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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 of America, 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 Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville, Maryland, at 8 p. m., on 22 February 1950, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

Given under my Hand and Seal this Ninth day of February, nineteen hundred and fifty.

ATTEST:

Don A. Smith,  
Scribe

Wm. Homer Carroll, Sr.,  
Grand Tall Cedar

James G. Reese, P. G. T. C. No. 104, District Representative.

## Know Your Senior Deputy

By

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

*(Editor's Note—Each month through the medium of THE ECHO, we intend to recognize some member of our Forest. The purpose is not for glorification of anyone, but is for those who merit recognition because of their continuous efforts in helping promote the many activities of the Forest.)*

When Membership Card No. 50 was issued by our Forest to Brother George T. Heilman, we acquired one of the finest fellows in Cedardom. It is said in Holy Writ that: "There is none among us who can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians." It is evident they were not informed of "Old Wood Chopper Heilman" who was due to make his appearance during the twentieth century A.D. He wields a mean broadax and swings a heavy maul. As such, he commands the highest respect from every member of our Forest, and his untiring efforts in helping promote every activity of the Forest has endeared him to all.

Through his thaumaturgic qualities he has induced many members to become interested in some unit of the Forest and it is this kind of leadership to which men respond and build everlasting friendships.

Last year he was Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar of our Forest and was elected to Senior Deputy for this year. He is a member of the Colesville Methodist Church and is Past President of the Young Adult Group of that church. Last year he served as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee for the P.T.A. of Takoma Park Junior High School. He is a member of Silver Spring Lodge No. 215.

George is a pulchritudinous chap with big brown eyes and is employed at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory. His lovely wife Elise and charming daughter Joan plus an old Irish Setter "Duffy" comprise his household located in Hillandale.

So hats off to the erudite Brother Heilman, you will find him standing upright, straight and true in the Forest. I consider him a true friend, he is yours too. Know him!

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## GRAND TALL'S MESSAGE

Brother Tall Cedars:—

A man cannot serve two masters—this admonition is contained in Holy Writ, which I am sure each of us, or at least we should, regard sacredly and take as the Rule and Guide of our Faith. A member of an organization is either for or against it, and his actions succinctly indicate his stand; whether it be for or against.

The member, who is for his organization, respects the member who has been chosen as the Leader, agreeably to the obligations assumed, and cheerfully cooperates with him and the others in authority in carrying on the activities, and in the attainment of the objectives of the organization. The member who spreads discord and indulges in idle gossip in an endeavor to foist his likes and dislikes upon the majority; or like a spoiled child sulks and complains because he or she cannot have their own way; who refuses to participate wholeheartedly in the functions of the organization, is clearly against the organization and does not have the interests of the organization and its forward progress at heart. Actions speak louder than words and by one's actions shall they be known.

The member who puts his shoulder wholeheartedly to the wheel, even though he may not see eye to eye with the leader or others in authority, who puts the organization above self, who labors unselfishly, conscientiously and hard sans thought of personal gain, glory and satisfaction of ego, who fulfills his obligations and cheerfully conforms to the principles and teachings of the organization, is FOR the organization. We should indulge in a little introspection to see where each of us stands.

An organization does not belong to any one member, nor a particular group. It is a composite whole belonging to all the members, equally. It behooves us, if we are loyal, to put our organization above self. We have been taught in Masonry that there should be NO CONTENTION, save that noble contention or rather emulation, of who can best work and best agree. If we are loyal and sincere, we will say, "My organization, right or wrong, I'm for it, not self."

There must be a head, a leader, for which some are chosen. We do not always agree with our leader, or perhaps we do not like the cut of his "gib," nevertheless, we are not working for him but the organization which he leads, and of which we are a member and an integral part. Men on the field of battle may not like their leader, but they are not fighting for him but for their Country and a cause. Likewise, in organizations, we should put personal dislikes aside and work for the organization and its objectives. We should abstain from the seeking of personal aggrandizement, the foisting of our whims and fancies upon the majority, and on the contrary, work loyally and subordinately with those appointed over us. There should be no reward for indifference, disloyalty, recalcitration and lack of support. Election or appointment to office; or reward, should be for loyal and faithful service, and not through personal solicitation, or by virtue of some position or station in life, or in an organization.

