



## HIGH TWELVE MONTHLY UPDATE May 2013 Issue

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

**THE 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 13 THROUGH JUNE 15, 2013, AT THE RENAISSANCE PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT HOTEL, 500 STEVENS DRIVE, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.**

**REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND ON THE BACK PAGES OF THIS ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY UPDATE. WE HOPE YOU WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL CONVENTION AS THIS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST CITIES IN AMERICA TO HAVE OUR ANNUAL MEETING.**

**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:** Oh Grand Architect of the Universe, keep us diligent in the quest for Masonic knowledge and faithful in the spreading and sharing of the same. We thank you, O God, as we gather for food and fellowship, for the heritage we share in Masonry, of meeting at this festive time. As brethren throughout the world have found their spirits refreshed and their strength renewed during occasions such as this, so may we be sustained in health and strength from this event. May our lives overflow in gratitude to you. Amen.

**Benediction:** Gracious God, teach us the benefits of living so as to cause our lives to be as pure and spotless as was the first Masonic apron presented to us. Make us careful about our reputation as individual Masons and as a fraternity. Remind us of the blessings which flow from purity of heart and blamelessness of conduct in a world where scandal seems to be the rule rather than the exception. Guide us on our way as we journey from this place and strengthen us to make purity of life and rectitude of conduct our aim. Amen.

**Flag Presentation:** The Flag Presentation provided by the Website [PoetPatriot.com](http://PoetPatriot.com) and you are encouraged to use it prior to presenting the Flag of Our Country at your Club Meeting.

**Our Flag**  
By Roger W Hancock

Our country's flag, a banner heralds,  
equality learned, equality seeks.  
Represents created rights,  
out of oppression came foresight.  
Our nation's flag may not be liked,  
but has respect throughout the world.  
Power exists when premise just,  
victory came when right entrust.  
The colors evoke the pride in us.  
Patriotism; red, white and blue.  
Right prevails when self, denied,  
then rights for all are fortified.

**International President Donald Whistler's Message PA:** Article lost in cyberspace!

**International 2nd Vice President Art Walton's Message (CA):** Successful Fundraising Event at the California Village Club #442.

Picture and Article By Art Walton



The Villages High Twelve Club sponsored a shredding event on Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Pictured are a number of the club members and a resident of the Villages bringing a box of important documents to be shred. Over two hundred boxes were shred at the sight on Saturday and we thank you for your support.

This is a great example of a small club yielding big results; and worthy of every clubs consideration. As you can see from the picture; members are of typical age for a

High Twelve Club. What they had to do, which any club can do to make this a successful event was (1) arrange for a shredding truck to be available, (2) do a great job of advertising the event locally and to all concordant bodies, and (3) direct the traffic. The member did not have to do any lifting. The shredding company truck driver did the major lifting.

The day resulted in over two hundred boxes being shredded. Each box cost \$8 and the club netted over a \$1,000 for four hours of effort. This club holds two such events a year. Good luck and good shredding! Art Walton.

**International 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Winton Hewitt's Message (PA):** Brethren, the most important item I have on my Agenda as the 92<sup>nd</sup> International's Convention Chairman is to make sure I inform as many members and their Lady; when, where and why you should attend the Annual Convention. I have spoken about the Convention at

every opportunity I had and published articles in the Monthly Update and High Twelvian and on the Website. My last effort is to once again publish the Registration Forms, which is included in this month's Update. Please submit it to me as soon as possible. My address and other information are included in the Form. Hope to see you all at the Convention!

**NOTE:** As usual, we have had some glitches with the Renaissance's Toll Free number telling our people that the reservations are full. This is not true. If they insist that they are full you may call the hotel directly at 610-521-5900 or contact me at 610-449-2456 and we will get you in.

**International High Twelve Secretary Kevin Hokerk's Message:** I hope you enjoyed the Spring edition of *The High Twelvian* – there is a lot of information pertaining to the 92<sup>nd</sup> International Convention. Besides the Registration Form, schedule and bus tours there are 2 items I would like to highlight. The first are the proposed International Bylaws revisions and Uniform Club Bylaws. Both were presented and thoroughly discussed at the Mid-Year meeting and approved to move forward to the Convention to be voted upon. A full sized version is located on the International website for easier reading on the Convention page. Second is the Convention Ad Form – please consider a personal business card ad or have your club buy one!

