

# THE HIGH TWELVIAN

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Brethren and friends of High Twelve,

It is with great excitement that I pen you this first HIGH TWELVIAN message from the President.

For all who were at the International Convention in June and for those who were there "in Spirit", I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your confidence and trust that you have reposed in me as your new International President. I have some very big shoes to fill, and I pray that I shall do so with dignity and honor.

We've been quite busy since being installed. I say "we" as I represent every one of YOU!

The Biennial Session was a marvelous and most dignifying experience. With 100's of Southern Jurisdiction brothers, wives and friends, we enjoyed marvelous friendships and a spectacular show culminating with a wonderful banquet with an investiture of the Grand Cross. In the SMJ, there is no higher distinction. The invited heads of Masonic bodies were introduced one by one and greeted publicly by the Grand Commander in a full auditorium.

Next our travels took us to the Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter of Capitular Masons and General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International in Raleigh NC just in time for hurricane Irene! Though this inclement weather did not "dampen" our spirits, it certainly aided many of us to join in "spiritual" libations inside in semi dry conditions.

Immediately following the Triennial Session, we were off to Convent General of the Knights of York Cross of Honor in Charlotte, NC. It's an easy trek to Charlotte when you are chauffeured by our General Counsel Matt Dupee and his wonderful wife, Susan. Though not introduced during their session, we were recognized afterward but not publically. No worries, we had a great time anyway!

During the week of October 12-15, I visited with several brothers of Mexico in Puebla, Mexico. I had met with several of these fine brethren on more than one occasion at different Masonic functions and each time they took a moment to listen to me talk about High 12 and how it may be a benefit for the brothers of their respective areas. On the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>, after due inquiry to their continued sincerity, I gave them the new club kit our PIP Jim Satterthwaite distributed for JUST this purpose.

By the time this High Twelvian is distributed, I will have been to the Philippines. Many, in York Rite circles are personally acquainted with Sonny Leviste. Easily known and revered as the Godfather of Masonry in the Philippines, we have had MANY opportunities to speak about High 12. Though one purpose of travelling to the

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Philippines is on York Rite business, as of the writing of this message Brother Sonny sent me a text message reminding me to bring the paperwork for discussion and review.

It would be wonderful to start High Twelve in two countries during the same term!

MWB Monty Glover is still working at renewing interest for High Twelve in the wonderful State of Hawai'i. I can't imagine how many of US would like to travel there to re-institute a club which many years ago actually transformed itself into a Lodge. Ask our own International Chaplain, Jon Feather, he was a member and remembers quite well. I will do my best to keep us all informed.

The first duty and responsibility of this President is to expand and retain membership. This has proven difficult to many, if not all, Masonic organizations. Still, we have to work and work hard, but the rewards will be wonderful. We have done marvelously this past couple of years and I fully intend to keep up the "good work" for your benefit.

Our mid-year conference is JUST around the corner. Please make time to be with us at the Harrah's Hotel and Casino on the spectacular Las Vegas strip this January 29<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This is a new venue this coming conference and it proves to be a new exciting concept in joining the business of our conference with the fun of a city which is very accommodating to every whim. Please watch for updates on the web site which should be up very soon.

Certainly by now everyone should have received their pocket planners. Your generous support on this fund raising project is critical to International. We strive to make sure that we offer something of daily use and value to motivate you to help us as much as you can. Please do what you can and do so with the confidence that we appreciate greatly your most valuable support. Get as many as you want/can and make your requests directly to our International Secretary, Bob "Doc" Holliday and he will see to it that you have as many as you want for gifting or just handing out. Again, we are relying on your help to make this campaign a success.

Please remember to contact me as soon as possible so we can arrange my participation or that of another International Officer at your State Association Conventions. The more time to plan ahead, the better off we all are. Please offer your customary courtesies and advise if I must make my own arrangements at your host hotel. The more information you give, the better off we all are. I truly look forward to seeing and meeting as many of our members as possible.

Finally, let me tell you how much fun this has been to be your International President for one of the greatest and friendliest Associations in the WORLD! I'm proud to have you as both my brother and my friend.

See you soon!

Sid Leluan, III, International President 2011-2012

## **Mid Winter Conference 2012 - by Sid Leluan, III, International President**

We have a date! Reserve the 29th of January through the 2nd of February for our Mid Year conference. An exact itinerary and schedule will be forthcoming regarding registration, meeting times, places, meals and will be posted to the International web site.

