

CHAPTER 4
THE GREAT DRIVES....THE ALLIES....AND HIGH TWELVE

The International Convention of June 24-25, 1943 was held in Evanston, Ill. The Committee on Objectives at this time because of the size of High Twelve International, urged each High Twelve Club to sponsor an activity of community benefit. Hopefully, it would pertain to youth. The Projects Committee wished to promote any activity which might reduce the hazards and delinquencies of the youth of the community. It was not considered practical to have one specific project for all clubs.

Clark Beems gave a report of the Expansion Committee, and recommended that E.C. Wolcott be appointed to the office of Extension Director. Motion carried. Bro. Wolcott then outlined his ideas clearly, aiming to bring in 30 new clubs within the year. There was a budget of \$3,670.00 for travel expenses. A strong committee was to assist Wolcott. No debts were to be incurred. No assessments on clubs or members. Gifts would be accepted from those who could afford it. To cover travel, steno, office rent, postage...and monthly income to offset what Wolcott must give up to do this organization work. Not to begin until 75% of the budget for this extension work is collected. To cover one year. Persons giving to this fund to receive certificates, making them members of the Founders Group, the "Founder's Fellowship Bond."

1943-44 International Officers: President - Fred W. Starratt, 2235 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Calif; 1st V.P. C.D. Royal, Des Moines, Iowa; 2nd V.P. Hugh G. Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; 3rd V.P. Holland FlaHavhan, Chicago; Sec-Treas. W.J. Schoenfeld, Kansas City, Kan; Immed. Past Pres. & Editor, Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Chaplain Rev. E.W. Potts, Kansas City, Kan; Pres. Emeritus, E.C. Wolcott, St Louis; Ex-Officio Dir. E.H. Blair, Windsor, Ont. Michigan Assn. Pres. J.J. Siefen, Detroit. The High Twelvian showed Calif. Assn. Pres. as C.N. Clarkson as State President 1943-44. California records show Clarkson as 1942, Hahn as 1943 and Larry C. Moore as 1944.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee (PIPs) Clark A. Beems.

9/8/43 - ITALY SURRENDERED AFTER ALLIES LANDED IN ITALY; BUT GERMANY FOUGHT ON.

President Fred A. Starratt in the October, 1943 High Twelvian urged all to get behind the "Wolcott Expansion Plan" at once, and High Twelve would double its clubs and membership during the year. On Jan. 10, 1944 he wrote E.C. Wolcott that, due to war conditions, it was not deemed advisable to have the 1944 International Convention in California; and advised accepting the bid of the Des Moines HTC.

Freeport (Ill.) HTC received charter January 27, 1944. 60 charter member. Pres. Lawrence F. Kahl; Sec. Hugh H. Ashby. The Northwest HTC and its Mile of Pennies drive for a Masonic Service Center at Trenton, Mich. resulted in raising \$500 to help provide programs for the Center.

Wayne, Mich. HTC started in the fall of 1943 with Pres. Arthur DeJordy, and Sec. Wm. G. Coombe. East St. Louis, Ill. listed in Oct. '43 High Twelvian - 1st time. Pres. Geo. A. LeRuez; Sec. Dr. A. C. Housh.

LANDMARK....E.C. Wolcott got his okay to start big expansion drive. He reported foundation work had been done for 9 clubs in the St. Louis-neighboring Illinois area. \$3,218.52 collected to date for drive by March 15, 1944. There was "a fine list of Masons by mail in Little Rock and Oklahoma City; also calling on former Enid Club."

May, 1944, "To California, where a fine schedule has been worked out by Pres. Starratt and International Representative Dr. Chas. Meek. Iowa prospects are excellent. The Clubs in Central Illinois and the Chicago area, including Southern Wisconsin, will make August and Sept. a busy month. So, send me every name of promising city you have. Remember, I am working for each of you." E.C.W.

Walter Anderson, PIP & Editor wrote in the May, 1944 High Twelvian, "Our genial Founder, 'Wallie' Wolcott has started on his Mission of Sacrifice and Hard Work to form High Twelve Clubs." To help the Wolcott expansion campaign get started, here are the clubs of the \$4,000 budget for the expansion progra, \$3,218.52 has been received as follows:

Highland Park, Mich = \$700.00; Kansas City, K. = \$409.50; Birmingham, Mich. = \$300.00; Cedar Rapids, Iowa = \$250.00; Berkeley, Calif. = \$225.00; Des Moines, Iowa = \$225.00; Detroit N-W = \$171.00; Fresno = \$100; Lansing = \$100; Oakland = \$100; Stockton = \$100; Toledo = \$100; Mich. State Assn. = \$100; Detroit Downtown = \$75; St. Louis-Grotton = \$60; Redford, Mich. = \$50; San Jose = \$45; Denver = \$25; E. St. Louis, Ill. = \$22; Evanston, Ill. = \$20.52; San Francisco = \$20.00; Leavenworth, Kan. = \$10; St. Louis Downtn = \$10.00. As per report of Int. Sec. W. J. Schoenfeld.

Immediate Past International President W. A. Anderson to Pres. Dr. Fred W. Starratt re. proposal to streamline the Convention (because of War conditions), "...there is no advantage in streamlining...to point where money has been spent for traveling expenses and there is not enough time to accomplish anything."

The International Convention was held in Des Moines, Iowa June 29 to June 30, 1944- General Chairman of Convention Carl J. Stephens. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee Chairman C. D. Royal of Des Moines advised there was nothing in the Constitution & By-Laws of High Twelve International regarding Honorary Memberships in local clubs. "...The election to honorary membership relates only to the local club so electing, and is not binding on any other club (on transferring).

"Few changes have been made in our Constitution in recent years because the Committee felt that such changes were undesirable during the present program of expansion. The time may be near when our entire plan of organization may need some revision..."

6/6/44 - D-DAY - ALLIES INVADE FRANCE.

On June 30, 1944 at the convention there was a model luncheon, Kansas City, Kan. had charge. President Fred W. Starratt originated the slogan, "High Twelve is Masons in action for better democracy. His term was a most difficult one due to it being a war year, according to Tallman Trask in the Nov-Dec, 1964 High Twelvian.

Sometime along here "Club #22" Montreal, Canada was chartered, 16 members. Samuel Carlton, Pres.; and "Club #23" Aberdeen, Wash.

As of June 16, 1944 the membership by clubs and states was as follows: CALIF: Berkeley 82; Fresno 32; Oakland 63; San Francisco 52; San Jose 20; and Stockton 63. COLO: Denver 65; ILLINOIS: Chicago 43; E. St. Louis 100; Evanston 11; Freeport 65; Peoria 78 and Springfield 69. IOWA: Cedar Rapids 106; Des Moines 106; Sioux City 102. KANSAS: Kansas City 90; Leavenworth 9; Topeka 119. MICHIGAN: Birmingham 102; Detroit Downtown 38; Detroit NW 63; Detroit SE 48; Detroit SW (inactive); Highland Park 94; Jackson 72; Lansing 63; Mt Clemens 62; Redford 44; Royal Oak 84; Wayne 52. MISSOURI: Hannibal 36; Kansas City 40; St. Louis Downton (inactive, but to be re-organized.); St. Louis Grotto 84; St. Louis MacArthur 45. ONTARIO, CAN: Windsor 27; OHIO: Toledo 108; OKLA: Tulsa 90. WASH: Aberdeen (inactive); Seattle 34. 38 active and 3 inactive with total of 2,461 members against 2,149 last year.

Receipts \$5,972.42, disbursements \$3,077.41 = \$2,895.01; bal. 6/16/44 \$4,813.04 6/12/43 \$1,918.03 - increase \$2,895.01. It was reported that the response was disappointing to the call for a High Twelve Day in May, 1944. Next term it should be in the Fall, with at least 60 days notice to clubs.

Wichita, Kan. Charter issued 10/16/44. 39 members. Tracy Ansel, Pres. 11/17/44 Charter issued to Keokuk, Iowa. 40 members. Clyde E. Inman, Pres. Michigan Assn. Pres. Dr. C. A. Ward.

67 Due to wartime transportation difficulties, Dr. Fred W. Starratt, President, was absent, also other Californians, Clark A. Beems, PIP, Chairman Service to Youth Committee reported, "...After the war is over it is my idea and judgement that the effort should be made to organize the youth of Masonry into a Masonic program for inculcating in the minds of youth the answer to the query, 'How can we have peace in a post-war world?' The answer is in our Masonic teachings."

The largest fund raiser for the extension drive now under way was Highland Park, Mich with \$700.00; Birmingham, Mich. \$300.00; Kansas City, Kan \$409.50; Berkeley, Calif. \$225.00; Des Moines, Iowa \$225.00; Cedar Rapids, Iowa \$200.00; Detroit Northwest \$171.00; Fresno, Calif. \$100.00; Lansing, Mich. \$100.00, Oakland, Calif. \$100.00, Stockton, Calif. \$100.00; Toledo, Ohio \$100.00; Michigan State Assn. \$100.00; Detroit Downtown and St Louis-Grotto \$60.00; Redford, Mich. \$50; San Jose, Calif. \$45.50; Denver, Colo. \$25.00; E. St. Louis, Ill. \$22.00; Evanston, Ill. \$20.50; San Francisco \$20.00; Leavenworth, Kan. \$10.00 = Total \$3,168.52 from 22 clubs and one State Association. \$4,000.00 was the goal, but Wallie had already started drive.

"May was spent in organizing in California with Bro. Starratt, Dr. Charles A. Meek, John Cuddeback, Rev. Dr. Striker, A. W. Gearhart PIP and Harry Buckalew PIP. Meetings in Berkeley, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton, Fresno, Richmond, East Oakland. I attended California State meeting," reported Wolcott. "Los Angeles 25 names and card of introduction. Help from Walter Hoefflin of Pacific Mutual Life Insurance, who introduced me to the Grand Master and other Masonic leaders." He chose Pasadena as the most promising in the short time left (railroad problems). He called on Cary T. Ray, former Editor of the Cedar Rapids HTC Bulletin for many years. "4 came to first luncheon. Bro. Ray found Bro. Liddle, P.M. of Mt Herman Lodge, Cedar Rapids.

Wallie then told how, through Holland FlaHavhan he got ahold of Judge Harrington Wood in Springfield, Ill. Then he met Judge Wood, Dr. Blunt and Dr. Zelle. Chartered 6/9/44 with help of FlaHavhan. Belleville, Ill. was next target, where he "called on some 20 Masons. Geo. LeRuez of East St Louis took over, so on 6/16/44 they applied for a charter with 32 members."

"Little Rock, Ark. Wrote to Bro. Newell A. George of Kansas City at suggestion of Sec. Schoenfeld, who promised list of names, and asked R. H. Allen, Jr. to help (Wallie). Bro. Allen got the Grand Lodge Officers and Masters of 7 Blue Lodges; Sent brochures and letter. 6/12/44 met 30 Masons, and at end of meeting 25 signed for charter."

"North St Louis; with help of Kohlmeier, Sec. of MacArthur Club; temporary organization formed 6/26/44. Downtown St Louis, "First club in St Louis was a true war casualty and meetings discontinued in early 1944. On 6/23/44 the club was re-organized; 17 paid up members."

Freeport, Ill...Wolcott, "Last October J. Henry Baker and Del Gowing gave me the information that one of our leading Detroit High Twelves Leonard H. Engstrom had been elected president of his company Bankers Mutual Life Insurance Co., and was a resident of Freeport, Ill. Bro. Engstrom gave me a fine list of Masons to whom I mailed letters, etc. 3rd V. P. Holland FlaHavhan attended a luncheon meeting. With fine work of Larry Kahl of Freeport, came the Freeport Club."

Rockford, Ill... "President Kahl began to lay plans for a club in Rockford. 6/26/44 Kahl, FlaHavhan and I attended a meeting and a club is under way," Wallie. PEORIA, Ill... "fathers of this club are Andy Anderson and Holland FlaHavhan... and we have a great club in Peoria." "Much work has been done in Granite City and Alton, Ill., and in time we will have clubs in each."

Oklahoma City, "...Newell George has laid the foundation for a club. International Represent. Walter O. Essman of the Tulsa Club is helping, and promises the Tulsa Club will stand by." Wallie."

Wallie then listed as prospects (with lists of names provided): Memphis, Tenn;

Louisville, Ky.; Minneapolis and St Paul, Minn; Akron, Ohio; Cincinnati and Cleveland; Danville, Champaign, Rock Island, Jacksonville and Quincy, Ill; Davenport, Fort Dodge, Waterloo and Marshalltown, Iowa.

BEAR IN MIND THAT WORLD WAR II WAS AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS FURY, BUT WALLIE SEEMED TO SENSE (AND OTHERS TOO) THAT THE END WAS IN SIGHT; AND WANTED TO GET A GOOD JUMP ON IT.

Wallie, "The next three International Presidents of High Twelve will face new and challenging tasks, a large supporting membership, adequate finances and nation-wide demands."

Second Vice President Allerton, "....Attention of our people to the war has naturally upset the normal course of affairs. When hundreds of thousands of people from other sections of the country move in, it naturally causes a great strain on our eating places. Many (members) have had to go into factories." "....a great deterrent to the organizing of new clubs in such areas."

Third Vice Pre. Holland F. Flahavhan, Chicago, in visits to Lodges, etc., "I stressed the point that we were not just another organization to compete with the Lodges, but were ever present to assist them in all their worthy endeavors. I found this policy struck a very receptive chord in the harmony of Masonry generally; and has gained us many friends among our brethren who had formerly been a little suspicious of us."

Pres. C.D. Royal commenting in the October, 1944 High Twelvian, "So much time is taken up with reports and routine business that we do not have time for the representatives of our local clubs to express their ideas and discuss club problems. After all it is THEIR convention. I think the best session of the Convention was Saturday afternoon when the meeting was thrown open for general discussion." (AMEN - DLP).

"Because our membership is not large, and our clubs are widely scattered, it has been difficult to get a feeling of unity or to establish a relationship between the local club and High Twelve International. Whenever a club has been sufficiently interested to send delegates to the annual convention a contact has been established which works to the benefit of the local club and of International. Again, whenever we can secure sufficient clubs to form a State Association we have found a decided improvement in the interests and activities of the local clubs. Iowa, Missouri and Illinois should have State Associations." C.D. Royal.

Oklahoma City applied for a charter with over 40 on application, limit of 200. 7/27/44, Freeport, Ill. HTC 6 months old, and reached its quota of 75 members. By March of 1945 they want 100 after a concerted drive for "quality" membership. One objective is a "hospital cot service" for needy persons invalided at home. Summer of 1944, East Oakland HTC, baby club of the Oakland HTC is fast closing charter roll.

There not having been enough time at the Convention at Des Moines, according to the December 1944 High Twelvian, action was taken to hold a Mid-Year meeting of the International Governing Board, tentatively set for Springfield, Ill. Sat. Jan. 13, '45. The day before at same place the new Illinois State Association would hold its meeting. (Illinois and Eastern Missouri). George A. LeRuez, East St Louis 1st Pres.

New clubs listed in Dec. 1944 High Twelvian: Charter 11/44 East Oakland, Ca. Pres Owen C. Carr, Sec. R.H. Schneider, 125 charter members; Wichita, Kan. Pres. T.S. Answel, Sec. R.W. Overley; Burlington, Iowa 102 members, Pres. Chas. C. Clark, Sec. L.B. Dennis; Keokuk, Iowa, Pr. Clyde I. Inman, Sec. Ed S. Lofton; Davenport, Iowa, 125 members, Pres. Dr. Fenn C. Horton, Sr., Sec. Louis Martin; Fort Dodge, Iowa, Pres. Carl D. Deppe, Sec. Don Stauffer; Quincy, Ill. Pres. Fred J. Bexton, Sec. Merle S. Hertzler; Roseville, Mich.

President F.W.Starratt sustained a knee injury; was ill and unable to attend the convention. His written report stressed fellowship, supported by preservation of our form of democracy; active interest in public schools; and active interest in youth. Recommended the Convention re-affirm those objectives, with the Vice Presidents responsible for carrying on the objectives.

"Most of you know that an International Chaplain was appointed this year for the first time to my knowledge. A request was sent to each local club to appoint a chaplain. At the request of International Chaplain Petts, I believe most clubs observed the Sunday nearest to Washington's Birthday." He recommended the continuance of the War Efforts Committee until no longer needed; then the establishment of a Peace Efforts Committee.

The San Jose (Calif.) HEC members "go in strong for fellowship and fun...example, 'plate spinning' when Pres. talks. A term as President of San Jose Htc is a lesson in self-control, tact, diplomacy and the handling of a 20 horse team. Speakers, however get respectful attention." There is a question as to whether Sunnyvale, Calif. was organized about here.

8/14/44 - ALLIES INVADED SOUTHERN FRANCE.
8/22 - 8/27/44 - JAPANESE NAVAL POWER DESTROYED AT LEYTE GULF.

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12/21-12/25 1944 PATTON'S THIRD ARMY RESCUE BESIEGED AMERICANS AT BASTOGNE - "NUTS!"

1/9/45 charter sent Waterloo, Iowa HTC. 62 members. W.A. Hendry President.
1/13/45 - Mid-Winter meeting of Governing Board HTI, Springfield, Ill. Pres. Royal, Blair, Allerton, FlaHavhan, Wolcott, Anderson, Engstrom and Scheenfeld present. Also Geo. Le Ruez of East St. Louis and Oliver Kohlmeier, St. Louis.

Allerton supported by FlaHavhan moved that "in any case of newly chartered clubs no dues should be charged until second dues date of charter." Carried.
FlaHavhan, supported by Blair moved we "express deepest appreciation for kind invitation to hold 1945 Convention in St. Louis; but, because of war time restrictions, it would not be advisable;....but that immediately after the war this invitation will be accepted." Carried.

Engstrom, supported by FlaHavhan, "Because of the splendid job done thus far on expansion by E.C. Wolcott, the program be continued and that a committee be appointed to carry on the collecting of funds for this purpose under the direction of the Governing Board." Carried. Allerton, supported by Blair that "the Governing Board designate the President to determine the place where the 1945 Conference is to be held." Carried.

Allerton, supported by Blair, "That George LeRuez present to the next annual Conference his proposition of individual International Membership." Carried. Allerton, supported by FlaHavhan, that "the matter of infringement on the High Twelve name which is being used by a group of negroes in Cedar Rapids, Iowa be handled by the President." Carried.

Allerton, supported by FlaHavhan that "Editor W.A. Anderson be authorized to accept advertising of his discretion for the magazine." Carried. FlaHavhan, supported by Engstrom, that the Committee for 'shut'ins' at Jackson, Mich. be continued until next conference, and that we thank Dr. Moyer for the fine presentation." Carried.

Engstrom, supported by FlaHavhan, that "the hospital bed program is approved as

a proper service activity for local clubs; and that R.S.Haight of Freeport may present such program for their approval; and that he present the matter at the next annual conference for its consideration." Carried.

Aberdeen, Washington no longer listed after December, 1944.
The Albert Pike HTC first met in January, 1945, with a "story swapping contest."
(NOTE: No further reference to this club.)DLP

Davenport, Iowa, sent charter January 23, 1945. 107 members. Pres.Fenn C.Horton,Sr.
Ft.Madison,Iowa HTC charter sent 1/24/45. 54 members. Ferrest W.Johnson, President.
Maskogee,Okla. charter issued 2/9/45. 134 members. Z.Willard Gunckel. President.
Winter of '44-'45 Peoria Downtown charter party. Pres.James L.Randles, Sec.L.Nelson.

300 attended the charter night of Clayton,Mo.HTC 2/28/45. 214 members. Fort
Smith, Ark. charter issued 2/26/45. 163 members. Allen Henderson,Pres. Plymouth,Mi.
HTC charter issued 3/14/45. 42 members. C.W.Schuler. Terre Haute,Ind. issued
charter 3/16/45. 107 on charter. Earl O.Prater Pres. 150 members and guests.P.Int-
ernational President Anderson in presenting charter noted this was the first club in
Indiana. About February, 1945 Southwest Detroit was dropped.

E.C.Wolcott, in April, 1945 High Twelvian, indicated 680 extra copies of the
magazine needed, as he said he felt confident "we will have 100 clubs, total new and
old chartered before the extension fund is all spent. The total new members will
be near 6,000. He anticipated soon...Otumwa, Iowa with 80 members; St.Joseph,Mo.
with 100; Indianapolis 100; Springfield,Mo. 100; Philadelphia,Pa.75; Alhambra, Ca.
50; Toronto,Can.75; Muscatine,Iowa 50; and Rock Island,Ill.50...and had some 12
other clubs on the way.

"If I could have another year of fund support, I believe I could reach
of 200 clubs." "It has cost me long days, difficult travel, but it has been a
great happiness. The NEW HIGH TWELVE is almost twice as large as the old High Twelve.

"35 years for 35 clubs. 1 year for 60 clubs; and we are only started. I have
produced (with new club fees) as much new money as the Extension Fund gave."ECW

Pasadena HTC charter party July 1, 1944, with 63 names. "Have lost 4 of these
but gained others. Current total in Feb. 84. Pres.Meeks resigned in January, as
moved to Bakersfield. Replaced as President by 1st V.P.Franklin J.Ives." It is im-
portant to devote a little space to this club, because this at long last was the
big breakthrough in Southern California. DLP

State President Larry Moore ('44) "came to Pasadena and had lunch with a group of
Pasadena Masons at Hertel-Barnett Dept.Store, Bro.Barnett being present. As WWII
was in progress, it was deemed best to wait awhile. It also was felt there were too
many luncheon clubs in Pasadena.

The first real attempt at organizing a High Twelve Club occurred 5/24/44 in the
dining room of the YMCA. Present were E.C.Wolcott, Ralph Sparling, Franklin J.Ives,
Geo.R.Liddle, King Robey and C.Tom Ray (the last a former member in cedar Rapids,Iowa.
He wrote Wolcott in St.Louis the names of some prominent Pasadena Masons. Wallie
contacted all by mail, issuing call for meeting on date above. All present were en-
thusiastic. 2nd meeting 5/29, 3rd 6/12, with 15 signatures for charter. 4th at
Pasadena Athletic Club 6/26. 23 total signatures now. Officers for remainder of '44
Pres.Dr.J.A.Bowman; Sec.C.T.Ray. Meetings held weekly. Charter night 9/15/44 (NOTE:
discrepancy in charter dates. PIP Fred Starrett, Berkeley presented charter. In-
stalled by PSP Larry Moore,SF.". (This article written for High Twelvian years lat-
ter than one 2 paragraphs above. Take your choice. The important thing is HOW IT WAS
ACCOMPLISHED. Attempts made several times over the years. Patience & perseverance!)

TAMBAY (Tampa,Fla) charter issued 9/17/64. 18 members Pres Robert H. Groh.

The Illinois Association of High Twelve Clubs was organized January 12, 1945 with George LeRouz of East St. Louis as President. Meeting in Springfield.

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2/19/45 - TWO JIMA ASSAULTED (FELL TO USA 3/16/45)
4/1/45 - OKINAWA INVADED BY USA. YAMATO, WORLD'S LARGEST BATTLESHIP SUNK.

Ottumwa, Iowa charter issued 4/25/45. 54 members. Francis B. Haw, Pres.
4/30/45 St. Joseph, Mo. issued Charter. 115 members. Sam Wilcox Pres. 5/15/45 Philadelphia, Pa. issued charter. 44 Charter members. J. Wallace Forbes, Pres.
Springfield, Mo. issued charter 5/22/45. 105 members. Pres. Eugene Benham.

Michigan State Association Pres. for 1945-46 Fred A. Hunt. Oak Park, Ill. issued charter 6/1/45. 44 members. Pres. Fred A. Clark.

The Iowa State Association organized in spring? of 1945. Pres. Harry F. Schoen of Des Moines, Iowa 1945-46 term.

William Schoenfeld wrote Pres. C.D. Royal March 24, 1945 that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself as Secretary-Treasurer. He had been International Secretary and Treasurer since 1942. He had worked hard and faithfully all of these years without recompense. He suggested that there be recompense for the job.

There was extensive exchange of correspondence between the Executive officers on a replacement. While he did stay on the job until the summer of 1947, it is not clear whether he received any financial help, other than the usual expense items. (I cannot help but feel that neither he nor any of the various others who have worked hard and faithfully in the office of Secretary and/or Treasurer ever received adequate recognition for their services rendered; and I don't mean remuneration necessarily. The president gets the honor and the spotlight. He can be made or broken by these officers, even more so than his three vice presidents.) DLP

There was discussion in the spring of 1945 about having Bro. Wolcott take on the job of Secretary and paying him, all this while he was to continue his expansion drive. ~~Someone~~ realized that while the drive was succeeding so greatly, it was no time to change horses in the middle of the stream. (Bro. Schoenfeld had an apparently thriving business and wouldn't be interested in doing more than he was, taking care of the books, records and correspondence on the side.) The time for Wallie to get in the saddle hadn't arrived as yet. In the meantime, Wolcott was High Twelve's promoter. In the meantime the workload on Bro. Schoenfeld as a part time man was horrendous, due largely to the great expansion drive and resulting paperwork. DLP

There was an exchange of letters pertaining the conduct of a group of negroes who called their organization "High Twelve." at Cedar Rapids. C.A. Beems, PIP 3/27/45 wrote Pres. Royal, "...I note the suggestion that the International Convention be dispensed with and that some skeleton form of an organization be called together in Eastern Iowa."....."Am particularly glad to note that a decision has been made that Wally is to continue his activities. The news regarding the Indiana invasion is very encouraging, and it would be a mistake to even slow down one iota on our activities."

4/12/45 - PRESIDENT F.D. ROOSEVELT DIED. HARRY F. TRUMAN PRESIDENT.
4/30/45 - HITLER COMMITTED SUICIDE. 5/4/45 - V.E. DAY - GERMAN ARMIES BEGAN SURRENDERING.
5/6/45 - GERMANY SURRENDERED UNCONDITIONALLY.

April, 1945 High Twelvian lists Emporia, Kan. Pres. Owen S. Samuel; Sec. O.E. Noon.

Following clubs listed for the first time in October, 1944 High Twelvian: Okalahoma City, Ok. Pres.F.A.Rittenhouse, Sec.R.Douglas Foote. Alton,Ill. Pres. Wm.A.Gray, Sec.W.I.Godwin; Belleville,Ill. Pres.Edwin H.Tegtmeier, Sec. Stephen A. Butler; Little Rock,Ark. Pres.R.D.Adams, Sec.J.G.Henderson; Peoria,Ill. Pres.Kenneth Stott, Sec.Earl H.Swendson; Springfield,Ill. Charter Night 7/9/44, (Abe Lincoln) Pres.Judge Harlington Wood, Sec.Chas E.Fetzger; Wayne, Mich. Pres.Arthur DeJardy, Sec.Wm.G.Coombs; (As of late summer of 1944 there were 48 clubs, a great step up) Notice how Illinois came up fast. Jacksonville,Ill. shown 12/44 Dr.M.A.Summers Pres.

As of December issue High Twelvian, 1944 St Louis Northside , Pres.Ben Kolenschlag, Sec. T.H.Mohr. Downtown Peoria,Ill. Pres.Dr.James L.Randles, Sec. Leonard R.Nelson. Waterloo, Iowa, Pres.W.A.Hendry, Sec.L.L.Wilhelm; Plymouth, Mich. Pres.C.W.Schuler, Sec. E.B.Gardiner - 62 charter members; over 150 members and guests at at Chartering. Philadelphia,Pa. is listed. The Hightwelvian for January, 1945 listed 58 clubs.

Harry Buckalew,PIP, writing in the December, 1944 High Telvian,"Our encouraging growth is due to the fact that we have finally arrived at a workable plan for expansion, interpreted by one of the great fraternal spirits of our time...Wallie."

Oklahoma, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri all qualified for State Associations now.

E.C.Wolcott wrote for the April, 1945 High Twelvian, "The new High Twelve is almost twice as large as the old....25 years for 35 clubs....one year for 60 clubs, and we have only started.

Wolcott , June 1945 to Int.Board, "I recommend we during the year 1945-46 disregard state and geographical lines and call leaders to our help, through creating a Board of Advisory Directors to serve until our International Convention, 1946." He listed 33 prominent brothers, many active in the past.

"With the organization of twelve state organizations, some completed, others to follow, we must give definite assignment to our Vice Presidents." "...California will need special assignment for its care...."One of the larger civic luncheon clubs has proven a club in a city of 1,500 population can be a successful club in a place where they have a club of 25 members. Where there is a Blue Lodge of 150 to 250 members, besides a sizeable group of non-resident member Masons...This (rural area) is a vast untouched and needed field for us to enter." ECW

"....I have advanced all of the expense funds each month, subject to repayment." "...I have been repaid each month, but have felt the load a little heavy against the decreased income." (By being away from his own business).

June 7 and June 8, 1945, Meeting of the Governing Board (NO CONVENTION THIS YEAR) at the Blackhawk Hotel, Davenport, Iowa. (NOTE: being no Convention, they had to figure a legal manner to hold a semblance of an election). President Royal's resignation was accepted, to allow for movement upward of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents and appointment of new 3rd V.P. by the Governing Board). Royal was elected to life membership in International.

Acknowledgment made of organization of Iowa Association. The Jackson,Mich. Shut-in and Hospital Bed program could not be approved as an International Project, but it was deemed all right for any club or State Association to adopt the program.

Hugh C.Allerton of Highland Park, Mich. was elected president; 1st VP Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; 2nd VP Leonard H.Engstrom, Freeport,Ill; 3rd V.P. Judge F.A. Rittenhouse; Sec-Tr.W.J.Schoenfeld, Kansas City,Kan; Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson PIP Detroit; Chairman Extension & Pres.Emeritus C.E.Wolcott, St Louis; Canadian Director E.H.Blair, Windsor, Ontario; Chairman Western Zone Dr.C.A.Meek,Bark-eley, Calif. BELLEVILLE (Ill) charter issued 7/44. 32 members.Pr.Edw H.Tegtmeier. ALTON (Ill.) Charter issued 9/8/44; Pres W.A.Gray; 33 members.

Per capita dues increase from \$1.00 to 2.00 approved. The Convention complimented Jackson HTC for its Shut-Ins program, and Freeport, Ill. for its Hospital Beds Program. It was reported that 73 groups were at work completing the building of their clubs, some setting charter nights, etc.

"The Extension Fund gifts of individuals and clubs made this result possible. It kept Bro. Wallie on the run, and let him, in the name of High Twelve to hold the first meeting, to explain our great task and service to Masonry. The many groups in cities asking for help has made another extension group imperative. It will mean not less than 175 clubs and 10 to 15 thousand members." Conv. Report.

It was voted by the International Board on request of a chartered constituent club, the Board may grant and issue a temporary charter to any group of Master Masons in good standing in any camp, post, hospital, ship or other point of concentration of members of the armed forces, to be known as honorary clubs (MILITARY CLUBS) ... under supervision of the host club. No International charter fee and no International dues.

Walter (Andy) Anderson, PIP, named chairman of the new drive for International Extension Fund drive, not to be club assessment, but gifts by individuals. Bro. Wallie called for letters of introduction to brothers in 21 cities in Ohio and east and south of Ohio.

"Our members voted in favor of an increase of the per capita tax to \$2.00 This will be voted upon at the 1946 convention. We must have funds to meet the challenge of our splendid growth." "Wallie is truly an ambassador of good will." A committee was appointed to prepare a revision of the Constitution & By-Laws.

Wolcott moved and Anderson seconded that the Secretary receive a salary of \$100.00 for stenographic services. Carried. FlaHavhan moved that Wolcott receive an additional \$100.00 per month to cover office rent, telephone, etc. Carried. Voted that charter fees be again set aside for one year, and a fee of only \$1.00 per charter member be required in organization of new clubs.

Voted that United States and Canada be divided into four zones. Everything east of Mississippi; everything west of Mississippi River except California, Oregon and Washington; California, Oregon and Washington; Canada and British Isles.

Pres. Allerton appointed C.D. Royal PIP to head a committee to study the State Constitutions to determine whether they conformed to the constitution of H.T.I. The Committee examined constitutions of State Associations of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; not able to obtain copies of California or Michigan constitutions. The report indicated the state constitutions substantially conformed; but listed minor differences; were vague in parts.

(NOTE: E.C. Wolcott's report of the Extension Committee for period of 14½ months from March 15, 1944 to June 1, 1945 is a fantastic effort in an expansion drive, probably unequalled in the history of service organization type clubs. It is in the C.D. Royal file, 1944-45. I cannot do justice to it in summarizing; and it is too long to copy en toto. Here are a few highlights. DLP);

"Six new clubs in Canada are to become great clubs, and mean they will lead us to England and the cities of Europe," said Wallie. Extension Fund operative May 15, 1944. Illinois: new clubs organized and chartered: Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Alton, Belleville, Peoria #1, Peoria Downtown, Oak Park; working toward a club - Granite City, Rockford and Rock Island; Club in Champaign invited to join. Total Illinois clubs = 12.

"Since the Extension Fund became operative May 15, 1944, the following clubs organized and chartered: Illinois: Springfield, Jacksonville, Quincy, Alton, Belleville, Peoria #1, Peoria Downtown, Oak Park - and working toward a club; Granite City, Rockford, Rock Island. Club in Champaign invited to join. Total clubs in Illinois 12.

California: East Oakland and Pasadena. Working to charter Alhambra, Newport and Pomona. Delayed by war conditions - Los Angeles and Alameda. Clubs chartered 8, in process 5 - total 13. Arkansas: 2 clubs chartered; 3 being chartered, 5 total. Oklahoma: 4 clubs chartered, 2 being chartered - total 6; Iowa: 7 new clubs chartered, 1 to be chartered; former clubs 3 = total 11. Michigan: 2 new, 12 to be - total 14; Missouri: 5 new, 3 to be, regular clubs 4, total 12; Kansas: 2 new, 3 former, total 5; Indiana: 1 new, 2 to be and working toward 2. - total 5.

Ohio: Toledo great source of help in getting Springfield and Dayton, but these are being held up account food problems. Pennsylvania: 1 new, 1 to be - total 2. New Jersey: Have a list for Newark; and Dr. Forbes of Philadelphia is developing a list for Camden, N.J. Canada: 1 Regular club, 6 to be chartered - total 7. NOTE: The foregoing by E.C. Wolcott not entirely consistent. In some states he included clubs already chartered years before, and in others he just showed those newly chartered or in the works. DLP

"Clubs listed 1/1/44 = 38. Chartered 1/1/44 to 6/1/45 = 36; getting ready = 12. Working on organizing 7; organized but delayed by war conditions = 5. Ready for 1st meeting 5; grand total 103. That gives a fair picture of gigantic strides.

"Lists being secured and correspondence being carried on: St Paul, Minneapolis, Cheyenne, Evansville, Vincennes, Waterbury, New Orleans, Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati, Louisville, Martins Ferry, Atlanta, Anderson, Grand Rapids = total 14. Clubs using name of High Twelve in Champaign, Ill. and ABC Club, Omaha are being contacted.

"In no city where we have entered have we failed to build a club"... "some groups moving slowly, but working toward charter." E.C. Wolcott.

The Convention, Davenport, June 1945... Governing Board approved these objectives when a club is undertaking an activity: "It should not undertake endorsement of any project, no matter how meritorious, unless the club is prepared and willing to assume all or a fair share of the responsibility for the accomplishment, of that which it endorses. "It should seek neither publicity nor credit for itself, but only the opportunity to serve. "It should avoid duplication of effort and, in general, should not engage in any activity that is already being handled by another agency." "It, in its activities, should preferably cooperate with existing agencies, but where necessary may create new agencies where there is such a need."

It is better to improve existing agencies rather than duplicate agencies. "In such objective activities, it will be better that it act as a propagandist. Let it discover the need and awaken the community to the need and then let the community shoulder the responsibility where it belongs; and having a needed activity under way, the club should withdraw when the project can carry itself, and look for a new field of service."

A short review of finances 6/16/44 to 6/5/45 is in order; herewith: DLP
Bal. 6/16/44 gen'l fund \$1,927.55, expan. fund \$2,868.16, bal. "foundation" \$17.33
(NOTE: 1st mention of foundation or fund) Cash on hand 6/16/44 = \$4,813.04. Dues and reinstated and new members = \$3,228.00, other receipts \$3,626.93 = \$6,854.93; Total \$11,667.97. Disbursements - Expansion expense = \$5,385.94, Mag. \$1,557.86 other \$961.53, Printing & suppl. \$1,040.90 = total \$8,946.23. Cash on hand 6/6/45 Gen'l Fund \$2,253.91, Expan. fund \$371.37, "Foundation" 96.46; = \$2,721.74 = \$11,667.97.

75 Total clubs 1945 = 68, 1944 = 38, net gain 30. Total members 1945 5,529,
1944 2,461 = total gain 3068.

Committee Chairmen for 1945-46: HISTORIAN: Clark A. Beems, PIP, Iowa; CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS: Judge Harlington Wood, Ill.; NECROLOGY: Rev. Frank Harris, Mo; STANDARDIZATION: Jack Stahler, Mich; EXPANSION: E.C. Wolcott, Mo; EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION: (Note: forerunner of Wolcott Foundation) F.A. Rittenhouse, Okla; GOOD GOVERNMENT: Judge J.I. Phelps, Okla; EDUCATION: E.A. Thomas, Kansas; YOUTH MOVEMENT: Wm. K. Krape, Colo; EXPANSION FUND: Walter A. Anderson; HIGH TWELVE INFORMATION: Delmor C. Gowing, Mich. PROTECTION OF NAME & INSIGNIA: Adrian Bushman, Mo. OBJECTIVES: S.F. Gorbett, Mich. (NOTE: With the near doubling of size of High Twelve, it had become necessary to break up the duties, responsibilities and functions into more than the few basic committees of former years. DLP)

The IOWA State Association held meetings 6/22/45 and 9/26/45. Pres. Harry F. Schoen presiding. Articles of Incorporation were adopted, and International was to be contacted regarding copyright registering of name HIGH TWELVE.

9/2/45 - (Tokio Time) JAPAN(V-J DAY) SURRENDERED. SIGNED SURRENDER TERMS ON U.S.S. MISSOURI.

