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# High Twelve International Monthly Update

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<u>Congratulations</u> to our members and ladies, celebrating their Birthday, Anniversary or other Special Event in October. Don't forget to make a contribution to the Wolcott Foundation, celebrating your happy event or occasion! Some members donate \$1.00 or more for every year they have been married. Seems like a very nice gesture on their part and a great tribute to a Happy Marriage to that Special Person!

### High Twelve Clubs Open to Master Mason Members Only, EA and FC Member By-Laws Amendment Overruled By High Twelve International General Counsel

The by-laws change to allow dues card carrying Entered Apprentice and Fellowcraft Masons to become members of High Twelve Clubs was passed at the International High Twelve Convention in Philadelphia on June 28, 2015. Article III of our Constitution on membership reads: High Twelve International consists of High Twelve Clubs whose Members are Master Masons. Each Club having been granted a Charter shall continue to observe the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of High Twelve International. (Approved June 2001, Page 1) High Twelve International General Counsel, William Wilkinson, Esq., declared this June 28, 2015, amendment to be inconsistent with and in violation of the High Twelve International Constitution and, therefore, overruled and void by operation of law.

International President Jerry Saville (PSP, CA): Greetings to All. My sincere thanks to Brother Will, our General Counsel, for representing International High Twelve at the Arizona State High Twelve Convention on 19 September. Brother Kevin, our International High Twelve Secretary, also traveled to Tucson for the Convention. I understand that everyone had a great time and a great installation! Well done team!

The only reason I was not present in Arizona was that Indiana's State High Twelve Convention was also on 19 September at the Masonic Home in Franklin, Indiana. Every Indiana High Twelve Club was represented at the Convention and our International First Vice President Ron Woods, completed his year as the Indiana State High Twelve President. I joined PIP Tom Bevington on the Installation Team and we installed a great line of State Officers. My sincere thanks to the Indiana High Twelve Officers, Brothers and their Ladies, for their hospitality and friendship during the Convention. Also the installation lunch prepared by the Masonic Home team was a 5-star treat - my thanks to all!

On my return from Indiana, I traveled to the Northern California Masonic Home (there are 2 in California) for a meeting regarding a California's State High Twelve project. The meeting was very productive and rewarding as we work to assist our Masonic Youth Groups.

To have the opportunity to visit two Masonic Homes in two different States, in one week was extremely rewarding. Our Masonic Homes across the land are indeed a Masonic treasure second to none!

Let's continue our Masonic journey together as we work to grow Masonry across the land. Remember that High Twelve is in Service to Freemasonry - that's what we do! Until next month...Fraternally, Jerry Saville, President, <a href="mailto:jsaville@bak.rr.com">jsaville@bak.rr.com</a> or 661-203-5747.

<u>International 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dr. Ronald Woods (PSP, IN):</u> On August 15th, I attended the Illinois Convention and participated in the Instillation of officers with PIP Tom Bevington.

In Indiana we are working with Fort Wayne, who is close to returning to High Twelve and with Terre Haute where we have two Worshipful Masters and one brother, who are interested in re-establishing High Twelve in Terra Haute.

Next, we plan to work with Evansville, Indiana and attempt to encourage a High Twelve club to reform and then with the counties across the river from Louisville, Kentucky to form a club in the future.

With Jerry Saville's blessing, I have contacted the four Lodges in Missouri and we hope to meet with them in a central location to discuss increasing the State Club Association and then get the State Clubs working to develop new clubs in various cities in Missouri.

Indiana held its State Convention on Saturday September 19th. The new Officers were elected and the following were installed: President Robert Waldron; 1st VP George Ingles, PGC, PGM; 2nd VP Walter Watts; 3rd VP Allen Dale Foreman; Secretary Tom Bevington PIP; and Treasurer Wilford Lutes.

International High Twelve President Jerry Saville was present at the Convention and spoke to those in attendance.

On Friday October 18th, I will be visiting the Louisville, Kentucky Club and will be their guest speaker. There is only one club in Kentucky and we wish to work and develop more. Fraternally, Dr. Ronald W. Woods.

