



The Echo

January - March 2019 Winter

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**Montgomery Forest No. 134 Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Montgomery County's ONLY Masonic Social Organization
FUN, FROLIC and FELLOWSHIP - WITH A PURPOSE**

January 10-13 --- MidWinter Conference, Ocean City MD
No Executive Committee or Forest Meeting

February 6 - Executive Committee

February 16 - Forest Meeting

March 6 - Executive Committee

March 16 - Forest Meeting

March 17 - Wreath Laying @ Mt. Vernon



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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, February 16 and March 16 2019.**

Attest: Romain Tweedy, Scribe Tom Graham, GTC

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FOREST MEETINGS

3rd Saturday in MOST months
2nd Saturday in May & November
No meetings in July and August

Dinner is served at **5:00pm - \$10 per person**
(Reservations to be made 1 week in advance to GTC or Cedarette President)

The Forest meeting is at **6:00pm**
Dessert & Entertainment at **7:00pm**

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.

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Budget	Romain Tweedy, PGTC
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Sick & Welfare	Al Tynan, PGTC
Refreshments	Tom Graham GTC

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Grand Tall Cedar's Message

As we head into 2019, I am hoping it will be one only filled with positive news and growth for the Forest. 2018 was a tough year for the Forest and we have had to make due with much less. Luckily, our wonderful Montgomery Cedarettes provided the Forest life-giving assistance. Even through the ordeal that the Forest has been experiencing, I feel as though it has brought us all closer together. I'm thankful for everyone's support and the continuing work that our members have put in to keep the Forest going during this period. I ask that everyone continue to persevere as we wait for the outcome of our case in the court. There finally seems to be a light at the end of the tunnel. Once the trial is complete, we will have a better idea of where we stand going forward. In the meantime, I would like everyone to focus not on their frustration, but rather in the good we have done for those with Muscular Diseases. Despite the period of turmoil, we have managed to send children to camp and continued to raise awareness. We need to continue to strive to help those in need. I know, based on how the Forest and Cedarettes have handled themselves this year, we will continue to do so, no matter what.

I would like to wish everyone the Happiest Holidays at the end of 2018 and a wonderful 2019 New Year!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there!

Tom Graham, Grand Tall Cedar



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CHARTERED NOVEMBER 2, 1978
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Vicki Krouse, Treasurer

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Gerry Tynan, PP

Delores Manley

Janice Tweedy, PP

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday and a very Happy New Year with their family and friends! Also, I'd like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy 2019! Our joint Holiday Party with the Blue Lodge was huge success! We took in \$425 in donations for the MDA. As most of you all know, we won't have a meeting in January due to the Mid-winter Conference, so we will start off the year with the February meeting. For the February meeting we will have a Valentine's Day theme with the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off! Prizes will be given out to the winners of the best chilis! We had a blast last year! Then in March, we will have a St. Patrick's Day theme with corned beef (and other food options for those who are not big fans of corned beef). I think that's a great start to the new year and if anyone has any ideas of activities they would like to do this year, please feel free to mention them to Tom or myself. Here's to a great 2019!

Karen Graham



SCRIBE'S CORNER

I'd like to offer sincere thanks to all who have helped out our Forest, financial or otherwise. Dues payments are coming in strong. As of the date of this writing, 18 of our life members have helped our financial situation by providing us the \$17 the Forest has to pay the Supreme Forest in Annual Assessments. Some have sent more than the \$17. It's all very much appreciated. If you haven't helped out yet, please consider doing so ASAP by sending it to me.

We've been reluctant to talk about it in explicit terms, but now it's time. Our past Scribe/Treasurer, William "Woody" Woodward embezzled or just outright stole \$244,000 from the Forest. That's **all of our money - your money** – Operating Fund, MDA Fund, Trustees Fund, and the Life Membership Fund – **ALL OF IT.**

The Montgomery County States Attorney has been fantastic. They have filed felony criminal charges against Woody and below are the trial/hearing dates in 2019: (50 Maryland Ave, Rockville MD)

January 28 – Resolution Conference (attendance of officers/involved parties)

February 1 – Pretrial Conference (not for general attendance)

February 15 - Status and Motions Hearing (not for general attendance)

March 11-13 - Jury Trial (**EVERYONE WHO CAN, PLEASE ATTEND**)

If you plan to attend, please call me first in case he makes a plea and there is no trial.

