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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 U.S.A., I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, to be held in the Fire House, Kensington, Md., September 11, 1948 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of transacting such business as shall come before the Forest.

Cedarly yours,

Attest:
Don A. Smith
Scribe

William R. Enyeart
Grand Tall Cedar

C. M. DeLauder, P.G.T.C., No. 95
District Representative

WEAR YOUR PYRAMID

From The Grand Tall Cedar

Dear Cedars:

The time is drawing near when we will hold our first Full Form Ceremonial and it should be a gala affair as it has a twofold purpose. It will be our first Full Form and our Charter will be presented to us by The Supreme Tall Cedar.

Lets all turn out and make a good showing. I am sure from past experience you will support me in this, my last ceremonial.

I am also calling on all of you to be present at the institution of Temple Forest in Alexandria, Va. on Sept. 18, at 8:00 PM in The George Washington National Masonic Temple. Altho we have no uniformed units, I would like to have a sizeable number of us march in the parade which starts at 7:00 PM at North Royal St. and King St.

Temple Forest's number will #136.
Looks like we are getting to be old timers.

Plato once said, "There is strength in unity." However, being a man with many such pithy observations to his credit, he realized that this simple statement did not tell the entire story so he amended it with, "Yes, but only the shrewd and the hungry practice it."

The inference drawn from this learned genius of a long buried civilization is that intelligent, thoughtful men join together for mutual benefit in the exchange of ideas and that the poor and oppressed band together for bring about by sheer strength of numbers—either through political consideration or revolt, the social reforms which will mean more bread in their larders and other benefits.

Since we belong in the first group and also because action leads to unity, we should make every attempt to be present at all meetings and through this action strengthen our Forest.

Thanks for the swell turnout at the Crab Feast held Aug. 14 at Joe Fitzgerald's. Those of you who missed this, really missed something as you will see if you read our columnist's (Willie Homer's) report.

Cedarly yours,

Bill.

Ed's. note. The way the G.T. ate crabs, it's a good thing we didn't have any larger attendance.

COLOR GUARD

Your uniform committee is shopping around for suitable snappy uniforms for the Color Guard. Our Forest Flag is in the making. We have contacted different flag companies for styles, materials and prices. A number of plans have been submitted and we think one has finally been decided upon.

CONVENTION TIME

It is fast approaching convention time again so give us your name if you contemplate going to Atlantic City next May. A committee headed by Layton Miner is going to Atlantic City in the next few weeks to make suitable arrangements for hotel accommodations. Please set this date aside for you - the family - the girl friend - and any and all who will help make this year's affair a huge success.

BY
Wee Willie Homer

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! by command of G.T. Bill Enyeart, proclamation is hereby made throughout this here county by Pen-Pushers Don Smith and Homer Carroll, that the crab feast which followed the stated meeting of the Forest held at the habitat of Chief Ranger, Joseph P. Fitzgerald on Aug. 14, was a huge (emphasis on huge) SUCCESS. Once more we can say to youse Cedars who were not feasting with us in the shade of the trees, you missed a real treat, an enjoyable time, and for substantiation of this proclamation and assertion we respectfully and charitably too, refer you to more than 100 Cedars, wives, children and friends who were present.

So lend an ear Cedars — that is, you who were not present — here is a detailed report for your edification.

At 1:00 PM pronto Sr. Dep. G.T.C. Miner called the meeting to order. In the shade of the Cedars, routine business was expeditiously transacted, new members were elected who will constitute a part of the class for the ceremonial Oct. 2 and the meeting closed at 1:15 PM. We promised you a brief meeting — Cedars, it was.

Myron Jones, Johnny Deegen and George Angel were on hand at 9:00 AM, made fire in the fireplace and began steaming crabs. They COMPLETED STEAMING CRABS one minute, or was it 30 seconds — doggone it, Don says 3 secs. before the meeting.