<u>International 2nd Vice President William Haynes (PSP, PA):</u> Every club or Association has people that do their jobs or responsibilities in a much better than average manner. Each club has workers that do their job every meeting and go without recognition or thanks.

Honorary membership for frequent guests that bring a lot to the meetings, Guest Speaker Certificates, Certificate for Entertainment, Three Star Certificate (club level), Four Star Certificate (state level), Five Star Certificate (International President approval), Certificate of Appreciation and Recognition, and High Twelvian of the Year are all Forms available from the International Secretary.

Recognition does a lot for the member and the club. Everyone likes to be recognized and all appreciate acknowledgment of a job well done.

You need to ask yourself if you have acknowledged and rewarded your workers.

International 3rd Vice President David Neal (State President, FL): Thank you to everyone for giving me your support and electing me 3rd Vice President of High Twelve International. I am looking forward to serving all the clubs in my zone. Do not hesitate to contact me with your needs. Please be patient because I am still learning the job so that I can do my best.

The months of August and September have been very busy for the Florida State Officers working on the Convention and Installing Officers in our newest High Twelve club. The new club is Capital City Club #777 in Tallahassee, Florida. The new President is John Kraniou of Tallahassee. Hope everyone will wish him well. We have some leads that we are following up on and we will take all new leads we can get. Please see the photos of some of the members of the new clubs shown in the article by our 1st Vice President Michael Hemphill, in the Florida High Twelve Association article.

Thanks to all for a Great Job Installing the new officers of the club. Fraternally, David Neal.

International Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson (PSP, AZ): Greetings from the International Secretary. There is a bit of 'fall' in the air in the Valley of the Sun and our average daily temps are now less than 100 degrees! I recently had cataract surgery on both eyes and that has slowed me down a lot on my daily routine in the International Office, so please indulge me if I am slower than normal in responding to requests.

By now everyone should have received their 2016 Pocket Planner and Auto Emblem (aren't they nice?!) in the mail. Please take a few minutes and send in your donation in the enclosed envelope. Your support is needed and appreciated in continuing our overall activities and to keep the cost of Forms/Documents at zero for all clubs. Additional planners and auto emblems are available through the International Website merchandise page.

I would also like to welcome our newest Capital City club #777 in Tallahassee, Florida which was chartered on September 14, 2015.

Enjoy the fall weather, support your local clubs now that the summer recess is over; and be proud that you are a High Twelvian!

I have recently under gone cataract surgery on both eyes and as a result I am very far behind in the tasks of the international office. Please bear with me for the next couple of weeks.

Fraternally, Kevin Hokerk-Robinson

## High Twelve International 2016 Mid-Year Governing Board Conference

January 24-27, 2016

The Maison Dupuy Hotel New Orleans, Louisiana

http://www.maisondupuy.com

1/24 Sunday, is the arrival day 1/25 Monday, is the tour or site seeing day

1/26 Tuesday, is the meeting day

[An ALL Day Meal Package will be offered on 1/26

to defray the cost of the meeting room]

1/27 Wednesday, is the departure day

Sunday 1/24 thru Tuesday 1/26 room rates are \$129.00/day + tax

#### Reservations

Members can make hotel reservations by calling the hotel at **800-585-9177** or **504-586-8000** and mention High Twelve International **Group Code SMERF** to obtain the group rates. Room reservation cut off for the group rate is *Monday, December 21, 2015*. Reservations made after 12/21 subject to space and group rate availability.

Registration will be done ONLINE - all members will receive an email when registration opens.

Questions? Contact the International Office @ 623.239.6170

Arizona High Twelve Association, State Secretary Kevin Hokerk-Robinson: The Arizona Association of Masonic High Twelve Clubs, Inc. held their 40th Annual State Convention on Saturday September 19, 2015 at the Sabbar Shrine Temple in Tucson, Arizona.

It was a day of Fellowship, Food, Fun and a bit of Business. State President Harold Lindy Lindamood ran a very good business meeting after which a delicious lunch was served followed by the Installation of 2015-2016 Officer's by Sidney J. Leluan, III, Past International President.