Through the efforts of our long-time friend, Perry Albert, we will enjoy great hospitality and relaxed environment at one of the nicest properties on the strip, Harrah's! As part of the Caesars chain of casino properties, you will enjoy marvelous gaming activities and endless opportunities for fun and fellowship.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to call or email and ask. We're all in this together and we'll have a great time as we continue to march to the beat of the High Twelve drum!

## International Secretary - Bob “Doc” Holliday



Greetings Brethren! I hope you are all doing well. This article is meant primarily to inform and clarify a few things that may not have either been apparent or clear before. One important thing is for everyone to know where the High Twelve International Office is located. The address is: 2412 Grant Street, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. In addition to having it printed in the High Twelvian, it is also shown on the International Web Site and page 2 of this issue.

Speaking of the web site, there is a great deal of information there. State Association Secretaries, of particular importance to you as a secretary and the information provider for the members of each of your clubs, is your State Association Officer contact information. You are the one who is held accountable that the information shown there is accurate; if it is not, I need to know what changes are to be made so that I can pass it along to those responsible for making those changes. There is also a place where you, and every High Twelvian, can sign up for the Monthly Update Newsletter email; I would strongly recommend this – pass this along.

A question was posed about the per capita billing process which I would like make clear for everyone's understanding. With regard to the 17-month per capita that had previously been invoiced, there are still clubs out there who have not yet paid this; payment is well past due and needs to be paid now. *The 2011/2012 per capita dues are based on the December 2010 Monthly Membership Report.* Whatever the total number of members were on that report (broken down by active vs. members in Masonic Homes), is what the per capita billing is based on. According to the International Bylaws, payment was due March 2011. In order to be able to vote at the 2012 Annual Convention, per capita payment for the 2011/2012 year **must be paid** no later than March 31, 2012. Payment is to be submitted to the State Association Secretary, not to the International Secretary! The State Association Secretary is also charged with the responsibility of invoicing each club within their association. There will not be an invoice sent to each club from the International Office. If you, as a club, have not received a per capita invoice for the 2011/2012 year, please check with your State Association Secretary and ask why. Also, Monthly Membership Reports are to be sent directly to your State Association Secretary, not to the International Secretary. He in turn, according to the International Bylaws, sends a summary of each club's monthly membership to the International Secretary.

One last and very important thing to know, with the Mid-Year meeting right around the corner, keep in mind that consideration should be given with regard to submission of nominations for International awards:

**INTERNATIONAL HIGH TWELVIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD:** This award shall be given to a member who has exhibited an intense and outstanding interest in the principles and purposes of High Twelve International as exhibited by: 1) Service to High Twelve International at some or all levels, 2) Service to Free and Accepted Masonry at the level of the Lodge or Grand Lodge and to Youth, 3) Service to his Community, State or Nation. Any High Twelve Club in good standing may nominate any member for this award. Said nomination and accompanying data must be received by the International President no later than thirty (30) days prior to the Mid-Year Meeting of the Governing Board for consideration. Nominations in eight (8) legible copies must be submitted. It should contain all specific data covering the foregoing three criteria and should preferably be accompanied by the endorsements of the Club(s) and State Association, if any.

**INTERNATIONAL FOUNDERS AWARD:** This award shall be granted to a non-member of High Twelve International of national prominence, on the basis of: 1) Outstanding service which such individual has rendered to Free and Accepted Masonry, 2) Outstanding service which such individual has rendered to his Nation, or substantial area of his Nation, which service has come to the notice of the public in general in appreciative terms. A nomination for this award can be made by any High Twelve Club, any State President or any International Officer. All

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nominations must be in the hands of the International President thirty (30) days prior to the Mid-Year Meeting of the Governing Board of High Twelve International. The submission must be in eight (8) legible copies, accompanied with the specific data with reference to the stated requirements.

