



"For thou knowest that there is not among us any, that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians." (I Kings, V - 6).

"CEDARS, WE MUST NOT FAIL"

While strolling through a busy town,  
I found some little children at play,  
While others on the ground lay down,  
With faces drawn, filled with dismay;  
And as I stood, to view this group,  
A still voice was heard to say -  
"It is MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY."

I started off upon my way,  
But still the voice to me did say -  
"It is MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY."

Retracing my steps to the little group,  
I asked of those upon the ground,  
Why they too, were not at play,  
And through wan lips heard them say -  
"It is MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY."  
What was this! Did my ears hear aright?  
The words of theirs' and voice alike -  
"It is MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY."

I left them and to doctor went,  
On mission of enlightenment,  
There surprised to learn the truth,  
Of the "KILLER DISEASE'S" rampant pursuit;  
How muscle and bone deteriorate,  
That these poor kids had met their fate;  
That they were doomed to early death,  
NO CURE, NO HOPE for their betterment.

Try as I may I could not forget,  
The crushing words my ears had met,



"CEDARS, WE MUST NOT FAIL" (Cont'd).

And deep within me there arose,  
 A determination strong to compose  
 'A group to sacrifice and give,  
 That those afflicted too might live;  
 And from my heart there seemed to rise,  
 A determined cry, "THEY SHALL NOT DIE"  
 For CEDARISM will find a way,  
 For those suffering with MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY.

Dedicated to our genial, sympathetic and most  
 energetic supporter and proponent of our National  
 Objective, Bill Schmidt, P.S.T.C.

5 July, 1951

*Homer*  
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LIGHT

Brother Cedar, whither art thou  
 traveling? Is intuition leading you  
 Eastward, or are you content to travel  
 a Westerly course, where the shades of  
 night descend and the day ends?

How the watchman longs for the dawn,  
 the light of day; the watcher by the bed  
 of illness for those first streaks of  
 light of a new day; those lost in the  
 dark pray for the light? It has been  
 said so often, give a man light and he  
 will find his way; likewise, blind and  
 in the dark is he that will not see the  
 light.

It is our earnest desire that each and every Tall  
 Cedar will seek the light, the light of his individual  
 responsibility to get squarely behind our National  
 Objective - to make some sacrifice and contribute all  
 he can to Cedarism's mission to bring "Hope to the Hope-  
 less" in finding a cure or relief for Muscular Dystro-  
 phy. May each of us see the light and give and give.

# AUGUST SUPPLEMENT

## Welcome Bay State

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE! Tall Cedars all for a new star shines brightly in Cedardom's Firmament - yes, still another Forest up in Olde New England and to that Forest, Bay State No. 148 - we extend a true Cedarly welcome with a most hearty and sincere "Hi Ya Si."

Your Ed was in Old Point Comfort on June 30th, on which date No. 148 was born so will set forth the data so graciously forwarded to me by the Grand Tall Harry F. Koehler - first his letter which contains so much and is quite illuminating:

Dear Brother Homer:

Thank you for the interesting publication which you sent me and I will try to give you some of the 'high-lights' at the Institution of Bay State Forest No. 148 on 30 June.

Cedarism is new in this vicinity and our forming of the Forest came about through a need of a group of Brother Masons who felt that we should have an organization to supply us with the fun, frolic and good fellowship which we could not achieve in the other Masonic Bodies. This need was discussed at a house party on New Year's Eve at which time I stated that I was a member of Spring City Forest No. 34, and felt that there was a definite need of a Forest of Tall Cedars in this area. Several of the Brothers agreed and wanted to know more about Cedarism, whereupon I called my good friend, Brother Frank Jencks, P.S.T.C. of Providence, R.I., who said he would be delighted to bring a group to Framingham to discuss the forming of a Forest here and we made arrangements to do this on 27th January.

Frank, with a group of 18 met with us and gave the boys a very clear picture of what it meant to be a Tall Cedar.

We held 15 organizational meetings, most of which were presided over by Frank Jencks and his able assistants Earl Hodgdon, District Representative, Claude Maine and Tom Havell of the Extension Committee. Charter petitions were slow at first and quite discouraging but by a lot of hard work we were able to present an application to the Supreme Forest for a Charter - after we had secured 106 petitions; and arrangements were made for our Institution and Ceremonial for June 30th.