2015-16 Arizona State Association Officers

(L to R): Glenn Vogt - Treasurer, Harold Lindamood Outgoing President; Kevin Hokerk - Secretary; David Miller - President; Richard Kessler - 3<sup>rd</sup> VP; Robert Kline - 1st VP; Sid Leluan, PSP, PIP; George Rusk - 2nd VP



2015-16 President David P. Miller (L) presenting Harold Lindy Lindamood (R) with his Past President's Certificate and lapel pin

At the 94th International Convention Dr. William E. Wilkinson, Esq. was awarded the Monty McMinn All Star Award by International President Winton E. Hewitt for his outstanding efforts as General Counsel for High Twelve International. Unfortunately, Dr. Wilkinson had to leave the convention before the presentation could be made. So, on behalf of Winton Hewitt, IPIP, the AZ Association President, Harold Lindamood, presented the award at the AZ 40th Convention.



L-R Gene Wickey, Esq.; Harold Lindamood; Dr. Wilkinson and Sid Leluan, PIP

Part of the FUN of a convention is when Sid comes up with his 'profound' statements!



L-R David Miller; Sid Leluan, PIP



L-R Kevin Hokerk-Robinson; Sid Leluan, PIP

Arizona High Twelve Clubs: Arizona's High Twelve Clubs met in Annual Convention on Saturday, September 19th in Tucson. The new officer team has developed programming for the coming year that includes a focus on Masonic Youth, recognizing Club activity, and enhancing the awareness of High

Twelve Clubs to the local Masonic groups.

Arizona welcomes any High club members, who are visiting the Tucson or Phoenix areas during the coming winter months. A reporting on the various Arizona club meeting dates, times and locations can be found on the High Twelve International Website (**high12.org**) selecting the Association tab and then selecting Arizona. Many of the clubs include Ladies in their meetings. Arizona Clubs offer an opportunity with a relaxing environment and warm Masonic fellowship. If you need additional information, contact the State Association President, Dave Miller, at 623.875.2149 or gdmillerak@msn.com

#### California State President, Ercil Eschbach, PSP



My term in office is fast coming to an end. Where has the time gone? I guess it is true what they say, That time flies faster as you get older not saying that I am that old, or am I? With only some 30 days left (+/-) in this term, it is time to reflect on what has taken place and what is left to do. Accomplishments: We added a new club, Yorba Linda #776, starting with a strong core of interested members ready to face any challenges head on. Also, we are privileged to have one of our own elected to the highest office in High Twelve, International President, Brother Jerry Saville, PSP, a member of Tehachapi, Twelve #698. Also, at the International Convention a Resolution was passed to allow Entered Apprentices and Fellow Craft Masons, where Masonic Jurisdictions approve, to be members of High Twelve. This Resolution was spearheaded by Brother and now International President Jerry Saville. Yet to be solved is

the shrinkage of membership and clubs, but we are working on this issue and more. Also, we wish to solve the problem of communication between the State Association and our Clubs. This year has seen an increase in visits with the clubs by Association Officers and Bro. Saville. And, we appointed Bro. Jonathan Dilley, our 3rd Executive VP to be State Secretary as well.

Looking Forward: Brother George Roberts, 1st Executive VP and likely to be our next State President, has shown that he is not only capable but is bringing new ideas into the mix. Bro. Roberts was also instrumental in helping our newest club gain their Charter. Brother Dilley, is also doing his part, and more, with Zone Conference Calls and the added duties of State Secretary. Bro. Malcolm White, PSP, was again elected to Chair the Wolcott Foundation which in itself is a major undertaking. And, Brother Scott Walsh, has been attending Club functions promoting the Ensign Mayo Student Loan Fund, a worthy leader and advocate of the Fund.

As you are aware, the 2015 Annual Convention and Election of State Officers will take place in Bakersfield on October 30th and 31st. I have asked the Editor of the HOUR to include in this issue a copy of the Convention Registration form (pages 7-8) and the Delegate/Proxy form as well (pages 9-10).

