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September – December 2016 – Autumn

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September 5 – Labor Day, Traditional End of Summer

September 7 – Executive Committee Meeting



September 17 – Forest Joint Meeting, Funny Tie Night, Hat Night

October 5 – Executive Committee

October 6 – Hagerstown Forest Prolog, Royal Court, & Sidonian

October 15 – **Shrimp Feast, Costumes, Live Music – The Earthlings**



November 2 – Executive Committee

November 19 – Past GTC Night, Elections,
Cedurette Birthday & Past President's Night



December 7 – Executive Committee

December 17 – Installation of Officers for 2017



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PROCLAMATION

By virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Supreme Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, I hereby call a meeting of Montgomery Forest No. 134 to be held at the Montgomery Temple, 612 Great Falls Road, Rockville, MD 20850, for the purpose of transacting such business as may come before the Forest on **Saturdays, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17.**

Attest: Woody Woodward, Scribe Thomas Marraffa Jr, GTC

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FOREST MEETINGS

Meets the third Saturday of every month except July and August.

Dinner is served at **6:30 PM - \$10 per person**

(Reservations to be made 1 week in advance to Woody Woodward)

The Forest meeting is at **7:30 PM**

Desert & Entertainment at **8:30 PM**

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Meets the first Wednesday of every month at **7:00pm** except July and August.

Consists of Elected Officers, Past GTC's, Past Scribes, Past Treasurers,

Past Trustees and those appointed by the GTC.

2016 OFFICERS
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Preceptor	Romain Tweedy, PGTC
Guide	John Almacy ST, PGTC
Chaplain	Al Tynan, PGTC
Sentinel	Ian McIntosh
Chief Ranger	John Almacy ST, PGTC
Chief Sidonian	Thomas Marraffa Jr, GTC

COMMITTEE MEN

Budget	Woody Woodward, Scr/Treas
By-Laws & Grievances	Thomas Marraffa, SDGTC
MD Chairman	Romain Tweedy, PGTC
Editor of the ECHO	Romain Tweedy, PGTC
Sick & Welfare	Norman Clark, PGTC, PDDSTC, PSD #2
Refreshments	Thomas Graham, JDGTC
Ways & Means	Woody Woodward, Scr/Treas
Rockville Temple Hall & Library	Norman Clark, PGTC, PDDSTC, PSD #2



Grand Tall Cedar's Message

After a hot, hot did I say HOT summer. I am hoping for a nice and cooler fall. First I want to thank all the members who attended the Convention. Especially for supporting our Clowns at their competition. Also our Echo editor Romain Tweedy was recognized for his publication of our Newsletter.

I next want to thank all the members from Montgomery, Prince George's, and Annapolis Forests for all their help serving and cleaning up at Camp Maria. I understand we had a larger crowd than usual. And a Special Thanks to PG Forest for funding the food and Woody for planning, picking up, and preparing everything. I cannot forget to thank the Cedarettes for serving and providing desserts and other goodies that they share with the campers. I am sure all were very happy with all that we provided.

Coming up in our September meeting, we hope to bring in some new members for initiation. Then we will have our funny Hat's (for the Ladies) and funny Neck Tie's (for the Men) competition. Prizes for First, Second and Third Place.

Our October Forest Meeting is called off. We will have our Annual Shrimp Feast Fundraiser for our Forest. This is our main fundraiser for the forest year we have added a twist. We will have a Halloween costume night including a live band called The Earthlings. This event will start at 4:00 pm, food will be available starting at 4:00 pm, and served until 6:30 pm.

November and December are our usual Elections and Installation. I hope to see you all soon.

Fraternally and Cedarly,

Tom Marraffa, Grand Tall Cedar



MONTGOMERY CEDARETTES
CHARTERED NOVEMBER 2, 1978
Officers for 2016

Gerry Tynan, President

gerrytynan@comcast.net - 410 242 6978
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Marilyn Stadler, PP, Secretary

Vicki Krouse, Treasurer

Trustees

Janice Tweedy, PP

Delores Manley

Barbara Ware, PP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and ready for fall. Our meetings start back up in September as always. September's meeting will be a joint meeting, after we will have some fun, frolic and fellowship seeing all the different funny ties the men have come up with and the ladies with the hats they decorated. So please come and join in on the fun. The October meeting is the shrimp feast. As always the ladies will be providing the desserts for the event. November is our Birthday meeting, elections, past presidents night and Cedarette appreciation night. I hope many of the Cedarettes will try to attend these meetings. We miss the ladies that don't attend. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming meetings.