The G.T. and Treasurer Terry looked after the ice and drinks, cheese, ham bread, mustard etc. Joe Fitzgerald assisted by his good wife, son Bill and daughters Eleanor and Virginia, provided the tables, chairs and other necess-

6 tation of door, consolation, booby and other prizes. Cedars Craybill, Hanlein and Enyeart put up the signs which marked the trail to Joe and Myron Jones and Harry Hanlein went to the boat at the wharf to get the crabs (8 bushels) and haul them out. We mention these good Cedars and others who assisted them, first, because the success of the afternoon was due to their untiring efforts and hard work. The Forest truly owes them a hearty applause and a sincere and heartfelt "WELL DONE". And to Joe Fitzgerald, we say, "THANKS A MILLION" for the use of his place and the hard work in cutting weeds, grass, etc. to make suitable space available for feast and parking of cars. Snuffy Smith was heartbroken because he was not asked to serve on the Refreshment Committee. Here's our handkerchief, old pal.

CHAMPS — Tie between Cedars Bowman and Outten — as they ate crabs without interruption for 4 hours — number of crabs consumed unknown — we can only say, algebraically, X equals the unknown quantity. Hank Mehserle, one of our guests, was runner-up for second place; in fact, it was a photo finish between he, Nash, Angel and Mrs. Myron Jones. Close on their heels came Hilda Gerstmyer, Lacy Smit, Charlie Kathmyer, Charley Fink, Matty Hindman, Eddie Childs and George Heilman. Confidential it was no easy task to keep track of the number of crabs eaten by each person present, but, right from the Crab's Claw (not legs youse gals and land-lubbers), Eddie Wilkinson, Bob Brooks, P.M. Babbitt, Harry Hanlein, Mmes. Enyeart, Funkhouser, Smith, Hindman, Nelson, Witherite, Ed Davidson, Graybill and Craybill Melvin Miller and his 24th rib were no slouches in cracking shells and putting the old crab meat away.

FIRST YOU SEE IT; THEN YOU DON'T

The G. T. and Ev. Terry placed about 201b.

Sr. D G T Layton Miner, Sr D G T Homer Carroll & Joe Saunderson were appointed a committee to secure hotel space at Atlantic City for the Annual Convention of the Supreme Forest which is to be held during the 3rd week in May, 1949.

Refreshments were served by our host, Layton, aided by Reba Enyeart and Thelma Smith. Sara Miner was not with us due to the fact that she was confined to her bed in Doctor's Hospital, recovering from a serious operation. Sara is now out of the hospital and on the mend but not yet ready to cut her usual capers. We'll be mighty happy when she is completely well.

The meeting quickly adjourned when a tree frog Charlie Outten had fished from the pool and placed upon the table, gave a husky leap when tickled by a pretzel stick in the hands of Joe Fitzgerald and landed in a plate of pretzels. All hands rose hurriedly with the result that G.T. Bill landed on terra firma with the table covering his manly form, sans injury but with a surprised look and a hearty laugh. Never saw any meeting of any organization so abruptly and so expeditiously terminated.

Before all this happened, announcement was made that J. Melvin Miller, our genial Trustee, had offered his new Buick Convertible for use of Supreme Officers in the Parade on October 2, in connection with the Ceremonial. More cars will be needed,

NEW MEMBERS

The following were voted to receive the degrees of Cedarism at our Crab Feast meeting:
Charles E. Fink of Kensington, Md.
James Calvin Wallace of Washington, D.C.

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOST: One bulletin editor known as
Wee Willie Homer.
Identified by remarkable ability
to express himself interestingly.

FOUND: One poor substitute for the above.
(See page 1)

WANTED Reporters, writers, cartoonists,
lay-out men, mimeograph operators,
typists, clerks for folding,
stuffing, addressing, and licking
stamps.

Long hours, no pay, good jobs.

All workers guaranteed lots of fun.
(Crazy people always have fun.)

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The Scribe.

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the above services.