Clubs that came in during summer or fall of 1945: FORT SMITH, Ark; Pres. Delmar D. Edwards, Sec. Grady Coleman. ALHAMBRA, Calif; 10/25/45, Pres. James I. Condie, Sec. Chas L. O'Dell; CLAYTON, Missouri - some time in 1945 along here; EAST OAKLAND, Calif. Pres. Owen C. Carr, Sec. Sidney Sea; OAK PARK, Ill. Pres. Fred A. Clarke, Sec. Dr. W.A. McHugh; Indianapolis, Ind. charter issued 6/28/45 with 105 members. Organized, May, 1945. By fall had 125 members. Pres. Dr. Blair F. Deer, Sec. F.B. Jones. VINCENNES, Ind. Dr. W.B. Anderson, Sec. J.W. Shoemaker; COLUMBIA, Mo. Pres. Emmett D. Wayland, Sec. Clay T. Davis. MAPLEWOOD, Mo. Charter issued 9/17/45, 101 members. Pres. Frank L. Martini, Sec. Edw. G. Daniels. *ROCK ISLAND, Ill. Charter issued October, 1945. VAN BUREN, Ark. Charter issued 11/1/45. 35 members. Pres. Dr. H.C. Farmer, Sec. St. Condren.

Fall of 1945 - SAINT CHARLES, Mo. Pres. C.H. Johnson, Sec. Walter Withoelder; SCOTT FIELD (Belleville, Ill.) Pres. Sgt. Warren E. Peters, Sec. Sgt. Fred P. Miller. * (Rock Island Pres. J. Harold Grove, Sec. Clifford Ostrom. ROCKFORD, Ill. Organized 5/18/45 with 30 Masons in attendance. Charter issued 8/20/45 with 102 members. Late Fall, 1945 135 members. Walter H. Mackey, Pres. Albert Pike (Little Rock, Ark). 55 members; Pres. R.D. Adams.

MUSKOGEE, Okla. membership down to 225. SALEM, Ill. Chartered 11/13/45 with 146 members, including 3 50 year Masons. Wolcott presented charter; 1st Int. VP Holland F. FlaHavan gave the address. 180 members and guests present. Pres. Herman F. Austin, Sec. Charles H. Roberts. SAINTS JOHN (St Louis) 1-16/45 charter issued; Referred to later as OVERLAND; 65 members. Pres. W.F. Hecht, Sec. Al J. LeBeque.

Pres. Calif. Association L.C. Moore, Berkeley = 9 clubs; Pres. Dr. Campbell A. Ward, Pr. Mt. Clemens Michigan Association = 12 clubs; Geo. A. LeRuez, Pres. Illinois Assn. 13 clubs (E. St. Louis); Harry F. Schoen, Des Moines, Iowa Assn. 10 clubs; Missouri now had 11 clubs and qualified for a St. Assn.

(NOTE: Because my sources of information on starting, charter issuing dates, charter party dates, name of President and Secretary, chartering and installing officers, etc. were varied and sketchy, it is likely the reader will find the same club mentioned several different places and times. Sometimes there was a record of when the club was dropped, and sometimes not. Re. the latter, dropping, I had to resort to the listings of clubs shown in the High Twelvians for some 50 years. If a club was in the June issue but not in the October issue, I assumed it had been dropped, but didn't mention the dropping, just failed to list it any more. Some may wonder why I show charter party date, who presented charter, who spoke, who the installing officer was, and in other cases just showed a club name and date (or maybe "fall" or "spring"). That was all the information available. The numbers now used are not consistent with those originally issued; so I have refrained from using numbers.) DLP

October, 1945 HighTwelvian: Pres. Hugh C. Allerton, "We all thank the Supreme Architect for the end of the worst war in history."

"Our members favored an increase of the per capita tax to \$2.00. This will be voted upon at the 1946 Convention. We must have funds to meet the challenge of our splendid growth." A committee was appointed at the Convention last June to prepare a revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. "Wallie is truly an ambassador of good will."

ST CHARLES, Mo. Winter of '45-46. High Twelvian listed C.H. Johnson as President and Walter Wilhoelter, Sec. In the Fall of 1945 Vinton S. Malcolm of Oakland became President of the California Association. EVANSTON, Ill. is shown with Milton V. Engstrom as President, Eugene C. Elack, Sec.

Here is a list of all clubs as of January 1, 1946 after about a year and nine months of intense extension activity on the part of Wallie: ARKANSAS: Fort Smith, Little Rock and Van Buren; CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland (Downtown), East Oakland, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose, Stockton; COLORADO: Denver; ILLINOIS: Alton, Belleveille, Scott Field (Belleville), Fort Dearborn, East St Louis, Evanston, Freeport, Jacksonville, Oak Park, Peoria, Downtown Peoria; Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Springfield (Abe Lincoln); INDIANA: Indianapolis, Terre Haute & Vincennes; IOWA: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Sioux City Founders #1, Waterloo; KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Topeka, Wichita; MICHIGAN: Birmingham, Detroit Downtown, Detroit Northwest, Detroit Southeast, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt. Clemens, Plymouth, Redford, Roseville, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: Clayton, Columbia, Hannibal, Kansas City, Maplewood, St Charles, Saints John (St Louis), St Joseph, St Louis Downtown, St Louis Grotto, St Louis MacArthur, St Louis Nerside, Springfield; OHIO: Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee, Tulsa; WASHINGTON: Seattle.

Totals by states: Arkansas = 3; Calif. = 9; Colo. = 1; Illinois = 15; Indiana = 3; Iowa = 10; Kansas = 5; Michigan = 12; Missouri = 13; Ohio = 1; Oklahoma = 4; Wash. = 1; total 77.

At the Mid-Year International Governing Board Meeting 1/12/46, Kansas City the per capita dues increase was approved from \$1.00 to \$2.00 as per recommendation 6/8/45. and that the Constitution of High Twelve Int. be so amended. And that a letter of explanation of need be issued during the Spring of 1946 to all clubs. "...we must, if we are to attain our proper place, have the funds and at least a full time Executive Director to keep before the clubs new developments and inspire them to new enlarged service to their members, their community and Masonry itself. Such a program would call for a central office and a modest staff." January, 1946 High Twelvian, "The week of May 13, May 18 "every High Twelve Club should observe this Silver Anniversary Week."

Bartlesville, Oklahoma charter issued Feb. 28, 1946, with 54 members. Pres. H.G. Durnell. WOOD RIVER, Ill. charter issued 3/1/46. 63 members. Herman M. Wuestenfeld, Pr. Re. the Bartlesville HTC. They had 6 meetings. Membership limit set a 75 to 90 on account could accommodate only 50 diners. Avg. attendance 40. Hoped to have charter presented by Tulsa HTC in April.

International headquarters established April, May 1946 in Wolcott's office, 418 Olive St., St Louis. Pres. Hugh G. Allerton, May, 1946 High Twelvian, quoting words of Cecil Rhodes as he passed away, "So much to do...so little done." "...It has seemed to me that we must have an International Office, with a full time executive and a modest staff." "...We should inspire each club to some worthy endeavor...a project...an objective. We find that many great clubs found themselves with an appealing cause."

The largest club we ever had grew to 400 members in its 1st year that way." "The increase in the per capita dues to \$2.00 annually is to make possible for your International officers to go to your clubs on appropriate occasions." "...the clubs have a right to expect that we shall so shape our Constitution & By-Laws that we can give better administration..." "....It seems to me the time has come for serious study of this problem....and now in hands of a capable committee." Listed in this High Twelvian was a group of programs, movies, slide programs suggested for club use.

1946-47 State Presidents for MICHIGAN: George A. Shaffer of Birmingham; ILLINOIS: O.E. Zelle, Springfield (met 5/25 at Springfield); IOWA: Ralph B. Slippy of Waterloo; MISSOURI: Walter H. Witthaus, Southside, St. Louis.

FERGUSON, Missouri charter issued 6/27/46, 55 members. Pres. John E. Adams. KANKAKEE, Ill. Charter issued 6/25/46, 65 Members. Pres. Dr. A.R. Pilcher. Jefferson City, Mo. charter issued about here, with 116 members. DAYTON, Ohio charter issued 5/24/46, 86 members, Pres. Robert N. Schmitt.

In the Spring of 1946 Bro. C.D. Royal PIP and Harry Schoen of Des Moines HTC took charge of the organizing meeting of the OMAHA, Neb. HTC. Temporary Pres. Frank P. Roark. "Bro. Cooke, Schoen and Ray joined Wallie on the trip to Boone and Marshalltown, Iowa. The organized meetings and attended second meetings of the clubs."

"Bro. Homer Hale of the Iowa State Association, Waterloo, accompanied by Bro. Ralph Slippy, PGM and Ed Shimer attended the second meeting at Clinton, Iowa HTC. Its President Forest E. Hewitt. 5/46 Int. Pres. Hugh Allerton of Detroit and Fred Hunt, Toledo, joined Wallie in the 2nd meeting of the Dayton & Springfield, Ohio Club. Charter night railroad strike prevented the New International President Holland FlaHavham from being guest speaker. Bro. Hunt presented charter."

"Bro. Walter Anderson, PIP was Speaker at Springfield, Ohio charter. Missouri State Pres. gave addresss at charter night banquets MEXICO, Mo., MOBERLY, Mo. and FERGUSON, Mo. Clay Davis and his Columbia, Mo. club were at all 3. They had helped build 3 clubs."

"Plymouth (Mich.) now has 80 members; and entertained about 300 officers, members and delegates at the Michigan State Association annual meeting. Now 1,087 in Michigan Association. Bro. Hunt is looking forward to the time when Ohio can have a charter of its own." spring of '46? Cheynne, Wyo. chartered. Had been a HTC here earlier.

THE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS OF THE GREAT WOLCOTT FOUNDATION. July, 1946 letter from Wallie: (in part) - "Your silver bowl full of silver quarters and the charming presentation of them by the Sioux City Club at the celebration of our 25th Anniversary Party at Sioux City May 17th by the Founder's Club No. 1 is deeply appreciated." "....I planted \$300.00 of it in the Founders Fund at our Convention in St Louis, and through the gifts of the penny cup being passed by many of our clubs at their luncheon meetings, the fund is now over \$500.00 and growing. Our gift will invite gifts and grow through the years to aid worthy youth on their way to serve."

"In your behalf I presented a very fine trophy to the club having the highest average gift per member from the penny cup for the year."

MEXICO, Mo. charter issued 6/24/46 with 54 members. Howard F. Kizer President. DECATUR, Ill chartered 7/1/46, with 110 members. Pres. Albert W. Wylie. BOONE, Iowa charter issued 7/25/46 with 30 members. Pres. G.F. Jolliff. CAMDEN, N.J. charter issued in July, 1946 with 59 members. Pres. Arthur E. Armitage, Jr. Charter party 7/15/46.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY International Convention, St. Louis, Mo. 5/30 - 6/1, 1946
Hotel De Soto. E.C. Wolcott reported: "The work since the Davenport Convention has required much more time, travel and correspondence, due to the War ending, strikes, confusion by the O.P.A. and scarcity of material.

"I have had to repeat trips to certain clubs to secure action moving into 2nd and 3rd meetings, and in several instances, I have had to make 3 additional mailings to build up charter completion. It is taking at least 50% more time to accomplish permanent results than it did our first year. There is a marked weariness and mental confusion in the minds of leaders; and a great increased demand for their time by organizations, Civic, Social, Religious and Fraternal - all seeking to rebuild, to take advantage of the war tasks end and to capture new leadership & membership."

"....To conserve our funds and to keep from long, expensive trips, I have worked in and surrounding St. Louis." Wallie said there were 14 new clubs about to charter, and 15 delayed but would charter eventually. There were 62 ready for the first visit; 6 delayed in Canada, and 7 working on in South America and Australia, together with 16 newly chartered clubs brings actual and prospective clubs to 120; and 1 in Frankfort, Germany working through Ottumwa (Iowa) HTC."

Wallie named the following as good expansion helpers: Geo. LeRuez, East St. Louis; Newell George and Pete Allen, Kansas City; Cary T. Ray and Franklin Ives, Pasadena; Fred Hunt, Toledo; Adrian Bushman, Clayton, Mo; Wm Hecht, St. Johns; Walter Witthouse, St. Louis; Len Engstrom, Holland Fla; Havhan and Hugh Allerton, International Officers; Ronald Cook, Harry Schoen and C.D. Royal, Des Moines; Dr. H.J. Dunn, Evanston, Ill; Dr. J.W. Forbes, Philadelphia; Clay Davis, Columbia, Mo. "Both Hannibal and St. Johns Clubs have travelled to organize clubs; as have many brothers who have loaded automobiles and helped in charter night programs."

The dues were officially raised \$1.00 to \$2.00 per year at 118 to 18. It was voted to again suspend the By-Laws covering the charter entrance fee of \$5.00 per member (for expansion purposes.)

Report of L.H. Engstrom, 2nd V.P. He recommended that in addition to the Executive Director and the International Secretary, the U.S. be divided geographically into districts of six states each, a Vice President to be elected to the International Family from each such area; 8 Vice Presidents of equal status, eliminating 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents as presently set up. Such Vice Presidents would be as a governor and supervisor, eliminating succession to Presidency except by popular election at Convention or in event of vacancy approved by Board at special meeting. In absence of President, Executive Director would officiate, or Secretary. Each State Association to develop on a similar basis. He created a brief outline of composition of the proposed duties of officers of International, Region (District), State Association and Clubs.

President Hugh Allerton pleaded for an increase in dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00 so an Executive Director could be employed, equipment of an adequate office and modest staff. He strongly urged employment of Wolcott as Executive Director; that clubs could be given advice, programs be called to their attention, lodge attendance, sponsorship of DeMolay and increase issues of High Twelvian magazine.

Regarding extension he said, "....Too much is being done by too few people. We should train members in various parts of the country and prepare a new primer....on how the work should be accomplished." He suggested charging \$5.00 for each new member, (\$2.00 to International and \$3.00 to the club). "....I suggest that my successors in office annually appoint a Convention Committee....to work in conjunction with the Host Club Committee."

"...I suggest we begin to assemble historical background of High Twelve International; an Information Committee of International, and in each constituent club."
 "...you should elect to line only men who can control their own time...time is here when International President should spend one-half of his time in duties of his office."

The Iowa State Association was organized at Davenport June 8, 1946 with Harry F. Schoen as President. The first meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Cedar Rapids June 22, 1946. General Counsel Charles Penningroth drafted the Constitution; approved that date. 2nd meeting of Directors Des Moines, 9/26/46.

The Clubs charters issued during the year: ARKANSAS: Van Buren; CALIF: Alhambra; ILLINOIS: Collinsville; Wood River, Carbondale, Rockford, Salem, Centralia, Rock Island; INDIANA: Indianapolis, Vincennes; MISSOURI: St Charles, Maplewood, Saints John, Columbia; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville; OHIO: Dayton; WYOMING: Cheyenne.

CLUBS: 1945 = 68; 1946 = 86 = gain of 18. Total members 1945 = 5,539; 1946 = 7,662 ... gain 2,123.

Directory of clubs after 25 years - ARKANSAS: Fort Smith, Little Rock and Van Buren; CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Berkeley, Fresno, Oakland Downtown, Oakland East, Pasadena, San Francisco, San Jose and Stockton; COLORADO: Denver; ILLINOIS: Alton, Belleville, Carbondale, Centralia, Scott Field (Belleville), Fort Dearborn (Chicago), East St. Louis, Evanston, Freeport, Jacksonville, Oak Park, Peoria, Peoria Downtown, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Salem, Springfield (Abe Lincoln) and Wood River; INDIANA: Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Vincennes; IOWA: Burlington, Cedar Rapids, Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Fort Madison, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Sioux City (Founder's #1) and Waterloo. KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Leavenworth, Topeka, Wichita; MICHIGAN: Birmingham, Detroit Downtown, Detroit North West; Detroit Southeast, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt Clemens, Plymouth, Redford, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: Clayton, Columbia, Hannibal, Kansas City, Maplewood, St Charles, Saints John (Overland), St. Joseph, St Louis Downtown, St Louis Grotto, St Louis/MacArthur, St Louis Nerside and Springfield; OHIO: Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Okmulgee and Tulsa; WASHINGTON: Seattle; WYOMING: Cheyenne.

During the period from 3/15/44 (when Wallie started great expansion drive) to 6/4/45, a total of 15½ months 32 clubs had been organized with total charter membership of 2,421 at a cost of \$6,409.69. From 6/5/45 to 5/27/46 18 organized with 1,391 members. From 3/15/44 to 5/27/46 50 clubs organized with 3,812 members.

Cash on hand 6/6/45 = \$2,721.74, Dues \$6,196.50, other rec. \$6,580.01; total receipts \$12,776.51, total \$15,498.25. Disbursements - High Twelvian \$2,230.50, Pr. & Sup. \$1,430.41, Adm. Exp. \$2,095.57, Conv. Exp. \$403.40, Postage \$78.25, Expansion Expense \$5,766.30 - Total \$12,004.43. Cash on hand - general fund 6/27/46 = \$3,433.30, Expan. Fund \$109.46, Founders Fund \$169.98 - Total \$3,493.82 (?). \$15,498.25.

Summer of 1946 - State Association Presidents: CALIF: Boyd Rakestraw, Berkeley; ILL - Dr. O.L. Zelle, Springfield; IOWA: Harry Schoen, Des Moines; MICHIGAN: Geo. A. Shaffer, Redford; MISSOURI: Walter Witthaus, St. Louis.

Out of 322 men attending the Convention, 185 were from Greater St Louis, 43 from Illinois, 29 Michigan, 21 Iowa, Other parts of Missouri 9, Arkansas 6, Oklahoma 6, Kansas 6, Indiana 5, California 4, Colorado 4, Ohio 3 and Canada 1. Walter H. Witthaus was Chairman of the St Louis Convention Committee.

Elected President for 1946-47 - Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; 1st VP Leonard H. Engstrom, Freeport, Ill; 2nd V.P. Fred A. Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; 3rd VP Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Cal; Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld, Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson, Detroit; Chairman Extension & Pres. Emeritus E.C. Wolcott, St Louis.

Chairman Const. & By-Laws Com. C.D. Royal PIP, Des Moines; Protection of Name & In-

signia, Adrian Bushman, Clayton; Standardization, Del Gowing, Highland Park, Michigan; Historian, Clark A. Beems, PIP, Cedar Rapids; Projects-Objectives, Russell S. Haight; DeMolay Sub-Com., Oren P. Tresslar, Vincennes, Ind; Handicrafts, Albert P. Belanger, Alton, Ill; Shut-Ins, S.F. Gorbett, Jackson, Mich; Necrology Rev Frank Harris, Ill; (NOTE: Foregoing apparently outgoing, and following incoming chairmen:

Historian, Carlk A. Beems, Iowa; Necrology, Rev. Frank Harris, Ill; Constitution & By-laws, Judge Harlington Wood, Ill; Education, E.A. Thomas, Kan; Standardization, Jack Stahler, Mich; Educational Foundation, F.A. Rittenhouse, Okla; Good Government Judge J.I. Phelps; Youth Movement, Wm. G. Krape, Colo; Objectives, S.F. Gorbett, Mich; Portection of Name & Insignia, Adrian Bushman, Mo; Expansion, E.C. Wolcott, Mo; Expansion Fund, Walter A. Anderson, Mich; Information, Delmer C. Gowing, Mich.

Incoming President Holland F. FlaHavhan suggested not only keeping the Advisory Directors, but having the retiring President head the group. He urged a greater integration of clubs. He urged study of the Constitution and By-Laws to see if adequate to serve the much larger organization High Twelve was becoming. He recommended that the Committee on Objectives prepare a list of objectives now supported by the various clubs, from which one might be chosen. Same with club programs.

FlaHavhan said a budget should be developed that covered travel of International officers (out of pocket mostly till now). Regarding the High Twelvian magazine, he urged that it be published 8 times a year, with an Editor-in-Chief and an Associate Editor. "Eventually we will have to have a central office." He recommended the employment of an Executive Secretary. He mentioned the clubs he had organized in Illinois and elsewhere "inexpensively."

He then suggested that each club operate with a budget. He suggested putting, "To live to Serve" on the top step of the insignia; and he urged the training of future officers.... "First the club, then the State, then International Committee Chairmanships before being elevated to International Office." Conventions should be standardized.

August 8, 1947, Past International President C.D. Royal ('44-45) of Des Moines was killed in an auto accident. He was the president when the great expansion drive got a full head of steam.

"From coast to coast, the clubs are doing the thing I have prayed for for year," said Pres. FlaHavhan in the September, 1946 High Twelvian. "They are not waiting for Wallie to start new clubs, but are organizing new clubs themselves. Denver builds Cheyenne; Oak Park builds Kankakee; Philadelphia builds Camden and Trenton, etc." "....This year we will pass the hundred mark." "....There is no limit to what she may some day be."

First Vice President L.H. Engstrom asked, "Is your club a good one?" He mentioned the let down after a year or so. Some of the blame might be placed on cliques. He felt more members should be brought into discussion as to plans and actions to be taken. "At first it was just fun and fellowship. Then projects and objectives added." 2nd V.P. Fred A. Hunt said, "Well planned programs are the answer."

Summer of 1946 = 5 years ago only 31 clubs & 1,990 members; today 86 and 7,662.

Pres. Holland F. FlaHavhan, before going into the insurance business had taught school, been a high school principal and director of athletics. He went to Toledo in 1926 as Service Director for the National Exchange Club.

In the summer of 1946, Bro. Durnell of the Barlesville HTC was building a club in Guymon, Okla. F.E. Fields of Denver HTC gave the new club at Cheyenne, Wyo. a "glorious amount of cooperation. The Charter Night was outstanding. Fields also has Craig, Colo. and former Boulder Club moving to success. Int. V.P. Leonard Engstrom built the Decatur, Ill. Club & presented its charter. Little Rock is trying for 200 members, and hopes to build clubs in Pine Bluff and Hot Springs."

Tulsa hoped to lead the Oklahoma Clubs to a State Association. Wyandotte (Ohio) reported progressing under Pres. Claude Stootz. (First mention).

During September of 1946 there was correspondence between the President and a Walter Dubree of Phoenix, Ariz. regarding suggestion of Ralph B. Slippery, Waterloo, that he be briefed on High Twelve International. "I think the Hiram Club of Phoenix is the only existing club left of that organization, while we are on our way to more than 200 clubs in the United States and Canada." "...We have made some effort to have the club come into our fellowship and would like to continue this request. Inasmuch as our movement is a labor of love and our International dues are spent in building new clubs, for we have no employed officers, there is no financial problem."

"Wallie" reported in the September, 1946 High Twelvian that during the early summer the following clubs became fully chartered: Springfield, Ohio; Kankakee, Ill; Decatur, Ill; Collinsville, Ill; Moberly, Mo; Mexico, Mo; Ferguson, Mo; Camden, N.J. (Charter party 7/15/46); Granville, N.Y. (Charter presented by Wallie. Pres. Reynolds. Boone, Iowa 7/25/46; Bartlesville, Okla.

Clubs building: Boulder, Colo; Craig, Colo; Albany, N.Y. (organized Summer '46); Buffalo, N.Y. Girardeau, Mo; Poplar Bluff, Mo; McAlester, Okla; Pine Bluff, Ark; Hot Springs, Ark; Fayetteville, Ark.

"Meeting plans ready to set up in 76 cities; they can be started on their way as soon as Wallie can visit them, with correspondence being carried on in 50 new cities and towns." After his swing through New York and New England states during the summer of 1946, Wallie wrote, "I was ready for home after 2,575 miles by train and automobile; a stiff selling job, but glorious fellowship." "Illinois - 22 chartered clubs; 18 ready for charters, and 14 in making," Dr. D.L. Zelle, Pres. Ill.

Boyd Bakestraw of Berkeley, Pres. Calif. Assoc. of High Twelve Clubs. There are notations that the following clubs admitted in 1946: Omaha, Neb; Granville, N.Y., Sioux Falls, S.D. and Hayward, Calif;

Sec-Treas. W.J. Schoenfeld in the November, 1946 High Twelvian reported that attendance at many clubs was not what it should be. Clubs with good attendance were to send a report to "Masonry in Action" column so others could learn. Pres. Fla-Havhan wanted attendance at 50% or more; and more information on how to get better integration (better coordination or cooperation) between clubs.

"Just as every man and woman should have a philosophy of life, so should High Twelve. I am asking all of our members to send me a statement of what they feel our philosophy of life should be. From suggestions offered, I will ask the Board to formulate an official pronouncement," said President Holland F. FlaHavhan.

The DeMolay Committee, under Oren P. Tresslar, Chairman in November, 1946 sent out a questionnaire to all clubs to determine what they were doing for youth, specifically DeMolay. "DeMolay is not to be forced on any club by the Committee. It does urge support."

Effingham, Ill.'s Charter was issued in the summer or fall of 1946 with 51 members. Yates Ingram, Pres. Marshalltown (Iowa City) charter issued 9/26/46 with 38 members. Harry N. Snow, Pres. Richmond, Ind. charter issued 9/27/46 with 28 members. Carl C. Boram, Pres. About same time charter issued to Gravois (St. Louis) HTC, but number of members and president not shown. Hayward (Calif.) HTC charter issued Dec. 6, 1946, 61 members. Pres. Hans Agaard.

E.C. Wolcott, Chairman of Expansion in the November, 1946 High Twelvian said that Little Rock HTC had been assigned to bring to completion Pine Bluff, Fayetteville and Hot Springs, Ark.

"Missouri, led by State President Witthous and Treasurer Wm. Hecht will have a new club at Jefferson with about 100 members. Gravois HTC at St Louis to charter 12/1/46. Completing clubs at Cape Gerardeau, Sikeston, Fulton and Independence; getting ready for new starts at Booneville, Kirkwood, Marshall, Aurora, Nevada and Rella and Jefferson City.

"Iowa, Pres. Homer Hale of Iowa State Association building. New club chartered at Marshalltown. Clubs being pushed to charter in Clinton and Mason City. Ready for new starts - Dubuque, Webster City, Perry, Indianola and Newton.

"Indiana, with help of Indianapolis and Richmond Clubs can bring Anderson, Muncie, LaFayette, Ft Wayne, South Bend, Hammond into live clubs....and Vincennes and Terre Haute can complete Evansville. (Some wishful thinking?)

"Dr. Wallace J. Forbes is building splendidly in Trenton, N.J. He and Dr. Hess are flying to Miami, Fla. and Havana, Cuba. Some big plans are being laid for Southern California. Plans now completed for new starts in Louisville, Ky., Mobile, Alabama, New Orleans, Richmond and Washington, D.C.

"Illinois, New starts in Effingham, Edwardsville, Vandalia, Lincoln, Clinton, Herrin, Watseka most promising. To be finished - Marion, Murphysboro, Danville and Bloomington.

"Bro. Fields of Denver will build Boulder, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Craig. Work by mail is being done in Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, China, Phillipenes, Cuba, Australia, Honolulu and in due time results will come." (NOTE: Great dreams Wallie, and in some cases your dreams did come true.) DLP

Walter Dubree of the Hiram Club, Phoenix, Arizona to Wolcott, ".....at one time the members of the Nebraska and Arizona Hiram clubs visited back and forth, and then the depression hit and most of the Hiram Clubs fell by the wayside. The Phoenix Club is going good, and I don't think you will find anyone here interested in High Twelve." Wallie 11/18/46 in answer to above of 11/3/46, "....We have never made any effort to organize clubs in the cities where there was a Hiram Club excepting Lincoln, Nebr., feeling that they answered all the needs of local Masonry fellowship. We are to charter our first club in Nebraska, at Omaha, 12/12/46." "....Will you please assure your good friend Judge Baughn that we have no thought of entering into any controversy regarding values and will most certainly not do anything in Phoenix as to a High Twelve Club, and that we wish him every success with his fine club."

Marshalltown (Iowa) HTC Charter night; 38 charter members. H.T. representatives from Des Moines, Boone and Cedar Rapids. RICHMOND, Ind. - 11/46, Pres. H/F. FlaHavhan met at station by a big delegation, including mayor, sheriff, judge and the coronor. Charter presented at party where club members; so filled the dinning room the ladies couldn't be included.

Wolcott reporting on Expansion, December, 1946, "...Many of our new clubs have been slowed down by food problems and now by the coal strike, limiting churches and hotels where meetings were to be held. First meeting: Booneville and Marshall, Mo. and Alewein, Iowa. Second meeting, Vandalia and Effingham, Ill. Charters set for

December, 1946 Omaha, Neb., Gravois St Louis and Hayward, Calif.

"Working toward charters are 31 full groups. I am pursuing them as fast as possible by telephone, letters, personal visits." "State Organizations pending: Oklahoma (Tulsa) 1/10/47. Kansas & Indiana are being lined up. Our path to real growth is through active State Organizations (California, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Mo.) together with new prospective State Association." "Remember Brothers, I am fighting a battle every time I meet a group of men in a new city. I sometimes wonder who cares for the average members of Masonry."

During the Fall-Winter of 1946 the Michigan Association assigned one prospective neighboring city to every existing club, hopefully to start new clubs.

"Two years ago the Fort Madison, Iowa HTC started a movement to purchase an organ for the Masonic Temple, soliciting all local Masons. It was installed this fall, and is used by all organizations at the Temple. Cost about \$2,300.00. Club also purchased two hospital beds, now in constant use in private homes."

Granville, N.Y. reported membership of over 50, according to Pres. Donald R. Reynolds. "Only a few months after 12 men met to organize. Bro. E. C. Wolcott's inspiring address on Charter Night has much to do with our club's growth." Clayton, Mo. was now reporting membership of 200.

12/6/46 Hayward (Calif.) HTC charter party with 150 people at dinner. Charter presented by State Pres. Boyd Rakestraw. 3rd Int. V. P. Owen Carr installed. 7 clubs represented at State meeting Oakland 1/21/47. Owen Carr in charge of meeting. International President FlaHavhan warned the State Association it would have to handle affairs of High Twelve in their particular areas as International was getting too big for the International President to visit each club each year." Vinton Malcolm, Int. Rep.

Omaha HTC charter party 12/13/46. Pres. FlaHavhan presented charter to Pre. F. F. Roark.

A review of economic conditions might help to orient ourselves. The Dew-Jones averages 12/30/44 = 152.32; 12/31/45 = \$192.91; 12/31/46 = \$177.20; 12/31/47 = \$181.16. 12/31/48 = \$177.30; 12/41/49 = \$200.12. Average dividends 12/30/44 = \$6.57; 12/31/45 = \$6.69; 12/31/46 = \$7.50; 12/31/47 = \$9.21; 12/31/48 = \$11.50 and 12/31/49 = \$12.79. The cost of living was going up. A \$500.00 annuity in 1939 would only buy about \$380. by 1945. With 1939 as 100, the cost of living had gone to 160 in 1947; and purchasing power was down to 62 (from 100 in 1939).

A club apparently was started in Centralia, Ill. during the Summer or Fall of '46. The Mason City (Iowa) HTC charter was issued 1/23/47, 37 members. C. E. Leffler, Pres. Boulder (Colo.) HTC charter issued 2/28/47 with 32 members. Pres. Criss C. Hedge.

A Mid-Year Governing Board meeting was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Tulsa Hotel, Jan. 10 and 11, 1947. There was an organization meeting of the Oklahoma State Assn. It was voted to amend the By-Laws for approval at the next convention, to permit the Club Presidents to appoint the International Representatives with the approval of the (local) governing board.

President FlaHavhan appointed Guy Johnson, Toledo, Ohio as Dist. Governor, Ohio. Frederick Boston was authorized, empowered and directed to take possession of the charter originally issued to the Enid (Okla.) HTC about 1922....also to take any and all steps necessary to carry out mandate. FlaHavhan was authorized to effect a registration of the name and insignia of High Twelve in the U.S. Patent Office.

"President FlaHavhan is working on McCook, Neb. He has toured all United States west of Pennsylvania, contacting 70 clubs or delegates from clubs." 3/47 High Twelve'n.

1st V.P. Leonard Engstrom at the Mid-Year Meeting, 1/10-1/11/47, "...Growth of High Twelve is so rapid, present staff always behind, rather than ahead of the movement." "...High Twelve needs a qualified Executive Director, adequately remunerated,....to be appointed by the Board for a term of not less than five years, or for his lifetime, since this type of job should be permanent except for inefficiency or misconduct. The territory of the U.S. should be divided into 8 or 12 sections, with a Vice President immediate supervisor of a section of 4 or 6 states." "...under his supervision would fall the State Presidents. The Vice Presidents, President, Secretary and Treasurer would constitute the Board of Governors of International." "...Each State should have a State President as soon as the state is qualified for association with 5 or more clubs." "...General direction and supervision should emanate by correspondence from the Executive Director and Staff."

In January (1947) Pres. FlaHavhan installed Pasadena HTC and Alhambra HTC at a joint session.

The March, 1947 High Twelvian gave the results of questionnaire of DeMolay subcommittee...40% complete. 22 of 37 clubs reported had not sponsored youth movements; and only 3 reported actual DeMolay sponsorship. 7 stated DeMolay Chapters could be organized. 2 were willing to sponsor; 6 unwilling; and 29 declined to answer that question. 30 clubs reported existing chapters, of which 17 needed help.

Awards and rules for attendance stimulation contest were published. OMAHA, Neb. Charter night. Wolcott reported 3/47 that the Sioux City Founders Club #1 went 60 strong 200 mile drive to this. They are building a fine club in Onawa, Iowa, and making foundation contacts in Sioux Falls, S.D. and Freemont, Neb. The Omaha HTC is making beginnings in Council Bluffs, Iowa and Kearney & Lincoln, Neb.

International 1st V.P. Leonard Engstrom chartered Mason City, Iowa with Homer Hale, Pres. They reported working on Clinton and Oelwein. "The fine club of Enid, Oklahoma (one of the pioneer clubs) is returning to the International fellowship." "Springfield, Ill. HTC is building a club in Lincoln, Ill., assisted by Decatur and Peoria clubs. Decatur can give us clubs in Danville, Champaign and Bloomington."

From the Iowa State Association, "Illinois is skyrocketing in new High Twelve Clubs formed and Missouri has made some bashful prognostications. Your state President has insured International President FlaHavhan that Iowa would have 25 clubs by July 1, 1947. We now have 12 clubs and Mason City, Clinton and Oelwein should be chartered soon. Wallie will be in Onawa Dec. 12, and will contact Council Bluffs. Boone has accepted responsibility of Webster City and Ames. Marshalltown and Des Moines can take care of Newton. Waterloo will handle Charles City, Waverly and Dubuque. Burlington is going after Fairfield. Bros. We have a job to do. Iowa, the home of the 1st High Twelve Club should be at the top of the list for number of clubs. We must start now." Homer H. Hale, State President.

The Rock Island HTC (Ill) now 75 members (60 Jan. 1.) according to the March, 1947 High Twelvian. Assisted in reorganizing and is sponsor of Boy Scout Troop 19 and Cub pack 23....all crippled boys.

3/12/47 - TRUMAN DOCTRINE PROPOSED. 5/15/47 CONGRESS APPROVED. 6/5/47 MARSHALL PLAN OK'D BY CONGRESS.

Rangely, Colorado charter issued 4/26/47. Pontiac, Mich. charter issued April, 1947 with 65 members. Pres. Kenneth McVittie. Clinton, Iowa. Charter issued 2/28/47, 52 members. Jasper W. Morgan, Pres. Mattoon, Ill. charter issued 4/29/47. Pueblo, Colo. charter issued 5/9/47. 61 members. Pres. W.R. Dunn. Gavelers (Sioux Falls) S.D. charter issued 5/12/47. 75 members. H.D. Tannehill, Pres.

Wood River, Ill. HTC organized with 70 members. Increased to 86 1st year. Busy raising funds for temple for Blue Lodge.

The Independence, Mo. HTC charter was issued February, 1947, with W.D. Harvey as President. Owensboro, Ky. charter issued May 6, 1947 with 106 members. Pres. Dennis Dodson; Moline, Ill. HTC charter issued 5/13/47, 87 members. Pres. Horace E. Powelson; Lincoln, Ill. HTC charter issued 3/28/47 with 51 members, John T. Burns, Pres. Shreveport, La. charter issued 5/21/47, 51 members. Pres. Frank Brown.

The International Convention for 1947 was held in Detroit, Michigan at the Book-Cadillac Hotel. General Convention Chairman Earl Gullen, PIP. The speaker 5/29, Thursday afternoon was R.W. Paul D. Strawhecker, Immediate Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Michigan. There were Friday breakfasts for Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, with V.P. Leonard H. Engstrom presiding. For Int. Representatives, V.P. Fred A. Hunt presiding, and for Secretaries with Sec-Tr. W.J. Schoenfeld presiding. At the installation ceremonies, former Governor Wilber M. Brucker spoke.

President Flahavhan said that 5 years before there were only 31 clubs with 1990 members, whereas there were now 86 clubs with 7,662 members. Every club was to form a club. From May 27, 1946 to May 22, 1947 the following 32 clubs were organized: COLORADO: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, Rangely; ILLINOIS: Decatur, Effington, Kankakee, Lincoln, Mattoon, Moline; INDIANA: Richmond; IOWA: Boone, Clinton, Marshalltown, Mason City; KENTUCKY: Louisville & Owensboro; LOUISIANA: Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Detroit Southwest and Pontiac; MISSOURI: Independence, Ferguson, Jefferson City, Mexico, Moberly, St Louis (Gravois); NEBRASKA: Omaha. NEW JERSEY: Camden; NEW YORK: Granville; OHIO: Springfield; SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls.

Finances 6/1/46-5/27/47: Cash on hand 6/1/46 = \$3,433.30, Founders Fund \$160.98, Total = \$3,603.28. Receipts: 6/1/46 - 5/27/47 From clubs & charter fees \$17,498.85, Founders Fund \$578.87, Total \$18,077.72. Expenditures - 6/1/46-5/27/47 = \$15,498.59. Balance on hand 5/28/47 = \$6,072.95. Receivables from various clubs = \$1,670.48.

President Holland F. Flahavhan presented material to the Governing Board pertaining to the Magazine, "...so we can have a magazine commensurate with our size in influence." Office space was found to be at a premium and costly, so establishment of an International Office was delayed, and a paid secretary was not to be had without a very careful search. "Although such an office would have cut my work in half, I withheld action in this regard rather than put an undue burden on our budget."

Flahavhan then presented a plan, "...We must establish a definite policy or philosophy." He received no replies for suggestions for same. "...several Grand Masters are realizing that clubs affiliated with High Twelve International are not likely to overstep due bounds or misbehave as several unaffiliated clubs have done."

