SUPREME FOREST
OF THE
TALL CEDARS OF LEBANON
OF NORTH AMERICA
Established 1902

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BOARD NOTES
Board of Directors Meeting
Wildwood Convention Center
May 9, 2013

Building Maintenance: PSTC Shultz reported on clean-up activities, as well as doing some minor modifications to the rear door of the Supreme Forest Office building.

Revitalization Committee: There was no report from this committee.

Membership: Chairman Greg Dimoff reported that although 12 new Forests were formed, we lost 16 Forests during the same time period. He also pointed out that 28% of our members were lost over the past 8 years.

Small Games of Chance: SD Mark Brumaghim was called upon for his report on Small Games of Chance. No new revelations

Barry L. Sheaffer, SDSTC: He indicated that there were no problems on the Web Site or with the Membership System.

Foundation: Don Erb, Foundation Chairman presented his report.

DeMolay: A motion was made by Bob Saul and Larry Donis to continue to support the DeMolay by contributing $150.00 in the form of a program advertisement to support their State-wide Conclave.

New Business: The Expense Cutting Committee Report was presented, and discussed in detail.

- The Board decided to withdraw financial support for the Tall Cedar Exhibit in the George Washington Masonic National Memorial after the current year!
- The Board Christmas Recognition and Officer Installation will be eliminated & handled differently as a means of reducing expenses after the one currently planned this December as we are already under contact for that meeting.
- Various other items were discussed as ways of reducing current expenses including utilizing the teleconferencing system more frequently thereby reducing travel expenses.

Forests: Bro. Harvey Willard, PSTC, reported that the matter of Tall Cedars in the State of Texas was discussed and the Grand Master of this area has been contacted but no current information is available. Other Forests in the process of formation are as follows:

- Ozark Forest No. 211 should be to Charter Membership by August, 2013 and will receive their Charter then.
- Northern Illinois Forest No 214 has a Charter presentation set for September 21, 2013.
- New Memphis/West Tenn. Area Forest will be forwarding Charter request & paperwork by June 25, 2013.
- Ongoing work continues in the Steubenville, Ohio area for a New Forest.

Pyramid Reimbursement: Administrative decision was made that Pyramid Reimbursement Requests must be submitted to the Supreme Forest Office by December 31st of the year the candidates are initiated.

Verbal Reports: Remarks presented by the Directors, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Treasurer JDSTC and the SDSTC. JDSTC Bob Saul reported that plans are being formulated for our appearance in the Annual Grand Slam Little League World Series Parade in Williamsport, PA on Wednesday, August 14th, 2013.

Comments by STC: Reviewed with the Board the request for a Tall Cedar Member-at-Large for a Brother from California.

CONVENTION RESULTS

Results of the Election of Supreme Forest Officers for 2014 are as follows:

Supreme Tall Cedar:	Barry L. Sheaffer, PGTC No. 43
Senior Deputy STC:	Robert E. Saul, PGTC No. 199
Junior Deputy STC:	Curtis R. Beam, Sr., PGTC No. 35
Supreme Scribe:	Delvin L. Zeiders, PGTC No. 43
Supreme Treasurer:	John M. Almacy, PGTC No. 132
Supreme Director Region 1:	William W. Ward, Jr., PGTC
Supreme Director Region 2:	Allen Ray Wingate, Jr., Scribe No. 45
Supreme Director Region 6:	James C. Erlinger, PGTC No. 149

Results of the Proposed Changes to the Supreme Forest Constitution & By-laws are as follows:

13-01 PASSED

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

A. Membership in the Supreme Forest shall consist of:
   1. ~~all members of the Supreme Forest at the time of the adoption of the original constitution of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon in 1902 (Grandfather Clause).~~
   2. the current Grand Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, ~~and~~ Treasurer and Trustee of each Constituent Forest in good standing with the Supreme Forest.
   3. all Past Grand Tall Cedars of Constituent Forests who have completed a full term as a Grand Tall Cedar.
   4. any Constituent Forest member who has served the same Forest for a period totaling ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years in the offices of Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Scribe, Treasurer, and/or Trustee. Upon completion of three consecutive years of service in one or more of those positions prior to January 1, 2012, the member shall be granted membership in the Supreme Forest.

13-02 NOT SUPPORTED

ARTICLE IV -- POWERS OF THE SUPREME FOREST

A. Supreme Forest Law
   2. The Constitution and By-laws of the Supreme Forest and of each Constituent Forest shall be compatible with, and in no way adverse to, or in conflict with the laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and edicts of the Federal Government, State Government, Local Government, or Grand Lodge within which the Supreme Forest or the Constituent Forest is located

13-03 PASSED

ARTICLE VI – ELECTED OFFICERS – THEIR DUTIES – VACANCIES

B. Duties of elected officers
   7. Board of Directors
      a. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Supreme Tall Cedar, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Treasurer and no less than eight (8) elected Directors and any lawfully appointed Provisional Supreme Directors.
         (1) The immediate Past Supreme Tall Cedar shall be an ex officio non-voting member and shall be granted all other rights and privileges due to the other members.

13-04 WITHDRAWN – Tall Cedar Exhibit/Reasoning: The Supreme Board at its meeting decided to no longer fund this Exhibit (Due to cost cutting agenda) so therefore there was no need for this Proposed Amendment!

13-05 DEFEATED – This was in regards to the Proposed "Blue Pyramids" in recognition of Grand Masters & Past Grand Masters!!

13-06 PASSED AS AMENDED

ARTICLE IX - CONSTITUENT FORESTS

C. Fees, Dues, Assessment

3. All Constituent Forests shall pay into the treasury of the Supreme Forest ~~ten dollars ($10.00)~~ thirteen dollars ($13.00) per capita tax based on its membership as of December 31, ~~2010~~ 2013, seventeen dollars ($17.00) on its membership as of 2014~~, twenty dollars ($20.00) on its membership as of 2015,~~ and subsequent years. Each Constituent Forest shall pay into the Treasury of the Supreme Forest the four dollars ($4.00) for each new member initiated into the Forest, affiliated with the Forest, and for each reinstated member, such to be paid by the tenth (10th) day of the month, following the meeting at which such members are initiated, affiliated or reinstated.

13-07 WITHDRAWN - Housekeeping