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PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of the United States, I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134, to be held in the Masonic Temple at Kensington, Maryland, on Saturday, November 25, 1950, at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may come before the Forest.

Given under my Hand and Seal this first day of November, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Attest:

DON A. SMITH

Scribe

WM. HOMER CARROLL, SR.

Grand Tall Cedar

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MESSAGE

At our next meeting, November 25th, we will elect officers who are to guide the activities of our Forest during the ensuing year. We should bear in mind the sound philosophical admonition, "THE JOB SHOULD SEEK THE MAN, NOT THE MAN THE JOB." Elevation to office of whatever station, should constitute a reward for service well rendered, devotion and loyalty to the organization; and should be accomplished with the best interests of the organization in mind.

Men organize for a definite purpose. Nothing more futile and absurd than an organization devoid of an outlined plan of action and attainment. Dull routine, lack of purpose, forgotten aims, result in deterioration and disintegration. Interest vanishes quickly when there is nothing to do. A stagnant pool of water soon becomes foul and unclean; an obnoxious and repulsive thing. The stream which runs merrily on its course, purifies itself through its own functions; it is alive and pushing forward.

When interest dies, attendance drops. The organization becomes inert, desultory; just a name. Diagnosis is, in the majority of cases, "MISMANAGEMENT BY THE OFFICERS and lack of LEADERSHIP." A successful organization is active, with a definite course of action. Every man desires to be a part of a group which is active and achieving goals. Essentials in any organization are leadership, coordination, cooperation, fraternization, cohesion, objectives and resolve.

The most capable and efficient officers are ineffective without the loyal support and subordination of the members; likewise, the most willing and enthusiastic members are powerless without intelligent, consecrated and exemplary leadership. Harmony, concerned action and team work assure success.

The foregoing is food for thought, and is worthy of our thoughtful consideration; especially when choosing officers—to elect only those who will preside with dignity, who will work, to whom we can look for leadership; who possess incentive, perspective and vision; who will prove an asset and not a liability; who will listen to counsel as well as give it; who will preside impartially and render decisions without favor; whom we would gladly serve and follow in the upbuilding of our Forest in particular, and Cedarism in general. We should refrain from electing officers who seek office solely for glory, honor, or social entree, and who, after their tenure of office is completed, will not support their successors and work for the organization which has honored them through election to office.

Cedarly
HOMER

A G E N D A

25 November—Saturday at 8 p.m., Annual Meeting of Forest—receipt of reports—election of officers. Masonic Temple, Kensington, make this a MUST.

15 December—Friday at 8 p.m. Meeting of the Executive Committee, Stone House Inn, all members cordially invited to attend.

23 December—Saturday at 8 p.m. Regular meeting and Installation of Officers for new year. Action on delinquent members and adoption of Budget for 1951.

W e l c o m e

Yes, a hearty welcome and a warm hand clasp to our newest members:

Melvin F. Miller; Luther W. Cramer; Robert D. Denchfield; John N. Fedenia; Stanley L. Hill; Charles Krautler; Theophilus B. Larrimore; Melvin D. Russell; Howard Stein and Ed Bingham. Nice to see sons of members becoming hewers in Montgomery Forest.

How About That Petition

You promised to bring in? Bring it and petitioner to our next meeting on November 25th. Brother Ed Bingham, Eminent Past Commander of Montgomery Commandery No. 13, and a past officer in other Masonic bodies will be received into fellowship in our Forest.

Our Deepest Thanks

To Howard Stein, one of our newest members for doing our printing, especially the tickets and beautiful posters for the Variety Show.

To Chief Folicer Chick Harrison and

Ruppert Dunn for their efforts and hard work in lining up talent and putting on the Variety Show.

To Luther Cramer for so generously granting us the use of his truck for hauling scenery for Prolog and Royal Court to Ceremonial at Hyattsville and at Portsmouth, Virginia.

To George Heilman, our Senior Deputy and Harold Toynton for taking scenery and other equipment for Prolog and Royal Court to Portsmouth in a truck. No easy task brethren to load and unload this large amount of Scenery and equipment.

To George Heilman, Everett Terry, John Alcorn, Herman Engelhardt, Albert Pelley, Bob Gerstmeyer, Dick Harries, Al Kroll, Paul Thompson, Joe Fitzgerald, Frank Heideck, Dwight Cook, Chick Harrison, John Fedenia, Charles Outten, and Marcus Turkal, for their loyalty and assistance in putting on the finest and most inspiring Prolog and Royal Court in the history of our Forest. The last six named comprised the Ranger Group.

To Myron Jones, Collietta Crabill and the other members of the Stunt Corps who went to Portsmouth and helped add color to the Parade. Sorry all names are not available.

Lucky So and So

At the meeting on the 28th, our Grand Tall donated a beautiful, hand painted, silk tie—Cedar tie that is—which was drawn by Ruppert L. Dunn. Tom Havell did the drawing but Ruppert won. Tom Havell still wants to know why he did not pull his own name out of the bowl.