Stay safe and well,

Gerry Tynan, President of Montgomery Cedarettes



Scribes Corner

In the next month or two, you'll be seeing your 2017 dues statements and/or dues cards. A few people haven't paid their 2016 dues and will have to unfortunately be dropped from the Forest rolls.

It was a pleasure to see so many smiling faces at the MDA Camp, Camp Maria, this year. As you know, the Montgomery Cedars and Cedarettes proudly sent five children to MDA Summer Camp. See pictures from camp on page 15. We still need a little more in donations to reach our goal of \$1,600. See the progress to date on page 16.

Also note that dinners are now \$10 and include the cost of drinks and deserts.

It's been a pleasure to serve as your Scribe/Treasurer this year.

Woody Woodward
Scribe/Treasurer

Tall Cedar Foundation Life Membership



If you're not a TCF Life Member yet, just send in to the Scribe \$75 made out to the "Tall Cedar Foundation".

Not only do you further help with the charitable objective of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon, but you get a really cool pin to keep the tassel on the left side of your pyramid.

Tall Cedar Foundation Bears

In addition to the Rose Program, the best known Tall Cedar Foundation fundraiser are the TCF Bears. If you haven't gotten your 2016 bear yet, contact Romain for yours.

Get yours now.
They are still \$10 each.



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Traditional End of Summer**

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**September 7 – Executive
Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM**

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**September 17 – Joint Men &
Women Forest Meeting
Dinner @ 6:30 PM**

Cedars – Funny Tie Night



Cedarettes – Funny Hat Night



October 5 – Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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October 6 – Sidonian Degree

Prolog

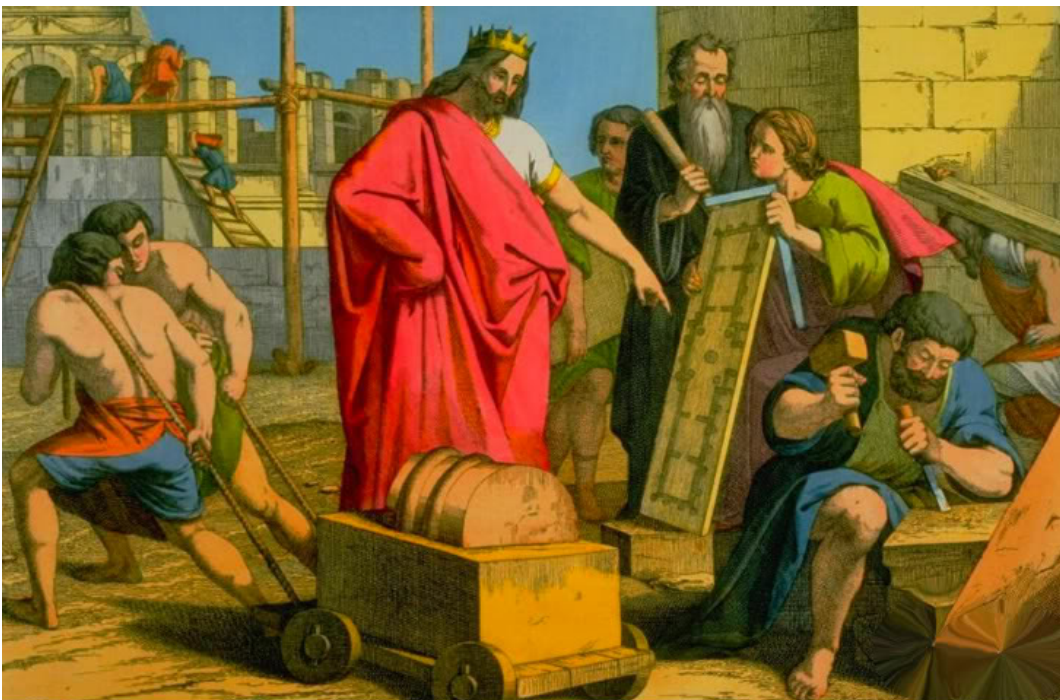
Royal Court

Sidonian Degree

**Morris Frock America Legion Post
405 Northern Ave
Hagerstown, MD 21742**

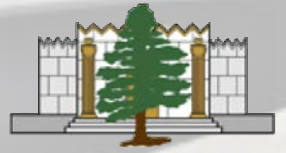
6:00 PM – Open Meeting

**Courtesy of
Hagerstown Forest
No. 95**





ALL YOU CAN EAT SHRIMP FEAST



**Montgomery Forest No. 134
Tall Cedars of Lebanon**

Saturday - October 15, 2016

**Rockville Masonic Temple
612 Great Falls Road, Rockville MD 20850**

4:00 PM - 6:30 PM

ALL YOU CAN EAT:

**STEAMED SHRIMP
(PLAIN & SPICED)**

SLOPPY JOES

MACARONI SALAD

COLE SLAW

Deserts

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

LIVE MUSIC

THE EARTHLINGS

The Earthlings are a versatile 4 piece live band playing a wide variety of music in and around DC, Maryland and Virginia. From classic rock to top 40, we offer something for everyone.