Please have someone from your club attend the Convention, we need your wise counsel. Fraternally, Ercil Eschbach, PSP, current President California Association of High Twelve Clubs.

#### California High Twelve Association, San Gorgonio Pass High Twelve Club:

San Gorgonio Pass High Twelve Club from the Beaumont/Banning area has been busy once again with our Child ID booth. We were recently set up for the 93rd Annual Three-day Beaumont Cherry Festival. At this year's event, even though we had some equipment issues, we were still able to give the parents (or guardians) of 244 children a copy of their child's personal information, including a current photo of the child and both of their thumb prints. As the adults started realizing how important this piece of information really could be, they were ALL quite excited to have stopped at our booth and gotten this matter taken care of for their children.



In the past five years that the club has been setting up at various functions around the Pass area, we have been able to get ID's done for well over 3,000 children. We hope to continue doing this for the community and the surrounding areas for years to come.

#### Florida High Twelve Association, 1st Vice President Michael Hemphill:

A new High Twelve club was started in Tallahassee, Florida in September with twenty-four Charter members.



The new club is Capital City Masonic High Twelve Club #777. The International 3rd Vice President and State President was the Installing officer, assisted by Florida State 1st Vice President Michael Hemphill, State 1st Vice President Michael Hemphill, State Treasurer Stew Davis, State Chaplain W. Lee Frazier, and State Sergeant-at-Arms DeWayne Wiesenmiller. The officers had a great time in Tallahassee and are looking forward to starting more clubs in the area and in the State of Georgia.

The club will meet once a month and they are looking forward to the challenge of

bringing in new members and even starting more clubs in the area.





know we have been dark since May 1st but light will again come to our Club as of the first Monday in November (11-2-15) and most Mondays after that until the end of April. We do have several snow-birds from up North in the U.S. and Canada, who usually do not get back to Florida until late November or December and a few in January. We want you all to know that we have been thinking of you and looking forward to having you back with us when you return.

The Board of Directors of Cortez High Twelve #538 want to thank all those who have been involved with our club in the past and look forward to seeing you soon. Questions or need information please give me a buzz. Fraternally, Bob, Vice President, Master of Ceremonies and Wolcott Representative. roddbobkat@aol.com 941-776-0937.

<u>Tri County Masonic High Twelve Club #674:</u> Prime Rib Dinner at the Ocala Shrine Club on October 9, 2015, is co-hosted by the Shrine Club and our High Twelve Club.

The Shrine Club will have a Special Menu for the Dinner. In addition to the Prime Rib, they will be serving only two other meals, which are: 1/2 pound Shrimp Dinner (Fried or Grilled) or a 12 ounce Chicken Breast Dinner. All dinners will consist of your Choice of Meat (Prime Rib or Shrimp or Chicken Breast) Salad, Vegetables, Baked or Sweet Potatoes and Iced Tea and Hot Coffee.

The cost for each meal will be Petite Prime Rib (8-10 oz.) \$15.00; Queen Prime Rib (10-12 oz.) \$17.00; King Prime Rib (15-16 oz.) \$19.00. This is just \$1.00 more than we have been paying over the past two years and it is because of the rise in cost of Prime Rib to the club. The Shrimp and Chicken Breast Dinner will be \$12.00.

We are having Steve Robinson, the gentleman, who entertained us at the High Twelve Club several months ago. He plays over twelve different instruments and is an OUTSTANDING singer, In addition to his show; he has invited you to enjoy dancing to the music. The club has a nice floor and there should be plenty of room for all you young hipsters.

#### Illinois High Twelve Association, Moline Area Masonic High Twelve Club #88:

Have you asked a fellow Master Mason to visit our High Twelve Club? This method is the best way to keep your club going. We'll have 5 meetings in October. Meeting dates for October are the 2th, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. All meetings are at DENNY'S RESTAURANT, 2601 52nd Avenue, Moline. Try to come about 11:00 am and have time to eat and enjoy the fellowship before the program at noon (High Twelve). Ladies and guests are always welcome. Program chair for October is Al Giesecke who has a variety of subjects from Hearing Aid Technology to Joint replacement Surgery.