Per-Capita statements for the 2013-14 International Year will go into the mail to the Association Secretaries for distribution to the clubs on or about May 1<sup>st</sup>. Statements are based on your March 31<sup>st</sup> Monthly Report.

Credential Forms have been sent via email to the Association Presidents and Secretaries for distribution to the clubs. These forms are available on the International website. Your club does have a voice at the Convention via the Club President (or proxy) and the Masonic Representative (must be present). So be sure you are represented!

Lastly, the recent fund raiser mailing for address labels shows there is a lot of member name spelling errors and address errors along with the moved forwarding order expired and the two I don't like to receive 'unknown' and 'deceased'. It is important that when you receive a mailing from the International Office to look at the mailing label to make sure the name and address are correct. Also on the label are your membership number and club number. Any corrections should be going to your club secretary. Yes, I can take the information directly and will inform the Association Secretary. Brother Secretaries it is your responsibility to report these changes on the Monthly Report *Monthly* so the member records can be kept up to date. I can provide Internationals roster of your club's membership, you only have to ask!

Any questions please give a call, email or Skype me. Kevin L. Hokerk, 11404 W Olive Drive, Avondale, AZ 85392-4210. Office: 623.239.6170; Email: secretary@high2.org. Skype: klh85392. Kevin, 623.239.6101

**Wolcott Trustee Zone 2 Ercil Eshbach (CA):** Four score and thirteen years ago Brother Edgar Wolcott started to build a dream. His belief of enlightenment along with refreshments without the constraints of structured formal meetings gave rise to an organization that we recognize today as High 12 International.

During those early years, as today, a collection was taken to help worthy causes. In its infancy that collection was referred to as the "Penny Fund." A few years later the "Penny Fund evolved into the "Founder's Fund" and in 1950 Brother Dr. Forbes submitted a resolution changing the name of the "Founders Fund" to "The Wolcott Founders Fund" in honor of Edgar Wolcott, the founder of High Twelve International. In 1951 at the International Convention Dr. Forbes spearheaded an initiative to use the funds from "The Wolcott Founders Fund" for promulgating the Masonic Ideals into our government.

The conclusion of this resolution was the establishment of an annual scholarship for diplomacy and statesmanship in a university that offered subjects in such fields. At the 1953 convention George Washington University located in Washington DC was selected.

This was the beginning of a wonderful relationship between the University and the “Wolcott Founders’ Fund”. The scholarships would be used for graduate studies for qualified students.

In 1953 the first scholarship recipient (Fellow) was selected, and since then over seven hundred additional Fellowships have been granted. What a tribute to Brother Wolcott. These fellows are keeping the Masonic ideals alive as they grow in their chosen fields of government service.

If you missed last year’s High Twelve International Convention, you missed hearing one of “our” Fellows speak. But not all is lost, for this year our Guest Speaker at the Wolcott Luncheon is a seasoned Fellow with a dynamic career and you will want to hear what he has to say. Join us at the 2013 High Twelve International Convention this June 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the Renaissance Hotel. Be there or Be square! Ercil.

**California High Twelve Association:** Brethren, It is my sad duty to inform you that Rick Emmons, PM KYCH, passed away Saturday evening, [March 30](#). Lee Whelan, [951-830-1295 cell](#).

The following was received [today](#) from Bro. Lee Whalen, PM, Riverside Lodge #635 and a member of Riverside Hi-12 #115. Brother Emmons served in the Marine Corp during the Viet Nam war, and was a Past Master of Riverside Lodge #635, Lodge Secretary, Hi-12 Club Secretary, the State Hi-12 Secretary, and was active in York Rite bodies and the Shrine. Military Services were held at Riverside National Cemetery on Monday, [April 15<sup>th</sup>](#), followed by OES and Masonic Memorial Services at Riverside Lodge on Palm Ave. and Seirra Street in Riverside, CA., followed by refreshments. Lee Whelan, [951-830-1295](#). **Soft and Safe to Thee My Brother.** Roy Acreman, State President and *Spencer Sargent*, PSP, Acting State Secretary

**Florida High Twelve Association:** **The Raymond Turner Membership 2012 Trophy Winner** was presented to the Masonic Home High Twelve Club #702 by 2nd VP Dave Neal, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Gordon Yahr, 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Michael Hemphill and Frank Peregrin, PSP.