Get ready to rock!

GAMES OF CHANCE & JEWELRY RAFFLE

HALLOWEEN THEMED / WEAR A COSTUME

ADULT \$ 25 In Advance

\$ 30 At The Door

CHILD/NO SHRIMP - \$10.00

November 2 – Executive Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM

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November 19 – So, So Much Dinner @ 6:30 PM



**Montgomery Cedarettes 38th
Birthday Celebration &
Past President Night**

**Montgomery Forest No. 134
Past Grand Tall Cedar Night**



**Montgomery Forest No. 134
& Montgomery Cedarettes
Election Night**

**December 7 – Executive
Committee Meeting @ 7:00 pm**

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**December 17 @ 3:00 PM
Officer Installation for 2017**



**Free Dinner
Following
Installation**

MD Ambassador Update

Matthew has been Montgomery Forest and Cedarettes Muscular Dystrophy child since he was 8 years old. We have watched him grow. Many of us from Montgomery attended his High School graduation party. From there Matthew went to the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus, where he had a private room with 24 hour attendants.

Marshall and Linda Gevinson visited him there once every year.

After graduating in 2000, Matthew realized that he could not get a job as he could not be in a sitting position all day, so he took on-line courses to become an accountant. His Muscular Dystrophy was getting worse every year and even though Matthew is very smart and learned many skills in his years of schooling, he could not hold a job as his arms and hands became less and less functional.

Matthew was very lucky to find Love and married Tulu.

Tulu is a Pharmacist and on the days she works, Matthew's Mother, Alice (an Honorary Cedarette) cares for him.



August 4, 2016 Marshall and Linda Gevinson visited Matthew and Tulu in their home in New Market Virginia

MD Ambassador Update

Claire and Family have downsized to a smaller home. The Frederick County Fire Fighters helped them move, which was a huge help.

Contact Romain, Janice, Marshall or Linda for Claire's address.

The back of their home has an All Season Room. Someone gave Claire a Birdfeeder, which they hung in the back yard. Now Claire can go into the All Season Room and watch all of the different birds.

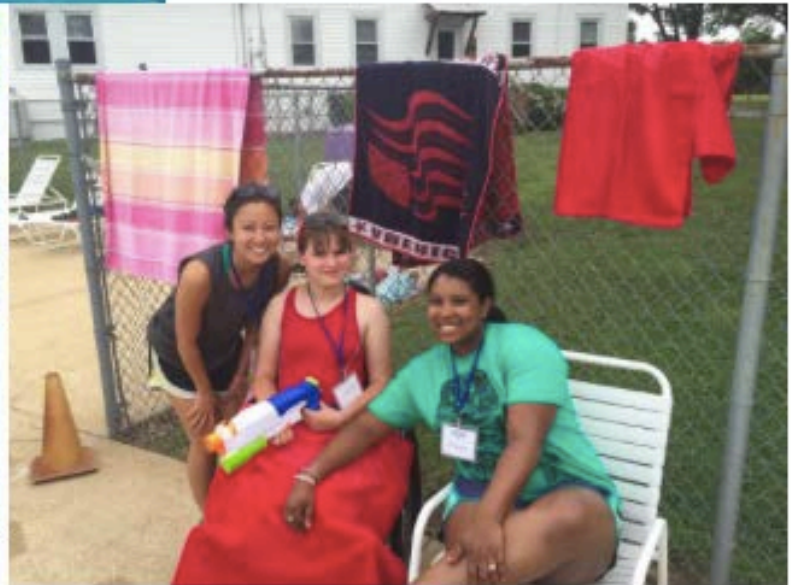
Claire's nurse coverage is FULL and Claire is doing well.



MDA[®]
Summer Camp



Kids Living Unlimited at MDA Summer Camp



Montgomery Forest 2016 Summer Camp Fund

Program Supports sending children to MDA Summer Camp.

