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# High Twelve International Monthly Update

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

**PURPLE HEART ANNIVERSARY:** August 7<sup>th</sup> is the anniversary of the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded in the name of the President of the US to armed Forces, who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or while held by an enemy force as a prisoner of war. The Purple Heart is also awarded posthumously.

The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world still in use. It was established in 1782 during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit. Award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary war, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth.

The Purple Heart has been awarded to more than one million recipients. The anniversary of the establishment of

the Purple Heart is an opportunity to reflect on the price of freedom.

Invocation Prayer submitted by Gordon Berry, Secretary, Morningside Lodge #615, A.F.&A.M., P.O. Box 2718, Sioux City, IA 51106-0718, (home) 3115 Seger Ave, S.C. IA 51106-3239, (home, preferred) 712-276-6834 (cell) 712-251-3891.

Invocation: Lord, does one person make a difference? We know the answer is yes, but we need your help in understanding what difference we should be making. Help us to remember to tell our loved ones that they make a difference to us, and that we love them for it. God, help us to see the good in all our friends, and help us to thank our friends for the good they do for us. And let us not forget, in all our doings, that we thank God for our many blessings. Amen.

Benediction Prayer provided by R.W. Reverend Mark Megee, PDDGM & Past President of the Union County High Twelve Club (NJ).

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

International President Winton Hewitt, PSP (PA): Brethren, as President of High Twelve International, I want to thank all those that have supported me in becoming your President. It is my honor to serve as President, and I will do my best to see that your faith in me is rewarded.

As I have said in the past, we have made many improvements in the service that International is providing to the State Associations and Clubs. We want to keep improving on these things but it requires a two way return. We need to improve on the filing of the Monthly Reports that should be sent out by the Club Secretaries every month or after each Club meeting. These reports should be monitored by the State Association Secretaries and they should direct their clubs to mail the report each month. We need to promote an improvement in the donation level to the Wolcott Foundation. Every Club passes around the Red School House each month so there should be no reason for such a small support. The Zone managers are still in place and are listed on the web site. They have been instructed to supply any support needed by an Association or Club.

International will provide assistance in clearing up the IRS EIN problems. International can't do the filing for any of those clubs having problems filing! We can only give assistance on ways that might help. It must be done at the Club level! If a club has received a letter from the IRS saying that the club has lost their nonprofit status usually it means that the club will need to file the required forms listed in the letter from the IRS. We can supply a copy of a completed filing that was successful in getting the status restored.

It is hoped that the clubs will use the training aids for recruitment that can be found on the Website. The tri-fold does not cost much to put together and the instructions and pictures are available for down loading.

I invite the membership to visit <a href="www.high12.org">www.high12.org</a> and see the photos that Kevin Hokerk has put together on the International Convention in Springfield, Ohio.

We have group of dedicated Officers who want to see High Twelve International grow and improve this year. Won't you join with us in this endeavor by adding your support?

Remember, when asked to help with your club's future needs, a **"NO or maybeâ€** are unacceptable answers!

Fraternally, Win

International First Vice President Jerry Saville, PSP (CA): Greetings from the West. First my thanks for electing me as your First International VP – I appreciate your support and promise to do my very best in this position.

The new HI-12 year is underway with a group of hard working and dedicated Officers. We had our first conference call this month and our new President has appointed committees and set a positive course for his/our HI-12 year. We call on all members for their input/comments. This is your organization and working together as team is the first step toward success. Your voice will be heard!

Now for the quiz of the month: Do you know what the following countries - Canada, France, Mexico, and Spain and (believe it or not) PAKISTAN has in common? Yep, according to the list of International's inactive HI-12 clubs these countries HAD HI-12 clubs. Fortunately we still have HI-12 clubs in Japan and the UK. So for now let's focus on the States! Of course there are a lot of States that USE to have HI-12 Clubs and we are working hard to return to some of these States. We ask for your support to keep, and open, HI-12 clubs. Invite someone to lunch and see what happens. I know you are saying by now "not the recruitment speech again†so I'll move on!

