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Proclamation

By virtue of the power and authority in me invested 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, Kensington, Maryland, on 24 June, 1950, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest.

Given under my Hand and Seal this twenty-ninth day of May, 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, District Number 20

Thanks Cedars

Your Grand Tall asked me to assist in assembling our units for the parade due to the absence of our Marshal. Our Chief Frolicer "Chick" Harrison also insisted on celebrating the convention by staying at home recovering from an appendectomy.

So thanks to all of you who participated in the parade for a job well done. Especially to "Buddy" Hindman, Myron Jones and all the others who helped immeasurably in assembling and conveying our floats to and from the parade.

The Supreme Officers and those in the reviewing stand came to their feet when our contingent hove into view. Our units covered almost two blocks. Our officers in their flowing capes; our natively dressed Color Guard displaying the flags of our Nation, State and Forest; The esprit de corps, majorettes, and fine 100-piece band of Montgomery Blair High School in bright red uniforms; our impeccable Rangers in their Kelly green Eisenhower jackets, snow-white trousers and shoes, yellow pyramids and ties; our flashy Stunt Team in their multi-colored satin uniforms; members of our Forest

and three floats completed our retinue.

From the many compliments received we were second to none in appearance and discipline. We're doing OK for ourselves fellows. Let's keep right up there in our commitments. Thanks again.

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

Royal Rangers

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Royal Rangers who participated in the colossal parade during the convention. It really makes us feel good when we have a member in each uniform.

It is my wish and the desire of the officers that each of you will be able to participate in the parade for the "Night of Thrills" to be held in Griffith Stadium, the evening of June 16th. Please see me or the officers of our Forest as to the time and place of assembly of the parade.

Can you make it to Norfolk the next day? Or drive down that night? Let's talk it up and see what we can do. Our Forest voted to participate so we can't let ourselves down or those "Rebels" who are expecting us. Thanks again.

Oliver L. Hardesty,
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GRAND TALL'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

Those who did not attend the Supreme Forest Meeting truly missed a wonderful time. To those who participated in the parade on Saturday May 27th, and those who visited my Suite at the Mayflower and joined with me in real fellowship, I extend my heartfelt thanks. On Memorial Day, your Grand Tall sat down at the typewriter and wrote a personal letter to all who attended the parade and if I have missed anyone I take this opportunity of saying thanks a million. Our Forest was recognized during the meeting thru the medium of appointing our Scribe, Don Smith, as one of the election tellers. We were highly honored in the Suite by visits from the senior Supreme Forest Officers—do not know if it was our company they sought or the coolness of our air conditioned suite—they do say it was plenty warm in the Supreme Forest Headquarters.

We have already started our 1951 Convention Fund and Earl Bowman has graciously accepted the Chairmanship of the Committee. Elsewhere in this issue you will learn, thru the pen of our Editor, where the first buck came from. We have asked Montgomery Blair Band to come to Atlantic City next year and lead us down the boardwalk. We must raise the necessary bucks for this, the expenses of our uniformed bodies, and others attending in an official capacity. The avenue to raise funds has been opened unto us through the sale of books of tickets—if you do not have any of these please communicate with your Grand Tall at Sligo 3613, and a supply will be delivered forthwith. I earnestly solicit your hearty and enthusiastic support in the building up of a convention fund. We will have rooms in the Chalfonte as was the case in 1949.

On June 1st, twenty seven of us visited Cornerstone Lodge and spent a most enjoyable evening.

On June 24th, we will hold our next meeting and in July a full Ceremonial. Be sure and make these meetings musts—especially the one in July to see our new robes. Then too, Brethren, we want a larg class of Saps for the July meeting. Try and bring in at least one petition.

Our Chief Frolicer will arrange a Crab Feast for us during the month of July and we would like to see a good crowd present on the date set. Our meetings during recent months have been most harmonious and we have enjoyed the Fun, Frolic and Good Fellowship ordained by Cedarism. Come out to the meetings and see what a wonderful time we all are now having. Get into the spirit of things, be a real Cedar, and you will find that there is much in Cedarism for you.

My thanks to Myron Jones, Buddy Hindman, Harry Hanlein, George Heilman, Colietta Crabill, Paul Thompson and the others who labored so hard to make our part of the parade a great success. Once again we won the plaudits of the Supreme Forest.

