



HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE March 2013 Issue

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Congratulations to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in March. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion!

Prayers are provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ). He has provided them for our needs and possible use at your club meeting as the opening and closings prayers.

Invocation: Beneficent Author of Life, remind us of the importance of keeping the promises we have made to each other and to You. Teach us that the obligations we have taken upon ourselves cannot be forgotten or overlooked. Show us that the only way to honor our obligations is to live in harmony with them on a daily basis. Keep us faithful in living with, living in awareness of, and living up to or Masonic Obligations. Guide us in the responsibilities which are ours as we assemble here to conduct our business today. In Your Spirit we pray, Amen.

Benediction: Blessed be the Lord that hath given rest unto His people. The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us; that He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes and His judgments, which he has commanded. Amen.

Flag Presentation: The Flag Presentation provided by the Website www.amandashome.com/patriotpoems.html. Its use is encouraged prior to presenting the Flag of Our Country at your Club Meeting.

Freedom

**Freedom is a breath of air,
Pine-scented, or salty like the sea;
Freedom is a field new-plowed...
Furrows of democracy!**

**Freedom is a forest,
Trees tall and straight as men.
Freedom is a printing press...
The power of the pen!**

**Freedom is a country church,
A cathedral's stately spire;
Freedom is a spirit
That can set the soul on fire!**

**Freedom is man's birthright,
A sacred, living rampart;
The pulse beat of humanity...
The throb of a nation's heart!**

...Clara Smith Reber



Brother Stanley Moulton, Florida PSP, Wolcott Zone 8 Trustee, State Parliamentarian, Wolcott Foundation Chairman and many other important offices, passed to the Celestial Lodge above on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Brother High Twelvians:

We are all saddened by the recent loss of Stanley Moulton – Wolcott Foundation Chairman for several years; and 1990 Florida State High Twelve President; and High Twelvian of the Year recipient in 1996. He was the State Parliamentarian for Florida and was also the Chairman for State Conventions for many years. He was known affectionately as “**Mr. Wolcott**” for his many years of service as the Wolcott Foundation Zone 8 Trustee.

Brother Stanley belonged to the Sebring and then the Lake Placid High Twelve Clubs - A leader and bench mark for us

all to follow, who left a legacy of service and always with the attitude as learned, practiced and believed in our Masonic Fraternity - we are so very sorry for this loss – we all enjoyed Stanley's company and his leadership.

Stanley's son and daughter have requested that anyone wishing to make a donation in Brother Stanley's memory to please make your donations to the Florida State High Twelve Association and in the memo box to note **“in memory of Stanley Moulton”** - then mail to our Florida State Secretary Dan Hodson, who will make sure all will be forwarded to Wolcott through our State and Zone 8 Wolcott Trustee Merv Harris.

Fraternally, With Best Wishes and the Sympathy of Florida State Masonic High Twelve Clubs. Dan Hodson, Secretary, Florida State High Twelve Association, 805 Orchid St., Lady Lake, FL. 32159

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In addition, anyone wishing may send a card to Stanley's daughter Carolyn or son Glenn (resides in Indiana.) Send to Bill Hineline (Carolyn's husband) 3405 Waterwood Dr., Sebring, FL 33872. His son Glenn and family are down here now.

International President Don Whistler: We have talked about the Membership Development, Membership Retention and Club Expansion Programs in previous issues of the Monthly Update and the High Twelvian Magazine. The primary purpose of this article is to give you a brief summary of each one and how you can obtain them.

The DVD is a period piece about High Twelve which has been re-mastered from an original VHS tape. It is a great tool for showing at Lodge meetings and other Masonic Bodies to present High Twelve. Copies are being made from the re-mastered copy. You can obtain a copy by emailing our International Secretary, Kevin Hokerk, at secretary@high12.org or calling him at 623-239-6170.

The Info-Board and accompanying dialogue was developed for use for the same purpose when a projector is not readily available or convenient for the situation. The Board, itself, can be purchased at a local crafts store, such as Michael's, for \$5.00 or less. The pictures for the Board, the instructions for their placement on the Board and the dialogue for talking about them can be obtained by down loading them from the International web site. Go to the web site, scroll down to "Other Information" on the right hand side of the page and click on "Reference Documents." You can then click on the instructions for this tool and print them.