If you were not at the Convention here's a news flash – the Mid-Year Meeting will be held again in Las Vegas (next January). Make your plans to attend please – your input is important. Also, what better place to visit your money!

Until next month I leave you with this thought – courtesy of the American Legion magazine "the cheapest way to trace your family tree is to run for public officeâ€. Fraternally, Jerry

International Second Vice President Richard Kessler, PSP (AZ): As I stated in my last article, most of the Clubs in Arizona are dark during the July and August hot weather. We are getting some rain now as it is our Monsoon Season. We are still behind in our annual rainfall by about 3" inches. Cochise County Club is having their "Annual Ice Cream Social†this coming weekend. Acacia Santa Rita Club #505 will meet at Desert Diamond Casino next Monday for a little get together. Our new club Old Pueblo Masonic #773, is holding their regular meetings during the summer. We meet at a Brother Mason's Restaurant, The Hungry Fox. Great food and the Brother is usually at the meeting as our 3rd Vice President. We will have our Annual State Convention September 20th at the Scottish Rite Building in Tucson.

Well I guess that is all for now. Brothers, don't forget to get those new Brothers signed up. We need them and you to be active. Kindest personal regards to all! Yours in Good Fellowship! Thank you to everyone, who had a voice in electing me as the International 2nd Vice-President. I will do my very best to make you all proud of me and to build up our great Fraternity. Fraternally, Rich

International Third Vice President William Haynes, PSP (PA): Bill was unable to attend the Annual Convention in Springfield, Ohio but thanks everyone for electing him as 3rd Vice President. You might notice that we are very fortunate to have so many officers representing the Pennsylvania Association. It is now our obligation to have the other Associations become as involved as Pennsylvania. Let's get everyone involved!

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk, PSP (AZ): I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. It was fun being at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Convention to see old friends and finally meet some of the people I have been working with over the phone and by email in person. It always helps to be able to put a face with a name! The facilities at the Springfield Masonic Community worked well for our needs and we thank Jim Parker, PIP, for making the arrangements to allow us to meet there. The staff was very helpful and the food was outstanding!

The Wolcott Fellow who was the speaker at the Wolcott Luncheon was also outstanding. Bro. Todd

Brighton gave some insight as to what being a Wolcott Fellow means to him for the first part of his presentation. The second part of his presentation was talking about the War of 1812 and showing artifacts from that time. It was indeed a very well done presentation.

Of course the highlight of the day was the installation of officers for 2014-15. Congratulations to Winton E. Hewitt for becoming our president for the next year. The website has a current list of elected and appointed officers, their contact information, club affiliation, problem solver zone assignments, etc. on the officer's page. Feel free to contact any officer for questions you might have.

One piece of legislation was passed concerning the Uniform Club Bylaws that eliminated the restriction on club officer succession unless the club wants to restrict succession. Per our General Counsel all clubs are directed to adopt this change. This can be done one of two ways 1) Adopt Amendment #1 as posted on the website and file it with the international office OR 2) Adopt the amended Uniform Club Bylaws in total and file them with the International office. There are some 40+ clubs that have not adopted the Uniform Club Bylaws during the past year. The problem solvers with be working directly with the association presidents and/or secretaries to get resolution to this problem.

The proposed Uniform Association Bylaws adoption by the 93<sup>rd</sup> Convention was tabled for further study until the 2015 Mid-Year meeting in Las Vegas, NV – date to be determined.

Standing Committee assignments have been posted to the Website with its own tab. The Website home page also has a slide show of pictures from the Convention.

Looking forward to serving you for another year! Fraternally, Kevin, 623-239-6170, secretary@high12.org.

Presentation by Todd Brighton, Senior Wolcott Fellow at 2014 Annual High Twelve Convention: The following are notes from Todd's presentation at the Convention. He was accompanied by his son David and also added an additional program on the War of 1812, which was enjoyed by all. He had many pictures and artifacts to go along with the presentation.

