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April – August 2019 Spring/Summer

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**Montgomery Forest No. 134 Tall Cedars of Lebanon
Montgomery County's ONLY Masonic Social Organization
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MDA Muscle Walk



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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 **Saturday June 15 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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Refreshments

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Grand Tall Cedar's Message

Spring is finally here! I know everyone is happy to be able to not only get a little more sunlight, but also enjoy warmer temperatures outdoors! We will unfortunately not be able to meet as we normally would the next few months due to how dates on the calendar fall. We have to take into consideration Easter and the Spring Convention. In lieu of our normally scheduled meetings, I wish to encourage everyone to participate in the MDA Walk on May 4th. The

Forest will have a full-fledged team this year. Please come out and join us! I look forward to seeing you all there!

Finally, if you are planning on attending the spring convention, please let our Scribe/Treasurer Romain Tweedy know as soon as possible!

Tom



Scribe's Corner

Regarding our court case, the judge ordered a full repayment of our Forest money weekly until payed in full and has rescheduled sentencing to July 16 @ 1:30 pm. That means another trip back to the Circuit Court. Again, we need to keep up the high turnout. If you can possibly attend, please do so (50 Maryland Ave, Rockville MD).

Although there is only one Forest meeting the coming months, I encourage everyone to come out to the MDA Muscle Walk (page 6). Unfortunately, due to a perceived lack of participation, the MDA Summer Camp meal served on the first day of camp will not be held this year. Prince George's Forest is planning their Summer Pig Roast again and I will send out the date once we have it. It's always a nice time and great socialization opportunity.

-Romain



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi everyone! Thankfully, spring is finally here and that means summer is just around the corner! As Tom mentioned, our next regular forest meeting won't be until June, however, we do have a few things going on in the meantime. The MD Walk is on May 4 and we would love for as many people as possible to get involved with the walk. You can either do the walk itself or help out at the table. It should be loads of fun! Then we have the Convention May 10-12 which is always a good time! And for the meeting on June 15 we have a toga party planned - there may even be a chariot race or two 😊! We hope everyone can attend a few or all of the upcoming events because the more the merrier!

Karen

May 4 -



It is crucial that you register on-line for the Muscle Walk and raise money BEFORE the event. E-Mail your friends, post it on social media, and raise some money for the MDA.

Go to the Montgomery Forest No. 134 [MDA Muscle Walk Page](#) or enter the following URL in a web browser:

<https://tinyurl.com/yyjsmsql>

Click Join Our Team and Make a Muscle!

Saturday, May 4, 2019 – MDA Muscle Walk of Baltimore
University of Maryland – Baltimore County
1000 Hilltop Cir, Baltimore, MD 21250

The EVENT ACTIVITIES begin at 10:00 am
The WALK BEGINS at 11:00 am

Tall Cedar Convention

Wildwood, New Jersey

May 10 – 12

Inform Romain Tweedy if Attending



Convention, Clown Competition, Clowns on Parade, Night Life, Good Friends, Great Times, Tasty Food



June 15 – Forest Meeting – Toga Party



Everyone needs to bring a white bedsheet for making the toga. (casual, obviously)

Pot Luck Dinner (no dinner charge)

Last Name A-M: Bring a Main Dish

Last Name N-Z: Bring a Side Dish or Dessert

Playing your favorite ROMAN games.

Matthew Haley 1975 - 2019

Matthew Gabriel Haley was born on February 19, 1975. Matthew was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) on March 1977 at John Hopkins. A Big Thank You to GTC Bob Thomson who introduced us to Matthew and his parents at the Tall Cedar convention in 1982. The Montgomery Cedarettes decided to adopt him as our Muscular Dystrophy child (that is what it was called then).

We invited Matthew and his parents to all of our dinners and installations. We paid for him and his parents to join us at convention every year while his health allowed. When Matthew graduated high school, all of the Cedarettes and their husbands were invited to their home for a picnic. We all brought a dish to share. For his graduation gift, we gave him what he had asked for... a flag pole for the front of his home where he lived with his parents. Mathew went on to college where he graduated from UMBC in 2000 with a Computer Arts Degree. He realized that he physically could not sit in an office and work for 8 hours a day, 40 hours per week. Therefore, he took college classes on-line in accounting, thinking he could work from home. Unfortunately, his health worsened and most of the day was spent in bed, instead of his wheelchair.

Matthew did not get to earn a living as he planned. If he did not have SMA, he wanted to be a fighter pilot and serve his country. Fortunately, Mathew was lucky in love and married his soul mate Tolu in 2006. They had a house built and moved to New Market Virginia in 2008.

Unfortunately, due to his health, he could not come to any more meetings, installations, or dinners that were held at Montgomery Forest; therefore, most of you did not get to know him, his Mother Alice, or his wife Tolu. Lucky for us, I was able to talk to him every month to give my Muscular Dystrophy report and Marshall and I were able to see him several times and continue our friendship. We were lucky to have known Matthew Haley.

Linda Gevinson



2019 CALENDAR

APRIL

3 Executive Committee
No April Forest Meeting – Happy Easter

MAY

1 Executive Committee
4 MDA Muscle Walk of Greater Maryland, UMBC, Baltimore
10-12 Tall Cedar Convention, Wildwood NJ
No May Forest Meeting due to conflicts with the Annual Convention and Grand Lodge of Maryland Semi-Annual Communication

JUNE

5 Executive Committee
15 Forest Meeting, Toga Party

JULY / AUGUST

TBD Pig Roast – Hosted by Prince George’s Forest – Announced by E-Mail Later

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)



David Holland receiving his Past Grand Tall Cedar Jewel (2017) from Tommy Marraffa at the February meeting.

** Tommy Marraffa was presented his Past Grand Tall Cedar Jewel (2016) a few months earlier.*

Recently Passed

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

Royce Watson – January 24, 2019
Matthew Haley – February 2, 2019

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.

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*

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

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

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