Webster defines "Respect" thus—"Conformity to duty or obligation, serious compliance or observance. Demeanor or deportment indicating deference." The lack of respect for authority, namely, obligation, is manifest in every line of endeavor today—in churches, schools, government, organizations, and worst of all homes. This lack of respect, and the fulfillment of obligations to be loyal, respectful and subordinate, has precipitated the existing chaotic conditions. If this lack of respect continues—will we lose our liberties, will our fraternal organizations and other groups survive? Unless the pendulum swings back, and men, women and children show respect for authority, their elders, and obligations assumed, or devolving upon them by virtue of their status, the future will not hold for us

the security we desire for ourselves, our posterity, for the organizations to which we now belong.

When thou vowest a vow unto God or an organization, defer not to fulfill it. He that loveth his brother walketh in the LIGHT. He that hateth his brother walketh in the DARKNESS, and knoweth not wither he goeth, because that DARKNESS hath blinded his eyes. How can a man say he loves God, whom he hath not seen; and yet, hate his brother whom he hath seen. Just a thought from Holy Writ.

My sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to those loyal members who are laboring harmoniously, unselfishly and hard for Our Forest; who are giving their full support, time and effort in behalf of Cedarism and Montgomery Forest.

Cedarly,  
"Willie Homer"

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 22 February—Regular meeting, Richard Montgomery High School, Rockville, Maryland at 8 p. m.
- 14 March Attend Kensington Lodge, of which our own Trustee, Orville Montgomery, is Worshipful Master, in a body, wear pyramids assemble in banquet hall on second floor at 7 p. m.
- 17 March Executive Meeting, Moose Home at 8 p. m.
- 22 March Ceremonial and Parade at Bethesda 8 p. m. Prolog and Royal Court. High School Auditorium.
- 24 March Ladies Nite—Kennedy Warren Apartments Ball Room at 10 p. m. Dancing until 1 a. m. Tables and set ups available.
- 26 March Memorial Service, Congregational Church on Colesville Road, 3 p. m.

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## ROCKVILLE, Here We Come!

As you will note in the proclamation, our next regular meeting will be held on February 22, at the Richard Montgomery High School, at Rockville. The school is located at the intersection where Viers Mill Road joins the Frederick Highway leading into Rockville. Cedars, don't forget Rockville is in Montgomery County and we want Cedarism to spread throughout the County. Let us have a big attendance and see what we can do to encourage the Masons of that Community to join with us. We

want as many members from Rockville as we have from Silver Spring.

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We were very sorry when the Grand Tall announced at our last meeting that our Supreme Grand Tall Art Farmer, who had planned to attend the meeting, could not come because of sickness. We trust that by this time, he has fully recovered and that we can count on seeing him at one of our other meetings before he becomes a "has been."

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## Echoes of Montgomery Forest

Here is the second printing of our magazine, the ECHO. Is there any improvement? The second printing should have been easier than the first, but that did not hold water. As everyone read in the last issue, the deadline for material was Feb. 8th and there wasn't a dadblamed thing turned in. Cedars, remember this is your magazine and it is necessary that you supply the contents.



(*Cedrus Libani*)

I have talked to all Cedars that have crossed my path this past few weeks to get

their reaction on the printed edition, and all criticisms were greatly appreciated. However, how about each one of you drop the Editor a line and express yourself so that we can publish the "Echo" as you want it? You will notice a few changes in this issue, the result of such criticism.

Oh! Yes, whose picture was on the front of last issue? It wasn't supposed to be a contest, or a guessing match, but the regular hullabaloo on first editions that our Grand Tall's name was omitted. On the other hand, you can not hold that incident too much against me because in Cedardom, everyone should have known that it was a darn good picture of Grand Tall "Willie Homer" Carroll.