Supreme Scribe Edmund H. Reeves opened the Supreme Forest as Supreme Tall Cedar, John H. Kline, Supreme Treasurer, acted as Supreme Scribe, Bayard Saler, Jr. Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar honored us with his presence; others present were Herman B. Willaredt, P.S.T.C. of Spring City Forest No. 34, who showed the film on our National Objective, Muscular Dystrophy; I was also happy to welcome L. Darlington Lessig, P.G.T.C. of Spring City Forest No. 34, and Lew Worrall, P.S.T.C. Penn Forest No. 21; Eugene E. Card, G.T.C. Tunxis Forest No. 135, Thomas H. Collings, P.G.T.C. Westerly No. 107, Charles Opie, P.G.T.C. Westerly No. 107, Ross R. Aiello, P.G.T.C. Westerly No. 107 and Claude L. Maine of the same Forest, who gave us a good deal of assistance as a member of the Extension Committee. Charles Woodward, P.G.T.C. Laurel Forest No. 130, and Dilbert Benjamin, G.T.C., Laurel No. 130, Willimantic, Conn; Jack O'Connor, G.T.C. Providence Forest No. 91, Percy Van Leuven, P.G.T.C. Greenwood Forest No. 81, Goshen, N.Y. and Wilbert Haddon, P.G.T.C. Nutmeg Forest No. 116, Manchester, Conn.

Officers of the Bay State Forest No. 148 were obligated by Earle C. Hodgdon, P.G.T.C. of Massasoit No. 112, representing District 16.

Officers elected and installed were:-

Harry F. Koehler; Grand Tall Cedar  
Donald F. Morrison, Sr. Deputy Grand Tall Cedar  
Yandell Anderson, Jr. Deputy Grand Tall Cedar

Oliver Woods, Scribe

Alfred F. Bonazzoli, Treasurer

Chester A. Dunlap, Trustee for 3 years

J. Ivar Dahlroth, Trustee for 2 years

J. Albert Fournier, Trustee for 1 year

Bay State Forest numbers 138 members representing 34 Blue Lodges, including two in England and Scotland.

We have another class of about 35 candidates which we hope to initiate within the next 30 days, and are making plans to sponsor a "circus" for the purpose of raising funds for our National Objective.

Here's wishing you much success with our new paper.

Cedarly,

/s/ Harry F. Koehler CTC

Ed's Note:- Thanks a million Harry I will express my thanks and best wishes by letter. From between the lines one can readily glean that you good Cedars have truly grasped the real spirit and aims of Cedarism and if held on to, you good Brothers will do things and go places.

NOW FOR A FEW OF THE DEATILS - they truly had a full program - take a looksee' for yourself:-

- 3:00 p.m. Registration of Candidates
- 4:00 p.m. Selections by massed bands
- 4:10 p.m. Meeting called to order by PSTC Frank Jencks of Providence Forest No. 91
- 4:30 p.m. P.S.T.C. Edmund Reeves opened the Supreme Forest.
- 5:30 p.m. Supper served in Lower Nevins Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Pictures taken on steps of Memorial Building
- 7:00 p.m. Selections by massed bands
- 7:05 p.m. Prolog by Providence Forest No. 91
- 7:25 p.m. Selection by massed bands
- 7:30 p.m. Royal Court by Westerly Forest No. 107
- 8:00 p.m. Secret work Massasoit Forest No. 112
- 8:20 p.m. Selections by massed bands

8:25 p.m. Nutmeg Forest Rangers No. 116  
 8:40 p.m. Introduction of Supreme Forest Officers  
 9:00 p.m. Tunxis Rangers No. 135  
 9:15 p.m. Address by Supreme Scribe Ed Reeves  
 9:25 p.m. Selections by massed bands  
 9:30 p.m. Sidonian Degree by Nutmeg and Tunxis  
       Forests  
 10:00 p.m. GOOD NIGHT - Cedar Dreams  
 10:30 p.m. Refreshments at Sinclair House  
 MARSHAL - P.G.T.C. Nils (Duke) Erickson of Tunxis  
       Forest No. 135

Director of Degree Work - P.G.T.C. Henry Stromberg  
       of Providence Forest No. 91

NOTE by Ed. Bayard Saler stated to me in Washington Pa., that the ritualistic work was good and that the King in the Royal Court did a swell job.

