting with the admonition that they should give consideration to these matters for a possible solution to be discussed at a future meeting.

Quite recently (Sept. 13, 1965) another meeting was held in Philadelphia, Penna., attended by several top-level officers of both organizations. The consensus of those present was, that a merger would be beneficial to both organizations if certain problems could be solved. The three items previously mentioned were brought up for discussion and a motion was made, seconded and carried, that two men from each organization be a committee to explore, with power

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SCRIBBLES FROM YE SCRIBE



Yeah, the Editor made a monkey out of the Scribe in the last Echo. He's not so sharp, though. Editor misspelled laundry twice in the Scribe's "Scribbles". Guess he never shook hands with a laundry tub.

Montgomery Forest made a fine showing at the Area Conference on January 15th. Eighteen members, with thirteen wonderful wives along to add zip to an otherwise working session. The accomodations at

the Galaxie were very nice, and the interest is high for the Convention in May. PGTC Hock received several reservation requests for rooms while we were still at Atlantic City. If you haven't made your

reservation, get on the horn with PGTC Hock and bend his ear.

Still got 24 membership cards left over from 1965. Also got a slew of 1966 cards to go. Aw, Come On, Boys. Here are the 1965 membership numbers in alphabetical order. If your number is here, get with the check book. Remember, 1965's are \$8.00; and 1966's are \$10.00. --- 542, 399, 417, 513, 434, 105, 165, 566, 430, 184, 147, 237, 506, 387, 328, 419, 565, 256, 524, 381, 448, 197, 42, 495.

Here's a Big Hello to Bob Osner, our latest addition to the Forest. Full name is Charles Robert Osner, and he was initiated at our January meeting. He's a Lithographer and hails from Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15 in Washington, D. C. Bob's been around with our Forest for some time, went to the Convention in '65. The Drum & Bugle Corps grabbed him and put him to work before he could get his green pyramid warm.

Here's looking ahead. Dance in February, Dinner-Dance in March, Full Form Ceremonial in April, and of course that Convention in May. Also in March, Master Mason Night, at our regular meeting. That's the time to round up our Masonic friends and give them a look at your Forest to see what makes it tick.

P.S. If anybody finds out what makes Montgomery Forest tick, please inform the Scribe. He is still confused.

THIS IS TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF

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There will be special refreshments.

SIDONIAN COMPETITION

On February 18th, Nor-Va Forest will be the Host Forest at the annual District No. 20 Sidonian competition. The various Forests will vie for the best stunts and the winner of this contest will go on to strive for further laurels and finally compete in the Supreme Forest Sidonian Competition at the Convention at Atlantic City in May.

Our Chief Sidonian, Don Manley will need everyone's support - so make it a point to go along to Nor-Va and support your Forest team.

Cedar Benefit Fund

The annual meeting of the Cedar Benefit Fund met on January 26, 1966. The annual report was read and real progress is being made.

The Officers were reelected for two years; John W. Tillery, President; George R. Lee, Vice-President and Ernest C. Shaffer, Secretary-Treasurer.

8) (Merger - Continued from page 5)

to consult a head designer as to a head covering which would be satisfactory to both Orders. The subject of an appropriate emblem for the merged organizations was discussed at length. This discussion naturally brought up the question as to what name should be used for the combined groups, and how the rituals of each would be affected. Eventually a motion was made, seconded and carried, that a committee be appointed -- the number to be decided by the Supreme Tall Cedar and the Grand Monarch, to study the matter of a proper name and the proper emblem, giving also consideration to both rituals.

These above mentioned committees have been appointed and have taken under advisement the subjects assigned to them. It is not known, at the present time, when another meeting will be held, but it will undoubtedly be in the not too distant future. All in all, it looks as though a merger of these two fine organizations would be desirable.

This communication might be termed as a "Progress Report" so that all members of both organizations may be aware of what is transpiring because it is not the desire of either organization to do anything behind the backs of its members.

Cedarly Yours
/s/ Boyd R. Felty
Acting Supreme Tall Cedar

BRF:fse

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S I C K

It seems that everyone has had a cold or a virus, especially on the return from Atlantic City.

Oliver Hardesty is now up and around.

Heard that Bro. Gerald Mack is in Washington Sanatorium - NO visitors.

"Shorty" Ross is still on the sick list.

Here are the best wishes form Montgomery Forest, hoping all those who are sick get well real soon.

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Moe: "Because she never find things where she lays them."

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