"To assist the clubs entertaining the Conventions, I have started a Convention Manual." "...I would recommend a similar manual for State Associations." "...International has grown to the place where the burdens of its management and control are almost beyond the International Officers, and particularly the International Pres."

"I have stressed the necessity of State Associations assuming the responsibility of the management of their clubs. I have been criticized for this policy, as some State Associations and local clubs feared International was deserting them. Such is definitely not the case or our intention." "...I felt (though) that the State Associations were entitled to a larger share of self determination and management."

"I have seen men nominated for office on the spur of the moment...because they were friends, not because of their qualification." "...I recommend...care in choosing, and choose those men who have manifested sufficient interest in the welfare of

the club and who were endowed with sufficient ability to fill the particular position." "...In the State Associations, more emphasis should be made from those men (who are) successful officers in local clubs." Then "there will be a reservoir of men tested and proven worthy who can fill International offices with distinction."

FlaHavhan during the year visited clubs in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, California, Kentucky and Canada; and at many of the meetings there were representatives of other clubs. He travelled 15,000 miles all at no expense to International, and presented 7 charters. (NOTE: the record indicates that FlaHavhan was responsible to a great extent for the phenomenal growth of International for a number of years. I feel that sufficient credit was never given him.) DLP

At the Detroit Convention 5/28-6/31, 1947 there were 577 registered delegates from 139 chartered clubs. Total membership 9,780.

Pres. FlaHavhan in complimenting his corps of officers, "Wallie has been working and travelling harder and farther than ever, with the result that we have chartered more clubs this year than any previous year." "...Our clubs are cooperating by working on the establishment of clubs. Let us adopt the slogan, "Every Club form a Club."

"We have graduated from a mere luncheon club to an organization with a definite philosophy and a program of endeavor above and beyond the scope of normal Masonic duties." "Numerous present and Past Grand Masters (etc.) have complimented us most highly on the high aims and programs which we have adopted."

E.C. Wolcott in the May, 1947 issue of the High Twelvian wrote, in speaking of the need for "a definite budget set up giving each state Association a fund of \$500.00 on carefully designed projects for new clubs." "...The creation of a Board of Trustees to handle our Founders Funds (forerunner of Wolcott Foundation Trustees); and expansion, "...when the right factors are assembled, a strong club can be completed and chartered in 60 days. Personal visits with smaller group, a high class selling job, meeting the standard objections which are always present, securing strong leaders as temporary officers, setting time and meeting place for 2nd meeting, securing mailing list of at least 50 Masons, getting letter in mail in time for reservations for luncheon or dinner...are all necessary if a successful club is to be built. The visiting group must be strong in organization ability.... or the trip and the expense will be a loss.

"Delay on the part of the local group kills the effort. The telephone has to be used. Men forget your invitation or their promise to be present." "...On the standard objection of too many Civic Clubs, what do they do for Masonry? And the objections cease."

The Birmingham, Mich. Htc had 34 prospects to work for formation of a club at Flint, Mich. The new Hayward HTC Pres. Hans Ogaard conducted a drive to help a family with 9 children 6 to 18 years old who were burned out. "Not one member asked whether they were Catholic, Jew or Protestant, black, yellow or white or their connections." "\$431.00 was collected and turned over to the family." Geo. Cracknell, In. Rep.

5/18/47 - The first High Twelve Club in Louisiana made its debut in Shreveport 5/18/47 with E.C. Wolcott as principal speaker. 42 members; 85 people present. Pres. Frank Brown, Sec-Treas. Mack Sneed.

The USA Patent Office 7/8/47 had issued a patent or trade mark #443695, "This is to certify by records of U.S. Patent Office it appears that International Association of High Twelve Clubs of St Louis, Mo., a Corporation of Missouri, etc. etc." established fact of trade mark.

Michigan State Assn. Pres. 1947-48, Norman W. Berry, Birmingham. Illinois Assn. Pres. 5/10/47 - Lawrence F. Kahl, Freeport. Meeting Peoria. Iowa - Homer Hale, Waterloo.

President Holland F. FlaHavhan on May 1, 1947 wrote all clubs, and urged them to get their credentials in immediately. He wanted names of delegates in advance so he could work on a list of committeemen.

Re. Club Activity Award, "High Twelve International, in order to promote its usefulness in the community and to justify its existencedeclares that its policy is to stimulate club activities looking to civic and community advancement in general and to the advancement of Masonry in particular" A system of prizes or awards for club activities was established by club projects of a civic and community nature, and for Masonic nature.

5/28/47 - 5/31/47 Governing Board Meeting, Detroit, Michigan....George LeRuez of East St Louis, Ill. presented a check from the World Fellowship Club for \$58.00, representing 29 charter members. Other charters granted Dennison, Iowa; Flint, Mich; and Webster City, Iowa.

An attempt to have the International Representative appointed by the club President instead of being elected was defeated. It was voted to completely revise the Constitution & By-Laws during the coming year.

Art. XVIII on meeting place and restrictions on activity of local clubs provided that "No constituent club directly or indirectly maintain quarters wherein gambling, drinking or other improper activities are carried on or permitted which might bring International or the local club into disrepute."

"No constituent club of High Twelve International shall carry on any activity which might subject it to suit without first obtaining and maintaining in full force and effect full insurance coverage against public liability and such other risks as it might assume by such activity."

A brief outline of the composition of duties of officers of International, State Association, regions (zones) and local clubs apparently died aborning. The reports stressed: 1, Building of new clubs by your club, cooperating with your State Association and International Extension Committee; 2, To make your club successful, don't lean on someone else. Have great meetings, highly informal fellowship, and information; 3, Serve Masonry...find a fine task in your own city, and don't ape the Civic Luncheon Club...be Masonic; 4, Share your experience of successful meetings and service tasks with other High Twelve Clubs...tell it through the High Twelvian; 5, Answer your letters...read your letters from International Officers to your club. It's never your private mail! 6, Build up your membership, stimulate attendance and have a real project committee plan. Don't have bull sessions at club meetings. Thrash your problems out in Directors' Meetings; Know when your club is slipping...act at once.

L.H. Engstrom, upon entering his year of presidency said, "We have the necessary man power, the ability, the desire and willingness to consolidate the gains to date, to solidify the clubs now in operation, to revitalize clubs which have inclined toward self-sufficiency, or action for their own pleasure, forgetting the bigger task of taking Masonic Philosophy more completely into their community, outside of the Lodge Rooms." "....A healthy club and organization must be in the process of rebuilding and mending every week, month and year, not after decay has overcome all possibility of re-vitalization."

"Every Past President of State Associations becomes an active member of the Advisory Board." "....."to advise International on the needs and wishes of local clubs and communities."

CHAPTER 5
E.C. "WALLIE" WOLCOTT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At the International Convention, Detroit, May 31 the following were elected to hold office: President - Leonard H. Engstrom, St Louis; 1st V.P. Fred A. Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; 2nd V.P. Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Calif; 3rd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia; Immed. Past Pres. Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer William F. Hecht, Overland, Mo. and Editor of the High Twelve Walter A. Anderson, Birmingham, Mich. 5/31/47.

Of greatest importance was the employment by the Governing Board of Founder and President Emeritus E.C. "Wallie" Wolcott as Executive Director of High Twelve International. Wallie was now firmly in the saddle, to govern for many years, regardless of who was President. They were to be years of great growth, consolidation, growth of the Wolcott Fund (later the Wolcott Foundation), dissention and finally in his extreme old age, outright revolt. They were exciting years for High Twelve. DLP

Mrs. Lucille Koenig, Past Matron Polar Star Chapter #134 OES was the office secty. A club activities and projects award system was established, with a banner going to the winner, to be passed on to the next year's winner, etc.

Holland FlaHavhan said there seemed to be greater cooperation between International and the clubs. "The State Associations are functioning much better than ever before." "... Established clubs in innumerable instances worked very hard to build new clubs." "... Only the Windsor, Ont. club qualified us for an 'International' Organization." "... Even though we stressed expansion in virgin territory, we did not neglect established states." (policy) justified by our results, namely 35 new clubs. My experience as an International Officer has proven that any club which actually participates in extension work is greatly benefited and strengthened..."

"The report of the State Presidents revealed a new power unit for growth", said Wolcott. "Hale of Iowa; Fields of Colorado; Zelle of Illinois; Withaus of Missouri; Rakestraw of California; and Shaffer of Michigan... They are club builders. These State Associations are larger than our former International Conventions; and give fine promise of splendid growth in new clubs and programs."

"A beautiful loving cup presented by International President Engstrom went to the Decatur, Ill. Club for the finest work of the year. The Educational Fund trophy for saving the most pennies per member, went to the Dayton, Ohio club. Outstanding work of the Convention: 1, Establishment of Trustees and plan for the Founder's Fund; 2, Copywriting and protection of our name and insignia; 3, appointment of a strong committee to continue the study of objectives; 4, Re-affirmation of objectives and pledge of continued efforts to inculcate among brethren of recognized Masonic affiliations; The union of Masons in the happy bonds of a social hour to inform themselves of the progress and truths of Masonry, to inspire and encourage the practice of those virtues which will aid in civic betterment in the up-building of the principles of good government, in the advancement of education, and in the building of its members in honorable and successful living."

"5, Named a committee to prepare and present to the 1948 Convention a Constitution and By-Laws rebuilt to guide us these growing days. Chaired by Hugh Allerton, PIP."

1947-48 Committee Chairmen: Constitution & By-Laws, Hugh G. Allerton, PIP, Michigan; Expansion, Holland F. FlaHavhan, PIP, Illinois; Education & Penny Fund, Harry L. Buckalew, PIP, Calif; Convention Manual & Organization Guide, Earl Gullen, PIP, Michigan; Standardization, Delmer C. Gowing, Sec., Michigan; Projects & Local Objectives, Judge Berry Sisk, Iowa; DeMolay, Oren P. Tresslar, Indiana; Handicrafts, Albert P. Belanger, Illinois; Youth Movement in Masonry, Charles S. Johnson, Kentucky; Masonic Service, Earl Delzell (Grand Sec. Iowa Gr. Lodge); Necrology, Rev. Erich E. Leibner, Mo.

The office of Executive Director E.C.Wolcott was now located at 418 Olive St., St.Louis,Mo. Suite 523. The Board's instructions were that, "International Office will have full charge of service to all clubs new and old, all supplies, information and assistance."

"The Sioux City HTC is sponsoring a campaign to raise \$15,000.00 for a residence for boys at the Omaha Masonic Home for Boys," according to the August, 1947 High Twelvian, "the Lodge being financially overburdened at that time. Boys from 9 states are being cared for there. Operated by individual Masons, not Grand Lodge. Only boys whose parents were not Masons admitted."

Charters issued to the following clubs: MOBILE, Ala. 6/14/47, 25 members. Pres. C.A.Roberts; WEBSTER CITY (1959 changed to Glen E.Long), Iowa, 6/18/47, 38 members. Pres.Earl Web; COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. 5/10/47, 39 members, Pres.James D.Hartman; BIRMINGHAM, Ala., 8/12/47, 56 members, Pres.Edgar A.Stovall; BAKERSFIELD, Calif., 9/20/47, with 42 members. B.Willis Weekes,Pres; STERLING (Rock Falls) Ill., 9/20/47, 33 members, Pres.O.C.Daggert; FLINT, Mich., 1947, 44 members; DOWNTOWN LOUISVILLE, Ky., 1947, 82 members, Pres.Charles S.Johnson; Notation that Marvelous Marin received charter in 1947.

The New Jersey State Association was organized September 29, 1947. The first State "Governor" under the Association banner was Harry A.Louderback, who served the 1948 term. He was a member of the Camden club. At the joint meeting of the Philadelphia and Camden clubs 9/27/47 at the Sylvania Hotel, Philadelphia, Dr.Eden S.Magaw, Associate Dean, Temple University Law School was temporary chairman; and at that time plans were formulated to build a club in Trenton.

At the California Association Convention, Franklin J.Ives of Pasadena was elected to serve the 1947-48 terms. International President L.H.Engstrom moved from St Louis to San Diego, Calif. 9/18/47. On 9/20/47 he chartered the Bakersfield HTC. Bill Weeks, formerly of the Pasadena HTC built the club. W.L.Hopperstead as President of the Pasadena HTC presided at Pasadena's first Ladies Day affair. Past Presidents Bowman, Ives and Buchanan very active.

In the Fall of 1947, the "Andy" Anderson Class of 16 new members was inducted into the Birmingham, Mich.HTC. Anderson, PIP and Editor of the High Twelvian, founded Birmingham HTC, at this time largest in Michigan. "Moving to larger quarters made it possible to increase membership limit to 125." It also claimed to be the first evening club in International.

Wallie reports State Director, PSP Walter Witthaus, St Louis, Director of Expansion had split the state into 6 districts, each with a Chairman. FULTON, Mo. 2 meetings of local committee;"right leadership has got to be found." MARSHALL, Mo. Dinner meeting with group. Club will be completed. BOONEVILLE, Mo. luncheon and visits with local leaders. JEFFERSON CITY will develop a club here when leadership found.

"Correspondence with Brothers in Rolla, Nevada, Poplar Bluff, Joplin and Aurora and Kirksville, Mo. St Joseph will build a club in CHILLICOTHE. SIKESTON held 1st luncheon. Will complete in Fall. CAPE GIRARDEAU 1st visit and luncheon held; will be completed. NORTHSIDE St Louis in process of being rebuilt."

"In Iowa, Past State President Homer Hale says Dubuque ready for 1st meeting. CHARLES CITY, temporary organization. LE MARS and CHEROKEE - Sioux City to arrange. Council Bluffs - Omaha HTC to complete. NEVADA - Lists and first group being organized" in this Nebraska town."Lists of 1st group being organized." In ILLINOIS, Pres. Larry Kahl starting a real drive for clubs. Geo.LaRuez helping in Southern Illinois. Lincoln has been asked to sponsor BLOOMINGTON. CHAMPAIGN has a High Twelve Club but doesn't pay dues. Should be requested not to use our name."

"MARTON - 1st meeting held. MURPHYSBORO And BLOOMINGTON also; DANVILLE 2 meetings held. Needs new leadership; STERLING and LA GRANGE on way to charters. MOLINE - Rock Island trying. VANDALIA - Temporary organization; MT VERNON ready for 1st meeting. AURORA, ELGIN, DIXON, LAWRENCEVILLE and CLINTON all in correspondence stage. KENTUCKY led by Fgm Johnson. Many contacts in State."

"OHIO: Much work on Cincinnati and Columbus, but no results yet. Work is to be done in CLEVELAND and AKRON. CALIFORNIA: POMONA - 1st meetings held, and temporary officers elected. Correspondence successful in Santa Barbara, Riverside, San Bernardino, Glendale, Tulare, Sacramento and Modesto. Newport Beach hopeless."

"Masonic Clubs already in Long Beach, Santa Monica and San Diego....working on them. There is a real building power in California clubs and splendid possibilities. ARKANSAS: Our clubs in FORT SMITH, LITTLE ROCK and VAN BUREN have not developed the club building spirit. PINE BLUFF held first meeting and elected temporary officers; but looks hopeless. HOT SPRINGS lists complete and ready for first meeting. FAYETTEVILLE's first meeting held and leadership elected. Never held a second meeting."

"EASTERN ZONE - International 3rd V.P. Dr.J.Wallace Forbes of Philadelphia. Camden is a fine club. Trenton in the making. Trying other Eastern Cities. SOUTHEAST ZONE - Active contacts in Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia and Virginia. MICHIGAN will give us 5 new clubs this year. NEW YORK - Our work in Albany and Buffalo completely defeated by failure of leaders chosen; and local Masonic jealousies just could not be overcome. ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE hold promise."

President L.H.Engstrom, in the December, 1947 High Twelvian wrote, "...It has long been my contention and sincere feeling that without a project or an objective, a club has no right to live. Without objective a human being has no purpose." "...All of the worthy objectives open for service and sponsorship by High Twelve do not always appeal to a majority, and we of International bow to the desire and aims of all clubs. Unquestionably one objective will be found in due time which will have equal appeal to all clubs as a firm basis for existence, and as an energizing influence upon club building and maintenance. Meanwhile, let no club disintegrate for want of a purpose for their own existence."

"Archaeological Origin of Masonry" was the name of a talk given by Dr.O.J. Kennamen, one of two survivors of a group of 22 men who opened the tomb of King Tut, said, "Masonry did not have its beginning in Europe in the 17th Century. I do not know where or when the Principles of Masonry had their beginning. But years of archaeological study in Egypt shows that it came into Egypt in the Days of the Pharaohs, maybe from India, and there are signs it came to India from the Continent of Mu."

"Dr.Kinnamon related that in 158B.C. the ruler of Egypt sought to educate his people, and when he found it not practical, he summoned a group of young men and taught them personally in his palace, and that a secret order along the lines of Freemasonry was evolved; that in 1,200 B.C. other lodges were formed in other countries, and that in 1,000 B.C. Solomon came to Egypt from Palestine to study, married a daughter of the Pharaoh, carried the idea of the order back to Jerusalem and built the famous temple in Jerusalem. This temple was almost identical to ancient temples found in Egypt."

"He described the unwrapping of the mummy of King Tut and the revelation that when the many layers had been unwound from the middle of the mummy they found the Masonic Apron." Submitted by Jackson,Mich.HTC to October,1947 High Twelvian.

Rangeley, Colorado is an oil town in Western Colorado. There was no Blue Lodge. It was about 60 miles from closest one. About 100 Masons in town. Two members of the Denver HTC made the trip of 330 miles through passes to present the charter to 50 members. Members from 17 Blue Lodges from various states, 120 miles to railroad.

Late summer of 1947 MOBILE (Ala.) HTC, first in Alabama, chartered in summer home of the Southalls on the banks of Mobile Bay, 35 miles from Mobile after a "red snapper" dinner under a 315 year old spreading oak tree with branch spread of 150 feet. Pres. C.A. Roberds unable to be present on account of an auto accident. Charter presented by E.C. Wolcott to V.P. J.S. Southall, Jr.

The new High Twelve Club of OWENSBORO, Ky. had their first Ladies Night; wonderful program and delicious dinner. Fall of 1947 WEBSTER CITY, Iowa HTC formed by Boone HTC, 42 charter members. Int. Pres. Engstrom presented charter.

The October, 1947 issue of the High Twelvian carried first advertising in years. Wolcott reported, "Indianapolis is a strong club, and will help on new clubs in Kokomo, Anderson, Muncie and Fort Wayne," he wrote in the November, 1947 High Twelvian. "International Representative Otto Cox joined me at Lafayette, Ind. where a new club was started, to be under guidance of Bro. Cox. Charter set for 12/19/47. Fort Dearborn welcomes a score of new members."

"A committee from the Omaha Club met me at the train. We studied plans for 1948 Convention. The Omaha Club membership will go to 300 before January 1, 1948. Tuesday at Kansas City, Mo. we gave study to a club in North Kansas City. At 6:30PM a fine banquet for the Kansas City area clubs; a fine delegation attending from the new Independence, Mo. club. Missouri State Director of Extension, Walter Withaus, made a masterful speech. He spent most of the week on new clubs in Missouri. Wednesday on to Topeka....under the direction of Newell George, Temporary Chairman, the Kansas State Association was formed. Bill Schoenfeld was elected Secretary.

"Wednesday night at Manhattan and began working on the telephone calling for a new club starting Thursday noon. With the fine help of Newell George and six Brothers of the Topeka Club, a fine start was made on a new club."

During the early Fall of 1947 the Oklahoma State Association was formed with Edward Probert of Tulsa as President. MASONRY IN ACTION, October 26, 1947, Sunday, the Michigan Masonic Home at Alma was presented with 5 ceiling projectors, together with 25 books on film, partly through donations of the many MICHIGAN HTCs.

TWIN CITIES (Sterling & Rock Falls, Ill.) charter presented by Illinois State Association Pres. Larry Kahl. The Ladies Auxiliary organized with Mrs. Elmer Carl, Pres.

2nd International Vice President O.C. Carr wrote in the December, 1947 High Twelvian, "...That group (1st H1 12 club 25 years earlier) planned well, because their vision has brought together over 10,000 members in about 135 clubs in American and Canadian cities. At the present rate of organization, five more years will see 500 clubs with 50,000 members, many of which will be in foreign countries. Remember, we have no paid organizers in High Twelve International." (NOTE: About 285 clubs and 21,5000 members in 4 countries as of 5/1/75. What happened?) DLP

"The FOUNDERS FUND....set up by the initial contribution of Wallie and wife," December, 1947 High Twelvian, "to be broadly used to develop leadership among talented Masonic youth....example, Masonic Homes. Carefully selected top-grade material (boys & girls) can be selected and backed by the Trustees of the Founder's Fund."

"...Every club pass the penny box. An average of 10¢ a year would give us \$1,000.00. If the average went to \$1.00, we could put a \$10,000.00 investment into youth." Harry L. Buckalew, PIP, Chairman Founder's Fund Committee.

Quincy, Ill., "...Watch your step when you come into the dining room, because our tailtwister Carl Menke will be on your neck for a dime if you don't have your button on." LAFAYETTE, Ind. Chartered 12/19/47 with Merrill Spec President and E.W. Curtin, Sec. It was guided by Otto W. Cox of Indianapolis.

TWIN CITY HTC (Sterling & Rockfalls, Ind.) chartered 11/20/47, with Pres. O.C. Dattart and Secretary John E. Hall. JOLIET, Ill., temporary President Julius Westphal, Jr., Temporary Secretary Raymond J. Harvey. LEMAY (St Louis) Temporary President Anthony DeBasio, Temp. Sec. Harry Stubblefield.

TRENTON, N.J. chartered in November with Temporary President Paul M. Trout. MANHATTAN, Kan. Temp. Pres. E.A. Miller, Temp. Sec. Lenland Keefer. ROYAL OAK, Mich. HTC bought a ceiling projector for the Masonic home at Alma 10/46. The STOCKTON, Calif. HTC in the fall of 1947 raised the membership limit from 100 to 125, and expected to reach the limit by December. 1/16/48-1/17/48 International Mid Year meeting at Louisville, Kentucky.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. Charter issued 1/23/48, 85 members. Pres. Lloyd W. Littell. LEMAY, Mo. Charter issued 1/29/48, 53 members. Pres. Antony DeBasio. KANSAS CITY (College of O & S), Mo. charter issued 2/3/48, 17 members, Pres. Gordon Marcom. LAWRENCE, Kan. charter issued 3/23/48, 30 members, H. Herbert Tuller, Pres. MANHATTAN, Kan. Charter issued 3/12/48, 24 members, Pres. E.L. Alter; JOLIET, Ill. charter issued 3/31/48, 60 members, Pres. E. Charles Cohenour. FINDLEY, Ohio Charter issued 3/4/48, 216 members, with C.H. Duttweiler Pres. BRIDGETON, N.J. chartered 4/16/48, 61 members, Pres. Francis F. Gaskill. BOWLING GREEN, Ohio charter issued 4/9/48, 92 members, with Pres. Harry E. Marlin.

2/25/48 CZECHOSLOVAKIA JOINED COMMUNIST BLOCK
April 1948 - SOVIET BACKED WEST BERLIN. USA STARTED AIRLIFT

"Twenty Toledo High Twelve Club members motored to FINDLAY, Ohio to aid in establishing a new club 3/4/48 with 240 charter members; largest club ever instituted. High Allerton PIP presented charter. Principal address E.C. Wolcott. Pres. Harold E. Ryder, Sec. J.W. Whitmer." (NOTE: above it shows 216 charter members.)

LAWRENCE, Kansas HTC under leadership of Newell George and Bill Benson of the Topeka Club charter presented 3/23/48 by Wm. Schoenfeld Past Int. Sec.-Tr., now President of the Kansas Association. OAKLAND (Calif.) HTC averaged 116 attendance as of January 19, 1948.

TRENTON HTC by another old record actually received charter on March 29, 1948. Shortly thereafter the Philadelphia, Camden and Trenton clubs held a meeting to form the PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT, Harry A. Landerback of the Camden Club was elected first President. "He pledged his full support to HTI. A concentrated effort was then begun in Bridgeton, N.J., where a club was chartered. At a meeting at GANDY BEACH on Delaware Bay at summer home of Pres. Gaskill of Bridgeton Club, representatives of the 4 clubs were present and an expansion drive was pledged." (NOTE: the 1947 "1st" meeting must have been for temporary organizing purposes only.) DLP

Past International President and long time Editor of the High Twelvian Magazine Walter A. (Andy) Anderson was reported as being seriously ill in the April, 1948 issue...no visitors allowed. Wolcott pinch hit.

Pres. L.H. Engstrom listed the projects of some of the High Twelve clubs nationwide. Projects included: 1 - Sending youth to college; 2 - Sending youth from Masonic Home to High School; 3 - Participation in city-wide youth movement; 4 - DeMolay work; 5 - hospital bed plan; 6 - A Poliomyelitis treatment clinic; 7 - Cooperation with Salvation Army; 8 - Church attendance; 9 - Book projectors to

Masonic Homes and to hospitals; 10 - A rest home for children ill with rheumatic fever; 11 - Contributions (up to \$7,000.00) to Masonic Homes; Clubs could not be assessed. Dues to International could not be increased....a beginning....passing the penny cup.

Past International President Harry L. Buckalew reporting on a plan of action for the Founder's Fund Committee: "High Twelve is under way on a great common International objective. Articles of Incorporation have been drawn up. Five Trustees will administer the fund." "...There is almost no practical limit on the scope of influence of our Founder's Fund. There must be an initial sum for our Trustees to allot."

The April, 1948 High Twelvian carried the "Ten Commandments for a successful meeting: 1 - Quit on time; 2 - Sergeant-at-Arms greet everyone with a smile; 3 - Sing; 4 - Serve meals promptly; 5 - Use Vice Presidents for introduction of speakers; 6 - Business sessions are business; let the Directors attend to business; 7 - Have regular meetings of Directors...and give them something to do; 8 - Keep programs high class. Fight smut and over-sex trends; 9 - Be an 'Action' club; a 'lazy' belly club is a waste of time; 10 - Watch club killers, time wasters, poor or irregular programs, overtime sessions, cliques, lack of purpose and failkres to meet and solve difficulties." ECW

RIVERSIDE, Calif. HTC charter issued 4/16/48, 62 members, S.G. Billingsley, Pres. AURORA, Ill. charter issued 5/5/48 with 177 members. Pres. Vaughn V. Moore. SAN DIEGO Calif. charter issued 5/27/48, with 57 members. Hugh R. Morick, Pres.

Executive Director Wolcott to PIP Holland F. FlaHavhan May 7, 1948 called his attention to a jeweler, Stange Mfg. Co. had made up some of "our gold lapel buttons for the MacArthur HTC. I did not know this until after it had happened. Now we find out that he has taken our emblem and taken off the name "High Twelve" and has put the word "Low" Twelve and submitted samples to brothers of Low Twelve Clubs here in St Louis.

"I called him this morning and informed him that this emblem was copyrighted that he had no right submitting it for other uses. He immediately became incensed that we should even question his right to do this, and said that he would not desist with the use of it in Low Twelve Clubs or any other use until he was officially notified and given the number of the copyright, etc." ".....Therefore, you will have to handle this matter as our legal advisor."

Holland FlaHavhan Immediate Past President to Wolcott 5/15/48, "....copy of letter to Stange Mfg. regarding the mis-use of our emblem, which is self-explanatory. I had to relegate to myself, the office of General Counsel for this purpose to make the letter as strong as possible. This is another reason why we should have a General Counsel to work with the Board in such matters. I believe this should be on the agenda of the Board to present to the Convention in Omaha.

"Before writing this letter, I procured the advice of Roy H. Olson, who is handling our registration." "....I do not know whether or not we have a member in St Louis who is a Patent Lawyer, so got from Roy the name of a competent Patent Lawyer in St Louis, in case we had to really take this fellow to task. He is: Delos G. Haynes...." "In case I do not hear from Stange, you will have to keep your eye on the situation to see if he continues to sell these buttons."

State Association Presidents: CALIF: Franklin J. Ives, Pasadena; MISSOURI: Walter H. Witthaus, Southside St. Louis; Dr. G. E. Varsey, Detroit-Southeast; ILLINOIS: Lyle Kipta, Collinsville; IOWA: Clyde I. Inman, Keokuk; OHIO: William H. Smith, Toledo.

94 GOODWIN CREASON passed away April 11, in the Spring of 1948. He, almost as much as E.C.Wolcott was responsible for the early growth of High Twelve as a multi-club organization. He was born in 1865, and there is little about his personal life until the time he picked up the ball and carried it when Wallie moved to Kansas City and told him about the High Twelve Club he had organized in Sioux City in 1920. He was a prominent lawyer, and had a lot of influential Masonic connections in the mid-west. He appeared to have been a born organizer, writer of by-laws, pamphlets, etc.

The May-June, 1948 High Twelvian article, written by Wallie, a great personal friend, said, "Goodwin Creason at the end of five years of great suffering and bed confinement passed on to his reward April 11th at St Barnabas Hospital in Minneapolis. He was buried at Forest Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

"Brother Creason was a true founder of High Twelve. He founded the Kansas City club; organized the International; wrote its first Constitution and By-Laws, edited with Wallie the present pamphlets, and was the 2nd President of High Twelve International. He secured our incorporation, gave many hours of legal and Masonic advice and direction in our early days. He was a Past Master, Member of Scottish Rite and Shrine of Kansas City. He is survived by a lovely family...Mrs. Creason, daughters Dorothy and Roberta and a Son Chilton. He was a Senior Partner of one of Kansas City's great law firms.

"His great contribution cannot be measured in work. His time, money and great faith in High Twelve were given in great volume. It has always been a deep sorrow to me that because of his sore affliction he could not be with us in these days of growth to see the fine results of his untiring work.

"He was a very personal friend. Creason, Herb Towner and myself were bound together in a great friendship through the fellowship of High Twelve...Wallie."

(NOTE: While the question of who was the first president of the International High Twelve Club may be the subject of debate for a hundred years, the record is clear that Goodwin Creason was acknowledged to be 1st president in all of the earliest records, and Wallie as the founder.....a sort of a compromise which acknowledged the fact that Wallie was the man who conceived the idea, helped form the first club (he was not its president), and created a committee of that club as its chairman with the avowed purpose of organizing clubs elsewhere, that he moved to Kansas City and "sold" Creason on the idea of forming a High Twelve Club. When Sioux City, Oakland and Kansas City, however, held a joint meeting with proxies, Creason was elected first president. Years later Creason's name as first president was dropped and he was shown as second president of International. It really doesn't make much difference. These two good Masons created the International High Twelve movement between them as, let us say, partners.) BLP

At the 23rd Annual Charter party of the Kansas City (Kan.) HTC, more than 100 members and wives honored Wm.J. (Bill) Schoenfeld with a High Twelve International framed certificate of appreciation for his services to International as International Secretary, 1940-47.

SPRING OF 1948: E.C.Wolcott was enthusiastic about the Jackson High Twelve's method of recognizing wholesome youth. S.F.Gorbett, Project Chairman of the Club "says they" invited the Superintendent of Schools President of the Ministerial Association, Area Chief Executive of Boy Scouts, Secretary of the YMCA, Dad Advisor and Master Counselor of DeMolay, Worthy Advisor and Mother Advisor of Rainbow for Girls and County School Commissioner to meet and gave wholehearted approval....and provided lists of names to send recommendation blanks. A Minister in the club acted as Chairman of the Judges Committee (non-members not known as judges except to Chairman himself).

"The merit award of the High Twelve Club for Young American of the Month covers Bravery. courtesy, loyalty. truthfulness, cheerfulness, perserverance, honesty, in-

tegrity, tolerance, frugality, altruism, charity, industry, kindness, patriotism, unselfishness, politeness and temperance. The award is signed by the President of the club."

The Extension Committee.... "Holland and Wallie"; Charters - JOLIET, Ill; MANHATTAN & LAWRENCE, Kan; BRIDGETON, N.J; KANSAS CITY, Mo. #2. Nearing charter - CALIFORNIA: San Diego, Glendale, Riverside, Corona; Starting: Los Angeles, Sacramento and Santa Ana; MISSOURI: Mound City (St Louis), Rolla & Jackson; ILLINOIS: La Grange & Aurora; IOWA: Dubuque; OHIO: Bowling Green; MICHIGAN: Port Huron; COLORADO: Fort Collins; ON DESK FOR STARTING: INDIANA: Anderson, Kokomo, Ft Wayne, Evansville; ILLINOIS: Edwardsville, Vandalia & Dixon; KENTUCKY: Frankfort, Madisonville, Lexington, Hopkinsville and Louisville #2; MISSOURI: Sedalia, Booneville, Cape Girardeau & Nevada.

HERBERT A HOOD, International Secretary-Treas. 1933-34 was given a plaque on behalf of High Twelve International at a dinner in his honor at the Hotel DeAnza (Oakland?). Hood organized the first High Twelve State organization in 1928, and was State President in 1938.

WILLIAM BENSON, International Secretary & Treasurer for four years (1935-39) was honored by the Topeka, Kansas Club. Past International President Al Williams presented Bro. Bill a beautiful hand engraved and framed Certificate of Appreciation from the International Governing Board.

LA GRANGE, Ill. HTC charter issued 5/19/48, 44 members, Fred Lynn President. DUBUQUE, Iowa HTC charter issued 6/2/48, 65 members, Glenn L. Dewey Pres. ROLLA, Mo. HTC charter issued 6/4/48, 63 members, Clyde O. Reineehl Pres. PORT HURON, Mich. HTC charter issued 6/23/48, 54 members, Earl Madill, Pres.

DUBUQUE (Iowa) Charter night 6/2/48, 100 present. PIP Holland FlaHavhan gave the address. A big delegation came from Waterloo. Pres. G.L. Dewey, Sec-Treas. T.V. Haas.

"MISSOURI also has plans to purchase 1,350 acres of beautiful Ozark land for a Boys Ranch for underprivileged boys. Missouri reported 5 new clubs. CALIFORNIA Association meeting in Stockton re-elected Franklin J. Ives State President. Have 3 new clubs and are dividing the state into areas for expansion.

"MICHIGAN: Royal Oak raised \$6,000.00 for childrens' playground. MtClemens \$1,400.00 for athletic stadium; Roseville \$300.00 for eye correction for 4 children; Redford - 2 boys to Boys State, athletic equipment and \$700.00 Red Cross. SouthEast Detroit \$240.00 to DeMolay; Northwest Detroit \$600.00 for "Y" memberships. Port Huron chartered 6/23/48."

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION June 20-23, 1948, OMAHA, Nebr., Hotel Fontenelle. Gen'l Convention Chairman E. Lynne (Elk) Kilgore. Speaker Monday morning Most Worshipful Elmer E. Magee, Grand Master Masons in Nebraska. Monday project talks on DeMolay, (Maplewood, Mo.); Books, gifts (Dr. G.E. Varsey, Pres. Michigan HTC); Hospital Beds (W.E. Zartman, Freeport HTC); Omaha Masonic Home for Boys (J.D. Knutson, Sioux City HTC); Go To Church (Otto F. Leffler, South Side HTC, St Louis).

Tuesday - Leadership Breakfasts: Sec. & Treas. Delmer C. Gowing; Club Presidents & Officers & Directors, Fred A. Hunt V.P.; State Presidents, Officers & Executive Committee, Holland FlaHavhan PIP; International Representatives, Dr. J. Wallace Forbes. Model Luncheon conducted by Omaha H. Winslow Van Brunt, Pres. Necrology, Bishop Stephen Robinson. Presentation of Past President's Key by Founder E.C. Wolcott to Outgoing President Leonard H. Engstrom.

Report of Executive Director E.C. Wolcott. New office Suite 523, 418 Olive St., St Louis, Mo. He consolidated the High Twelve International records; employed Mrs. Lucille Koenig to take care of correspondence, mailing lists, club reports, mimeo-

graphing, mailing supplies, general bookkeeping, monthly club reports, statements, telephone, etc. 10,800 outgoing and 3,500 incoming letters and packages. Because of Andy Anderson's illness, Wallie edited the April, May & June High Twelvians.

New clubs: ALABAMA: Mobile and Birmingham; CALIFORNIA: Bakersfield, Riverside and San Diego. ILLINOIS: Joliet, LaGrange, Aurora, Sterling-Rock Falls; INDIANA: Lafayette; IOWA: Dubuque; MICHIGAN: Flint Port Huron; MISSOURI: LeMay (St Louis), Kansas City #2; KANSAS: Manhattan & Lawrence (More Missouri) Rolla, Midtown and Mound City; NEW JERSEY: Bridgeton & Trenton; OHIO: Findlay, Bowling Green; Illinois: World Fellowship.

Sick clubs: Oklahoma City, Carbondale, Ill., Peoria, Ill, Downtown Peoria #1; Moberly, Mo; Columbia, Mo; Springfield, Ohio; Richmond, Ind; Okmulgee, Okla.... Reasons - poor food, no place to eat, no project, shift of employment, leadership, coldness between Masonic groups, lack of Board of Directors meetings.

Ten largest clubs in order: Sioux City 296; Findlay, Ohio 230; Omaha 204; Louisville 200; Aurora, Ill. 167; Topeka 163; Pasadena 147, Fresno 146, Denver 144 and Toledo 141.

Convention thanked Executive Director Wolcott for his unselfish and untiring efforts. "Under his leadership we will continue to grow and prosper. He has shown the way." Thanked PIP Hugh G. Allerton for the many hours of his tedious, exacting and complicated work and effort in re-writing of the Constitution & By-Laws of H.T.I., which were adopted by the Convention.

They recommended retention of PIP Holland FlaHavhan as Chairman of the Committee on Expansion because of his experience, unselfish devotion and success in this field. Commended the fine work of PIP "Andy" Anderson for his many years as Editor of the High Twelvian.

The Objective Committee recommended (later supported by Resolution) that "It is time for High Twelve International to adopt a general plan or objective that will appeal to all (clubs), details of which could be worked out by each local or state group, yet adhering in principle to the International Objective, under International direction and assistance. We should adopt without further delay an objective closely related to the idea of Masonry (Hospitals for crippled children built & maintained by the Shrine was an example of such an objective translated into practical reality).

"We therefore suggest that the care of Boys in Protestant Christian homes would be a worthy objective with followup requirements...a home not an institution. 2, Educational training in public schools; 3, regular attendance at church and bible schools without denominational restriction; 4, Management and leadership to first meet with approval of H.T.I. Such homes to serve 3 to 5 state areas." Chairman of Com. Berry J. Sisk.