Fraternally submitted,  
Bob (Doc) Holliday, International Secretary

## **International 1st Vice President - Donald Whistler**



Did you receive "your" High Twelve Pocket Planner? If you did, do you like it? We have tried very hard to provide you with a quality planner! Have you mailed a contribution to High Twelve to show your appreciation for it? If you have not, please consider a contribution, even if it is just \$5.00 or \$10.00. If you have not received one by now, please contact our International Secretary, Bob "Doc" Holliday, by telephone at 563-322-3603 or by e-mail at [ynccpo@aol.com](mailto:ynccpo@aol.com) and Bob will mail one to you.

How would you like to purchase a restaurant card worth \$50.00 toward the purchase of dinners at very good restaurants near you for a cost of \$20.00? That's right \$20.00 for \$50.00 of value! It is something that we are looking into to offer to our members. We will let you know soon if we will be offering this program. The officers of High Twelve International are continuing to work for you, our members. Thank you for supporting High Twelve International.

## **International 2nd Vice President - James Parker, IV**



It was a busy summer and early fall. The leaves in Ohio are turning various beautiful colors. Visiting a couple of State Conventions and more.

Work continues on the Membership DVD to add a sound narrative. At this point there is a very good written script for each slide on the power point presentation. If there is not a copy in your area, contact me at my E-mail: [RSM7Arch@aol.com](mailto:RSM7Arch@aol.com). It will be sent in "Open Office", a free program compatible with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point.

It is suggested that you ask a local State Officer to visit your Club and present the program and that you also use this resource in Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters and any where else you find uninformed Brethren and Ladies.

On another note, I have been in discussion with many of you about issues we need to address if we want High Twelve to grow and prosper. As we move into this new century it is becoming clear that business as usual will not grow the business. "If you always do what you always did you will always get what you always got, but with diminishing returns." Those I have talked to all agree the the State Associations need to have a great deal of responsibility for what happens in their jurisdiction. To that end we are proposing more empowerment is necessary, along with the authority to act on issues in their respective jurisdictions. There is no authority to help collect funds due the High Twelve International, or for that matter do anything to actually help the organization and/or it's constituent Clubs. I believe you will be seeing legislation at our next Annual Meeting in June to address this issue.

I truly hope all had a great summer although there was no break in the action.

## **Pocket Planners - by Don Whistler, 1st Vice President**

The officers of High Twelve International thank all of you who made a contribution last year in support of our pocket planner program. Even with your support, we had a loss of approximately \$300.00. We believe that we will do much better this year. The reason is that this is the second year since resuming the mailing of them. By reestablishing continuity, we believe more Brothers will support the program.

The pocket planners were mailed on September 12th to our members. In order to save costs, they were sent under a bulk mail permit. Everyone should have received one by now. If you did not receive one, please contact our International Secretary, Bob Holliday, by telephone at 563-322-3603 or e-mail at [ynccpo@aol.com](mailto:ynccpo@aol.com) and he will mail one to you.

Please consider a contribution to High Twelve International. Even a small contribution of \$5.00 or \$10.00 will be appreciated. If you can give more, that will be even better. Your contribution will help support the programs of High Twelve.

## **International Monthly Update - by Merv Harris, PIP**

Brethren, I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather we are now enjoying. We just left Florida, where the temperature has been in the 80s/90s and now it has been in the 40s/50s in Michigan, Wisconsin and now in Washington State.

Just wanted to remind you that the *High Twelvian* will be distributed in November and the next issue of the Monthly Update will be the December issue. Please submit your articles by the 20<sup>th</sup> of November to my email address, which is [mjghi12@centurylink.net](mailto:mjghi12@centurylink.net). We do not publish photos in the Update but as an exception, I will attempt to publish just one in December to see if we can start including them in the future.

I want to complement our *High Twelvian* Editor, Kevin Hokerk, for the outstanding job he is doing with the newsletter. Kevin has done a great job since taking over the function. Drop him a line and let him know how much

## **2012 High Twelve International 91st Convention**

**June 24 - June 27, 2012** at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel - Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711

NOW is the time to mark your pocket planner with the dates for the 91st Annual Convention. The convention committee is making the necessary plans to insure that all High Twelve's business gets accomplished and that all have an enjoyable time in the Old Pueblo! More information will be available at the Mid-Winter Conference and will be posted to the International web site.

"With gorgeous weather and beautiful Sonoran Desert surroundings, you couldn't choose a better spot. The landmark Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Tucson-Reid Park, is conveniently located just four miles from downtown Tucson and minutes from all Tucson has to offer, including the University of Arizona, Tucson Desert golf and much more. If you want to take advantage of world-class shopping, award-winning dining, Tucson's vibrant nightlife and prized attractions, there's no better place to stay."