The CD or Loop CD, which is an introduction to High Twelve, has been prepared as a power point presentation to be shown on a PC or Laptop. It can be run continuously or frame to frame as you talk to its content. It is a good tool for conventions and other similar Masonic functions. The CD and dialogue can be obtained from Kevin Hokerk, International Secretary, by emailing or telephoning him.

The Ambassador Program is an awards program designed to encourage members of High Twelve Clubs to visit Lodges and other Masonic Bodies to make presentations about High Twelve. Awards will be presented at the High Twelve Annual Convention to the Individual, the Club and the State Association which make the most presentations. A description of the Program and the Form for reporting the presentations can be down loaded from the International web site under Reference Documents.

The new Brochure was prepared for the purpose of providing updated information about High Twelve to potential members and other people interested in learning about it. It can be ordered from Kevin Hokerk, International Secretary.

The Traveling Scrolls are certificates in three different formats which recognize the attendance of a visitor from another Club at your Club's meeting. They are, in effect, public relations or good will pieces. They can also be obtained from Kevin Hokerk, International Secretary.

The Membership Retention Calling Program involves creating a Calling Committee, whose members call those members who have not been at a meeting for some time. The size of the Committee will depend on the size of your Club. The details of the Program can be down loaded from the International web site under Reference Documents.

The Club Expansion Program was developed for those members who have an interest in establishing new Clubs in their state where there are none at this time. The details of the Program can also be down loaded from the International web site under Reference Documents.

We are hopeful that you will use these tools to grow our membership, help retain it and establish new Clubs.

Conference of Grand Masters by Art Walton, International 2nd Vice President:

I had the honor to attend the Conference of Grand Masters as a replacement for High Twelve International President Don Whistler, who could not attend. After opening on Monday, Distinguished Leaders of Concordant Bodies were introduced. As luck would have it, High Twelve International was the first to be announced. So I got to represent our organization and was greeted by the line of Grand Masters who were in charge of the event.



During the two luncheons on Monday and Tuesday, I had the good fortune to talk with Grand Masters in two states where do not have clubs at this time. At the High Twelve International table, see the picture on the right; we were able to talk to Masons who stopped by about High Twelve. It was surprising how many did not know about the organization.

To the left of the High Twelve International's Table was Past International President's Sid Leluan's table displaying all the fine products of "Lapel Pins and More." He had a great deal of traffic with Grand Masters and soon to be Grand Masters visiting him and making arrangement for pins, aprons and more.



Our table displayed all the new tools that the Executive Board has been working on and which will be available on out High Twelve Intentional Website. On the right is the "info board." On the left is a laptop displaying the new Power Point presentation running in continuous mode. Lying on the table are the new brochures. Across front of the table is a banner that we purchased to use at all future events that High Twelve International participates in.

It was indeed an honor to represent our organization at the Conference of Grand Masters. It is my hope that our

presence encouraged Masonic Jurisdictions that do not have High Twelve Clubs to consider participating in High Twelve.

Keys to a Successful Event by Art Walton: This week I had the pleasure of attending a very successful event at the Oakland, California High Twelve Club #2. Their Junior Past President and the California 2nd Vice President, Cleveland Valrey, made arrangements for two of the Tuskegee Airmen and a member of the Association of Tuskegee Airmen to attend the Oakland Club and share their experiences during World War II. If you are not familiar with their World War II exploits of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II you may enjoy seeing a recent movie called the "Red Tails," which the airmen at the luncheon said was very accurate.

What made the event successful? First, the Tuskegee Airmen are a very interesting real life story. Second, with approximately fifteen (15) club members present they served over ninety (90) men and women for lunch. In other words, for every member present there were five (5) other people present. So the size of the audience indicated success. Third, Cleveland advertised the event for over two (2) month before it occurred. He not only contacted local High Twelve Clubs, he also contacted Lodges and Concordant Bodies. Dignitaries in attendance included a Grand Lodge Officer, the Personal Representative of the Oakland Scottish Rite, and an International High Twelve Officer.

The bottom line, this was a very successful event because (1) it was a **good and very interesting program** and (2) there was **early and frequent communication** with all parts of the Masonic family. I encourage your club to consider both of these parameters of success when planning your next club event.