Wallie said that this committee had opened wide the great door of service. "The underprivileged boy is not a delinquent." He cited Omaha Masonic Home for Boys as a good example. The Kansas City, Mo. and Hannibal, Mo. wives were exploring the idea for an organization for High Twelve wives, according to Mrs. Elmer Carl, K.C., Mo.

"The new Constitution & By-Laws made very real and outstanding provisions for the Founder's Fund. It provides every safeguard for the administration of Trust Funds left to its care."

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska Most Worshipful Elmer E. Magee in his address mentioned the Masonic Temple west of Denver on which is inscribed, "Freemasonry is not built of stone and mortar. Freemasonry is built in the hearts of men." Holland FlaHavhan PIP presented the charter to the Omaha HTC. Outgoing President Engstrom commented favorably on the two years since the headquarters of High Twelve International was established at 418 Olive, St. Louis, with Wallie in charge.

2nd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, speaking of growth of High Twelve in the east, "... on account of our very conservative attitude on all matters of vital importance, a movement like ours must advance slowly. This we are doing, proving our worth to our brethren of Masonry. We have formed a regional setup to be known as the New Jersey-Pennsylvania area. Harry A. Louderbach of Camden is President. An organizational drive will be started in the fall. I wish to present to this Convention our first club of the new year, ATLANTIC CITY, N.J."

Treasurer William F. Hecht of St. Louis commented on the increasing volume of work in the International office, and the high class service rendered by Mrs. Koenig & EOW. "Our clubs may be under the impression that the dues of \$2.00 are pay as our support of High Twelve pays for everything. International Officers and men of the clubs who travel to present charters, organize new clubs, must take fares and hotel expense only." "...if we had to pay for this fine service, we would not be able to carry on this great work. These are all men who receive high wages for their regular work and yet, who give all to our cause without hope or fear of reward.

"Wallie lets us pay for only one half of the rent of the office, furnishes all the furniture and rugs, pays for the telephone. We own a 4 drawer steel file cabinet, a typewriter and a mimeograph. All the rest of a well furnished office belongs to Wallie. When Wallie began this growth drive he had a car with less than 20,000 miles recorded. When he buried it last April, it recorded 147,000 miles, 90% for High Twelve. We paid for only a small part of the gas and oil, nothing for tires and repairs..."

Percentages of expenditures: 36% Publishing High Twelvian (helped by sale of advertising which netted \$375.00); 21% office (printing, supplies, new eqpt, banner, postage, etc.); 21% Salaries, expense fund, rent, telephone, etc; 14% New clubs (Travel - International officers & others, convention); 8% misc.

Inventory (capital) \$295.00, Material for resale to clubs \$651.00, Supplies \$225.00; Cash \$5,376.26, receipts \$20,245.84, Disb. \$19,512.48, Founder's Fund \$1,145.51, Genl Fund \$4,964.11....Cash Balance \$6,109.62.

Total clubs June, 1947 = 117; total members 9,516 (lost 965, gained 678 plus 1630 in new clubs; total membership June, 1948 10,859; 25 new clubs. Total May, '48 142 clubs. One half of Mrs. Koenig's time was devoted to correcting mailing lists. One of the oldest clubs had 60% change in address. The Dunne organization in Louisville put the mailing lists on address plates @ 3¢ each (\$706.65). "We carried our sick clubs on our mailing list as our only tie, but early in the year we cut these off." Wallie.

"When I began this drive in 1942, we had a total of 31 clubs and 2,500 members, cash balance of \$1,613.07. Today, with 142 clubs and membership of 10,859, with cash income of \$18,027.83" Wallie devoted rest of report trying to get the State Associations and the larger clubs to sponsor an edition of the High Twelvian...Advertising.

At the 13th Annual Convention of the Michigan State Association May 21-22, '48 at Jackson, Michigan, the President of the Jackson HTC presented a gavel made by Mayor James N. House, a member, from the oak tree under which the Republican Party was founded in 1854. An extension fund of \$1,000.00 was set aside by the Michigan Association for development of new clubs in Michigan. Dr. Geo. E. Varsey of Detroit, Pres.

The International Convention June 23, 1948 elected Fred A. Hunt of Toledo, Ohio President; 1st VP Owen C. Carr, Oakland, Calif; 2nd V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia, Pa; 3rd VP Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis, Ind; Sec. Delmar C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich; Treas. Wm F. Hecht, St Louis, Mo; Editor High Twelvian Walter A. Anderson of Detroit; Chairman of Extension Holland F. FlaHavhan, Chicago; Executive Director E. C. Wolcott, St Louis.

Some 1948-1949 Committee Chairmen: Constitution & By-Laws, H. Allerton, Mich; Founder's Fund Trustees, H. FlaHavhan, Ill; Standardization, J. O. Knutson, Iowa; Masonic Service, E. Delzell (Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Iowa); Objectives, Judge B. Sisk, Iowa; Founder's Fund Promotion, H. L. Buckalew, Calif.

The set-up of the 1948-49 Extension Committee under P. I. P. Holland F. FlaHavhan: Every state had its chairman reporting to FlaHavhan at International level. States with more clubs were broken down into areas under sub-chairmen; and, as in all years since 1943, a great expansion push was made.

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CROSSTOWN (Missouri) St Louis received charter from International President Fred A. Hunt. Pres. John W. Mueller, Sec. Walter L. Kaltwasser. Some time in the Fall of 1948 MADISONVILLE HTC (3rd in Kentucky) chartered. P. I. P. FlaHavhan was guest speaker and presented charter to Pres. Wm. O. Utley. Freeman Welden, Sec. Both Owensboro and Louisville Clubs well represented. 10/14/48.

The High Twelve Clubs of the PHILLIPINES was started in the Fall of 1948 with a membership of 57. Grand Master A. J. Brazee, Jr. was President of the Club. Sec. Bonifacio Araulio was Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of the Philippines. The charter was issued in May, 1949.

The Mid-Year Meeting of January 14-15, 1949 was held in Dayton, Ohio, Hotel Miami. On January 2, 1949, First V. P. Owen C. Carr wrote Executive Director Wolcott advising that on Doctor's orders he could not attend the meeting due to a heart ailment, and asked to be replaced by Franklin Ives. On 1/6/49 Wolcott wrote Carr "...the matter will be thoroughly discussed as to your successor".... "whether to be filled or move Dr. Forbes up and elect two Vice Presidents at International Convention, Louisville."

Carr to Wolcott 1/10/49, "....I am getting along fine, but am taking the best of care." "....see my doctor twice a week for shots. If you men want to let matters ride along till the Convention in June, we can then tell what Mother Nature and God have done for me...." He was reported busy installing clubs in the San Francisco Bay area; and following up with weak clubs in that area.

Trustees of the Founder's Fund were FlaHavhan, Allerton, Anderson, Dunne and Cox. President Fred A. Hunt, "When I speak to you of the spirit of High Twelve, I mean the act of being comrades and cooperating with each other." He quoted Bro. E. H. Fulmer of Rock Island, "The humble but heartwarming handclasp, the sincere ring of friendship in our welcome....we must not be cold, indifferent, aloof. There are too many cliques."

"At the Louisville Convention we will be required to vote on a new section to our Constitution which has to do with the provision that High Twelve International recognizes and acknowledge the supreme authority of the recognized Grand Lodges of the various Grand Jurisdictions, and it is the declared intent of H. T. I. that no constituent club, as a club, shall interfere with or inter-meddle in the business affairs or elections, directly or indirectly, and that penalties be agreed upon."

At the Mi-Year meeting January 14,15, 1949, Dayton, there were reports by Zones: Pacific Coast and 1950 Convention plans were discussed by 1st V.P.Owen C.Carr, Oakland; Eastern Zone report by 2nd V.P.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes; Mid-West Report by 3rd V.P.Otto W.Cox. (NOTE: Maybe Carr's was just a written report).

Hugh Allerton PIP, discussed control (mandatory) clause for Grand Lodge cooperation. At the Friday dinner, PIP Holland FlaHavhan spoke on expansion. Executive Director E.C.Wolcott spoke on proposed insurance plan for securing funds. There was discussion regarding the organization of an Ohio State Association of High Twelve Clubs.

On Saturday, President Fred A.Hunt discussed the relationship and official presentation to Grand Lodges of Texas, Canal and Pennsylvania.

Cash on hand 5/31/48 - General Fund \$4,964.11, Founders Fund \$1,145.51; Receipts \$9,222.70 = \$15,332.32. Expenditures - Travel Ex.Dir, Int.Officers, etc. \$2,509.23; Salaries \$3,210.56, High Twelvian Pr. & Mail \$4,639.69, Other \$2,706.05= total \$13,065.53. Founder's Fund \$1,614.75 (later Wolcott Found.) Cash on hand and in bank = \$2,266.79 as of 12/31/48.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.HTC Charter presented by PIP Earl K.Gullen 1/26/49. 150 guests present. Many High Twelve guests from Detroit and Lansing. 38 Charter members. Pres. Dr.C.W.Nelson, Sec.Edward J.Morse. Wolcott gave inspiring talk. BARTLESVILLE, Okla. chartered during the winter. 125 in attendance, including Tulsa visitors. State Pres. Edward Probert presented charter and installed Pres. C.Wilson Van Tine; Sec.-Treas. O.H.Gay.

CENTRALIA (Ill.) Wolcott told the club that he organized the Sioux City original club in 1921 as a supper club to provide an incentive for attending Lodge meetings....that "since that first club there have become 165 such clubs in 23 sts."

BAY CITY (Michigan) charter party 2/28/49. Pres. Carlton L.Thompson, Sec-Tr. Harry W.Mather. PIP Earl K.Gullen installed. Int.Pres.Fred A Hunt delivered the address, "bringing the crowd to their feet on the preservation of basic American principles through Masonry and particularly High Twelve." 37 charter members.

Owen C.Carr,Oakland, on club management in April-May,1949 High Twelvian:
1. Nominating Committee to give real thought to ability and willingness to work of nominees; 2 - It is far better to have too many committees than too few. (Do all committees have to have more than 1 man, the chairman?); 3 - Athletics as membership stimulation (e.g.bowling); 4 - Attendance (& Membership) Committees broken into competing teams; 5 - Audit Committee essential; 6 - Boys Clubs. Many clubs supporting these; 7 Bulletin & Publicity a must; Chaplain - a must; 8 - Civic Affairs; 9 - Club objective should be adopted; 10 - Constitution & By-Laws needed in every club; DeMolay sponsorship urged; 12 - Entertainment occasionally; 13 - Extension...every club try to start a new club; 14 - Inter-club meetings occasionally; 14 - Luncheons..."at no time should the quality of food keep the members away; 15 - Programs...handled by vice president(s). Re-check with speaker so no slip-up; 16 - Reception...This committee can do much to create a fine feeling and fellowship by greeting members and guests on arrival; 16 - Sick & Welfare. "Too many clubs neglect this very important committee work."

FERNDAL (Mich) charter night 2/24/49. 62 charter members; 9 Blue Lodges represented. 149 for installation dinner. Int.Pres.Fred Hunt speaker. PIP "Andy" Anderson speaker. PIP Earl Gullen installed and PIP Hugh Allerton helped. International Sec.Dell Gowing present. President Louis DeMute. Royal Oak sponsored. Foregoing according to High Twelvian. Charter rolls show Wilfred Rowe as President. DLP

MISSOURI State President 1946-47 Walter H.Witthaus; 1947-48 Bert Emerson; 1948-1949 Walter H.Witthaus; 1949-50 Pat Crow of Gravois (St Louis.)

2/18/49 - NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ADOPTED BY USA, CANADA & WEST EUROPEAN NATIONS

FRANKFORT, Ky. HTC charter party 3/11/49, with 64 members. Int. 3rd VP Otto Cox installed Pres. Joseph T. Sclocum, Sec. August J. Munday, saying, "High Twelve is the only Masonic organization in the world in which Masons of all ranks and distinctions could meet together on a common level and set at a common table." Owensboro and Louisville represented.

MARVELOUS MARIN (San Rafael), 14th club in California with 30 members charter party held 3/12/49 with 89 in attendance at the Dutch Colonial Inn. Sponsored by the San Francisco H. FSP Larry Moore presented charter to Pres. Joseph R. Phillip. Sec-Treas. Leon M. Lowenthal. 1st Int. V.P. Owen C. Carr installed the officers. Project - a guide dog for a blind person.

PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT. 3/12/49 held 1st Dist. Convention (Masonry in action), Bridgeton, N.J. H.T.C. hosts. 150 members and guests.

COLORADO STATE ASSOCIATION formed 3/16/49, supported by PIP James Hoffman. The 5 Colorado clubs in attendance were Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Pueblo and Rangeley. First State President F.E. Fields of Denver; Sec. Louis Romano. New club in the making at La Junta; possibly Grand Junction, Sterling, Fort Collins, Greeley and Albuquerque, N.M.

NORTH SIDE, (St. Louis,) Mo. charter party reported as both 3/12 and 3/21/49. 36 members. Wallie speaker and presented charter to Pres. Oliver J. Wehmuller; Sec.-Treas. Joseph Andrysek.

Past International President and Chairman of Expansion Holland FlaHavhan, "Every High Twelvian should ... 1 - Improve his attendance; 2 - Serve on committees willingly; 3 - Assist Program Committee; 4 - Bring in new members; 5 - Help Expansion Committee establish new clubs; 6 - Visit other clubs; 7 - Attend State and International Conventions."

E.C. Wolcott listed as Editor and Anderson Assoc. Ed. after Jan-Feb. 1949 issue. NEWARK, N.J. *charter party 3/7/49. 2nd Int. V.P. J. Wallace Forbes presented charter. PGM Most Worshipful Walter S. Gray spoke. EAST ORANGE, N.J. HTC charter presented 5/23/49. Dist. Gov. Lauderback installed; P.P. Paul M. Trout of Trenton HTC presented charter to 7th club in Penn-Jersey District. Pres. Dr. Richard Davies. 78 members.

PURDUE UNIV. (W. Lafayette) charter issued 3/2/49, 177 members. Eugene F. Thomson, Pres. YPSILANTI, Mich HTC apparently chartered about then, as it was given #134. LEXINGTON, Ky. charter issued 5/20/49, 69 members, Wm. H. Minor, Pres; CLEVELAND, Oh. charter issued 5/23/49, 45 members, Pres. Norman Sanders; JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind. charter issued 5/28/49, 44 members, Pres. Wm. L. McQuary. NEW ALBANY, Ind. charter issued 6/2/49, 34 members, Thomas R. McQuary Pres. UPTOWN LOUISVILLE, Ky. charter issued some time in summer of 1949 with 27 members. Pres. not listed. RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY, Nebr. charter issued 4/22/49, 81 members, Pres. Frank E. Tracy. *NEWARK, N.J. 1st Pres. Alfred Peer, 47 members.

WEST SUBURBAN HTC, LaGrange, Ill charter presented 5/19/49. Credit went to Fred S. Lynn, 33rd, Supt. of Illinois Orphan's Home. E.C. Wolcott gave an inspiring address. Charter presented by PIP Holland F. FlaHavhan. Pres. Fred S. Lynn; Sec-Treas. David Adams. RIVERSIDE, Calif. Htc charter presented by Int. Pres. Leonard Engstrom and Calif. Pres. Franklin J. Ives 4/28/49. Bro. Hopperstead led a group from Pasadena to the affair. Pres. S.C. Billingsley, Sec. Dr. C.J. Lord.

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio HTC charter was presented by International Past President Earl Gullen 4/9/49. Club organized by V.P. Fred Hunt and by the Toledo Club. PIP FlaHavhan gave the address. Pres. H.E. Murlin, Sec. C.A. Loomis.

BRIDGETON, N.J. HTC charter presented by Int. V.P. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes to Pres. F.F. Gaskill; Sec. D. Roger. Camden, Trenton, Philadelphia clubs represented.

ROCKFORD, Ill. HTC gave \$40,000.00 during the Spring of 1949 to the cancer fund (seems more like \$400 or \$40 more likely). 170 members and wives attend Ladies Night at CENTRALIA, Ill. HTC to hear a brief talk on fundamentals of Masonry. OWENSBORO, Kentucky's Ladies Night was on St Patrick's Day... Irish singers on program.

28th ANNUAL CONVENTION, LOUISVILLE, KY. 6/5 and 6/8/49. Hotel Seelbach. James P. Haynes, General Chairman. Monday: Club Activities Award - The Engstrom trophy for Services Rendered; BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Masonic Service/Degree Team; CAMDEN, N.J. Hospital beds; GRAVOIS (St Louis) Underprivileged boys; OMAHA - Omaha Masonic Home for Boys; PUEBLO - De Molay; NORTHWEST DETROIT - Underprivileged boys; ROYAL OAK, Mich - Work for youth.

Noon Tuesday - Model High Twelve Club - Louisville, Ky. R.W. Chas. Johnson P.G.M. presiding. Wednesday Group Breakfasts - Sec.-Tr; Club Pres. & Officers; Int. Rep. & Expansion; State Officers. Wed. eve. Founder-Executive Director E.C. Wolcott installed officers.

Wolcott reported the following new clubs for 1948-49: Crosstown/St Louis=62 mbrs; Northside St.L.= 43; Madisonville, Ky =48; Atlantic City, N.J.= 75; Manila, P.I.= 57; Frankfort, Ky.= 63; Bay City, Mich. = 37; San Rafael, Calif. =27; Battle Creek, Mich.= 53; Ferndale, Mich.= 61; Newark, N.J.= 47; Purdue Un. (W. Lafayette)=177; East Orange, N.J. = 47; Cleveland, Ohio = 50; Jeffersonville, Ind.= 46; New Albany, Ind.= 50; Montreal, Can. = 35; Lexington, Ky.=69; Mexico City, Mex.= 50; Ypsilanti, Mich.= 50, Rochester, N.Y.= 50.....21 clubs with 1,097 members.

Total clubs 5/31/49 = 169, with total membership of 11,988. Treasurer W.F. Hecht reported dues \$16,765.23, Adv. in High Twelvian \$1,129.68, Gifts to Founder's Fund \$650.11, Supplies sold \$1,351.00 & Misc. \$77.68... Total receipts \$19,972.91. Expenditures... Salaries - Ex. Dir., Secretary and spl. = \$5,438.38, Travel (Int. Officers charter expense, guest entertainment new groups) \$3,829.23, High Twelvian (print & Postage) \$5,956.42, Officers' rent, tel & tel, postage express, supplies, printing \$2,384.80, Saleable supplies \$1,325.43 Trade-Mark, Audit, PrTx \$534.19 = \$19,468.45. CASH ON HAND 5/19/49 = \$6,614.08.

Salaries & Ex. Dir. Travel 27.3%; Int. Travel, guest lunch new clubs 19.2%; Office expense 22.3%; H1 Twelvian 21.2%; Club supplies 6%; Sundry 3%.

JEFFERSONVILLE (Ind.) HTC charter party 5/28/49. Int. V.P. Otto W. Cox in company of PGM Charles Johnson of Indiana chartered and installed Wm. L. McQuary; and on 6/2/49 they chartered and installed the NEW ALBANY HTC under leadership of TOM McQuary, twin. LEXINGTON, Ky HTC and FRANKFORT, Ky. HTC chartered and installed by same team. Organized under leadership of Joe Slocum. Cox's first task was to re-establish the former strong club of RICHMOND, Ind.

First Vice President Owen C. Carr remarked, "We are all elated over our new clubs in Toronto, Manila and Mexico City." Carr had been stricken late in 1948 with a heart attack, which restricted his travelling in the far west on expansion. He recommended: 1 - More inter-club contacts; 2 - Supervisory analysis and counselling by International and State Officers; 3 - Regularly planned officers training schools, based on a skillfully worked-out outline.

NEW CLUBS 1948-1949 - CALIFORNIA: San Rafael; CANADA: Montreal; INDIANA: Jeffersonville, New Albany, Purdue (W.Lafayette); KENTUCKY: Madisonville, Lexington & Frankfort; MEXICO: Mexico City; MICHIGAN: Bay City, Battle Creek, Ferndale & Ypsilanti; MISSOURI: St Louis Crosstown and Norside (sometimes shown as North Side); NEW JERSEY: Atlantic City, East Orange and Newark; OHIO: Cleveland; NEW YORK: Rochester; PHILLIPINES: Manila.

Ten largest clubs (in order): Sioux City; Louisville; Findlay, Ohio; Aurora, Ill; Purdue U. (Ind.); Fresno, Pasadena, Toledo, Denver & Cedar Rapids.

Paul Armstrong, President of the Illinois Association reported 26 active clubs with 2,100 members. The State President was physically handicapped during the year. "The first impression I have...is that an organization with the potential strength of High Twelve does not have enough organization to carry on and reach the height that can be reached. We need more contact between the International Organization and the State Associations." "...In the State of Illinois, we lack organization. That is the program during the 18 months ahead"(He was elected for 1½ terms.)

P.A.Crow, President of the Missouri State Association, "I have with me six vice presidents." "...We want to increase our clubs from 20 to 40." "Also have an advisory committee of three of the finest..." "...We are going to get closer contact between the clubs, State and International. By so doing I am sure we are going to advance. Perhaps 99% of the Masons (in Missouri) do not know what High Twelve is and we are going to educate them this year."

Dr. George E. Varsey, President of the Michigan Association of HTCs reported 20 clubs, approximately 1,400 members. "We issued a 1949 State roster containing 131 pages, net price \$269.00. Our Expansion Fund raised \$1,000.00."

Franklin J. Ives, President of the California Association said it was the "objective that every club send a delegate to conventions, and that the Club Ways & Means Committees had been established for the purpose...the so-called Fresno Plan, which Past State President Allan Mason will explain. 102 delegates attended the California State Convention in Pasadena May 6 and 7."

The California Association recommended the preparation and distribution of distinctive framed membership certificates and statement of objectives. Also recommended that Club Secretaries sign the Traveling Membership to every member who moves to another city. Also urged a directory of member clubs be printed and distributed. As of 5/31/49 the California Convention Committee (for San Diego) has \$1,800.00 in a Pasadena bank, contributed by all California clubs...\$2,500.00 more will be contributed by 2/1/50.

President Fred A. Hung said, "...The strength of our organization is going to lie in the fact that Masons throughout the world by giving value to their lives by attaching themselves to organizations with high motives and purpose." "...There is no doubt in my mind that international understanding would be possible if High Twelvians all over the world showed the friendship and responsibility which are characteristic of HighTwelve International."

Harry C. Buckalew, FIP, Chairman of the Founders Fund reported the fund total at the 1948 Convention was \$1,145.51, received during '48-'49 \$650.11, total 1949 Convention \$1,795.62. "Your chairman asserts with conviction that the Fund will never be the patent International objective it deserves to be, and which we so desperately need, until the Fund is working and the accomplishments well publicized." "When the members see a going concern doing a great job, the contributions will roll

in. An average of only \$1.00 per member would give us \$10,000.00 in a year instead of \$1,700.00 in two years."

Financial summary as of 5/15/49: Dues = \$16,765.23, Adv-Hi 12vian = \$1,129.68, Founders Fund Gifts = \$650.11, Supplies sold = \$1,351.00, Misc. = \$77.68 ..total Rec'd \$19, 972.91. Expendeditures - Salaries = \$5,438.38, Travel \$3,829.23, Hi 12vian \$5,956.42, Rent/Supplies/etc = \$2,384.80, Saleable supplies = \$1,325.43, Misc. \$534.19Total Expendeditures \$19,468.45. Cash on hand general & Founder's Fund \$6,109.62, Receipts all sources \$19,972.91 = \$26,082.53 less disbursements \$19,468.45 = Cash on hand 5/19/49 = \$6,614.08.

Past International President Holland FlaHavhan, Chairman of Extension commented, "In Indiana I found Otto's (3rd V.P.Otto Cox) footsteps all over the state. There will be many new clubs by next year." "...Michigan very methodically surveyed the situation under the leadership of Pres.Doc Versay, and layed out a program (expansion) for each club."

"We very strongly recommend every State Association follow the example of Michigan by making a survey of your State; select the cities where we should have clubs, assign an existing club to a new city. Michigan is to be congratulated because some of these clubs were chartered during the meanest weather existing during last winter." "...Cleveland is the result of our International President (Fred Hunt), and Mexico City and Manila the work of Bro.Wolcott...also Montreal. Our President, 3rd Vice President and Wallie have been working very hard on extension."

Chairman of the Founder's Fund (promotion) Harry Buckalew asked these questions: "Shall the Trustees begin using the fund now? How much of principal? How much of interest? Shall the aid to a student be a loan or a gift? or gift/loan? Who shall be aided...boys or girls? High School or College? How much? How long? Shall the aid be limited to certain types of training...Medical? Nursing? Teaching? Clergyman? Welfare Workers?" (It was a long time before he got all of his answers. Harry was way ahead of his times on many things, expansion,etc. Eventually, many came to pass.) DLP

Total clubs May, 1948 = 148...new clubs 1948-49 term 21 = total 5/31/49 169. New club member ship 1,097, total increase 1,129. Membership 5/31/48 = 10,859, membership 5/31/49 = 11,988. (NOTE: Without the new clubs, there would have been only a 32 member gain, due to deaths,etc. I have found throughout this history that nearly always there would have been no gain or actually a big net loss if it had not been for new clubs coming in. It was a constant battle from the first down to now.DLP)

"The Convention color guard presented the flags of all nations where we (HTI) have High Twelve Clubs....USA, Canada, Philippines, Mexico,Cuba, Puerto Rico, Argentina... and the Christian flag." (NOTE: I find nothing on Cub, Puerto Rico or Argentina.DLP) The General Convention Chairman was Marvin Fisher.

1949 At the International Convention, Louisville, June 8, Owen C.Carr of Oakland, Calif. was elected President; 1st VP Dr J.Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia; 2nd VP Otto W.Cox Indianapolis; 3rd VP Charles S.Johnson (PGM) Kentucky; Chairman Extension Holland F.FlaHavhan PIP, Chicago; Secretary Delmer C.Gowing, Highland Park,Mich; Treasurer William F.Hecht, St Louis; General Counsel Hugh Allerton PIP, Highland Park,Mich; Executive Director & Editor, E.C.Wolcott PIP/Founder; Associate Editor Fred A.Hunt PIP.

State Associations: CALIFORNIA: Allan S.Mason,Fresno; COLORADO: F.E.Fields,Denver; ILLINOIS: Col.Paul Armstrong, Chicago; INDIANA: Otto W.Cox, Indianapolis; IOWA: Glenn Morris,Ottumwa; KANSAS: W.J.Schoenfeld, Kansas City; KENTUCKY: Robert McGinnis

Owensboro; MICHIGAN: Edward J. Muncie, Royal Oak; MISSOURI: P.A. Crow, St. Louis; OHIO: Howard Malone, Dayton; PENN-JERSEY: Dist. Gov. Harry Louderbach, Camden. (NOTE: above from High Twelvian of the time. Recent list indicates Rol. A. Cook of Des Moines as President of the Iowa Association.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN 1949-50: CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS Hugh Allerton; FOUNDERS FUND TRUSTEES Holland FlaHavhan, Hugh Allerton, Otto W. Cox, James E. Dunne, Charles Johnson; STANDARDIZATION & CODE OF ETHICS: J. Knutson, Iowa; FOUNDER'S FUND PROMOTION Allan Mason, Calif; MASONIC SERVICES Earl Delzell, Iowa; OBJECTIVES James F. Hoffman, Colorado.

Pres. Owen C. Car wrote in the August, 1949 High Twelvian, "Brother Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis, our 2nd V.P. gave an enormous amount of his time this past year to the organization of new clubs; most outstanding of which was that grand club at PURDUE University, consisting of 185 members, half faculty and half students. The organization of this club opens an entirely new field which will be explored this year."

"We now have 169 clubs with about 12,000 members. Will you consider yourself a member of our Extension Committee and request your club to make a survey within a radius of 50 to 100 miles of your club? Select a city and then see to it that the Masonic Brothers in that city have an opportunity to charter a club of their own....to enjoy the Masonic fellowship of High Twelve."

"Take an inventory of your club. Are you growing? Are your programs of the project type? Are your committees functioning? Have you a worthwhile project?" The September-October, 1949 High Twelvian carried article by 3rd V.P. Charles S. Johnson, PGM, Masonic Home, Ky. "....If a brother is led astray by the erring propensities of his nature, charity prompts the true Mason to gently remind him of his faults, to whisper good counsel in his ear and assist him in all his efforts at reformation."

November 29; 1949, the Cherokee, Iowa HTC under leadership of James Fitzgerald and the help of the Sioux City Club was presented charter by Bro. Wallie. President Elmer Swanson welcomed 140 members and guests, many from Sioux City. 57 mbr.

HURON, S. Dak. HTC Founded by Leonard Smith of the Fort Dodge Club. Charter presented 11/30/49 by E.C. Wolcott to Pres. E. Leonard Galloway. Sec. C.D. Berry. 90 members and guests present. 44 on charter.

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. Charter was issued Sept. 7, 1949, 43 on roll. Pres. Geo. D. Dickie. The ABE LINCOLN H.T.C., Springfield, Ill. put on a drive for new members and brought in 92 under leadership of Pres. Chas. Bostick.

2nd Vice President J. Wallace Forbes credited Col. B. Victor Cranston, the Philadelphia HTC's International Representative for having carried the gospel of High Twelve through New Jersey, across Pennsylvania and into New England and Virginia... even Ohio. "At present we have only one club in New York State, Granville. Within a few weeks we will charter White Plains and Rochester." see above. 6/49

Wallie reported working on clubs in Buenos Aires, Argentina; San Juan, Puerto Rico and Havana, Cuba. Enthusiastic about formation of HTCs on University campuses following the lead of Purdue, "If I were to name the men of the year in the field of building new clubs it would be Judge Otto W. Cox and Dr. R.G. Varsey (Mich), Fred Hunt, Ohio; C.J. Hyde and Chas. Johnson, Ky; James Hoffman & F.E. Fields, Colo; Col. James Crandall, Pa; Paul Trout (NY & NJ), Gray & Roark (Nebr.); Dr. J. Wallace Forbes Penna. and east and Holland FlaHavhan, Chairman of Extension.

9/30/49 - SOVIETS LIFT WEST BERLIN BLOCKADE.
10/7/49 - NATIONALIST CHINA'S GOVERNMENT FLED TO FORMOSA (Taiwan)

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"Past International President FlaHavhan of Chicago, Chairman of the Extension Committee, has done a fine job," said Pres. Owen C. Carr, "but could do better if he had proper cooperation from the clubs. Since we have no paid organizers, we must depend on our membership to assist the Extension Committee in its drive for new clubs." "...Last year we lost nearly as many members as we gained in new clubs." "...More new clubs are in the process of being organized now than came into existence last year." For objectives: "Here are some tasks that can be seriously considered:

"DeMolay, Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls; Children's wards in hospitals; Masonic Homes; Hospital bed service; shut-ins, Recreation for prevention of juvenile delinquency; Aid to juvenile courts; Helping physically handicapped youth; Shriners Hospital; Serving brother Masons in sickness; Salvation Army; Educational Awards for High School students; Building High Twelve's educational fund through pennies at luncheon, etc."

There was considerable exchange of correspondence during the fall and winter of 1949 regarding the registration of the Trade Mark (insignia and name, etc.) summarized as follows: 9/19/49, FlaHavhan to the Board - "When we registered our Trade Marks in May, 1947, Congress had just passed the new 'Trade Mark Act'. I inquired of counsel, who are specialists in trade mark work, regarding the registration of our Trade Marks under this new act and they advised me that because the act was so new it was problematical how it would work out and whether it would be entirely successful. I was further advised that it would be preferable to register our name, magazine insignia under the old act of 1905. This we did, just getting under the line and as you can see from enclosed letter, we have been successful with these Trade Marks. Frankly, I expected to have trouble with the Trade Mark 'High Twelve' and even doubted that it could be registered, but our good brethren, Roy Olson, has been following this very carefully and has done a very fine job for us.

"The enclosed correspondence from Roy now shows what can be done if we desire to bring our registration under the provisions of the new act of 1947. I am passing this information on to the Board so that you will be in a position to determine whether we would agree to take this additional action for our protection or not. I would suggest that you advise Hugh Allerton how you feel about the matter since he is our General Counsel. The reason this matter is coming from me is that I initiated this action when I was President and before Hugh was appointed a Gen. Counsel."

FlaHavhan to Wolcott, 11/25/49, "...I am enclosing herewith statement from Moore, Olson & Trexler for additional work which they had to do in order to get our trade Mark 'High Twelve' through the patent office. It is a difficult matter to trade mark common English words and Roy had a great deal of difficulty convincing the patent office that we were entitled to this trade mark. Frankly, this to my way of thinking is about the most important of the three trade marks we applied for."

Wolcott to FlaHavhan 12/20/49, indicating the processing of trade marks had cost \$520.30 from the beginning. "Now we do not want to seem penurious or interfere with your processes but in conferences with competent attorneys here in St Louis and with the legal members of our Board, we feel that this is a sufficient investment to accomplish our purposes; but at any rate I feel we should have definitely understood what the future charges are to be and for what. Anybody can keep on general personal interviews and have arguments and send a bill for the same and I feel very frankly that we have come to a point now in investing in this matter that we should have a definite understanding, for I want to submit it to the Board for a final conclusion." "General Counsel Hugh Allerton of opinion that having prior adoption and use is sufficient unto our needs...."

Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, Highland Park, Mich. died 11/27/49 from heart attack.

The Mid-Year meeting of the Governing Board was held 12/10/49 - 12/11/49 in Chicago at the Hotel LaSalle. Past International President Hugh Allerton, General Counsel was appointed Secretary to the Board to replace Secretary Delmer C. Gowing, deceased.

Topics discussed: University and College High Twelve Clubs - Conducted by V.P. Cox; International and State Association relationships; International Officers - visitations at State Meetings. "The California Convention Committee (for Convention to be held in San Diego) guarantees and assures a Convention Fund of at least \$3,000.00 cash to assure payment of pre-convention expenses; and have guaranteed 100 paid delegates, alternates or members from California." "...that the California High Twelve Clubs be clearly advised of the grave and serious consequences affecting the general prestige, welfare and standing of International High Twelve resulting from a small delegation attending said convention outside the State of California, a general survey and study of the response from Eastern and Mid-Western Clubs indicating that the maximum number of delegates attending said Convention from Eastern and Mid-Western Clubs will not exceed 100, which emphasized the great and grave responsibility and selling job confronting the California clubs if the 1950 Convention be a success." NOTE: This document was signed by 9 Officers of International, and indicated their lack of faith in having a Convention so far west of the rest of the clubs in High Twelve International. California leaders had been agitating for a Convention for some time to re-kindle interest in the affairs of International. Without a convention soon they knew that eventually the West Coast would be lost to High Twelve International. They met the rest of the country half way by these guarantees.) DLP

"The Founder's Fund," according to E.C. Welcott in the Jan-Feb., 1950 High Twelvian, ".....think that funds shall be used for student loans to students matriculating in American colleges and universities, approved by the Trustees of the Foundation, 1st to seniors, 2nd juniors, 3rd sophmores, lastly freshmen. All things being equal, preference shall be given to High Twelvians, 2 - sons and/or daughters of High Twelvians, 3 - Sons and daughters of Masons, 4 - Protestants....taking into consideration financial need, morality, scholastic ability, liklihood of success in chosen endeavor and adherence to the principles of our government; loan without interest until borrower one year out of college, then 2% for 1st year and 3% thereafter, evidenced by a promissary note, endorsements at discretion of Trustees, who shall use all reasonable means for collection." This answered some of Harry Buckalew's ?

Speaking of the International Convention to be held in San Diego, President Owen C. Carr, Oakland, said, "There are many plans that can be used by the clubs to raise money to help the delegate defray his expnsnes." "....If the Convention has done nothing else, it has awakened the California clubs to a sense of their responsibility. Every club member is contributing through his club (in California) at least \$3.00 which will put over \$3,000.00 into the Convention Fund."

"The SAN FRANCISCO HTC through Bro. Rody Schwarzmenn, has organized and chartered the GOLDEN GATE HTC with 54 members, mostly of Italian extraction, and in two months it has grown to 80 members." "STOCKTON HTC was responsible for 80 member LODI HTC. Carl Sugar Pres." International records indicate charter issued 1/28/50 with 90 mbrs. (Golden Gate Pres. Charles A. Ertola).

Due to the upcoming Convention, there was a wave of club building in California. MT HELIX (Lemon Grove - near San Diego) charter issued 1/27/50 with 41 members. Pres. Maynard C. Hostetler. PALM SPRINGS HTC charter issued 3/1/50, 45 members. Robt. A. Ellsworth Pres; TRACY, Calif. charter issued 4/15/50 with 50 members. Adrian Taylor Pres. GLENDALE, Calif. HTC charter issued 5/10/50 with 48 members. Robert S. Kreider Pres. SAN DIEGO HTC hoped to have a club in Tijuana, Mex. by Convention time.

VANDALIA, Ill. charter issued Jan. 10, 1950, Pres. Roland Fehn; MADISON, Ind. charter issued Jan. 18, 1950, 57 members, Pres. A.L. Redman. COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa charter issued 1/28/50, 200 members. Pres. Harry C. Crowl. WEST TOLEDO, Ohio charter issued 1/28/50, 38 members. Pres. Harold B. Fetterman.

FEB. 1 - FEB. 2, 1950 - UNITED NATIONS DECLARED CHINA THE AGGRESSOR IN KOREA AND PUSH CHINESE BACK ABOVE PARALLEL.

Wolcott wrote Holland FlaHavhan 2/20/50, congratulating him on completion of work in the patent office on conclusion of trade mark matter; filed with other important papers. "...We are now changing our name and completing our Pro Forma decree in Missouri"..."...we are making it perpetual instead of 50 years."

"....The general concensus of the Board meeting in Chicago regarding the breakfasts was they should be discontinued"....."....therefore I will ask each International Officer to express his opinion on the breakfasts"...."....if you will recall the plan was that we hold a morning session divided into units and covering the subject matter discussed at the breakfasts."

"....we were to put a resolution in some manner to all the clubs....stating our ideas of qualification for officers."....."....I think the brotherhood was considerably disappointed over the drive that was made at Louisville and the confusion resulting therefrom. In my opinion, it is now too great a responsibility to be left to the nominating committee without proper support from clubs presenting a candidate."