Bay State Forest will hold a Ceremonial on 27th October, at which time there will be a personal visitation by our Supreme Tall Cedar John McFaul, P.G.T.C. of Baltimore Forest No. 45

This rings down the curtain on another Institution and the Council closed but hasten to spread the news that these three Forests which have just come into being, did so with much enthusiasm and true determination - they are going places and we older Forests must take note and renew our efforts to hold our respective places in Cedardom.

Tom Havell our beloved P.S.T.C. who heads up the Supreme Forest Extension Committee is doing a fine job and we look to him for time, date and place of the Institution of No. 150.

Was not present, sorry to state, but knowing our efficient and meticulous Scribe Ed (Hearty Appetite) Reeves, I know that the job of Instituting the Forest was par excellence. Too bad one can't be two places at the same time.

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Received a fine letter from P.S.T.C. John S. Broughton, who was our first Supreme Tall in 1902; also one from Art Farmer - more re these next issue.

## OUR HERITAGE

Voltaire, the hater of injustice, narrowness, envy, jealousy and tyranny; whose mocking laughter and fighting pen, which first stung and then quickened the mind of the public, was responsible for Rousseau's (Father of the French Revolution) teachings of "Liberty, Fraternity and Equality," died in 1778, just two years after our Declaration of Independence was signed which set forth these excellent principles. Voltaire fought for the right of everyone to express his or her opinion, notwithstanding the fact that he personally disagreed. In our own Constitution this freedom of speech is protected.

All of us perhaps would be better off if we adhered to this superb principle. The good executive, administrator and leader, seeks and welcomes criticism and suggestions, for, through such media he is better enabled to prosecute his duties; correct errors and enhance the efficiency of those under him. Out of the mouths of babes comes wisdom and as an old Skipper of mine put it, "I learn many valuable lessons from the ordinary seaman on the Pok'sle for they are my best critics."

Bobbie Burns longed for the gift to see himself as others saw him. It is a poor leader indeed who is allergic to criticism and who closes his ears to suggestions. It is through such exchanges of ideas and expressions of thought that "EFFICIENCY, the power to produce the results desired, or the proper application of knowledge is born." So through the medium of this little paper we hope to express the ideas and thoughts of many and thus afford food for thought, which may prove beneficial in building our beloved and truly worth while Order, Cedarism.

An old Arabian Proverb comes to mind:-

He who knows not and knows that he knows not,

He is a FOOL - shun him

He who knows not and knows he knows not,

He is SIMPLE - teach him

He who knows and knows not he knows,

He is ASLEEP - wake him

He who knows and knows he knows,

He is WISE - follow him.

All views expressed herein, unless contrarily indicated, are those of your humble editor for you to agree or disagree with. His aim is to arouse Cedarism to greater action, to unite all into one composite group working in true unison to attain each and every goal which we may set, such as our National Objective; to hold aloft the high ideals and teachings of our Beloved Order; to bind all we Tall Cedars more closely together in thought and to engender unanimity of action; to set forth suggestions and criticisms from every source for the consideration of those in authority; in fine, to make Tall Cedarism a composite whole; not an organization comprising many units which are more or less planning and guiding their respective destinies. How true is the old motto, "In Union there is strength."

No other organization offers so much for so little; or has greater potentialities to carve it's name in blazoned letters on the Honor Roll of Fraternism. Brother Cedars ours is indeed a great heritage. So Brother Tall Cedars, having the best interests of Cedarism at heart, let's frankly and yet sincerely and fraternally set forth our suggestions and comments. Perhaps you have some excellent ideas you have been keeping to yourself which will prove valuable.

Send them in as well as reports of your activities which may prove of interest to, or an incentive for greater effort on the part of, other Forests. Send your items to

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# THINK!

of our NATIONAL OBJECTIVE - forego a movie, a carton of cigarettes, a cold one, or some other non-essential and send a

\$ or more to our Supreme Treasurer John H. Kline, 43 N. 10th Street, Easton, Pennsylvania. Do it NOW, do not delay, and experience the real pleasure that comes through sacrificing for others. Help us in raising and exceeding \$50,000. by October 1st - if each Tall Cedar gives two bucks we can exceed \$100,000. Let's do it Cedars and walk proudly - heads higher.