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F. R. Funkhouser	1
James E. Britt	1
E. O. Persion	1
Collieta L. Crabill	1
Paul L. Miley, Sr.	1
LeRoy Hill	1

CEREMONIALS

On Saturday, October 7th, your cast of Prolog and Royal Court exemplified these degrees for Prince Georges Forest 139, in the Masonic Temple at Hyattsville. Our Chief Sidonian Myron Jones and his Stunt Corps put on the Sidonian Degree. As usual brethren we did our selves proud. Was nice to see so many of our members present, especially a number who have not attended a Forest meeting or activity for sometime. George Heilman and Dick Harries, in a truck loaned by Tall Cedar Luther Cramer, transported scenery, etc to and from the Temple. Thanks fellows for a Trojan job. PORTSMOUTH FOREST No. 143—instituted November 4th. Another land mark in our Forest history—FOR—the members of our Prolog and Royal Court Cast exemplified the two degrees as they have never been exemplified before. The Supreme Forest and other were profuse in their praise and commendatory re-

marks. No wonder our chests are swelling with pride for Montgomery Forest truly out did itself. We have cut another niche in the life of Cedarism. Those members who did not go to Portsmouth missed a spectacle that will long be remembered and talked about.

Ceremonial was a 2:30 p.m.; parade at 5:30 p.m. and a most excellent buffet supper served by Portsmouth Forest in the Armory after the parade. At 9:30 the Sidonian Degree was conferred by Neptune Forest No. 141. This was followed by dancing. Music for the institution and Royal Court, was furnished by the Bridgeton Forest Band; while the Singing Miners of Schuylkill Forest 50, sang "Bless be the tie that binds," immediately following the giving of the obligation. Brethern of Portsmouth Forest 143, did themselves proud and deserve the wholehearted plaudits of the Cedars. Our Forest appreciates the privilege of participating in the institution of this new Forest, and rejoices in the satisfaction of knowing that they lived up to the good name given by the Supreme Forest. Tom Havell, we did not let you down. Call on us any time Tom we can help with your extension work.

Memorial Service

At our regular meeting on October 28th, our Grand Tall conducted a most beautiful and impressive memorial service for our late Brother Achilles Persion. Once more the candle has been snuffed out.

BOOSTER LIST

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If you want to help your Forest, please send a "buck" to Scribe Don Smith and have your name added to the above Booster List for remainder of the year 1950. Don't wait to be solicited, just volunteer.

Our Sick

Walter Hark recently underwent a serious operation at George Washington Hospital and is now convalescing at his residence.

Myron Jones hospitalized for a short period in the Washington Sanitarium Hospital with a back injury. Is slowly improving and about again.

Frank Heideck and our loyal and hard-working Lieutenant Buddy Hindman have also been on the sick list. Happy to report they are up and about again.

-- JUST NOTES --

Your Grand Tall and his wife were guests of Cornerstone Lodge No. 224, A. F. & A. M. at their Annual Ladies Night held at Indian Spring Golf Club on October 12th.

On Sunday, October 15th, your G. T., in company with Mrs. Carroll and daughter Brearley, attended the religious service conducted by Capitol Forest No. 104, at the Methodist Church at Seat Pleasant.

On Sunday, November 5th, your G. T. was guest of Father Charles Oscar Rosensteel Council, Knights of Columbus, at the laying of the cornerstone and dedication of a new addition to Council home at Forest Glen.

On Saturday evening, prior to the conferring of Sidonian Degree in connection with the institution of a new Forest at Portsmouth, Virginia, your Grand Tall was invited to the platform and delivered a short talk to those assembled

in the Armory at Portsmouth. Our Forest appreciates this recognition on the part of Grand Tall Willard J. Thomas, Sr. of Portsmouth Forest 143.

On Saturday, November 11th, your Grand Tall, as a member of the Parade Features Committee of the S. F., attended a joint meeting of the Advisory Board, Convention, Registration and Parade Features Committees, of the Supreme Forest, in Atlantic City, N. J.

Dues Payable

Dues for 1949 and 1950 are over due. Dues for 1951 are due on January 1, 1951. You may pay your dues for 1951 and get that little matter out of the way. Send your \$5 to our Scribe NOW and he will mail your 1951 dues card. Thanks brethern.

Southern Hospitality

For details see John "Barley" Alcorn. He did not know that they had Southern Hospitality in Indiana and Idaho. Gracious John, how can you be so stupid.

Ask Bob Gerstmeyer

—about the hectic ride to and from Portsmouth in the Grand Tall's 1951 Packard—oh the car was ok!—we refer to the goings on in the car and at Arnetts in Petersburg. Water, water and more water—sweet potato pie and?? They say talent was discovered for Variety Show.

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