Todd Brighton â€" U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) - Wolcott Presentation â€" June 28, 2014

### Career to date:

After graduating GWU in 1991 - entered the **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program**, a two-year entry level development program established to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths. You have rotational assignments through the Executive and Legislative Branches, attend conferences and discussion groups, participate in training programs, and engage in other activities to gain a greater understanding of management areas and issues. Served with the SecDef, NGB, ONDCP, then found a home at DOJ.

### Some of my more memorable experiences with DOJ include:

I grew up in Michigan and did not have the chance to travel a lot, so it has been a real benefit that my work takes me all around the country. I have been in charge of grant programs in the Southern, NE, and Western Branches of the US. Over the past 20+ yrs. I have been able to visit 30 states and territories, including Alaska and the Virgin Islands. Our US territories include Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Virgin Islands. Examples – highway drug interdiction in MS, community policing in Vermont, marijuana search and seizure in KY, and my favorite stop – a series of small, native villages in Alaska.

In the area of crime prevention - I was responsible for national scope programs focused on building

partnerships between law enforcement agencies, community groups, and the private sector. My favorite project from that time is the **TRIAD program**. It is still in existence today and is a partnership developed by the National Sheriffs' Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, and the American Association of Retired Persons to combat telemarketing and other scams against seniors. Just Hang Up!!

One of the more important and personally emotional assignments was as a case officer on a program called the Public Safety Officers Benefits (PSOB) Program. The PSOB Program provides financial benefits to the eligible survivors of public safety officers who die in the line of duty. The benefit amount is \$325,000. Lose approximately two officers/fire fighters a day across the country.

Over the last four years l've been involved in a nationwide effort **NMVTIS** 

### Public service today:

Now a little bit about the state of affairs when it comes to public service in 2014. According to a report released recently by the Partnership for Public Service (a non-partisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing public service), the federal government must do a better job of recruiting college students in order to attract the talent it needs to do the nation's work.

The report reveals that almost half (42 percent) of college students are "extremely or very interested†in working for the federal government, but at the same time, very few (13 percent) are "very†knowledgeable about federal job opportunities. The report, "Back to School: Rethinking Federal Recruiting on College Campuses†is based on a survey of more than 3,000 college juniors and seniors from 6 universities -- Clark Atlanta University, The George Washington University, Louisiana State University, The Ohio State University, Stanford University and the University of New Mexico.

These findings come at a critical time for the federal government, which has been struggling to attract and retain talented employees as hundreds of thousands of "baby boomers†approach retirement. Of the 1.9 million people currently serving in the federal government, 44 percent have been eligible to retire since 2010 – including 60 percent of senior managers. While the country has invested heavily to understand how to attract the talent we need for our military, the federal government – our nation's largest employer -- has invested little to understand how to attract quality civil servants, particularly among younger people.

Young people have become an endangered species in our federal workforce, only 3 percent of the federal workforce is currently under 25. In order to fulfill the promise of American democracy, we need to reestablish the federal government as an employer of choice for our country's talented young college graduates.

Now I know the need to "market†public service is beyond the scope of the Wolcott Foundation. However, I think Wolcott is doing its part to help the overall effort. The goal of the Wolcott Foundation – to help qualified students get their degrees and be ready to serve our county is absolutely critical given the current situation. The majority of those you've helped over the years would not have been able to enter public service without your efforts (that includes me!!).

From \$1,800 in 1951 to \$20k in 1991…to \$60k now!! A two year Master's Degree costs \$60k in tuition alone!!!! Remember that you need about the same amount for housing and other living expenditures in expensive Wash DC.

Over 300 students to date have received funds from the Wolcott Foundation. What a great legacy of giving and providing opportunities to students!!!

Thanks - Masonic connection, the nature of the Wolcott Program (personal gifts through the little red school houses, etc.) vs Hyundai.

### California Association of High Twelve Clubs: President Cleveland Valrey

I'm hoping that everyone and your families are in good health and enjoying the many wonderful facilities and opportunities that we have in our wonderful California Golden State and surrounding environs. We must take advantage of every opportunity to spend "quality time" with family, dear friends and associates, let them know we love them and that they are important to us.