Honorable Mention was Tri-County Hi 12 Club #674 – Tri County Club’s membership increase did surpass that of the Masonic Home – However because of the authored rules and formula to determine the winner and in an effort to create equality between a smaller clubs vs. larger clubs this does occur that a smaller club with a smaller membership increase is able to win – it also reflects on the population and opportunities of the area in which a club is located.

**Hawthorne HI 12 Club #547 picnic:** An enjoyable and tasty time at the marina of Hawthorne was enjoyed with cooperating weather – President Cliff Frazier, his officers and ladies all get a big “Atta boy” for the preparations, menu and planning for a well-attended time with visiting HI-12 members and ladies from Tri County, Mid Florida Lakes and Leesburg. In addition Past Pres. Richard Blount was awarded his 60 year certificate and pin for his service in Masonry.

**Orlando HI 12 Club #435** Home of 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Michael Hemphill and the Proud 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and PSP Raymond Turner. Their recent golf fundraiser with the Proud 17<sup>th</sup> Masonic District and 24 golfers in attendance allowed for 4 scholarships to be awarded again this year to area students and the yearly effort that certainly is representative of Masonic High Twelve and its purpose for Community, Youth and Wolcott - Hats off to R.H. Johnny Brock / Pres. Ed Smallwood / PP Bob Morrow and the officers and members of Orlando HI 12 Club.

In addition 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Michael Hemphill suggested a 50/50 fundraiser, raising funds for Florida youth – Demolay, Rainbow and Jobs daughters. A total of \$208.03 was realized and this is to be an ongoing effort through the year. Do see the pictures on your WEB site [www.flhi12.org](http://www.flhi12.org) – you will see some creative placemats and posters used at the Golf tournament and other events that are being used by Orlando HI 12 club and its attempt to attract new members and awareness for HI 12. **Well Done Orlando HI 12**



**Suncoast HI 12 Club #418** Held its Picnic **March 12** at the Fred Howard Park on the Gulf of Mexico, a beautiful location – take a moment to view the pictures of this event. Watch for **Wednesday June 19** as Suncoast will be celebrating their 46 years at the Spartan Manor in New Port Ritchey and this event will be open to all. Well done President Gene Ashcroft

**Up Coming Cruise:** Florida State Association Of Masonic High Twelve Clubs Royal Caribbean Cruise departing Port Canaveral - Traveling to Coco Cay and Nassau the Bahamas – **November 4** thru 8, 2013 – includes bus transportation if desired - State Treasurer Stew Davis is the coordinator and contact for this fun time and more details are available on [WWW.flhi12.org](http://WWW.flhi12.org).

The yearly request for your considerations for 2014 Florida State High Twelve Officers IE: Vice President and State Secretary will be mailed to each Florida State High Twelve Club Secretary in May – please do give this careful consideration – during my visits to each of the clubs in Florida over the last four years many capable individuals have been met that could lead us into the future – do submit that person and his Masonic career to the nominations chairman ISP Ray Trudeau Nominations

**Cortez Masonic High Twelve Club # 538** - Robert L. Rodd, P.S.P., [roddbobkat@aol.com](mailto:roddbobkat@aol.com), 941-776-0937.

Thanks go out to all of you who had anything to do with our last six months and helping our Cortez Hi-12 Club # 538 is as successful as it was. It has been a very good six months but it is now time for our Club to go dark until November. That does not mean that we forget Hi-12 as there are other clubs throughout the State that are still having their weekly, bi-weekly or monthly luncheons that you can visit. Did you know that we are only one of two clubs in the State that meets every week during the months we are in operation?

Many great things happened during this year's get-togethers including several of the members enjoying the goings on at our Florida State Masonic Hi-12 Convention in December. While at the Convention our own Hi-12 member Gene Black, Past State Secretary and current chairman of the State's By Law Committee was awarded "Hi Twelvian of the Year" for 2012 by then State President Ray Trudeau.