We congratulate, and pledge our support to Supreme Tall Cedar Bill Schmidt, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar John McFaul, and Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar Bill Reichard.

Cedarly,
WILLIE HOMER
Grand Tall Cedar

The Grand Tall announced that the full dress Ceremonial will be held at our regular meeting night, July 22, at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Kensington, Maryland. Cedars to do a good job we will need SAPS—SAPS—SAPS.

Meet Our New Supreme Tall Cedar

By

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

This month we salute our new Supreme Tall Cedar, William F. Schmidt, whose picture appears on our cover.

"Bill" was elevated to the highest office of Cedardom in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C. Saturday morning, May 27th at the closing of the Forty-eighth Annual Session of The Supreme Forest.

"Bill" comes from Richmond Forest No. 66, Staten Island, New York, and has been a consistent worker for Cedardism. He served as Senior and Junior Supreme Tall Cedar prior to his election to his present office.

John H. McFaul, Jr., Baltimore, was named Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, and William Reichert, Bethlehem, Pa., was elected Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar.

Re-elected were Edmund H. Reeves, Bridgeton, N. J. Supreme Scribe; John H. Kline, Easton, Pa., Supreme Treasurer, and Harry W. Wenninger, Wilmington, Del., and Karl B. Kuhlman, Lancaster, Pa., Supreme Trustees.

Atlantic City was chosen for next year's convention.

Congratulations to Art Farmer for a job well done. To our new Supreme Officers, our District Representatives and our Extension Committee, the members of Montgomery Forest pledge their support that you may have a most successful year.

Night of Thrills

We are looking for a large turnout of Cedars to take part in the Night of Thrills at the Griffith Stadium, Friday Night, June 16. We want all of our units to make a showing equal to or better than that displayed at this large Masonic Event last year. It is an annual affair so let us get up and get going. We must present a formidable appearance.

Convention for 1951

The Convention for 1951 will be held in Atlantic City and we will have the same good accommodations that we had last year — The CHALFONTE — on the boardwalk.

The Scribe would like to have the names of those who anticipate going next year and who will be wanting reservations.

There will be rooms at \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00, per couple.

The Scribe has circulars on the Chalfonte describing the hotel and its facilities for anyone who is interested.

From the Scribe

Looks like the convention has given us a shot in the arm. Here is what has happened — 14 past due dues have been received by the Scribe and he offers many thanks to you all.

Another Cedar Moves Up

Our congratulations to Brother Harry Schultz who has been promoted to Chief Auditor of the Mayflower Hotel.

Square Dance King Marches

Our King of the Square Dance, Bill Tucker, made the parade at the convention. He really marches as well as he dances. Only thing we didn't see him do, was grab the Scribe's wife and kiss her. Thanks Bill.

We were at a mountain cabin of a friend for the opening of the hunting season:

We (to old timer)—"What's the weather going to be like tomorrow—Fit for hunting?"

Old Timer—"Don't know, boy. Used to be, man could always judge about the weather. Now the government has took it over and you can't tell what the hell it will do."

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Echoes of Montgomery Forest

Another Convention is over and we are now heading to other excitement. By the time you read this we will have had behind us a round dance, the Nite of Thrills, and the trip to Norfolk. The next thing is the full Ceremonial that is planned for July. The necessary thing for a successful ceremonial is the securing of SAPS. For your convenience, a petition has been placed in this issue of the Echo for signing up a Brother Mason, so make good use of it and let's go.



(*Cedrus Libani*)

John Alcorn is arranging for the tickets for the boat rides sponsored by Capitol Forest. Of course, we will get a divvy out of it so we can not lose, only gain.

In addition plans are being started to formulate a Crab Festival for July. Everybody who attended the gala affair last year will want to repeat it, so watch for the writeup in the next issue. Details will be given.

Say, Cedars, the G. T. says we will have to reduce the size of the Echo if we do not make the Echo self supporting. To do this we need a few more advertisements. If you can get an ad, swell—and if you support the advertisers, it will not be hard to get them.

Your Editor.

1950 Convention

Already Montgomery Forest is planning for the 1950 Convention to be held in Atlantic City. Plans are being formulated to take our marching units and the workers of the Forest at the expense of the Forest in so far as possible. To do this will require money and we are preparing for this contingency at the present time and it is up to each and every Cedar to work or support the cause.