Our California High Twelve Masonic Year continues moving with alacrity, indeed, although we face challenges of declining membership, blessed with the good fortune to attain the age of and be seen as "Senior Citizens," and in some instances encouraging attendance at our meetings and social functions, it serves to let us know that we must try harder and that we still have much more work to do so, let's get to work!

In the month of October, in addition to the many notable Masonic activities scheduled, we will have an very special opportunity to come together as California High Twelvians in Bakersfield and God willing, I'm looking forward with great expectations to meet and greet a record number of California High Twelvians and I'm truly hoping that you and yours will be accounted for in this great and wonderful celebration of California High Twelve. Be safe and "Travel in Light." Sincerely and fraternally, Cleveland Valrey

### California Association of High Twelve Clubs: Adam Buttons, 1st Executive VP



The year has gone by so fast we are at mid-point. I hope all of you enjoy your summer and please do something fun. Enjoy this great weather we are so fortunate to have. Looking forward to seeing you all in October at Bakersfield. Fraternally, Adam D. Buttons

### California Association of High Twelve Clubs: George Roberts, 2nd Executive VP



Our International V.P. Jerry Saville and myself have traveled to Palmdale and Lancaster to put together Hi-12 clubs. It is in the works and more on this later. We plan to travel to the central coast to see three masonic lodges concerning Hi-12 clubs.

## California Association of High Twelve Clubs: Tehachapi Hi-12 #698 Don Stevens, Club President – Ron Jones, Club Secretary.

Tehachapi Hi-12 club is thriving, busy and always enjoyable. Our club recently bought equipment for child I.D. The first outing was a success with many parents praising this action. By the time you read this, we would have had our annual picnic. Usually we have about 50 people every year. We each bring garage sale items and have an auction. In this way we make about 3,000 dollars every year and that money goes to Tehachapi High School for scholarships, which is then given in the name of the Tehachapi Masonic lodge. Our Club President, Don Stevens, is planning another tour for Hi-12 in the fall. They are always fun, very interesting and never dull.

### Florida High Twelve Association, Tri County High Twelve Club #674:

TRI COUNTY HI-12 LOBSTER DINNER - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014 – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

THE WATERFRONT INN â€" 1105 SUMTER LANDING - THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA

The Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674 is hosting a Lobster Dinner at the Waterfront Inn on Sunday, September 14th from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The dinner will consist of a 1 ½ + pound Lobster, Baked Potato, Chef's Choice Vegetable, Melted Butter or Cocktail Sauce, and Dessert for just \$40.00 per person. A No Host Refreshment Bar will be open and assorted beverages will be available.

In the event that Lobsters are unavailable due to unforeseeable reason (weather conditions/transportation/or any other unavoidable reasons) the caterer will substitute two 6 ounce Lobster tails in place of the full Lobster. Lobsters will be shipped in from New England waters.

All Masons, Shriners, Shrine Lady's organizations and High Twelvians and guest are invited. This is something new for the clubs and Lodge and we are certain you will enjoy the location and food.

In the event someone does not want the Lobster Dinner, we have made arrangements for a substitute meal, which will be an 8 ounce Filet Steak Dinner.

If you would like to remain after 5:00 pm, the hotel is having a karaoke performance and you are welcome to remain and enjoy the performers.

We have made reservations for 40 individuals and the tickets are on a first come – first serve basis. Please contact Merv Harris at 352-753-3505 or at <a href="mailto:mjhhi12@centurylink.net">mjhhi12@centurylink.net</a> for reservations and tickets. Please make your check out to Tri County High Twelve Club and in the lower left corner write "Lobster Dinner.â€

Close out for tickets will be Friday, September 5, 2014. The caterer requires the total number of meals and payment be made at least one week prior to the event. Cost Breakdown: Lobster/Steak Dinner includes tax, gratuity, dessert, and donation to the Wolcott Foundation. Price of Ticket only \$40.00 per person

Illinois High Twelve Association: The Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs will be having their 2014-2015 State Convention, Hosted by Belleville Masonic High Twelve Club #35 on August 15th and 16th. The Convention will be held at the National Shrine of our Ladies of the Snows in Belleville IL.