"....The foundation laid at Nebraska City, Norfolk and Lincoln by Frank Reark, Al Henningson and myself were well done and will result in clubs. It took me over 5 months to get the basic lists in these different cities and Al and Frank are following through in a fine intelligent manner. George Pratt is important and will be very helpful in completion of these clubs..." (NOTE: At an ever increasing pace Wolcott takes over leadership of International. He showed strong likes and dislikes for candidates, clubs and state associations' drive to get their men in office.)DLP

A Pro forma Decree of Incorporation of "The International High Twelve Club", Secretary of State, State of Missouri Feb. 8, 1950 must have been an error on some one's part. Adrian Bushman, Past President of Clayton, Mo. Club has rewritten our Pro-Forma Decree under the laws of Missouri, thus widening our scope and securing for us a life time right of our decree."

The International High Twelve Club, Owen C. Carr, Pres., Hugh Allerton as Secretary, W.F. Hecht as Treasurer and E.C. Wolcott as Executive Director prayed for an Amendment of Pro Forma Decree of Incorporation, in the Circuit Court, St Louis County, Missouri, changing the name to "High Twelve International". The International High Twelve Club was incorporated under a Pro Forma Decree by the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Mo., 6/20/23. "New Articles of Agreement have remained on file in the Clerk's office of this Court for 3 days since same were first presented to the court," etc. "....said new Articles of Agreement and the purposes of said coporation as therein expressed, are germane to the Charter of said coporation, and come properly within the purview of Art. 10, Chapt. 33 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri 1939 entitled 'Benevolent, Religious, Scientific, Fraternal-Beneficial, Educational and Miscellaneous Associations,' etc. "....The Association shall not be used for either business or political purposes or for the pecuniary gain or profit of its members." New articles of Agreement were attached, showing the correct name. 3/23/50.

The Amended Articles of Agreement of High Twelve International asked for perpetual existence. It's object and purposes under Art. IV, "...are to promote a close alliance among its members in social intercourse and intellectual development; to serve our fellow men; to inspire and encourage the practices of those virtues which will aid in the development and preservation of the principles of good government, locally, nationally and internationally; to strive for the free exercise of religion

and the maintenance of adequate educational facilities, with a guarantee of freedom of conscience and voluntary action uninfluenced by political entanglements, to receive gifts, legacies and donations from any sources whatever and to make gifts and appropriations from any and all of its resources from time to time to carry out its objects and purposes; and to do all other acts and exercise all such powers necessary or incidental to the fulfillment of the objects and purposes herein specified, including the establishment of local clubs....."

On May 5, 1950 "Pro Forma Amended Decreee changed name to "High Twelve International."

The Council Bluffs HTC (Iowa) charter party 1/28/50 was attened by 260 people, including visitors from Omaha. Wolcott started the campaign in the fall; organized by Harry C.Crowl, Pres; Sec.Forrest W.Wakefield. M.W. Don Carpenter, G.M.Grand Lodge of Iowa brought greetings . P.I.P. H.F.Flahavhn was speaker.

Madison, Ind. chartered 1/18/50 with 100 present. Louisville, Indianapolis, New Albany and Jeffersonville in attendance. 3rd Int.V.P. & P.G.M. Charles Johnson of Kentucky presented charter. 2nd Int.V.P.Otto W. Cox gave an address on 'our American Masonic Tradition'. President Lowell Redman; Sec.John Sparks.

4/22/50-4/30/50 - CHINESE OFFENSIVE STOPPED.

6/25/50 - NORTH KOREA INVADES SOUTH...6/27/50 - TRUMAN ORDERS MAC ARTHUR TO AID SOUTH KOREA AND U.S.FLEET TO PROTECT FORMOSA. 6/29/50 - NORTH KOREA TOOK SEOUL.

Wolcott to Hugh Allerton, PIP and Chairman of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee: "I have prepared...the amendments as adopted and the ones up for adoption...along with a set of resolutions received from Penn-Jersey Area." "...These 3 Eastern Clubs, Camden, Trenton and Philadelphia are constantly boring in to find some way to have control of the movement." (Apparently regarding International Representatives.)

Speaking of the International Representative, "....There is grave danger that he would become a super-boss to the President and Board of Directors of the locals clubs." "....we should either strictly define his tasks, limit his powers, or do away with the office all together, which I think is wise." letter dated 4/6/50

"This same set of thinking is applicable to the drive on the part of Gullen (PIP) and Armstrong of Illinois for a state organization empowered to collect all the dues for themselves and for H.T.I. and to have certain power over the clubs in the States." Here again our thought was that the attention of this state group would be given to projects, programs, membership campaigns and presenting charters to new clubs under authority of International. "I am thinking hard, and in my thinking to the region. Take the greater St Louis Metropolitan area. There are some 8 clubs in the Illinois side and some 15 clubs on the Missouri side."...."State lines mean nothing."

The is a letter in the files dated 9/28/50 signed by Governor Adlai S.Stevenson, welcoming Hti to hold convention in Chicago in 1951.

Van Buren, Ark. HTC was dropped from the rolls March, 1950. Mill Ht (Denver) Colo. charter issued 4/27/50. 90 members. Harold S.Capps Pres. South Denver HTC Charter issued 4/28/50. Paris, Ill. HTC charter issued 5/10/50. 40 members. Pres.Harvey Gross. Dixie(Shively) Ky. charter issued 6/15/50. 68 members. A.E.Owsley, Jr.Pres. Algona, Iowa charter issued 6/23/50. 27 members. Stewart A.McFadden Pres.

NEBRASKA CITY HTC charter presented 3/31/50 by PIP Leonard Engstrom. Geo.Pratt of the Omaha Club installed Pres.Lucian E.Smith. W.West Sec. Frank Roarke of Omaha and Lucian E.Smith were credited for forming the club. NORFOLK, Neb. HTC. charter pre E.C.Wolcott 4/14/50. "When Wallie left St Louis it was 78°. In Norfolk

in a snow blizzard it was 24° below zero. The charter was presented to S.P. P.Covert Pres. Sec. LeRoy V.DeVore. Frank Roark & Al Hemmingson braved the weather and came from Nebraska City.

GLENDAL (Calif.) HTC charter party 5/10/50. 85 in attendance. Presentation of charter by President Bruce Dixon of the Pasadena Club; and first President of the Alhambra Club James I. Condie presented the gavel to Pres. Robt. S. Kreide. Pres. Sam Johnson of the Fresno Club and Frank King, Pres. of the Bakersfield HTC installed. Sec. Wm. J. Curry Jr.

CHARLESTON, Ill. HTC charter presented 5/4/50 by James Gram, Pres. of the Illinois Association. Jacob Stump of the Mattoon club helped Pres. Dan McAllister. Sec-treas Lewis Linder. 34 members. PARIS, Ill. promoted by Joseph Stump of Mattoon and Terra Haute. Judge Otto W. Cox, VP of H.T.I. was guest speaker. Pres. Harry Gross. Sec. Dr. David F. Smilie.

HOURLY EARNINGS IN MFG. IND. (yrly avg.) GROSS = \$1.44 (By 1965 = \$2.61).

LINCOLN, Neb. HTC charter presented 5/8/50 by Pres. Harry C. Crowl of new High Twelve Club in Council Bluffs to Pres. Phillip T. Smith. Sec. J. Cecil Way. Wallie was present, as was Frank Roark, Founder-President of the Omaha Club. Grand Master Ernest Schiefelbein was presented an honorary membership.

6/27/50 PRES. TRUMAN SENT 35 MILITARY "ADVISORS" TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

President Owen C. Carr in May-June, 1950 High Twelvian said he had contacted 169 clubs, asking the Presidents to, "1 - Discuss with the club members the most outstanding thing High Twelve can do for members in the years to come; 2 - will your club be responsible for 1 new club?" From 169 letters he got 3 replies. In April he contacted the Club Presidents again, asking them to conduct a new membership drive during May. He had one reply. Early in his administration he wrote each State President suggesting he become a member of the President's cabinet. The idea had to be abandoned after two attempts since only one-half replied.

When the Cedar Rapids HTC celebrated its 25th Birthday, according to the May-June, 1950 High Twelvian, P.I.P. Clark A. Beems, who published the High Twelvian and was Associate Editor for 20 years, wrote in part:

"....We, like other clubs, have allowed our minds to become confused, and have strayed away from the original purpose for which High Twelve was created. We floundered around for suitable objectives for our activities." "....There is a lack of appreciation of the value of following factors which lead to victory..... 1 - Participation; 2 - Integration (between clubs, state, International, etc.); 3 - Indoctrination; 4 - Effective cooperation." "....There are no Grand Jurisdictions criticising openly our High Twelve activities." "...We have a right to feel that we really are making a contribution to our Order, and hope to be considered a sail rather than a barnacle on the Masonic Ship of Justice, Equality, Freedom of Conscience and Individual Responsibility."

"Since Participation is wholly an individual responsibility in all Masonic activities, and the avoidance of that responsibility his individual business, we all have to accept the responsibility for his failure to become integrated and indoctrinated properly in order that he may be eligible to be incorporated as an asset to our cause." The Code of ethics is shown on the back page of the May-June, 1950 High Twelvian.

A CODE OF ETHICS OR PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT FOR HIGH TWELVIANS: By J.W. Whitney and Fred Hunt, Toledo High Twelve Club (P.I.P. '48-49)

"PREAMBLE: Being cognizant of and most willing to re-affirm my obligations as a Master Mason and being imbued with the laudable objectives of High Twelve International, I am most highly gratified and privileged to subscribe to the following principles for personal guidance in my contacts with my fellows:

"FIRST - I will be diligent in my search for Masonic Trust knowing that as I progress in this endeavor, I shall attain a greater measure of freedom from negative attitudes toward my fellowmen and I shall be enabled to live more positively and constructively. SECOND - I will endeavor to rid my heart of all forms of hate, greed, envy and petty resentment by making the Golden Rule my guide and rule of action toward those with whom I come in contact.

"THIRD - I will ever hold in reverence and I will frequently resort to the GREAT LIGHT IN MASONRY, the Holy Bible, as the greatest source of Masonic Truth & Light. FOURTH - I will make diligent effort to strengthen the Cable Tow that binds me to my Masonic Brethern and as a means to this attainment, I shall attend as many High Twelve meetings as possible not alone for my personal gains but for the contributions I may be able to render to the Institutions.

"FIFTH - My business and professional or vocations activities which afford me the legitimate means of gaining economic independence for myself and family shall always be conducted on a high plane of SERVICE to the end that all parties to the transaction shall be benefited. SIXTH - I will endeavor to keep myself alert and informed as a citizen of my country and I will employ my ballot in the interests of humanity and good government whenever an occasion presents itself.

"SEVENTH - Believing in the right of all citizens to an education and being in hearty sympathy and accord with Masonic teachings in this respect, I will use my influence on every occasion to keep the public schools free from domination of any religious sect. EIGHTH - I will take an active part in the affairs of my community and in the promotion of civic virtue and wholesome environment with special emphasis for the well-being of our youth.

"NINTH - In my daily life and conduct, I will ever strive to be conscious of obligations to my God, to my country and to my fellowmen and I will endeavor to discharge the same in full measure. TENTH - I agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to my brethern and faithful to my Lodge. I will do all in my power to prevent private piques and quarrels and I will guard against excess or intemperance in my Club.

"ELEVENTH - I agree to foster the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues and to promote the fine art of human fellowship. TWELFTH - In all my conduct, I will ever remember that I am a MASON."

Clubs as of April 30, 1950: ALABAMA: Birmingham; ARKANSAS: Little Rock & Van Buren (dropped); CALIFORNIA: Alhambra, Bakersfield, Berkeley, Coachella, Fresno, Glendale, Golden Gate (S.F.), Hayward, Mt Helix (San Diego), Lodi, Oakland Downtown, East Oakland, Pasadena, Riverside, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, San Rafael, Stockton and Tracy. COLORADO: Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Pueblo, Rangely, Mile Hi (Denver) South Denver;

ILLINOIS: Alton, Aurora, Belleville, Centralia, Charleston, Chicago (Ft Dearborn), Decatur, East St Louis, Effingham, Evanston, Freeport, Joliet, Kankakee, LaGrange, Lincoln, Mattoon, Moline, Oak Park, Paris, Quincy, Rockford, Rock Island, Salem, Springfield, Sterling-Rock Falls, Valdalia, Wood River. INDIANA: Indianapolis, Jeffersonville, Lafayette, Madison, New Albany, Richmond, Terre Haute, Vincennes, Purdue West Lafayette;

IOWA: Boone, Cedar Rapids, Clinton, Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Ft Dodge, Ft Madison, Cherokee, Keokuk, Marshalltown, Mason City, Ottumwa, Sioux City, Waterloo and Webster City; KANSAS: Emporia, Kansas City, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Manhattan, Topeka and Wichita. KENTUCKY: Frankfort, Lexington, Louisville, Madisonville and Owensboro; LOUISIANA: Shreveport;

MICHIGAN: Battle Creek, Bay City, Birmingham, Downtown Detroit, Northwest Detroit, Southeast Detroit, Ferndale, Flint, Highland Park, Jackson, Lansing, Mt Clemens, Plymouth, Pontiac, Port Huron, Redford, Roseville, Kalamazoo, Royal Oak and Ypsilanti; MISSOURI: Clayton, Crosstown St Louis, Ferguson, Hannibal, Independence, Jefferson City, Kansas City, Kanss City, Col. O. & S., LeMay, St. Charles, St Joseph, Saint Louis Downtown, St Louis Gravois, MacArthur St Louis, St Louis Northside, St Louis Southside, St Johns Overland, Springfield & Rolla; Maplewood

NEW JERSEY - Atlantic City, Bridgton, Camden, Trenton, Newark; NEBRASKA: Rural Douglas County, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Mexico, Omaha, Norfolk; NEW YORK: Granville, Rochester, White Plains; OHIO: Bowling Green, Cleveland, Dayton, Findlay & Toledo; OKLAHOMA: Bartlesville, Muskogee & Tulsa; PENNSYLVANIA: Philadelphia; PHILIPPINES: Manila; SOUTH DAKOTA: Sioux Falls & Huron; WASHINGTON: Seattle.

Wolcott to International Board 6/14/50, "Long Distance call from (Pres.) Owen Carr this morning." "...slight heart attack, cannot attend convention." "I am quite certain there will be an effort made on the part of the California Association to want someone to take Carr's place on the entire program; and of course this must not be permitted. Carr has informed me he has already asked Holland FlaHavhan to preside Monday afternoon. The rest of the sessions should be divided between Allerton, Cox, Johnson, Hunt and Forbes." He suggested a program steering committee be instituted.

The Penn-Jersey District advocated in June a complete revision of the High Twelve International Constitution and By-Laws.

Founder's Fund balance 5/16/49 \$1,795.62 and contributions \$433.45 = \$2,229.07 (no disbursements). General Fund bal. 5/16/49 = \$4,818.46 and cash receipts \$24,119.48 = \$28,937.94, less disbursements = \$6,764.01; Total cash bal. 5/41/50 = \$8,993.08.

State Presidents as of International Convention, June, 1950: CALIF: Allan S. Mason, Fresno; COLORADO: F.E. Fields, Denver (Troy Pollard of Rangely soon); ILLINOIS: Col. Paul G. Armstrong, Chicago; INDIANA: Otto W. Cox, Indianapolis; IOWA: Glenn Morris, Ottumwa (current Iowa St. records indicate Roland A. Cook, Des Moines for 1949-50 and Karl S. Fantle, Fort Dodge, 1950-51); KANSAS: Richard Long, Wichita; KENTUCKY: Robert McGinnis, Owensboro; Ohio -Howard Malone, Dayton (current Ohio records indicate Malone 1948-49 and Cloyce Dutweiler 19-50); MICHIGAN: Edward L. Muncie, Royal Oak (William C. Maynard, Highland Park took over about this time); MISSOURI: P.A. Crow, St Louis; Penn-Jersey Dist. Gov. Paul M. Trout, Trenton. (NOTE: Often there will be a discrepancy, due to International records or High Twelvian running a few months behind; so the current State information may vary a year. DLP)

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - San Diego, Calif. June 25-28, 1950, U.S. Grant Hotel. W.L. Hopperstead Convention General Chairman. Address of welcome by R.W. Claude Morrison, P.G.M. California, and response by P.G.M. Chas S. Johnson, 3rd V.P.H.T.I. Pres. Owen C. Carr was absent due to illness, so his address was given by PIP Fred Starratt. 1st VP Dr. J. Wallace Forbes presided at Convention sessions. 81 clubs represented at the convention.

Summary of achievement reports: CALIF: "We build High Twelve Clubs; Centrallia, ILL., "We build the blood bank," Findlay, OHIO, "We heal the ears and eyes of children," Omaha, Nebr., "We support the Boys Home"; St Johns (Overland) MISSOURI, "We build a Blue Lodge and a DeMolay Chapter;" Tulsa, OKLA, "We send clothes to our brethren in Germany." (NOTE: At that time many Masons and Lodges in Germany were destitute); Louisville KY, "We send educational lessons and music to the blind children of Louisville;" Oakland, CALIF; "We try to help prevent juvenile delinq'y."

PHILADELPHIA & Penn-Jersey area, "We send boys to camp."

Past International President Holland F. FlaHavhan reported there were 29 new clubs in International during the year. Elsewhere these new clubs were listed as organized at or since Louisville Convention: CALIF: Mt. Helix, Lodi, Coachella Valley, Golden State, Tracy, Glendale; COLORADO: Mile Hi Denver & South Denver; ILLINOIS: Vandalia, Charleston, Paris; INDIANA: Madison; IOWA: Cherokee, Council Bluffs and Algona; KENTUCKY: Uptown Louisville and Dixie (Louisville); MICHIGAN: Kalamazoo; NEBRASKA: Nebraska City, Norfolk, Lincoln, Fremont & Columbus; NEW YORK: White Plains; MEXICO: Tijuana; OHIO: West Toledo; SOUTH DAKOTA: Huron.

As of June 26, 1950 there were 171 active and 11 inactive clubs reported in HTI. Total membership 5/31/49 = 11,903, loss 558, gain 797, plus new club membership of 1,518 = total 13,660. Active clubs 5/31/49 = 144 + 24 new clubs = 168 active and 11 inactive clubs being rebuilt = 179. 38 clubs showing gain vs 81 showing loss. (NOTE: Occasionally there will be conflicting figures. This is due to the reports being issued by two different sources at different times but submitted about the same time.

FOUNDER'S FUND: As of May 31, 1950 Chairman of Trustees was Holland F. FlaHavhan, members Hugh Allerton, Otto W. Cox, James E. Dunn and Chas. Johnson. Total in the Founder's Fund - \$2,229.07, contributions '49-'50 \$433.45. Downtown Louisville won the Founder's trophy for the 2nd year for having the highest average gift per member...\$1.65.

Executive Director E.C. Wolcott reported, in June of 1950, "The brothers from the Omaha clubs submitted a fund-raising plan to be financed by an Omaha Brother based on study of fund-raising accomplishments of Father Flannigan's Boys Town and the Omaha Masonic Home, securing the funds from direct mail."

Wolcott spoke of "Our National Objective....the care and training of under-privileged boys not eligible for such care in our Masonic Homes. It is workable, justifiable, but can never be realized by taxing our small membership. In proper space of time, a chain of such homes across the nation would do for our movement what the Shrine Hospitals have done for the Shrine." "....until the time comes for this larger idea, there are a hundred fine objectives for a local club that does not call for heavy money investment, too large blocks of time and can be done successfully...."

"We have 3 groups or clubs using our name as clubs; all three of which came from our literature mailed out years ago.....Enid, Okla, Champaign, Ill. and Hamilton, Ohio." "....Why should they come into a dues paying fellowship when they have an unrestricted use of our good name and no Masonic responsibility as to conduct, membership, etc....." "....The Enid club withdrew 20 years ago on account of dues."

Speaking of work in obtaining new club. Wallie said, "....The faithful few, who number inside of 15 brothers....built 29 clubs (this year), and our net gain was 1518 members." "CALIFORNIA heads the parade with 6 new clubs; Nebraska with 5; Illinois with 3, Indiana 3, Colorado 2, Kentucky 2. I have travelled more miles, made more return calls than in any year since I began in 1944 to devote full time to new clubs."

"President Owen C. Carr, in spite of his serious health condition has at great cost to himself rendered outstanding service as any leader this year. He has lived High Twelve and devoted splendid cooperation to this committee and his Calif. brothers in their many new clubs and convention committee meetings, all at great cost to his physical health."

Wolcott, "I want a firm declaration made at this convention that the standard set up on liquor by the Grand Lodge jurisdictions is our standard."

"In 1944 when the Expansion Fund was completed and I began the building of new clubs, we had 27 clubs and a total income of \$2,300.00. Today we have 187 clubs, and our 1949-50 income from dues and new clubs is \$21,607.02." He suggested considering the raising of dues. He complained of some poor state setups, with ".... no effort to seek voluntary gifts from High Twelvians, but rather to exercise dictatorial powers directed by the officers, who have become very objective minded and a decided tendency to push aside the five objectives of fellowship, Masonic Service and building new clubs, for some personal objective ambition.".....

"The great civic luncheon clubs have studied this problem for 40 years and have not as yet adopted a compulsory national objective to be financed by the way of assessments on local clubs.....

"I have made a very careful study of the State Association plan as against the Regional Plan, and feel we would gain strength in our growth if we had the Regional Plan"... "Therefore I am for an Area Organization, which would be non-legislative, but devote its entire strength to building programs, local club objectives, new clubs, and thus keep out of the hands of a type of individual seeking power..." (NOTE: There was a growing trend among a few of the leaders to centralize the power and, equating it to the national government, substituting a regional organization, responsible to International, and either diluting the power of the States or doing away with them. This concept never got very far. Instead, the State Associations gradually got more power and authority and had their say in the Councils.DLP)

2nd V.P. Otto W.Cox, "....We soon will have reached 200 or more clubs." "....We will have to justify our existence." 3rd V.P. P.G.M.Charles Johnson talked on the importance of enthusiasm.

DURING THE CONVENTION, THE COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT OF NORTH KOREA ATTACKED BELOW THE 38° PARALLEL LINE. WAR!

Convention activities: Past Grand Master of Masons in California R.W.Claude Morrison gave the address of welcome. President Owen C.Carr was absent so 1st V.P.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes presided. 106 clubs represented at Convention for credentials purposes. Necrology under direction of Franklin J.Ives. & Cary T.Ray. 400 attended the President's Ball and Banquet at Hospitality House, Balboa Park. The Engstrom Achievement cup was won by Dr.J.Wallace Forbes and Dr.Larry Hess for outstanding work of Philadelphia and Penn-Jersey Clubs for underprivileged boys. Founder's Fund Trophy went to Ray Hunning for Downtown St Louis for largest per capita gifts. The Hopperstead attendance trophy for the club out of California with largest delegation to the convention went to J.Nelson Truit for the Denver Club.

Elected to serve for 1950-1951 - Pres.Dr.J.Wallace Forbes, Collingswood, N.J; (a dentist); 1st V.P. Otto W.Cox, Indianapolis,Ind; 2nd V.P. Charles S.Johnson,FGM Masonic Home, Ky; 3rd V.P. F.E.Fields, Denver, Colo; Imm.P.P. Owen C.Carr, Sacramento, Calif; General Counsel & Sec.to Int.Bd. PIP Hugh Allerton, Highland Park,Mi. Ch.Extension Comm. PIP Fred A.Hunt, Toledo, Ohio; Tr. Wm.H.Hecht, Maplewood,Mo; Ex.Dir., Founder & Editor High Twelvian E.C.Wolcott. Int.Office 2683 Big Bend Blvd., Maplewood 17,Mo., Suite 14.

President J.W.Forbes presented a Resolution changing the name of the Founder's Fund to WOLCOTT FOUNDER'S FUND in honor of E.C.Wolcott. This was adopted. "To this date less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the clubs have contributed. There is \$2,229.97 in the Fund. Average about \$318.00 per year since Omaha Conv.'48. September set aside every year

hereafter as Wolcott Week, with a special collection 'hopefully' each new member to contribute \$1.00, providing some additional \$2,500.00 per year."
"....to....have the Trustees of the Fund revise this machinery....increase the principal from \$4,000.00 to \$10,000.00. "

The following clubs were to have been chartered by the end of the Convention: De Soto, Mo; Butler Univ; Indianapolis, Ind; Shelbyville, Ind; West Toledo, Ohio; Fremont, Nebr; Columbus, Nebr; Washington, Mo.

Amendments were submitted to the Convention for study.
The Tijuana, Mexico HTC charter was presented 6/26/50 by E.C.Wolcott. 36 members. 400 delegates and wives present. Ricardo Salazar, Pres. San Diego HTC sponsored. Pres. Salazar was at the same time Grand Master of the Northern Mexico District.

It was brought to the attention of the delegates that South Denver had 89 charter members, 4/28/50. They sponsored an all-accordion band, with 110 youth members; accordians provided by Charter member Bro. Lou Simmons of Simmons Music Co. Bro. Hal Mollison, also a charter member, taught and directed. Chairman of Bands and Orchestras of High Twelve International. The club realized over \$500.00 from the band first concert last October.

ALGONA, Iowa HTC founded by Leonard Smith. He presented charter 6/23/50. Smith was President of the Fort Dodge Club. Earl Winders who founded Fort Dodge Club did the installing. Delegations were from Mason City and Cherokee too. RURAL DOUGLAS COUNTY Neb. HTC were guests of the Platte Valley DeMolays 8/7/50 in an impressive ceremony.

WEST TOLEDO, Ohio HTC's charter night was 6/26/50. Over 100 present. 72 Charter members. Lloyd L. Roulet 33° P. Com. Grand Commandery of Ohio was Toastmaster. Aurlie S. Weast 2nd V. P. Michigan Assn. HTC presented charter. Pres. Harold Fetterman, Sec. Harold E. MacDowell.

WASHINGTON, Mo. charter party 7/21/50. Wolcott gave address. Pres. James W. Hauser. Sec. Jack K. Jones. Toastmaster R.W. Judge Ranson A. Brewer, Dist. Lecturer. Rt. Worh. Joseph A. Halley, Past Dist. Lect. installed the officers. During the Fall of 1950 two LINCOLN, Ill. H.T.C. members were honored....Bro. Harry F. Angsbarger received International citation for Masonic and Community Service, especially youth. Bro. Geo. R. Shrager received the H.T.I. Founder's citation at the same time.

CENTRALIA, Ill. H.T.C. sponsored a blood contribution drive for a Centralia patient in the Fall of 1950. They met along with many Masons at the Barnes Hospital.

The Convention Committee reported the results of the San Diego Convention last June as follows: Contributions by the California H.T.Cs = \$3,238.90, Deficit guarantee by a Pasadena Mason \$500.00, Conv. receipts \$3,749.35 = Total disbursements \$7,488.25; Refund of deficit guarantee to a Pasadena Mason \$500.00 = \$6,537.04. Bank balance as of 9/9/59 - \$451.21. They refunded the \$451.21 excess to the 14 California clubs (which had contributed \$3,238.50) on a pro rata basis.

There is a reference in the records to the first club in Montana....CORVALIS. No further reference. WASHINGTON, Mo. Charter issued 7/21/50. 26 members. Pr. J. Hauser. CORONADO, Calif. charter issued 8/3/50. 30 members. Pres. Clarence A. Dettloff. ST CLAIR COUNTY, Ill. charter issued 11/9/50. 49 members. Pres. Hulin S. Halcomb. BLOOMINGTON, Ill. charter issued 11/10/50. 42 members. Pres. E.C. Horn.

LOS ANGELES (DOWNTOWN) HTC charter party at Altadena Country Club. Promoted by Pres. Bob Kreider of Glendale HTC, who acted as Master of Ceremonies. Franklin J. Ives, PSP, "Founder" of the Pasadena Club, installed. Delegations from Glendale, Pasadena and Alhambra. Pres. Arthur J. Schifferman; Sec. John L. Harris.

The Committee on Objectives listed over 40 possible objectives High Twelve Clubs could consider. This report resulted in a resolution in effect to:

1. Assist in every way possible the Masonic Lodge and all regularly constituted institutions of the Craft.
2. Actively support free public schools and recognized youth movements, such as DeMolay and Boy Scouts.
3. Sponsor Boys' Homes and other activities for the underprivileged.

Club statistics by states as of June, 1950: ALABAMA 1 + 1 inactive; ARKANSAS 2 + 1 inactive; CALIFORNIA 20; COLORADO 7; ILLINOIS 26 + 3 inactive; INDIANA 9; IOWA 18 + 2 inactive; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 7; LOUISIANA 1; MICHIGAN 20 + 1 inactive; MISSOURI 21; NEBRASKA 7; NEW JERSEY 6; NEW YORK 3; OHIO 7; OKLAHOMA 3 + 2 inactive; PENNSYLVANIA 1; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; WASHINGTON 1; PHILIPPINES 1; MEXICO 1 = TOTAL 171 + 11 inactive. 24 clubs added '49-'50.

Largest clubs in order: Sioux City = 293; Manila, P.I. = 240; Springfield, Ill. = 218; Council Bluffs = 200; Toledo = 193; Louisville = 179; Fresno = 166; Pasadena = 159; Findlay, Ohio = 142 & Topeka = 142. Total membership all clubs 5/31/49 11,903, 5/31/50 13,660.

Total cash balance 5/31/50 \$8,992.08 (incl. \$2,229.07 Founder's Fund); Salary Ex. Dir. (Wolcott) \$2,600.00, Office Secretary \$2,457.90, Ex. Dir. expenses \$1,300.00, Travel, officers, etc. \$4,896.75, Hi 12vian mag. \$6,192.29, Club Supplies \$1,030.66, Rent of office \$699.50.

HIGH TWELVE INTERNATIONAL BOYS HOMES FOUNDATION, INC. There had been discussion regarding the possibilities of establishing a chain of Boys Homes under the auspices of High Twelve International. After the Conv., 1950 a brochure was mailed to all club secretaries, asking various questions regarding feasibility. A summary of the project report follows:

Q, Who will administer the funds? A, Foundation Board, a majority of whom are Board Members of High Twelve Int. Q, How will funds be raised? A, Donations, gifts, legacies and gifts from the general public.

Q, Have any locations been established for homes to date? No, after project well under way, several locations will be considered. Q, When can we expect the first home? A, That's up to participation of interested High Twelve Clubs, and receipt of donations from the public when Foundation has sufficient money, locations selected and blue prints presented.

Q, Will the homes be open to Masonic children only? No, Foundation will aid in establishing homes eligible to any child, regardless of race, religion, creed or Masonic heritage. Q, Will the children in the homes be educated in the home? A, No. The children will go to public schools and the church of their choosing in the community in which the homes are located. The children will not be taken out of society any more than necessary.

Q, Is this an exclusive High Twelve project or is it being shared with another service club? A, Exclusively a High Twelve project, one in which High Twelve Clubs will receive national recognition. Q, What will these homes be called? A, Whenever possible, they will be called the 'High Twelve International Home for Boys (or Girls)' Q, How can my club help the Foundation at this time? A, By having your club Secretary or President return the card of endorsement to Mr. Wolcott today.

Q, What else will be required of us as High Twelve members? A, Your supporting interest, moral and tangible.

A covering letter said that the International Convention at San Diego had unanimously approved a resolution which would start such action. PLAN FAILED TO CATCH ON.

8/27/50 - TRUMAN SIGNED LAW TO PREVENT RAILROAD GENERAL STRIKE.
9/15/50 - MARINES LANDED & TOOK INCHON, NORTH KOREA. 10/20 50 U.S. TOOK PYONGYONG,
NORTH KOREA CAPITAL. 11/20/50 U.S. REACHED MANCHURIAN BORDER. 3/25/51 MAC ARTHUR
WANTED TO PURSUE CHINESE ACROSS YALU TO AIR DEPOTS IN MANCHURIA.
4/11/51 - TRUMAN RELIEVED MAC ARTHUR OF COMMAND IN FAR EAST.

ECONOMIC REVIEW...DOW-JONES AVERAGES 12/31/41 = \$110.96; Avg. dividends \$7.59.
12/30/44 = \$152.32; dividends \$6.57; Cost of living 124. Purch. Power of \$ 78¢.
12/31/48: D-J = \$177.30; Dividends \$11.50. Cost of living 160 ('47); Purch. power of
\$ down to 62¢ ('39 = 100). 12/31/49 D-J \$200.12; dividends \$12.79. A man with
\$17,000 income 6 years ago...taxes took 1/4 of his income...now took 1/3.

DOW-JONES \$ 235.41 as of 12/30/50; dividends \$16.13; cost of living now to 162
(vs 100 in '39); Purch. power of \$1.00 about 56¢ now, vs 1.00 in '39. A \$500.00
annuity in '39 would only buy \$290.00 in goods 12/31/51, when the D-J Averages
hit \$269.23, and dividend avgs \$16.34. INFLATION WAS STARTING TO SPIRAL. WHAT
EFFECT, IF ANY, WOULD THIS HAVE ON THE GREAT SPURT INTERNATIONAL WAS HAVING IN NEW
CLUBS AND MEMBERS?

The WOLCOTT HIGH TWELVE EDUCATIONAL FUND is the new name of the Founder's Fund,
"To correct misunderstanding", according to the Jan-Feb. 1951 High Twelvian. Art-
icle probably written by Wallie. P.I/P. Hugh Allerton is Chairman. "The Found-
ation Trustees are studying a plan to give aid and assistance to a youth who is
physically handicapped and now in a recognized college."

SANDUSKY, Ohio, HTC charter party 1/8/51. 162 charter members. P.I/P. Fred A.
Hunt, Toledo, presented charter. John W. Whitmer 33° installed. President Clark
H. Beverly Pres, C. Ralph Strobel, Sec. Bro. Walter Curtiss Reg. St. Oil representa-
tive personally obtained 106 of the 162 charter members.

ALHAMBRA, GLENDALE, LOS ANGELES & PASADENA HTCS hold a joint installation ban-
quet, with 350 members, wives and guests present. Fresh flower leis were flown
UAL from Hawaii to Pasadena for the event. Hawaiian music, dancers and entertain-
ment. P.S.P. Franklin J. Ives installed officers, and Past Pasadena President
"Hoppy" Hopperstead was Master of Ceremonies, 1/20/51.

The PASADENA H.T.C. recognized CARY T. RAY as Founder of the Pasadena H.T.C.
He was given a Life Membership. He had joined the Cedar Rapids Club in "1922", ac-
cording to the article. He started work organizing the Pasadena Club in 1941.
First meeting May, 1942. Chartered 1944. (NOTE: Cedar Rapids not admitted to
the International organization until 1925. Regardless, he was an old timer. DLP)

LAKEWOOD, Ohio HTC charter presented 4/21/51. "First V.P. of Ohio Clubs Harold
Sivers and Wolcott met seven weeks earlier. Now the group has 200 members. State
President Cloyse Dutweiler installed officers; Chairman of Expansion Committee
presented the Charter. Wallie was the speaker. A group of Grand Lodge officers,
headed by Most Worshipful James J. Harbage, were presented by P.G.M. Judge Stephens.

Wallie stated in the March-April, 1951 High Twelvian that in April, 1944 they
had only 24 clubs, and in seven years had grown to nearly 200. In the Nov-Dec.,
1944 issue he had asked, "....Why do we let the club drift until it is dead?"
"....Is your club loaded down with 'belly' brothers, whose chief pleasure is 'crab-
bing' about the food, about the day and time of meeting, about the dues, about
Masonry?" "....Speaking to the club officers,Brothers - your club is your
responsibility. No one outside of your own group, your community can do the job
for you. High Twelve at work is a great idea. It will succeed because someone
sacrifices time and thought."

Mid-Year meeting December 2 and December 3, 1950, Indianapolis, Ind, Warren Hotel. Present: Forbes, Cox, Johnson, Fields, Hunt, Hecht and Wolcott; also there was a meeting of the Foundation Board (presumably Wolcott Fund, not proposed Boys Home Foundation, unless it was intended the latter take over the former).DLP

MANSFIELD, Ohio HTC charter issued 1/11/51, 63 members. Pres. Ralph H. Damlos. CANTON, Ohio HTC charter issued 3/8/51, 49 members. Earl H. Hafer. LAKEWOOD, Ohio HTC charter issued 4/21/51, 161 members. Pres. Eugene A. Sandals, Jr. MISSION (San Francisco, Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/30/51, 45 members. Gus R. Scheppler, Pres. STERLING (Rock Falls) Ill. charter pulled 4/26/51. It had been chartered 9/20/47.

ATLANTIC, Iowa HTC charter presented by Harry C. Crowl, Founder of Council Bluffs HTC 4/23/51. 42 members. President of Iowa Association Karl Fantle installing officer; Pres. Everett Rossmann, Sec-Tr. Kenneth Jackson. Delegations from Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs and Omaha. BROOKSIDE (Tulsa) Okla. charter presented by E.C. Wolcott, speaker. Charter listed 49 members. Article in High Twelvian showed 85 members present. 300 Masons and wives present. Pres. Dr. Richard T. Oliver, Sec-Tr. Roy Conard.

ALBANY & RICHMOND, Calif. HTCs received charters and officers installed in a joint ceremony May 2, 1951; and WALNUT CREEK 5/22/51. Albany 56 members, Pres. Milton G. Gordon. Richmond 54 members, Pres. Carl T. Granzov. Walnut Creek's first president not shown. The BERKELEY HTC was sponsor. Dr. Suren H. Babington, State President, inducted new officers and presented charters.

DE SOTO, Mo. HTC charter presented 6/6/51 by Worshipful Adrian Bushman. Right Worshipful Joseph Halle and Worshipful W.F. Hecht installing officers. Speaker Judge John Witthaus, Clayton, Past Lecturer of Grand Lodge of Missouri gave a strong definition of Masonry and High Twelve. Pres. A.E. Vaughn (or Baughn?); Sec. William Murphy. 30 members.

HONOLULU HTC charter party 6/4/51. Bros. H.L. Tilley and Ralph O. Beck of Sioux City and John H. Morrison of Fresno, at that time residents of Honolulu, founded the club. According to the High Twelvian, there were 46 charter members, but the St Louis records indicate only 16 on the charter. Guest speaker was the Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, H. Oren E. Long, a member of Kaa'i Lodge #589. Pres. Geo. Hughes, Sec. Thomas E. Ellis.