William "Bill" Lofquist, PSP, 91st Convention Chairman  
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## This and That - Kevin L. Hokerk, PSP

As Editor of *The High Twelvian* it is a pleasure to bring you the Fall 2011 Issue. We hope you will find a lot of useful information about what is going on in International. A big thank you to all who submitted information, for without your assistance these pages would be blank. The next publication date will be in the Spring of 2012 to meet the timing the by-laws require for notifications. Deadlines will be communicated via the Monthly Update that Bro. Merv Harris, PIP produces monthly.

As Chairman of Forms and Printed Materials it continues to be a pleasure to provide the clubs and state associations with presentation documents that are of a high quality, in a timely manner and that fits your needs. If you have a special occasion an existing document or a new one can be created for your needs, all that is required is for you to ask! There is a complete list of available forms, how to order and a 'sample book' to view on the International web site. Again this is a service that is being provided at no cost to the clubs or associations.

Replacement and new club banners are available to all clubs and associations as approved at the 90th Convention. Detailed information is on the International web site on how to order, sizes and customization information. Please note that payment for the banner must accompany the order and you will be billed separately for shipping costs.

My contact information is on page 2 of this publication so will not repeat it here.

## Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club #762 - by Ron Thomason, Secretary



Jerseyville Masonic High Twelve Club #762, Jerseyville IL was made aware of Dane, a sixteen year old young man with Cystic Fibrosis who was in need of some form of transportation aid since his lungs have begun to deteriorate. As one of our community projects, the Jerseyville club was able to purchase Dane a battery operated bicycle for him to ride back and forth to school as well as to get out and about like all the other young people. *This photo was used with Dane's family permission.*

Editor's note: This is truly what High Twelve is about, helping youth in our communities and making a difference. This more than demonstrates our motto "*High Twelve Is Masonry In Action.*" Are there any other clubs out there doing this type of community service? If so, please let us know and we will see your club is recognized appropriately.



# High Twelve International

## The High Twelve \$100,000 Endowment Fund Program Overview

**Purpose:** This fund is established to build a financial base of \$100,000 with earned interest being used to offset future administrative or operating costs of High Twelve International when and if needed as approved by the Executive Board. This fund is a method of ensuring financial stability for years to come.

**Membership:** Any member, club, association or friend of High Twelve can become a member by filling out an application, attaching a check for \$100.00 or more made out to *High Twelve International*, in the check's memo line place the words "**Endowment Fund**" and mail to the International Secretary as indicated on the application form.

**Recognition:** A numbered **certificate**, signed by the International President and Secretary, will be given to the person, club, association or friend of High Twelve with each donation received along with a **lapel pin** for the individual to wear, or, in the case of a club or association, placed on their banner.

**Endowment Fund:** *Donations are not tax deductible.* All funds received will placed in the designated account on a regular basis. There will be no fees or charges for the administration of the fund.

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\$100,000 Endowment Fund*



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# Association and Club News!

## ARIZONA ASSOCIATION - by David D. Haynes , State President

The 36th Annual Convention of the AZ Association was held on September 24, 2011. This one day event brought our members and their ladies together for an afternoon of fellowship, food and some business. Representatives



were present for the three youth groups and each gave a short update on what their organization is doing in the state. Outgoing State President, Glenn R. Vogt, PSP presented each youth representative one-half of the Associations annual financial donation. We were honored to have Sid LeLuan in attendance for the this convention and to have him install the 2011-12 officers, thanks Sid!

In the above picture left to right Harold "Lindy" Lindamood, Sergeant-At-Arms; Kevin L. Hokerk, PSP, Secretary; David D. Haynes, State President; William "Bill" Lofquist, PSP, 1st Vice President; Glenn R. Vogt, PSP, Treasurer. In the background center is Sid Leluan, International President conducting the installation ceremony. Not present but installed on October 17th a regular meeting of Acacia Santa Rita Club #505 (State President's home club) was Richard A. Kessler, 2nd Vice President and Jon B. Ruse, Chaplain. Jon Ruse was named Secretary of the Year and presented the traveling award which is a sailing ship with his name added at this meeting also.