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the scribe.

like the Arabs gathered their belongings and silently went their respective ways to their homes with a smile of satisfaction upon their faces, a song in their hearts and a warm glow permeating their very being; happy in the thought they had shared and had a part in this festivity and grateful for Tall Cedarism, what it is and the real spirit of fellowship and sociability it affords.

STATEMENTS OF FACT

"You get out of life and an organization just what you put into it."

"Am sorry I have not attended meetings and festivities, for I know now what I have been missing and will attend in the future. Furthermore, I'll be at rehearsals each Fri. night and help any way I can."

"This is truly the spirit of Cedarism."

"I have 4 petitions so far for Oct 2."

"I have 3 and expect to have 5."

"Am glad they have assigned me to the Refreshment Committee. Never served on one, but will do my best."

We could continue ad infinitum but feel the foregoing are sufficient for the purpose in view, namely; thought, consideration, and may we in a most friendly way say, self-analysis and imitation.

The Scribe has just received a fresh shipment of the CEDAR TREE AUTO EMBLEMS. They are the official emblem of The Tall Cedars of Lebanon, are made of cast aluminum and won't rust. They identify you as a

"good fellow". You will get many a "HI YA SI" from these attractive emblems. Only \$1.00.

TO GOD'S HOUSE

On Sunday, September 13, the members of this Forest are urgently requested to assemble at Highland Drive and Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md. promptly at 10:30 a.m. that we may attend divine services at St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Robt. E. Lee, the Pastor, will preach a special sermon for we Tall Cedars.

Please make this date a MUST on your calendar and don't forget, WEAR YOUR PYRAMID.

Notwithstanding the fact that our by-laws call for attendance at church services in a body, we as Master Masons, who believe in a Supreme Architect, a Creator and Preserver of Mankind, should frequently go to God's House. Let us turn out in a goodly number and show the public that there is a serious and sacred side to Cedarism as well as Fun, Frolic and Fellowship. Rev. Lee served as chaplain on an aircraft carrier during the war and this is his first charge. Under his leadership this church has become one of the foremost in Silver Spring and we are fortunate to be able to worship with the congregation in their beautiful new home.

Cedars; let's All turn out and support this most important occasion. We shall be happy to have any visiting Cedars attend with us, also.

YIPPEE

SQUARE DANCE

YIPPEE

OCT. 16, 1948.

Takoma Park Jr. High School

REHEARSALS

Each Friday evening at 8 p.m. those composing the cast of Prolog and Royal Court and those who have volunteered for Rangers, meet in the Parish Hall of Ascension Episcopal Church on Sligo Avenue near Carroll's home. Oran Geedy and Joe Fitzgerald are lining up the Rangers consisting of the following: Johnny Styers, Jimmy Britt, Harry Hanlein, Ernie Riddle, Matty Hindman, Olie Hardesty, Jimmy Robb, Frank Heidick, Johnny Degen, Bill Jeans, Bob Madera, Al Slagle, George MacKay, Earl Bowman and Jimmy Witherite.

Those now rehearsing for parts in Prolog and Royal Court, as principals and substitutes are E. H. Wilkinson, Ev Terry, Enio Persion, John Alcorn, George Angel, Paul Craun, Ed Davidson, Bob Gerstmyer, George Heilman, E. W. Haviland, Jr., Myron Jones, Ted Mohler, Carlton Ohlheiser, Al Pelley, Vernon Godshall, Paul Moore, Herman Englehardt, Jimmy Britt, and Homer Carroll. The latter is continuing his duties as Preceptor at the request of the G.T., notwithstanding the fact he was recently elevated to the office of Jr. D. G.T.

Grand Tall Bill and Sr. D.G.T. Layton attended the last rehearsal and were pleased with the progress being made. Everything seems to presage an excellent rendition of the ritualistic work on October 2.