On Friday, August 15th, we will be hosting an informal dinner at 6:30 P.M. at a local restaurant. The Convention will start at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday August 16th. We hope to have all clubs represented at the Convention.

Illinois High Twelve Association: Middle Chamber Masonic High Twelve Club #72: Our membership is remaining steady at 17 members, with an average attendance of 12 at our monthly meetings. When we include guests, the average increases into the twenties.

Our club had the pleasure of welcoming as guests, Bro. Ron Thomason and Bro. James Morris to our regular meeting. At that meeting we presented a check as our contribution to the Masonic Youth programs that the State Association was promoting through Illinois Grand Lodge.

We continue to have interesting speakers, usually on a wide variety of topics, the presentation from the local food pantry was particularly well received and our members and guests were generous in their support with cash donations as well as food items.

We had three of our officers attend the Mid-Year Meeting in Springfield, and plans are in hand for us to have representatives at the Annual Meeting in August 2014 in Belleville.

Our only sad note was that one of our charter members passed away. Until he moved to Arizona to be close to family, he was a faithful member and served many years as our chaplain. Fraternally, Brian Robson, Sec/Tres.

Illinois High Twelve Association: Moline High Twelve Club #88: Have you asked a fellow Master Mason to visit our High Twelve Club? This method is the best way to keep your club going. We'll have 5 meetings this month: AUGUST 1<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meetings are at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. Try to come about 11am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are always welcome. There is no program chair for AUGUST. At the least, come and enjoy the fellowship and company of fellow High 12 club members.

North Central High Twelve Association, Des Moines High Twelve Club #004: H.A. 'Al' Dunlap, 89, passed away peacefully July 26, 2014 at the Scottish Rite Care Center in Des Moines. Al was born on August 29, 1924 in Hardy, Arkansas.

A special night out with our ladies is scheduled for Thursday, July 31 – 6:00 pm, at the Chicago Speakeasy! They have a great salad bar which is included with your meal or it can be purchased alone. We can bring prospects and their ladies.

SUMMER LADIES LUNCHEON -- \$12.00 -Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 11: 15 a.m. This will be a sit-down served luncheon. Reservation deadline - Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Please Make check out to Holiday Inn. Let's have a big turnout!! Last year we had 55 attend. Thanks Mel Lightner & Charles Kivett.

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, North Penn High Twelve Club #473: This meeting comes just in time to continue our waiver of the tie and jacket. It is August, and as in every summer month, the weather is generally hot and humid. What better time is there to shed the formality of our dress? Behold! It is Hawaiian Shirt Day. We are providing enough notice of the dress code to hop on a plane, shop in Hawaii, pick out a nice shirt and get back in time to notify Bob that you will attend the meeting.

Our Program for your pleasure will be representatives from the Wissahickon Valley Watershed. One might not be aware of the meaning or purpose. I can say with confidence that it is not underwater housing, and not a fishery. A watershed is an area of land that drains surrounding streams and tributaries to a single larger body of water such as a creek, river or the ocean. This Watershed consists of 64 square miles, flowing downhill to the Wissahickon Creek or one of its tributaries. Over many decades, the replacement of forests with housing and commercial development has resulted in a decrease in the amount of water that seeps into the ground. As a result, creeks and rivers flood more often with heavy rains, bringing increased pollutants to our waterways. Whatever happens to the surrounding land in our communities affects the water quality of the Creek. Protecting the Wissahickon means we all have a stake in protecting the land in this vital watershed. It is a beautiful site and should be a very interesting program of enlightenment

As I am sure you know by now, we hold our meetings on the third Thursday of each month, as regular as clockwork. This month it will be on **Thursday, at 12 noon, August 21, 2014** at "The William Penn Innâ€, Route 202 & Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd, PA. Bring a guest or a friend. We will pay for the first time guest. Let's put forth a conscientious effort into joining us for lunch this month. Make your reservations while you are thinking about it – Now would be good. **PLEASE** – if you intend to join us, be sure to confirm with Bob Morton. As much as we want to see an increase in attendance, we do not want to risk the inability for the William Penn Inn to accommodate those who not confirmed. ALSO, if you had made reservation, and need to cancel for one reason or another, please call Bob. We get charged for every single reservation and guarantee a minimum number.