October 2 Josh Vinquist - (Audio Prothologist) Advanced Hearing & Latest advancement in hearing aid Technology

October 09 Jessica Waytenic - Q.C. Convention & Visitors Ctr. What we do

October 16 Jennifer Taylor - Moline YMCA Senior programs at the Y

October 23 Chris Van Sprybroeck - Children's Therapy Ctr. Of Q.C. Physical & Speech therapy of children (A local nonprofit org.) (Ages birth thru 3 years)

<u>October 30</u> Jason Legare - Osteopathic Specialists Joint replacement Surgery (Jason was scheduled 2 times last year, and was unable to attend due to personal conflicts of schedule)

#### See you at the meetings!

Pennsylvania High Twelve Association, Pottsgrove High Twelve Club: Fellow High Twelvians, since Tuesday, September 1st was the first Tuesday of the month, we held our High Twelve meeting on September 2nd at the Elks Club at 12:00 Noon. The meeting was our Board of Directors meeting.

Also we had a speaker at our meeting on Tuesday, September 22. Our guest was Frank Cebular and he gave us a report on his recent trip to Ireland. We appreciate those who attended the meeting and look forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Ralph A. Clemmer, Secretary - 610-327-4323.

Knowledge is knowing the tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad - Miles Kington

**Freeport High Twelve #43:** Freeport High 12 is alive and doing well. We are still enjoying wonderful meals and waiting for you to visit. Of course, if you don't visit, that leaves more for us to eat.

Our officers remain the same: Calvin Barklow, President; Frank Rutter, Treasurer; Roger Carson, Secretary; Quentin Valkema, Chaplain; and, Vice Presidents when we can get them to admit it.

We had a visitor and potential member. He said that it was the first he had heard about the organization. Sound familiar???

We have had some great speakers. One was a dairy farmer who explained the process of milking over 800 cows daily. The technology was very interesting. Wish you could have been here. Our city Mayor was another speaker we enjoyed hearing from. He enlightened us with city decisions and activities. We also had a Dietician from the hospital come and discuss diabetes with us. Very interesting and informative.

We also had a visit from the State Officers and a former State Officer. Was good to hear from them and the plans for our Annual State Meeting.

We attended the State Meeting in August in Schaumburg. It is a time to see people you don't see the rest of the year and find out what is happening with other clubs.

Finally, did you ever realize that it's hard when you have to, but so easy when you want to??? 'Til next time.

President Calvin Barklow

#### Wolcott Trustee Michael Clark, Zone 5 (PSP MI):

#### Your Wolcott Trustee-What does he really do?

#### Michael E. Clark PSP, Wolcott Trustee, Zone 5

I have enjoyed the privilege of being a Wolcott Trustee for almost five years. All trustees are elected for a five year period and then must be reelected by the clubs in their respective zones. I represent Zone 5, which includes Michigan, Ohio and until recently the United Kingdom. Zone 5 consists of 29 clubs with a distance from the farthest north club to the farthest south club of about 600+ miles.

Many members think that all we do is meet once a year in Washington, DC at George Washington University and select new Fellows to receive our Fellowships. The selection of our new Fellows is always an exciting part of our yearly duties, but it is preceded by a month long evaluation of applications.

This past year we had 74 applications. Each must be checked to be sure they meet several requirements to even be considered. They must be citizens of the United States, believe in a Supreme Being and have a minimum 3.5 Grade Point Average (GPA) in their undergraduate studies. We verify the GPA by requiring an official copy of their grades from each university they attended. They must also submit a copy of the results of an evaluation based on a national scoring system.

Finally, they must write three essays based upon questions approved by the board of trustees. Each of the essays is evaluated by all trustees to help determine the top candidates for the Wolcott Fellowships. While it is challenging for the trustees, it is very rewarding to know that we have young people in this country with so much talent, determination, drive, maturity and intelligence. Most speak several languages, have already served on projects in several countries, been in the Peace Corps, or Teach America and much more.

As a former educator I come away from reading each application with a sense of pride that somewhere during their high school and/or college education years, that perhaps a teacher, professor or other educator sparked an interest in this person to serve their country in public service.