DAYTON DOWNTOWN (Ohio) HTC, a night time club, charter presented by P.I.P. Fred Hunt, Chairman of the Expansion Comm. Int. V.P. Harold Sivers installed. Pres. Dr. J.E. Miller, Sec. Clayton b. Keeler. EATON, Ohio, HTC charter presented by Harold J. Sivers. Toastmaster Fern J. Blase, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Commandry Knights Templar. PIP Fred Hunt installed. Speaker Judge Otto W. Cox, 1st VP HTI. Pres. Clifford H. Stroh, Sec. Robert Flory. 25 members.

NORTH EAST DETROIT charter presented by P.I/P. Hugh Allerton, General Counsel & Secretary HTI 6/18/51. He also spoke. Pres. Hugh Wynne, Sec. Ralph S. Valade. UNIVERSITY CITY (St Louis, Mo.) charter issued 6/29/51. 27 members. Albert Krause, Pr.

President Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, writing in the High Twelvian of March-April, 1951 stated that to this date, of the 25 elected Presidents, only 19 clubs represented. 2 each from Cedar Rapids, Oakland, Fresno, Des Moines, Berkeley and Highland Park. California had 6 Past International Presidents, Michigan 4, Iowa 4, Illinois 3 and Kansas 2. There were 10 lawyers represented, 8 businessmen, 4 dentists, 2 educators and 1 musician. Re. International Conventions; California, Missouri and Iowa 4 each; Michigan 3; Colorado 2, and now Illinois 2. 7 other states and Canada had 1 each.

2/28/51 - KEFAUVER COMMITTEE (U.S. Senate) MAINTAINED THAT GAMBLING'S "TAKE" WAS OVER 20 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR.

STATE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS. According to information recently received from the State Presidents (or their agents) the following were Presidents about this time:
 CALIFORNIA: 1950-51 Dr.S.H.Babbington of Berkeley.
 COLORADO: 1950-51 - Troy Pollard of Rangely.
 ILLINOIS - Grover C.Hoff of Springfield, elected 12/9/50 at Springfield.
 IOWA: 1950-51 - Karl S.Fantle of Fort Dodge.
 KANSAS: 1951 - Floyd A.Flanagan, Topeka Club ('50 was R.M.Long,Wichita Club)
 MICHIGAN: 1950-51 William C.Maynard, Highland Park (Emil G.Lambertson 51-52) Lansing
 MISSOURI: 1950-51 George E.Coffin, Kansas City (51-52 James Bradford, St Louis)
 NEW JERSEY: 1951 B.Victor Cranston, Philadelphia (Probably actually Penn-Jersey Dist.)
 (GOVERNOR)
 OHIO: 1950-51 Harold J. Sivers, Maumee (Toledo Htc)

(There was no listing of State Presidents in High Twelvians or in files at International for some time; so we are indebted to those who recently compiled these lists. Indiana and Kentucky both probably had State Presidents, but listings as requested not provided me. DLP)

Total membership as of 4/30/50 =	13,660, less lost 940 =	12,720
- Membership of clubs disbanded		- 1,130
		11,590
+	Membership gain	560
		12,150
+	New club membership	1,318
Total membership 5/31/51		13,468

Club statistics 1950-1951 - CALIFORNIA 26; ILLINOIS 24 + 3 inactive; MISSOURI 22 + 2 inactv; MICHIGAN: 21; IOWA 20; OHIO 14; INDIANA 8 + 2 inactive; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 7; NEBRASKA 7; COLORADO 6 + 2 inactv; NEW JERSEY 6; OKLAHOMA 4 + 1 inactv; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; MEXICO 2; NEW YORK 2 + 1 inactive; ARKANSAS 1 + 1 inactive; balance 1 each...ALABAMA, LOUISIANA, PENNA, WASHINGTON, PHILIPPINES, HAWAII...TOTAL 185 active and 12 inactive = 197.

12 largest clubs: Sioux City 291 members; Manila, Philip. 263; Toledo 226; Louisville 202; Springfield, Ill. 198; Council Bluffs 182; Sandusky, O. 182; Pasadena 161; Lakewood, Ohio 161; Berkeley 141; Denver 140; Topeka 137.

Membership by states: Calif. 1932; Iowa 1672; Illin. 1350; Mich. 1313; Ohio 1227; Missouri 1124. NEW CLUBS 1950-51: CALIF: Coronado, Downtown Los Angeles, Albany, Mission, Richmond, Walnut Creek; HAWAII: Honolulu; ILLINOIS: St Clair County; INDIANA: Bloomington; IOWA: Atlantic; MICHIGAN North East Detroit; MISSOURI: Washington, University City, DeSoto; OHIO: Sandusky, Mansfield, Canton, Lakewood, Downtown Dayton (nights); Eaton and Brooklyn-Parma; OKLAHOMA Brookside(Tulsa) and Enid.

FINANCES - Founder's Fund bal. 6/1/50 = \$2,229.07, Receipts/Gifts \$1,4028.79, balance 5/31/51 = \$3,657.86; General Fund - Dues \$20,592.00, Club supplies sold \$1,794.25, HiTw'vn Adv. \$603.45, Expense refunds \$48.58 = \$23,038.28. EXPENSES - Salaries \$7,205.96, Travel \$6,007.49, Magazine \$8,379.93, Club suppl \$1,672.23, Misc.\$3,561.77 Net worth \$26,827.38 as of 5/31/51 \$8,473.52. (notation that was \$2,789.10 'in red').

Treasurer W.F.Hecht, "...I want to commend Wallie for the way he met the problem of rising costs. Only through the long days for himself and Mrs.Diering could all of the necessary work have been so efficiently done at no increase in number of employees or increased office space. These two people handled work when we had 30 clubs, and are still doing it with our 194 clubs."

Fred A.Hunt, PTP, Expansion Chairman, "...On the front of your program is the true meaning of what we are trying to do. 'We are building a great fellowship hour

for the men of Masonry, absolutely free of commercialism or private gain.' I want to express my sincere thanks to Brother Sivers, Duttweiler and Morison of Ohio; in California to Bro. Babington, Ives and Ripley; In Missouri to Bro. Brandford; and in Michigan to Bro. Maynard & Versey (for getting new clubs)."

The International Convention July 5, 6 & 7, 1951 was held in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Billed as 30th Anniversary. Hotel rates - Singles \$6.50 to \$10.00; doubles \$9.00 to \$14.00. Registration: Men \$13.50 (incl. banquet & 2 lunches); Women \$9.00 (1 lunch & 1 banquet);

Secretary Hugh G. Allerton PIP presented among other suggested changes to the By-Laws, a proposal for Zoning, with a Director to be elected from each of 5 zones from delegates from their respective zones at the International Convention for 2 year terms. "...Immediately after the elction, the duly elected Board will choose from among the Board of Directors a 1st, 2nd and 3rd V.P., who shall act for the President in his absence in that order. Vice Presidents need not advance ." "The International Director shall supervise the High Twelve Clubs in his zone through the State President (or District Governors)." "...Zone 1 (Pacific Coast) would include Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Alaska & Hawaii.

"Zone 2 -(Midwest) Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin & Illinois; Zone 3 (Southwest) Colorado, Kansas New Mexico Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana; Zone 4 (Northeast) Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania, West Verginia, Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Mass., New Hampshire, Maine; Zone 5 (Southeast): Kentucky, Tenn., Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, North Carolina, South Caro., Georga & Florida.)"

After debate the above proposed Constitution and By-Laws and other changes were referred to committee and for study by the clubs. There was an impressive memorial service conducted by 1st V.P. Chas S. Johnson, assisted by PIP Earl Gullen. Names of 95 brothers who had passed into future life were read. DOWNTOWN ST LOUIS won the Wolcott Foundation Fund cup with a \$2.14 per capita contribution.

President Dr. J. Wallace Forbes said that more than four times as many clubs contributed to the Founder's Fund. 16 states out of a possible 20 (and of those 4 Alabama, Penn. and Washington had only 1 club each). First place in total contributions Berkeley, Calif. \$117.58; tied for 2nd Denver & Pontiac, Mich. \$50.00 ea.

Forbes then spoke on duty to instruct the youth on the danger of drugs. He suggested that the clubs set aside one of the regular meetings in September or October to study this problem...without exciting an interest in youth trying one.

"....When we are a larger organization and fairly well distributed over the country, we may be able to arrive at a geographic zoning plan. Today our only possible approach to this would be to make some use of the natural divisions that have already been set up in the District and State Associations. Even this form of representation should not be established until the several State Associations are properly and uniformly organized within themselves."

He suggested the possibility of having the President elected on the first day of the Convention so he could arrange his committees and plans for the coming year. "....With the present arrangement of electing officers, it would be a little presumptive for a 1st V.P. to request men to serve on committees before he is positive that he is going to wield the gavel for the ensuing year. The result is a disruption of several months until correspondence is exchanged and the new President surrounds himself with functioning committees."

"....The alternate solution to this is to designate an International Pres.-Elect,"

"....a man would be positive that he would be in the President's chair the following year." (Pg 120)

Forbes, "Following the original trend of my earlier remarks as to the possibility of High Twelve projecting itself in the direction of promulgating more Masonic ideals into our Government, I would suggest that we make use of this Fund by endeavoring to establish an annual scholarship for some worthy youth to take an academic course in Diplomacy and Statesmanship in one of the few colleges or universities that offer these subjects."

According to Tallman Trask in the Nov.-Dec., 1964 HighTwelvian, Dr. J. Wallace Forbes was the originator of the Wolcott Foundation, and established the High Twelve Scholarship at George Washington University. (NOTE: Up until this past year, the Founder's Fund by several names was collecting volunteer donations, but had not tied into one definite objective for use of said funds.DLP)

Wolcott on the Wolcott Foundation Fund, June, 1951, "....The Fund has been too small to undertake any assistance to youth. The Board has created a Trust Fund of outstanding safeguards and elasticity." "....The Board has decided to give aid to seriously handicapped youth at the college level." "....Shall the fund be carried on and a small beginning be made?" "....an outright gift....a loan with interest....to High School or College Youth?"

Dr. Forbes again on the Wolcott Foundation, "...During the year, the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve (formerly Penny Fund and Founder's Fund) made its greatest (growth) in its history. My only regret is that no definite purpose had not been found for its activation." He had set April as Founder's week, and "....It was my hope that each club would take up a special contribution for the Wolcott Foundation." "....16 states have contributed out of a possible 20. Average 80%. California lead with \$216.75, then Iowa with \$199.11 and Colorado with \$97.65, Mich. \$76.15, etc."

Fred A. Hunt, PIP and Incoming President Judge Otto Cox lead during the year in the representation of International in the presentation of charters and giving of charter addresses, and installations at State Conventions. Executive Director Wolcott, "Since the Louisville and San Diego Convention a small group of brothers from two areas have expressed the opinion that I should retire from the movement. Such opinions have never been said to me personally."

"....The first paid Executive Director the movement has ever had, I began in 1944, aided by voluntary funds." "...24 years with only 27 clubs was a death trend." He then listed 5 criticisms directed at him and gave his answers, ending, "...as a result of these conversations, it has been reliably reported to me that I 'act as if I were in control of High Twelve', that it is my 'child', my 'baby'."

It was proposed that the United States be divided into five zones, with an International Director to be elected from each zone. Defeated.

President Cox introduced Grand Master of DeMolay Carl Miller 33°, who introduced the speaker, former U.S. Senator from Illinois C. Wayland Brooks, Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, who got a tremendous ovations for his speech attacking overgrown bureaucracy in government. Among the honored guests...Most Worshipful Ben Patton, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Illinois, Judge Edward F. Carter, Nebraska Supreme Court; Past Grand Master of Nebraska; Most Worshipful James M. Bradford, Junior Past Grand Master, Missouri.

No. of clubs by states....: CALIFORNIA 26; ILLINOIS 24 + 1 inactv; MISSOURI 22 + 2 inactv; MICH: 21; IOWA 20; OHIO 14, INDIANA 8 + 2 inact; COLO: 6 + 2 inact; KANSAS 7 KENTUCKY 7; NEW JERSEY 6; OKLAHOMA 4 + 1 inactive; balance scattered. RECAP OF NEW CLUBS: 1950-51: Washington, Mo; Coronado, Calif; St Clair County, Ill; Bloomington, Ind; Downtown Los Angeles; Sandusky, Ohio; Mansfield, Ohio; Canton, Ohio, Lakewood, Oh; Atlantic, Iowa; Brookside/Tulsa, Okla; Albany, Mission, Richmond and Walnut Creek,

Calif; De Soto, Mo; DOWNTOWN Dayton (Night); Eaton, Ohio; NorthEast Detroit; University City, Mo; Honolulu, H.I.; Enid, Okla; Brooklyn-Parma, Ohio - total 1,318 new members. (From official report). Total membership 13,468 5/31/51; 191 active clubs and 6 inactive clubs = 197 clubs.

"The High Twelve Clubs of Toledo, Ohio for the first State Convention 5/25/51 and 5/26/51. E.C.Wolcott was the guest speaker; and International Pres. Judge Otto Cox gave "a masterful address, Masonry and the American Way of Life." State President Cloyse Duttweiler, Vice Pres. Sivers and Hale, Ohio has 14 clubs."

The above is the report as made by Ex.Dir.Wolcott. It does not jibe with the Winter 1975-76 list sent me by the Ohio Association of High Twelve Clubs. This shows the first president as William H.Smith, Toledo #25, 1948; Howard R. Malone 1948-49, Dayton; and Cloyse Duttweiler 1949-50, Findlay club. Harold J.Sivers is listed as President 1950-51, member Toledo #25. George R.Hale is listed as being President 1951-52, member Dayton Club. Is it possible that Smith was a "District Governor" appointed by International? That Malone was the president chosen at a meeting prior to the 5/26/51 Convention? Ohio may desire to research.

The Convention requested that the Boys Home Foundation as proposed in the pamphlet of questions and answers proposed by Frank Roark and A.F.Henningson of Omaha High Twelve Club be further clarified for the benefit of the clubs.

Achievement Luncheon under chairmanship of Col.James Hoffman,PIP included: TRACY, Calif., "The Blood Bank"; FREEPORT, Ill., "We carry on our Hospital Bed Project; CLEVELAND, Ohio, "We publish a bulletin"; Lakewood, Ohio, "We build a Club; BAKERSFIELD, Calif, "A Youth Baseball project."

Prior to the convention, Wolcott had written a report submitted 7/5/51, "The revision of the Constitution & By-Laws has been present at every convention for the last four years." "....Little change has been made from fine thinking of Goodwin Creason and C.D.Royal who wrote the first one, and Hugh Allerton, the 2nd one." "....Our growth seems to have raised the question of controls of the International Board...." "....Brothers..asking radical changes in our Constitution appeared for the first time at the Louisville Convention and reached its highest volume in San Diego."

"The question of objectives began at the Omaha Convention....'Shall it be at the club, state or International level? What will it cost? How shall it be financed? Who shall administer it? Will it meet approval of the Grand Jurisdictions and the various Masonic bodies?' "The attitude I have taken on conventions....on extreme east and west coasts...has brought a lot of very unkind and critical criticism on me."

"Dues ...increased control groups or objectives adopted on State or International level....calls for money." "....This is the most touchy, delicate spot in our whole movement (dues)." "....If the dues are raised to \$4.00 per capita, we will lose 30% of our clubs. Action of this Convention on dues should be referred to the clubs for authorization."

The Nominating Committee presented the name of S.H.Babington of Berkeley, Calif. for 3rd Vice President. He was defeated by Harold J.Sivers of Toledo, Ohio, who was nominated from the floor. When the subject of High Twelve Foundation was raised, as references made to various Grand Lodges, 1st V.P.Chas.S.Johnson succeeded in having the topic of Masonic Foundation not being discussed. A committee was appointed to study the Foundation and its problems. Board listened to complaints of members from Pasadena Club re. situation in California. 3rd V.P.Fields, of Colorado, resigned. Frank Roark of Omaha was appointed to fill unexpired term of Fields until the election (in a few days). (NOTE: above may not be in proper order of occurrence. Unclear. (Information came from various reports, High Twelvian, Minutes, etc; some contradictory) DP

CHAPTER 6
CONSOLIDATION OF GAINS and GROWTH OF THE FOUNDATION

Apparently the July 5 - 8, 1951 Convention, Chicago delegates would not accept a proposed increase in per capita dues; thought the overall and probably expensive Zone division unwise, impracticable and ill-advised for this organization at that time.

J. Wilfred Corr, Vice President of the California Association, Pasadena to Otto W. Cox, President, H.T.I., "...the way things are going now and have been going for some time, this organization can be wrecked by the Founder (Wolcott) and his policies." There was complaint regarding operation of the Chicago Convention. He outlined objections. "Unless High Twelve International quickly comes under the control of reasonable men with capacity for leadership, commensurate with the responsibilities involved, I feel certain there will be much divorcement of clubs and state organizations from International." 7/25/51.

Owen C. Carr, Past International President, to William Hecht, Treasurer 7/31/51, "Never in all my life have I gotten more interested in a movement than I have High Twelve. However, all that inspiration and enthusiasm has been crushed out of me. When Wallie, who I considered a very dear friend for 25 years dropped my name into a group who he said were planning to wreck the Chicago Convention, I considered my usefulness to the organization as over."

Carr bitterly condemned the organization as "run by small clique in a dictatorial manner." He objected to the work on proposed Constitution and By-Laws done by Dr. Babington as not having been voted on by the Convention. "From what Wallie had said in one of his letters, the man from Toledo was picked long ago for 3rd V.P. The election of Truitt as 2nd V.P. was illegal because all names for V.P. must be in the hands of the Nominating Committee 90 days before the Convention. Now that I no longer have any connection with High Twelve I feel free to tell you how I feel and you are at liberty to show this letter to whoever you desire." 7/31/51

President Cox to J. Wilfred Corr, 8/17/51, "... (Chicago) was a convention run by the delegates and not by the International Board or any small clique or so-called 'brass'. Every action by the Convention was the action of the delegates." "...The election of a 3rd V.P. from a nomination was from the floor and not the nominee recommended by the Nominating Committee. The movement to start a Scholarship Foundation was (as your report states) resoundingly defeated."

President Cox to PIP Owen C. Carr, 8/51, "Irrespective of your future course, I shall always be your friend."

The above rather heated exchange of correspondence between California members and President Otto Cox was sent to Executive Director Wolcott 8/17/51 by Cox with the notation, "I put it to all his critical kith and kin to either put up or shut up."

7/10/51 - NEGOTIATIONS FOR TRUCE COMMENCE
9/4/51 - TRANSCONTINENTAL T.V. INAUGURATED

GLENDALE (Calif.), "The Glaze Masonic Youth Breakfast was a tremendous success. More than 1,200 tickets sold. However, it looked like a High Twelve Convention." 8/51
TRENTON, N.J. Most Worshipful Lewis M. Parker, Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Masons in New Jersey spoke on "Merry-go-Rounds", referring to the Brothers who, after getting their degrees go to various Masonic organization, "not getting anywhere." He expressed his appreciation of Masons in High Twelve (among others) in creating additional interest and activity in Masonry and the principles for which it stands. 9/10/51.

State Presidents listed in the Sept-Oct, 1951 High Twelvian were, CALIF: S.H. Babington, M.D., Berkeley; COLO: Troy Pollard, Rangely; ILL: Grover Hoff, Springfield; IND: Dr. E.J. Willis, Terre Haute; IOWA: G.A. Royal, Des Moines; KANSAS: Floyd A. Flanagan, Topeka; KENTUCKY: Marvin J. Fisher, Louisville; MICHIGAN: E.G. Lambertson, Lansing; MISSOURI: James M. Bradford, PGM, St Louis; OHIO: Harold J. Sivers, Toledo; PENN-JERSEY DISTRICT Governor B. Victor Cranston, Philadelphia, Pa.

CEDAR RAPIDS HTC was host to many High Twelve International officers, including Judge Otto W. Cox, PIP Dr. Ed Hruska, PIP Clark A. Beems and Masonic dignitaries, including Earl B. Belzell, Grand Sec. of Iowa Masons. Occasion... the presentation to the Masons of Iowa by HTI Founder Wolcott of a portrait of E.C. Wolcott, Founder and moving spirit for 30 years... "to be placed in Iowa Grand Lodge Masonic Library and Museum as a testimony of his devotion to the philosophy and principles of our teachings; for his untiring efforts; for the constructive contributions in showing good Masons how to apply the influence of their lives in the world at large, and building upon our Institutional Foundation a superstructure step by step toward the consummation of our high purpose..."

STORM LAKE, Iowa charter issued 10/23/51, 23 members, Robert (Smitty) Smith, Pres. EMPIRE (Denver, Colo.) charter issued 10/27/51, 55 members, Kenneth E. Pool, Pres. "Empire built by Past Int. V.P. F.E. Fields, who presented charter P.I.P. Col. James R. Hoffman was the M.C. Past Int. Treas. Graham R. Miller introduced distinguished guests, including M.W.C. Wheeler Barnes, Gr. Master Grand Lodge of Colorado. Francis J. Knaus PGM and Justice Colorado Supreme Court among others present. Int. Pres. Cox gave the address." STORM LAKE HTC was built by Leonard Smith of Ft Dodge, assisted by Brothers of Sioux City and Ft Dodge Clubs. Delegations also from Cherokee, Des Moines, Webster City and Council Bluffs. Wolcott presented charter. Installation by Harry C. Crowl, founder of Council Bluffs. Speaker Int. Pres. Judge Cox.

FOUNDERS CLUB #1, Sioux City 10/24/51 had Honor Party "commemorating 30 years since original founding at Mayfair Hotel. 300 present, including ladies. President J. LeRoy Nelson presiding. Other clubs attending included Sioux Falls, Council Bluffs, Nebraska City, Storm Lake and Huron. Over 100 letters of congratulation received from International Officers and clubs. A.H. Bolton, founder and 2nd President was M.C. Judge Otto Cox, Pres. of H.T.I. was guest speaker, "Masonry and the American Way of Life." High Twelvian

"The High Twelve Club of LAKEWOOD, Ohio on 10/24/51 honored 3 great Ohio Masonic leaders... Wm. G. Pringle PGM 33°; Judge Alpheus A. Stephens PGM 33°; and C.B. Pontis, Dist. Dep. G.M. Ohio State High Twelve Association Pres. Harold Sivers, who is also International 3rd V.P. represented the State and International High Twelve." High Twelvian.

ENID (Okla.) HTC re-presented its original charter (organized in '24, admitted to International in 1926). Wolcott principal speaker. Pres. Benno A. Fener, Sec. W. Anderson.

Clark A. Beems, Cedar Rapids, PIP, wrote an article for the Sept.-Oct., 1951 High Twelvian entitled WHAT WE ARE, summarized herewith:
OUR GOAL for ourselves and the World is the Masonic Way of Life as expressed by our Masonic Philosophy; WE BELIEVE in Universal Brotherhood... in love of man for man, regardless of color, creed, nationality and racial status.

WE BELIEVE in our Republic form of government... in the inherent worth of the individual and his inalienable right of self development and self expression. WE BELIEVE in an economic system operating on the Masonic principles of cooperation and service. WE BELIEVE in a dynamic world-wide effort to meet the problems of physical need... to conquer poverty, eradicate disease, raise living standards, extend education, and the training of people for creative employment.

"WE BELIEVE above all in developing a moral system which honors God, reverses truth and justice, challenges men to lives of service, and teaches people to love their neighbors as themselves.

"WE ARE ENGAGED in a world-wide struggle for the hearts and minds of men. We regard the High Twelve purposes a sail on the Masonic Ship of State, as a potential cooperator in this struggle against Communism.

"WE ARE WORKING among people everywhere on the grassroots level of action. We operate in a field of constructive activities with countless other groups who seek to ameliorate the less fortunate in their needs.

"WE HAVE AN OPEN CHANNEL to the masses of the world through the three and one-half million loyal members of our Masonic institutions scattered all over the world, except in totalitarian governed peoples. All we need now is a wholehearted faith in our cause and a sacrificial courage and zeal to carry through to a glorious victory for God and Freedom.

"LET US UNITE IN A CRUSADE to save America and Masonry from the clutches of the enemies of God and man. This is a friendly brotherly organization that believes in FRATERNITY AND NOT FORCE.

"ALL MASONS are welcome at our meetings."

On November 16 and 17, 1951 a California State Conference was held in Glendale. There was a long discussion regarding Past International President Owen C. Carr. "Everything was prepared by Wallie, and no one else really had any voice in how things were to be done. He (Carr) suggested that Wallie should have stepped aside long ago as did Paul Harris of Rotary.

"...one time Wallie came to his office (Carr's) in East Oakland after failing to start a club in Richmond and told him that he would forget Richmond...too hard to start, but we have a club in Richmond. Wallie asked him if he'd start a club in East Oakland. Wallie had tried but failed. Carr went to work and when he got the charter it had 175 names on it." "Carr (when president) was only a figure-head. He tried for four years to have a pamphlet printed with standard Constitution and By-Laws (for clubs?) but did not succeed."

"He worked hard to get an annual budget each year to be approved on the floor of the Convention...never done to his knowledge." "...President (Babington) of the California Association had few clubs when he started, but now has 28 and deserves much credit." "By-Laws say 'Council of Past Presidents shall meet on call of its Chairman.' This has never happened."

"Wallie seems to use the officers, then pushes them aside. (Several named.) Dr. Forbes was the next to feel Wallie's iron hand. Dr. Babington had no chance to get elected 3rd V.P. Wallie told Carr in April, before the Convention who was going to be 3rd V.P." "...Stage was set for nomination from the floor."

Carr..."Lately I received a nasty letter from President Cox. I was tried before an unseen jury and never had a chance." "...I think we should keep up our good work, add new clubs in the State. I am going to work for several in the Sacramento District, where I now live, if my health permits." (NOTE: Earlier he had written he was quitting. Rightly or wrongly, many in California felt they had been "had". The California Association grew rapidly in spite of a clamor to drop out. Apparently that State was at odds with the Eastern and Midwestern clubs for years thereafter, for there was a lapse of 8 years (1950-1957) before California provided High Twelve International with another International President, W.L. Hopperstead. DLP)

The Mid-Year meeting December 8 and 9, 1951 was held at Detroit, Michigan, Statler Hotel. Excerpts from article by 3rd V.P. Harold J. Sivers, "A report and meeting of the Trustees of the Founders Fund was held, corrections in the Foundation Charter and a plan submitted by Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, PIP on a plan for a scholarship to be awarded to George Washington University was formulated and will be presented in detail to the Convention at Cleveland."

The achievement award was given to Bakersfield, Calif. HTC. Wolcott reported. Discussions re. method of handling Achievement Award luncheon at Convention in Cleveland. "If rationing of food and gasoline is ordered, how will it effect us?" Discussion of convention breakfasts by office. "...one for building of new clubs." "...if they can be held to a fixed purpose by an International Officer as Chairman, they can be worth while."

"....How can we keep our Convention sessions clear of disturbing discussion of Constitution & By-Laws? This factor is hurting our morale and will hurt attendance at conventions. Can a standing Jurisprudence Committee be a safeguard to suggestions?" E.C. Wolcott.

"States rights, trends and powers. Discussion of California actions. Right of State Objectives. Right of State to assess clubs. What limits...what will endanger International dues?" ECW.

"Has the time come that it is necessary to set up, by amending our corporation Act to give absolute control and governing powers to a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees, to protect us through all time against exploitation and sectional trends?" "...who would have the powers of a Grand Master in lifting charters, calling recalcitrant groups to accounting for misuse of our purposes?" E.C. Wolcott

"Will the long established practice of the Grand Lodge, with Masonry contained in Standard Patterns, be our final form: And a meeting of State Presidents, similar to the Grand Masters' meeting held in Washington, supercede our present plan of an International Board? What effect on growth and service to Masonry? As we are now organized, we do not have the powers of certain Civic Luncheon (clubs) controls or Grand Lodge controls." E.C. WOLCOTT. (NOTE: A struggle of many years between some of the State Associations and their feeling of 'authoritarian rule' on the part of International Officers, especially St Louis Headquarters was beginning to surface.) DP

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS 1951-52: President Otto W. Cox (Judge), Indianapolis, Ind; 1st V.P. Charles S. Johnson, PGM, Elmhurst, Ill; 2nd V.P. J. Nelson Truitt, Denver; 3rd V.P. Harold J. Sivers, Toledo, Ohio; Im. P.P. J. Wallace Forbes, DDS, Philadelphia; General Counsel - Sec. to Int. Bd. Hugh Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treas. Wm. F. Hecht Maplewood, Mo; Ex. Dir. Founder & Editor E.C. Wolcott, Suite 14, 2683 Big Bend Blvd. Maplewood, 17 Mo., Asso. Editor Charles H. Nicholson, St. Louis; Chairman Expansion Committee Fred A. Hunt, PIP, Toledo.

At the Mid-Year Meeting, Detroit, the Wolcott Fund balance was reported as being \$4,105.29. Dr. S. H. Babbington, Pres. Calif. Assn. discussed the possibilities of organizing High Twelve Clubs in Arizona. He was cautioned to first be sure there was no edict against High Twelve in Arizona.

Pres. Cox referred to meetings in Iowa with Earl B. Delzell, Grand SEc. Grand Lodge of Iowa and others in October; the Kentucky State Association; the Chartering of Storm Lake, Iowa 10/23/51; and chartering of Empire HTC, Denver, 10/27/51; and meetings in Indiana. In January he would visit Sandusky, Ohio, Tulsa and Enid, Okla.

There was deliberation on the California Resolution adopted at Glendale November 17, 1951; and the Board was addressed by Bro. Fred Hunt, PIP, Hugh Allerton PIP and others. Copies of the California resolution were directed to be mailed to Presidents

of all State Associations without comment except to state it had been referred to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for study and report at the International Convention, June, 1952.

190 Masons and guests attended the Mid-Year, 1951 banquet, Saturday evening at Acacia Temple.

It was voted to send the clubs changes approved by the Constitution & By-Laws Committee for comment. Work being done at George Washington University was discussed; and approved the Wolcott Foundation providing funds for a Junior and Senior student. The Wolcott Fund balance at that time was \$4,105.29.)

"Moved by Hunt, seconded by Hecht, that the tenure of E.C.Wolcott is entirely in the hands of the International Board.

"Trustees of Wolcott Fund....Allerton, Chairman; Johnson, Cox, Hecht and Forbes earmarked sum of \$1,800.00 for scholarships at George Washington University," ".... to be used exclusively for the education of a Master Mason, a son or a daughter of a Master Mason in the School of Government there." (NOTE: Thus The Wolcott Fund (Foundation) started its great program at George Washington University inconspicuously.) DLP

PASSAIC, N.J. on 12/13/51 was presented charter by PIP J.Wallace Forbes. 94 Masons and wives attended. Pres.Henry Stubba, Sec.F.J.Von Suskil. FREEMONT, Ohio charter presented by V.P.Harold J.Sivers to Pres.Paul Kridler; Sec-Tr.Arthur O. Dittman. 52 members.

During the winter, '51"Glendale High Twelve Club under the leadership of President Thomas Pickering, became sponsors of DeMolay. Glendale High Twelve Club members were on the Advisory Board, Lyle Pickering Chairman. February, 1952 the Pickerings, who owned a large laundry and dry cleaning establishment, offered the entire 2nd floor of their plant to the DeMolay, which was accepted. According to DeMolay history available at the time, this was the first hall set aside entirely for both chapter and recreation." Jan-Feb 1952 High Twelvian.

EAST CLEVELAND (Ohio) HTC charter issued 3/29/52 with 176 members.Pres.H.S.Weaver. OKLAHOMA CITY charter night 1/24/52 for AMARANTH HIGH TWELVE CLUB. Founded by Sam Gill. 40 members. 150 charter members & wives and friends present. Sam Gill Toastmaster. Pres. Cox presented the Charter and was speaker. Pres.Gareold G.Antene, Sec.J.Harold Land.

Cedar Falls CAMPUS (College Hill) HTC started by Homer Hale and the Waterloo Club. Delegates present from Waterloo, Webster City, Des Moines, Ft Dodge, Mason City, Cedar Rapids and Marshalltown. State President G.A.Royal gave the address; and he, Homer Hale and Wolcott presented the charter.

ACACIA High Twelve Club; Glendale Calif. joined the multiclub group. 40 charter members. Words of International President Cox were heard by loud speaker at the Chevy Chase Country Club, who presented the charter long distance from Indianapolis, Ind. Geo.W.Colvin, Master of Ceremonies. Pres. Wm.H.Sherwood; Sec. Carroll M. White.

President Otto W.Cox, writing in the March-April, 1952 High Twelvian said, "1, Our movement is fundamental; 2, Our clubs everywhere are sponsoring commendable projects; 3, Our clubs are lending every aid and assistance to the Masonic Bodies by encouraging Masonic attendance and fostering and promoting greater interest in the zeal for things Masonic; 4, Our clubs are taking an interest in civic and community affairs; 5, As our clubs meet from time to time and build their rich and precious hours of fellowship for men of Masonry....we are putting Masonry into action." "....I believe the future of High Twelve is beyond the reach of disturber and destroyer...."

During 1952 the California Association of High Twelve Clubs established the "HOUR",

by Wallie, fine lists from Grand Lodge brothers and help of Peter Laguens Jr., Grand Secretary of the Louisiana Grand Lodge, and inspirational visit by Jerry Royal, President of H. T.I. and a fine piece of organizational work by Mr. Verne Bentley, who was employed by International to complete these clubs, we have 6 fine new clubs in Louisiana."

Wolcott to Royal 3/13/56, (Bentley paid \$200.00 a month starting 1/2/56 to follow up on organizing club leads Wallie had developed in Louisiana. So far has worked Kansas and Louisiana) "... says it's too costly because these clubs will not move fast enough. He is trying to bring the New Orleans group to a charter night, but is very discouraged, so will close his work with us the last of the month." "...too hard and nerve wracking work."

"....Study of new club work in California, Michigan, Missouri and Kentucky reveals same problem...high cost of meals, auto parking, difficulty in attendance, work, telephone calling, personal visits and travel too big a job for average High Twelve brother; and the south's slowness, made it a losing battle for Bentley."

"....We are bound to have clubs die on us, and unless we can replace with new clubs, we are facing declining income." "...When you see the hours, visits, telephone calls and luncheons I put in at Everett, Tacoma and Portland, and not a single plan or promise made me has been kept by the brothers named temporary officers, I too know the high cost of such failure."

"....Our hope is 100% on our brothers in our State Organizations and clubs, and at this moment not a single brother is working or following through on a new club. Ninety percent of the new Masons are industrial workers who have no noon hour, and will not attend evening meetings....another phase of our growth problem." "...if our anticipated income from new clubs fail, it will effect our balance (\$1,617.93)."

(NOTE: I am lumping five of the Louisiana club charterings together for convenience.DP) TWIN CITY HTC (Monroe and West Monroe) HTC charter presented 4/11/56. This was later changed to the LOUIS S.DANIEL HTC. Pres.Royal installed; Wolcott gave the charter and was the speaker. Pres.Leo M.Baer, Sec.Calton Yeager. 63 members.

The ALEXANDRIA HTC charter presented 4/9/56 by Pres.Howard Kirby of the Shreveport HTC. 24 members. Pres.Frank O'Neal; Sec. W.N. Berlin. WEST SHREVEPORT HTC received charter from Int.Pres.G.A.Royal. 16 members. Pres. Gordon M.Carr.

BATON ROUGE (Noon) HTC charter presented by Wallie, who was speaker and installed. 38 members. Pres.Dr.James R.Kidwell; Sec.Fred S.Lodner. BATON ROUGE (Night) HTC chartered at the same time. 31 members. Pres.Falvey C. Barr; Sec.Russell B.Nettles. NEW ORLEANS HTC charter presented 6/8/56. 79 members. Wallie presented charter and installed. Pres.Harold Bomboy; Sec. Dr.Louis A.Legett.

In June, each club sent a delegate to a meeting called to form a State Association; constitution adopted, and temporary officers elected. (Not clear where this was.)

CHICO (Calif.) HTC charter presented by Pres.William Worthen of the California Assn. 3/31/56. 49 member. Over 125 members, wives and guests attended. Jack Rose of Yuba City was M.C. Worthen installed Pres.Ted.Zackney, Sec.Edward R.Watson and officers. The FRIENDSHIP (or FELLOWSHIP?) HTC of Owensboro, Ky. meeting nights, was presented charter 4/19/56 by 3rd Int.V.P. Hicks Griffiths, who was speaker. 50 members. The Louisville Club was well represented. Organized by Robert McGinnis of Owensboro Club. Pres. James Ballard; Sec-Tr. C.W.Cranor.

Dr. L.A.Legett wrote in the Jan-Feb.High Twelvian 1965,"It seems that our beloved Wallie Wolcott made a tour of Louisiana in 1956, and it resulted in 5 new clubs being

formed...." "This gave our state enough clubs to form a State Association. In Baton Rouge on 6/18/56 the Louisiana Association of High Twelve Clubs was formed with Bro. W.D.Smith as our first president, and Bro.J.E.Steffek, Sec-Tre."

SAN LOUIS OBISPO, Calif.HTC sponsored by the Hayward HTC. 60 charter members (according to High Twelvian, but 44 as per charter roll)Int.2nd V.P.W.L.Hopperstead presented the charter and installed the officers with the help of State President Wm. Worthen and State Sec.Tallman Trask; delegates from many clubs. Pres.O.B.Paulsen, Sec.Walter O.Laird. 5/26/56.

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. HTC charter presented by PIP J.Nelson Truitt 5/25/56. PSP F.E. Fields installed officers. 24 members. Pres. Henry Gosch. CONCORD, Calif.HTC chartered 6/16/56. 33 members. Pres.Clyde D.Bird Jr.

CLUBS BY STATES Late Spring of 1956: ALA: 1; ARK. 1; CALIF. 42; COLO. 9; ILL. 13; IND. 5; IOWA 16; KANSAS 7; KENTUCKY 5; LOUISIANA 7; MARYLAND 1; MICH. 19; MISSOURI 21; MONTANA 1; NEBRASKA 4; NEW JERSEY 6; NEW YORK 2; OHIO 20; OKLAHOMA 4; PENNSY. 2; SOUTH DAKOTA 2; WASH.1, HAWAII 1. MEMBERSHIP 5/31/56 = 12,121 in 195 clubs.