Another great State event was our Florida State Masonic Hi-12 Association's Hi-12 Day in February. This is the highlight event of the year where members and their ladies come from all around Florida for a day of fun, fellowship, food, awards and more. At this year's event Past State President Robert L. (Bob) Rodd had the honor of Presenting Lewis & Marilyn Peter their 8<sup>th</sup> Century Certificate. Their goal is 10 because when they have 10 Certificates totaling \$1,000 they will become members of the Wolcott Foundation Wolcott Club and given an impressive Wolcott Plaque indicating that they are helping the "Enthusiastic Support of An Investment in the Future of our Country".

Sharon Rhyno, Helen Smith, Cathy Slusser, Connie Lawson, Bob Denton & his troupe and others presented wonderful entertainment programs for us. Dave Gardner and his helpers kept us spellbound each month by auctioning items donated by our members with the funds rose being used to help our yearly picnic. Also kudos goes to Jim and Carol Simpson for again donating the meats for our picnic as well as this year opening up their home on Anna Marie Island to hold our picnic. We had a pavilion rented right on the beach but it was just too cold and windy to enjoy it. The Simpson's place was only 2 blocks away and a wonderful time was had by all 29 who were able to be there.

This past February, our current Florida State President, William Staple and his lady Sharon came and shared the day with our Club which was enjoyed by all. Note of interest: Found out that Sahib member LeRoy Hocking, P.P. and Bill Staple are cousins but they haven't seen each other for years. Small world.

Several of the ladies helped out in various ways including Lorna Goldfuss, Kathy Rodd and Shirley Hauraney assisted our 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P. Jeff Davis in collecting the funds for the meals when people arrived. Jean Brown helps with

our plaques for our speakers and our Directory. Steve Brown & Jean take care of dues and our Directory. David Hauraney updates us on what is happening in the Masonic arena in the areas surrounding us.

Special Thanks to our Club President Bob Davis who has done a very nice job of leading us. Also, just thought you might like to know Bob just recently became a member of Sahib Temple and I am proud that I can say that I had the honor of being his first line signer.

All the other members including our Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, V.P.'s, Master of Ceremonies, Past Presidents and all our members seem eager to help when asked and many times even when not asked. We really do have a great extended "Family".

If you have not yet come, please put it on your list of "to do" things for this coming November. Remember we meet most every Monday (November through April) at Duff's Original Buffet at 10:30AM on Route 41 in Bradenton.

We want to thank all the visitors that came and shared their time with us and for the several members, who became official members. From the various reports I have heard, it seems everybody had lots of good times.

Many of our members and their ladies are Canadians and have returned to Canada for the Summer. We miss them and hopefully they are missing us. We look forward to our Fall reunions with them.

**ARNOLD PAGE HIGH TWELVE CLUB NUMBER 298, UNITED KINGDOM:** Inaugurated May 1958 & Celebrating 55 years of Operation: Newsletter for April 2013

**NOTICE OF MOTION TO BE VOTED ON – 8 MAY 13** - Proposal – Charity Organization Representative Meals; That the Hi-12 Club Member, who proposed the organization and is nominated to receive club funds, pays for the Organizational Representative's meal to prevent the club from realizing a loss. A reply from all members, regular, country and non-resident on your opinion will be appreciated and considered. A majority vote of those members present will decide the outcome. This proposal affects how your yearly membership dues are handled so it is very important.

#### **ENTERTAINMENT & SOCIAL EVENTS :**

**19 JUN 13 - LONDON TRIP – UGLE visit.** A return trip to London has been proposed for the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013. This trip was a great success last year. As before we will meet at the Santon Downham Village hall to board the coach. Final details on this will be provided as soon as possible. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

**20 JULY 13 – H12 BBQ,** - This is one of our main Charity Fund raisers this year is looking to be an excellent one and will be held at our regular meeting place, Santon Downham Village Hall. Everything will be provided, so no work on the ladies part; food, drink, utensils and excellent facilities in the event of a rainy day which will not stop the BBQ from taking place. Details will be sent when available.

**25 SEPT 13 - Cromer Lunch & Theatre** - The booking for the afternoon Sea Side Special has been made. **20** seats @ **£15.00pp** have been reserved for H12 Members and guests. Send all requests for reservations to the Secretary @: [russelld130@btinternet.com](mailto:russelld130@btinternet.com). All individual reservations must be paid for one month in advance to the club Secretary. No payments on the day. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the meetings.