## TEXAS STATE MASONIC ASSOCIATION - by Loyd Smith PSP & State Secretary

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to send to you some news about the activities of our Texas Masonic High Twelve Clubs. Texas Clubs offer to their members an excellent and informative program at every meeting. Texas Club Officers and Members work with their Lodges by providing leadership and helping in any office or project that they are requested to do. This is the same message for our members serving Eastern Star, Shrine, Scottish Rite, Sojourners, Royal Arch Masons, Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters. I am sure that I missed some Masonic groups, if I did, I would please let me know.

### High Twelvians in Texas Clubs have a list of personal High Twelve Values.

1. We are committed to the success of High Twelve International.
2. We are responsible for our own well-being and career paths.
3. We speak positively of all Masons and treat them with dignity.
4. Our Communications are clear, direct and honest.
5. We recognize Masonic diversity as a strength which is appreciated by all.
6. We build your trust as respected Masonic Leaders.

Remember, Masonry is not a one man operation or run by a clique of few. It is your High Twelve International, your State High Twelve Clubs and most of all your Masonic memberships. Some Brother extended the hand of High Twelve fellowship to you---why not extend your hand to another brother and invite them to High Twelve membership?

## **First Capital High Twelve Club #668 - York PA**



First Capital High Twelve Club #668 located in York PA recently held it's annual installation of officer's. The newly installed President, John Krout (left) receives the gavel from outgoing President Barry Shepp. President John has been very active in working to stabilize the finances of the club and in recruiting new members.

Should you be traveling in our area we hope you can join us for a meeting.

## **Fostoria High Twelve Club #676 - Arcadia OH**



At the June 7, 2011 stated meeting seven Past Presidents were honored with Past President Certificates. There were 12 members and 9 visitors in attendance. High Twelve Officer's present were Thomas S. Bevington, PIP; James B. Parker, IV, 3rd International VP; Earl J. Dawson, State President; Robert A. Barnhart, Jr., PSP; Arthur D. Beck, State Treasurer; Tom Foor, President of East Toledo #324 and his lady. Pictured from left to right are Jerry Agrabrite, PP; James Parker, Emmet Clemments, PP; Linnville Taggart, PP; Earl Dawson, Gary LaRoche, PP and Arthur

Beck. Not in picture was Richard Herr, PP. Not present were PP's Robert Opperman and James Hardie.

## **Franklin County High Twelve Club #726 - Chambersburg, PA**

Franklin County #726 is sponsoring a stained glass window dedicated to High Twelve in the oldest building in Pennsylvania erected solely for Masonic use. The Masonic Temple was completed in 1824 and is still in use. For more information about this project or to donate please contact Don Parish.

The club added new members recently and anticipates further growth in November and December.

Don Parish, Club President

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## Temple on the Hill High Twelve Club #720 - Youngstown, OH - by Lady Winnie Hill



President Clarence Pierre Shawver held his last official High Twelve Meeting in June 2011 at the Masonic Temple in Youngstown, OH. Karen Humphrey planned a "special surprise" program and was a great help to "Cracker," a grotto clown, in obtaining pertinent information for a Roast of our President. A program by the Grotto Clowns, Crackers, Harlee and J.J. began by entering the meeting room with a wagon full of hats. One hat for each part of President Pierre's life, beginning with a baby bonnet. President Pierre has held many offices in various Masonic organizations. He was also the Grand Monarch of Grotto of H.A. On June 10th he completed his year as Club President and was elected 3rd VP of the OH Association of High Twelve Clubs on September 21st.

Left to right are Charles Graham "Crackers"; Charles McClain "Harlee"; James B. Parker, IV, H-12 International 2nd VP; Pierre Shawver "P-Air" and James Losaseo "J.J." Photo by Club Secretary August Angel and Lady Merry Beth Vargo.