The Wolcott Foundation cannot and will not be able to continue to provide these wonderful students with

financial assistance unless we as High Twelvians strongly support them with contributions, bequeaths, and monetary gifts. We as trustees have the responsibility to talk to as many individuals, clubs, state associations and anyone who will hear us about Wolcott and ask for their support of the Wolcott Foundation.

While I cannot visit every club every year especially those in Southern Ohio, I do attend each state's annual convention and am usually able to visit each club in Michigan. While it is nice to be able to visit one on one with each club, written communication with those clubs some distance away serves as the next best choice in spreading the word about Wolcott and its benefits to our country.

I use a periodic newsletter that I send to every club several times a year with color pictures of the new Wolcott Fellows, articles about the process we use for selection of the Fellows and any other interesting information our members would enjoy. This includes letting our clubs know how much each club in the Zone has contributed to Wolcott during the year and the achievement of Zone 5 in being the top zone for contributions for all of Wolcott in 2013/2014.

Kevin Hokerk-Robinson, our International Secretary has provided me with a list of emails for all the High Twelve members in my zone and soon they will be receiving periodic emails from me concerning the Wolcott Foundation.

Your Wolcott Trustee should be invited to your annual convention and given time to make a presentation to the assembled group. This is a great time to present awards, pins and other materials to continue providing information to our members about the Wolcott Foundation. We have a brand new brochure explaining the purpose of the Wolcott Foundation and the process for obtaining a Wolcott Fellowship.

I am always surprised when someone asks exactly what does the Foundation do and where is George Washington University. It is up to each one of us to promote our High Twelve Wolcott Foundation and be sure that funds continue to be available for these outstanding students.

#### NOTE:

At the Wolcott Foundation Selection Board Meeting in Washington, DC, last March, the Board was able to have a Quarterly Report prepared showing the amount of funds donated by the members to the Foundation. We will report the amounts on a quarterly basis for your review.

This is the Report for the 1st Quarter by Zone and Amount:

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Zone 1 - $551.50; Zone 2 - $1,614.00; Zone 3 - $275.00; Zone 4 - $1,619.75; Zone 5 - $2,073.06; Zone 6 - $951.00; Zone 7 = $1,156.00; Zone 8 - $368.00 for a Total of $8,608.31
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In some of the Zones, the clubs go DARK and donations should pick-up in the following quarters. Please encourage your members to make their donations to our major philanthropy.

#### Wolcott - Thank you letter from Erin A. McLaughlin, 2011/2012 Fellow:

Dear Mr. White,

I always know when spring is around the corner when I receive an Invitation to the Annual Wolcott Foundation Reception. In addition to the sign that warm weather will soon return. I greatly appreciate the opportunity to express my thanks in person to those who helped make my graduate education at George Washington University possible. I am looking forward to this year's event.

In addition, I am writing to you to provide an update of my employment status. I continue to work as an analyst at the U.S, Government Accountability Office (GAO)., where I began full time after completing my master's degree in Public Policy in July 2012. This past fall, I completed GAO's two year professional development program for entry-level staff. While I enjoyed contributing to a variety of projects on different teams over the past two years, I am excited to have found a home on GAO's Forensic Audits and Investigative Service Team. My work will primarily focus on audits related to fraud, waste, and abuse in government programs.

The skills I learned while at GW have prepared me for the start of a successful career-and I have the Wolcott Foundation to thank for making it possible. I look forward to many more years at GAO and a long career in public service.

Again, I cannot thank you, the trustees of the Wolcott Foundation, and all of the contributors to the Wolcott Foundation enough for making my education at GW possible. I look forward to expressing my thanks in person.

All the best, Erin Mclaughlin Senior Fellow

<u>PIP Merv Harris, Editor:</u> Please submit articles for the Monthly Update by the 20th of the month to me at <u>mjhhi12@centurylink.net</u>. Any member, club or Association can submit articles and photos. Please list the subject of the photos and who is in them listing the individuals from left to right. Please send photos separately and not part of your article.