"THANKS HERMAN"

Thanks Herman for your kind letter of July 7th, in which you state "read every word of it, congratulations for a job well done, the news was breezy and well expressed \*\* will look forward to the next edition with much pleasure - wish you every success." The poem you so graciously forwarded Herman will appear in a subsequent issue. Yours was the first letter received. Being number ONE I mention it here.

If with pleasure you are viewing,  
 Any work that I am doing,  
 If you like me or you love me, tell me now;  
 Don't withhold your approbation,  
 Till the preacher makes oration,  
 And I lie with snowy lillies o'er my brow;  
 For no matter how you shout it,  
 I won't care a bit about it,  
 I won't know how many tear drops you have shed,  
 If you think some praise is due me,  
 Now's the time to slip it to me,  
 For I cannot read my tombstone when I'm dead.

Money was first mentioned in the Bible - that's when the Dove brought the "green back" to the Ark.

The first baseball game is also recorded in Holy Writ, that's when the Prodigal Son made a home-run.

Also the first "necking party" is mentioned therein "He went into the mountains and took a jug of wine and "nectar". Corny, eh what?

There's no defeat, in TRUTH, save from within,  
 Unless you're BEATEN THERE, you're bound to win.

Faint not in well doing, for in due season you will reap your reward, if you faint not.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - we leave the lighter vein and respectfully direct your attention and serious consideration to the subject matter of the following pages, which is militating against the forward progress of many organizations including our own Order. These are not the thoughts of one Brother but the thoughts of many whom we have dropped from our various organizations. Weigh them carefully.

A survey conducted during the past few years, among members of organizations who have dropped out, do not attend meetings or otherwise participate in the activities of their organizations, established the following causes therefor:-

Politics:- the securing of favor or office through patronage.

Minorities and Cliques:- one manifesting dictatorial control, or several fighting each for power.

Partiality:- showing favoritism to a few - not considering all the members.

ABUSE OF OFFICE:- utilization of one's office for personal aggrandizement; or devising ways and means to hold office; instead of devoting efforts to the efficient prosecution of the duties of the office and in promoting the best interests of the organization.

INEQUALITY:- development of classes and groups within the organization.

PAST OFFICERS:- forgetting that with the relinquishment of office they revert to the status of a member; except for honors tendered by virtue of office held.

Sad to relate these conditions have manifested themselves in some Blue Lodges, the Ancient Landmarks of the Fraternity to the contrary notwithstanding, with the following results:-

(a) members driven out; (b) "Peace and Harmony" supplanted by "Discord and disunity;" (c) interest destroyed; (d) initiative killed and drones made out of workers; (e) attendance at meetings and support of activities materially reduced; (f) purposes and aims of the organization, especially when dedicated to the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, defeated.

These subjects will be discussed in future issues with the hope such discussion will constitute seed sown in good ground which will produce the desired and most essential results. We should guard against those things which may jeopardize the growth and forward progress of Tall Cedarism. It is imperative that we adhere to the Tenet of EQUALITY - working amicably together and being frank and honest with one another. There should be no "dark secrets" or subversive acts. One for all, all for one; above board cooperation.

# Welcome Wachagree

"I WILL LIFT UP MINE EYES UNTO THE HILLS FROM WHENCE COMETH MY HELP." Psalm 121, verse 1.

Why this quotation from Holy Writ? Cedars had you been in Washington, Pennsylvania, with us on 14 July, and there surrounded by hills and witnessed the ceremonies in connection with the institution of Wachagree Forest; I am sure you would have joined in repeating the words of the Psalmist. One could not have witnessed the activities without being "helped" and strengthened in his interest in, and love for, Tall Cedarism. Well let's get down to a few details as accurately as your humble servant, with a weak mind and a strong back, can set them forth from hasty notes and memory. Excuse errors and omissions please.

At 1 p.m. registration of Saps and visiting Cedars at The Masonic Temple, by members of Wachagree and Al-o-mon Forests. Your humble servant was happy to have had the opportunity of assisting in the registering of the "visiting firemen".

3 p.m., wrong, it was 4 p.m., always an hour late you know - page Jack Smith our Chief Ranger, where was the Hombre' - the parade started - goody-goody, we only marched four and one half blocks down hill. The Color Guard from Westmoreland Forest No. 77, to which our Jr. D.S.T.C. "Barnyard" Saler belongs, led the procession, BUT they were preceded by City and State Police and a Cowboy on a Pinto Pony. Next came our Supreme Tall Cedar "Smiling John" riding in a PACKARD Convertible, then Supreme Forest Officers, D.R.'s and officers of Wachagree - dogs must have hurt them or were they lazy. They rode in PACKARDS too - you see Joe Gardner and your editor sell them so we was glad to see them.