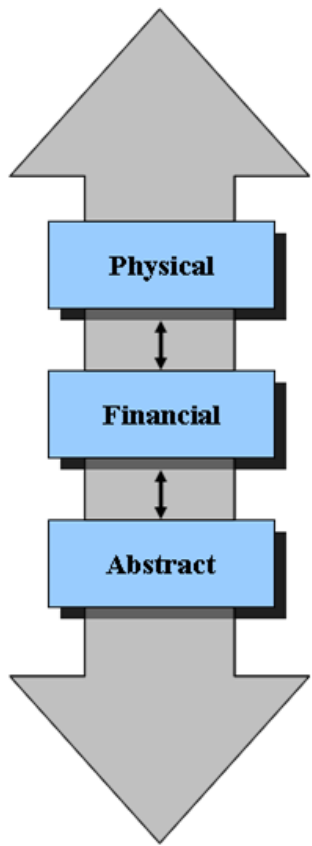
## Tri-County High Twelve Club # 674 - Lady Lake , FL - by Fred Neilson, FL Assoc. State President



A group of Tri-County #674 members went on a Rivership Romance cruise out of Sanford, FL on October 13, 2011. Look for other photos on the Florida Association web site ( [www.flhi12.org](http://www.flhi12.org) ) photo gallery. Photo courtesy of Don Graupner. Note the 7 foot giant standing in the back of the group!

Also the 49th Florida State Convention will be held on Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Waterfront Inn in the Villages. All are welcome to join us for an enjoyable time. Details on International web site under the Florida State Association tab.

## International 3rd Vice President Arthur Walton (from the September & October Monthly Updates)



One of the modules that I have written for California is called "Cultivating Growth." Growth can be defined as "... an increase in some quantity over time." This module uses a three point model or picture to discuss cultivating growth. The model is pictured on the left. As you can see it suggests that growth can occur in physical growth or growth in membership, financial growth or growth in dollar assets and abstract growth which refers to striving towards quality in everything the club does. In this article I would like to discuss the physical or membership growth. This was one of the topics given to the meeting of the Sate Presidents to discuss at the convention in Jacksonville.

Each of the State President's shared what they were doing to encourage growth in their state. Out of the discussion came a number of excellent ideas that are worthy of each clubs consideration throughout High Twelve International.

First, is getting out and being visible at Grand Lodge... The state organization should be seen and visible at Grand Lodge Functions. In California I have found that there is little knowledge of High Twelve. Consequently, I have made sure that the California Association of High Twelve Clubs is on the list of concordant bodies with the other concordant bodies in the state. As a result we have been invited, not only to Grand Lodge, but to the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star, to Grand Amaranth, to Grand Bethel, to Grand Assemble, at DeMolay Jurisdictional events and at Grand Sessions of York Rite.

Second, being visible at Grand Lodge or concordant equivalents is one level of visibility. It was clear from the discussion among the State Presidents that there is another equally and maybe more important area to be visible in, namely, the local lodges. Arrange to speak at your local lodges, contact the local lodge education officers and visit local lodges. Two States, California and Ohio, have power point presentations that can be used to present High Twelve to your local lodges. If you would like a copy of the California presentation please email me at [arthurwalton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arthurwalton@sbcglobal.net) or send a note to me at 8008 Pinot Noir Ct, San Jose, CA 95135.

Another way of being visible at a Club level is to form partnerships with Lodges as Masons recognize Public Schools. For example, a club in California, Montebello, partners with two local Lodges to recognize the outstanding students at the local high schools. This club has a membership that is retired. They have the time to do the leg work to find the students. They invite an exceptional student to their meeting. The student is accompanied by the Principle of their High School and the students' parents. The student receives a nicely framed certificate and an award. This is an excellent partnership as so many of the officers in metropolitan California are working during the day and cannot get away to award students for outstanding academic achievement.

Another example of visibility is the Temple City Club in the Los Angeles area. They hosted a student recognition event for six public schools and a learning center this spring. It was written up in the local newspapers with the headline "High Twelve Club honors TCUSD Students." It was a success as there was standing room only.

Third, be visible in your local community. In one state, members are encouraged to attend and serve on local governing boards, serve people in the local communities that are in need of assistance and deliver "meals on wheels." Another local community suggestion is to be visible in local parades and maintain a booth at your local fairs. One club is providing a "Child ID" program at their county fair and offer it to the local school districts. This have been very positively received.

In conclusion, physical growth may better be termed visibility! It is getting out of your club so that others can see what you do and why it may be worth their time to become a member in your club.