The day will start with a Lunch at the Hotel with a sit down for lunch at 12:30pm which will give us plenty of time to make "The Best of Sea Side Special with the Matinee to follow at 2:30pm. The club will enjoy a great Lunch at the Cliftonville Hotel, with free parking for all and it is just a short walk down to the End-of-Pier

Theatre. A flyer for the event will be sent as soon as all details are finalized. The club is required to pay for all seating no later than **25<sup>th</sup> August 2013**. **All Club reservations must be in prior to that date.**

**5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> Oct** - Presidents Ladies Luncheon – Venue will be discussed at the next meeting. A proposed venue is the Wentworth Hotel, Aldeburgh Suffolk. Alternative venue suggestions are welcome.

**OTHER PROPOSED OUTINGS** - Not Confirmed are Duxford Airfield; Morning Glory Lodge White Table Meeting. More details and discussion on these at the next meeting.

**NEXT ARNOLD PAGE H12 MEETING, 8 May, 2013, 6:00 PM, STANTON, DOWNHAM.**

Any comments or suggestions, please reply to this e-mail or address: Tel: 01638 715764, [russelld130@btinternet.com](mailto:russelld130@btinternet.com) or 1 Wellington Close, West Row, Bury St. Edmunds, IP28 8PJ.

**For The President, Darrell C Russell**

**Pennsylvania High Twelve Association:** Franklin County High Twelve Club Continues Growth. Four new members joined the Franklin County, Pa. High Twelve Club #726 recently to continue the club's membership growth. President Jay Wentling presented member Certificates to Brothers Walter Bailey, Richard Briggs, Harold Nunemaker, and Dave Secor. Brother Secor, County Treasurer, Franklin County, Pa., was the guest speaker for the club's March meeting. Submitted by Don Parrish.

**NORTHWEST MASONIC HIGH TWELVE CLUB NO. 769:** Our next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, 2013 at Noon, Red Apple Restaurant, and 2121 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, Illinois. Bring a friend.

President Joe Pegoraro opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance and then asking Chaplain Marlin Selock for an opening prayer. Guests were introduced and written minutes were approved. A “Get Well” card was signed for a speedy recovery of Alfred Helgesen who is in rehab for at least another week. Brother Alfred Helgesen had fallen and quickly recovered from the fall but lung problems kept him in the hospital for six days. Brother Bruno Fabris was welcomed back after recovering the feeling in his legs.

Brother George Korizis provided a Treasurer report with assets at \$225 plus **today's** donation. Attendance at **today** meeting was fourteen members and four guests, namely Brothers Frank Welter, Brian Robson, George Houpis, Ed Rund, and two speakers representing Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights, IL namely Barbara Levin and Steve Mizes. Literature was distributed on Memory Garden and Masonic Garden.

Brother Russ Schlosser was presented his Charter Member pin. Thirty-four dollars was added to the treasurer for the Wolcott Fund. Brother Korizis has order checks that will show our High Twelve name imprinted on the checks. Addresses are being obtained for Rainbow Girls, Job's Daughter and DeMolay so that fifty dollars donations can be made at the next meeting.

Secretary Don Van Cleave provided a handout on “So Mote it Be” and “A Mason to the Fraternity and it also binds the Fraternity to each man in it.” Brother Marvin Selock closed our meeting with a prayer.

Submitted by Don Van Cleave, Secretary.

### Wolcott Fellow Article:



Hello Wolcott Foundation Supporters,

My name is Sean Wilson, and I attended the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs from 2009-2011, majoring in International Affairs with a concentration in International Security Studies.

During those two years, I was extremely fortunate to be the recipient of the Wolcott Foundation Fellowship, which helped make it possible for me to attend GWU. I can't say thank you enough to the supporters of the Wolcott Foundation who helped make it possible for me to experience the excellent education and opportunities available at GWU.

Since graduating from the Elliott School with a master's degree in May 2011, I have been serving in the federal government as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) with the U.S. Department of State. The PMF program is a two-year government fellowship with a rigorous selection process designed to develop potential government leaders. The PMF program provides unique opportunities for training and broadening participants' horizons through intra-agency and/or interagency rotations. Without the support of the Wolcott Foundation, it would have been immensely difficult for me to pursue such unique opportunities for service as the PMF program. After I complete the PMF program in July, I plan to continue serving with the federal government.