International Convention San Francisco, Calif., Mark Hopkins Hotel, July 4-7, 1956. Wallie Wolcott celebrated his 75th birthday at the Convention. The Richmond, Calif. HTC, Fred Doty narrator and a star cast in a humorous rendition of "This is your life" surprised Wallie.

The Convention breakfasts were divided into these discussion sessions: 2nd V.P. Hicks Griffiths leading - Club Presidents and Directors; 1st Int.V.P.Milton W.Hardy leading - Secretaries and Treasurers; PIP Harold Sivers leading - State President and Past Int.Presidents. Each club secretary was mailed a copy of these meeting reports.

Outgoing President G.A.Royal said he travelled 17,500 miles, mostly by car, during his year, visiting 50 clubs and most State Conventions. "In the year ending 1953-54 our membership dropped 277; ending 1954-55 dropped 667; term ending 1955-56 increased by 376." The financial picture was as follows: Gen.Fund Rec. - Cash bal.6/1/55 = \$6,750.13; Receipts from club dues, supplies,etc. \$25,397.75 = total inc. \$31,967.88. Expenses - Travel,etc. \$12,954.37, Hi.12vian Mag. \$6,353.18, Tel.,Rent,Supplies,etc. \$5,607.89; \$24,915.34, balance \$7,801.49. INVENTORY,Furn.,Fix \$1,634.72, Retail val.suppl.for sale \$2,115.55, Pamphlets - free for distr. \$295.00, O.S./Printing \$14.25 - tot = \$4,059.52. Wolcott F. Cash on hand 6/1/55 = \$10,599.89, gifts 6/1/55-5/31/56 = \$6,051.43, Expens. \$16,217.32. Expenditures - Com.S & L Bonds \$10,000.00, Tuition for Geraldine Gabby \$240.00, Books for G.G. \$50.00, Spr.Tuition Norma Hetrick \$144.00, S & L B(Hamilton) \$2,000.00; Roosevelt S&L Bonds \$2,000.00 = \$14,434.00; Cash Merc.Bank \$2,217.32.

The Dean of the Faculty of George Washington University, O.S.Colclough gave an address on the present trends in colleges and universities. The Thursday morning welcoming address was given by L.Harold Anderson, Deputy Grand Master California; Noon address by PGM Lloyd E.Wilson Grand Sec.Grand Lodge Calif, "Masonry South of the Border." Friday A.M. group breakfasts.

During the Necrology Services tribute was paid to William Hecht, former Treasurer of High Twelve International. The William Hecht Memorial Class of Ritenow DeMolay received First Degree, Overland,Mo.Masonic Temple 5/18/56....the largest class in years, because Bro.Hecht was founder of the Ritenour Chapter 5 years ago.

Dr.J.W.Morton of Rock Island called attention to the 455,000 boys and girls brought to attention of juvenile authorities in 1954. Prospects for the future were serious. It was deemed desirable that when an activity is chosen of a community activity it be of benefit to youth, through both support and personal attention, applying intelligence and Masonic ideals at International, State and Club levels.

Wolcott said that in spite of increasing problems in building new clubs, "we lost few clubs and gained 15 new ones, and have an over all increase in membership. By a master sales trip by Jerry Royal, a tough, driving organization job by Verne Bentley, plus my own work with Louisiana Grand Lodge leaders, we have 6 new clubs (in Louisiana)."

"We cannot build clubs by hiring it done. It demands the endorsement and personal contacts of live wire High Twelve brothers from nearby clubs. A new club is waiting for your leadership in the city next to your home city, an auto trip, sales presentation, a meeting, and you have a club. Go! my brothers."ECW

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN: Credentials - Thos.Eastin, Calif; Resolutions - Otto W.Cox, PIP Ind; Pub.Rels. - Charles H.Nicholson, Mo; Youth - James Stewart, Iowa; Const.& B-L William Kent Fenton, Ohio; Project - Franklin J.Ives, Calif; Nominating - Hugh G. Allerton, Mich. WOLCOTT FOUNDATION of H.T.I. - Trustees - Chairman J.Nelson Truitt; Sec.A.C.Moldthan; Dr.J.Wallace Forbes; Joseph H.Henion, Fred P.Kissler.

1955-56 Zone Officers G.A.Royal: Colo., Iowa, Kan., Minn, Neb., S.D.; Milton W.Hardy Okla; Alabama, Ark., Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas; W.L.Hopperstead Arizona, Calif, Hawaii, Mont., Nevada, Oregon, Washin., Phillippines; Hick G.Griffiths Illinois, Ind., Ky., Mich., N.J., N.Y., Ohio, Penna. & Washington, D.C.

Reporting to the Convention, Vice President Hopperstead said, ".....I feel 90% of our time, both at the International and State level should be spent in personally promoting the maximum in pure Masonic fellowship, combined with constant and everlasting efforts to increase the membership of present clubs and the organization of new ones.

"Secondly, I feel that a well organized system should be maintained at both the International and State levels to keep track of High Twelvians who become decentralized. Many new clubs could and have been formed by those Masons in their new found homes if proper 'follow up' is maintained."

In Hopperstead's 3rd point, he suggested dividing California into 2 separate State organizations. "....It is impossible to expect High Twelve officers to be able to spend time and money under one state organization to adequately develop our very rich field. State is 750 miles long." Suggested dividing California just above or below Fresno, allowing about 20 clubs in each section.

The Annual Report of E.C.Wolcott, Executive Director said in part, "...California, Colorado and Missouri are on the march again in new clubs." "....Joseph Henyon, California Trustee on the Wolcott Foundation visited entirely at his own expense, with his wife Virginia as chauffeur, our clubs all over the states....15,000 miles by auto, telling the story of our high purpose, the Wolcott Foundation."

"There is somewhere in our great membership a brother whom God has blessed with money.we can have a plain but good looking, one story building with some space for rental income.....a gift of \$35,000.00 would make a permanent home possible."

Elected President for the 1956-57 term ... President Milton W.Hardy of Tulsa, Okla. (His father was Pres. '30-'31); 1st V.P. W.L.Hopperstead, Pasadena; 2nd V.P Hicks G. Griffiths, Detroit; 3rd V.P. Marvin J.Fisher, Louisville, Ky; Genl Counsel and Secretary to International Board, Hugh G.Allerton, PIP, Highland Park, Mich; Treas James E. Gram, East St Louis, Ill; Ex.Dir, Editor - E.C.Wolcott; Asso.Ed.Chas.H.Nicholson; Im.P.P. G.A.Royal.

President Hardy's goals (June-Aug.1956 High Twelvian)1, to establish a permanent home. Council of Past Presidents "...is making a survey and will report. I suggest

ownership by the High Twelve Corporation of an income producing home or office. It should be of sufficient size, and beauty to command inquiry and respect." "...A continuous advertisement of our existence and principles." "...income if possible, should be sufficient to provide for administrative overhead, maintenance and retirement of the principal and interest of its indebtedness. Initial financing plans might be accomplished by donations, endowment, trust, wills and issuance of evidences of indebtedness."

"2, Administrative Manuals..."Former committee headed by PIP Silvers was reappointed to complete final draft for review at Mid-Year meeting. 3, Publicity. Apparently 1st such committee." "...As High Twelve is the fifth largest of its type of club in the world, its name and reputation should be better known and understood...."

1956-57 International Zone Officers: Milton W. Hardy - Colo., Iowa, Kan., Minn., Mo., Nebr., Okla, S.D., Texas. W.L. Hopperstead - Ariz., Calif., Hawaii, Mont., Nev., Ore. & Washington. Hicks G. Griffiths - Ill., Ind., Ohio, N.Y., N.J., Pa., Mich. & Washington, DC. Marvin J. Fisher - Alabama, Ark., Florida, Louisiana, Miss., Tenn. & Kentucky.

5 largest clubs summer of 1956: Sioux City = 300; Toledo = 293; Springfield, Ill. 252; East Cleveland, Ohio 233; Topeka, Kan 230.

There were resolutions asking the International Convention Committees to hold down expense of Conventions (which the Resolutions Committee said they couldn't do much about it except to keep in Mid-West and stay at cheaper hotels.). That more information be made available to local clubs regarding Wolcott Scholarship Foundation as to what is required of the clubs besides raising money and securing candidates; also activities and condition of the Fund. Another resolution recommended that all State Presidents be made full members of the Governing Board (voting rights).

8/7/56 Wolcott to the International Board, "1953 gross inc. \$25,626.85 with expenses \$22,876.28; 1954 Gross inc. \$24,142.39, exp. \$23,751.76; 1955 Gr. Inc. \$25,192.29 exp. \$24,147.50; 1956 Gr. Inc. \$25,397.75, expenses \$24,915.44; no increase in salaries, but rent went up \$25.00 per month."

"The question at club level heard increasingly is, 'Why pay International dues?' Our Chicago effort for a 50¢ raise per capita dues almost lost us 25 clubs." "...There is high resistance in all Masonic organizations to dues increases." "...Visitations of Vice Presidents when at expense of International? Also overlapping into other Vice Presidents' districts." "...They should confer with the Board on certain trips."

"An important matter to discuss at the Mid-Year...Actual relationship of State Presidents to the International Board. The manner of selection of State Presidents has not always provided International size leaders." "...Do we want Manuals of from 2,500 to 9,000 words set in a hard and fast pattern for local High Twelve Clubs, State Organizations and International Board?"

"Is it necessary to rewrite the whole Constitution & By Laws again? A time consuming and discussional time taker....robs conventions of program time." "...Are the Foundation Trustees to meet with International Board at Mid-Year meeting?"

Wolcott Foundation Finances: 5/31/56 \$2,217.32, rec'd 6/1/-6/28/56 = \$695.00, rec'd at Convention \$2,228.23, Interest on Bonds \$195.00 = \$5,335.55 - expenses \$371.66 = \$4,963.89

7/26/56 - EGYPT SEIZED THE SUEZ CANAL.

High Twelve International had 200 clubs at this time. SIOUX CITY..."The present owners of the old YMCA Building, where Wallie did some of the early organizational work with High Twelve, has consented to make available a sufficient amount of wood from bldg.

in which the club was founded to be processed and made into souvenirs for sale to club membership...." "Proceeds will be added to the Wolcott Foundation." HTvn 10/56.

"Dr. Evans, a busy M.D. built the Hap Arnold Club on the great March Air Base, and will result in clubs all over the world; a warm hour for our brothers in the Service. Why not you? Ohio, Indiana, Iowa and Missouri?" Article apparently by Wolcott.

BOONE, Iowa HTC gave its first annual Jr. College scholarship to Gerald Smith. WILLMINGTON, Delaware charter issued 11/20/56. 30 members. Wm. Noble Kinnard, Pres.

Clark A. Beems, President of High Twelve International 1934-35 and Historian for many years, passed away at 85 years of age 9/22/56. A resident of Cedar Rapids, he was a Masonic and Civic leader. He published the High Twelvian Magazine in his Cedar Rapids printing plant during many of the early years; and was Associate Editor for years.

Wm. Penn (Glenside, Pa.) HTC charter presented 10/17/56 by J. Wallace Forbes, PIP. Club organized by the Philadelphia HTC. 45 members. 79 members and guests attended party. Past President Stephen D. Green of the Philadelphia club installed... Pres. M. Howard Orpen; Sec. Charles A. Wiseman.

At the California State Association Oct. 19 and 20, 1956, San Jose, outgoing President Wm. Worthen and Mrs. Worthen were presented a silver serving set. 1st V.P. Ernest A. Ford reported that the new California Officers' Guide Book would soon be ready for distribtn. HAPPY HIRAMS (Covina, Ca.) HTC charter presented by Pres. Wm. L. Worthen of the California Association 10/13/56. Dr. Robert E. Schrock, Pres. and Sec. Robert Flotten and officers installed by Worthen.

The September, 1956 issue of the High Twelvian carried this article by J. Nelson Truitt, Chairman of the Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation. It is very important in the light of future events. "The University and Trustees are preparing a written agreement to cover our working relationship, which is really needed." "...Every club should have Wolcott Committees, and one function of the committees should be to investigate and pass on all applicants....."

KEARNS MEMORIAL High Twelve Club of Temple University, Philadelphia was sponsored by the Faculty High Twelve Club of Temple University. Dr. J. Wallace Forbes, PIP, gave the address. Pres. Carroll Gerry Stinson (class of '57); Sec. Dwight Chester Swimley, ('57); 34 members. 11/2/56.

"....When you, Mr. President, stand up before your club and say, 'No program', you admit failure...you flunked....you stole the luncheon time of every member present. You killed the next meeting....raised doubts about your love for and leadership of the club." High Twelvian Nov-Dec., 1956.

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA HTC (Calif.) charter presented 11/24/56 by Int. 1st V.P. W. L. Hopperstead, Pasadena. St. Pres. Ernest A. Ford Installing Officer. 58 members. Of the 130 persons present, 50 were from out of town, including a group of 25 from San Jose, under the leadership of the Rev. Phil Barrett, sponsors of the new club. Pres. Carl Patnude; Sec. Ralph W. Thompson.

Back to the Wilmington, Dela. HTC. PIP Dr. Wallace Forbes presented the charter. Present were Paul H. McQuinn, Gov., H. Sidney Booth, Sec. of New Jersey State Assn. and Arthur R. Less, Past Trustee, East Orange Club; Paul Trout Past Gov. Penn-Jersey Dist. and Pres. Howard Orpen of William Penn, who presented the bell and gavel and installed.

Life Magazine week of October 3, 1956 had a big write up on American Masonry, showing U.S. membership 4 million strong, double that of the rest of the world. Hi 12 mentioned.

E.C.Wolcott, Executive Director to G.A.Royal, PIP, answering inquiry re. building a "home" headquarters. Wallie cited increasing constructions costs. He estimated the lot cost at \$5,000.00, building \$35,000.00, including air conditioning & automatic heat. He suggested that without calling on a club's treasury, maybe 150 bonds could be sold @ \$100.00, 50 @ \$250.00 and 25 @ \$500.00 (\$40,000) @ 6% \$2,400.00 with two tenants \$125.00 per month and High Twelve @ \$100.00 gives gross of \$4,200.00; interest \$2,400.00, taxes and maintenance \$1,000.00 would leave \$800.00 as bond retirement funds. Estimate in a 10 year period gifts of 50% of outstanding bonds.

MID-YEAR BOARD MEETING Dec.1 & 2, 1956 St Louis, Mo., Hotel Statler. PIP Dr.J.Wallace Forbes gave the address. The Council of Past President, working on assigned tasks of policy and responsibility, now were working on the proposed new home of High Twelve International. Completing work on the Administrative Manuals, PIP Harold Sivers, Chairman. Publicity Committee now operating.

There was considerable discussion re. credentials problems and proxies. Clarified no limit on proxies of a club where it is represented; but limited to 5 if for another club. Credentials to be delivered to Credentials Committee before or at least during first session. Wolcott corresponding with prospective clubs in Washington, D.C., Monroe, Dearborn, Holland, Erie, New Buffalo, Muskegon and Niles, Mich; Clearwater, Fla., Oregon City, Philippines; Charles City, Iowa, Beloit, Wisc; Buffalo, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa; Ft Dix, N.J; Cincinnati, Ohio; Indianapolis Evening Club; and a club of Chinese persons in San Francisco.

Wolcott reported these rebuilds: Joliet, Kankakee, Perioria, LaGrange, Ft Dearborn, Alton and Camp Jackson, Ill; University City and LeMay of Mo; and Rochester, N.Y. Correspondence, pamphlets and some telephone calls. 3 clubs in Missouri failed....Mt Vernon, Bowling Green and Lebanon, "The small city problems to make a club successful are exceedingly difficult."

"Since our effort to hire clubs built in Louisiana by our Bro.Verne Bentley, Ohio & Illinois groups have given a lot of consideration to this plan. The Louisiana test was very costly, and would have been a failure without the great help of the Shreveport Bro., Jerry Royal and my own trips, lists, etc."

Cost of new clubs in Louisiana: Wolcott (1st trip, guest meals, RR, Hotel, Tel. & Taxi) = \$156.82; Bentley 1/2/56 to 4/14/56 salary \$700.00; Hotels, meals, RR & Tel. \$1,036.00; = \$1,736.00; Jerry Royal's trip, charter & club vis. = \$285.56; est'd. Long Dis. Tel & Tel. \$35.00; Wolcott - Presenting charters to 1 club in New Orleans, 2 in Baton Rouge (Hotel, meals, taxi, organizing State Assn.) = \$155.74 - total = \$2,369.12; Income from new clubs \$532.00 = net cost \$1,837.12. Net cost per member \$6.90 + time required 3½ months. (NOTE: I think Wallie was unduly pessimistic, considering most of these clubs still in operation 20 years later.DLP)

Wallie then went on to say how much more difficult it was to start clubs than in former years. "With a stranger like Bentley, the great difficulty of avoiding local Masonic jealousies, Masonic honor climbers, discovering a local leader the Masons will follow, who has time, ability and social following is a fearful time consuming task. Much of this does not occur when a nearby, successful High Twelve Club group or leader goes to a nearby city where he is known and can at once spot a leader, and in short order have a meeting and a club." "Bentley had fine lists of names for each city, and he handled some very difficult situations with great skill. Only 1 of the 6 clubs he built will fail."

"My own experience of the past 15 years in entering a new city unaided by a nearby High Twelve Club is a long, difficult task. The delay between the first meeting and the next meeting is often a death road....killed by delays or some foolish local Masonic

objector or question raiser. Looking at California's outstanding success, it's the power of personal influence, contact and follow up." "...We can afford another test, but with no hope of securing income from new clubs to meet the cost of the work. Illinois has a situation of rebuilding 7 cities all within 75 miles of each other, but travel must be by auto.

"Ohio - If basic work will be done and some High Twelve Club or leader will make the first contact, and follow through to charter night, a group of nearby Cleveland area cities would justify the cost. INDIANA - A group of cities near Chicago are good places for club building, but if no Indiana High Twelvers will help, it will fail. ILLINOIS - I would contact former members by letter. Set up luncheon by telephone, with agreed leadership. Bentley would spend the day before the luncheon contacting and procuring signed applications up to 15 members. First meeting secure temporary officers and set date for next meeting; time 60 days. Joliet, Kankakee, La Grange, Peoria, Decatur, Jacksonville, Aurora and Elgin."

IRVINGTON, Ind. (Indianapolis) HTC formed by PIP Judge Otto W.Cox and the Downtown Indianapolis HTC. State President A.C.Moldthan presented the charter 1/11/57. Cox installed officers. 56 members. Merrill Sheets Pres; Leonard Shugert Sec; Wolcott spoke.

At the Mid-Year meeting, an "Emergency Operation" Committee was set up to operate the St Louis office if and when needed (NOTE: Recall, Wallie now 75) composed of PIP G.A. Royal, Des Moines; Pres.Milton W.Hardy, Tulsa; James Gram, St.Louis; ChasH.Nicholsen St Louis and Mrs. Lucille Diering, St Louis. To meet immediately in event of emergency to continue office operations.

President Milton W.Hardy (Tulsa) reported in the Jan-Feb. High Twelvian, 1957 on the California State Association. He referred to the 48 existing clubs in that state and the many new ones in process of organization. He attended the two day Spring Conference which he said was so big it took on the proportions of an International Convention, with 77 delegates, plus other Twelvians and wives present.

Dr. Howard Evans, Expansion Chairman, presented his "Hoster" plan based on Biblical idea of the "Hosts", not only to help in expansion, but, "Should a club need assistance in membership, programs or otherwise, a call to another club brings forth a delegation for the purpose. I was astounded at the time many members put in the travel over the State of California at their own expense." "....Wallie, you really have founded something."

11/4/56 - SOVIET CRUSHED HUNGARIAN REVOLT. 11/5-11/6/56 U.S.CONDEMED ISRAEL ATTACKS ON SINAI OF 10/29/56.

MT VERNON (Mo.) HTC charter lifted 11/20/56 (Was founded 12/17/53). At the Mid-Year meeting, St Louis 12/1/56, Wallie, speaking on the Wolcott Foundation Scholarships, said, "The action of Miss Gabbey and Miss Hartnett point clearly that we should not risk our meager funds against a woman's desire for a man." Wallie on dues: "I deeply appreciate the loyalty of our clubs in the payment of International dues - yet a mere \$2.00 per year is a very minute sum with which to publish a magazine free, distribute free pamphlets and to maintain an office. Yet, too often some member says, "Why pay dues to International?"

"California's success in State Association accomplishments has been due to a well-planned district (area) set-up and a careful selection of District Chairmen (later area vice presidents). Results are healthy local clubs, new clubs, successful projects, fine attendance at District and State meetings and outstanding charter nights."

Pennsylvania area has 5 clubs, enough for formation of a Pennsylvania State Associat-

ion (Due to leadership of Dr.J.Wallace Forbes PIP and the Philadelphia and Temple University clubs)."

There was a luncheon honoring Dr.Marvin and Trustees of the Foundation. Pres. Milton Hardy reported (for benefit of prospective candidates to go up the line) expenditures since July of \$1,300.00 approximately in excess of funds advanced for travel, etc. including taking Mrs.Hardy along (not counting loss of business but including additional office expense). "Do not misunderstand. I understood this requirement before accepting a nomination." "....It should be given serious consideration."

First Vice President Hopperstead reported that California had lost two weak clubs, East Pasadena and Nevada City (later reorganized though) "Honolulu and Seattle are floundering; and unable to contact Corvallis, Mont. To offset these problems, seven new clubs have been chartered." "....I believe International should continually sell and show the State Associations and clubs how to organize new clubs. Then when the local groups get a few interested Masons who seriously desire to start a new club, the State and International officers should move in, offering every assistance possible."

Wolcott, in answer to a letter from Dr.J.Wallace Forbes, Philadelphia, "There is no question of the value of an International Convention being held in Philadelphia now that any opposition of your Grand Lodge will not forbid its support by members of the Philadelphia Blue Lodges." "....Your problems are yet difficult. Too much feeling still exists in nearby New Jersey clubs for cooperation." "....Much can happen to correct the problems before 1958." (apparently referred to creation of Penna.as Assn.) Hugh Allerton, Michigan, was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

E.C.Wolcott to James Dunne, Phoenix, Arizona 3/7/57, "....The Hiram Club in Phoenix is the last of a group of clubs that took our idea by a former member of the Sioux City Club. each officer was to have \$1.00 from each member for himself. Wish you could visit them. Judge Marx, PGM belongs."

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS - With the cost of living in 1939 100, it was about 193 now. Purchasing power of the \$ in '39= 100, now about 51. The Dow-Jones Averages 1/31/56 = \$499.47, and avg.dividends \$22.99 (vs \$280.90 D-J 12/31/53 and Avg.Div. of \$16.11).

84 year old Herbert Towner, whom Wolcott often referred to as one of the early stalwarts of High Twelve, was given a plaque during an early 1957 Kansas City, Mo. Club meeting for his 35 years service as Secretary of that club. He was made President Emeritus of the club. Presentation made by Ex.Dir.E.C.Wolcott, Founder HTI.

G.DICK RICHARDSON HTC of Castle AFB, Calif. charter presented 2/9/57 by Int.1st VP W.L.Hopperstead. 78 charter members. 300 Master Masons and their ladies attended. Pres.M/Sgt Edmund L.Wilson, 1st VP Lt/Col.Joseph Martin; Sec. M/Sgt Dateliff Swarts. Address by Ernest Ford. Membership included 22 Grand Lodges in the United States, 3 foreign countries and 4 U.S. possessions.

ST MATHEWS HTC chartered 3/2/57, Louisville, Ky. 84 charter members representing 43 Lodges from all over the United States. 158 Masons and wives present. 2nd V.P. E.P.White, Jr. of the Kentucky-Alabama State Association presided. 3rd Int.V.P.Marvin J.Fisher presented the charter and installed officers. Many Masonic dignitaries were present. Pres.Theodore Helm; Sec.Henry E.Gerlach.

2nd V.P. of H.T.I. Hicks Griffiths brought greetings from HTI to the banquet meeting of the Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay held in Detroit, Mich., March 9, 1957. The March-May 1957 High Twelvian reported the death of Charles H.Nicholson of St Louis, for many years Associate Editor of the High Twelvian.

"For those who would seek International Office, there are times when most of us

have considered resignation because of expense in time and money. Our service has been a burden upon our professions or business. There have been conflicts in the demands of economics and fraternal dedication to our purposes."

New clubs since 6/30/56 (as of 3/5/57)...William Pen (Glenside) Pa; Hap Arnold (March AFB) Ca; Happy Hiram (Covina) Ca; Carmel, Ca; Wilmington, Dela; Kearns Memorial (Phila.) Pa; G.Dick Richardson (Castle AFB) Ca; Irvington (Ind.); Clearwater, Fla; St Mathews (Louisville) Ky.

The CLEARWATER, Fla. Charter was presented 4/4/57 by PIP Earl K. Gullen. There were 16 present at the first meeting. Chartered with 56 members. Organized by former Michigan High Twelver Robert V. Eley, Pres; Sec. A.M. Ducate. This was the great breakthrough in Florida.

FORBES AIR FORCE BASE HTC, Kansas Charter party was 5/8/57. Club built by Pres. Kenneth W. Scott of Topeka Club and W.A. Benson, formerly Secretary of HTI, and for 29 years Secretary of the Topeka Club. HTI's 3rd Air Base Club. Pres. Milton Hardy HTI gave the address. Charter presented by Arthur D. Conrad, Pres. of the Kansas Association. Kenneth Wilson did the installing. Pres. M/Sgt Thomas McLain, Sec. Major Reese Evans III.

M.J. FISHER (of St Matthews, Ky - Louisville) HTC CHARTER issued 3/2/57. 72 members. Pres. Theodore J. Heim; OELWEIN, Iowa charter issued 4/27/57. 64 members. Pres. Roger R. Northrop; SANTA ROSA (Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/27/57. 42 members. Pres. Wesley W. Daniels; CLEARWATER, Fla. Charter issued 4/4/57. 56 members. Pres. Robert V. Eley. FORBES AFB (Topeka, Kan.) HTC charter issued 5/8/57. 73 members. Pres. Thomas N. McLain. DELCO (Lansdowne, Pa.) charter issued 5/22/57. 37 members. Kimber E. Vought. TRAVELER (Button Willow, Calif.) charter issued 5/24/57. 29 members. Pres. Hardy H. Hair. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead, Calif.) chartered about here. TUJUNGA VALLEY (Sunland, Ca.) charter issued 5/22/57. 25 members. Pres. Charles Roy Calhoun.

PARADISE VALLEY'S CHARTER Party 5/18/57 had W.L. Hopperstead, 1st VP of HTI presenting the charter, and Pres. Ernest A. Ford as installing officer. Pres. Gerald R. Knight, Sec.-Tr. L.R. Brandanger. 35 members.

BUTTONWILLOW (Calif.) HTC charter presented 5/24/57 at Taft by W.L. Hopperstead, Int. 1st V.P. Installing officer Calif. Assn. Pres. Ernest A. Ford. SAN GABRIEL VALLEY (Rosemead, Calif.) HTC Charter party at Eaton's 6/12/57, sponsored by Temple City HTC. Pres. Chester B. Anderson; Sec. Roy McNeil. GEORGE BLOSS HTC (Atwater, Ca.) charter presented 6/8/57 by Int. 1st VP W.L. Hopperstead. Master of Ceremonies Arthur Buss, Area 5 Chairman. Pres. Ernest A. Ford of Calif. Assn. installing officer. The High Twelvian Magazine at the time showed Leonard E. Corey as Pres., whereas charter lists Allan Good as Pres. However, Air Force Brothers moved through these Bases so fast, Good was probably gone by installation night. Sec.-Tr. Harold B. Holman. 63 members.

MEDIA (Pa.) HTC organized by PIP Dr. J. Wallace Forbes and Dr. Larry Hess. Installed by Past Dist. Gov. New Jersey. Pres. James N. Robertson... and Frank A. Snear, Jr., Pres-Elect. Sec. Lewis M. Evans III. 58 members.

ACACIA (in Glendale, Calif.) HTC and Bethel 168 Job's Daughters celebrated another Secret Daughter, Secret Dad Day Program. The identity of the Secret Daughter was unknown to the Secret Dad, but he was kept aware of her existence by a near constant arrival of birthday, wedding anniversary and sundry holiday cards. At the last weekly meeting in June and last regular meeting in December the Secret Daughters and Bethel Guardians were luncheon guests of Acacia, at which time the identity of the Secret Daughter was made known and gifts exchanged.

E.C.Wolcott to 2nd Int.V.P.Hicks Griffiths 3/7/57, "While it is none of my business, I feel the Trustees set up is very weak, and their awarding scholarships on the meager information from our present application blank is dangerous. We know so little about these youth. I think their selection and award should rest entirely with George Washington University..." He then decried the lack of background or qualifications for this work on the part of most of the Trustees.

Wallie was quite upset because Tom Cambell tried to organize a separate Michigan Wolcott Foundation to work directly with George Washington University...he questioned his motives. Wolcott to Griffiths 3/20/57, "....There were some very rough spots and feelings hurt when almost without notice, the Philadelphia clubs walked out and ended the Penn-Jersey District Association."

Apparently a Grand Master wrote Ex.Director Wolcott, complaining of the inaccuracies in the recent LIFE Magazine article on Masonic structure, purposes and so-called affiliated bodies. The Grand Master (who was also a High Twelvian) was upset regarding references to the womens' organizations, the fun side of some Masonic oriented organizations and failure to show what Masonry did for the Masonic Home, relief of members, their widows and orphans; and that the author was a Catholic young woman. (NOTE: There was a reference to High Twelve, and apparently to Wolcott Foundation).

Wallie replied he'd heard many Masons laud the article, and that it contained this statement, "The Masons are earnest, pious and dedicated men believing in helping each other as brothers." that "...apparently information and pictures must have come from a Masonic source." 3/26/57

Vice President Hicks Griffiths on 4/16/57 after attending the Pennsylvania and New Jersey High Twelvians on 4/5/57-4/6/57 felt that the Association was strong and healthy; meetings well attended.." "...The Association will change the name of their Overnor and Lt Governors to Presidents and Vice Presidents in order to be consistent on nomenclature with other State Associations.

"The International Representative is not responsible for the statistical and routine communication where information is submitted or exchanged between local clubs and other High Twelve organizations. He is the officer responsible for personal visitations to other clubs or groups of clubs at the State and International levels. His duties are performed by word of mouth...." "...International can only urge the selection of the club member best equipt to perform the duties of the office." "...The proposed club manual could supply the International Representative with considerable guidance." 4/23/57 letter from 2nd Int.VP Hicks G.Griffiths to Don Bailey, Moline,Ill.

On May 8, 1957 2nd V.P.Hicks Griffiths wrote a club president in another state, and refused to participate in a chain letter for the purpose of raising funds for the Wolcott Foundation. 1st, lotteries were not permitted by the Grand Master in Michigan; 2, Postal laws of the United States prohibit use of mails for this purpose.

HISTORY OF HIGH TWELVE IN OKLAHOMA....An undated letter about 1957 written by E.C. Wolcott is in the Milton Hardy folder, which explains in painful detail why the Oklahoma clubs failed. This is a 3 page letter and, summarized says substantially as follows (NOTE: I have toned it down considerably and have left out most reference to personalities.....

1. Tulsa and Enid (#4 and #5 resp.) organized by Wolcott and Creason in 1923 (other records indicate 1925 and '26.DLP).
2. Tulsa gave a great Convention in 1953. Severe difficulties since. Now improving under Curtis L.Cory, Pres., aided by Hardy and Allen.
3. Enid - A Blue Lodge Secretary became club Treasurer and got it to leave International for 6 years. A Blue Lodge split added to the problems. Hardy and Tulsa revived it.
4. Newell George of Kansas City organized Oklahoma City, and it had 200 members. 5 years later, during dissention between Masonic Bodies, the club President disbanded it

without consulting members or International....and have been unable to revive it. The present small club organized by Sam Gill, Judge Rittenhouse and Wolcott. Members mostly husbands of Amaranth.

5. Muskogee built from lists furnished Wolcott and Walter Essman of Tulsa HTC. It was taken over by a collateral organization. Through good friend P.G.M. Wilson, Wolcott tried and failed to break through. 6. Bartlesville also organized by Wolcott and Essman. Many wealthy members, and only \$3.00 dues....failed because of finances. 7. Okmulgee very old club, held International Convention in 1924 (NOTE: Wallie was constantly getting dates mixed up. That was 1931. DLP) Wallie claimed an important member of one of the concordant bodies "took over" and made it a selling group for that organization. The Blue Lodge and members of the other Body then left. Wolcott said he got 5 young Masons and had a list of 30 names. The local Mason who was to follow through (Cottle) failed to.

8. Claremore built by Manley Fort of Tulsa. He got 60 members and \$5.00 each in one day. "April, 1954 Cottle and I met two brothers, and telephoned 20. No interest - no money - no equipment." 9. Brookside (Tulsa) built by Tulsa brothers. Members all in new Blue Lodge. "Hardy saved it." 10. "Some contacts have been made in Ardmore, McAlister, Vista, Stillwater, Norman, Sapulpa, Drumright, Cashing and Lawton. None too promising."

"We made a serious mistake when we set up the State Organization by electing Cottle. He has resigned." "....There are very serious roadblocks to High Twelve in Oklahoma." Wolcott then went on to enumerate the rivalries ("bitter and intense") between (I am leaving out the names of organizations.DLP) them." "....also politics between Democrat and Republican." He cited examples. "For the above reasons, High Twelve is needed in Oklahoma. How to get it under way is a deep, difficult problem." ECW

MEMBERSHIP of High Twelve International as of 5/31/57 = 12,199 in 194 clubs. INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION Sioux City, Iowa, June 16,19, 1957. Hotel Mayfair. Convention Chairman Wm.A.Shuminsky. 30th Annual Convention....the "Welcome Home Convention."

STATE PRESIDENTS listed in Convention issue of High Twelvian: CALIFORNIA: John L. Shaw; COLORADO: F.E.Fields, Denver; ILLINOIS: Don A.Bailey, Moline; INDIANA: Clarence W.Deeg, Evansville; IOWA: Edgar King, Cedar Rapids; KANSAS: Arthur D.Conrad, Clay Center; KENTUCKY-ALABAMA: J.V.Lindsey, Louisville; LOUISIANA: Dr.Louis Fox, Baton Rouge; MICHIGAN: David Thompson, Livonia; MISSOURI: Norman W.Remley, Jefferson City; NEBRASKA: Leonard A.Mangold, Bennington; NEW JERSEY: Rulon D.Brooks, Bridgeton; OHIO: Rev.C.J.Bradbury, Eaton; PENNSYLVANIA: Dr.J.W.Forbes, Philadelphia.

The Honorary chairmen of the Convention, Sioux City was MW Edwin L.Lunde, Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and E.C.Wolcott, Founder of H.T.I. This convention was incorporated. Study groups were divided into Club Pres., VPs. & Directors; Sec-Treasurers, International Representatives; and Council of Past International Presidents. The Necrology was conducted by Bishop Stephen Robinson, Des Moines.

President Milton W.Hardy suggested that dues not be raised as some wanted. He complimented Col. Edwin Popkess and Charles Nicholson of St Louis for getting good publicity for H.T.I. He discussed possibility of taking over an 8 story office building with Federal backing. He hoped that the study of the Constitution and By-Laws be continued by Hicks Griffiths another year; and to operate under present proposed changes as it takes up so much time at conventions. He appointed an Emergency Committee to provide continuation of operation of the office. Manuals ready to be printed. He recommended that a History of H.T.I. be developed. Also recommended erection of some sort of memorial in Sioux City.

Wallie was given the great surprise and honor of welcoming 87 new members into the

Founder's Club #1 at the Wednesday luncheon. The Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation presented Wallie with a beautiful bronze plaque, which stated, "E.C.Wolcott, Founder of High Twelve International has been selected Honorary Life Member of the Board of Trustees of the Wolcott Foundation of High Twelve International. Trustees J.Nelson Truitt, J.Wallace Forbes, Fred A.Kissler, Joseph H.Henion and C.A.Moldthan - Sioux City, Iowa, June 16, 1957".

In his address to the Convention, Outgoing International President Milton Hardy said, "....We know that any organization, to live or carry out its ideals, must have a basic business organization within itself. It must have a system of operation. As it expands, it has new problems, and every one of them, we have the problem of financing. I want to talk to you about these things....dues, a permanent home, a publicity committee, our manuals, our work with DeMolay, and the compiling of a History of High Twelve International....."

"I want to point out too that for the first time in the history of fellowship clubs, and similar civic clubs, we have inaugurated and established Military Clubs as a part of a civilian organization." "....Our staff may need to be increased. We need funds." "....It is a question of raising dues or financing ourselves."

"I have recommended....that Wallie Wolcott write...a History of High Twelve." 1st V.P. Hopperstead reported, "...In this short 6 month period, the California Assn. of High Twelve Clubs has chartered 6 new clubs and 3 to go before vacation. Our average attendance (in Calif.) is up 35%." 2nd V.P. Hicks Griffiths of Detroit commented that California had added 10 new clubs since the last Convention, and that 5 new clubs were being chartered on the East Coast; and suggested scheduling an International Convention there soon.

3rd V.P. Marvin Fisher (Louisville) had visited many clubs east of the Mississippi, and reported that Grand Master Oscar Brockman, 33° of Grand Consistory, Louisville was collaborating with the 18 Scottish Rite clubs in Western Kentucky to assist in the formation of High Twelve clubs to work for the educational programs of both. He mentioned how often articles on High Twelve appear in the Masonic Home Journal of Kentucky.

"I know that I will make myself unpopular with many when I advocate raising the International dues so as to have money in the Treasury to spend on expansion so that the International Office can direct the nearest and most qualified International Officer or other loyal and qualified High Twelvian to make visitations as needed."

PIP J.Nelson Truitt, Chairman of Wolcott Foundation said that the Trustees plan on meeting in Washington, D.C. Feb. 2 & 3 of 1958 and the early part of February every year thereafter, at which time all applications would be considered. "....Commencing with the Fall term of 1958, the value of the Scholarships will be a maximum of \$1,800 each. In addition to the tuition, a sum not to exceed \$100.00 a month for 12 months will be paid to the student if required and needed for living expenses."

Wolcott reported that contributions to the Wolcott Foundation for the year were \$2,217.32. Disbursements \$6,709.66. Total assets \$23,046.10. General Fund as of 6/1/56 \$7,052.44 as of 5/31/57 = \$5,201.50. Total expenses \$30,482.14.