Elsewhere in this issue is an account of the formation of the Montgomery Forest Band. The question in the foremost of all Cedars is whether or not membership while our Grand Tall was

PetraneK intends to have a majorette or majorettes to head his band. That is always something, to see the pretty girls and their antics. How about thinking that over? Also are the members of the band going to wear uniforms?

Say Cedars, did you read Cookie's writeup on our Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar? Such words—you sure have to be a walking dictionary to fathom the meaning. My one question is whether George Heilman can understand them and whether the words used are complimentary? Your Editor does not have one of those Webster's unabridged dictionary that requires a stand and naturally he can not find half the words. I checked with Cookie and he said it was O.K., so any blame is his.

Don't forget that without material from you Cedars, there can be no Echo so my plea is again—let me have your dope before the 8th of the month.

Your Editor

## Masonic Meeting

GAITHERSBURG—33 members of the Forest rode up to Gaithersburg on Friday the 13th to see our good Brother Ralph Hayward installed as Worshipful Master of Pentalpha Lodge No. 194, A.F.&A.M. We marched in with pyramids in hand and helped to make one of the largest crowds they ever had in the Lodge. Our officers dressed in their tucks made a very fine appearance and we were received first after installation of the Master. No end of interest was created and Brother Past Master Stup of the Lodge and a member of Montgomery Forest, was signing up the officers of the lodge and others as members of the Tall Cedars long after we left. Our Chief Ranger gave out ten petitions for doing likewise. Since starting to roam the County, interest has grown by leaps

we only try. and bounds and our good brothers are asking to join the Cedars. We can still have that 600 by December 31, 1950, if

## New Members

Three new members were added to our rolls at the January meeting. They are Brothers Wilfrid R. Short, Gerald K. Mack, and John Achlie Harrison. They were initiated in short form so cheer up "Si" Jones, you will have a chance at them later. Welcome Brothers, it is nice to have you as one of us.

## Our Last Stated Meeting

Were you at our last stated meeting? All of you who were not there please raise your hands. Now you are the fellows that should read this account of the meeting. It was one of the best meetings that this Forest ever had, even if there were some unavoidable happenings.

As covered in detail in the last issue of the Echo, The Grand Tall was host to The Grand Master of Masons of Maryland, Harry O. Schroeder, Supreme Officers, and our Officers together with their wives at a dinner at Mrs. K's Toll House Tavern prior to the meeting. Supreme Tall Cedar, Art Farmer, could not be there on account of sickness. It seemed that there was a misunderstanding as to the exact place for the group to assemble so the dinner was delayed by some of the group inside of the Tavern and some outside of the Tavern, each waiting for the other to appear. The result, a late start for the dinner and naturally a late start for the meeting.

The meeting was held and every effort was made to "cut it short" (swiped from Temple Forest), and the speeches of the celebrities were likewise reduced. A short form initiation took place with three more Cedars added to our roll. There were Brother Harry Schroeder, Officers

of the Supreme Forest, District Representatives, our Past Grand Talls and Officers from our neighboring Forests. These dignitaries together with an exceptional large gathering of our own members sure was a great sight.

Of course, it was a new innovation, but the majority of the Cedars brought their wives or best girls and they had a talkfest in the upper rooms of the Kensington Junior High School until after the meeting was adjourned. Some comment was made by the ladies that Grant Wood should have given a little entertainment to pass the time away, as only Grant Wood can do. It is a suggestion anyway.

It wasn't long after the Grand Tall announced that the meeting was adjourned until the orchestra, Berkley's orchestra, to be exact, was setting up their instruments and the women were seen to be filtering into the main room. At the first strains of the music, the atmosphere took the form of a real sociable evening with everybody participating and everyone apparently having a good time.

Toward the latter part of the evening, the whispering campaign of "Eats" sort of crept around and as the orchestra took a much needed intermission, the people filed into the cafeteria and there they were surprised and agreeably so at the wonderful chicken salad and ice cream cake that was served. It was so good and the number present at the meeting was so unexpected that the supply did not quite meet the requirements.

See what you fellows missed and, to you ladies after reading the above should be a lesson, so check up on the events and mark your calendar so you won't miss such a treat in the future.

To those that attended—Did you like it and should we have more of the same?