Again, thank you so much for your support! Sincerely, Sean Wilson

**New Jersey High Twelve Association:** NEW JERSEY STATE ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS: Robert Oliver, President; William Sharp, 1st VP; Joseph Keresztury, 2nd VP; Dennis Lacey 3rd VP; Jeff Zach, Treas.; Edward Adamek, Sec.

The Annual Communication and Installation of the Officers of the New Jersey State Association of High Twelve Clubs was held on [Friday May 3, 2013](#) at the Town and Country Diner in Bordentown NJ. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Guests attending the meeting included the newly elected Grand Master of the State of NJ, with some of his Staff and the President of International High Twelve. Other dignitaries of International High Twelve and the Pennsylvania Association of High Twelve were also in attendance. Enthusiasm was high and we welcomed the guests and watched as the new officers of our association were installed.



Lunch was available by ordering on an individual basis following the meeting. Finally My Brothers, as I will not be continuing as Secretary of the NJ Association, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the assistance and support shown me these past 2 years. I look forward to seeing you all "on the road". Edward W. Adamek, Secretary, NJ High Twelve Association.

**Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, North Penn Masonic High Twelve Club #:** President's Message.

March weather was certainly strange and unpredictable, but we survived. All who attended on March 21 listened to a very fascinating presentation on a doctor's ability to sense and diagnose alignment problems in the spine and ribs. Using Rev. Bill Hartman for her demonstrations gave Dr. Elizabeth Ann Krimmel great credibility! I hope several of our members, as well as my own daughter, will avail themselves of her services.

At the International High Twelve convention in Philly, our Club will be taking charge of the hospitality room on Friday, June 14th. If you are available and can offer some help, please tell either PJ or me. PJ may also be able to use some assistance helping with registration on Thursday the 13th.

BTW: the NPHT Club can be proud of the support given to PP Matt Dupee at the reception held for him on March 23 at the Bay Pony Inn. Matt was recently elected as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Allied Masonic Degrees for the USA! **Ed Cummings**, President.

By now you probably are aware that The PA State Assn. of High Twelve Clubs will host the 92nd Annual Convention of High Twelve International at the Marriot Renaissance Phila. Airport Hotel on June 13-15. We have been asked by President **Don Whistler's** organizers, **Win Hewitt** and **Bill Haynes** to help in two ways. First, we will be hosting the Hospitality Suite on Friday, June 14, and we need several couples to take a shift greeting visitors. The more sign up the shorter the shifts. Secondly, we will be manning the registration desk, two at a time and again, the more volunteers the less the load. I encourage you to be a part of this significant event as it is not every day that Pennsylvania HT can host a convention, which will draw visitors from throughout the country and from other countries. It will be a great opportunity to meet people who may be coming to PA for the first time and who better to meet, greet and show them PA High Twelve pizzazz than our own North Penn's "Guys and Gals?" Offer to help by contacting Ed Cummings (267-424-4420) or PJ Miller (215-855-8807.)

**North Central High Twelve Association Des Moines High Twelve Club:** Subject: Spring Luncheon with the Ladies, \$12.00 per person. [Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>](#), 2013 at 11:15 A.M. This will be a sit-down-served luncheon Reservation deadline, [Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>](#). Please make check out to Holiday Inn Let's have a big turnout, Last year we had 62 attend. Thanks Mel Lightner & Charles Kivett

SHRINERS, WHO WISH TO DRIVE A GOLF CART FOR HIGH 12 AT THE STATE FAIR ON TUESDAY, [AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>](#) AT 8 AM TO 2:00 PM, PLEASE CALL GEORGE BECKER AT [270-7012](#).

W. B. Charlie Smithson submitted his membership application [today](#)! He is sponsored by Ken Brickman and Tom Gruis.

The 67th convention of the NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF HIGH TWELVE CLUBS was held on [April 26](#) and 27, 2013 at the Royal Fork Restaurant in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Tom.

**Illinois High Twelve State Association:** President's Corner. Since August, 2012 we have been on a whirl-wind effort to visit as many clubs as time and travel schedules would allow. We were able to attend the conventions in Indiana and Ohio and share in the installation of the state officers. It was our pleasure to visit Abe Lincoln #38, Mattoon #89, Moline #88, Jerseyville #762, Illini #768 and share the responsibility of assisting in the chartering ceremonies at Northwestern #769.