International 3rd Vice President Winton Hewitt (PA): Philadelphia 2013: Come early, to the **High Twelve International Annual** Convention in **2013**. You will have an opportunity to go back in our past history, into the Eighteenth Century. Visit some of the numerous historical sites, such as **Carpenter's Hall** where delegates to the First Continental Congress held its first meeting in September 1774. Here is where they made a list of the grievances of the Colonies against King George III. They recommended that a Second Congress meet in May 1775, if issues were not resolved. Numerous meeting were held there during the next year to discuss independence.

"We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." **Independence Hall** echoes these words and nearby the old cracked **Liberty Bell** still proclaims liberty. The spirit of **Benjamin Franklin** is alive in this, his adopted city. Become a part of America's journey in discovering its past, which the National Park Service bids you to do during your visit to Philadelphia.

Say hello to **John Adams** when you are near Carpenter's Hall. Be sure shake the hand of **Ben Franklin** when he passes. If you see **John Hancock**, you may want to get his autograph before he prepares for another day of arguing at the Constitution Convention. Keep an eye out for **Thomas Jefferson** as well. You may want to visit the **Betsy Ross House**, where she is credited with making our **first 13 star's and strip's flag**.

From your International Secretary: Please submit your articles for the Spring Edition of The High Twelvian via email or USPS no later than **MARCH 8, 2013**. Photos are always welcomed -- just provide who is in the picture(s)!

Club Secretaries: Per-capita-billing for the 2013-14 International year will be based on *your* **March 31, 2013** Monthly Report! Statements will go out 4/30 to your State Association Secretary (if applicable) for distribution. Statements are payable upon receipt. Please send your remittance and the bottom portion of the statement to your State Association Secretary who will forward to the International Office.

If you have any questions please let me know. Fraternaly, Kevin L. Hokerk, International Secretary, High Twelve International, 11404 W Olive Dr., Avondale AZ 85392-4210. Office Phone: **623-239-6170**, Fax: Call **623-239-6170** first! Skype: khh85392

California High Twelve Association: **Oakland Hi-12 Club #2:** Our speaker for the month of January, was a **December 7, 1941** Pearl Harbor survivor, Brother, and High Twelvian, Mickey M. Ganitch, U.S.N. (Ret.), presenting: "Pearl Harbor, **December 7, 1941** and World War II." We thank him for his Valiant Service to our Wonderful Country and for a very informative and historic presentation.

For the month of February, Brother Ed Stevenson, U.S.M.C. (Ret.), General Manager of the Veterans Memorial Building in Lafayette & Lafayette War Veterans, Inc., Lafayette, CA., will be our Guest Speaker presenting: "Tournament of Roses, From the Inside." You will not want to miss his most informative, indeed, inspirational message and presentation.

We have an impressive array of speakers presenting relevant topics scheduled for the year 2013, but recognize that your input and recommendations will more readily help us achieve our goal. Most of all, we thank you for your support, attendance and comradeship as we are endeavoring to increase attendance/membership and in that regard, we need your continued assistance to invite your friends and associates to come and join with us and make Oakland High Twelve No. 2, indeed, Number 1, in High Clubs. Gilbert E. Klingman, President and Cleveland Valrey, PP, and California 1st State VP, Oakland Hi-12 Club No. 2 CA. Assn. of High Twelve Clubs.

Florida High Twelve Association, Hawthorne Masonic High Twelve Club: An Interesting, FUN and informative meeting was held [today](#) by President Cliff Frazier at Golden Corral in Leesburg, which started with lunch at 11:00 AM, for less than \$7.00, including drink - full room left standing room only.

Guest welcomed included Linsy of the UK who was present for Jim Hall's 90th Birthday party all promised to return for Jim's 100th Birthday.

Also present was George and Ruth Wikane from the former Leesburg HI-12 club, who also have a petition of membership. We welcome and are excited to have them at Hawthorne.

An Interesting Speaker Carol Clendinen - Mom of a Wolcott recipient - Now - Professor Michael E. Smith PhD, who had attended and graduated from Leesburg High School, then attended UCF and granted a Wolcott scholarship with the help of Florida PSP, Leslie Wheeler, who became International President 1989-1990.

Carol spoke of the trials, tribulations and hope during these times and with some humor that was warmly received and enjoyed by all – Carol had the full attention of all as she expressed the results and accomplishments of her son and the appreciation they have for what High Twelve did and continues to do.