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Temple Forest please note: Montgomery Forest will meet on Feb. 22nd and not on the third Saturday as noted in your January bulletin.

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## New Forest Band Off to a Good Start

Chevy Chase High School lost a basketball game Friday night, January 27th. As yet we have not been able to determine whether they were lulled to sleep or whether they just stood around and wondered what was going on upstairs in the cafeteria.

Anyway, Brother Chester J. Petranek was up there rehearsing the first volunteers of our Forest Band. Senior Deputy Heilman and Junior Deputy Cook were there to greet those interested. Brother Arthur Layman showed up with Brother Calvin Hake who is a hot clarinetist. Brother Robert Hurley was there with his trombone and his dad, Brother Clifford Hurley, came along playing a good trumpet. Hugh Meyers lugged in a big tuba and Brother Petranek seemed pleased as a balanced band began to show up. But alas, there seemed to be no vibration section.

Now Cook who knows just a little about music got the nod and soon had a big bass drum mounted on a chair ready to pound away. Heilman stood there waving his hands and soon found a \$30.00 cymbal hanging on each fist. Brother Layman was presented a kettle drum in which we think he boiled turnips all night.

Petranek smiled his pleasure and lifted his baton for the down beat. The dishes rattled in the cabinets and the skylights moved up and down like a blacksmiths' bellows. Everyone managed to end the number at the same time. In order to promote interest in the group, Brother Petranek promoted everyone from the first book and each member received several advanced books.

"Just when am I supposed to clang these cymbals?" said Heilman. "Bang 'em as Cook hits the drum," quoted Petranek, "Layman you give us a ratta tat tat after each down beat, now let's play No. 9."

The wind section played No. 9 out of the black book, the vibration section was trying No. 9 from the red book, Hake in the reed section was on his own and Petranek was conducting without a book. The tempo changed to three-quarter time, Cook was doing some fancy twirls with his drumstick during the two extra counts in each bar. "Cut that out!" shouted Heilman. "How do I know when you're going to hit that drum?" Everyone ended together again.

"There must be something in my tuba," cried Meyers, "I can't seem to get a sound out of it." "It sounded all right to me," offered Petranek. The Drummers took the hint and moved back about 8 feet.

"I'm tired," shouted the janitor, "we should be outta here by ten o'clock." The last number was a loud and long March. It was rendered so beautifully, it flowed over the floor and sealed the cracks.

Thus ended the first rehearsal of Montgomery Forest's first band rehearsal.

All joking aside fellows, Brother Petranek was more than pleased with the first rehearsal. On Friday night February 10th they had their second meeting and Brother Thresher, an excellent baritone player, made his appearance as well as Brother Fender, another hot trumpet player. Several more musicians have promised to come out for the next meeting to be held February 24th at 8:00 P.M. We want musicians not visitors.

## The Rangers

Chief Ranger, Oliver L. Hardesty, called the Royal Rangers together for the first meeting of the year on Wednesday, February the 8th. A good turnout indicated that the future of the Rangers for 1950 is encouraging. However, since there has been a depletion in ranks, owing to some of the members being elevated to other stations in the Forest, there are some uniforms without men to fill them. Therefore, if any of you men want to drill, parade, socialize with a good group of fellows, contact the Chief Ranger or just appear for the meetings and you will be taken care of.

Future meetings will be held at Pine Crest Recreation Center the 1st and 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

## Bethesda

Eighteen members of Montgomery Forest visited Bethesda Lodge No. 234 A.F.&A.M. at their last meeting despite a miserable night, Eastern Star meeting and the sickness prevalent in the community. Among those attending were the following officers: Grand Tall Carroll, Senior Deputy Grand Tall Heilman, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cook, Precceptor Alcorn, Trustees Montgomery and

Fitzgerald, Chief Sidonian Jones and the Grand Tall's Aide Thompson. I imagine that the word Eats was mentioned somewhere along the line as Past Supreme Tall Cedar Tom Havell was also among those present. Montgomery Forest was royally received and our Grand Tall gave a talk on the object of Cedarism and the need for Masons everywhere to back the order of DeMolay and Job's Daughters.