In December it was once again our pleasure in sharing the spotlight in Davenport #47 and Moline #88 clubs annual joint area Christmas dinner and meeting. While at the meeting, the Illinois Association Officers held a pre Mid-Year Meeting in an effort to share ideas; and discussed how best to respond to concerns and events of the past four months.

Brothers Rund, Blum, Thomason, Morris, Santisteban and I were available to attend. It was an extreme pleasure to have Bro. Rund and Bro. Blum attend, especially since their serious medical issues were only resolved in the recent past. Bro Blum, though 30 pounds lighter, was in good health and it was a distinct pleasure to greet him and his lovely wife, Penny, at the meeting. I was not to be outdone with responding to medical interventions and was facing cancer surgery in early January, 2013, which sadly had to be delayed until the first week of February. Since then I have beaten back the medical problems and hopefully am on the upward track to good health once again. But at 76, time has taken its toll on me and my bones and healing takes more time than it did at 56. Last February they found yet another medical issue requiring additional surgery. As luck would have it, it did not require a trek to Springfield, but was done right here in Quincy. It is hoped now that we are done with that stuff and can move on.

I am appreciative of Bro Thomason who was able to step in for me and represent Illinois High Twelve Association at the October Communication of Grand Lodge in Springfield. Ron and his lovely wife, Sandy, were guests of the Grand Master.

**Editor's Note:** Brethren, putting the May Monthly Update has taken me several additional hours to construct. In the future, please use fewer capital letter articles, as they normally have to be changed to lower case. There was so many this month that I finally just let them go through.

Also, I find people like to read articles without lots of color to emphasis certain words and sentences. Poster type articles are extremely difficult to change to a written article and many cannot be used at all.

Please submit your articles as if you were writing a letter to a friend or family member. It will save a lot of time and you will keep my wife from giving me a bad time about spending so many hours preparing the Update. Thank you for your assistance and support. Fraternally, Merv Harris, PIP & Editor.

**Humor: When** a woman got married she put a shoebox in the closet and told her husband not to open it. After over 50 years of marriage she was dying and told him to open the box. When he opened it there were 2 doilies and \$85,000.00 He asks why this was in the box. She replied, when I got married my mother told me to crochet a doily every time I got mad at you. He smiled thinking she was only mad twice and ask what the \$85,000.00 was. She replied that's the money from selling the doilies.

**A man** and his wife were sitting in the living room discussing a "Living Will."

He mentioned, "just so you know, I never want to live in a vegetative state dependent on some machine and fluids from a bottle. If that ever happens, just pull the plug."

His wife got up, unplugged the TV and threw out all the beer.

**Late** one night a mugger wearing a ski mask jumped into a path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs "**give me your money.**" he demanded. Indignant, the affluent man replied, "you can't do this I am a United States congressman!" "In that case," replied the mugger, "**give me MY money.**"

# **92<sup>nd</sup> High Twelve International Convention In PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA:**

**WHERE: RENAISSANCE PHILADELPHIA AIRPORT HOTEL**

500 Stevens Drive  
Philadelphia, PA 19113  
610-521-5900

**CONVENTION DATES:** Thursday, June 13, 2013 Tours

Friday, June 14, 2013 Business Meetings

Saturday, June 15, 2013 Business Meetings

**Hotel Rates:** Single/Double \$114.00/ night (plus Applicable State & Local taxes at the time of check in, currently 9%)  
Suite \$149.00/ night (plus Applicable State & Local taxes at the time of check in, currently 9%)

**Hotel Rates are the effective 3days before and 3 days after convention dates.**

**Come early or stay longer see the sites of PENNSYLVANIA**



**HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL, Inc.**  
**92nd Annual Convention**  
**June 13, 2013 - June 15, 2013**

**Official Registration Form**



**Renaissance Philadelphia Airport Hotel, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113**

**Reservations - 610-521-5900 Toll Free - 866-257-5990. Mention that your reservation is for the High Twelve International Convention. Reservations must be received by the Hotel on or before Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Renaissance rates for the Convention are: Standard Room - \$114.00 plus Tax, Suites \$149.00 plus Tax - Check In 3:00 P.M. Check Out 12:00 P.M. Free shuttle bus service is available to and from the airport hotel and it runs every 20 minutes 24 hours a day BUT please give the hotel a call to let them know you need a pickup.**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LADY'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