Matty Hindman, Harry Hanlein, Myron Jones and other members of the Stunt Corps are working hard on scenery, etc. for Prolog and Royal Court. Ample Cedar wood for our needs was secured by E. W. Haviland from the vicinity of South River. We are most grateful for his interest and kindly cooperation in cutting the wood and hauling it so great a distance for our use. Another manifestation of team

Would like to mention here, that as many as 28 members of the Forest attend rehearsals and the number is increasing with each rehearsal. Come on down and take a "looksee". Maybe we can find something for you or your hands to do.

NOT MINNETONKA

No, not by the blue waters of Minnetonka but the blue water of Layton Miner's pool -- that is where an Executive Committee Meeting was held on August 2. Our Sr. D G T presided at this meeting, which was attended by our G T Bill Enyeart, Jr D G T Homer Carroll, Scribe Don Smith, Treasurer Ev Terry, Trustees Lamont Thurston and Dr J Montgomery, Guide Ted Mohler and Aide Bob Gerstmyer, members of Executive Committee, and the following recently appointed to the several committees by the Grand Tall: Joe Saunderson and Charlie Outten, Steering; Jimmy Britt, Publicity; Harold Dillenbeck, Refreshment; Al Pelley, Seating; Howard Smith, Transportation; Jimmy Boole, Parade; Joe Fitzgerald, Rangers. Oran Geedy, Membership, and Bob Brooks, Reception, were unable to be present due to their absence from the city.

General over-all plans for the Ceremonial to be held on October 2 were outlined by Layton Miner. Committee chairmen were asked to contact members of their respective committees, meet with them and get under way with duty assigned and be ready to make their report at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at the home of Bill Enyeart on September 1.

The Grand Tall appointed Layton Miner, Homer Carroll and Bob Gerstmyer a committee to design and secure costs for flags for the Forest and to have them in time for the institution of Temple in Alexandria, Sept 18.

chips on the table and two grinning cheshire cats--satisfied with themselves for the mission just fulfilled. They had not walked 15 yards before some yelled, "Where are the sandwiches?" They pointed with beaming faces at the table--BUT--the beam disappeared and a perplexed look appeared--for like Mother Hubbard's cupboard--the table was bare. "Where did it go?" Bill asked, to which Don Carroll replied, "I don't know but someone mistook my hand for a sandwich and gave it a hearty bite." So-o-o! off went Bill and Ev. again to the Safeway store at Monkey Hills to resupply the larder. Believe us, no appetites were left at home this day.

Our Jr. Dep. G.T. Carroll introduced Eddie Childs, thanked him on behalf of the Forest for his loyal support and cooperation and wished him success, happiness and best O' luck during his tour of duty in Athens, Greece. Eddie is proceeding overseas in a civilian capacity and will be absent three years. He was extended a hearty applause and told to hurry back as 134 will miss him.

Sr. Dep. G.T.C. Larry Wedding and Ranger John Barbers of Capitol Forest feasted with us and joined in the festivities of the day. We are always pleased to have visiting Cedars at our meetings, ceremonials and festivities.

The following were willing to eat crabs if some kind soul picked the meat for them: Don Smith, Joe Saunderson, George MacKay, Oran Geedy, Willie Homer, Bob Gerstmyer, George Richter, Ted Mohler, Dwight Cook, Olie Hardesty, Elmer Nelson, Mmes. Nash, Outten, Cook, Fitzgerald, Heidick and several others. Frankly, folks, we believe they did not want TO SOIL their lily white hands.

Olie Hardesty won the Door Prize. Myron Jones, the Consolation Prize. Herman Englehardt

the Empty Shell Prize, Frank Heidick the Feeler Prize, Reba Enyeart the Claw Prize and George MacKay the Dead Finger Prize. To Layton Miner goes the Polished Crab Shell for the unique prizes and the intriguing way in which the winners were selected.

Who parked car, Md. 515-659, across the entrance to parking lot?

Who sat on Charlie Kathmyer as he lay prone upon the lawn and exclaimed, "Oh! Girls, here is a nice log to sit on."?