Next a handsome D.R. (did not get his name) led the Grand Talls and Past Grand Talls on foot. Boy can they take it - rugged - some in White Tucks - shortest parade I ever marched in and to the excellent music of Westmoreland's fine band which followed us. As I recall the following in this order - Float T.C.L. depicting Fun, Frolic and Fellowship; Green Hats plenty of them; Rangers La-me-bu Forest No. 144; Float "Old Soldiers Never Die"; Horse Drawn Vehicle with casket on it representing

Old Sid, from Bentlyville, Pa., Clan Douglas No. 229 O.C.S., Bag-pipe Band and Rangers and Green Hats of Al-o-mon Forest No. 130; Float by Forest No. 149, A Sap sitting in a bath tub taking a shower, water and everything so help me, the coolest man in the parade; Mingo Junction, Ohio, Volunteer Fire Department's Boy and Girl Drum and Bugle Corps - State Champs '46 - '47 dressed in black cadet uniforms with mauve tassels and trimmings - they played and drilled magnificently; they were followed by 274 SAPPLINGS of Wa-cha-gree. At the conclusion of the parade the Mingo Boys and Gals played the Alma Mater of Ohio State University. This was followed by the Clan Douglas Bag-pipe band playing "Believe me of all those endearing young charms" and a Scottish aire. Very colorful parade - well handled.

next on agenda EATS which were served to all hands and the Ship's Cook in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple. Ample and excellent food. Thanks Chef whoever you are. They gave Tom Havell four extra sandwiches as he looked starved after his return from his trip abroad. Welcome home you old Nomad. It was great to see you again. How's the Limies and Frenchies - Nordies?

At 6:45 we adjourned to the fine Lodge Hall in the Elk's Home, B.P.O.E. 776, which was turned over to the Cedars lock-stock and barrel. First a fine concert by Westmoreland Forest Band; then D.R. James B. Allan of the newly created district in that area, called the meeting to order and welcomed, first, Grand Talls of Westmoreland Forest No. 77 and Al-o-mon Forest No. 138 and their officers; Grand Tall of La-me-bu Forest No. 144; second; Chester Philips, GTC No. 45; Charles A. Spellman GTC No. 22; Ralph J. Carpenter GTC No. 70; P.A. Peiffer PGTC No. 30; L. W. Bartley PGTC No. 104; Russel B. Weikel PGTC No. 34; Homer Carroll PGTC No. 134 and some others whose names were not secured; thirdly, District Representatives Jimmy Hand, Bill Senger and Clifford E. Bruce; last but not least, our S.T.C. John McFaul, Sr.D.S.T.C. Doc Reichard; Jr.D.S. T.C. Bayard Saler, S.Treas. John Kline; S.Scr. Edmund Reeves; S. Trus. Karl Muhlman; S. Prec. Adam Martin; P.S.T.C.s Tom Havell, Chairman S.F. Extension Committee and Lew Worrall.

Supreme Forest opened by SIC and colors presented by Color Guard Westmoreland Forest No. 77, Pledge of Allegiance to Flag, invocation by Rev. Roy Taylor, of

Al-o-mon Forest No. 138, who served as a Major in the Chaplain Corps of the Army in the South Pacific for several years.

Then the Scribe of the new Forest presented Ed Reeves, our Supreme Scribe, the names of 274 comprising the class of initiates. This brought forth a loud applause from those present. The following officers of Wa-cha-gree Forest No. 149 were presented by officers of similar station from Westmoreland and Al-o-mon Forests for installation:- Joseph S. Gardner, G.T.C., Wm. M. Pulaski, Sr.D.G.T.C., H. R. Cartwright, Jr.D.G.T.C., John W. Wherry, Jr., Scribe, Wm. D. George, Treasurer, I. N. South, Peter Williams and Ed. L. Malone, Trustees. They were obligated by the Supreme Tall Cedar John McFaul and installed by P.S.T.C. Tom Havell. Sr.D.S.T.C. William Reichard read the Dispensation. Supreme Preceptor Adam Martin presented a White Bible in the name of the Supreme Forest. The Supreme Forest was closed by the Supreme Tall and the gavel turned over to Grand Tall Gardner, who worked hard to bring this new Forest into being. Fine lad. Being a little shy as all new Grand Tall are, he in turn handed the gavel to District Representative Jim Allan and asked him to carry on. At this point all those who had been welcomed and given a seat upon the platform, made a hasty exit to seek a cooler spot and according to some rumor they found it in the basement of the Elk's Home. What could the attraction have been - not the two waitresses surely.