This fund has been started and with it goes the detail of the first "buck." Harry Gerham made a sure bet. He bet a Brother Cedar that he could not drink a glass full of water. After the bet was made, the loser found that he had taken a full glass of water and drank it empty, so our Grand Tall has the dollar bill with endorsement as a present from Brother Gerham, a member of Capitol Forest. The fund increased over \$3.00, the night we visited Cornerstone Lodge. A voluntary fine was imposed on all who came minus their pyramids and so the FUND is building.

It is understood that rooms have been requested at a Hotel on the Boardwalk in Atlantic City and arrangements have been made to have the Montgomery Blair High School Band help us at the next Convention. That will all cost money so support your Forest. If you want to go along and have at least some of your expenses paid, look on the back of the Echo and call the unit in which you wish to participate.

Let us all get a berth now, so we will be ready next May.

Earl Bowman has been named Chairman of the Fund Committee for the next Convention.

Schedule of Events

- 16 June—Night of Thrills, Griffith Stadium
17 June—Installation of Neptune Forest, Ocean View, Virginia
24 June—Regular stated meeting, Montgomery Forest No. 134, Masonic Temple, Kensington, Maryland, 8:00 P.M.
22 July—Ceremonial, Full Form.
30 July—Crab Festival.

Convention News

YEP, Montgomery Forest No. 134 did it again, displaying Cedarism in the 48th Annual Convention.

Our own John Alcorn led the whole shebang by carrying the Supreme Forest Colors. Well done, Johnny.

Away back as usual, came our forest, led of course by the Grand Tall and our officers, dressed in regalia befitting the occasion and presenting a most striking appearance. Then our Color Guard with the Stars and Stripes and our own banner standing out proudly in the breeze, escorted by riflemen all dressed in their spotless white uniforms, gave spectators a look at one of the finest Color Guards in the parade. Fine going Courtland and all your boys, we are really proud of you.

Now, fellows we had a display of Cedarism by a group of young people, not members of Montgomery Forest, but residents of Montgomery County who when asked to help us did so to the fullest extent possible. I mean of course, Montgomery Blair High School Band. Complete wot I mean. To try to tell in words how good they were would be foolish, but as a guide to measure with, these youngsters are so near perfect they are being barred from competition. To Montgomery Blair High School Band we say thanks a million until a more tangible expression of appreciation can be made.

Following the band were our rangers, in their green jackets, white trousers, etc., and believe you me brother they looked dog gone nice. What with each man in exact position, they appeared to have been drilling for years together. Thanks to all the boys and the Chief

Ranger, Olie, nice going boys, keep up the good work. You were really swell.

At this point the stunt team, (Ornerly Devils, Eh Si!), put in their appearance, first was the Chief Si, Myron Jones, (riding if you please) in his super colossal private car, 1918 Model T, with sign telling of his rank, etc. This was followed by a 1918 Model T truck, displaying the insignia of the Bark Busters (that's right) a Red Devil on each side, plus sound equipment. All the boys of the stunt team in their various colored outfits, surrounded the two vehicles, all of which was funny but represented a lot of hard work. Thanks to you Myron Jones and all your boys.

Then we had a number of brother members in general, pulling a large green Pyramid with Montgomery Forest No. 134 on each side, signifying the fact that all activities of the Forest are dependent upon the interest and desires of the members in general. To fail to tell about the construction of the Pyramid would be injustice to our Brother Buddy Hindman, who spent long hours of hard labor to construct the Pyramid. Thanks to Buddy for the construction and all members in general who pulled the Pyramid for the display.

This was Montgomery's No. 134 showing in the parade, which drew favorable comment from the spectators as well as much favorable comment from the Supreme Forest Officers and members. To all unit heads, their units, to each and every one who took an active part we say thanks.

After the parade all hands returned to the Mayflower Hotel, Room 276, where Fun, Frolic, and Fellowship reigned supreme until the wee small hours of the morning, or so I have been told.

Petition for Initiation and Membership



This petition must be filled out in the handwriting of the applicant.

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for the mysteries of this order.

I furthermore declare that I have never previously applied for the degree
of Tall Cedar, nor have I to my knowledge, been elected or rejected by any Forest
of Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

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