GOAL \$ 1,600 RAISED TO DATE \$ 1,570

SO CLOSE - JUST A LITTLE MORE

Grand Tall Cedar Level - \$100 or more

Montgomery-Cornerstone Lodge No. 195
Woody Woodward & Barbara Bourne
Royce & Christine Watson
John & Terri Almay
Norm & Janet Clark

Vicki Krouse
Paul Carruthers
Eileen B. Tweedy
Montgomery Cedarettes
Romain & Janice Tweedy

Tall Cedar Level - \$50 or more

Leonard Stevenson

Robert Warren

Cedar Level - \$25 or more

Alan Gordon

David & Judy Holland

Booster Level - \$3 or more

Giles Light Jr

It's Easy - Just send in a check made out to Montgomery Forest #134 to the Scribe with "Summer Camp" and how you want your gift recognized in the Notes.

If we've missed anyone's name, please let us know ASAP !!!



Recently Passed

A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. *Ecclesiastes 7:1*

	Born	Initiated	Died
Robert K Alexander, PT	10/26/1925	2/23/1981	8/16/2016
Irene Myers	-	-	8/7/2016

Remember in your prayers

Be not slow to visit the sick: for that shall make thee to be beloved. *Ecclesiasticus 7:35*

Diane Solando, PP and her son who is her caregiver.
John Almacy, ST, PGTC

In Memoriam

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me *Psalms 23:4*

Barbara (Bobbe) Burness
Jean Carruthers
Albert Fleisher (PGTC, PDDSTC, P Reg Dir) & Amelia Fleisher (PP)
John Huff
Don Manley
Carole Newcombe
Karl Stadler
Roy Trimmer
Arthur Ware (PTreasurer) & Margaret Ware

Just send a note to the Editor for any updates to this page.

Living Past Grand Tall Cedars

(Includes Officers from Temple and Nor-VA Forests)

1960	Robert T Jones, PST	5820 Genesis Lane Unit 514, Frederick MD 21703	
1964	Morton B Burness	11406 Nairn Road, Silver Spring MD 20902	301-649-1140
1968	James E Forder, Jr	13115 Burlwood Drive, Silver Spring MD 20853	301-949-7762
1969	Edward Berardi	21048 Jerome Ave, Port Charles FL 33954	941-626-2970
1973	Samuel T Atkinson (Temple), PSTC	124 Shetland Drive, Red Lion PA 17356	717-417-6058
1976	Paul R Carruthers	623 Linksview Drive, Longs SC 29568	843-399-6150
1977	Douglas P Adkins (Temple)	HC-71 BOX 560 Denny Drive, Augusta WV 26704	304-496-1195
1979	James V Rewis (Temple)	8813 Pepperidge Drive, Spotsylvania VA 22553	540-582-3693
1981	Robert O Allen	2200 Post Lane, Silver Spring MD 20906	301-460-4646
1983	G Lee Ferguson, PDDSTC, PGM DC	2785 Harbormaster Drive SE, Southport NC 28461	
1988	Charles Ware	84 North Edgewood Drive, Hagerstown MD 21740	301-745-4173
1989	Ed Carpenter Jr (Nor-VA)	4030 Walters Court, Fairfax VA 22030	
1989	Nelson O Newcombe (Temple)	8523 Parliament Drive, Springfield VA 22151	703-978-6521
1990	David A. Holley	6425 Mary Jane Drive, Salisbury MD 21801	410-546-5981
1993	Norman Clark, PDDSTC, PSD #2	1009 Neal Drive, Rockville MD 20850	301-762-6474
1993	John D. Killian (Temple)	8105 Ashton Street, Alexandria VA 22309	703-360-3480
1994	William T. Spencer (Temple)	402 Channel Road, New Park PA 17352	443-243-6905
1995	Franklin J. Pepper (Temple)	4600 Duke Street, 424, Alexandria VA 22304	
1997	Roy L Learnard (Temple)	2010 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church VA 22043	
1997	Marshall H. Gevinson, PDDSTC	30016 Seashore Park Drive, Millville DE 19967	302-616-1488
1998	Larry Hynson (Temple)	PO Box 7005, Arlington VA 22207	
1999	Duncan R. Jerman, Jr	37771 Pond Circle, Selbyville DE 19975	302-752-0248
2000	G. Lee Ferguson, PDDSTC, PGM DC	2785 Harbormaster Drive SE, Southport NC 28461	
2002	Duncan R. Jerman, Jr	37771 Pond Circle, Selbyville DE 19975	302-752-0248
2002	Warren Baker (Temple)	366 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801	814-913-1957
2003	Doug Stadler	13 Jeremy Court, Derwood MD 20855	301-208-2083
2004	Bill Turner (Temple)	22 Still Creek Court, Greer SC 29651	864-288-3573
2005	Randy Barger (Temple)	6678 Turning Run Lane, Marshall VA 20115	
2006	Warren Baker	366 Treasure Lake, DuBois PA 15801	814-913-1957
2007	Marshall H. Gevinson, PDDSTC	30016 Seashore Park Drive, Millville DE 19967	302-616-1488
2007	Donald Krause (Temple)	5729 Sunbury Drive, Alexandria VA 22303	
2008	Giles Light (Temple)	6330 Watercrest Way #302, Bradenton FL 34202	941-907-8470
2008	Doug Stadler	13 Jeremy Court, Derwood MD 20855	301-208-2083
2010	Marshall H. Gevinson, PDDSTC	30016 Seashore Park Drive, Millville DE 19967	302-616-1488
2011	Marshall H. Gevinson, PDDSTC	30016 Seashore Park Drive, Millville DE 19967	302-616-1488
2012	Al Tynan	5552 Delores Ave, Halethorpe MD 21227	410-242-6978
2013	Royce Watson	15022 Snowden Drive, Silver Spring MD 20905	301-879-2949
2014	Chris Anderla	955 Pointer Ridge Drive, Gaithersburg MD 20878	301-525-6203
2015	Romain Tweedy	21207 Sparrow Ct, Germantown MD 20876	240-997-8410