Jim Allan in fine style carried on and told of the work done in bringing Cedarism to Washington, Pa, an old City which was in being before the Declaration of Independence was signed. A most historic spot and well worth a visit. Oh yes, those beards and goaties you saw - that was in connection with a forthcoming celebration - an old custom - the best one on the nite of the Carnival receives a prize - if no beard is raised a fine of \$25. is levied. They sure were cute. Not funny McGee sitting in the balcony and squirting water on those seated below - why is this necessary - see no fun in it. Let's cut it out.

One Cedar stated he had as much fun when he received his Sidonian Degree as he did the night he was married - funny how things strike some of us. Here we enjoyed a few remarks by our Supreme Tall

Sr.D.S.T.C. and Jr.D.S.T.C.; they said it was too hot for speech making, for which all present were most grateful.

The superb Chanters from Westmoreland Forest then entertained us with some excellent and well rendered vocal selections. Most inspiring Cedars. The Prolog and Royal Court were exemplified in excellent style by West Chester Forest No. 22, assisted by the Rangers from La-me-bu Forest No. 144. One of the finest this yere Hombre' has had the pleasure of witnessing. Their robes were beautiful. The Sidonian Degree was nicely and strikingly exemplified by a group from Al-o-mon Forest No. 138, with "Doc" Smith, former D.R. 19 assisting in fine style.

Much credit is due D.R. Jimmy Allan for a fine day - exercises progressed practically on time and with precision. Jimmy deserves a hearty vote of thanks not only for this but for helping organize this new Forest. This was the best Institution I have ever attended, and handled more in line with the manner in which they should be conducted. Hats off to you Jimmy and to your helpers for a job well done. Too bad more Tall Cedars were not present to witness it.

Thus we ring down the curtain on another Institution and look to Tom Havell to tell us where the next one is to be in Cedardom's extension of it's boundaries.

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5,000 attended Westmoreland's picnic at Ligonier, Pa. Members of the Supreme Forest and their wives were the guests of Bayard Saler. Parking stubs stated "No drinking on grounds" as related by a Cedar who attended as he was glad of this fact. Athletic events for the kiddies and prizes. Aerial show at night. Mighty fine affair. A real credit to Tall Cedarism.

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#### THANKS

A million thanks to you Brother Cedars for your many letters expressing interest in the paper, its aims and purposes - your encouragement - also your acceptance of the little poem which you state was timely and fitted in well with our National Objective. Will quote excerpts from these letters in our next issue. Thanks again.

"HIT ME AGAIN"

The Governor of the State was to speak before a large audience. The newly elected States Attorney was to make a few preliminary remarks and introduce his "Nibs" the Guv. But when this young attorney saw the large crowd, and this being his first opportunity to address so many people, he raved on and on. The Chairman of the meeting kept tapping on the marble topped speaker's stand in an endeavor to shut him up, but without avail.

Sitting next to the speaker's stand was a bald-headed man. In a desperate attempt to shut up the State's Attorney, the Chairman brought his gavel down with great force, missed the marble topped stand and struck the bald headed man on the head which crumpled him to the floor. The Chairman thinking he had killed the man, knelt down and bent over him to see if he was still breathing - to his surprise he heard the poor man mumbling "Hit me again for I can still hear him speaking." (How true this often is?)

OPTIMISM:- A cheerful frame of mind that enables a tea kettle to sing though in hot water up to its nose.

Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows. (Helen Keller)

We can all shout - but it's the fellow who is heard when he whispers that goes places.

John had no last words as he had a talkative wife who was with him till the last.

Show me the man who is making mistakes and I will show you a man who is doing something.

When asked by the conductor whether he would be off or from, the passenger replied "off"; you are darned right replied the conductor your getting off at the next stop. The guy had no dough and was trying to bum a ride under false colors.