Our Wolcott Representative Sam Getter presented Wolcott Bonds to Jim Hall and Dick Blount and also discussed the recent loss of our good friend, Brother and High Twelve member Bill McCullough, who set the bar for us and Wolcott – always attentive and when appropriate presenting a Wolcott Bond to them for their service – whatever it happened to be.

Sunshine Lady Judy Shook spoke of our Members and Ladies absent and our thoughts and concerns for them. The passing and service of William Bill McCullough – welcome back to Anne and Forest Case.

Wolcott Foundation News By Wolcott Foundation Vice Chairman Donald P. Garrido: Fraternal greetings from High Twelvians of Zone 6. Much has been written about the history and operation of the Wolcott Foundation, so I will limit my remarks to Zone 6, its history and recent operation.

The Wolcott Foundation was originally divided into five zones in 1960, and this number was increased to eight zones in 1972. Zone 6 was allocated eight Southeastern states. A long time Trustee for Zone 6 was Doctor Beryl C. Franklin of Monroe, Louisiana. He later became Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation. The present Trustee for Zone 6 and Vice Chairman of the Wolcott Foundation, is Captain Donald P. Garrido of San Antonio, Texas.

Of the eight states belonging to Zone 6, only Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas have High Twelve Clubs. Although much effort has been made to start High Twelve Clubs in Alabama, Arkansas and Mississippi, their Grand Lodges, for whatever reason, refuse to admit High Twelve Clubs in their jurisdiction. At

present, Indiana has seven active clubs with 244 members; Kentucky, one active club with 38 members; Louisiana, seven active clubs with 236 members; Tennessee, one active club with 22 members; and Texas, eight active clubs with 153 members. Only Indiana, Louisiana, and Texas have a State Association. The five active States are assigned a Wolcott Deputy Trustee.

Individual and club donations to the Wolcott Foundation are down, and this is also the case in Zone 6. Numerous letters have been written to corporate organizations within Zone 6, requesting donations for our Wolcott Programs with no success. Letters have been written to Wolcott Fellows residing in Zone 6 with a moderate response. Letters to Masonic affiliate organizations within Zone 6 have been met with little support. However, we will continue to request financial assistance wherever we can for our Wolcott programs. Our most popular fundraisers continue to be the Century Club Certificate, Heritage Bonds and Schoolhouse.

The High Twelvians of Zone 6 remain active in their clubs, and continue to support their Wolcott Foundation as best they can.

Mervyn J. Harris, PIP and Editor of the Monthly Update: My Brothers, we are at our busiest point of the year and I have received very few articles. The success of the Monthly Update depends on the Associations, Clubs and members sending in interesting articles and photos, which are then shared with everyone. We have approximately 200 clubs and over 5,000 members. You would think that something interesting is happening throughout High Twelve.

I am asking you to send in your photos and articles, so we can continue to share our experiences. All we ask is that you submit your material prior to the 20th of the month and if you send photos, let us know who is in the photo and what they are doing. We can take black and white or colored photos.

We would like to have photos of your new officers and events such as receiving an award or articles of interesting speakers like Oakland High Twelve Club #2 did this month. What about when you have a Holiday function or picnic. There is so much happening that does not get reported.

Please be part of the solution and not part of the problem. We know you have someone in your organization, who can submit an article. We need everyone to think, act and submit articles. Won't you be one of the first to help?

Thank you for your support and assistance. Let's make a great organization even better. Send your articles now.

Fraternally, Merv Harris, PIP & Editor.

Humor: A college's student body is composed of the sons and daughters of the very rich who could not meet the academic requirements of any other college. Lo and behold, the college basketball team wins every game and dominates their league. All this success is due to one amazing player - a cross between Larry Bird and Michael Jordan. This kid is terrific. The player and the team become the center of nationwide media attention. The student body is thrilled. Now, the NCAA goes to the college and asks for proof of this player's academic eligibility. The college administration promises such documentation in a few days. The faculty works night and day coaching the student for the crucial test. The day of the public examination arrives, and the entire student body is there to support their star player. A professor stands, and announces the first question, "How much is five and two?" The student frowns in deep concentration - he thinks, he sweats, he shakes with effort. At last he shouts the answer, "SEVEN". The entire student body rises, and as a single voice, they cry. **"Give him another chance. Give him another chance"**.

The Army has been experimenting for years to come up with a liquid that will eat through anything and they finally did it. It eats through glass, stainless steel, iron, and all kinds of metal, rock and granite. Now if they could only find something to put it in.

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