"The Tattling Tiler" of Bethesda Lodge No. 234 A.F.&A.M. gave the Forest a nice write-up in their Feb. 1 issue. Quote "T-i-m-b-e-r!! And don't let it fall on that bunch of Saplings who is visiting us. We gotta be nice to our guests. You see, I was once a Sap—ling, too, but am a gnarled old scrub pine now. The dope is, Kids, Montgomery Forest No. 134, Tall Cedars, is out visiting these days and plans to attend one of the County Lodges every once in a while. We are host tonite. I spose the idea is to fling sawdust in your eyes. We might add that this is the only Masonic group in the County organized for real good fellowship and play—of course they do a flock of good too. Nevertheless, all us little seedlings welcome you—Welcome, darn ya!! Have a good time!! Come back often—darn ya!!!" end of quote.

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If you want to help your Forest, please send a "buck" to the Editor, "Ernie" Shaffer, or the Assistant Editor, Lowell Decker and have your name added to the above Booster List for remainder of the year 1950. Don't wait to be solicited, just volunteer.

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## BELLY MASONS

Have you ever heard that term before? Well!! have you ever heard of Past Supreme Tall Cedar "Tom" Havell? Did you ever see his little black book? A peep at that little black book revealed that it is a diary of visits to various lodges and forest meetings, and the outstanding entry in each case was whether they had "eats" or whether they did not have "eats."

At the last stated meeting, although the time was stated as 7:30 P.M., it was late in starting due to the Officers being unavoidably detained. Tom Havell was heard complaining that he was hungry and soon he was seen in a huddle with Past Grand Tall Miner's wife, Sara. No good could come of such a meeting and the couple mentioned was seen making a trip toward the cafeteria. It was noted that Brother Tom was continually smacking his lips, and the coyness of Sara prompted a reporter to have an interview. It was revealed that there were at least two people that could not wait—as was stated—the chicken salad was wonderful. Chief Steward, that is why your refreshments did not reach. Again looking at it another way, can you blame anybody from sneaking a bite, that luncheon served at our last meeting has been the best to date.

When our Grand Master, Harry Schroeder, was a guest of Willie Homer's at Mrs. K's Toll House Tavern on January 25th, he was heard to exclaim as the waitress placed a most inviting filled dinner plate before him, "Oh God! Give me strength!" Shame on you Harry, you should take some lessons from "Jimmie" Reese and "Tom" Havell, the two roving and "eatenness" ambassadors of good will in Cedardom.

## Whatchuknow?

Here's hoping that our Publicity Chairman, Elmer A. Nelson, is now on his way to full recovery. Brother Nelson apparently caught himself some germs and the result was a trip to Suburban Hospital. Brother Nelson was really sick but as to what his ailment was—well that was the question. Naturally you know darn well that Brother Pixley would visit him and an interview with Brother Pixley revealed the following.

Although he was supposed to have virus pneumonia, pleurisy, a heart condition, together with an assortment of other symptoms and under those conditions ordered to the Hospital, he arrived there for observation, etc., and thereby hangs a tale. The Hospital was crowded, as are all hospitals, so they put him in the last bed in the ward. Then as usual, they doped him up good and proper and of course, he passed into oblivion. When he awoke, they had him in the children's wing with two Teddy bears at his bedside and a gay balloon on the mantel shelf. It kind of confused Elmer because he thought he was over all his childish diseases. Well, they flew around and found his heart O.K. and finally placed him in a he-man's private room where your Chaplain found him. He is definitely on the mend and after leaving Suburban Hospital and going home, he left again for Washington Sanitorium for several weeks to fully recover.

## From the Scribe's Pen

Thanks a million Bro. Cedars for your swell response in getting your 1950 dues in. Over half of the Forest's dues have been paid in the first month of the year and I think that's a pretty good showing. I will sure be glad to see you at the next meeting and get rid of the rest of those cards.

Bro. J. Melvin Miller, one of our Trustees last year, has been in bed for a week with the flu. By the time this goes to press, we hope he is up and jumpin' again.

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