MY AIM CEDARS IS SERVICE

"Abou Ben Adhem" - "I pray thee, then, write me as one that loves his fellowman." James Henry Leigh Hunt. Brother Cedars this quotation is for the purpose of endeavoring to convey to you what is in my heart. It is out of my love for my fellowman that I am so vitally interested in the Craft, Cedarism, and every organization furthering the Brotherhood of Man and practicing Charity. It is this alone that has prompted your humble servant to plug the National Objective - endeavoring to keep the flames of interest born at the Supreme Forest Meeting alive, while our Committee weighs each and every angle and presents its recommendations as to the course Cedarism is to pursue in it's laudable undertaking.

Brethern, it is no simple matter nor something that can be determined upon a simple turn of the wrist. It is imperative that we have "well laid" plans and a sure foundation on which to build our Objective. My appeal for a buck or more, to raise \$50,000 was merely augmenting the appeal of the Supreme Forest. We must have this initial amount to go into business. As Art Farmer stated to me, "Its going to take Blood, Sweat and Tears." John Kline our Supreme Treasurer ably expressed it, as did our Supreme Tall John McFaul, "We must be sure of our footing - we must not - and cannot make mistakes." So Brother Cedars keep our OBJECTIVE fresh in your minds, think it over - get your ducks in a row - so that when our efficient committee meets on August 4th for final draft of plans; and the same are promulgated by them - we will already have our sleeves rolled up, interest engendered and a stout and eager heart to get going and to put the wonderful activity across with flying colors. We cannot fail.

May GOD help us to be considerate of others, to understand each other, our aims and objectives better; to remove from our hearts envy, jealousy, and cynicism as well as ego and self granduer; to abstain from resentment when others strive to do what they think in their hearts is right and for the best of all. May we put the interest of Tall Cedarism and the Fraternity above all else forgetting self interests and working for the good of our Orders and others.

## OMISSION

My error in cutting stencil of poem appearing herein, I omitted the next to last line - the last three lines should read as follows:-

"For CEDARISM will find a way,  
To a happier, brighter and healthier day,  
For those suffering with MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY."

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The color guards from Capitol Forest No. 104, and Montgomery Forest No. 134, under command of Layton Miner, PGTC, No. 134, participated at the institution of Mariners Forest No. 147, at Old Point Comfort, Va.

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## ARE WE MISSING "A BET?"

I wonder? With regard to members in our Forests. We stage "Master Mason Nights" and other open meetings under various nom' de plumes', in an endeavor to secure new members. Various drives are inaugurated for this purpose and considerable sums are spent therefor. In some Forests, Life Memberships are given members for securing a prescribed number of Seps, which constitutes a continuing expense against the Forest due to the non-payment of dues by the recipient of such award.

A new Forest is instituted, and a large number are made Tall Cedars. The Supreme Forest descends with all it's pomp and ceremony, installs the officers, makes numerous speeches, watches the ritualistic work, then merrily wends its way, so to speak, joyful in the thought a new Forest has been added, and the number of Hewers largely increased.

The individual Forest gathers together a large class, exemplifies the Prolog, Royal Court, and the Sidonian Degree, has some refreshments and it too rejoices in the fact that the number in the Forest has been increased, and the balance in the bank is larger. New members to replace lost ones.

Perhaps more thought should be given to the retention of the members we have - a study made to ascertain the lack of interest - the failure to pay dues with the resultant dropping for non-payment thereof. Every time I gaze upon a large class of Saps, I become quizzical like the farmer looking over his wheat field after a storm, and the preacher surveying the group of penitents kneeling at the Altar - "How much will turn out good, will survive?"

We have no sick or death benefits, or home to offer for our orphans - all we have to offer is true fellowship, socialbility, friendliness, and surcease from the cares and labor of the day. In fine, we have only our Cedarism to sell, and we must find ways and means to sell it so that those coming into our Order, will truly be sold, become interested, and wholeheartedly become faithful Hewers in our Forests.

Am afraid we are making our "Institutions" too long. The same applies to our Ceremonials. Endeavoring to crowd too much into one night, with the result we fail unconsciously to sell Cedarism - on the contrary we defeat our purpose and bore our newly made Cedars to the point interest dies and they fail to grasp and retain what we are trying to put across. So many newly made Cedars have expressed this thought, and in addition have resented some of the activities of the crew exemplifying the Sidonian Degree. There is much confusion, delay, an apparent lack of a definite procedure - resolves itself into a "hit and miss proposition". The Institution of a new Forest should be handled with precision and dispatch, few speeches, and on a proper, well thought out, time table. We should make a favorable impression on the candidates; let them see we know our business; and like John McFaul's joke about the hornets - "We are well organized."