If your club distributes a Trestle Board or club newsletter, please send one to me, so I can **steal** articles from them. We need your articles to keep the Update interesting and who knows, you may help another club out with your ideas and programs.

#### **Humor:**

A husband went to the police station to file a missing person's report. Husband: I lost my wife, she went shopping hasn't come back yet. Officer: What is her height? Husband: Average, I guess. Officer: Slim or healthy? Husband: Not slim, but probably healthy. Officer: Color of hair? Husband: Changes according to season. Officer: What was she wearing? Husband: Not sure, either a dress or a suit. Officer: Was she driving? Husband: Yes. Officer: Color of the car? Husband: Black Audi A8 with supercharged 3.0 liter V6 engine generating 333 horse power teamed with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission with manual mode. And it has full LED headlights, which use light emitting diodes for all light functions and has a very thin scratch on the front left door...

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A pilot is flying a small single engine plane with a lot of really important execs on board into Seattle airport. There is fog so thick that visibility is 10m, and his instruments are out. He circles looking for a landmark and after an hour, he is low on fuel and his passengers are very nervous.

At last, through a small opening in the fog he sees a tall building with one guy working alone on the fifth floor.

Circling, the pilot banks and shouts through his open window: Hi, where am I?

The solitary office worker replies: You're in an airplane.

The pilot executes a swift 275 degree turn and executes a perfect blind landing on the runway five miles away. Just as the plane stops, the engines cough and die from lack of fuel. The stunned passengers asked the pilot how he did it.

Simple, replies the pilot, I asked the guy in that building a simple question. The answer he gave me was 100 percent correct but absolutely useless; therefore, that must be Microsoft's support office, and from there, the airport is just 5 miles away on a bearing of 87 degrees!

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A panda bear walks into a bar and orders a sandwich. The waiter brings him the sandwich. The panda

bear eats it, pulls out a pistol, kills the waiter, and gets up and starts to walk out. The bartender yells for him to stop. The panda bear asks, What do you want? The bartender replies, First you come in here, order food, kill my waiter, then try to go without paying for your food. The panda bear turns around and says, Hey! I'm a Panda. Look it up! The bartender goes into the back room and looks up panda bear in the encyclopedia, which read: Panda: a bear-like marsupial originating in Asian regions. Known largely for its stark black and white coloring. Eats shoots and leaves.

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Bob's a factory worker, and one day, the boss is showing a bunch of Japanese investors around the factory. One of them sees Bob, and they promptly exchange handshakes and start talking like long lost friends. Afterwards, Bob's boss asks him what that was about. Bob just replies 'oh, I know him from a few years back, I actually know a lot of important people.'

His boss is skeptic, but Bob replies: 'Tell you what, name anyone you can think off, I bet you that they know me.' 'Fine,' says his boss, and he's determined to have Bob be embarrassed, so he decides to put the bar high: 'President Obama.' 'Cool, no problem,' says Bob.

A week later they're both standing outside the White House, and Obama comes out, spots Bob and goes Bob? What are you doing here? Come in, bring your friend, and let's have a drink together. Bobs boss has no clue how, but somehow Bob and the president are friends. Once they leave his boss goes 'Fine, you know the president, but I bet you don't know the pope'.

Bob accepts the challenge, and the next week they're standing in Saint Peters square. 'This isn't gonna work, he's never going to see me here when there's this much people. You stay here, I'll go talk to him and you'll see me on the balcony, the guards know me too.' Half an hour later, Bob and the pope appear side by side on the balcony. Bobs boss gets a heart attack, and Bob goes to visit him in the hospital.

'What happened? Did you not expect me to actually know the pope? ' 'No, it wasn't that, I sort of expected that to happen. But there was a tourist next to me that asked 'Who's the guy in his pajamas standing next to Bob there?

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Simon, if I had eight apples in my right hand and ten apples in my left hand, what would I have? Huge hands, sir.

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Our generation never got a break. When we were young they taught us to respect our elders. Now that we are older, they tell us to listen to the youth of the country.

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COMING ATTRACTION!



### Sincerely, Mervyn J. Harris, PIP, Editor

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