Who were the Cedars who remained by the bathtub all afternoon on the pretense it was a cool spot?

Who drove up in a new green Plymouth, white sidewall tires, gadgets, and all and strutted like a peacock?

Who was the last Cedar to arrive? Why old Prince Azariah Alcorn himself with a party of five at 5:57 p.m.

As the sun passed the hills and dusk descended, about 20 souls who still possessed an appetite lingered about the festive (?) board. Oh yes, Grand Tall Bill was there -- no, not eating -- but telling of the days when he really ate crabs; when he really was a champ. (Ed. Note. He's still no slouch.)

Once again Montgomery Forest rang down the curtain upon a gala affair which was "par excellence" from every viewpoint and again wrote "Finis" in blazing colors upon one of it's festivities; one which will remain a pleasant and memorable picture in our Gallery of Memories. Yes, Cedars, there was FUN, FROLIC, AND FELLOWSHIP -- the real spirit of Cedarism prevailed. The question on all lips was "when and where will the next affair be held?"

And so, as the shades of night fell and while soft music from a radio in the distance

The following letter was received by the Scribe a few days ago:

"Being a member of Montgomery Forest #134 Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and not being able to participate in the activities and building up of the Forest, I feel it my duty as a brother Tall Cedar to contribute my services or help as I see fit. Under the circumstances, being wholly occupied in the running of my business, I have not had the time to actively participate. I realize that it takes a great amount of money to get a new Forest started so I wish to contribute a small amount toward the building of the ceremonial equipment which is now being made. I feel that many others would, in similar circumstances, be glad to do the same for the Forest if asked.

Trusting you will fully understand my situation, I remain,

Yours truly,

Albert Slagle.

The above letter was accompanied by a substantial check.

We print the above to show how the spirit of Cedarism is growing in the Forest and how many of our members sincerely want to help in their own way.

Many of us have time to donate, others may have money, others have talent, somewhere in this Forest is a job for everyone if he will seek it. It has been a pleasure to see the way many of our members are responding to the call for workers. We need still more and will welcome all who come. See the Grand Tall or his Deputies. We have a job for YOU.

Advertising space in this bulletin is available for you to tell your fellow Cedars who you are and what you do.

A constant reminder will enable him to find you when he is in the market for your products or services.

Your ads will be read by hundreds each month and will increase as the Forest grows.

All Ads will
be this size
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Contact the Grand Tall, Bill Enyeart

Petitions for action, September 11th.—

Charles Vogel Brown, 1006 Noyes Dr., S.S., Md.

Ask the Grand Tall about the free Grand Prize
of THE GARDEN CLUB.

CORRECTION:—Chairman of The Publicity Comm.
is James R. Britt.

COMMITTEES

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The following Committees were appointed especially in connection with the Ceremonial to be held on October 2nd.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Layton H. Miner, Chairman
Donald A. Smith
J. Melvin Miller
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Charles H. Outten

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Cecil G. Campbell
Edwin C. Childs
Samuel G. Brown
Martin W. Booth
Robert J. Bowman
George Werner

To date, Capitol Forest, Hagerstown,
and the Supreme Forest have assured us of
being present for the October 2, ceremonial.

Ask about the free CABBAGE from THE GARDEN CL

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THE JOINER

The joiner is a person who
 Is eager as can be
 To take a part in every club
 And each fraternity.

He wants to join the civic groups
 Wherever they may meet
 And proudly wear their emblems as
 He walks along the street.

At church and social gatherings
 His name is on the list
 And he would like to be in all
 The orders that exist.

He usually is prompt to pay
 Whatever sums are due
 And tries to interest others in
 Becoming members too.

And while some folks may criticize
 The sort of life he spends
 He surely helps his fellowman
 And makes a lot of friends.

"I'm a self-made man."
 "You're lucky. I'm the revised work of
 a wife and two sons."

ASK ABOUT THE GARDEN CLUB.

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