

2015 Wolcott Foundation Pins are now available - see your Club Secretary!



GREETINGS!

High Twelve Monthly Update

Brothers: I missed an article that should have been included with the original February Update but it is worthwhile to send out as separate email - Mervyn J. Harris, PIP, Editor

Donald M. Whistler, International Treasurer:

We all know that membership in most Masonic Bodies has been decreasing over the years! High Twelve has been having the same experience. With this decrease in membership, there has also been a decrease in the contributions to The Wolcott Foundation, which provides scholarships to qualified students for Master Degrees in International Business, International Affairs or Public Policy and Public Administration at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. However, I don't think that all of the decline in contributions is due to the declining membership. I believe that some clubs either don't pass the "little red schoolhouse" at their meetings for contributions or they do and don't send the contributions to the Wolcott Foundation.

Many of the Wolcott graduates hold very important leadership positions in government, both at the Federal and State levels. I urge every club and High Twelvie to pass the little red schoolhouse at their meetings, contribute to it and send the contributions, at least annually, to the Wolcott Trustee for their zone. If you do not know who the Zone Trustee is for your area, you can find out by logging on to The Wolcott Foundation's Website and finding the information on all of the Zone Trustees there. You can go to the site at www.wolcottfoundation.com

Some clubs are very supportive of The Wolcott Foundation and have "thought outside of the box" in making contributions to it. **First Capital High Twelve Club, No. 668** in York, PA extended the following offer to its members: "those (members) that contribute at least \$100 to the Wolcott Foundation will have their dues paid in full." The checks were made payable to "The Wolcott Foundation" which means that the full amount went to the Foundation. Five members participated in the program for a total of \$500.00. Now, I know that many clubs are not in the financial positions to offer such a program to their members but many clubs could do it. First Capital High Twelve Club mentions The Wolcott Foundation in every Club Newsletter to its members.

The Wolcott Foundation is High Twelve's primary philanthropy and provides a great service to our country through the Fellowships which it provides to graduate students. I encourage every club and High Twelvie to renew their support to it.

Fraternally,
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