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The second element in the model is financial growth. Each Club has expenses. Many Clubs have plans to support the Masonic Youth or the Local Schools in a variety of ways or entertain other project requiring financial resources to implement. My Club, The Village Club #442, in addition to supporting the Masonic Youth also takes on projects for the place where we live, The Villages Golf and Country Club, a gated community of approximately 5,000 people. We do this because a great deal of our income flow comes for the people living in the Villages. Suffice it so say, there are a lot of good and valid reasons that a club needs to be financially liquid.

Financial growth is a dollars and cents issue. There are a number of ways to generate income other than asking our members for dues and contributions. The list I will share does not include new and exciting ideas. This group of ideas is projects and programs that I have gathered in traveling around clubs in California.

1. Electronics are full of materials that can be reclaimed. There are e-waste companies that you can find in the yellow pages that will bring trucks, unload the e-waste from your contributor's vehicles, and give your club a share of the value of the materials gained from the e-waste. The clubs effort is in the advertising of the project and directing the traffic. A good place to hold it is in the parking lot of your Lodge. A cooperative event with your local Lodge or Lodges might be appropriate. One club offers e-waste twice a year and earns nearly a \$500 per event.
2. Shredding is also a project that can be handled in a similar manner as e-waste and could even be combined with e-waste. Shredding companies are willing to give you a percentage of the gross value of the shredding. The paper contributors pay by the pound and you get a percentage. Recently in San Jose, the Villages Club receives 25% of the gross which ranges from a low of \$400 to a high of over a \$1000. Not bad for three hours of directing traffic.
3. Pancakes breakfasts are as old as the hills. But, a well-advertised event can be successful. One Club in California raises \$5,000 every year at an early summer pancake breakfast. Two keys are the advertising and the fact that it has been held for over 20 years in a row.
4. Aluminum cans are another good source of income. Drayage companies will provide a dumpster for you to fill. Once filled the drayage company takes the cans, has them weighed and rewards the club according to the weight. If a dumpster seems too big of a challenge, collecting the pull tabs off of cans is another good source of income. The pull tabs are made out of a higher grade of aluminum and earn more per pound.
5. Another creative idea is collecting papers. One club in Southern California, brings bags of paper to their meetings, puts them in a members pick-up truck who takes the paper to a recovery center.
6. One of the most interesting fund raising projects I have seen is a motor bike rally (or car rally). Prizes are awarded for entrants. There is an entrance fee. Further, at each check point you can sell water, soda, chips and hot dogs. This can be a very lucrative event. Since it is held on public roads you do not need anything other than check points and a start and ending place which could be your local lodge.

I am sure there are many other good ideas that your club is implementing. The key to success of any of these ideas or other projects is planning, preparation and advertising. Mentioning the event in your monthly newsletter is not enough coverage to achieve the success you would like to yield.

The third element in the model is abstract growth. This was suggested by Don Griffith, the International Parliamentarian. In California we call this the "Costco Syndrome." Costco is a wholesale discount store that has among other things, baked goods. In California our members have experienced too many events with Costco food and bakery goods. The point is not to use moderately priced goods. The point is that in all we do as a club, quality should be the first objective. Quality is real! Where you meet, what you serve and the quality of your program tells your visitors if this is a club they want to revisit. Quality impacts physical growth and it in turn impact financial growth. It should be our number one objective in all we do.

Let me know what your club is doing to grow financially and preparing for and implementing quality events.

## **A Bit of History - by Wallace McCartney, PIP, High Twelve International Historian**



This is the only known picture of the founder of High Twelve, Edgar Cornelius "E. C. Wallie" Wolcott, that shows him smiling! This is from an undated newspaper article probably from 1969. The caption indicated that Wallie was holding a red, white and blue ribbon collar and jewel of office for the International President this jewel was used from 1969 to 1973. It was around 1973 that this jewel was replaced by the metal collars and jewels for the principal officers and later they had the blue velvet material added. These collars lasted until 2010 when current International President, Sid Leluan, redesigned the collar and jewel and began replacing the collars as funding becomes available.

I hope you enjoyed this bit of history and I will be providing additional articles in future issues.

## **A Change of Life - by James Satterthwaite, PIP**

After living 21 years in Florida then making a return trip to Michigan to live leaves many memories in the heart, our stay in Florida introduced us to High Twelve and I wish to explain a bit about that.