Please call Bob Morton or email him to reserve your space at the lunch table. He can be reached at Rimorton4@comcast.net, or 215-285-7266. **PLEASE!** 

What to eat, what to eat? It seems to me that my wife and I have this discussion every night. Well here, it is decided for you, and the only decision you have to make is what time you will arrive. Yours is predecided by "The Inn.†Our menu for August will be as follows: Caesar Salad followed by Chicken Caprise with Pesto Veloute, Roasted Red Pepper Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, with rolls, whipped butter, Coffee & Tea. For dessert we will be having Peanut Butter Pie.

Take care and stay healthy. See you on the 21st of August. Sincerely, Perry S. Ecksel, PP, Secretary.

Humor: The joke for this month was provided by Jim Satterthwaite, Past International President, now living at the Masonic Home in Alma, Michigan. Jim is still very active in High Twelve and has put a "charge in the battery†of the High Twelve Club at the home. He also is involved in the Home Shrine Club and I understand he has wrestled a bear or two since his return to Michigan. Jim and Naomi love living at the home and they have a beautiful home there. If you would like to drop Jim an email, his address is <u>irsatt@frontier.com</u>.

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Two Montana rednecks are out hunting, and as they are walking along they come upon a huge hole in the ground.

They approach it and are amazed at the size of it.

The first hunter says, "Wow, that's some hole; I can't even see the bottom. I wonder how deep it is!" The second hunter says," I don't know. Let's throw somethin' down there, listen and see how long it takes to hit bottom."

The first hunter says, "Hey, there's an old automobile transmission over there. Give me a hand, we'll throw it in and see." So they pick it up and carry it over and count one, two, three and heave it in the hole. They are standing there listening, looking over the edge, when they hear a rustling behind them. As they turn around, they see a goat crashing through the underbrush, run up to the hole and, without hesitation, jump in headfirst.

While they are standing there staring at each other in amazement, peering into the hole, trying to figure out what that was all about, an old farmer saunters up.

"Say there," says the farmer, "you fellers didn't happen to see my goat around here anywhere, did you?"

The first hunter says, "Funny you should ask, but we were just standing here a minute ago and a goat came running out of the bushes doin' bout a hunnert miles an hour and jumped headfirst into this here hole!"

The old farmer said, "Naw, that's impossible! I had him chained to a transmission."

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I haven't had to look up any jokes for this month as I received another one from our International Secretary Kevin. It is about a new Pet.

A single guy decided life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, which came in a little white box to use for his house. He took the box back home, found a

good spot for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to the pub for a drink with him. So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go down the pub with me today? We will have a good time." But there was no answer from his new pet.

This bothered him a bit, but he waited a few minutes and then asked again, "How about going down the pub with me?" But again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, thinking about the situation. The guy decided to invite the centipede one last time. This time he put his face up against the centipede's box and shouted, "Hey, in there! Would you like to go to the pub with me? This time, a little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time! I'm putting my dang shoes on!"

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And now the final bit of humor, which is from our son, who is a Police Officer.

Cops have a way with words! These are actual comments made by officers that were taken off their car videos:

- 1. "You know stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
- "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while "
- "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." (My Favorite)
- 4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
- 5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because, that's the speed of the bullet that will be chasing you."
- "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
- 7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I tell you I'm the shift supervisor?"
- 8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
- 9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
- 10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey do-do."
- 11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven.â€
- 12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
- 13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
- 14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
- 15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So, you know someone who can post your bail."
- 16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't.....Sign here."

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