WILL YOUR LADY BE ATTENDING? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH TWELVE CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE(S) CURRENTLY HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

HOTEL CONFIRMATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVING JUNE \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTING JUNE \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013	TOURS - SEE ACCOMPANY SHEET FOR DETAILS	CASUAL ATTIRE
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013	LUNCH WILL BE ON YOUR OWN	
FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013	6:00 P.M. - GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET	OFFICERS: DINNER JACKETS OTHERS: APPROPRIATE ATTIRE
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013	12:00 P.M. - WOLCOTT LUNCHEON	MEN: SUIT/JACKETS W/TIE LADIES: CHURCH ATTIRE
SATURDAY, JUNE, 15, 2013	6:00 P.M. - PRESIDENT'S BANQUET AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS	OFFICERS: DINNER JACKETS OTHERS: APPROPRIATE ATTIRE

BREAKFAST WILL BE ON YOUR OWN, DISCOUNT VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$15 EACH.

THE DEAD LINE FOR MAKING CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS IS MAY 31, 2013. PLEASE ENCLOSE A CHECK PAYABLE TO **PA ASSOCIATION OF H-12 CLUBS 2013 CONVENTION** FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF ITEMS SELECTED ON PAGE TWO. AFTER COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION FORM, PLEASE MAKE THREE COPIES. MAIL ONE COPY (BOTH PAGES) TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHECK TO WINTON HEWITT AS INDICATED ON PAGE TWO. PLEASE BRING ONE COPY WITH YOU TO THE MEETINGS AND RETAIN THE OTHER COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. A SEPARATE FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETE FOR EACH HIGH TWELVE MEMBER ATTENDING THE MEETINGS.

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REGISTRATION FEE (Members only, per person)	\$25.00	\$ _____
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**Thursday, June 13, 2013 - Tour Options:**

1. Bus trip to downtown Philadelphia and guided tour of the Grand Lodge, lunch at the Lodge and free time to explore center City historical sites.  
Lunch: Philadelphia Cheese Steaks and Hoagies  
Departure Time: 9:30 A.M. from the hotel  
\$45.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
2. Bus trip to Strasburg, PA and a 45 minute ride on the Strasburg Railroad, then a ride to the Shady Maple Smorgasbord Restaurant for many Dutch food options (complex includes gift shop and Farmer's Market)  
Departure Time: 9:15 A.M. from the hotel  
\$60.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, June 14, 2013**

**Lunch is on your own.**

**Grand Master's Banquet:** Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. Room to be announced.

Officers: Formal Dress. Others: Coats/Ties. Ladies: Church Attire

Chicken Marcella

\$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Salmon w/ Creamy Dijon Sauce

\$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals includes Traditional Tossed Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,

Dinner Rolls, Apple Pie w/ Vanilla Ice Cream, Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

**Saturday, June 15, 2013**

**Wolcott Luncheon:** Lunch served at 12:00 P.M. Room to be announced.

Men: Suits or Business Casual Ladies: Church Attire

Turkey Club w/ French Fries

\$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Roast Beef Special w/ French Fries

\$25.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meal includes Minestrone Soup, Chef's Desert, Coffee, Iced Tea and Water

**President's Banquet:** Dinner served at 6:00 P.M. Room to be announced

Officers: Formal Dress. Others: Coats/Ties. Ladies: Church Attire

Pork Loin w/ Peppercorn Sauce

\$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Baked Tilapia w/ Piccata Sauce

\$40.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meal includes Rice Pilaf, Broccoli and Carrots, Dinner Rolls,

Italian Cream Layer Cake, Coffee, Ice Tea and Water

**Breakfast Vouchers (Normally \$18.00 each)**

\$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Check**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail Registration Form (two pages) and Check to Winton E. Hewitt, 407 Achille Road, Havertown, PA 19083 by 5/31/13. Telephone: 610-449-2456 Email: audwin@aol.com Paid by Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to *PA ASSOCIATION OF H-12 CLUBS 2013 CONVENTION*



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