Living Past Scribes

1995-1998	Nelson Newcombe, (Temple)	8523 Parliament Drive, Springfield VA 22151	703-978-6521
1995-2014	Norman Clark, PDDSTC, PSD #2	1009 Neal Drive, Rockville MD 20850	301-762-6474

Living Past Treasurers

1969-1973	Paul R. Carruthers	623 Linksview Drive, Longs SC 29568	843-399-6150
2011-2014	Norman Clark, PDDSTC, PSD #2	1009 Neal Drive, Rockville MD 20850	301-762-6474

Living Past Scribe/Treasurers

2015	Woody Woodward	1107 Carson Street, Silver Spring MD 20901	240-997-2682
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Living Past Trustees

1974-1979	Charles Ware	84 North Edgewood Drive, Hagerstown MD 21740	301-745-4173
1985-1989	Ronnie G. Louia	4513 Furman Road, Silver Spring MD 20906	301-949-2557
1992-1998	W Wayne Blackburn	101 Pin Oak Drive, Greenwood SC 29649	
2001-2007	Cloyd Bittner	1917 Henry Road, Rockville MD 20851	

(Contact the Editor with missing/corrected information)

NEARBY FORESTS

District 20

Prince George's Forest No. 139

Birmingham Masonic Lodge
10800 Edmonston Road
Beltsville MD 20705-1721
Grand Tall Cedar: Ron Perkins
Scribe: Hamer Campbell
hamer83chris@verizon.net - 301 464 8368
Meets 1st Saturdays
Dinner @ 6:00 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

District 14

Annapolis Forest No. 126

VFW Post #160
2597 Dorsey Road
Glen Burnie MD
Grand Tall Cedar: Roy Stevens
Scribe: Al Tynan
gerrytynan@comcast.net - 410 242 6978
Meets 3rd Tuesdays
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

District 21

Hagerstown Forest No. 95

Morris Frock American Legion Post 42
405 Northern Avenue
Hagerstown MD 21740
Grand Tall Cedar: Joshua Brown
Scribe: Jesse Mills
jessemills@myactv.net - 301 842 3860
Meets 1st Thursdays
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

Frederick Forest No. 132

Frederick Masonic Temple
6816 Blentlinger Road
Frederick MD 21702-3631
Grand Tall Cedar: Woody Miller
Scribe: Chuck Kennedy
sgtck605@embarqmail.com - 717 765 4263
Meets 3rd Tuesdays
Dinner @ 6:30 PM
Meeting @ 7:30 PM

NEARBY LODGES

Pentalpha No. 194

WM James Kinnear
2nd and 4th Thursdays
20516 Boland Farm Road
Germantown MD

Montgomery-Cornerstone No. 195

WM Ian McIntosh PM
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
612 Great Falls Road
Rockville MD

Kensington-Bethesda No. 198

WM Thomas A. Marraffa PM
2nd and 4th Tuesdays
4315 Howard Avenue
Kensington MD

Silver Spring No. 215

WM Richard Mendez
2nd and 4th Mondays
410 University Boulevard W.
Silver Spring MD

Wheaton No. 228

WM Lawrence Stephens PM, PGI
1st and 3rd Thursdays
11524 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton MD

St. John's Lodge No. 11

WM Ryan Nalty
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