We moved into a place that was in need of much repair, we completed this and sold that place and moved into another on a lake that we loved. A mobile home retirement community is certainly a different life style than we were used to. It grew on us rapidly and we enjoyed the lifestyle and the people.

After being there for a couple of months, a man came down our driveway one morning and knocked on my door and when I answered he said, "I understand you're a mason?" I smiled and said yes, and he responded, "Then why aren't you in High Twelve". I told him I had never heard of it before and he told me a story that encouraged me to decide to join the local club which meets in the park we were living.

Naomi and I attended the first meeting and were eagerly greeted and welcomed; we enjoyed the meeting, the lunch and most of all the fellowship. We joined and rarely missed a meeting over the years.

A few years later the long time treasurer decided he would like to give up that task and proceeded to convince me that I was the person who needed to take his place. The decision didn't come easy but finally I agreed to run for the office and since I was the only one nominated, I won hands down.

After two years at that job I was asked to run for the office of second vice president which I did, never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine what the future would bring. I completed my trip to be president, and enjoyed the time immensely because at all times I felt fully supported and harmony prevailed.

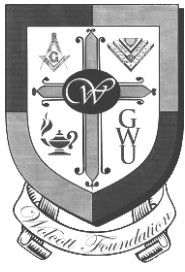
A mentor in life was a man, Richard Bienbreck, who was serving as our District Director, he was a man who took his responsibility to heart and always was there and more than willing to assist as needed. Richard asked me to be his assistant the next year and I hesitated as the responsibility was large. After several conversations with Naomi, I accepted the offer. Dick took me to meetings where I found so many more great people who were like minded and enthused about High Twelve and Masonry in general, as I am.

At the end of the first year Dick asked me to switch with him and he would be my assistant, again, this took a lot of consideration and I finally accepted the assignment. Later, I found that Dick was suffering from terminal can-

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# YOUR WOLCOTT FOUNDATION

**“THE NEED FOR LEADERSHIP AND INTELLIGENT DECISION MAKING IN GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER IN THESE UNITED STATES THAN IT IS TODAY.” John R. Trindell, June 1987.**



It seems that some things never change, BUT, your/our Wolcott Foundation, since 1953, has been in the forefront of providing an avenue for competent young people to enter government service. It is only because of the generosity of the members of High Twelve International that such an avenue exists for many young people.

I am constantly being surprised that so many of our High Twelve members do not understand the roll that the High Twelve organization plays, through the Wolcott Program, in making it possible to provide a pool of intelligent, well educated, and dedicated young people to enter government service. This is revealed by the fact that today only one-half of the High Twelve Clubs make any contributions to the Foundation. Were it not for the Endowment Fund there would be scarce funds to finance any annual fellowships, as the Fellowship contributions do not always provide the sufficient funds. Thanks to the return on the investments in the Endowment Fund, the Foundation was able this last year to fully fund the Fellowships for five selected Fellows for the 2011-2012 year. To find out who these young people are, and also for much more information about your Wolcott Foundation, please refer to the Wolcott Foundation website; [www.wolcottfoundation.com](http://www.wolcottfoundation.com).

There are many ways that an individual High Twelve Club Member may help in advancing the Foundation: One example, for information about such things as Heritage Bonds, to Honor or Memorialize someone, contact your Club Wolcott Representative or your Zone Trustee. Either/both will be willing to help explain anything that you may wish to know about our Wolcott Foundation. Consider a Living Trust in your will – our Foundation Treasurer can assist you in this area, if you but contact him. As in any scholarship program the demand is greater than the funds available.

The main purpose of this article is to alert all High Twelve Members to the great need of placing the best available people into the leadership positions in our United States Government. All contributions, great or small, will add materially to an investment in the future of our country.

And finally, May God Bless each one of you and yours; God Bless the High Twelve; and, God Bless the United States of America.

Malcolm S. White, Chairman  
The Wolcott Foundation

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cer and had selected me to continue what he had started. I found that his mentoring had worked and he had instilled in me the willingness to work for the betterment of High Twelve in any way possible. Never in my wildest dreams could I ever imagine that my trip would include the President of the Florida State Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs and following, the President of High Twelve International.

The reason I write this is to impress on others the importance of mentoring and as a tribute to a man who took the time to pick me out and give his full efforts to inform and make me willing to move and to always try and do the right thing. Thanks Dick, you are truly one of my hero's.





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