

## Happy New Year

I write this message as the Supreme Tall Cedar for the year 2023. It is with a humble heart that I ask for your help.

First, let me give you a little background about my heartfelt love for this Fraternity and its members. I became involved with Tall Cedars because one of Pocono Forests' members Robert D Lambert loved this Fraternity enough to stop at my house and ask for help. I joined Pocono Forest #124 and went right to work. The last conversation that I ever had with another member David Crane, was one that I will always remember. It was in that conversation that Dave charged me with the obligation of not letting Pocono Forest die. I have taken that charge very seriously ever since.

In the 2020 Spring/Summer edition of the Cedar Digest I announced my candidacy for Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar. In that message I asked the question Why the Green Hat? It is to ever remind me of the excitement that I felt when first becoming a Cedar and the need to share that excitement with our members. This brings me to the point of this correspondence HELP. We need new members, and the time is now. Please work to replace yourself, that is all I am asking for. We can double the size of the Fraternity by doing this. One member from each of us. That is my charge.

This will happen if we can motivate ourselves and support each other in our quest for membership. There is a quote by Stephen Covey that states "Motivation is a fire from within, if someone else tries to light a fire under you, chances are it will burn very quickly. "The Supreme Forest is here to help and encourage to keep that fire from within burning bright.

This year will be a very exciting year for Tall Cedars as there are many changes in the making. There will be communications sent to the Forest Scribes to share with the members at your meetings. There will also be emails sent to those members who have an email address.

If at any time you have a suggestion to improve our Fraternity, please feel free to contact me or any Supreme Forest Officer.

May you have a Happy and Blessed New Year, and I will see many of you at Mid-winter.

In the words of Brother Mark Twain," The secret of getting ahead is getting started" Lets start 2023 with a petition in our pocket.

Love ya Brothers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Manter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "M".

David Manter STC 2023