A resolution was passed urging State Officers and Area Chairmen and Club Presidents to study the Wolcott pamphlets, with a Wolcott Committee in each club; to alert colleges in the area of needs of scholastic needs for Wolcott Scholarships.

Ernie Ford, submitted for the California delegation a resolution that "each High Twelve Club be authorized to issue a class of membership designated as ARMED FORCES member on active duty and stationed on a "permanent" basis within the area where such issuing HTC is situated. ... that the issuing club shall be charged with the State &

International per capita tax," "....and no dues or other charges shall be assessed against or collected from such member in any other club to which such member shall transfer during the year...."

Part of Convention report, June 1957: CLUB STATISTICS: Alabama 1; Arkansas 1 inactive; Calif. 53 + 1 inact; Colo. 1 + 1 inactive; Delaware 1; Florida 1; Illin. 14; Indiana 6; Iowa 17; Kansas 8; Kentucky 7; Louisiana 6 + 1 inactv; Maryland 1; Michigan 16 + 4 inactive; Minnesota 1; Montana 1 inactive; Missouri 17 + 4 inactive; Nebraska 4; New Jersey 5 + 1 inactive; New York 1 + 1 inactive; Ohio 19 + 1 inactive; Oklahoma 4; Pennsylvania 6; South Dakota 2; Washington 1; Hawaii 1 inactive = 201 active and 16 inactive.

New Clubs by states: Pennsylvania 4; Delaware.; Florida 1; Indiana 1; Kansas 1; Kentucky 1; Ohio 1. New clubs in order chartered: Hap Arnold, Ca; Happy Hiram, Ca; Wm Penn, Pa; Wilmington, Del; Carmel, Ca; Kearns Memorial, Penn; Irvington, Ind; G. Dick Richardson, Calif; St Mathews, Ky; Oelwein, Iowa; Santa Rosa, Ca; Clearwater, Fla; Forbes AFB, Kan; Paradise, Ca; Delco, Pa; Buttonwillow, Ca; San Gabriel Valley, Ca; Geo. Bloss (Atwater) Ca; Media, Pa; Sunland-Tujunga, Ca.

E. Irvin Fenton, Calif., Chariman of Youth Services Projects suggested that inasmuch as projects cost money....money raising affairs would help, such as:

Serving breakfasts - car washing - theatre ticket sales - Christmas tree sales - and check room service....some of these utilizing the help of the youth group.

Elected to serve 1957-58 term - President W.L. Hopperstead, Pasadena, Ca; 1st V.P. Hicks G. Griffiths, Detroit, Mich; 2nd V.P. Marvin J. Fisher, Louisville, Ky; 3rd V.P. Wm. Kent Fenton, Toledo, Ohio; General Counsel-Sec. to Int. Board Hugh G. Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer James E. Gram, East St Louis, Ill; Executive Director & Editor E.C. Wolcott. 2683 Big Bend Blvd., St Louis, Mo.

1957-58 Committee Chairmen: Credentials- James R. Hoffman, Colorado; Constitution & By-Laws - Hicks G. Griffiths, Michigan; Resolutions - Holland F. FlaHavhan, Illinois; Youth - Rosslyn L. Bodine, Iowa; Projects, Chas. L. Johnson, Illinois; Budget - Milton W. Hardy, Oklahoma; Expansion - F.E. Fields, Colo; Publicity - Col. G. Edwin Popkess, St. Louis.

1957-58 International Zone Officers: W.L. HOPPERSTEAD: Ariz., Calif., Colo., Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wash., Wyoming, Hawaii. HICKS GRIFFITHS: Canada, Connec., Maine, Mass., Mich., Minn., New Hamp., N.J., N.Y., N.D., S.D., Pennsy. Rhode Is, Vermt, Washington, D.C. MARVIN J. FISHER: Alabama, Fla, Ga., Ky., La., Mississippi, North Car., South Car., Tenn; WM KENT FENTON: Dela; Ill., Ind., Myd., Ohio, Va., W. Va; MILTON W. HARDY: Ark., Iowa, Kan; Mo., Nebr. Okla, Tex. & Wisconsin.

A newly printed 24 pg. 9x4" Constitution & By-Laws of High Twelve International, INCORPORATED, "This is the status as of the 1957 Convention." It shows the emblem on the cover, however as still INTERNATIONAL HIGH TWELVE. (This was to be a problem for years.....and still is. Many clubs still use emblems that our many years outdated. DLP)

It is interesting to note that the surplus from the 36th (Homecoming) Convention at Sioux City amounted to \$406.30. Registration 192 men and 70 women = 262. International President Hopperstead made an extensive trip during October through the Mid-West.

The Kentucky-Alabama Association of HTCs at Ken Lake Hotel, Kentucky....Resolution asking that pamphlet, "What is the High Twelve Club International" be re-written to under the International objectives the Wolcott Foundation Scholarship be included.

The CRESCENTA-CANADA HTC charter was presented 6/29/57 by Int. Pres. Hopperstead. Calif. V.P. John L. Shaw installing officer. Greetings from Calif. Past Pres. Wm. Worthen and Irvin Fenton Past State Sec-Tr. 30 members. Pres. Wm. Rorick.

SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES HTC charter presented by State Pres. Ernest Ford 7/12/57, Victor Hugo Rest. Long Beach. Introductions by John L. Shaw, 1st VP Calif. Assn. Wm. Worthen PSP installed the officers. 41 members. 124 present. Walter A. Bailey, Reg. Dir. organized the new club. J. Lloyd Barker, Area III VP was the M.C. Pres. Lloyd Barker, Sec. Harry Raabe. Monte Shirley helped install.

A letter from the Treasury Department 8/1/57 gave the Wolcott Foundation a tax exemption for educational purposes.

KIRK R. MITCHELL (Travis AFB) Ca. chartered about August-Sept. 44 members. Pres. Henry C. Deavers. CINCINNATI, Ohio charter presented in Sept., 1957. 25 members. Pres. Allen H. Metzger. VULCAN (Birmingham, Ala.) charter presented 9/21/57. 26 members. Pres. Claud Miller. ARMY MEMORIAL (Fort Ord) Calif. Charter issued 9/7/57. 58 members. Pres. Don A. Carlisle. AUDUBON (Louisville, Ky.) HTC charter issued 10/3/57. 69 members. Al E. Orton (Louisville) Ky. HTC charter issued 10/10/57. 49 members. Pres. Wm. S. Roser. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay (Anderson AFB, Guam) 11/22/57. 50 members. Carl W. Shomo Pres. (more).
8/26/57 - SOVIETS ANNOUNCE SUCCESSFUL TESTING OF ICBM
9/4/57 - LITTLE ROCK SHOWDOWN ON ADMISSION OF BLACKS TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
9/23/57 - EISENHOWER SENT FEDERAL TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK TO ENFORCE COURT ORDER.

10/4/57 - SOVIETS LAUNCH SPUTNIK 1, FIRST MAN-MADE SATELLITE.
11/3/57 - SPUTNIK II WITH DOG LAUNCHED.

Some time in 1957 apparently FERGUSON, Mo. HTC was dropped. (founded 6/27/46) ARMY MEMORIAL (Ft Ord) HTC charter was presented by State Pres. Ernest Ford. Pres. Edmund L. Wilson of G. Dick Richardson HTC installing officer. Many visiting High Twelve dignitaries from north and south. Pres. Don Carlisle; Sec. Glendall O. Bush.

The amazing Wagon Wheel Club, Wentzville, Mo., with only 15 rural members, was able to reactivate the Blue Lodge that had been dormant. The Club air conditioned their Blue Lodge Hall, organized a junior baseball team, and a DeMolay club of 33 members. They were working on a minstrel show in the fall; and a money maker was their box socials.

The FOURTH ESTATE (Los Angeles) High Twelve Club was greatly honored during the Fall of 1957 when the Publisher of Los Angeles Examiner (a member) Franklin S. Payne presented a check for \$1,000.00 for the Wolcott Foundation to P.S.P. William L. Worthen. C.C. "Slim" Barnard president of the club.

The Temple City HTC was honored by being the home club of Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead State President John L. Shaw, its charter president. Mark Schrock is club President. Under latter's leadership 2 clubs were formed during the year... Happy Hiram of Covina and San Gabriel Valley of Rosemead. One of its big activities... participation in the Annual Camelia Festival, where they always have a booth.

REVIEW OF 1957 FOREIGN AND BASE HIGH TWELVE CLUB CHARTERS:

England - Suffolk (ARNOLD PAGE); France - INGRANDES (M.P. Depot); Spain MORTON AFB San Pablo; TORREJON AFB, Torrejon; HAP ARNOLD (March A.F.B.) Riverside, Calif; GEO. BLOSS, Atwater, Ca; G. DICK RICHARDSON, Atwater, Ca; FORT ORD (ARMY MEMORIAL) Carmel, Calif; TRAVIS A.F.B., Calif; BEALE A.F.B., Calif; VANDENBERG A.F.B., Calif; CURTIS E. LE MAY, Agana, Guam; FORBES A.F.B., Topeka, Kan; BARKSDALE A.F.B. Bossier City, La; WALKER A.F.B. Roswell, N.M; CARL JORDAN H.T.C; FORT WARREN FRONTIER, Cheyenne, Wy. (NOTE: Some of these were written up; for some there is no further ref.) DLP

SANTA ROSA (Calif.) HTC apparently received its charter some time during 1957. GEO. WASHINGTON (E. St. Louis, Ill). charter issued 3/20/58. 35 members. Pres. H.W. Elack.

Executive Director Wolcott made a 17 day swing through California October 18-November 2, 1957. He visited many clubs. President Hopperstead of HTI, PSP Ernie Ford, PSP William Keller and Ralph Thompson, Sr., the founder and secretary of Carmel-by-the-Sea, drove him 1,200 miles to visit and speak to clubs and the State Convention in Los Angeles (10/19). Wallie reported that Cap. Ward, first president of the HAP ARNOLD HTC (March Air Base) was building a club or two in London, Eng.

I believe that the creation of the High Twelve Club on Guam makes an interesting story, herewith. DLP. First, Dr. H.T. Evans and Int. Pres. Hopperstead handed T/S and Bro. S.C. Sowder, Hdq. Sgt. 22nd Bomb Wing, March Air Force Base, Calif. some brochures and asked him to start a club in Guam.

Between 3/29/57 and 7/5/57, when Sowder completed his stay, contacts were made with many Masons on the island. These included Major Rud Morley, Bro. Whitaker, Base Adjutant Bro. Womack, who started calling men in Agana and Anderson Air Force Base. 1st meeting was 1st week in June, with 2 representatives from each organization on the base. "....As I came back to March Air Base, Bro. Les Witcher, a charter member of Hap Arnold HTC was on his way to Guam, not for just 3 months, but for 3 years, and he agreed to help Bro. Womack organize." "....The Russians may have Sputnik; we've got High Twelve, right Doc?"

The Mid-Year meeting of the International Board was held Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1957, St. Louis, Mo., Coronado Hotel. Wolcott reported there were 207 active clobes. Loss since June, 1957 Canton and Lincoln. 13 new clubs since 6/1/57. He reviewed charters assigned: Sunland-Tujunga Valley, Ca. 6/1/57; Geo. Bloss (Atwater) Ca. 6/8/57; San Gabriel Valley, Ca. 6/12/57; Media, Pa. 6/12/57; Crescenta-Canada, Ca. 6/29/57; South East Los Angeles, Ca. 6/29/57; Ft. Ord (Army Memorial) Ca. 5/7/57; Cincinnati, Ohio 9/11/57; Vulcan (Birmingham) Ala. 9/21/57; Kirk R. Mitchell (Travis AFB) Calif. 9/28/57; Audubon (Louisville), Ky. 10/3/57; L.B. Orton (Louisville) Ky. 10/10/57; Genl. Curtis E. LeMay (Guam) 11/22/57.

The Wolcott Trustees reported that there were now 11 students enrolled. The Publicity Com. recommended enlargement of the committee from a total of only 3 to 1 for each state, and provision of a \$400.00 budget for publicity. There was debate on contents to be included in the manual. Pres. Hopperstead was instructed to attend the Board of Trustees meeting with George Washington University President Marvin Feb. 3, '58, while Pres. Hopperstead was visiting clubs in the East.

Hopperstead had visited many clubs in the midwest, having left Los Angeles International Airport Thanksgiving and returned Dec. 14, 1957. Most of his visits were east of the Mississippi. Norman W. Remley had reported 11/30/57 that the High Twelve outlook in Missouri was not good. Hopefully, N.E. Kansas City was to charter in January. Kansas City club was doing well, but others just holding on; one nearly folded in the summer. Two others in "bad health". Many officers of clubs and association taking course of least resistance. "Six Association officers resigned after it was too late to replace them. One club has been trying at least 3 months to get some one to accept its presidency."

Pres. David P. Thompson of the Michigan Assn. reported that the Trust Fund of Michigan Association of High Twelve Club had been set up, now amounting to about \$1,500.00 to be used if needed for expansion of new clubs, distressed clubs and other worthy special projects recommended by the State Association and the Trustees. Three Trustees were elected for a term of 3 years, one member leaving and 1 elected yearly.

It was reported that on 12/9/57 the GATEWAY (New Buffalo, Mich) HTC charter was presented by Michigan Association President David Thompson, who installed officers. Pres. Joseph P. Campbell; Sec. Martin Littlejohn. The Louisville, Ky. area clubs organized a High Twelve party honoring Int. Pres. "Hoppy" Hopperstead 12/7/57 at Zachary Taylor

Post, American Legion, Shelbyville Rd. 300 guests from all over the area. 2nd Int. V.P. Marvin J. Fisher was the moving force behind the great event.

At the Mid-Year meeting, the International Vice Presidents met with the Presidents of the Associations in their zones to plan a study of the California type State Association and for selection of State Chairmen for Expansion and the Wolcott Fund.

Ex.Dir. E.C. Wolcott asked for an "Associate", cost for salary, travel and secretarial help \$10,000.00. "Must be a gift.....will earn his way second year."

"The meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge of Washington, D.C. is first week in December. Pres. Marvin, PGM Wm. Pringle of Ohio and Eminent Com. Sir Knight Geo. W. Nilsson 33° of Long Angeles are in personal contact with Grand Master Harris and ask all the rest of us to leave it to them." ECW

DEARBORN, Mich. charter issued 12/3/57.

1/31/58 - FIRST U.S. SATELITE LAUNCHED.

ASHLAR HTC, Rapid City, South Dakota charter presented in January, 1958 by Frederick Johannsen of Sioux City, representing International. Elvin Strain, President of the Gavelers, Sioux Falls was installing officer. Pres. Jerry K. Thomas, Sec. D. Hedin. PASO ROBLES (Calif.) HTC charter was presented by Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead. State Pres. John L. Shaw installed. 50 members on charter. Guests from various clubs, including State 1st V.P. Art Buss of Escalon. Ted Chiappari, PM Paso Robles #286 was M.C., and he received the charter for Pres. Carl W. Shomo, who was ill.

Wolcott foundation trustees, Pres. W.L. Hopperstead and 2nd V.P. Fisher met with Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, president of George Washington University and Max Farrington, his assistant at the university to discuss problems and possible solutions. The foundation would make every effort to provide 5 scholarships each year. Dean Edward Burns of the school of government called at the meeting and expressed the desire to cooperate fully with the trustees. It was authorized to order 1,000 applications for scholarship forms and 500 financial assistance forms.

"High Twelve is not a Civic Club," said E.C. Wolcott in the March-May 1958 High Twelvian. "We are building a fellowship hour for the men of Masonry, absolutely free from commercialism or private gain, a fellowship of unselfish service."

EL CAJON (Calif.) HTC charter issued 4/19/58. 109 members. Pres. Eugene O. Muth. ST PETERSBURG, La. HTC charter issued 5/7/58. 51 members. Frank A. Bobel, Pres. MERIDIAN (Claremont, Calif.) HTC charter issued 5/9/58. 29 members. George D. Lober, Pres. SALINAS HTC reorganized and charter presented 3/29/58 by Int. Pres. W.L. Hopperstead, Pasadena. 35 members. 150 members and guests present. Club sponsored by Army Memorial HTC and Carmel-by-the-Sea. State Pres. John L. Shaw installed officers. Active in promoting club were Cloyd Farmer of Taft and Ralph W. Thompson, Sr. Reg. Dir. and Sec. of Carmel Club. Pres. Chester E. Dunn.

ARNOLD PAGE HTC (Lakenheath, Eng.) had 30 members on charter. Charter party 5/23/58. Charter issued 5/7/58. Major USAF, Dir. of Personnel installed officers. Pres. Wm. H. Ward. Sec. - Tr. R.H. Christopher, PM, Thet Lodge, Thetford, Eng. 51 charter members by charter night. Sec. - Tr. Ira T. Love. Over 100 English and American Masons gathered for the chartering of the first High Twelve club in the United Kingdom. Had been in the making since Wm. H. Ward, Past Pres. of the Hap Arnold Club (Calif.) arrived in England. He had promised Pres. "Hoppi" Hopperstead a new club there.

During the Spring. Pres and Mrs. Hopperstead, after the Washinton, D.C. meeting with the Wolcott Trustees, University President and Scottish Rite leaders, visited High

Twelve Clubs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and back again to Philadelphia, where he heard of the untimely death of Vice President Marvin Fisher. They immediately went to Louisville for the services. A hasty meeting was held with 3rd Vice President William Kent Fenton of Toledo, Wallie Wolcott and Harold Sivers PIP. Final plans were made for the Toledo Convention.

International 2nd V.P. Marvin J. Fisher Louisville, Ky., an attorney killed in his car at a railroad crossing by a freight train near his home 2/8/58. In 1957 he had suffered heart trouble and was hospitalized. He had been very active in establishing clubs in Kentucky and Alabama. In Kentucky he was known as "Mr. Hi 12." "He was a diligent worker in the Masonic Temple of Brotherhood." Very large funeral.

3/26/58 Nominations were closed for International Officers. C.J. Hyde of Kentucky and Don A. Bailey, Ill. were nominated for 2nd V.P. Wm. Worthen of Calif. and Bailey of Illinois, Thos. E. Campbell, Mich; and Wm. N. Kinnard, Delaware for 3rd V.P.

6/1/58 - DE GAULLE NOW PREMIER OF FRANCE.

LONG BEACH (Calif.) HTC chartered 5/10/58. 18 members. Sandy N. Freberg Pres. CHAR MARV (Guam) HTC charter issued 6/7/58. 65 members. Pres. Harrison F. Thrapp. WALKER AFB (Roswell, N.M.) charter issued 6/19/58. 43 members. Pres. Harold J. Minehart.

HOLLYWOOD HTC (Calif.) organized by Rev. W. E. R. O'Gorman, who was a Catholic Priest in his early years. (NOTE: A good Lutheran and Mason, I talked with him nearly every Sunday after church for years until the last few months after he suffered a series of heart attacks. A very God fearing man and devoted Mason. DLP) President Hopperstead presented the charter. Pres. John L. Shaw of the Calif. Assn. was installing officer. Gifts presented by the Fourth Estate and Burbank HTCs. Pres. W. E. R. O'Gorman; Sec. H. Huntsman. 25 members.

International Convention, Toledo, Ohio, June 22-25, Hotel Commodore Perry. Harold Woodruff Convention General Chairman.

The following unsigned, undated material was found in the 1958 file in the St Louis office, which seems to have bearing on subsequent events. 1942 Wolcott "left a salary of \$10,000.00 a year plus travel expense and turned his full time to complete what he thought was God's Call to a noble task. Due to the great leadership of Andy Anderson, who from clubs and personal gifts secured the Expansion Fund to cover costs, Wallie was given \$100.00 a month to cover a share of office expense, telephone, stenographic help. Then this was increased to \$200.00, then \$300.00 a month as the new clubs he was building demanded more work.

"Then \$100.00 a month was added for expense. Then a salary was set at \$400.00 per month for the heavy load as Executive Director & Editor. He drove his new auto 195,000 miles (LaSalle), and only gas and oil (expense) were ever taken. No repairs, tires or service costs were ever charged during these 16 years. He has contributed 3 automobiles. His last Buick had 90,000 miles of travel"....."During these last years he has been offered up to \$15,000.00 a year by corporations, but again and again he and Mrs. Wolcott have turned away from the offers to the task they dedicated themselves to."

"....Due to Wallie's thrift and wise investment of savings, they are in comfortable circumstances and have no need of gifts. Wallie still is a 15 hour a day man as Executive Director at 76 years, but wants this home building (general office) to make safe and sure his investment."

Tom Campbell and Andy Anderson, along with gifts of the Michigan Association of a total of \$210.00 in the building fund (have a start). "...Someone in your club has the high ability to discover these sources of wealth, to arrange and hold interviews, to make a top presentation and to ask for a gift." (sounds like Wallie writing).

The following committee was appointed to handle the drive for the new building: Chairman Andy Anderson; members Thos.A.Campbell, Birmingham, Mich; G.A.Royal, Des Moines; Milton W.Hardy, Tulsa; Franklin Ives, Pasadena; Ralph Thompson, Sr., Carmel. A drive was made to build a permanent home for High Twelve International in St Louis on a main trans-continental highway. "Need for additional office space and more convenient location, a permanent home gives strength to continue."

"One story 40x 80 brick and tile on a lot 200x300 (for parking) cost \$35,000.00. Not to be financed by club or members or assessments, but through large gifts of wealthy individuals. Persons with income of \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00 are in 50%-90% tax brackets and can make substantial gifts as standard deductions."

In Wallie's Annual Report, he wrote, "...Our size and importance as a Masonic Body will be of a higher value if we have a permanent home." "...The Michigan Assn., Andy Anderson and Tom Campbell gave gifts of \$230.00 to start the fund."

Referring to clubs requesting International Officers attendance at meetings and special occasions, "...A speech without purpose means nothing. Each inviting group must bear a part of this expense and have a definite reason for the invitation." "...State Associations cannot operate on 25¢ or 50¢ dues per member if they are to accomplish anything in a well edited State Bulletin, visitation by State Officers, Mid-Year and State meetings.

"Dues are a very touchy and delicate question, not only in High Twelve but in all Masonic bodies....yet Civic Clubs at \$25.00 to \$75.00 per member come easy. Civic Clubs with 90% attendance, Blue Lodges with 5% to 10% attendance." "... (in speaking of failure of once successful clubs) You have but little idea of the volume of letters, telephone calls, telegrams and personal visits poured into such clubs to rebuild them. Look at your own state. Is it in projects? Adequate financial income from dues? Weak leadership?"

"....I can tell you it is not in changes in the Constitution and By-Laws during the past 5 years. Our printing bill on new issues of the Constitution & By-Laws cost us \$1,500.00....and for what? We have spent hours of valuable convention time in endless discussion. Has it become a Convention Sport?...." "To meet the challenge of the future in new clubs and successful projects, I need an Associate. The only problem is not who....but the money. For fair salary, travel and promotion expense, a minimum cost will be \$10,000.00. Our membership of 13,380 gave us an income of \$26,139.00. If we can build through new clubs to 20,000 membership, we can have adequate finances to meet the requirements of the future. That means 100 new clubs. California has proven it can be done."

Wallie continued, "...Speaking of politics in conventions," "...Our danger in a loosely governed meeting in the power of the bedroom. Such does not belong in our idealism." (NOTE: He often referred to a few men getting together 'in a back room' and politicking. DLP)

It is interesting to note how the hotel rates have inched up over the years. The bedroom rates for the Commodore Perry this convention ranged from \$7.50 singles to \$14.00; \$11.00 to \$16.00 doubles; \$18.50 conventional suites; \$27.50 parlor and extra bedroom.

During the Necrology Services, P.I.P. Hugh G.Allerton gave a moving eulogy of Fred A.Hunt, President of H.T.I. during 1948-49. P.I.P. Milton W.Hardy gave the eulogy for Vice President Marvin J.Fisher.

There were breakfasts for Presidents, Secretaries and State Presidents and International Representatives. NEBRASKA: Pres.Fred Dinkle, "Due to Grand Lodge restrictions in

Nebraska, the clubs we have can continue, but we cannot have any extension programs. But this year we have a new Grand Master, and he is leaning over our way."

OHIO: Pres.Dr.C.J.Bradbury, "I have divided Ohio into 4 areas with the three vice presidents in charge of certain areas." ILLINOIS: Don Bailey, "We have had a miserable situation in Illinois for 10 years...a downhill movement. We lost half of our clubs. Last year one started on the upgrade. The attitude, atmosphere is changed and we made considerable progress. Every club in the state received at least one official visit from a State Officer. Prior to this year only 4 clubs filled out monthly reports. Now all do. We established a State Bulletin....4 issues."

J.Nelson Truitt, PIP, Chariman of the Wolcott Foundation said only 76 clubs contributed to the Wolcott Foundation (an increase) out of 216 clubs. He referred to the Memorial Cards for \$10.00 in lieu of flowers. "They've had 50 applications since Sioux City meeting." He set forth rules on obtaining and processing applications. "We agreed to give the University 5 students a year. (7 this year). Because of difficulty in qualifying they will process 11."

Retiring member (of Foundation Trustees) Dr.J.Wallace Forbes recommended increasing Trustees from 5 to 6. 2 to be elected each year for 3 years. "No Trustee to serve more than 2 consecutive terms." At the Trustees meeting 6/25/58: Chairman J.Nelson Truitt, V.C.Stephen Robinson, Sec.Alfred C.Moldthan, Joseph H.Henion and Fern J.Blose. (Fred P.Kissler and Dr.J.Wallace Forbes were retiring members.)

The Youth Committee Chairman, Arthur N.Diehl of Iowa wanted a Youth Committee in every club; a periodic program centered around youth in every local club. Support of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Jobs Daughters; a time be set apart for youth on International and State Convention programs. The International Representatives Breakfast meeting recommended specific duties for the International Rep. be published.

R.W. Jr.Grand Warden of Grand Lodge of Ohio, Charles Strayer said Ohio was celebrating its Sesquicentennial of formation of Ohio Grand Lodge.. "150 years ago in Chillicothe, Ohio with 6 founding lodges with 150 to 200 Masons. Now 650 Lodges and in excess of 283,000 members...second largest jurisdiction in U.S.A." "....I know that you are going to leave an impression that will create on the minds of some a desire to join our Masonic fraternity."

CLUBS BY STATES: CALIF. 60 + 3 inactive; OHIO: 20; MICH.18; IOWA 17; MISSOURI 17; ILLINOIS 14 + 1 inactv; COLORADO 10; KANSAS 8; KENTUCKY 8 + 1 inactive; INDIANA 6; PENNSYLVANIA 6; LOUISIANA 5 + 1 inactive; NEW JERSEY 1, OKLAHOMA 4, NEBRASKA 3 + 1 inav. SOUTH DAKOTA 3; ALABAMA 2, FLORIDA 2.....Balance 1 each: Delaware, England, Guam, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New York and Washington. Total = 216 active and 8 inact'v.

LARGEST CLUBS 5/31/58: Sioux City 347; Toledo 324; Springfield, Ill.252; E.Cleveland 220; Topeka 210; Forbes AFB (Topeka) 193; Clearwater, Fla. 189; Downtown Louisville 166; Birmingham, Mich. 162; Pasadena 151; Alhambra 150; Riverside 144; San Diego 144.

MEMBERSHIP: 5/31/57 = 12,400; 5/31/58 = 13,380 = gain 980. New clubs - Calif.9; Kentucky 2, Michigan 2. Following 1 each: Alabama, England, Florida, Guam, Ohio, S.Dak. High Twelvan Magazine costs 6/1/57 -5/30/58: 5 issues \$7,385.13 (4 @ 13,00 copies, 1 @ 14,000) 1 @ 20 pages and 4 @ 12 pages. Add plates & mailing = \$560.73; membership file and address changes \$503.17. Postage \$125.00; Total \$1,188.90...Total \$8,574.03. Total copies printed 66,300.

Chairman of the Nominating Committee P.I.P. Hugh Allerton, in commenting on considerations in nomination, "We have to give consideration to their age...and to geography." "1.What he has done in his local club; 2, Did he do a good job in his State Assn., especially as President. High Twelve can only function as these State Associations function. We take the long view...what is the best thing for H.T.I. as we see it?"

Officers elected for the 1958-59 term were ...President, Hicks G.Griffiths of Detroit, Mich; 1st V.P.William Kent Fenton, Toledo,Ohio; 2nd V.P. C.J.Hyde of Louisville, Ky; 3rd V.P. William L.Worthen, Glendale,Ca; Im.P.P. W.L.Hopperstead of Pasadena,Ca; General Counsel-Secretary to International Board, Hugh G.Allerton, Highland Park, Mich; Treasurer James E.Gram, East St Louis, Ill; Executive Director and Editor of the High Twelvian, E.C.Wolcott.

Wolcott Foundation Trustees Chairman, J.Nelson Truitt, Colorado; Sec.A.C.Moldthan, Indiana; Fern J.Blose, Ohio; Joseph H.Henion, Pasadena and Bishop Stephen Robinson, Iowa.*

President Griffiths divided the Zone responsibilities roughly as follows: Griffiths: Canada, New England and East Coast; Fenton: Delaware, Ill., Ind., Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin; Hyde: Southeast (except Florida); Worthen: West Coast; Hopperstead: Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, England, Guam, Hawaii; Hardy: South Central and Florida; Royal: Colorado and prairie states.

*Re. nominations for Trustees, "....Fred Kissler was elected last year at Sioux City for a 5 year term. He has tendered his resignation in writing (leaving 4 yr. term to fill). Dr. Wallace Forbes has expressed his unwillingness to continue to serve. He served a 5 year term and possibly 2 years before that. This makes a 5 year term for Trustee. The committee submitted Bishop Robinson and Fern Blose for 5 and 4 year terms respectively.

A little over 1/3 of the clubs had contributed to the Wolcott Fund. 76 out of 216. The last foreign Service exam was in December, 1957. Retiring Board Chairman PIP Dr.J.Wallace Forbes recommended increasing Trustees from 5 to 6, 2 to be elected each year for 3 years; and no Trustees to serve more than 2 terms.

The Delegates had voted in favor of the Constitution & By-Laws Committee continuing its research on the feasibility of consolidating the Constitution & By-Laws into one instrument, or of treating the Articles of Agreement by which High Twelve was incorporated and chartered in the State of Missouri as the Constitution.

General Fund Cash balance 6/1/57 \$5,201.40, Receipts \$29,915.16, total = \$35,116.56. Some expenditure detail...Ex.Dir. \$4,800.00, Office Sec. \$2,784.00; Travel, Charter nights, Conv. \$6,091.86; Pamphlets & reports gratis to clubs \$1,722.95, other expenses \$1,141.83. Total \$26,810.64 less \$15,398.81 = \$11,411.83. Cash in Maplewood Bk & Tr \$8,305.92.

Wolcott Foundation 6/1/57 to 5/31/58 - Gifts & Int. \$8,801.44, bal.on hand 5/31/57 \$5,046.10 = \$13,847.54....Disbursements - students,etc. \$2,472.10; Cash Merc.Trust \$11,375.44, Sav.Cert.Com.Fed S&L \$10,000.00, Roosevelt S&L \$4,000.00, Hamilton S&L \$4,000.00. Total \$29,375.44.

At the St Petersburg (Fla.) HTC chartering 5/7/58, E.C. Wolcott made the presentation and installed officers. 200 members and visitors present. Pres.Frank A.Bobel, Sec. Earl Bauer. It was reported that California had 61 clubs and had increased membership.

Pres.Hicks G.Griffiths said, "We need the prestige, power and finances which will come with the achieving of this goal of 300 clubs. Inasmuch as California Association has shown the greatest increase in clubs during the past few years, I have appointed our Immediate Past President W.L.Hopperstead as Chairman of the Club Expansion Comm."

1st V.P.Wm.Kent Fenton, speaking of the coldness of some Blue Lodges he's visited. "They're interested in the work, but they're not interested in each other." "....if I hadn't been the kind of person that keeps trying to talk to people, I could have been there and sat through the whole evening and left and never said a word. Now it seems to me this is the real reason for High Twelve....."

General Counsel and Sec.to Bd.Hugh Allerton,PIP, referring to Constitution & By-Laws of Military Clubs, "I think that thought should be given by the High Twelve Clubs forming these military clubs that some effort be made to have their Constitution & By-Laws approximate at least the Constitution & By-Laws so far as possible of the other constituent clubs of the community."

"We hope that when these men are discharged from the Army, will go back to their home, will establish a High Twelve Club there, and if they have seen the pattern of HTI in the Constitution & By-Laws of their military organization, I think there is a better chance of doing a better job...in their own community....." Also noted that Guam now had 2 High Twelve Clubs.

Executive Director Wolcott reported on the difficulties of the clubs finding good, reasonable places to eat....indifference of hotel dining rooms and chefs because of extra work at little or no profit to them for time and effort. He mentioned one large hotel in a chain which lost \$32,000.00 in the Food Department and made a profit of \$43,000.00 in the Liquor Department. "We are closing our year with greatest number of active clubs...216 and largest number of members...13,380."

MERAMEC VALLEY HTC (Fenton,Mo.) charter presented 7/25/58 with 61 members by Walter Alton, President of the Missouri Association. Int.Treasurer James E.Gram installed the officers. Many Masonic and High Twelve leaders present. President Clarence A. Pitman, Sec. Garrett Hitzert.

The Sept-Oct.High Twelvian, 1958 reported that International 2nd V.P. C.J.Hyde of Louisville, Ky. was now Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

State presidents as of Sept.,1958 as per High Twelvian: CALIF: Arthur Bus, Escalon; COLORADO: Gaines Greene, Denver; ILLINOIS: Louis C.Huebner, Quincy; INDIANA: Byron Sawyer, Bloomington; KANSAS: Arthur D.Conrad, Clay Center; KY-ALA: E.P.White,Jr., Louisville, Ky; LOUISIANA: Howard E.Kirby, Shreveport; MICHIGAN: Wallace J.Niemiec, Detroit; MISSOURI: Walter A.Aton, Springfield; NEBRASKA: Fred Dinkel, Omaha; NEW JERSEY: John J.Finnegan,Jr; PENNSYLVANIA: James N.Robertson,Media; OHIO: Lawrence Bauer, Miamisburg.

VALLEY FORGE HTC charter presented 10/7/58 in Norristown,Pa. by Pres.James N. Robertson of the State Assn. Dr.J.Wallace Forbes introduced the speaker E.C.Wolcott. 77 members on charter; limited to 100. Pres.Raymond Hunsberger; Sec.Geo.C.Rittenhouse.

1st V.P. Wm.Kent Fenton, in discussing the roll of religion in the Nov-Dec 1958 High Twelvian, "....It is not contemplated or intended that Masonry is a substitute for religion, but it is contended that Masonry will have a tendency to strengthen the religious principles of its members. In the support of the foregoing, I offer the following.....1. We open and close our Lodges with prayer; 2, We invoke the blessings of the Most High on all our labors; 3, All members must have a trusting belief in the existence and superintending care of God; 4, All members are taught to bow with humility and reverence at the mention of God while His Holy Law is open on our alters. It is interesting to note the dependence which we, as Masons, have upon the Book of Law."

STURGIS (Mich), HTC charter was issued 11/12/58. 96 members. Pres.Raymond B.Crawford.

CHAPTER 8
WALLIE'S RETIREMENT

The Committee chairmen for 1958-59: Publicity - Dr.Laurence E.Hess, Pennsylvania; Expansion - W.L.Hopperstead, Calif; Youth - Rev.C.J.Bradbury, Ohio; Constitution & By-Laws - Wm.Kent Fenton, Ohio; Resolutions - Hugh G.Allerton, Mich; Credentials - F.E.Fields, Colorado; Budget & Future Planning - Milton W.Hardy, Oklahoma. Nominating - G.A.Royal, Iowa.

E.C.Wolcott's evaluation of the 1958 Convention held in Toledo....in a letter dated 7/1/58 to new President Hicks G.Griffiths, "....Very high in Fellowship and enjoyment by delegates and families, very low accomplishment in club help on problems, new club building, club projects, Wolcott Foundation. California politics dangerous and disgusting."

Wallie then attacked the work of the Nominating Committee under Chairmanship of Hugh Allerton. "....We must remove him as Chairman. I nominate Jerry Royal...far superior to Allerton. Can we vote by individual ballot, supervised and tallied by the International Past Presidents? Can we send out formal nomination blanks to cover personal history, Masonic relationship and High Twelve, to be signed by the club presidents and state presidents, with record of place, date and time of meeting at which nomination was made?"

Wolcott to President Hicks G.Griffiths 8/5/58, "....Our Grand Lodges limit voting powers, control finances, dues, meetings and have the right to suspend charters,etc. I feel for our future permanency, we must set up such controls." "....Giving the right to anyone attending our Convention to speak on any matter before the Convention without declaring before the Convention his right and purpose has become a dangerous trend at our meetings."

"....I feel we must come to a system covering nominations, only to be made at regular and properly constituted meetings of a club, and final authorization by the State Association...." "....Printed ballot copy for each delegate, sign, fold and place in sealed ballot box." Again Wallie tore in to Hugh Allerton, PIP, Sec. to Int. Board, General Counsel, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. "....When he was President in 1946 we had only 32 clubs." (present duties) "....calling for more time."

"....I had hoped when I asked W.F.Hecht to make the motion at the Cleveland Convention to make our State Presidents invited members of the International Board, we would tighten the control of the movement and have help. It has not proven so. Not a single State President has made a helpful contribution. They act like school boys, seeking praise. Their knowledge and worth of the movement and Masonic relationships has been pitiful...."

Wallie then "took out after" California. Re. "...the Mid Year meeting", "to hold or not to hold one is the question. The last one held in St Louis was a total failure and not worth the time given by the International Officers." Wallie then was very caustic regarding the activities of Hopperstead, Fisher, Truitt and Shaw (NOTE: The records clearly show they each did yeomen work.DLP)

"Sivers and his manuals...and as to date no copy has been received from him, talk, talk, talk, and the cost of travel."(NOTE: Sivers had been a loyal supporter.) "I made a fearful mistake in valuation of Don Bailey. He checked in all the values high but a total failure in Public Relations. (NOTE: Bailey was a very dedicated worker.DLP)

"....We have saved the Foundation from failure in selections made at Toledo, and if Truitt is replaced at Philadelphia, we will be safe...."(NOTE: Soon it would be some-