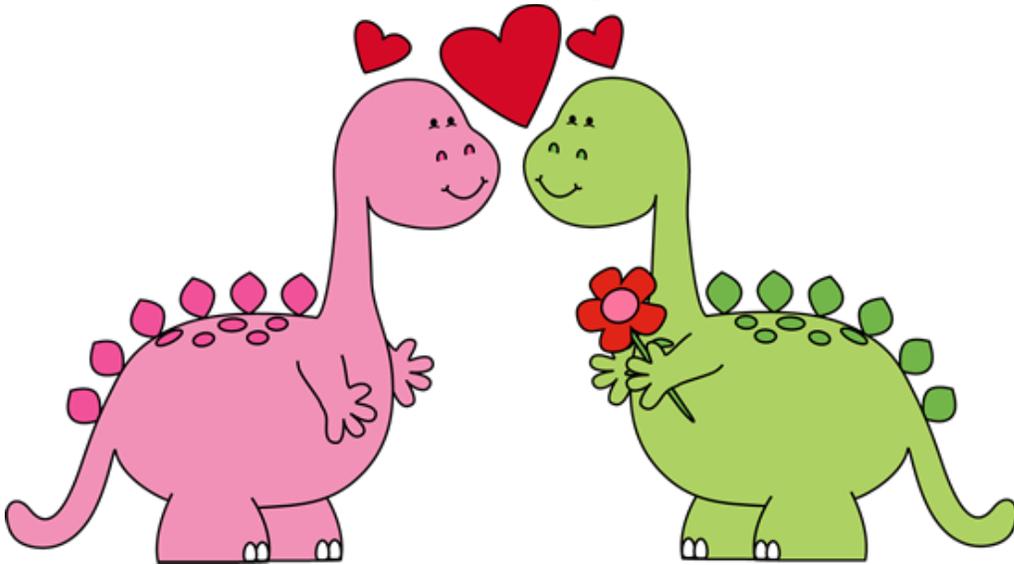
Woody has taken nearly a quarter million dollars from the Forest, a charity that supports children with muscular diseases. Since I treated Woody as I do all of you, with love as a Friend, Brother and a Family, I am personally destroyed by this deceit and betrayal.

Romain



February 16 – Forest Meeting

Valentine's Day Theme



CHILI COOK-OFF

If not bringing Chili, bring something else

Last Name A-M: Bring a Side Dish or Dessert

Last Name N-Z: Bring a Main Dish



Memorial Service

Attire: Tux/Suit for the Gentlemen

Business dress for the Ladies

March 16 – Forest Meeting

St. Patrick's Day



Dinner: Reubens and Sides



Casual Attire

Tall Cedars of Lebanon Wreath Laying Ceremony



Tall Cedar Wreath Laying at the tomb of Brother George Washington

Sunday, March 17

Mt Vernon, Virginia

Carpools Leave Rockville Masonic Temple at Noon

Procession forms inside MAIN GATE at 1:30 PM

Start lining up at 1:50 PM, Enter grounds at 2:00 PM

*This is also **Tall Cedar Day** at the **George Washington Masonic National Memorial** in Alexandria VA. All Tall Cedars, family members, and friends can meet at the Memorial at **11:00AM** for a free 1 hour tour. Very worthwhile & interesting!!*

2019 CALENDAR

JANUARY

10-13 Mid-Winter Conference, Ocean City, MD
No Executive Committee or Forest Meeting in January

FEBRUARY

6 Executive Committee
16 Forest Meeting - Valentine's Day Theme and Memorial Service

MARCH

6 Executive Committee
16 Forest Meeting – St. Patrick's Day Theme
17 Tall Cedars of Lebanon Wreath Laying Ceremony, Mount Vernon, VA

APRIL

3 Executive Committee
19 Forest Meeting

MAY

No Executive Committee or Forest Meeting in May due to conflicts with the Annual Convention and Grand Lodge of Maryland Semi-Annual Communication

4 MDA Muscle Walk of Greater Maryland, UMBC, Baltimore
10-12 Tall Cedar Convention, Wildwood NJ

JUNE

5 Executive Committee
15 Forest Meeting, Junior Deputy Night
TBD MDA Summer Camp

JULY / AUGUST

TBD Pig Roast – Hosted by Prince George's Forest - *Tentative*

SEPTEMBER

4 Executive Committee
21 Forest Meeting

OCTOBER

2 Executive Committee
19 Forest Meeting (Halloween), Cedarette President Night

NOVEMBER

6 Executive Committee
9 Forest Meeting / Elections, Cedarette 41th Birthday,
Past Grand Tall Cedar & Past Presidents Night (2nd Saturday)

DECEMBER

4 Executive Committee
14 Installation of Officers for 2020 (2nd Saturday)

Recently Passed

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

Robert “Scotty” Cameron – August 20, 2018
Pearl Hunt – October 1, 2018

Remember in your prayers

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

Helen Atkinson
Diane Solando, PP and her son who is her caregiver.

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 *Psalm 23:4*

Sam Atkinson
John Almacy
Bob Alexander
Barbara (Bobbe) Burness
Jean Carruthers
Albert & Amelia Fleisher
John Huff
Pearl Hunt

Yvonne Jerman
Don Manley
Carole Newcombe
Jean Robinson
Karl Stadler
Roy Trimmer
Arthur & Margaret Ware
Sol & Charlotte Zeidman

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