There should be some follow up. We should not institute a new Forest and leave them so to speak. We should maintain our interest patently and not be like the dealer who makes a sale and fails to give service and interest thereafter. Why can't our Forests be divided into areas, say "A", "B", "C", "D" and "E". The first year the Supreme Tail would visit all Forests in "A"; the S.D.S.T. those in "B"

the J.D.S.T. those in "C"; P.S.T.C.'s those in "D" and "E". Then rotate visiting officials. The next year the S.T.C. would drop to "E" group and then visit by succeeding years "D", "C", and "B"; then "A" again. The other officers would rotate in the same manner. So if five areas were adopted the S.T.C. would visit each Forest once every five years. Make more areas if necessary but with a view to having the S.T.C. visit each Forest in every so many years. Where Forests are situated close together, the visitation could be a "Joint ONE", the Forests concerned taking turns as to who was to be the Host at a given visitation. Expenses could be pro-rated.

In this manner each Forest would have a visit during the year from one of the principal officers of the Supreme Forest. A real night should be planned, highly publicized - made a big event of the year, and every endeavor made to make it a real Tall Cedar get-to-gether and rally. It could be open following a short business meeting. This would tend to solidify and unify Cedarism; bring about the desired cohesion and unanimity of thought and purpose, and would prevent any Forest from feeling they were taken in and then forgotten. From my observations a closer and more interested "liaison" is needed between the S.F. and subordinate Forests. What do you think?

By the same token each Forest should have a large and active membership committee contacting members, endeavoring to engender a proper interest in Cedarism, letting members know they are missed when they do not attend meetings - make them feel they are a part of the Forest and the Order, one which is doing things (we now have a National Objective) and going places. Find a job for them to do, use their capabilities and help them do it by working closely with them.

We will do well to give this some thought in making Cedars "In Fact" and not "In Name Only;" to holding the members we have and making better Hewers out of them. We are not using our assets to a proper advantage - our investments are wasted. Better to take in a few properly and "Hold" them, than to take in a large group and lose the majority. Seems to me Cedars we are missing a bet somewhere along the Forest Glen. Let us examine our procedural foundations. Try it.

## ODDS and ENDS

Since we reported John McFaul Nite in our first edition, we have learned that Baltimore Forest No. 45, gave our Supreme Tall Cedar a beautiful gold wrist watch and band - it is a beauty for we all saw it at Old Point Comfort. How lucky can one be?

The Bands and Rangers of Capitol Forest No. 104, and Hagerstown Forest No. 95, as did the Color Guard and Rangers of Prince Georges Forest No. 139, participated in the John McFaul Parade in Baltimore on 25 June. Just giving credit where credit is due.

Montgomery Forest No. 134, participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Takoma Park, Maryland, and they certainly looked good marching along. Last year the Forest won a cup for being the best marching unit.

Prince Georges Forest No. 139 participated in the Fourth of July Parade in Hyattsville, Maryland. This is their first appearance with band and uniformed units.

The little poem appearing herein "Cedars, we must not fail," was scribbled down on a piece of paper by the composer while sitting in his car in Baltimore on 5 July. He had been watching some children at play and his thoughts drifted to Cedarism and our National Objective, and while thus engrossed in thought the subject matter of the poem flashed through his mind and taking a piece of paper and pencil he jotted it down. May it impress the readers as the thought impressed the writer.

Inscription on award of Honorary Membership given to your editor: "In appreciation of friendship and a tribute to distinguished service in Cedarism, this certificate is awarded to Past Grand Tall Cedar of Montgomery Forest No. 134, Wm. Homer Carroll, constituting him an Honorary Member of Portsmouth Forest No. 143, T.C.L., of Portsmouth, Virginia." Signed Charles Whittington, Jr., Scribe and Russell A. Cowling, Grand Tall Cedar.

When the hat was passed after the adoption of our National Objective at Atlantic City, nearly one thousand dollars was placed therein by those present - there were a few checks for \$50., \$75. and \$100. Have you given???